



# 2015-2016 eJobs Report

Jobs Posted July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

August 16, 2016

## Foreword

Enclosed please find an analysis of job advertisements posted to the APSA eJobs site. Since 2010, there has been an incremental rise in the number of postings on the online eJobs service. Between October of 2014 to June of 2015, the eJobs database was on a different platform. Data for these months are excluded from this report.

The total number of jobs posted between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 was higher than previous years. Job postings in August, November, and December 2015 were all at above average rates, indicating the possibility that a higher proportion of postings in the most recent year may have been for tenure track positions, which are typically posted in the fall. For academic year 2015-2016 the number of postings were the highest since 2011-2012. Most postings are for Assistant Professor positions (43%). Postings were predominantly for positions in the American Government and Politics (23%), International Relations (20%), or Comparative Politics (15%) subfields.

We encourage you to read the report carefully, and welcome questions, suggestions, or ideas you have. Please contact us with any specific questions about the findings. We will aim to fold in some of the broader questions that members bring to our attention through subsequent reports and materials on the American Political Science Association website, [www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org). You can contact us at [surveys@apsanet.org](mailto:surveys@apsanet.org), or by calling the main APSA office number at 202-483-2512.

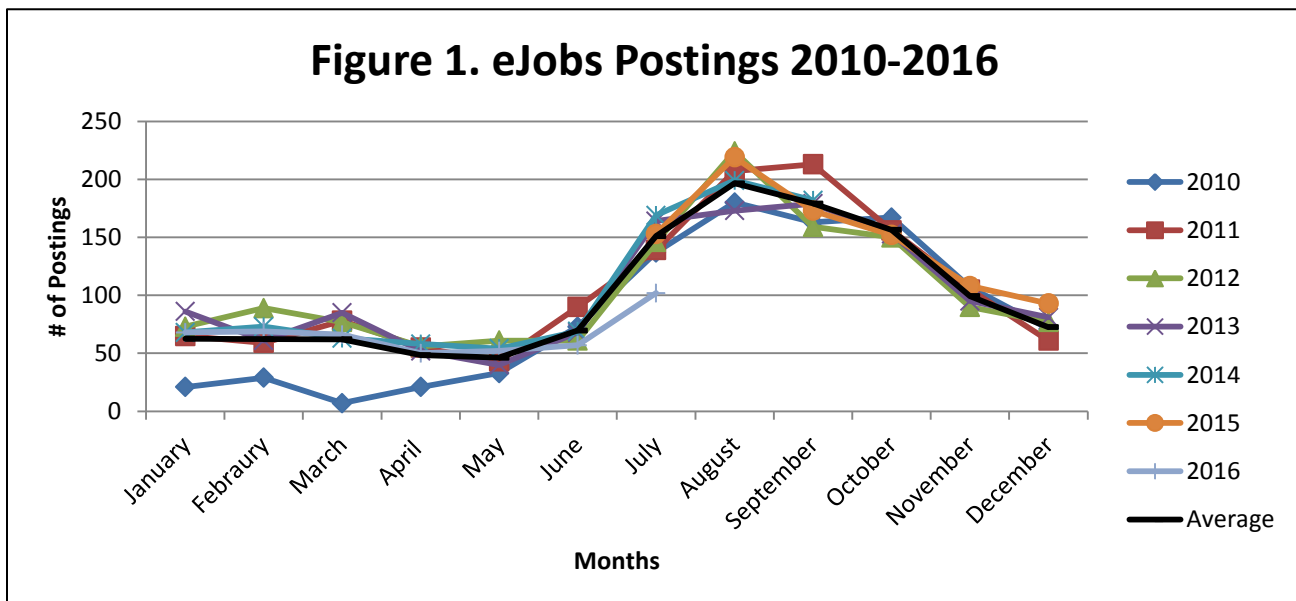
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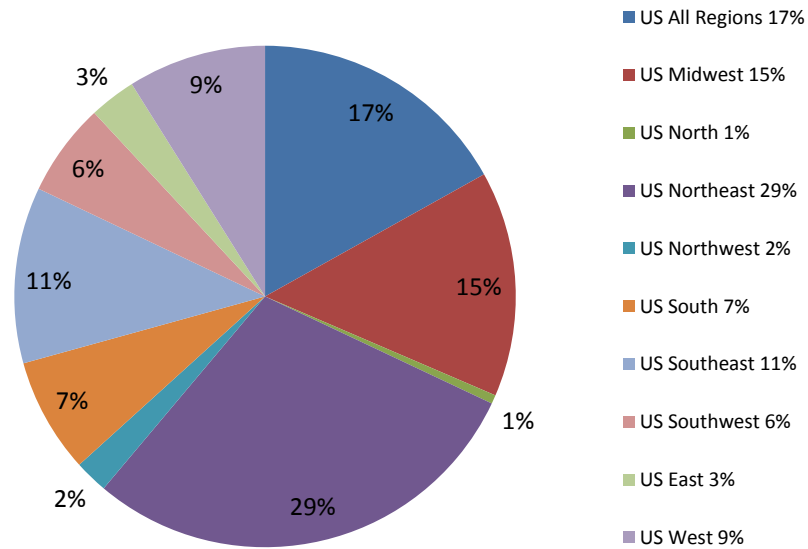
## Key Findings

