

# **Getting a Good Job with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology**

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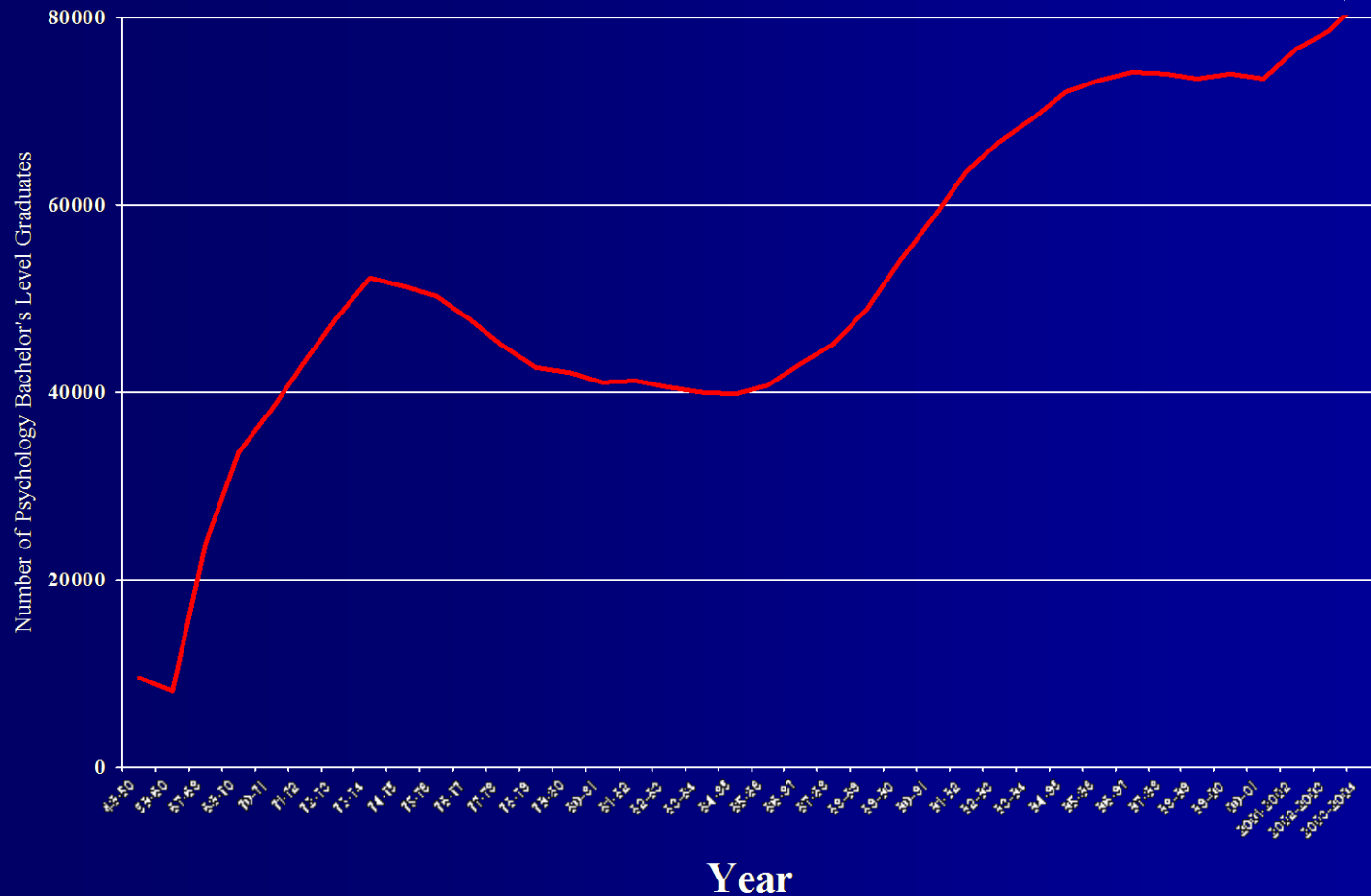
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# Psychology Degrees -- National Trends

In 2003-2004,  
82,098 graduates!



