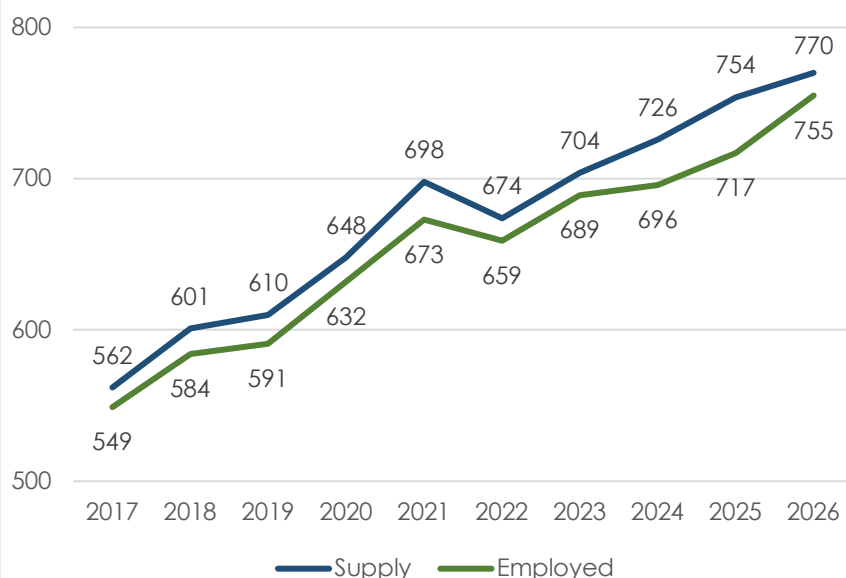
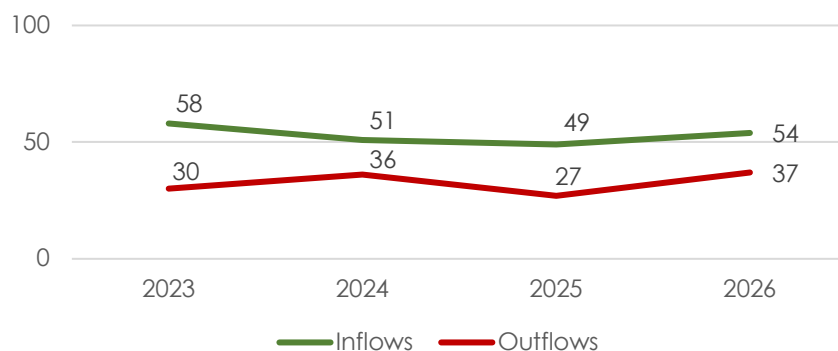


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Numbers of Psychologists Registered and Employed in NS by Year



Numbers of Psychologists Employed in NS Who Were Not Employed the Previous Year (Inflow) vs. Number of Psychologists not Employed in NS Who Were Employed the Previous Year (Outflow)



Quick Facts

Registrants	770	
Employed ¹	755	98.1%
Change in Workforce	38	5.3%
Empl Inflow ²	54	7.2%
Empl Outflow ³	37	4.9%
Doctorate Trained	369	49.0%
Masters Trained	384	51.0%
Full-Time	604	80.0%
Part-Time	151	20.0%
Casual	0	0.0%
Average Age	48.2 years	
Avg Experience	16.9 years	
Private Practice ⁴	579	76.7%
Public Practice ⁵	176	23.3%
Private Practice (Only)	346	45.8%

Location of Graduation

Psychologist (Total = 755)	#	%
Nova Scotia	282	37.4%
Other provinces	352	46.6%
International	121	16.0%

Empl New Graduates

Total = 21	#	%
Nova Scotia	12	57.1%
Other Provinces	8	38.1%
International	1	4.8%

Empl New Registrants

Total = 25	#	%
Nova Scotia	11	44.0%
Other Provinces	7	28.0%
International	7	28.0%

DATA SOURCE: The Nova Scotia Regulator of Psychology (continued from the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology on November 24, 2025).
Registration period: Jul 1st, 2025 – Jun 30th, 2026.

Notes: Total Psychologists: 770 (excluding the categories 'Inactive', 'Retired', and 'Out-of-Province'). If these categories are included, the total is 824.

¹ Beginning in 2023, Psychologists were counted as 'employed' only if they listed at least one Nova Scotia-based employer on their annual registration form.

This excludes those who are registered in Nova Scotia but do not work in the province.

This change has not been applied to counts of employed Psychologists for past years.