- The eJobs report presents data on the subfields, type of position, and the region for the advertising colleges, universities or institutions.
- The number of postings on the eJobs site for July through June on average for 2010-2014 was 1245. During the 2015-2016 academic year the number of postings was 1260 (Table 1).
- Postings largely were for positions in the Northeast region of the US (29%), and the Midwest (15%) (Figure 2).
- A small proportion of postings on eJobs were for regions outside the United States (13.5%). The largest number of international postings was for the European region including the United Kingdom (37%), followed by Asia (24%) (Figure 3).
- The three major subfield categories for this time period were American Government and Politics, International Relations, and Comparative Politics (Figure 5).
  - Approximately 12% of all positions listed the main field as 'other.' A content analysis of these ads indicates a request for specialization in a certain topic that is cross- or multi-subfield. The largest topical concentrations were: a specialization in quantitative, survey, experimental methods or 'big data' analysis; international affairs, law and international political economy; public policy, administration, or management; appointments with non-academic or administrative duties; area studies; security; environment; race and ethnicity; gender and sexuality; and political theory or philosophy. In addition, approximately 24% of 'other' jobs analyzed from this period were listed as interdisciplinary.
- Tenure-track Assistant professor positions were the most frequent type of faculty position advertised (Figure 6).

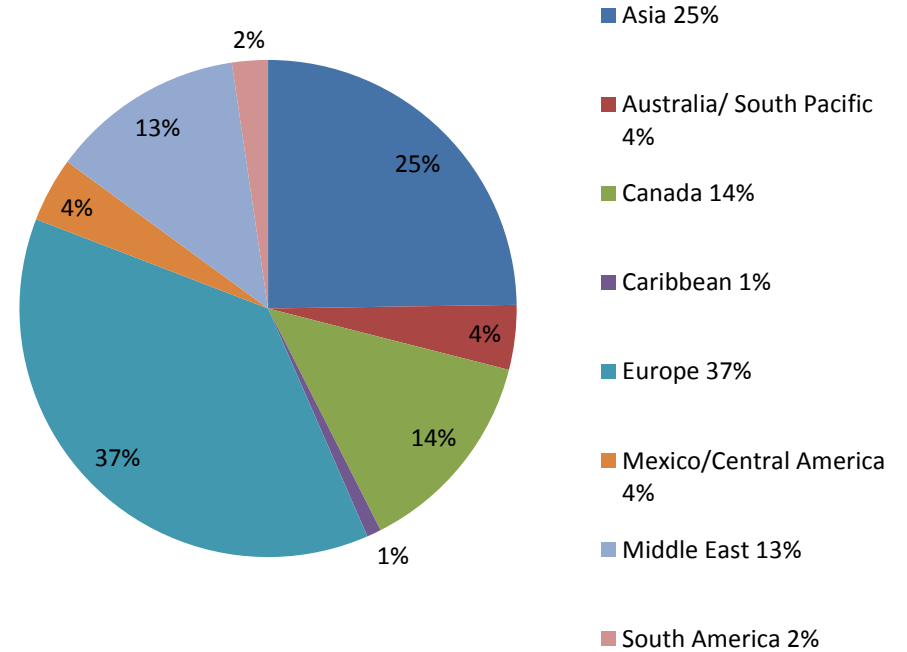
Table 1. Academic Years	Total Number of Jobs Postings
2010-2011	1215
2011-2012	1298
2012-2013	1238
2013-2014	1230
2015-2016	1260



