



# 2017-2018 APSA eJobs Report:

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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## Foreword

Enclosed please find an analysis of job advertisements posted to the APSA eJobs site between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

The total number of jobs between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 was higher than previous years. July 2017, April 2018, and June 2018 were the only months where the posting rate was below average, while other months saw posting rates near or higher than average. Postings were predominantly for positions in International Relations (22.4%), American Government and Politics (19.6%), and Comparative Politics (15.5%) subfields. In relation to position and rank, a plurality of postings were for Assistant Professors (40.4%).

Between October 2014 and June 2015, the eJobs database was on a different platform. Data for these months are excluded from this report. Starting in July 2017, duplicate job postings were tracked. A posting is considered a duplicate if the same job is advertised in multiple postings. Of the 1,292 postings made in 2017-2018, 155 were duplicates, making the true number of postings 1,137. As duplicate postings have not been identified in previous years, they are included in the total number of postings in this report when drawing comparisons over time.

We encourage you to read the report carefully, and we welcome your questions, suggestions, or ideas. 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/RESOURCES/Data-on-the-Profession](http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/Data-on-the-Profession). You can contact us at [surveys@apsanet.org](mailto:surveys@apsanet.org), or by calling the main APSA office at 202-483-2512.

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## Key Findings

- The eJobs report presents data on the subfields and types of positions advertised, as well as the region of the advertising institutions.
- During the 2017-2018 academic year 1,292 job postings were made. This is 4.3% higher than average (Table 1).
- August, September, October, November, and December 2017 and January, February, March, and May 2018 reported a higher than average number of postings. Only July 2017, April 2018 and June 2018 had fewer postings than average (Figure 1).
- Postings for positions in the US were generally for positions in the US Northeast (33.4%), US South (32.6%), or the US West (19.3%) (Table 2).
  - Of the states, California (10.6%), New York (7.9%), and New Jersey (5.0%) had the highest number of postings (Figure 2).
- Postings for positions outside the U.S. comprised 15.4% of all postings from July 2017 through June 2018.
  - Most international postings were located in Europe (57.0%), followed by Asia (31.1%). (Table 3).
- The largest major subfield category for postings was International Relations (22.4%), followed by American Politics and Government (16.6%), and then Comparative Politics (15.5%) (Figure 4).
- Tenure-Track positions were the most frequently posted positions, accounting for over half of all postings (Figure 6).
- Across all major subfields, postings tended to be for tenure-track junior faculty positions. With the exception of the 'Other' category, which had the highest rate of non-tenure track positions (51.5%), postings for positions in all major subfields were for tenure-track positions at least half of the time (Table 4).

