Tenure-System Positions Advertised in the ASA Job Bank, 2009 to 2018

The ASA Job Bank is a primary source for job advertisements that may be of interest to sociologists, particularly for tenure-line and full-time visiting academic positions. Figure 1 plots trend lines for the number of tenure-system positions advertised in the ASA Job Bank from 2009 to 2018. The total number of tenure-system jobs advertised in the ASA Job Bank grew steadily from 2009 to 2016, when 526 tenure line positions were advertised, and then declined in 2017 and 2018. The number of positions advertised at the assistant professor level peaked at 351 in 2013 and declined to 269 in 2018. This decline could be a result of fewer institutions advertising positions for tenure-track assistant professors in sociology and related fields or from more institutions advertising these positions in places other than the ASA Job Bank (or both).