

**EMPLOYMENT TRENDS TRACKED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION  
1996-2002**

**Number of Available Jobs, by Specialization**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Job Listings</b>							
Arts, Literature & Religion	9	10	7	7	5	2	4
Religions of Africa & Oceania	4	5	5	6	2	1	4
East Asian Religions	21	20	10	18	19	14	12
Early Christian Literature/New Testament	27	25	24	22	20	25	20
Ethics	16	11	5	20	11	11	10
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	27	20	14	15	18	21	15
History of Christianity/Church History	20	17	9	20	13	13	17
Islamic Studies	12	15	4	11	10	9	14
Judaic Studies	16	15	4	11	10	7	9
Practical Theology	8	2	1	12	5	5	9
Racial/Ethnic Studies in Religion	6	8	0	8	11	4	4
Religions of North American (Religions of North and South America 1996-1999)	13	10	4	18	5	8	10
Religions of South America and the Caribbean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	0	4
South Asian Religions	21	14	4	15	3	8	11
Social Scientific Study of Religion	6	3	0	8	17	4	4
Theology and Philosophy of Religion	27	27	5	26	19	28	26
Women's Studies in Religion	9	9	1	7	2	2	6
Other	22	15	5	19	11	8	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>200</b>

**Number of Applicants, by Specialization**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Avg
<b>Job Listings</b>								
Arts, Literature & Religion	12	7	9	8	25	41	45	<b>21</b>
Religions of Africa & Oceania	4	3	3	4	5	6	0	<b>3.57</b>
East Asian Religions	28	20	15	20	24	25	28	<b>22.86</b>
Early Christian Literature/New Testament	95	96	75	68	90	99	67	<b>84.29</b>
Ethics	65	63	40	39	76	75	65	<b>60.43</b>
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	88	58	76	67	71	70	58	<b>69.71</b>
History of Christianity/Church History	61	72	50	61	89	87	73	<b>70.43</b>
Islamic Studies	8	17	12	16	14	19	11	<b>13.86</b>
Judaic Studies	19	19	15	16	27	29	21	<b>20.86</b>
Practical Theology	10	10	4	10	24	29	29	<b>16.57</b>
Racial/Ethnic Studies in Religion	3	4	3	5	35	28	18	<b>13.71</b>
Religions of North American (Religions of North and South America 1996-1999)	20	22	16	31	24	34	30	<b>25.29</b>
Religions of South America and the Caribbean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	3	3	<b>2.33</b>
South Asian Religions	39	48	44	50	32	35	38	<b>40.86</b>
Social Scientific Study of Religion	14	16	13	15	39	38	42	<b>25.29</b>
Theology and Philosophy of Religion	123	119	97	86	137	144	142	<b>121.14</b>
Women's Studies in Religion	7	6	4	5	52	53	42	<b>24.14</b>
Other	6	5	12	18	59	62	59	<b>31.57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>37.11</b>

## Ratio of Advertised Positions to Candidates' Self-selected Classification

(see the next page for a chart comparing the ratios)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Job Listings</b>							
Arts, Literature & Religion	9:12	10:07	7:09	7:08	5:25	2:41	4:45
Religions of Africa & Oceania	4:04	5:03	5:03	6:04	2:05	1:06	4:00
East Asian Religions	21:28	20:20	10:15	18:20	19:24	14:25	12:28
Early Christian Literature/New Testament	27:95	25:96	24:75	0.9639	0.8958	25:99	0.8799
Ethics	0.7118	0.5021	5:40	20:39	0.5111	0.5104	0.4618
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	27:88	20:58	0.6361	0.6715	0.7993	0.9236	15:58
History of Christianity/Church History	0.8757	0.7583	9:50	0.8757	0.6035	0.6021	0.759
Islamic Studies	12:08	15:17	4:12	11:16	10:14	9:19	14:11
Judaic Studies	16:19	15:19	4:15	11:16	10:27	7:29	9:21
Practical Theology	8:10	2:10	1:04	12:10	5:24	5:29	9:29
Racial/Ethnic Studies in Religion	6:03	8:04	0:03	8:05	11:35	4:28	4:18
Religions of North American (Religions of North and South America 1996-1999)	13:20	10:22	4:16	18:31	5:24	8:34	10:30
Religions of South America and the Caribbean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3:01	0:03	4:03
South Asian Religions	21:39	14:48	4:44	15:50	3:32	8:35	11:38
Social Scientific Study of Religion	6:14	3:16	0:13	8:15	17:39	4:38	4:42
Theology and Philosophy of Religion	27:123	27:119	0.2757	26:86	0.8868	28:144	26:142
Women's Studies in Religion	9:07	9:06	1:04	7:05	2:52	2:53	6:42
Other	22:06	15:05	5:12	19:18	11:59	0.3764	21:59

Ratio of Advertised Positions to Candidates' Self-selected Classification Choices, Average 1996-2002

