Study objectives:
1. Describe the modal characteristics of research administrators
2. Show how modal characteristics have transitioned over time
3. Identify potential areas of concern for the profession

RA Demographic Profile Studies

Figure 1. Job category comparisons of sample populations show study similarity.

Figure 2. Descriptions of the four major RA studies.

Figure 3. Research administrators have gone from almost exclusively male to almost exclusively female over time.

Figure 4. The number of RAs with Master’s degrees is on a statistically significant upward trajectory.

Figure 5. The percentage of RAs making less than $50K per year has decreased while RAs making >$75K and >$100K has increased during an economic period when median salaries in the United States have remained essentially flat (BLS, 2014).

Figure 6. Overall, this indicates a trend toward an aging of the overall occupational group. The 60 plus age group is the fastest growing and the 40-49 age group is the fastest declining.

Figure 7. The percentage of RAs in the lower years of experience group is declining while higher years experience is increasing.

Figure 8. Acquisition of the CRA credential has almost doubled every five years.

Figure 9. The RA profession is a rapidly transitioning field with a change in every variable since the first study in 1968.