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Career opportunities

What do Psychology graduates do?

A significant number of graduates entered "Psychology track" jobs in areas such as mental health support work and teaching assistant roles as well as assistant psychologists. These new graduates enter their first job to gain the necessary experience to progress onto further study in order to pursue a psychology related profession.

Graduates are also using the transferable skills developed from their degree such as communication, numeracy and critical thinking and opting for a wide range of other careers from retail, recruitment consultancy to finance.

There has been an increase in numbers of graduates going on to further study. The majority of these students are pursuing psychology related courses, which reflect the need to specialise at postgraduate level for entry to applied psychology careers. Some students are undertaking courses to enable them to enter other professions; teaching, for example was a popular choice.

This report contains analysis of destinations data for the University of Birmingham's Psychology graduates who completed their course in 2011/12, based on the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey.

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Examples of employers

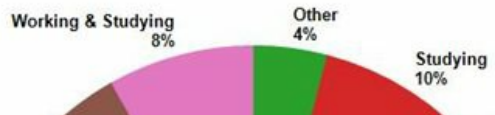
- Accenture
- St Andrews Healthcare
- Birmingham City Council
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust
- HM Court Service
- Home Office
- National Audit Office
- Santander
- Surrey Park Clinic
- Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust

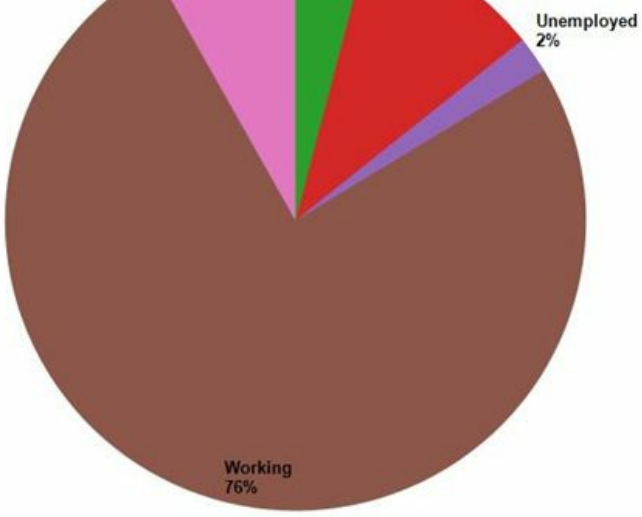
Examples of occupations

- Healthcare Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- Market Research Analyst
- Auditor
- Recruitment Consultant
- Personal Assistant
- Business Analyst
- Civil Servant
- Honorary Assistant Psychologist

Postgraduate destinations chart

Covers data for full-time and part-time students from the 2011/12 cohort.





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