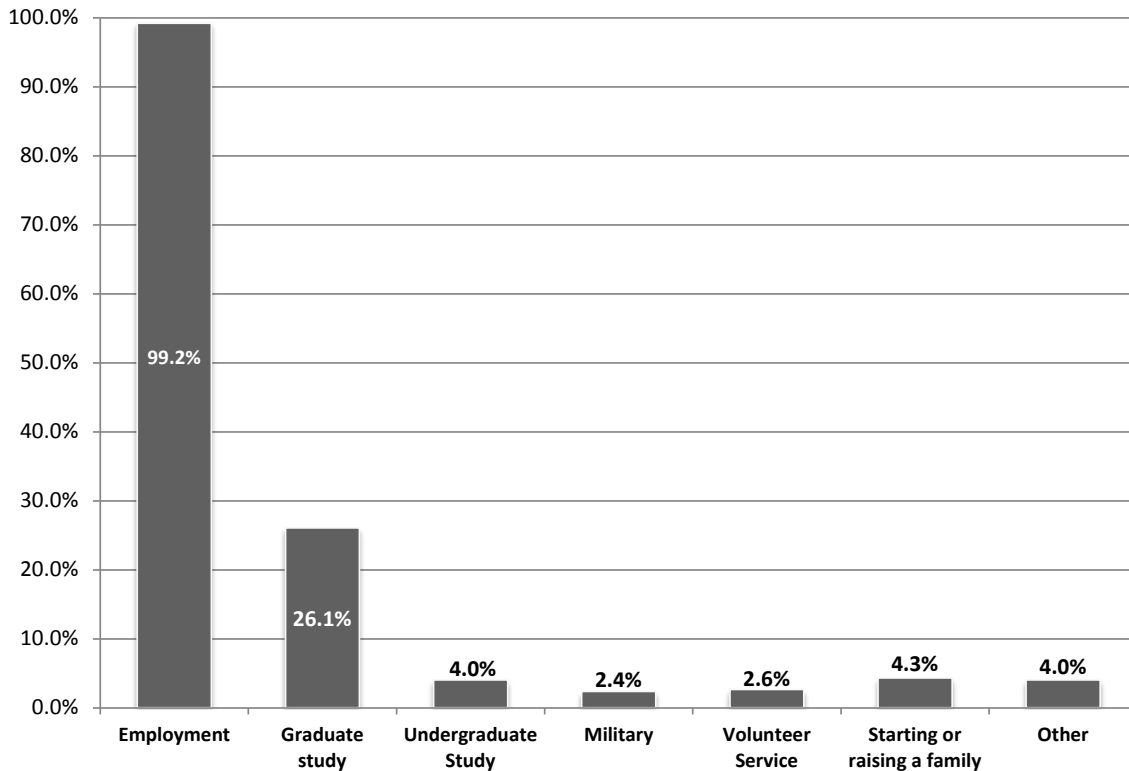


Future Plans of Undergraduate Degree Earners: AY 2012-2013

In addition to the undergraduate student exit survey that is completed as part of the application for graduation, students are also asked to complete a brief survey (called the “Cap and Gown Survey”) when they line up at the bookstore in April to pick up their caps and gowns for the May graduation ceremony¹. A key question on the survey asks students, “What is MOST LIKELY to be your main activity or activities upon graduation?”² Students are presented with a list of possible activities and they may select all that apply to their situation. This question on the survey was completed by approximately 723 of the 1,269 undergraduates who earned a degree in academic year 2012-2013 (i.e., a 56.8% response rate). Figure 1 shows the percentage of students that indicated each activity as a main activity upon graduation.

Figure 1. Future Plans of Undergraduate Degree Recipients



Note: Percentages do not add up to 100% because respondents could select more than one activity. The employment and graduate study categories are based on responses to questions that originally asked about part-time and full-time status in these categories; percentages may reflect students who indicated both part-time and full-time status.

Because the Cap and Gown Survey is administered prior to graduation, it is important to note that responses do not precisely reflect eventual outcomes.

¹ During AY 2012-2013, students were also given the opportunity to complete the survey online because an emergency situation on campus altered the normal cap and gown distribution process at the bookstore.

² UMass Dartmouth asks this question of undergraduate degree recipients because the university is a participant in the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA).