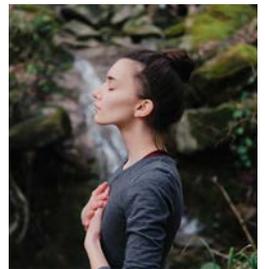


Oregon Psilocybin Services Section Community Interest Survey Findings: 2022 Report

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Background

Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) is a new section housed within the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division's Center for Health Protection. The Oregon Psilocybin Services Section will implement Ballot Measure 109 (M109), which was passed in November 2020 and directs the Oregon Health Authority to license and regulate the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale, and purchase of psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services over a two-year development period, from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Oregon is the first and only state in the U.S. that is currently implementing a psilocybin services program.

During the development period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, OHA will work with the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board (OPAB), Rules Advisory Committees and members of the public to establish rules and regulations for the implementation of M109 and the use of psilocybin products and services. OHA will begin accepting applications for licensure beginning January 2, 2023.

OPS is committed to health equity and working toward the Oregon Health Authority's strategic goal of eliminating health inequities in Oregon. OPS is working to better understand ways to address equity issues within its statutory authorities. Under M109, OPS is unable to regulate the costs of training programs, psilocybin products, or psilocybin services. Licensees and training programs will determine the cost of their services. OPS will continue working to ensure that psilocybin services become and remain a safe and accessible option for all persons 21 years of age and older and for whom psilocybin may be appropriate.

It is important to note that the use, sale, and possession of psilocybin in the United States is still illegal under federal law and also still illegal in Oregon outside of facilities licensed by the Oregon Psilocybin Services Section.

OPS conducted a survey to better understand community interest in accessing psilocybin services, in applying for licensure for one of the four license types, and in training program approval. In addition, the OPS is interested in better understanding the demographics of people interested in seeking psilocybin services, interested in training program approval, and interested in the different license types. This data will help OPS prepare for license and compliance work beginning in 2023.

Methods

Survey development began in August 2021 using draft questions created by the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board's Training Subcommittee and approved by the full board. The survey was reviewed by Oregon Health Authority's Science and Epidemiology Council. The Council determined that the survey qualified for classification as 'public health practice' rather than 'research'. Various agency partners were consulted throughout the survey development process to ensure that the survey met agency standards, including the Oregon Health Authority Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI), Program Design and Evaluation Services (PDES), Public Health Division Operations, DHS-OHA Publications and Creative Services, and Oregon Health Authority Communications. Once survey development concluded, the survey was translated into five languages: Spanish, Russian, Somali, Simple Chinese, and Vietnamese.



The survey was made available to the public January 7, 2022. A non-probability voluntary sampling method was used. Survey links were distributed via press release, OHA distribution lists, partner distribution lists, and posted onto the Oregon Psilocybin Services website. The survey was open for four weeks and closed on February 6, 2022.

Data cleaning and analysis were performed in R (v 4.1.1) and Excel. Final figures and tables were created in Excel. All socio-demographic counts less than 16 were suppressed for confidentiality. Preferred language was not suppressed at less than 16 counts due to aggregation.

Limitations



OPS is still in its development phase for the implementation of M109, and all rules will be adopted by December 31, 2022. This report provides preliminary survey results one year in advance of accepting applications for licensure but does not provide data on how many survey respondents will qualify for licensure. We assume that these numbers will change as we continue to prepare for January 2, 2023, when OPS will begin accepting applications for licensure.

This survey is limited by its cross-sectional design. The data were collected using a non-probability sample, so the results of this survey cannot be generalized. Furthermore, there is no way to assess response biases. Some data were suppressed to protect confidentiality due to granularity. Despite these limitations, the Oregon Psilocybin Services Community Interest Survey provides integral information about those interested psilocybin services, interested in training program approval, and interested in the various license types.

