

2011-2012 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY May 2012 graduate alumni

Key Findings:

- Nearly three-quarters of May 2012 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for May 2012 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 65.1%.*
- About 1 in 6 (17.4%) of May 2012 graduate alumni were pursuing further education three months after graduation. Another 23.9% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

In August, 143 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during May 2012 were asked to participate in an online survey about their employment and educational activities since graduation (note: Law students were excluded because the Law School has its specific standards for alumni follow-ups). Graduate alumni were invited to participate in the survey through a series of five email invitations and reminders. Overall, 47 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 32.9%). 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

- 72.3% of May 2012 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (82.4%) were working full-time.
 - The majority of those employed (91.2%) were in a permanent position.
- About 19% of May 2012 graduate alumni were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 8.5% were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for May 2012 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 65.1%.*
- 94.1% of May 2012 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - The majority of those employed (73.5%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - At the same time, only 26.5% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among May 2012 graduate alumni who were employed, 70.6% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for May 2012 graduate alumni working full-time was \$60,639.

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

The most frequently cited occupational groups by May 2012 graduate alumni who were employed:

1. Management, Business, and Financial Operations (29.4%)
2. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (23.5%)
3. Healthcare Practitioners, Support, and Technical Occupations (14.7%)

Employers of May 2012 graduate alumni included:

Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)
 United Nations Development Programme
 Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District
 New Bedford Public Schools and Fall River Public Schools
 Cape Cod Hospital and Beacon Hospice

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 17.4% of May 2012 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. Nearly a quarter more (23.9%) were not currently pursuing further education but planned to do so at some point.
- Half of those engaged in further education were pursuing a Ph.D. or Ed.D. The other 50% were pursuing Master's degrees (37.5%) or law degrees (12.5%).



Degree fields of May 2012 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Engineering
- Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics
- Legal Professions and Studies
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology
- Business, Management, and Marketing

Educational institutions of May 2012 graduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth

University of Arizona

University of Rhode Island

Illinois Institute of Technology

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