² Inflow refers to the number of employed registrants who were not employed in the previous year.

³ Outflow refers to the number of registrants who were employed the previous year and not registered in the current year.

⁴ Private practice is a psychologist who works for themselves, in their own office, and is paid directly by the individual receiving the service.

⁵ Public practice is any psychologist working directly and paid by the public system, government, hospitals, or public school system.

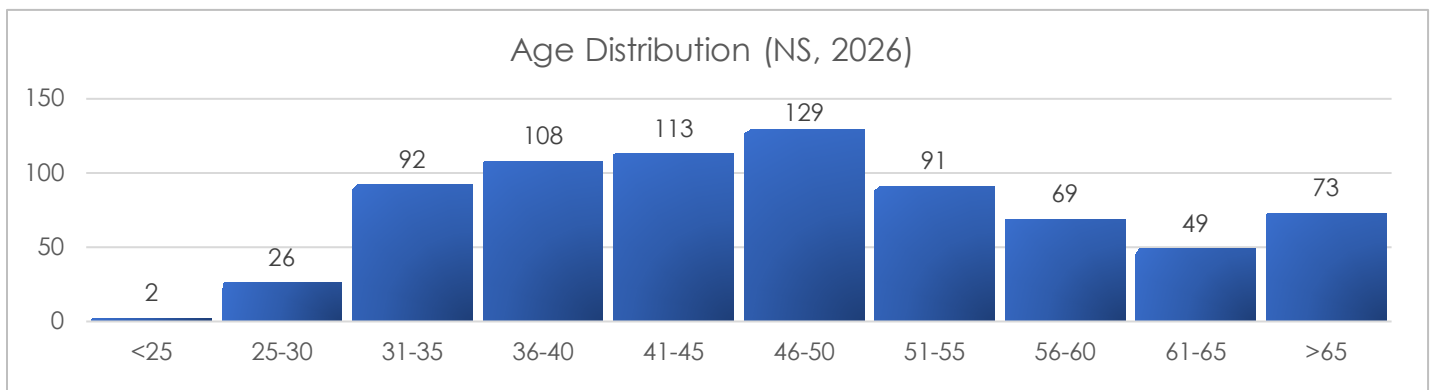
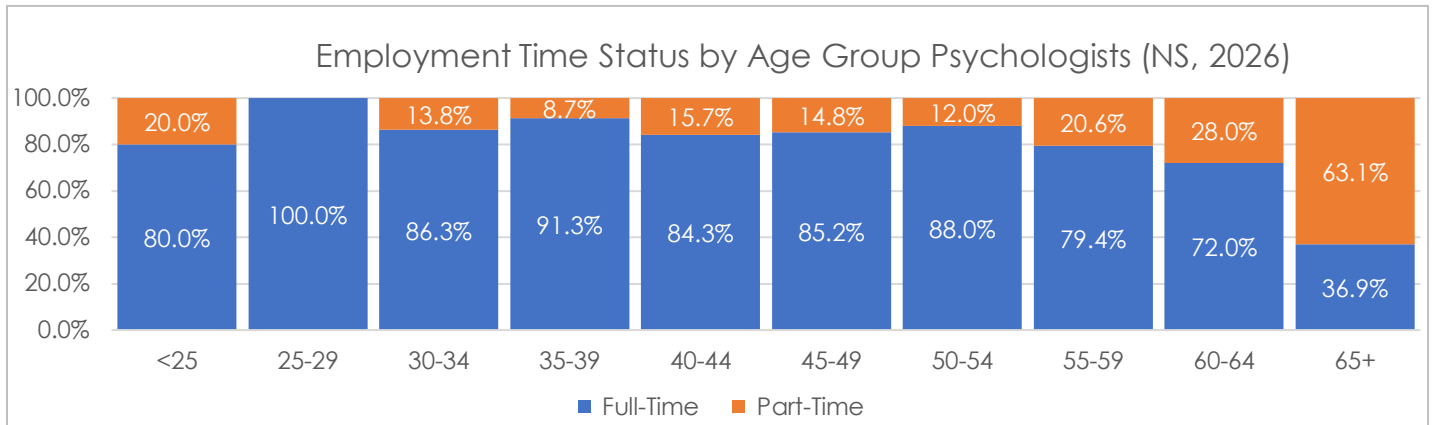
A psychologist may work in both public and private practice settings.