Results

Overall, 4,421 people participated in this survey. Of those, 4,162 (94%) were interested in accessing services, 660 (15%) were interested in training program approval, 1,613 (36%) were interested in facilitator licensure, 982 (22%) were interested in manufacturer licensure, 903 (20%) were interested in service center licensure, and 226 (5%) were interested in testing lab licensure. All further analyses were conducted on subsets of those meeting eligibility criteria set forth by M109 for the respective categories.

Accessing services (n = 4,162)

Of the 4,162 respondents interested in accessing psilocybin services, 100 percent responded that they were 21 years of age or older. The demographic breakdown of those interested in and eligible for accessing services can be found in Table 1. Most respondents interested in accessing services listed “General well-being” (3,004) as their reason for seeking psilocybin services, followed by “Depression” (2,687) and “Anxiety” (2,687) (Figure 1). Eighty-nine percent of those who indicated interest in accessing services live in Oregon. Most respondents stated that they were from Multnomah County (Table 2). Overall, 99.4 percent of respondents were residents of the United States.

Training programs (n = 660)

Of those who indicated interest in having their facilitator training program approved by OHA, 85.9 percent intend to base their business in Oregon, followed by 13.3 percent in the United States/U.S. territories, and 0.01 percent outside of the United States. Most responses indicated a plan to offer a training program in-person in Oregon (61.5 percent), followed by online (20.4 percent), unknown (13.0 percent), in-person outside of Oregon (4.5 percent), and in person outside of the U.S./U.S. territories (0.04 percent). The demographic breakdown of interested in training program approval by OHA can be found in Table 3.

In total, 34.1 percent of training programs who responded to this survey intend to offer the training program to Oregon residents only, followed by 37.9 percent unknown, and 28.0 percent who do not intend to offer a training program to Oregon residents only.

The majority of training programs stated intent to recruit trainers in Oregon (458), followed by online (266), other locations in the U.S./U.S. territories (193), unknown (175), and outside the U.S./U.S. territories (57). The most selected category for who the programs intended to recruit as trainers was licensed mental health professionals (424), and the most selected category for who the programs intended to recruit as students was licensed mental health professionals (351) (Figure 2).

The majority of programs selected “Unknown” (35.6 percent) when asked what percentage of training they intend to offer online, followed by “About half” (27.1), “Less than half” (19.2 percent), then “More than half” (18.0). English was the most selected (435) language intended to offer training program in, followed by Spanish (104). Most training programs (52.2 percent) stated that they have capacity to have less than ten students in the first cohort, followed by ten to twenty students (21.5 percent). About 69 percent responded that they “Have not yet started” curriculum design.

Facilitator License (n = 1,613)

Of those interested in facilitator licensure, 99.8 percent of respondents reported that they met the eligibility criteria set forth in M109. Around 35 percent of respondents interested in applying for a facilitator license stated that they have a graduate degree (Figure 3). About 73.2 percent of respondents plan on attending a facilitator training program in Oregon. Most respondents (49.1 percent) would like to attend a hybrid training program, followed by online (20.7 percent), in-person (17.0 percent), and unknown (13.2 percent). The demographic breakdown of those interested in and eligible for facilitator licensure can be found in Table 4.

Manufacturer License (n = 982)

Of those interested in manufacturer licensure, 76.9 percent of respondents reported that they met the eligibility criteria set forth in M109. Around 56.2 percent of respondents interested in applying for a manufacturer license stated that they intend to operate as an LLC, followed by unknown (25.3 percent), sole proprietor (14.4 percent), and as a legal entity other than an LLC (4.1 percent). About 75.6 percent of those interested in a manufacturer license stated that they intend to hire less than ten employees. The demographic breakdown of those interested in and eligible for manufacturer licensure can be found in Table 5.

Service Center License (n = 903)

Of those interested in service center licensure, 78.6 percent of respondents reported that they met the eligibility criteria set forth in M109. About 52.5 percent of respondents interested in applying for a service center license stated that they intend to operate as an LLC, followed by unknown (27.7 percent), sole proprietor (13.5 percent), and legal entity other than an LLC (6.2 percent). About 76.6 percent of those interested in a service center license stated that they intend to hire less than ten employees. The demographic breakdown of those interested in and eligible for service center licensure can be found in Table 6.

