

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Delaware Health Force Team

The primary objective of the Delaware Board of Examiners of Psychologists is to protect the public from unsafe practices and practices which tend to reduce competition or fix prices for services. The Board must also maintain standards of professional competence and service delivery. To meet these objectives, the Board

- develops standards for professional competency,
- promulgates rules and regulations,
- adjudicates complaints against professionals and, when necessary, imposes disciplinary sanctions.

The Board issues licenses to psychologists and psychological assistants (see figures 1-3). The Board's statutory authority is in [24 Del. C., Chapter 35](#).

Psychologist

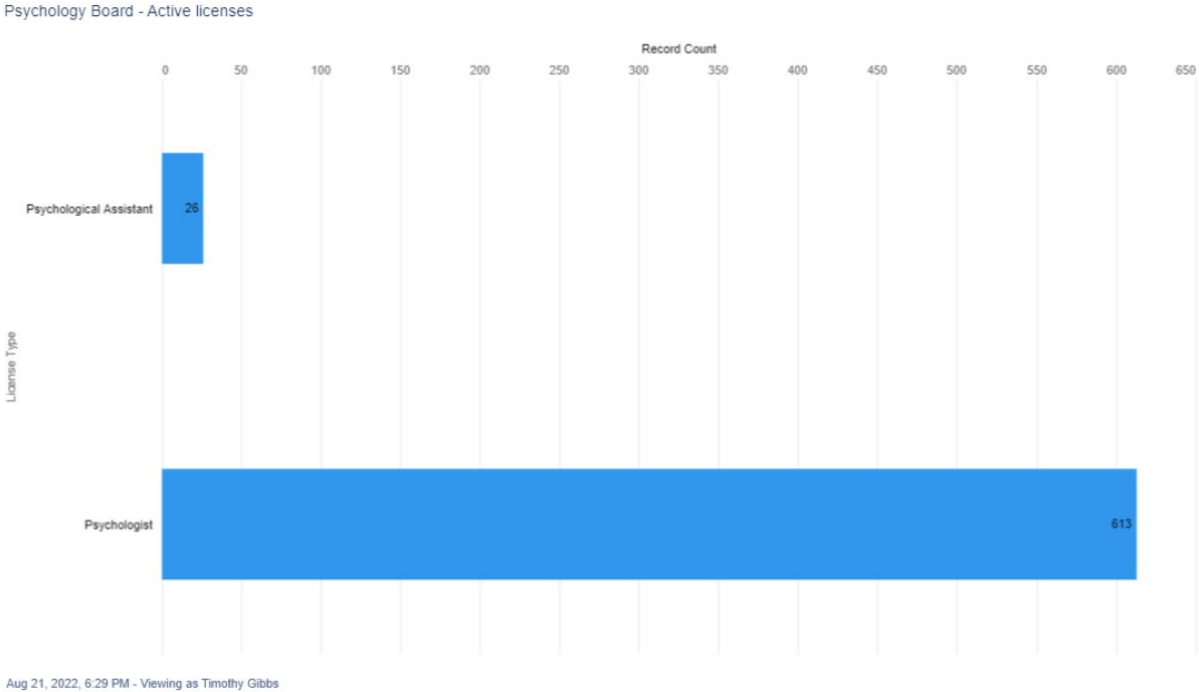
Psychologists study cognitive, emotional, and social processes and behavior by observing, interpreting, and recording how individuals relate to one another and to their environments (see figures 1-5).

Some psychologists work independently, conducting research, consulting with clients, or working with patients. Others work as part of a healthcare team, collaborating with physicians and social workers, or in school settings, working with students, teachers, parents, and other educators. Those in private practice often work evenings and weekends to accommodate clients.¹

Psychological Assistant

Individuals who are in the process of obtaining post-doctoral hours under the supervising Psychologist's supervision, and will apply for a Psychologist license after completing the post-doctoral hours (see figures 6 & 7).²

Figure 1. Active Psychologist Licenses by Type*, N=639



* an active license does not guarantee an individual is actively seeing patients.

