

2019-2020 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY

AY 2019-2020 graduate alumni

Key Findings:

- About 89% of AY 2020 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2020 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 79.6%.*
- 13.0% of AY 2020 graduate alumni were pursuing further education three months after graduation. Another 36.2% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY



Approximately three months following the completion of their studies, 478 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during the 2019-2020 academic year (AY 2020) 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 specific standards for alumni follow-ups). Graduate alumni were invited to participate in the survey through a series of five email communications (a prenotice, an invitation, and three reminders). Overall, 138 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 28.9%). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: percentages are based on the number of alumni responding to the relevant survey items).

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

- 89.1% of AY 2020 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
 - The majority of those employed (88.6%) were working full-time.
 - More than three quarters were employed in a field/profession which they desired to work within (82.9%) with 82.7% indicating they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” within their current position.
 - More than half were employed in a position that they did not work at while at UMass Dartmouth (67.2%).
- 10.1% of AY 2020 graduate alumni were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. The other graduate alumni (0.7%) were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2020 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 79.6%.*
- 91.1% of AY 2020 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Nearly two thirds of those employed (61.0%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Additionally, 28.6% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2020 graduate alumni who were employed, 68.0% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2020 graduate alumni working full-time was \$76,813 (median: \$60,800).

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2020 graduate alumni who were employed:

1. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (19.4%)
2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (12.2%)
3. Other Occupations (11.2%)
4. Computer and Mathematical Occupations (10.2%)
5. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (9.2%)
6. Management Occupations (8.2%)

Employers of AY 2020 graduate alumni included:

Naval Undersea Warfare Center
 Rhode Island Hospital
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Self-Employed
 General Dynamics Mission Systems
 Worcester County Sheriff's Office

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Overall, 13.0% of AY 2020 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. More than a third (36.2%) 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 (50.0%). Others were pursuing Master's degrees (31.3%) or some other type of advanced credential (18.7%).
- Half (50.0%) of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because another advanced certificate/degree will broaden their professional options beyond their current career path. About a fifth of those taking part in further education (18.8%) specified another advanced certificate/degree is required for their chosen career path. 12.5% indicated although another advanced certificate/degree is not required, they wanted to update or improve their job skills.

75.2% of AY 2020 graduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent."

76.9% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMassD again for graduate studies if they could start over.

Degree fields of AY 2020 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- "Other" Degree Field (25.0%)
- Engineering; Physical Sciences; Business, Management, and Marketing (12.5%)
- Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services; Education; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Mathematics and Statistics; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies; Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Services (6.3%)



SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE/SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE ALUMNI

College/School (n=# of respondents)	% Had Job 3 Months After Graduation	% Still Seeking Job 3 Months After Graduation	Full-time Employment Rate*	Average Annual Full- time Gross Salary Mean/Median	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
Arts and Sciences (n=38)	92.1%	5.3%	81.1%	\$64,376/\$56,000	10.5%
Business (n=49)	87.8%	12.2%	83.7%	\$87,478/\$59,495	8.2%
Engineering (n=23)	87.0%	13.0%	73.9%	\$71,654/\$81,000	26.1%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=4)	100%	0.0%	100%	**	25.0%
Nursing (n=8)	87.5%	12.5%	87.5%	\$89,833/\$92,500	12.5%
Education (n=11)	81.8%	18.2%	63.6%	\$59,720/\$55,000	0.0%
SMAS† (n=5)	100%	0.0%	60.0%	**	40.0%

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

** Data not reported when students reporting were fewer than 3.

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