Testing Lab License (n = 226)

Of the 226 interested in testing lab licensure, 210 (92.9 percent) intend to become accredited by the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. The demographic breakdown of those interested in testing lab licensure can be found in Table 7.

Looking ahead



There are multiple ways to stay informed and engaged in the program development phase of Oregon Psilocybin Services:

- Sign up for the mailing list by going to oregon.gov/psilocybin and clicking on [Sign Up for Updates](#)
- All [Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board and subcommittee meetings](#) are open to the public and continue to offer public comment periods at the end of meetings.
- All [Rules Advisory Committee \(RAC\) meetings](#) are open to the public. The Public Comment Period on proposed rules related to products, testing, and training programs will be between April 1-22, 2022. Public hearings will take place on Monday, April 18th at 5pm and Thursday, April 21st at 10am. Additional RAC meetings will be held in September of 2022 to address remaining rules, with another Public Comment Period in November of 2022.
- [Public Listening Sessions](#) will be scheduled in the summer of 2022. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and share their feedback on the development of this work.

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Oregon Psilocybin Services would like to thank our advisory board members, partners, community members across the state of Oregon, and members of the public for participating in the Community Interest Survey. We deeply appreciate the collaboration and partnership as we implement the Oregon Psilocybin Services Act (M109).

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Appendix A

Table 1. Characteristics of those interested in accessing psilocybin services

Race - no. (%)	Total (N = 4,162)
Western European	1,371 (32.9)
Other White	1,112 (26.7)
Don't want to answer	367 (8.8)
Eastern European	135 (3.2)
Western European & Other White	94 (2.3)
Other	82 (2.0)
Don't know	61 (1.5)
Eastern European & Western European	43 (1.0)
Mexican	42 (1.0)
American Indian	34 (0.8)
Other White & Western European	33 (0.8)
Western European & Eastern European	32 (0.8)
Other Hispanic or Latino/a/x	30 (0.7)
Western European & American Indian	30 (0.7)
Eastern European & Other White	25 (0.6)
Slavic	23 (0.6)
African American	19 (0.5)
Central American	16 (0.4)
Middle Eastern	16 (0.4)
Other Hispanic or Latino/a/x & Other White	16 (0.4)
Suppressed	531 (12.8)
Missing	50 (1.2)
Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 4,162)
Man	1,786 (42.9)
Woman	1,737 (41.7)
Non-binary	182 (4.4)
Feminine leaning	128 (3.1)
I don't want to answer	92 (2.2)
Masculine leaning	91 (2.2)
Not listed	36 (0.9)
Agender or no gender	25 (0.6)
I don't know what this question is asking	18 (0.4)

Continued: Table 1. Characteristics of those interested in accessing psilocybin services

Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 4,162)
Questioning	18 (0.4)
Suppressed	9 (0.2)
Missing	40 (1.0)
Sexual orientation - no. (%)	Total (N = 4,162)
Straight [attracted primarily or only to other gender(s)]	2,578 (61.9)
Bisexual	378 (9.1)
I don't want to answer	295 (7.1)
Pansexual	214 (5.1)
Queer	206 (4.9)
Gay	98 (2.4)
Same-gender loving	79 (1.9)
Lesbian	73 (1.8)
Asexual	46 (1.1)
I don't know what this question is asking	40 (1.0)
Questioning	32 (0.8)
Not listed	30 (0.7)
Don't know	26 (0.6)
Suppressed	0 (0.0)
Missing	67 (1.6)
Preferred language (to use) - no. (%)	Total (N = 4,162)
English	4,108 (98.7)
Language other than English	54 (1.3)
Disability	Total (N = 4,162)
Yes	912 (21.9)
No	3,179 (76.4)
Missing	71 (1.7)

Table 2. Count and % of those interested in accessing psilocybin services in Oregon by county*

