



PSYCHOLOGISTS (ANZSCO: 2723)

Psychologists investigate, assess and provide treatment and counselling to foster optimal personal, social, educational and occupational adjustment and development.

Employment

Employment for this occupation rose moderately in the past five years and rose very strongly in the long-term (ten years). Looking forward, employment for Psychologists to November 2020 is expected to grow moderately.

Unemployment

Unemployment for Psychologists is below average.

Job openings

Over the five years to November 2019, the number of job openings for Psychologists is expected to be average (between 10,001 and 25,000). Job openings count both employment growth and turnover (defined as workers leaving their occupation for other employment or leaving the workforce).

Educational profile

The most common level of educational attainment for Psychologists is Post Graduate/ Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate (74.7 per cent).

Gender

The female share of Psychologists is 77.6 per cent and 57.5 per cent of Psychologists work full time. Average weekly hours for full time workers are 37.3 (compared to 40.2 for all occupations).

Age profile

The main age group is 35-44 years (35.2 per cent) and the median age is 43 years (compared to 40 years for all occupations).

Earnings

In August 2014 (latest available data) weekly earnings full-time before tax (and not including employer superannuation) were \$1,500 (compared to earnings for all occupations of \$1,200).

Industries

Psychologists are mainly employed in: Health Care and Social Assistance; Education and Training; and Public Administration and Safety.

