

# ASPPB Disciplinary Data System: Historical Discipline Report

*Reported Disciplinary Actions for Psychologists: 1974 – 2023*

Total Number of Reported Actions in the ASPPB Disciplinary Data System: 7,329

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

Type of Sanction	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Reported Actions</b>	115	163	107	154	187
<b>Revocations</b>	18	23	9	14	14
<b>Suspensions</b>	16	19	11	18	30
<b>Probations</b>	8	16	23	42	52
<b>Reprimands</b>	8	10	28	36	44

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*

<b>Reason for Disciplinary Action</b>	<b>Number Disciplined</b>
<i>Unprofessional Conduct</i>	1140
<i>Sexual Misconduct</i>	1040
<i>Negligence</i>	832
<i>Non-Sexual Dual Relationship</i>	712
<i>Conviction of Crime</i>	601
<i>Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records</i>	485
<i>Failure to Comply with Continuing Education or Competency Requirements</i>	432
<i>Incompetence</i>	396
<i>Improper or Inadequate Supervision or Delegation</i>	324
<i>Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules</i>	333
<i>Other (the combined total of the 76 remaining reasons)</i>	5315

Note: Based on the 7,329 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>2023</b>	
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship or Boundary Violation	16
Negligence	14
Unprofessional Conduct	12
Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse	9
Conflict of Interest	7
Sexual Misconduct	7
Practicing without a License	7
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	7
Violation of Failure to Comply with Licensing Board Order	7
Incompetence	6
Reason for Disciplinary Action	Number Disciplined
<b>2022</b>	
Negligence	23
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship or Boundary Violation	17
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	17
Unprofessional Conduct	15
Conviction of Crime	12
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	12
Breach of Confidentiality	11
Failure to Comply with Continuing Education or Competency Requirements	10
Substandard Testing/Assessment Procedures	9
Fraud, Deceit or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Renewal	8
Reason for Disciplinary Action	Number Disciplined
<b>2021</b>	
Unprofessional Conduct	32
Negligence	27
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	22
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship or Boundary Violation	12
Sexual Misconduct	11
Conflict of Interest	7
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	7
Professional Opinion/Testimony without Adequate Foundation	6
Practicing Beyond Scope of Practice	6

<b>Reason for Disciplinary Action</b>	<b>Number Disciplined</b>
<b>2020</b>	
Negligence	27
Unprofessional Conduct	23
Violation of Federal or State Statutes, Regulations or Rules	20
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	14
Conviction of Crime	13
Failure to Comply with Continuing Education or Competency Requirements	12
Sexual Misconduct	11
Allowing or Aiding Unlicensed Practice	9
Non-Sexual Dual Relationship or Boundary Violation	9
Incompetence	8
<b>Reason for Disciplinary Action</b>	<b>Number Disciplined</b>
<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	11
Failure to Maintain Adequate or Accurate Records	10
Sexual Misconduct	9
<b>Reason for Disciplinary Action</b>	<b>Number Disciplined</b>
<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
Substandard Testing/Assessment Procedures	10
Fraud, Deceit, or Material Omission in Obtaining License or Renewal	9

<b>Reason for Disciplinary Action</b>	<b>Number Disciplined</b>
<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
License Revocation, Suspension, or Other Disciplinary Action Taken by Federal, State or Local Licensing Authority	9