County - no. (%)	Total (N = 3,622)	County - no. (%)	Total (N = 3,622)
Baker	--	Lake	--
Benton	121 (3.3)	Lane	358 (9.7)
Clackamas	273 (7.4)	Lincoln	42 (1.1)
Clatsop	35 (0.9)	Linn	63 (1.7)
Columbia	31 (0.8)	Malheur	--
Coos	31 (0.8)	Marion	167 (4.5)
Crook	--	Morrow	--
Curry	24 (0.6)	Multnomah	1,433 (38.7)
Deschutes	217 (5.9)	Polk	40 (1.1)
Douglas	37 (1.0)	Sherman	--
Gilliam	--	Tillamook	17 (0.5)
Grant	--	Umatilla	17 (0.5)
Harney	--	Union	--
Hood River	28 (0.8)	Wallowa	--
Jackson	186 (5.0)	Wasco	--
Jefferson	--	Washington	378 (10.2)
Josephine	45 (1.2)	Wheeler	--
Klamath	25 (0.7)	Yamhill	54 (1.5)

*Suppressed/missing data represented by --.

Table 3. Characteristics of those interested in training program approval from OHA

Race - no. (%)	Total (N = 660)
Other White	159 (24.1)
Western European	154 (23.3)
Don't want to answer	82 (12.4)
Other	23 (3.5)
Eastern European	21 (3.2)
Suppressed	210 (31.8)
Missing	11 (1.7)
Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 660)
Man	285 (43.2)
Woman	251 (38.0)
Non-binary	29 (4.4)
I don't want to answer	24 (3.6)
Feminine leaning	18 (2.7)
Suppressed	45 (6.8)
Missing	8 (1.2)

Continued: Table 3. Characteristics of those interested in training program approval from OHA

Sexual orientation - no. (%)	Total (N = 660)
Straight [attracted primarily or only to other gender(s)]	378 (57.3)
I don't want to answer	76 (11.5)
Bisexual	45 (6.8)
Pansexual	32 (4.8)
Queer	28 (4.2)
Gay	20 (3.0)
Same-gender loving	19 (2.9)
Suppressed	49 (7.4)
Missing	13 (2.0)
Preferred language (to use) - no. (%)	Total (N = 660)
English	651 (98.6)
Language other than English	9 (1.4)
Disability	Total (N = 660)
Yes	113 (17.1)
No	535 (81.1)
Missing	12 (1.8)

Table 4. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a facilitator license

Race - no. (%)	Total (N = 1,610)
Western European	466 (28.9)
Other White	386 (24.0)
Don't want to answer	154 (9.6)
Eastern European	63 (3.9)
Other	39 (2.4)
Western European & Other White	37 (2.3)
Don't know	19 (1.2)
Eastern European & Western European	18 (1.1)
Mexican	17 (1.1)
Other White & Western European;	17 (1.1)
Western European & Eastern European	16 (1.0)
Suppressed	353 (21.9)
Missing	25 (1.6)
Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 1,610)
Man	655 (40.7)
Woman	639 (39.7)
Non-binary	98 (6.1)
Feminine leaning	65 (4.0)
I don't want to answer	45 (2.8)
Masculine leaning	38 (2.4)

Continued: Table 4. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a facilitator license

Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 1,610)
Not listed	20 (1.2)
Suppressed	30 (1.9)
Missing	20 (1.2)
Sexual orientation - no. (%)	Total (N = 1,610)
Straight [attracted primarily or only to other gender(s)]	921 (57.2)
I don't want to answer	149 (9.3)
Bisexual	127 (7.9)
Pansexual	112 (7.0)
Queer	108 (6.7)
Gay	33 (2.0)
Same-gender loving	32 (2.0)
Lesbian	24 (1.5)
I don't know what this question is asking	19 (1.2)
Asexual	16 (1.0)
Suppressed	40 (2.5)
Missing	29 (1.8)
Preferred language (to use) - no. (%)	Total (N = 1,610)
English	1,585 (98.4)
Language other than English	11 (0.7)
Missing	14 (0.9)
Disability	Total (N = 1,610)
Yes	256 (15.9)
No	1,324 (82.2)
Missing	30 (1.9)