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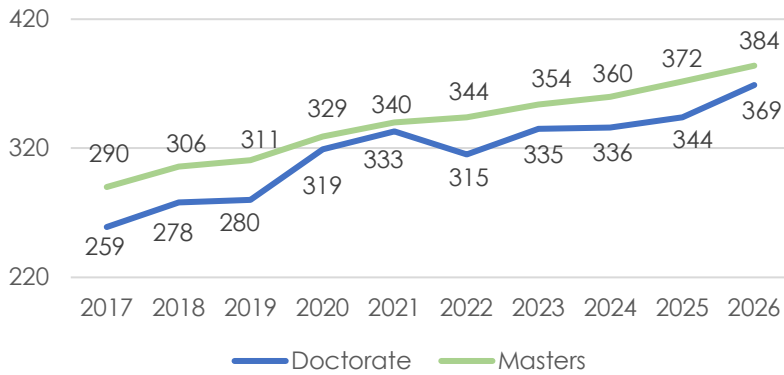


Age and Experience						
Age	#	%		Years	#	%
<35	103	13.7%		0-5	123	16.4%
35-49	339	45.1%		6-15	254	33.9%
50+	310	41.2%		16-30	288	38.4%
Average Age: 48.2				>30	85	11.3%
				Average Experience: 16.9		

Area of Practice	Total	%
Clinical Psychology	514	68.1%
School Psychology	142	18.8%
Counselling Psychology	77	10.2%
Clinical Neuropsychology	9	1.2%
Forensic/ Correctional Psychology	6	0.8%
Formal Research	4	0.5%
Industrial/ Organizational Psychology	2	0.3%
Academic (teaching psychology)	1	0.1%

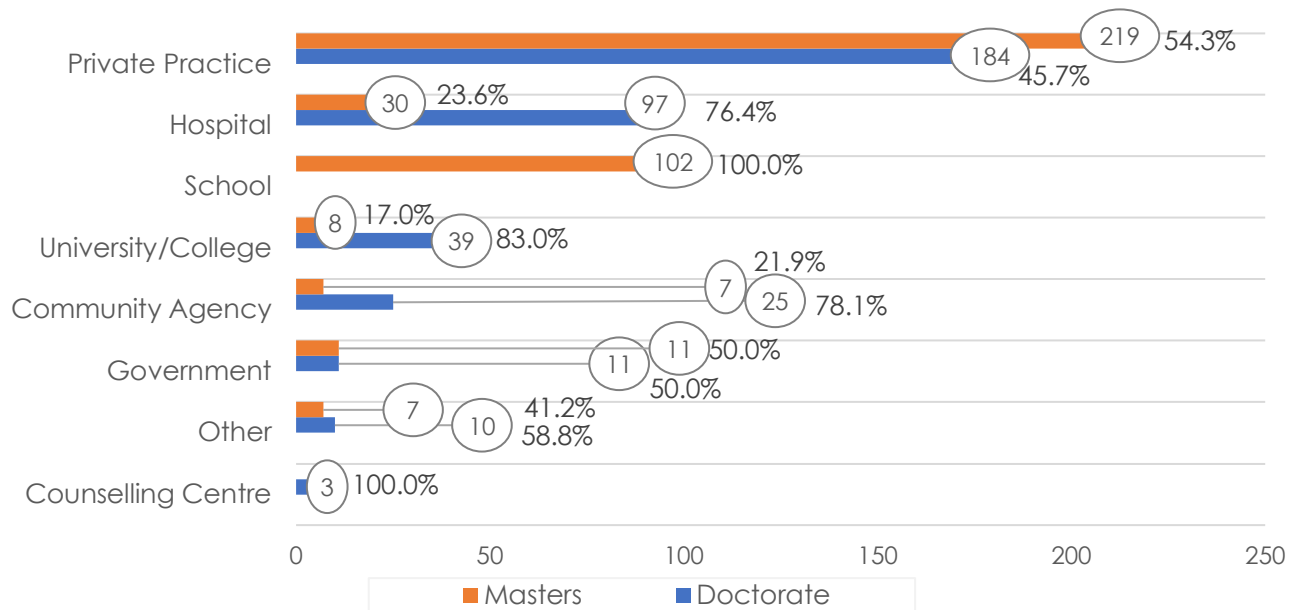
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Doctorate vs. Masters
(NS, 2017 - 2026)



Practice Setting	Doctorate	Masters
Community Agency	78.1%	21.9%
Counselling Centre	100.0%	0.0%
Government	50.0%	50.0%
Hospital	76.4%	23.6%
Private Practice	45.7%	54.3%
School	0.0%	100.0%
University/College	83.0%	17.0%
Other	58.8%	41.2%

