

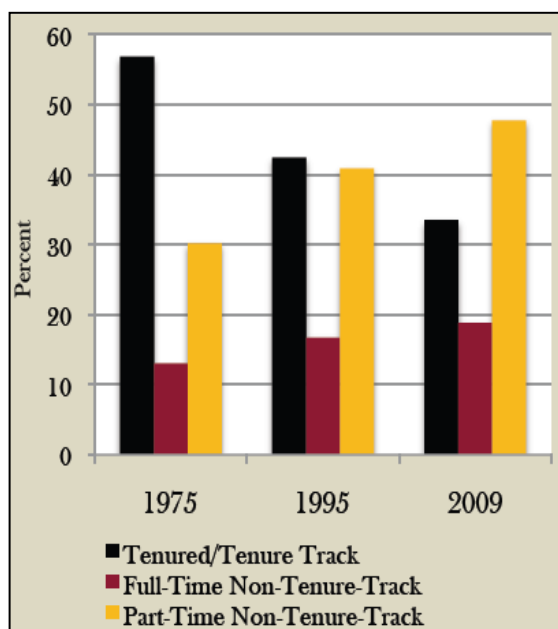
## UPCOMING ISSUES

- 1 September – Undergraduate Profile
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## University Adjuncts

This C-Brief provides data about university adjuncts. The three documents referenced include the Coalition on the Academic Workforce’s [A Portrait of Part-Time Faculty Members](#), NCA’s [Analysis of Faculty Teaching Positions Advertised 2005-2010](#), and the Delphi Project on [The Changing Faculty and Student Success](#).

The data below indicates the prominence of adjunct faculty across all disciplines (fig. 2). The number of communication non tenure/tenure-track positions advertised between 2005-2010 made up 17% of all communication faculty positions advertised (fig. 3). Overall, the growth of part-time non-tenure-track faculty increased roughly 15% from 1975 to 2009 while the tenured/tenure track decreased roughly 20% (fig. 1).



**Figure 1: Composition of Faculty with Instructional Roles Among Non-Profit Colleges;**  
Source: Delphi Project: *The Changing Faculty and Student Success*

**Figure 2: Part-Time Faculty by Primary Academic Specialization**

Specialization	Number	Percentage
Business	491	4.8%
Communications	321	3.1%
Computer Sciences	176	1.7%
Engineering	93	9.0%
English Language & Literature	1678	16.4%
Humanities	187	1.8%
Political Science	140	1.4%
Social Sciences	68	7.0%
Sociology	202	2.0%

\*based on total respondents (N=10,331)

Source: Coalition on the Academic Workforce, *A Portrait of Part-Time Faculty Members*

**Figure 3: Academic Ranks Advertised, 2005-2010**

Rank	Position Advertised	% of all positions advertised
Adjunct	42	1.3%
Instructor/Lecturer	345	10.7%
Visiting	162	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>17.0%</b>

\*based on total positions advertised (N=3,328) from 2005-2010

Source: NCA’s *Analysis of Faculty Teaching Positions Advertised 2005-2010*