Table 5. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a manufacturer license

Race - no. (%)	Total (N = 755)
Other White	201 (26.6)
Western European	161 (21.3)
Don't want to answer	109 (14.4)
Other	26 (3.4)
Suppressed	247 (32.7)
Missing	11 (1.5)
Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 755)
Man	407 (53.9)
Woman	193 (25.6)
I don't want to answer	42 (5.6)
Non-binary	31 (4.1)

Continued: Table 5. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a manufacturer license

Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 755)
Feminine leaning	19 (2.5)
Masculine leaning	16 (2.1)
Suppressed	35 (4.6)
Missing	12 (1.6)
Sexual orientation - no. (%)	Total (N = 755)
Straight [attracted primarily or only to other gender(s)]	445 (58.9)
I don't want to answer	107 (14.2)
Pansexual	41 (5.4)
Bisexual	40 (5.3)
Queer	34 (4.5)
Suppressed	73 (9.7)
Missing	15 (2.0)
Preferred language (to use) - no. (%)	Total (N = 755)
English	736 (97.5)
Language other than English	6 (0.8)
Missing	13 (1.7)
Disability	Total (N = 755)
Yes	141 (18.7)
No	596 (78.9)
Missing	18 (2.4)

Table 6. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a service center license

Race - no. (%)	Total (N = 710)
Western European	209 (29.4)
Other White	165 (23.2)
Don't want to answer	76 (10.7)
Eastern European	27 (3.8)
Other	19 (2.7)
Suppressed	203 (28.6)
Missing	11 (1.5)
Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 710)
Man	304 (42.8)
Woman	274 (38.6)
Non-binary	37 (5.2)
I don't want to answer	27 (3.8)
Feminine leaning	24 (3.4)
Suppressed	38 (5.4)
Missing	6 (0.8)

Continued: Table 6. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a service center license

Sexual orientation - no. (%)	Total (N = 710)
Straight [attracted primarily or only to other gender(s)]	411 (57.9)
I don't want to answer	81 (11.4)
Bisexual	51 (7.2)
Queer	46 (6.5)
Pansexual	44 (6.2)
Suppressed	66 (9.3)
Missing	11 (1.5)
Preferred language (to use) - no. (%)	Total (N = 710)
English	699 (98.4)
Language other than English	3 (0.4)
Missing	8 (1.1)
Disability	Total (N = 710)
Yes	113 (15.9)
No	586 (82.5)
Missing	11 (1.5)