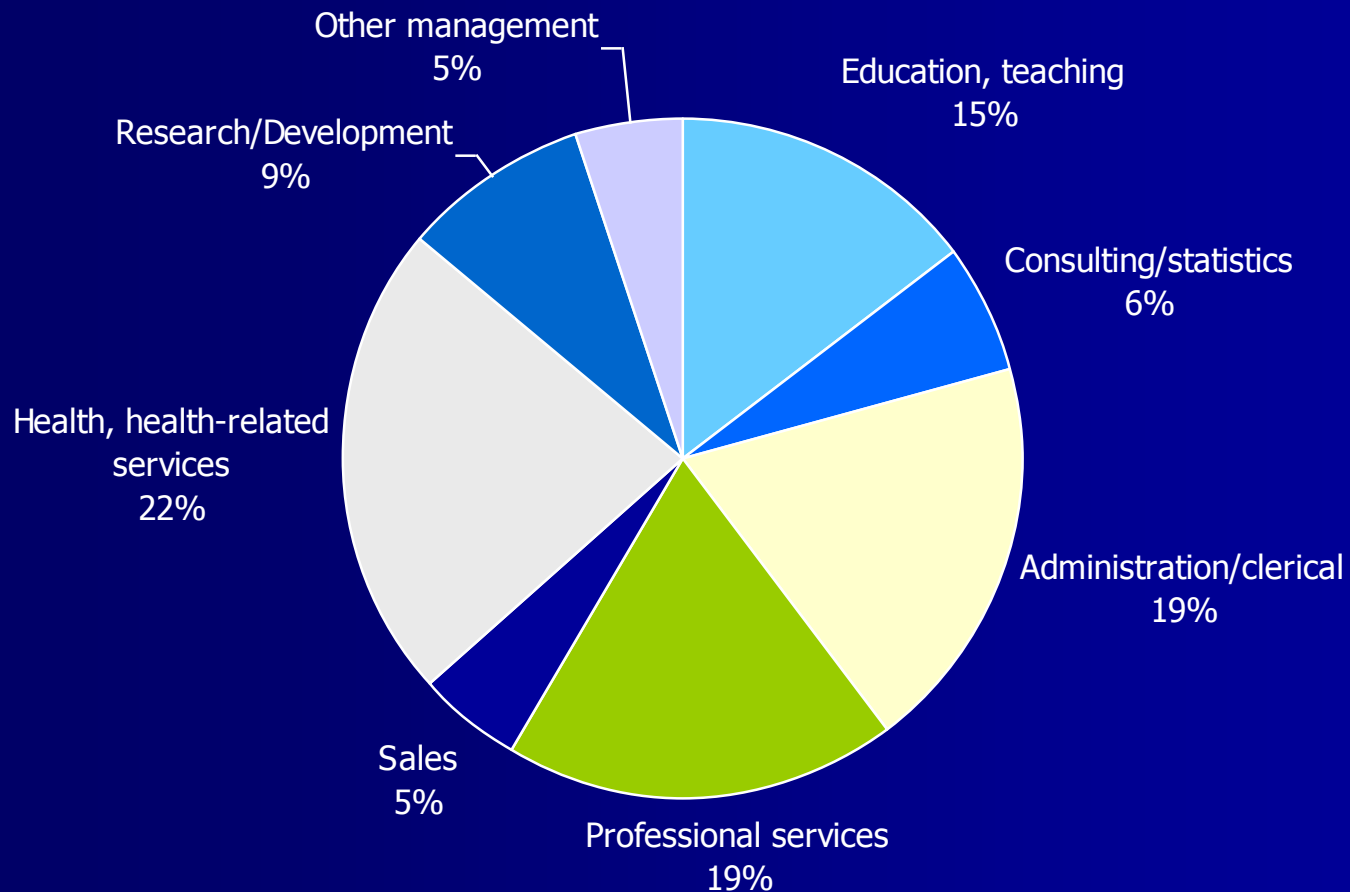
**“You can’t get a job with  
a bachelor’s in psych...”**

**WRONGO!**

# What You Can Do with Your BA: Related to Psychology

- Academic advisor
- Alcohol/drug abuse counselor
- Behavior analyst
- Career counselor
- Career planning and placement
- Counselor
- Case management aide
- Case worker
- Child care worker
- Child protection worker community
- Community support worker
- Corrections officer
- Counselor aide
- Day care center supervisor
- Director of volunteer services
- Eligibility worker
- Employment counselor
- Family services worker
- Gerontology aide
- Group home coordinator
- Marketing/Advertising exec
- Housing/student life coordinator
- Life skill counselor
- Mental health technician
- Mental retardation unit manager
- Parole officer
- Political campaign worker
- Probation officer
- Program manager
- Public affairs coordinator
- Public relations specialist
- Publications researcher
- Radio/TV research assistant
- Rehabilitation advisor
- Residential counselor
- Residential youth counselor
- Secondary school teacher
- Social services assistant
- Social services director
- Social work assistant
- Urban planning research assistant
- Veteran's advisor

