

2023-2024 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY AY 2023-2024 undergraduate alumni



Key Findings:

- More than 88%* of all AY 2023-2024 undergraduate alumni surveyed were employed six months after graduation.
- Nearly 90%** of AY 2023-2024 undergraduate alumni were employed, of those who were seeking employment.
- 92.2%** of undergraduate degree recipients were either employed or in graduate school, of those who were seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2023-2024 undergraduate alumni surveyed six months after graduation was almost 73%.**
- More than 27% of AY 2023-2024 undergraduate alumni surveyed were pursuing further education six months

THE SURVEY

Approximately six months following the completion of their studies, 1,132 undergraduate alumni who had earned their degrees during the 2023-2024 academic year (AY 2024) were asked to participate in an online survey about their employment and educational activities since graduation. Undergraduate alumni were asked to participate in the survey through a series of five email communications (an invitation, and four reminders). Overall, 295 undergraduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 26.1%). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: responses are based on the number of alumni responding to the relevant survey items).

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 88.6%* of all AY 2024 undergraduate alumni respondents were employed six months after graduation.
- 88.9%** of undergraduate alumni were employed, of those who were employed or seeking employment.
 - The majority of those employed (78.8%) were working full-time.
 - More than three quarters (78.8%) were employed in a field/profession in which they desire with 75.4% indicating they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” within their current position.
 - The majority were employed in a position that they did *not* work at while at UMass Dartmouth (61.7%).
- 9.9% of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni were not employed six months after graduation and were seeking employment. Less than two percent (1.5%) were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2024 undergraduate alumni six months after graduation was 72.6%.**
- 41.2% of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni indicated their professional field requires them to pass a licensure or examination to work in the field. Of those whose field requires a licensure or examination, 53.0% had taken the exam and passed.
- 82.1% of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
 - Nearly two-thirds of those with a job (61.1%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
 - The majority of those with a job (59.5%) specified that an undergraduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2024 undergraduate degree alumni who were employed, 73.5% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2024 undergraduate alumni working full-time was \$64,108 (median: \$60,000). About half (49.5%) of those working full-time, indicated they were eligible for a bonus in addition to their salary with an average bonus of \$13,604 (median: \$5,000).

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2024 undergraduate alumni who were employed:***

1. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (18.3%)
2. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (12.5%)
3. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (9.6%)
4. Health Support Occupations (8.2%)
5. Entertainment, Sports, and Media (including Communications) Occupations (6.7%)

Employers of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni included:

Naval Undersea Warfare Center
SouthCoast Health
South Shore Health
Boston Children's Hospital
Dell Technologies
Massachusetts General Hospital
AbbVie

*Alumni not actively seeking employment are included in the rate calculation.

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***Occupational groups updated in 2019 based upon U.S. Labor and Statistics groups.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 27.4% of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni were pursuing an advanced certificate or degree at a graduate/professional school six months after graduation. Another 49.0% were not currently pursuing further education, but planned to do so at some point.
- The majority (85.9%) of those engaged in further education were pursuing some type of Master's degree (i.e., MBA, MFA, MS, MA, or other Master's degree). Another 11.3% were pursuing some other type of advanced degree (e.g., Ph.D. or Ed.D., D.V.M. or V.M.D., D.N.P., LL.B., LL.M., or J.D.) or certificate. An additional 2.8% were pursuing an additional baccalaureate (BA or BS) or associate (AA or AS) degree.
- 39.1% of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because it is required for their chosen career path.

81.6% of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent."

79.2% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMassD again for undergraduate studies if they could start over.



Degree fields of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Other Degree Fields Not Listed (19.7%)
- Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Psychology (14.1%)
- Education (11.3%)
- Engineering (9.9%)
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences; Biological and Biomedical Sciences (5.6%)

Educational institutions of AY 2024 undergraduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth
Boston University
Southern New Hampshire University
Brown University
UMass Law
UMass Boston

SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE FOR UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

College	% Had Job 6 Months After Graduation	% Still Seeking Job 6 Months After Graduation	Full-time Employment Rate*	Average Annual Full-time Gross Salary Mean/Median	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
College of Arts and Sciences (<i>n</i> =106)	87.4%	9.5%	58.7%	\$42,743/\$44,000	42.3%
Charlton College of Business (<i>n</i> =58)	91.1%	7.1%	83.6%	\$84,295/\$60,000	31.6%
College of Engineering (<i>n</i> =41)	90.9%	9.1%	72.7%	\$77,593/\$76,000	31.7%
College of Visual and Performing Arts (<i>n</i> =41)	74.4%	25.6%	51.3%	\$40,804/\$40,320	12.2%
College of Nursing and Health Sciences (<i>n</i> =49)	98.0%	2.0%	93.9%	\$67,981/\$69,800	0.0%

*Degree earners not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

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