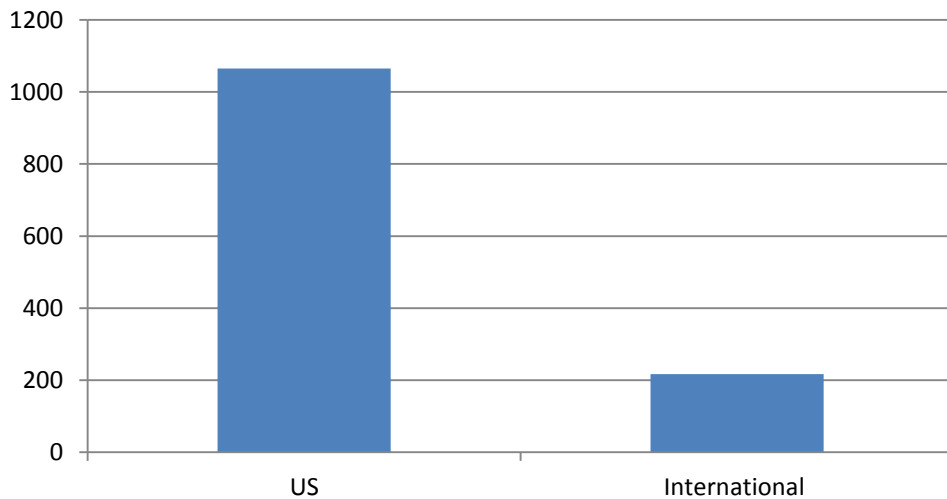
**Figure 2. Posting by US Region  
2015-2016**



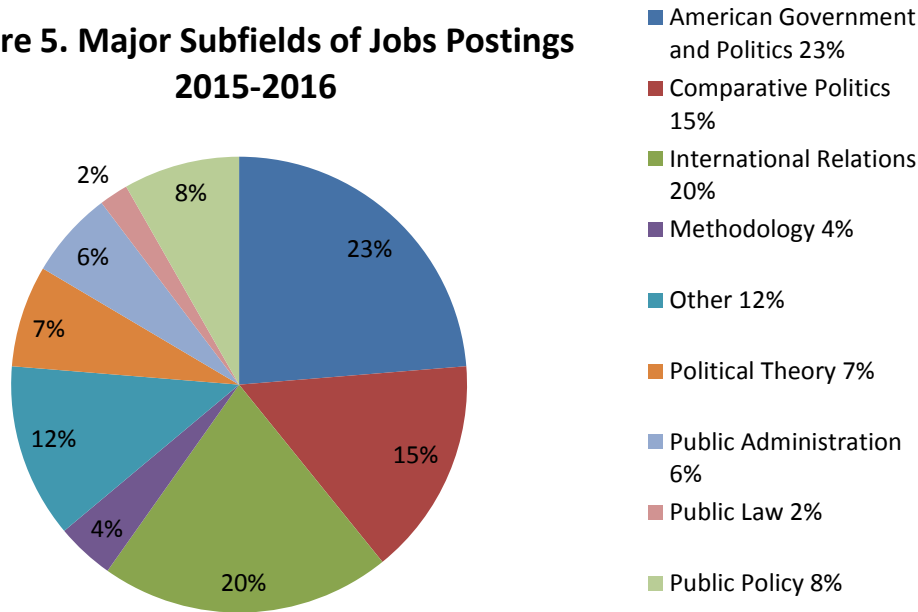
**Figure 3. Posting by International  
Country or Region  
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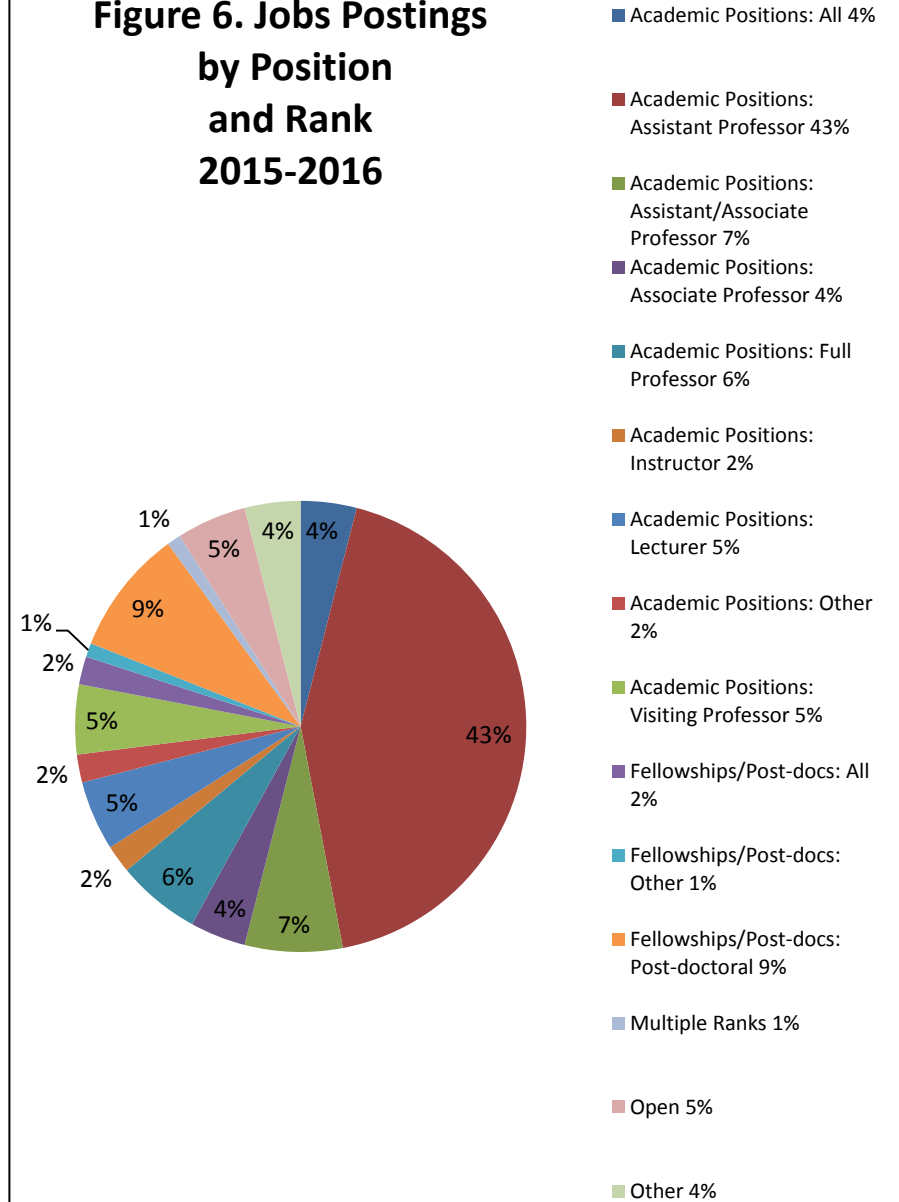
**Figure 4. eJobs Postings 2015-2016**