Figure 2. Active Psychologist Licenses by Gender select license types (when reported)

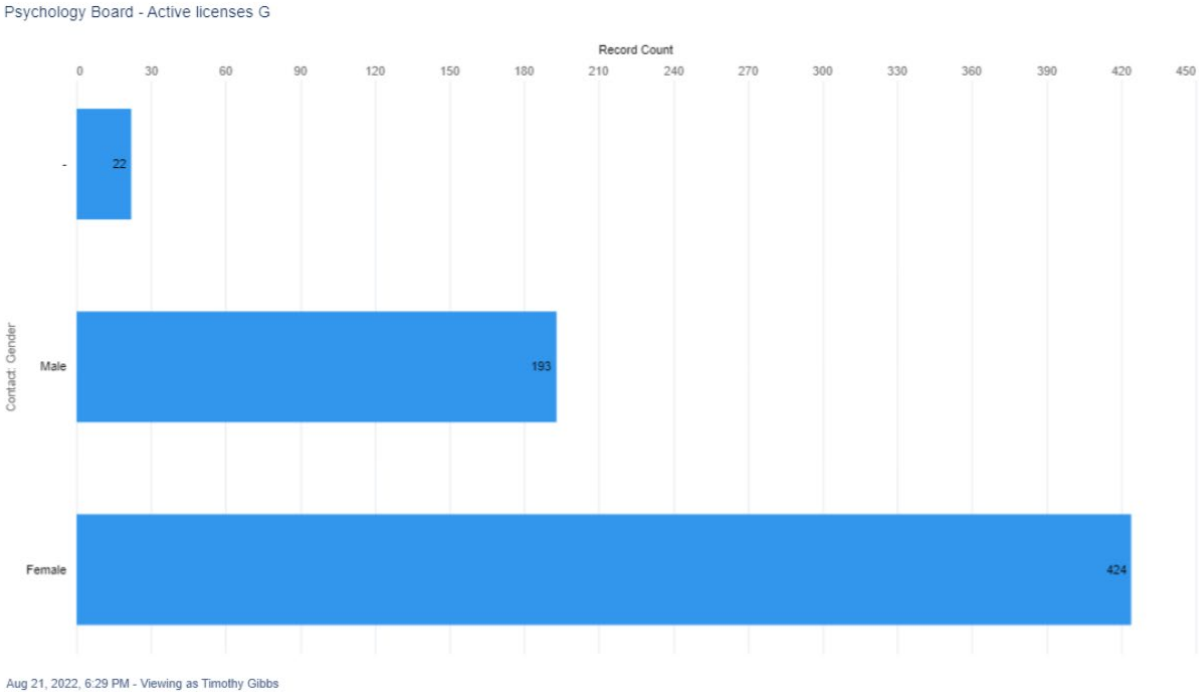
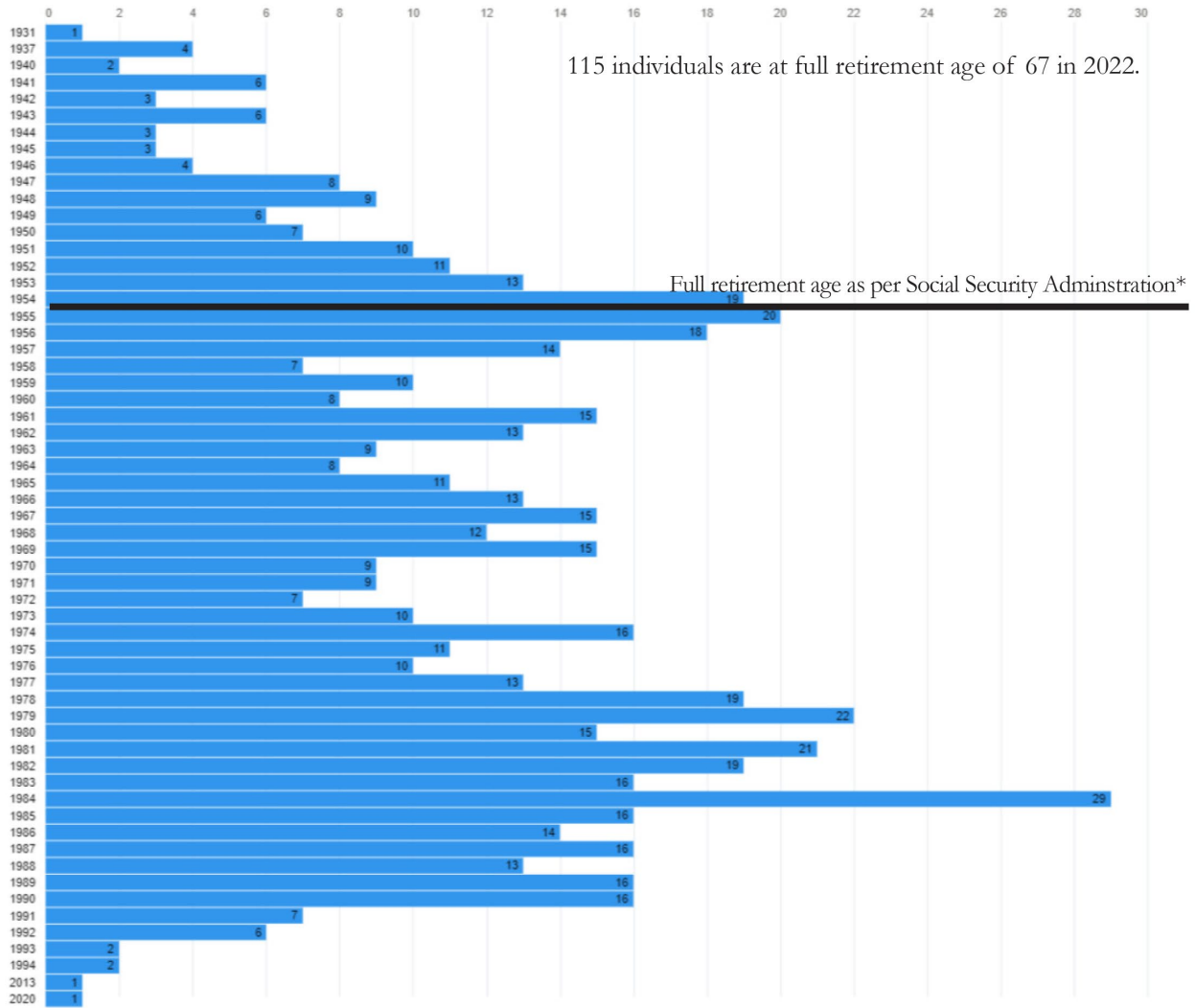


