

Women in Linguistics: Survey Results

LSA Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics

1. The Studies (see end for information)

Year	Author(s)	# Responses
1983	Patti Jo Price	123
1989	A. Davison, W. Cichocki, D. Silva	108
1995	David Silva	52
2003	Paula Kempchinsky	42

2. Who Studies Linguistics? (% Women)

Study	MA Students	PhD Students
1983	65% 923/1420	56% 633/1130
1989	65% 1491/2296	56% 482/854
1995	66% 815/1232	56% 186/333
2003*	67% 270/401	56% 242/430

* *Of the 42 responses to the 2003 survey, only 36 contained information on student enrollment and degrees awarded*

3. Who Receives Degrees in Linguistics? (% Women)

Year	BA	MA	PhD
1993-1994	72% 187/258	73% 240/329	50% 38/76
2002-2003	77% 146/190	67% 270/401	62% 38/61

4. Who Has Jobs in Linguistics? (% Women)

Study	Asst. Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Full Prof.
1983	44%* 101/230	21% 64/299	12% 44/367
1989	43%** 74/173	40% 80/200	17% 46/273
1995	59%** 54/92	44% 54/124	25% 42/166
2003	54%** 49/91	47% 64/136	38% 61/162

* *includes non tenure-track assistant professors*

** *includes only tenure-track assistant professors*

Information on the studies

The Price (1983) study and the Davison, Cichocki & Silva (1989) study can be found in *The Cornell Lectures: Women in the Linguistics Profession* (ed. A. Davison & P. Eckert, published by COSWL).

The data reported here from the 1995 study is from a handout prepared by David Silva for the 1996 LSA Annual Meeting.

The data from the 2003 survey was collected by COSWL and was analyzed by Paula Kempchinsky and reported at the 2006 LSA Annual Meeting.