# Careers with a Bachelor's Degree



# What Can You Get Paid with Your Bachelor's in Psychology?

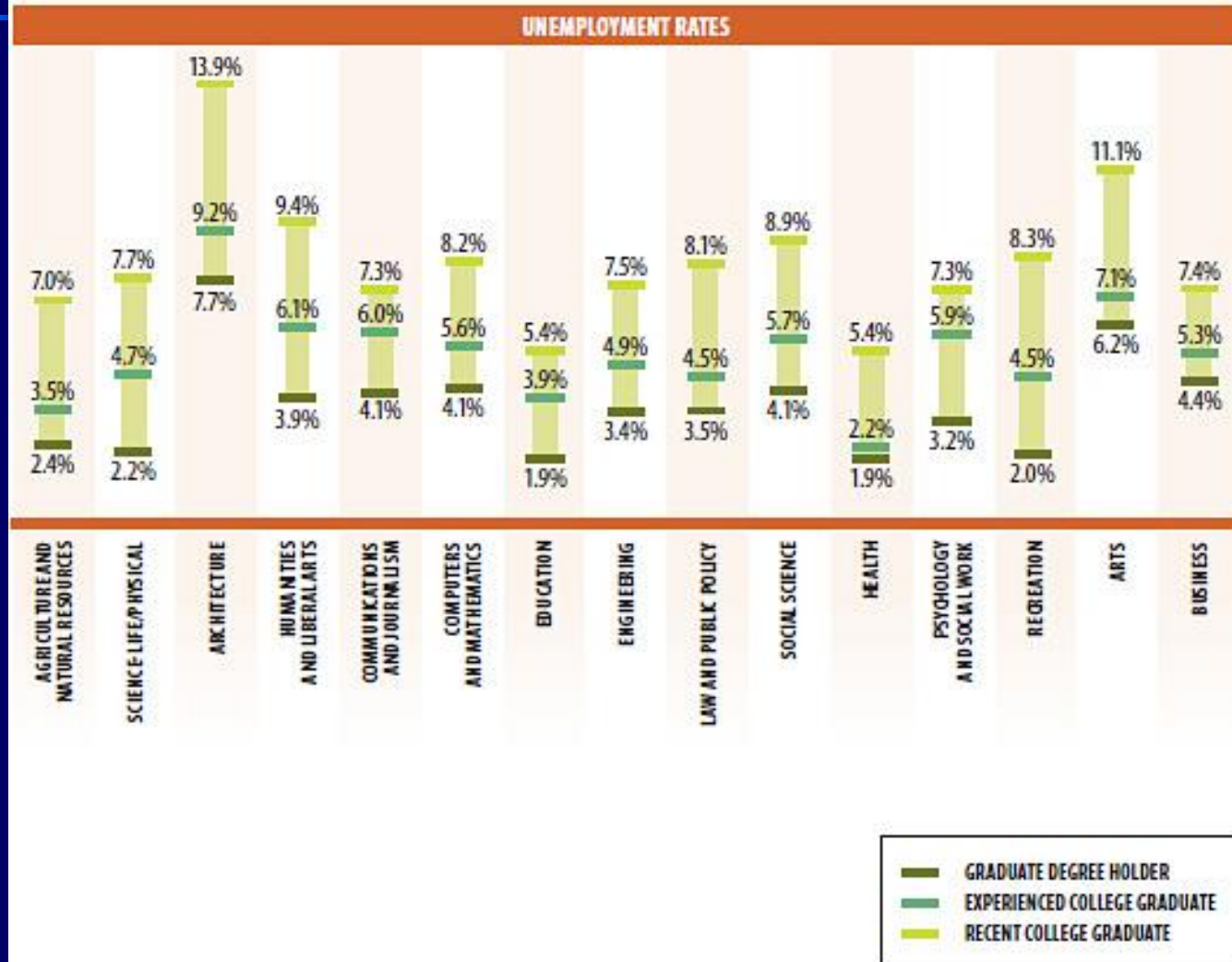
- **STARTING SALARIES ~\$30 K avg**
- Additional degrees bump it up further and reduce your unemployment rate

# Estimates of Average Annual Earnings and Synthetic Work-Life Earnings for Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Educational Attainment

<u>Educational Attainment</u>	<u>Average Annual Earnings</u>	<u>Synthetic Work-Life Earnings</u>
Doctoral degree	\$ 89,400	\$ 3.4 million
Professional degree	\$ 109,600	\$ 4.4 million
Master's degree	\$ 62,300	\$ 2.5 million
Bachelor's degree	\$ 52,200	\$ 2.1 million
Associate's degree	\$ 38,200	\$ 1.6 million
Some college	\$ 36,800	\$ 1.5 million
High school graduate	\$ 30,400	\$ 1.2 million
Not high school graduate	\$ 18,900	\$ 1.0 million

# Georgetown Workforce Center, 2012

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DECLINE AS  
RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES GAIN EXPERIENCE AND GRADUATE EDUCATION





# **APA Brochure**

Where do psychologists work?