Figure 3. Active Psychologist Licenses by Birth Year



* According to the Social Security Administration “Full retirement age is the age when you can start receiving your full retirement benefit amount. The full retirement age is 66 if you were born from 1943 to 1954. The full retirement age increases gradually if you were born from 1955 to 1960, until it reaches 67. For anyone born 1960 or later, full retirement benefits are payable at age 67.”

Figure 4. Numerical Distribution of Active Psychological Licenses by ZIP code

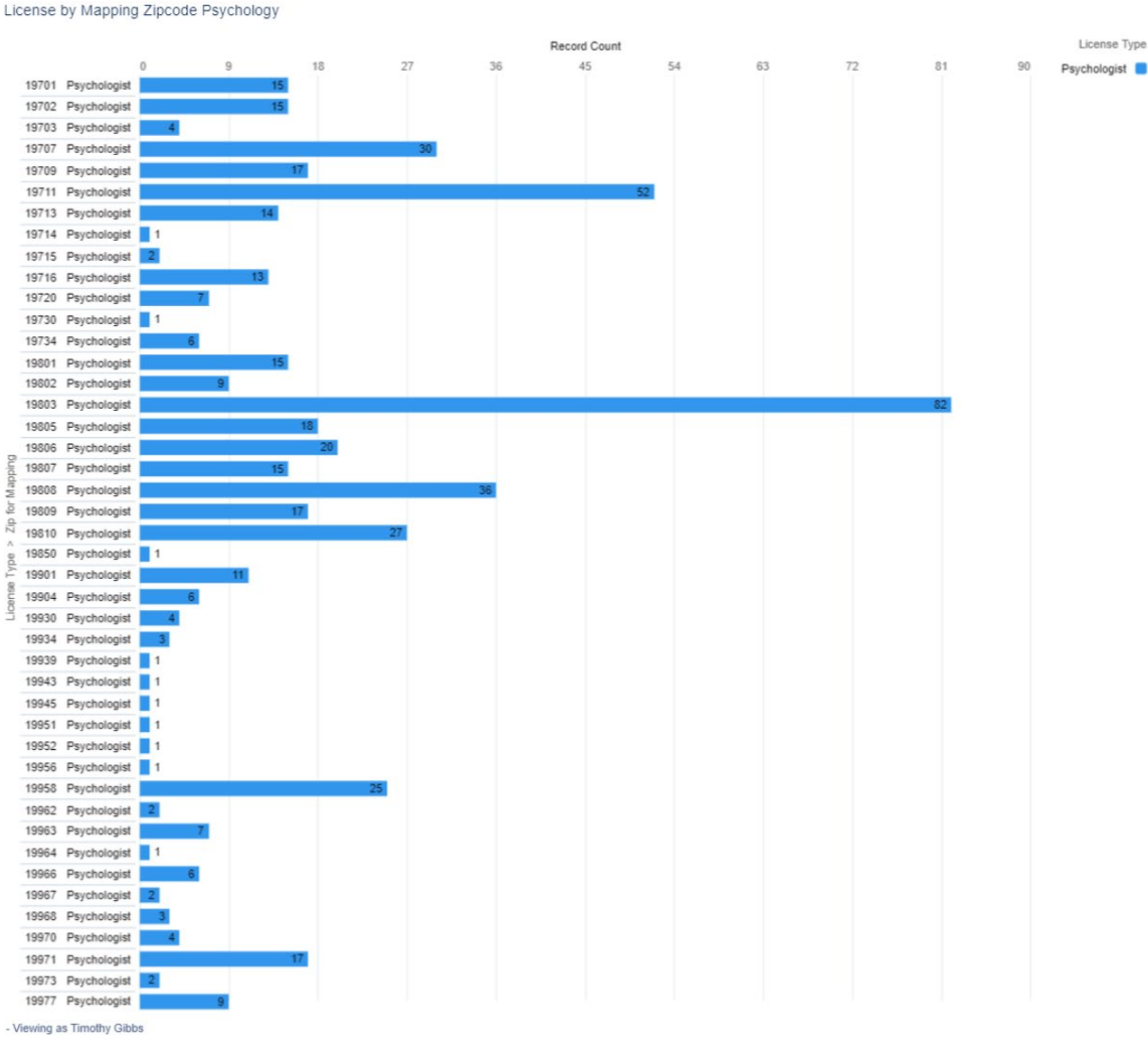


Figure 5 shows most, but not all, ZIP codes due to scaling limitations. Hot spots are employed to bring perspective to viewing the overall map and distribution of healthcare professionals and should not be interpreted as valuing value without referring to the numbers listed in the chart above.