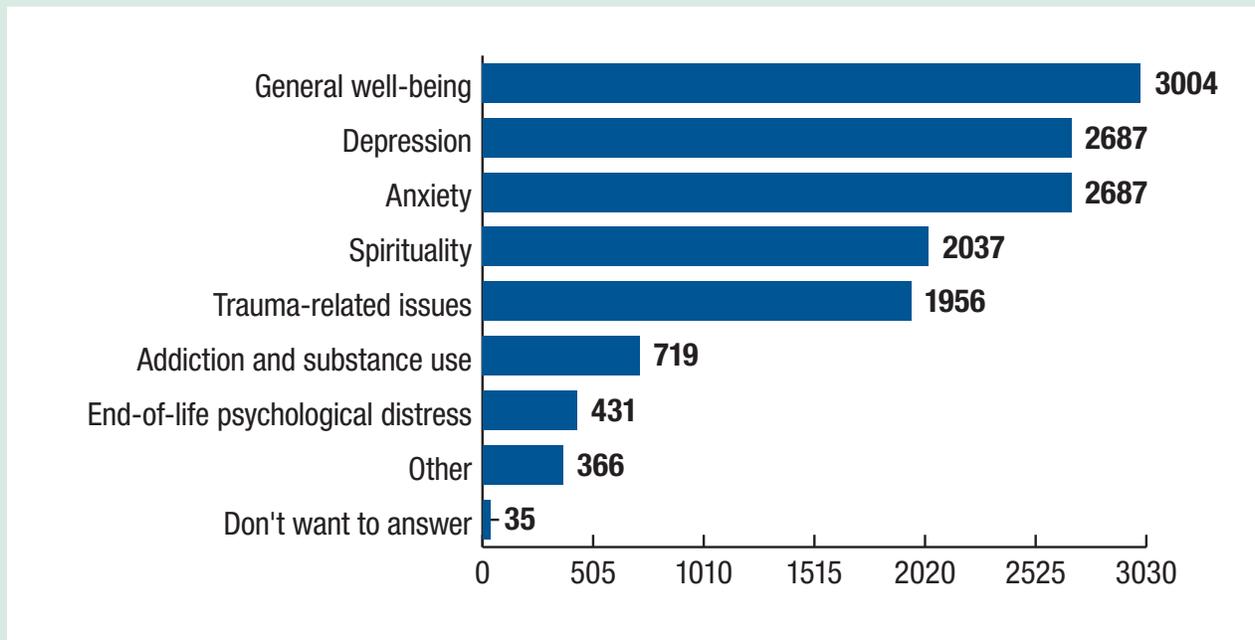
Table 7. Characteristics of those interested in applying for a testing lab license

Race - no. (%)	Total (N = 210)
Other White	44 (21.0)
Western European	44 (21.0)
Don't want to answer	35 (16.7)
Missing	5 (2.4)
Suppressed	82 (39.0)
Gender - no. (%)	Total (N = 210)
Man	106 (50.5)
Woman	50 (23.8)
Suppressed	51 (24.3)
Missing	3 (1.4)
Sexual orientation - no. (%)	Total (N = 210)
Straight [attracted primarily or only to other gender(s)]	109 (51.9)
I don't want to answer	35 (16.7)
Bisexual	18 (8.6)
Suppressed	43 (20.5)
Missing	5 (2.4)

