

2021-2022 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY AY 2021-2022 graduate alumni



Key Findings:

- Over 86%* of AY 2022 graduate alumni respondents were employed three months after graduation.
- 91.3%** of AY 2021-2022 graduate alumni were employed or engaged in further educational pursuits.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2022 graduate alumni respondents three months after graduation was 83.9%.*
- 9.1% of AY 2022 graduate alumni respondents were pursuing further education three months after graduation. Another 39.7% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

Approximately three months following the completion of their studies, 550 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during the 2021-2022 academic year (AY 2022) 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, 209 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 38.0%). 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

- 86.6%* of AY 2022 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- 91.0%** of AY 2022 graduate alumni were employed, of those who were employed or seeking employment.
 - The majority of those employed (92.3%) were working full-time.
 - The majority were employed in a field/profession in which they desired to work (92.2%) with 86.8% indicating they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” within their current position.
 - 47.0% were employed in a position at which they did not work while at UMass Dartmouth.
- 8.6% of AY 2022 graduate alumni were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. The other graduate alumni (4.8%) stated they were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2022 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 83.9%.*
- 96.1% of AY 2022 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Over two thirds of those employed (73.2%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Additionally, 41.3% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2022 graduate alumni who were employed, 55.6% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2022 graduate alumni working full-time was \$83,922 (median: \$70,750).

The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2022 graduate alumni who were employed:***

1. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (19.1%)
2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations. (17.9%)
3. Computer and Mathematical Occupations (11.7%)
4. Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations; Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations (7.4%)
5. Management Occupations (6.2%)

Employers of AY 2022 graduate alumni included:

Fall River Public Schools
South Coast Health
Raytheon Technologies
Southbridge Public Schools
Naval Undersea Warfare Center
May Institute

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Overall, 9.1% of AY 2022 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. More than a third (39.7%) were not currently pursuing further education but planned to do so at some point.
- More than half of those engaged in further education were pursuing a Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D. or D.O. (52.9%). Others were pursuing Master's degrees (35.3%) or some other type of advanced credential (11.8%).
- Almost half (43.8%) 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 allow them to advance within their chosen career path. Just about another third of those taking part in further education (31.3%) specified another advanced certificate/degree will broaden their professional options beyond their current career path and 12.5% stated another certificate/degree was required for their chosen career path.

89.1% of AY 2022 graduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMass Dartmouth as "good" or "excellent."

89.6% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMass Dartmouth again for graduate studies if they could start over.

Degree fields of AY 2022 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences; "Other" Degree Field (17.6%)
- Education; Psychology; Public Administration and Social Service Professions (11.8%)
- Engineering; Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Physical Sciences; Visual & Performing Arts (5.9%)



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=49)	89.8%	8.2%	79.2%	\$58,970/\$57,100	14.3%
Business (n=59)	91.5%	5.1%	91.2%	\$104,538/\$84,950	3.4%
Engineering (n=45)	84.4%	13.3%	81.8%	\$94,797/\$89,000	6.7%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=14)	78.6%	7.1%	58.3%	\$59,968/\$60,000	7.1%
Nursing and Health Sciences (n=14)	85.7%	14.3%	85.7%	\$94,473/\$89,000	7.1%
Education (n=23)	82.6%	8.7%	90.5%	\$63,061/\$64,000	13.0%
SMASST (n=5)	60.0%	0.0%	100.0%	\$44,333/\$57,000	40.0%

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

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