

2017-2018 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY AY 2017-2018 undergraduate alumni

Key Findings:

- 80.9% of AY 2017-2018 undergraduate alumni surveyed were employed six months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2017-2018 undergraduate alumni surveyed six months after graduation was 65.1%.*
- 33.8% of AY 2017-2018 undergraduate alumni surveyed were pursuing further education six months after graduation. Another 48.5% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

Approximately six months following the completion of their studies, 1,362 undergraduate alumni who had earned their degrees during the 2017-2018 academic year (AY 2018) 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, 136 undergraduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 10.0%). 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

- 80.9% of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni were employed six months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (76.4%) were working full-time.
 - The majority of those employed (81.8%) were in a permanent position.
 - The majority were employed in a position that they did *not* work at while at UMass Dartmouth (59.3%)
- 14.7% of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni were not employed six months after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 5.1% were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2018 undergraduate alumni six months after graduation was 65.1%.*
- 80.9% of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
 - Almost half of those with a job (49.1%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
 - The majority of those with a job (62.0%) specified that an undergraduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2018 undergraduate degree alumni who were employed, 78.3% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2018 undergraduate alumni working full-time was \$47,533 (median: \$50,000).

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2018 undergraduate alumni who were employed:

1. Management, Business, and Financial Operations (25.0%)
2. Healthcare Practitioners, Support, and Technical Occupations (16.7%)
3. Architecture and Engineering Occupations (10.2%)
4. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (8.3%)
5. Sales and Related Occupations (7.4%)

Employers of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni included:

Genesis
Global Learning Charter Public School
Lifespan
Rhode Island Hospital
Saint Anne’s Hospital
US Naval Undersea Warfare Center

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 33.8% of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni were pursuing an advanced certificate or degree at a graduate/professional school six months after graduation. Another 48.5% were not currently pursuing further education, but planned to do so at some point.
- The majority (73.3%) 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 26.7% 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 (36.4%) 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 2018 undergraduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Business, Management, and Marketing (24.4%)
- Legal Professions and Studies (13.3%)
- Education (11.1%)
- Engineering; Psychology (8.9%)
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (4.4%)

Educational institutions of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth
UMass Law
UMass Lowell
Boston College
John Hopkins University

76.3% of AY 2018 undergraduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent."

76.4% 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=59)	72.9%	18.6%	51.9%	\$38,844/ \$40,000	44.1%
Business (n=41)	80.5%	17.1%	70.0%	\$42,978 / \$46,776	31.7%
Engineering (n=20)	90.0%	5.0%	89.5%	\$65,200 / \$64,000	30.0%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=3)	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	—/ —**	0.0%
Nursing (n=13)	100.0%	0.0%	61.5%	\$56,140/ \$54,660	7.7%

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

**Data with less than 3 responses not included.

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