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”) in April when they pick up their caps and gowns for the May graduation ceremony. A key question on the survey asks students, "What is MOST LIKELY to be your main activity or activities upon graduation?" 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 782 of the 1,276 undergraduates who earned a degree in academic year 2013-2014 (i.e., a 61.3% 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**

![Bar chart showing future plans of undergraduate degree earners](chart)

- **Employment**: 99.8%
- **Graduate Study**: 32.6%
- **Undergraduate Study**: 3.2%
- **Military**: 2.0%
- **Volunteer Service**: 3.8%
- **Starting or Raising a Family**: 5.0%
- **Other**: 3.3%

*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.

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