

# ASPPB Disciplinary Data System: Historical Discipline Report

*Reported Disciplinary Actions for Psychologists: 1974 – 2019*

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Total Number of Reported Actions in the ASPPB Disciplinary Data System: 6,664

## Disciplinary Actions Taken Per Year (Past 5 Years)

Type of Sanction	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Total Reported Actions</b>	181	187	182	168	229
<b>Revocations</b>	13	18	16	14	12
<b>Suspensions</b>	30	26	15	16	36
<b>Probations</b>	51	38	37	40	46
<b>Reprimands</b>	42	35	40	30	48

Note: Each disciplinary action could contain multiple sanctions including other sanctions not listed such as supervision, mandatory continuing education, etc. Therefore, the total number of sanctions reported above does not equal the total number of disciplinary actions reported.

## Top 10 Reasons for Disciplinary Action

*Historical Information: Data Compiled From All DDS Entries*

Reason for Disciplinary Action	Number Disciplined
<i>Unprofessional Conduct</i>	1040
<i>Sexual Misconduct</i>	997
<i>Negligence</i>	736
<i>Non-Sexual Dual Relationship</i>	649
<i>Conviction of Crime</i>	565
<i>Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records</i>	441
<i>Failure to Comply with Continuing Education or Competency Requirements</i>	398
<i>Incompetence</i>	368
<i>Improper or Inadequate Supervision or Delegation</i>	315
<i>Substandard or Inadequate Care</i>	293
<i>Other (the combined total of the 76 remaining reasons)</i>	4625

Note: Based on the 6,664 total reports of disciplinary action submitted to the ASPPB Disciplinary Data System. Each action could contain multiple reasons for discipline such that the total number of reasons reported far exceeds the total number of actions.

## Top 10 Disciplinary Reasons by Year

Reason for Disciplinary Action	Number Disciplined
<b>2019</b>	
Unprofessional Conduct	30
Negligence	24
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	22
Conviction of Crime	18
Practicing without a License	18
Incompetence	12
Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse	11
Licensure Revocation, Suspension, or Other Disciplinary Action Taken by Federal, State, or Local Licensing Authority	10
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	10
Sexual Misconduct	9

<b>2018</b>	
Unprofessional Conduct	28
Negligence	21
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	18
Sexual Misconduct	18
Incompetence	13
Conviction of Crime	13
Violation of or Failure to Comply with Licensing Board Order	13
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship	11
Fraud, Deceit, or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Renewal	10
Substandard Testing/Assessment Procedures	9

<b>2017</b>	
Negligence	31
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	24
Unprofessional Conduct	22
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship	17
Conviction of Crime	15
Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse	13
Incompetence	13
Sexual Misconduct	13
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	10
Violation of or Failure to Comply with Licensing Board Order	9

**Top 10 Disciplinary Reasons by Year (Continued)**

<b>Reason for Disciplinary Action</b>	<b>Number Disciplined</b>
<b>2016</b>	
Negligence	27
Conviction of Crime	21
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	21
Unprofessional Conduct	18
Sexual Misconduct	18
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship or Boundary Violation	13
Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse	12
Violation of or Failure to Comply with Licensing Board Order	8
Licensure Revocation, Suspension, or Other Disciplinary Action Taken by Federal, State, or Local Licensing Authority	8
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	8

<b>2015</b>	
Negligence	41
Failure to Comply w/ Continuing Education or Competency Requirements	36
Sexual Misconduct	29
Conviction of Crime	26
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	25
Unprofessional Conduct	18
Incompetence	17
Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse	13
Practicing without a License	10
Fraud, Deceit or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Renewal	9