

# Psychology



## A Career in Psychology

Psychologists engage in professional work relating to human behavior, health characteristics and capacities. They focus on evaluating cognitive abilities, interests and emotions, and diagnose and treat mental health conditions, as well as promote adjustment. Their work is based on scientific knowledge and principles.

Psychologists work to provide, develop and evaluate clinical services, as well as conduct clinical research and education and training activities. These mental health professionals help transform VA into a 21st century organization that is evidence-based, recovery-oriented and person-centered. VA psychologists serve in inpatient, outpatient and residential mental health settings, as well as in a variety of non-mental health settings (e.g., primary care, geriatrics, rehabilitation settings). Psychologists are integral members of interdisciplinary teams that provide Veterans and their families with exceptional health care that meets their diverse needs.

## Psychology Series

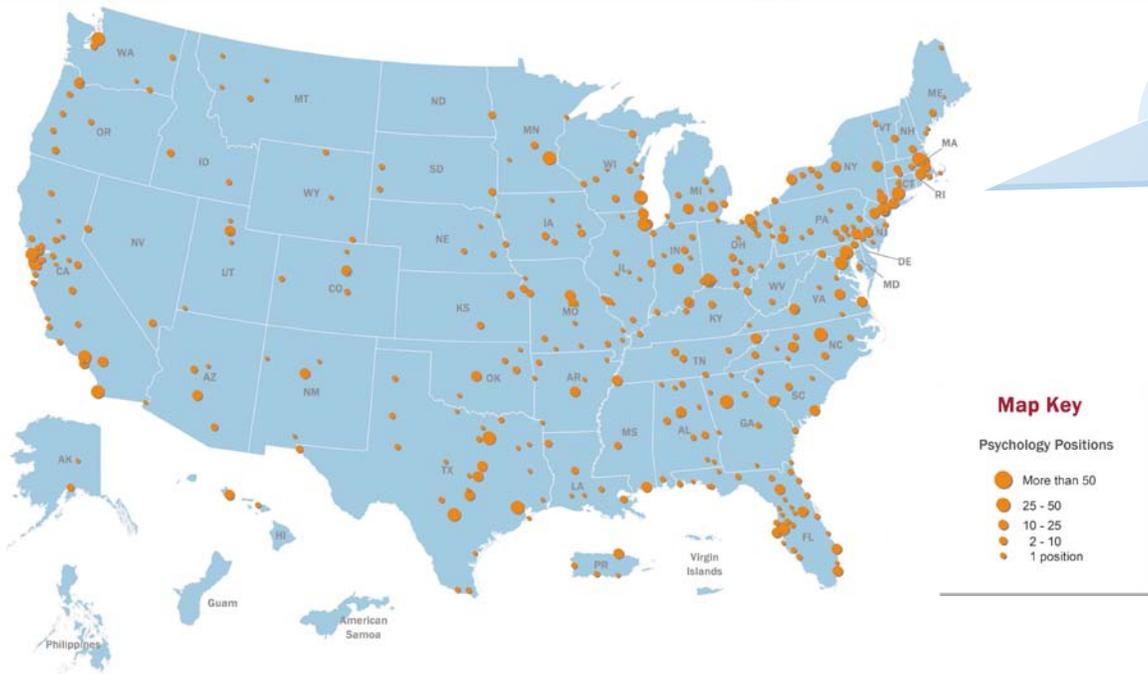
The Psychology series covers positions involving a range of evidence-based and recovery-oriented psychological assessment, prevention and treatment services. This work may involve experimenting with or systematically observing subjects to develop scientific principles or laws concerning behaviors. Employees in these jobs apply professional knowledge of psychological principles, theories and methods to practical situations involving patients. They provide consultative services or training in psychological principles, theories and techniques to advance knowledge in the field so it can be appropriately used in practice. Positions include:

- Psychologist

## MyCareer@VA

VA is committed to career development and supports employees' ambitions to grow, learn and advance. Building a career at VA is a partnership, and we are dedicated to providing you the career resources and materials you need to achieve success.

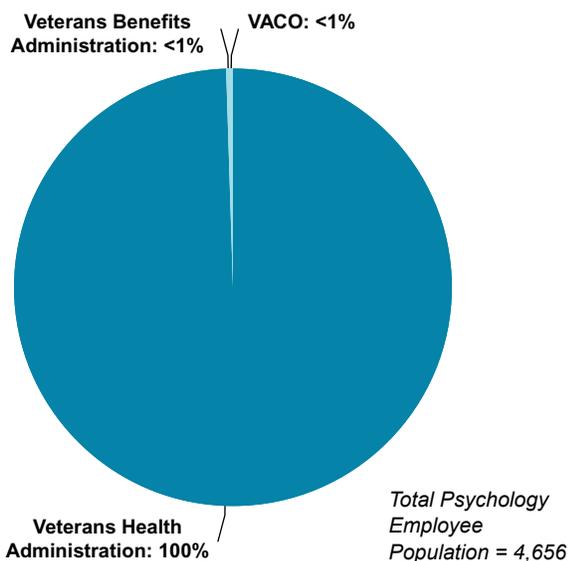
The MyCareer@VA program delivers interactive and engaging career development tools to help you explore and chart your long-term career path within VA.



## Psychology Job Locations

VA's Psychology positions are dispersed across 383 cities within the United States. The top five Psychology occupational family geographic locations are Boston, Mass.; Tampa, Fla.; San Diego, Calif.; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Palo Alto, Calif.

## VA Psychology Job Distribution by Administration



VA's Psychology positions are distributed among the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration to meet the broad range of needs facing the Department.

## MyCareer@VA Tools and Resources

- Career Planning Process** - Develop professional goals and align developmental experiences to VA career opportunities through a four-phase process: Prepare, Plan, Explore and Develop
- My Career Mapping Tool** - Map your long-term career path at VA by exploring career possibilities that leverage your knowledge, skills and experience across multiple occupational families
- My Career Fit Tool** - Discover your career "fit" at VA by identifying your work interests and work environment preferences
- VA Career Guides** - Explore the knowledge, skills, education and training recommended for each VA job and related career levels

VA employees can also visit the VA Talent Management System (TMS), a state-of-the-art online training and employee development system, to search and register for training courses and learning opportunities.