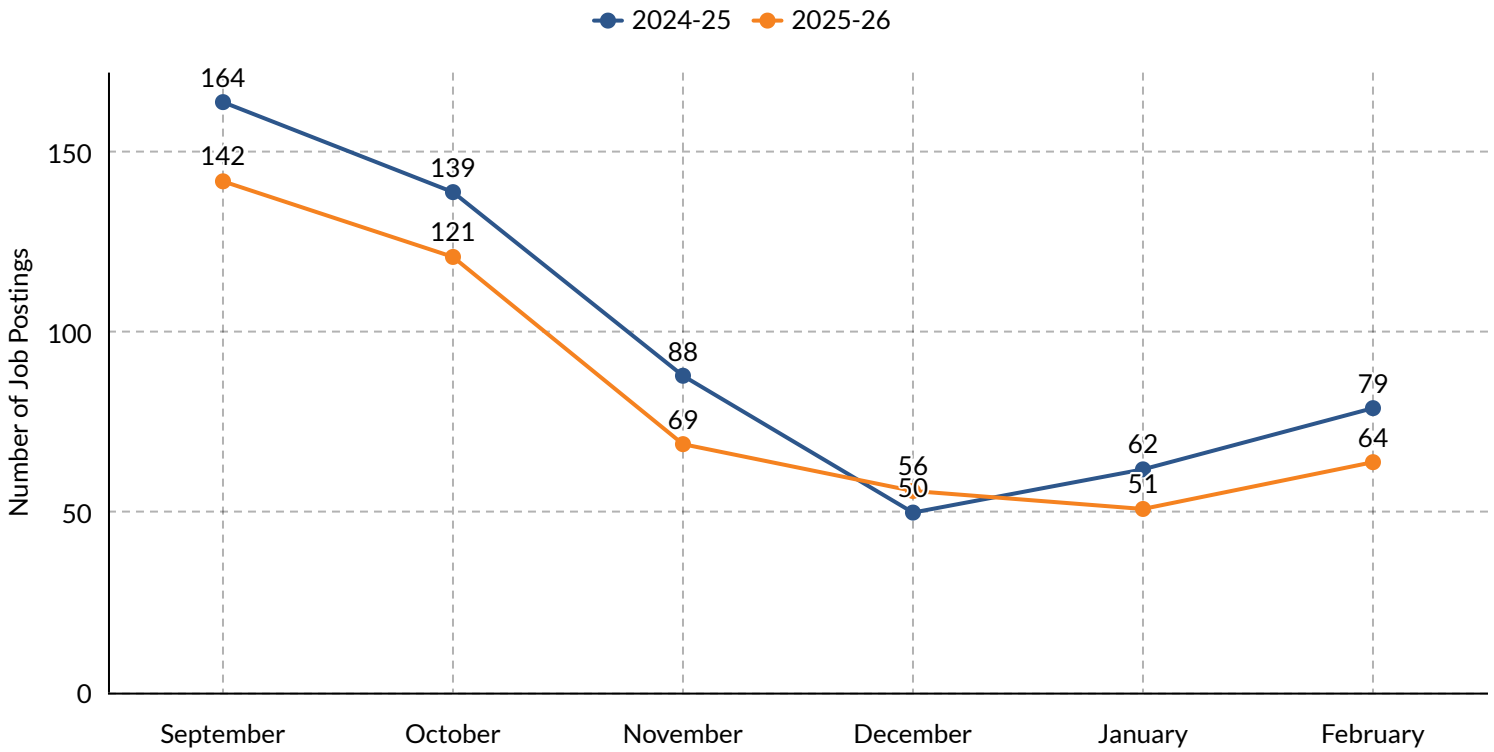


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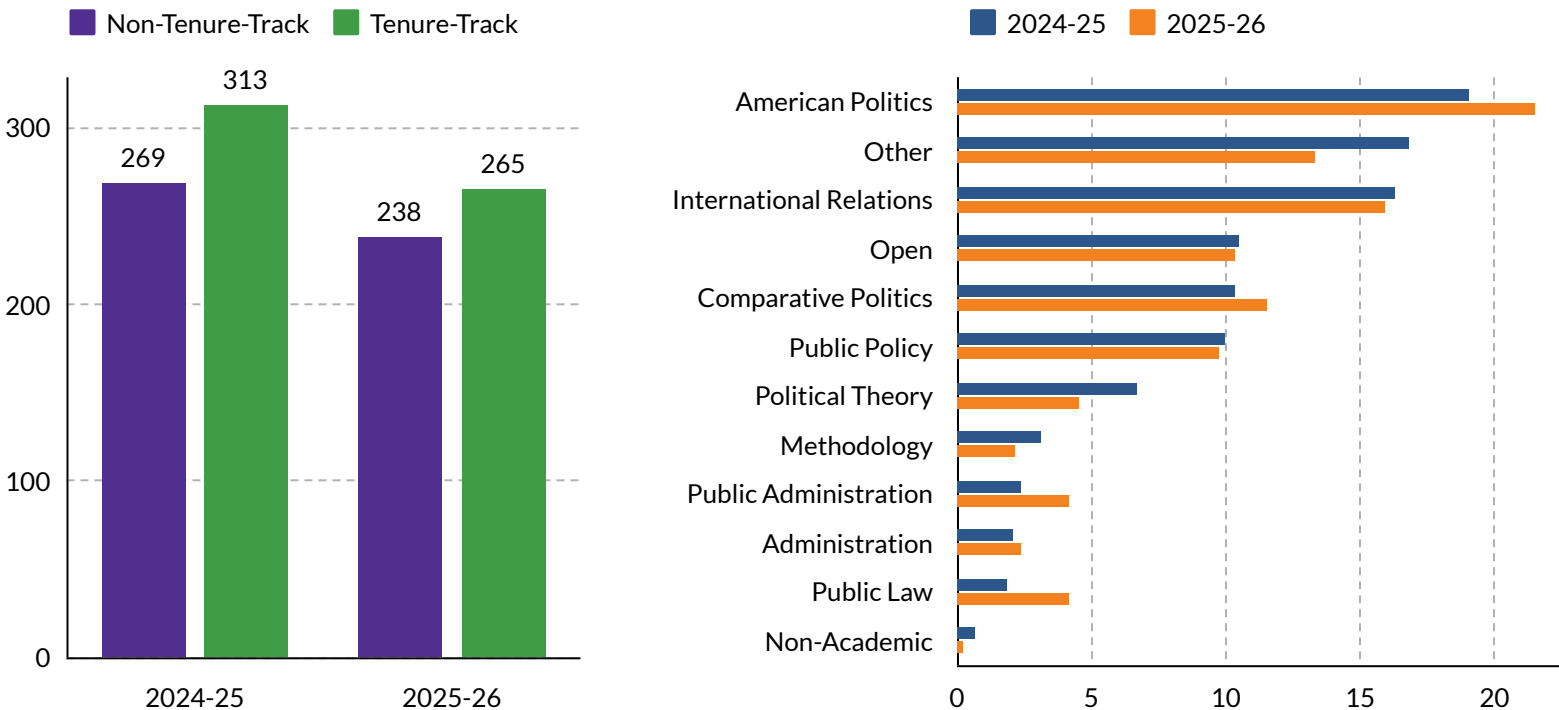
In the first half of the 2025-26 academic year, the political science job market largely mirrored 2024-25, though with fewer postings overall. Listings declined from fall to winter in both years, then rose with the new semester. Tenure-track positions dominated in the fall, while non-tenure-track roles were more common in winter. Compared to 2024-25, 2025-26 saw more postings in American and Comparative Politics, and fewer in the "Other" subfield. To see previous reports on eJobs postings and the political science job market, please visit our "Data on the Profession" page at apsanet.org. For any questions, please contact us at surveys@apsanet.org.

Figure 1: eJobs Postings Per Month, 2024-25 vs 2025-26



The beginning of the 2025-26 academic year saw fewer jobs posted than 2024-25, with the exception of December. On average, 13 fewer jobs were posted each month in 2025-26 than in 2024-25.

Figures 2 and 3: Distribution of Job Postings by (2) Tenure Status and (3) Subfield



Despite fewer overall numbers of job postings, the proportion of tenure-track and non-tenure-track jobs posted was nearly identical between 2024-25 and 2025-26 (54% tenure-track jobs in 2024-25, 53% in 2025-26). The distribution of subfields listed in job postings shifted slightly in 2025-26, with more listings for jobs in American Politics and Comparative Politics and fewer listings for positions in Political Theory and "Other" subfields.