## Figures

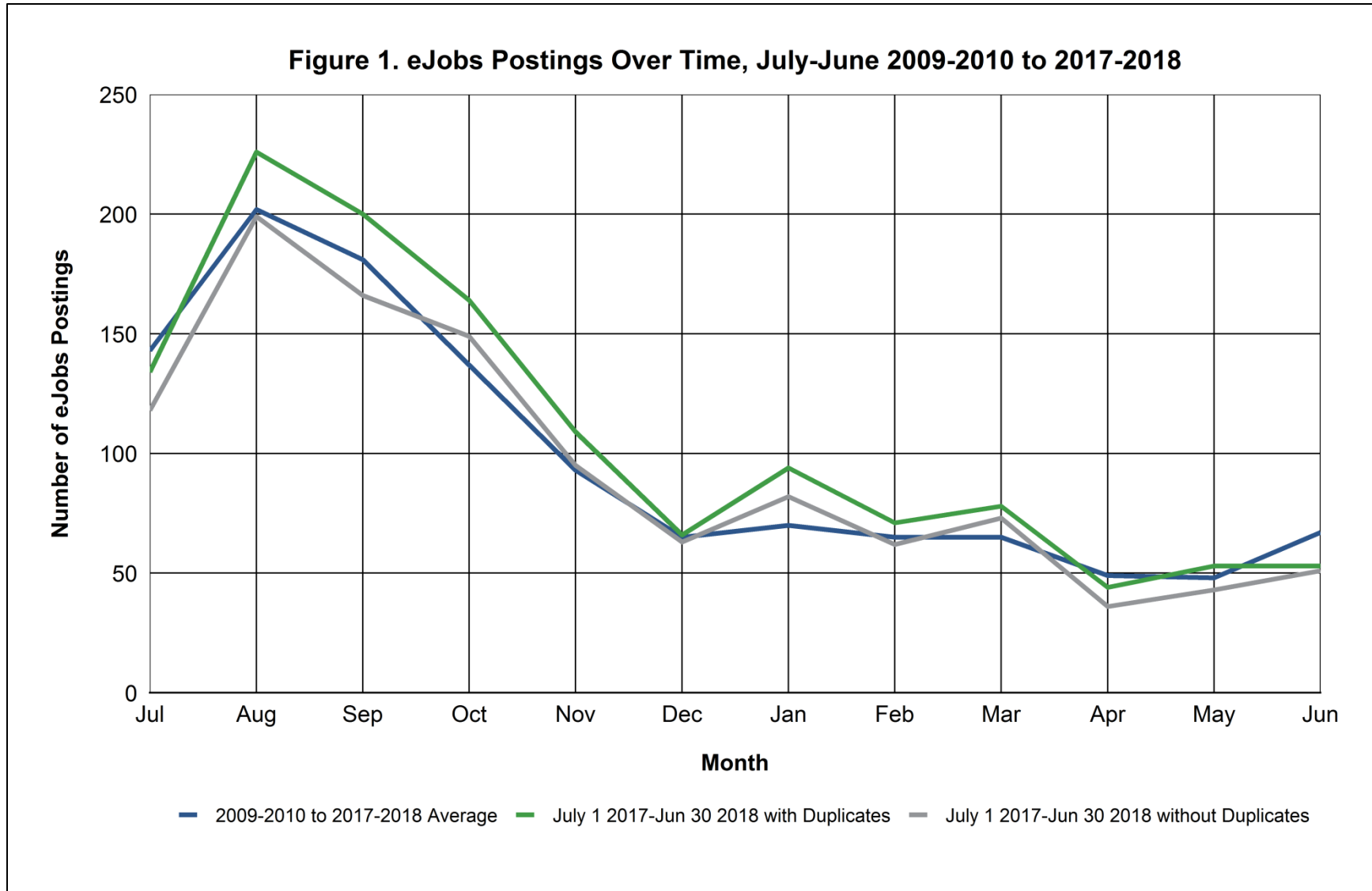
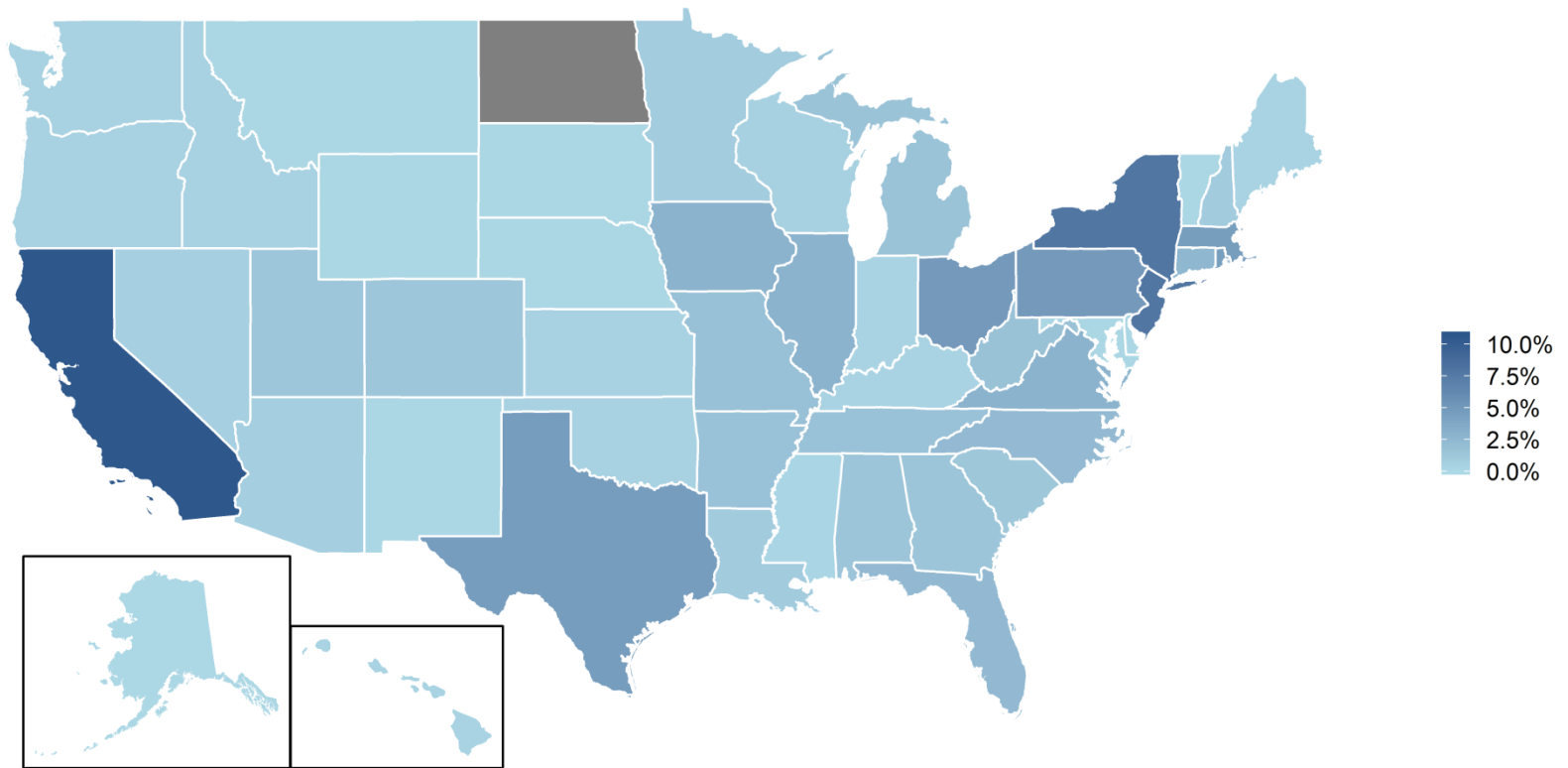