Psychologists Masters Trained vs Doctorate Trained (NS, 2026)

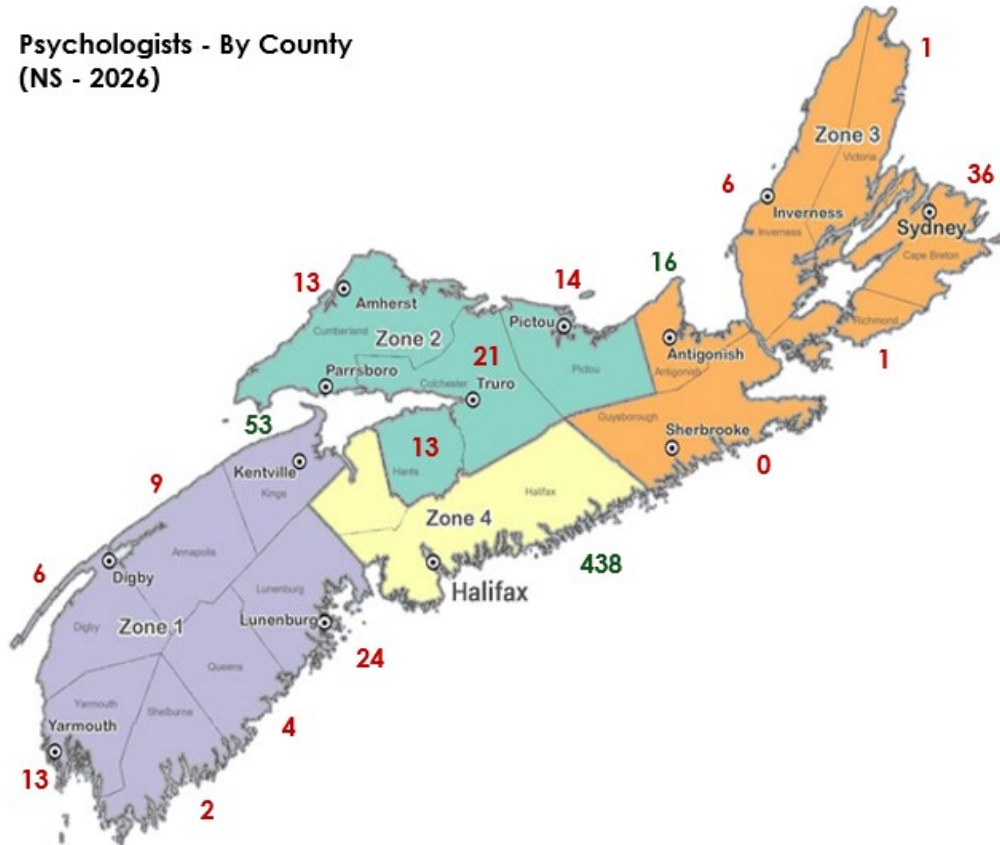


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County	Psychologists		Population 2026		Higher or Lower than Provincial Average
	#	%	#	%	
Annapolis	9	1.2%	23,760	2.2%	Lower
Antigonish	16	2.1%	21,331	2.0%	Higher
Cape Breton	36	4.8%	98,264	9.0%	Lower
Colchester	21	2.8%	54,637	5.0%	Lower
Cumberland	13	1.7%	30,927	2.8%	Lower
Digby	6	0.8%	18,024	1.7%	Lower
Guysborough	0	0.0%	7,140	0.7%	Lower
Halifax	438	57.9%	542,160	49.8%	Higher
Hants	13	1.7%	45,353	4.2%	Lower
Inverness	6	0.8%	17,639	1.6%	Lower
Kings	53	7.0%	66,562	6.1%	Higher
Lunenburg	24	3.2%	51,095	4.7%	Lower
Pictou	14	1.9%	45,187	4.2%	Lower
Queens	4	0.5%	10,492	1.0%	Lower
Richmond	1	0.1%	9,124	0.8%	Lower
Shelburne	2	0.3%	13,944	1.3%	Lower
Victoria	1	0.1%	7,132	0.7%	Lower
Yarmouth	13	1.7%	25,639	2.4%	Lower
Unknown	85	11.3%			
Nova Scotia	755	100%	1,088,410	100%	

Psychologists 2026

Psychologists - By County
(NS - 2026)



Psychologists - By County
(NS - 2026)

