

2015-2016 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY AY 2015-2016 undergraduate alumni

Key Findings:

- 80.3% of AY 2015-2016 undergraduate alumni surveyed were employed six months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2015-2016 undergraduate alumni surveyed six months after graduation was 61.4%.*
- 31.7% of AY 2015-2016 undergraduate alumni surveyed were pursuing further education six months after graduation. Another 54.6% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

Approximately six months following the completion of their studies, 1,422 undergraduate alumni who had earned their degrees during the 2015-2016 academic year (AY 2016) 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 (a prenotice, an invitation, and three reminders). Overall, 195 undergraduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 13.7%). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: responses are based on the number of alumni responding to the relevant survey items).

Undergraduate Degree Earners:



EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 80.3% of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni were employed six months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (74.0%) were working full-time.
 - The majority of those employed (83.6%) were in a permanent position.
 - The majority were employed in a position that they did *not* work at while at UMassD (63.7%)
- 16.0% of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni were not employed six months after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 3.7% were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2016 undergraduate alumni six months after graduation was 61.4%.*
- 81.5% of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
 - Over half of those with a job (54.1%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
 - The majority of those with a job (69.2%) specified that an undergraduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2016 undergraduate degree alumni who were employed, 76.7% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2016 undergraduate alumni working full-time was \$44,861.

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2016 undergraduate alumni who were employed:

1. Management, Business, and Financial Operations (24.7%)
2. Healthcare Practitioners, Support, and Technical Occupations (19.2%)
3. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (10.3%)
4. Architecture and Engineering Occupations (8.9%)

Employers of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni included:

Southcoast Hospitals Group
 Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)
 General Dynamics
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 City of New Bedford

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 31.7% of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni were pursuing an advanced certificate or degree at a graduate/professional school six months after graduation. Another 54.6% were not currently pursuing further education, but planned to do so at some point.
- The majority (78.9%) 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 19.3% were pursuing some other type of advanced degree (e.g., Ph.D. or Ed.D., M.D. or D.O., J.D.) or certificate.
- More than a third (35.1%) of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because it was required for their chosen career path.

Degree fields of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Business, Management, and Marketing (15.8%)
- Engineering (15.8%)
- Education (10.5%)
- Legal Professions and Studies (5.3%)
- Psychology (5.3%)

Educational institutions of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth
 Boston University
 Boston College
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
 Simmons College

82.4% of AY 2016 undergraduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent." 80.2% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMassD again for undergraduate studies if they could start over.



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	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
Arts and Sciences (n=73)	81.2%	11.6%	60.0%	\$37,081	33.8%
Business (n=60)	77.2%	21.1%	61.8%	\$47,116	33.9%
Engineering (n=30)	80.0%	16.7%	75.9%	\$51,216	33.3%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=12)	83.3%	16.7%	50.0%	\$69,867	58.3%
Nursing (n=20)	85.0%	0.0%	70.6%	\$43,894	0.0%

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

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