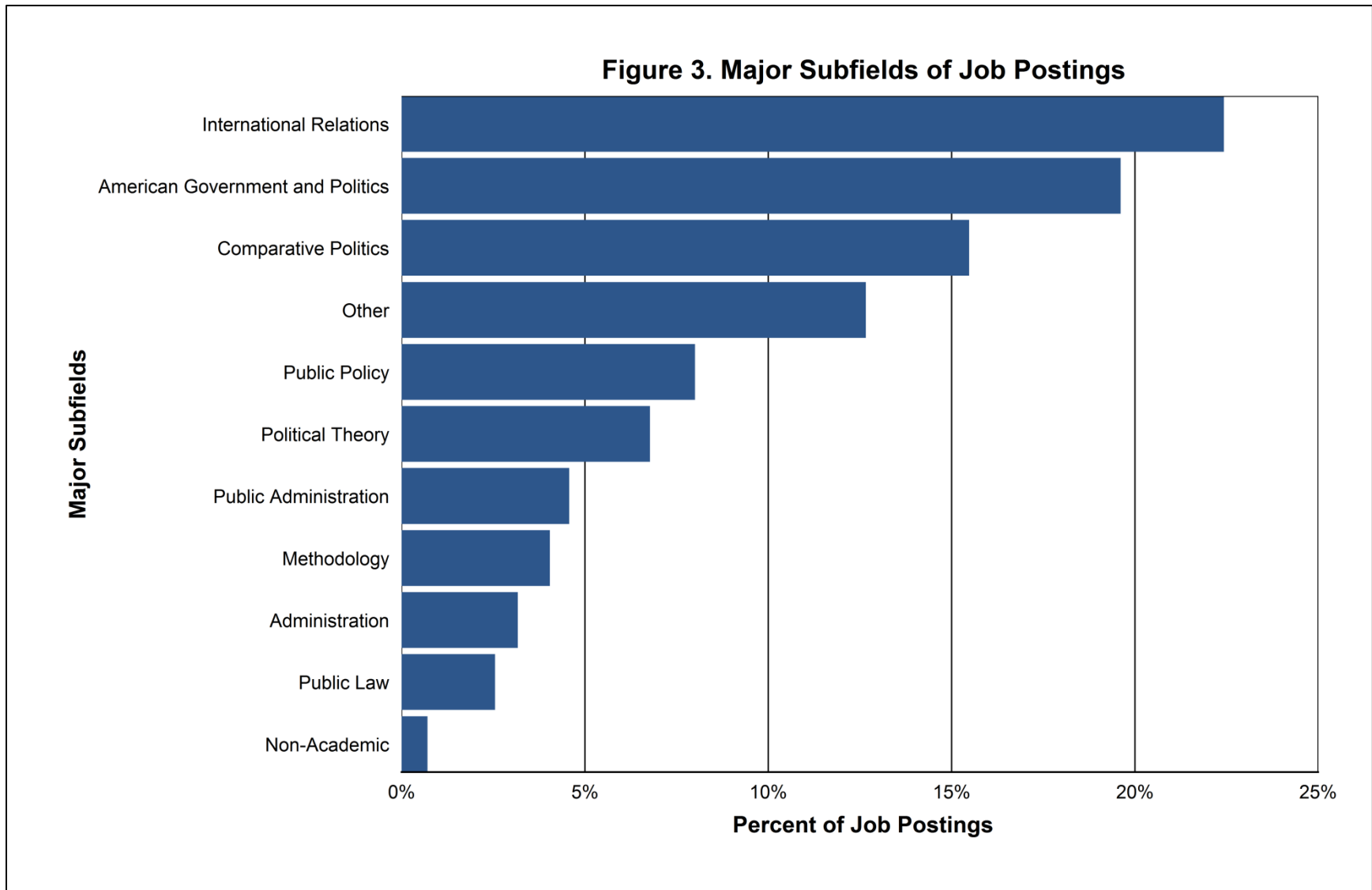
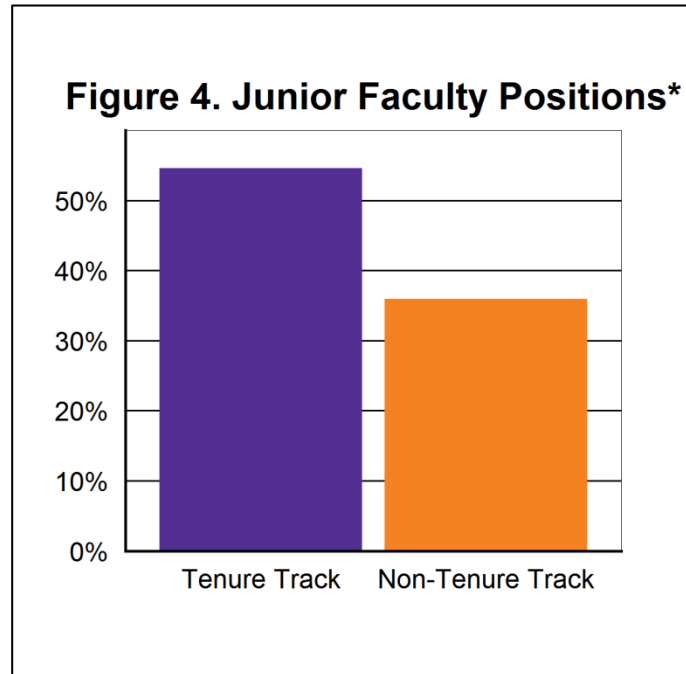


