

2018-2019 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY AY 2018-2019 undergraduate alumni

Key Findings:

- 87.2% of AY 2018-2019 undergraduate alumni surveyed were employed six months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2018-2019 undergraduate alumni surveyed six months after graduation was 72.6%.*
- 17.4% of AY 2018-2019 undergraduate alumni surveyed were pursuing further education six months after graduation. Another 80.2% planned to pursue additional education at some point.



THE SURVEY

Approximately six months following the completion of their studies, 1,432 undergraduate alumni who had earned their degrees during the 2018-2019 academic year (AY 2019) 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, 361 undergraduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 25.2%). 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

- 87.2% of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni were employed six months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (77.6%) were working full-time.
 - The majority of those employed (92.8%) were in a permanent position.
 - The majority were employed in a position that they did not work at while at UMass Dartmouth (68.0%)
- 10.3% of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni were not employed six months after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 2.5% were unemployed and were not seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2019 undergraduate alumni six months after graduation was 72.6%.*
- 81.9% of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was "somewhat" or "highly related" to their major/program.
 - More than half of those with a job (56.3%) indicated that their job was "highly related" to their major/program.
 - The majority of those with a job (57.6%) specified that an undergraduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2019 undergraduate degree alumni who were employed, 79.0% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2019 undergraduate alumni working full-time was \$51,470 (median: \$49,384).

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2019 undergraduate alumni who were employed:**

- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (16.0%)
- 2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (8.9%)
- 3. Architecture and Engineering Occupations (8.2%)
- Arts (including Performing Arts) and Design Occupations; Management Occupations (7.1%)
- Computer and Mathematical Occupations (5.6%)

Employers of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni included:

Naval Undersea Warfare Center

South Coast Health

New Bedford Public Schools

Raytheon

Tufts Medical Center

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

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 17.4% of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni were pursuing an advanced certificate or degree at a graduate/professional school six months after graduation. Another 80.2% were not currently pursuing further education, but planned to do so at some point.
- The majority (88.3%) 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 8.3% 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 (38.3%) 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.

78.9% of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent."

77.6% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMassD again for undergraduate studies if they could start over.



Degree fields of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Engineering (20.7%)
- Business, Management, Marketing (15.5%)
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (12.1%)
- Legal Professions and Studies;
 Psychology (5.2%)

Educational institutions of AY 2019 undergraduate alumni included:

UMass Dartmouth

Boston University

UMass Boston

Northeastern University

Stanford University

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
Arts and Sciences (n=143)	83.2%	13.0%	61.9%	\$44,356/\$37,000	18.0%
Business (n=64)	96.7%	1.6%	90.0%	\$52,751/\$50,000	19.7%
Engineering (<i>n</i> =71)	84.5%	13.8%	71.9%	\$63,298/\$64,600	22.4%
Visual and Performing Arts (<i>n</i> =46)	82.6%	15.2%	48.9%	\$37,421/\$37,500	6.7%
Nursing (n=37)	100.0%	0.0%	85.7%	\$53,933/\$52,723	14.7.7%

 $^{^{*}}$ Degree earners not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

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