Figure 5. Visual Distribution of Active Psychological Licenses by ZIP code

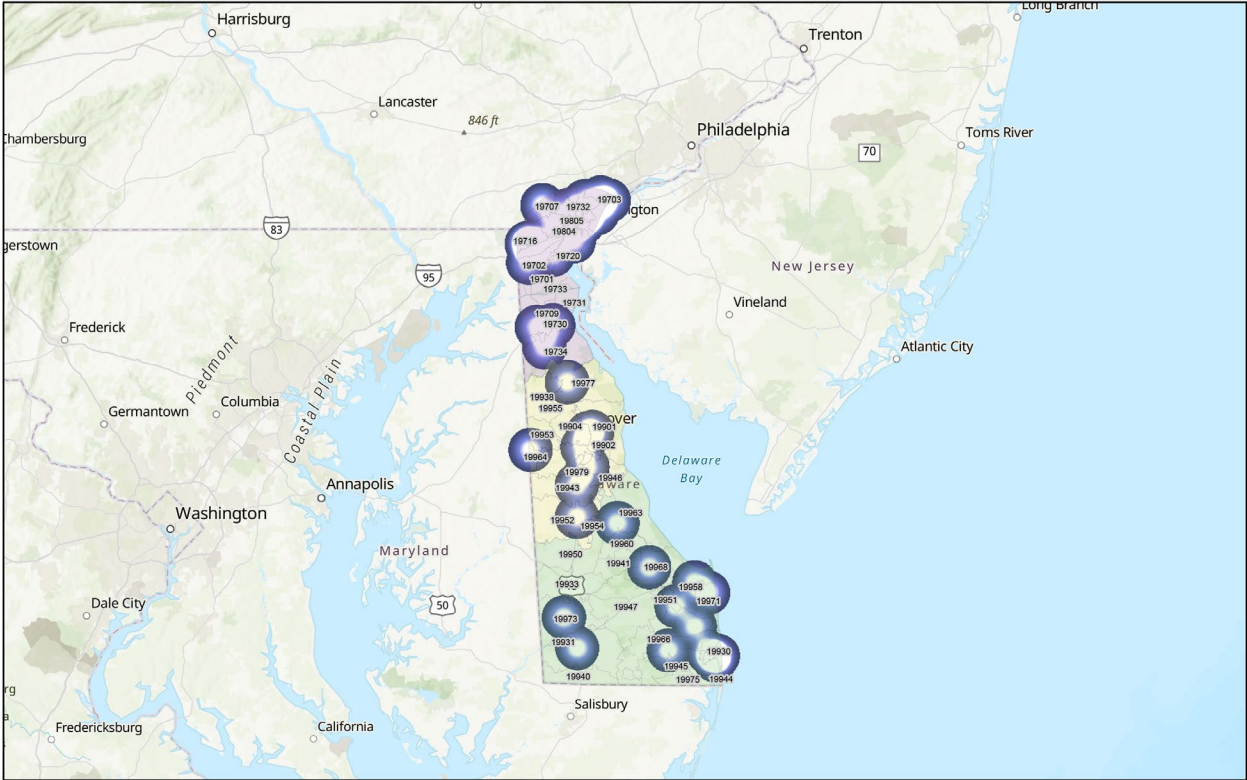


Figure 6. Numerical Distribution of Active Psychologist Assistant Licenses by ZIP code