Figure 2. eJob Postings by State







\*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: Pre-doctoral, Post-doctoral, Other, and All; and Other. Not included: Academic Positions: Associate and Full Professors.

## Tables

<b>Academic Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2010-2011</b>	1,215
<b>2011-2012</b>	1,298
<b>2012-2013</b>	1,238
<b>2013-2014</b>	1,230
<b>2015-2016</b>	1,260
<b>2016-2017</b>	1,141
<b>2017-2018</b>	1,292
<b>Average</b>	1,239

Table 2. Job Postings by US Region*	
US Region	Percent of Job Postings
Midwest n = 139	14.4%
Northeast n = 321	33.4%
South n = 314	32.6%
US Territory n = 2	0.2%
West n = 186	19.3%

\*The Midwest, Northeast, South, and West regions are according to regions designated by the [US Census Bureau](#).

Table 3. Job Postings by UN World Region**	
UN World Region	Percent of International Job Postings
Africa n = 5	3.3%
Americas*** n = 6	4.0%
Asia n = 47	31.1%
Europe n = 86	57.0%
Oceania n = 7	4.6%

\*\*The world regions used are according the [UN Geoscheme](#).

\*\*\*Excludes the United States

<b>Table 4. Major Subfields by Junior Faculty Positions</b>		
	<b>Junior Faculty Positions*</b>	
	<b>Non-Tenure Track</b>	<b>Tenure Track</b>
<b>Major Subfield</b>		
<b>American Government and Politics</b> n = 211	42.2%	57.8%
<b>Comparative Politics</b> n = 167	31.1%	68.9%
<b>International Relations</b> n = 231	37.7%	62.3%
<b>Methodology</b> n = 40	42.5%	57.5%
<b>Political Theory</b> n = 73	41.1%	58.9%
<b>Public Administration</b> n = 42	21.4%	78.6%
<b>Public Law</b> n = 27	37.0%	63.0%
<b>Public Policy</b> n = 79	34.2%	65.8%
<b>Other</b> n = 130	51.5%	48.5%

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