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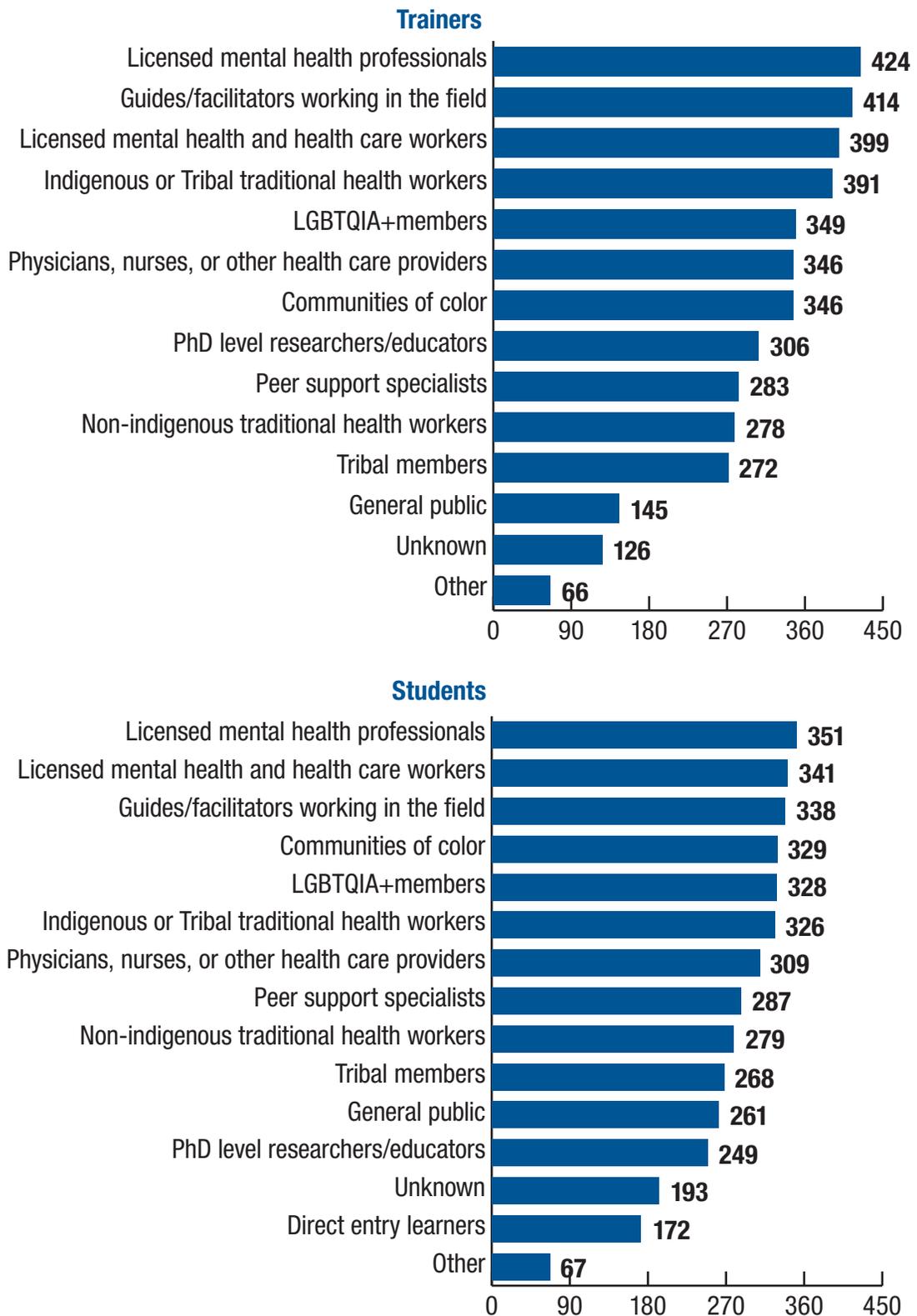
Preferred language (to use) - no. (%)	Total (N = 210)
English	204 (97.1)
Language other than English	3 (1.4)
Missing	3 (1.4)
Disability	Total (N = 210)
Yes	42 (20.0)
No	165 (78.6)
Missing	3 (1.4)

Figure 1. Bar plot of reasons of interest for accessing psilocybin services by count (N = 4,162*)



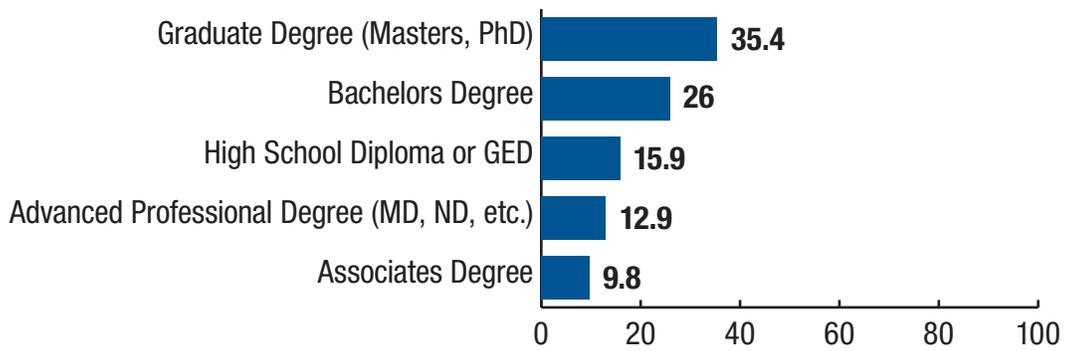
*Total count greater than 4,162 due to selection of more than one answer

Figure 2. Bar plots of trainer and student populations that training programs intend to recruit by count (N = 660*)



*Total count greater than 660 due to selection of more than one answer

Figure 3. Bar plot of level of education for those interested in applying for a facilitator license (%) (N = 1,610)





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