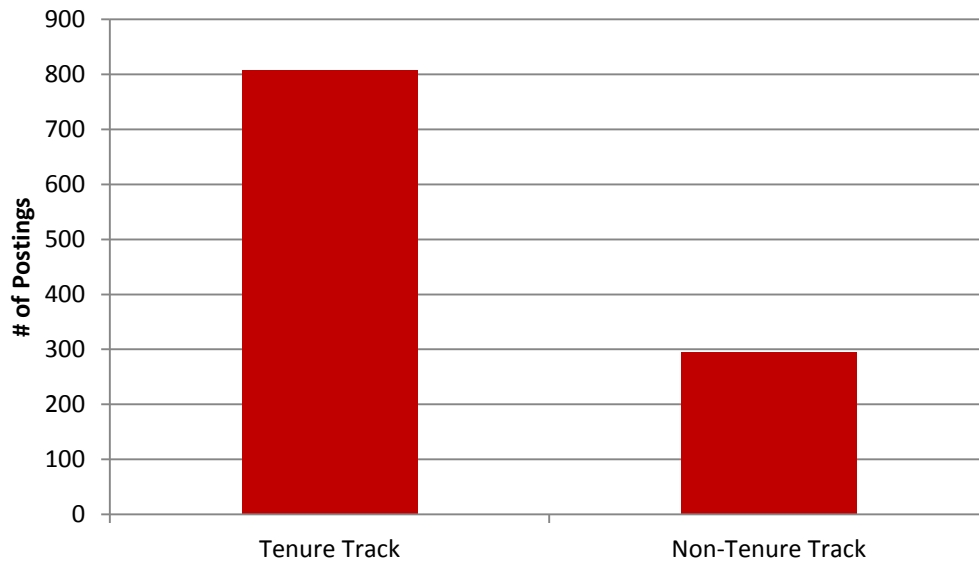
**Figure 5. Major Subfields of Jobs Postings 2015-2016**



**Figure 6. Jobs Postings by Position and Rank 2015-2016**



**Figure 7. Junior Faculty Positions 2015-2016**



Junior Faculty Tenure Track includes Academic Positions: All, Assistant Professor, and Assistant/Associate Professor; Multiple Ranks, and Open. Junior Faculty Non-Tenure Track includes Academic Positions: Instructor, Lecturer, Other, and Visiting Professor; Fellowships/Post-docs: All, and Other; and Other. Not included: Academic Positions: Associate and Full Professors.