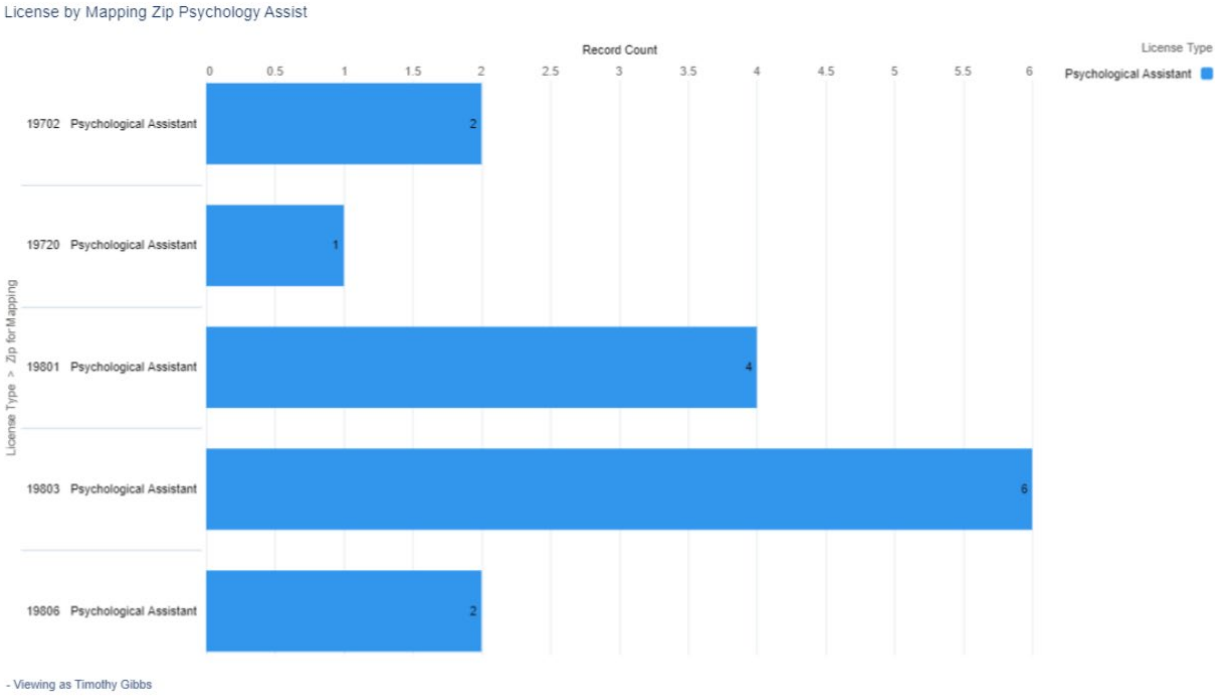
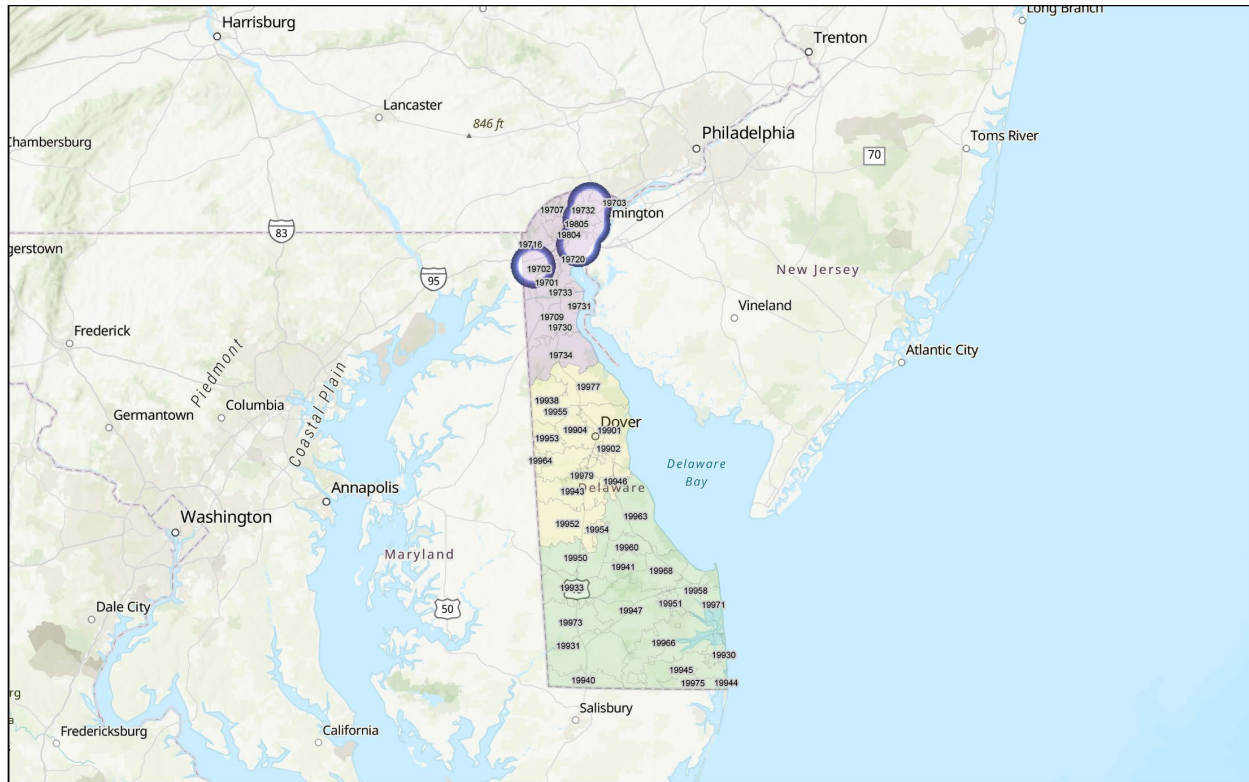


Figure 7 shows most, but not all, ZIP codes due to scaling limitations. Hot spots are employed to bring perspective to viewing the overall map and distribution of healthcare professionals and should not be interpreted as valuing value without referring to the numbers listed in the chart above.

Figure 7. Visual Distribution of Active Psychologist Assistant Licenses by ZIP code



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