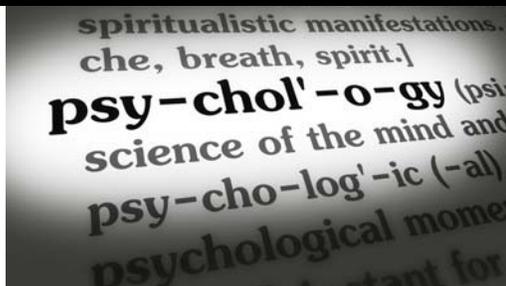


# Occupational Profile



# Psychologists

## WHAT THEY DO

Diagnoses and evaluates mental and emotional disorders of individuals through observation, interview, and psychological tests. Formulates and administers programs of treatment. Belongs to the Human Services cluster and Counseling and Mental Health Services pathway.

## IS THIS FOR YOU?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model) by people who tend to succeed in this career:

- **Artistic**— You are a "creator". You enjoy things like art, music and books, and express your feelings easily. You don't like rigid rules and structure.
- **Investigative** — You are a "thinker". When you have a problem, you like to analyze it and look at different ways to solve it. You like to work by yourself, and you don't like explaining your ideas to other people.
- **Social** — You are a "helper". You like being around people and helping them with problems. Socializing is fun for you.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

- **Achievement** — It's very important to you that your work allows you to use your best abilities. You want to see the results of your work and get a feeling of accomplishment.
- **Independence**—It's very important to you that your work allows you to make decisions on your own. You want to try out your own ideas and work with little supervision.
- **Recognition**—It's very important to you that your work satisfies your need for prestige and leadership opportunities, as well as opportunities for advancement.
- **Working Conditions**—It's very important to you that your work satisfies your needs in areas like salary, job security and your working style preferences, such as working alone, staying busy all the time or having variety in your work tasks.
- **Relationships** — It's very important to you that you have friendly co-workers. You would like to be of service to others without compromising your sense of right and wrong.

**Aptitudes** reflect a person's ability to acquire skills and knowledge. The following aptitudes are important for success in the career:

- **General Learning Ability**
- **Verbal Aptitude**
- **Numerical Aptitude**

## SKILLS YOU NEED

### Basic Skills:

- Reading Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Writing
- Speaking
- Science
- Critical Thinking
- Active Learning
- Learning Strategies
- Monitoring

### Transferable Skills (applicable in other careers): High level

- Analyzing social science data
- Counseling and advising people
- Explaining social science concepts
- Interviewing people to obtain information
- Operating computers to record and analyze social science data
- Planning and giving information and help
- Researching social sciences

### Workplace Skills:

#### High level

- Complex problem solving
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness

#### Medium level

- Coordination
- Instructing
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Negotiation
- Persuasion
- Systems Analysis
- Time Management

Additional skills for this occupation may be found at <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/career-exploration-resources>

Source: <https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/>

## ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2012 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	2012-22 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,758,205	1,955,480	197,275	1.1	61,665
Life, Physical, & Social Science Occupations	12,490	13,850	1,360	1.1	525
Psychologists	1,370	1,505	130	0.9	50

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0>

## 2015 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Average Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Experienced Wage	Experienced Salary
Total, All Occupations	19.77	41,122	9.55	19,858	24.88	51,755
Life, Physical, & Social Science Occupations	28.06	58,366	16.55	34,421	33.82	70,338
Psychologists	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Source: <http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections-0>

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### Education

Doctoral/Professional Degree

### Work Experience

None

### Job Training

Internship/Residency

Most clinical, counseling, and research psychologists need a doctoral degree. Psychologists can complete a Ph.D. in psychology or a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree. A Ph.D. in psychology is a research degree that culminates in a comprehensive exam and a dissertation based on original research. In clinical, counseling, school, or health service settings, students usually complete a 1-year internship as part of the doctoral program. The Psy.D. is a clinical degree and is often based on practical work and examinations rather than a dissertation. The Iowa Board of Psychology Examiners website at [http://access.bridges.com/ext/cp/custom\\_state\\_data/iowa\\_licensed\\_occupations/19-30312.htm](http://access.bridges.com/ext/cp/custom_state_data/iowa_licensed_occupations/19-30312.htm) provides specific licensure and support information for the state of Iowa.

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## NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	n.a.
Locating Information	n.a.
Reading for Information	n.a.

This ACT-developed credential demonstrates achievement and a certain level of workplace employability skills. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6).

Source: <http://www.act.org/workkeys/analysis/occup.html>

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## PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

### (Where are Psychologists Employed?)

Ambulatory Health Care  
State Government  
Educational Services  
Self Employed  
Hospitals

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