Highlights of 2009-2010 Recruitment Cycle

Positions Under Recruitment

During the 2009-2010 academic recruitment cycle, the total number of positions under recruitment by all mathematics departments combined was 1,081. This number is down 26% from the 2008-2009 total and down 46% from the 2007-2008 total.

The percentage decline in (full-time) positions under recruitment varied significantly among the various reporting groups. There was a 6% decline for the doctoral math departments combined, a 14% decline for masters mathematics departments (Group M) and a 43% decline for bachelors mathematics departments (Group B). Similarly, the decline in tenure-track positions under recruitment for these same department groupings was 25%, 27% and 44% respectively.

Positions Filled

A total of 960 positions were filled during the 2009-2010 academic cycle by all mathematics departments combined. This total is down 25% from the 2008-2009 total and down 47% from the 2007-2008 total.

The decline in positions filled for fall 2010 also varied widely among the various reporting groups. For the doctoral mathematics departments combined, the number of positions filled was 458, unchanged from the fall 2009 count. For Group M the count was 135, down 11% from fall 2009, and for Group B the count was 367, down 45% from fall 2009.

The total tenure-track positions filled during the 2009-2010 academic cycle by all mathematics departments combined was 479, down 33% from the 2008-2009 total of 710. This total is down 51% from the 2007-2008 figure of 978, the highest total over the past ten years.

This survey is part of the Annual Survey of the Mathematical Sciences. All 2010 numbers are estimates based on an overall response rate of 53% from the 1369 departments that received the survey (via email) in September 2010.

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