

2022-2023 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY

AY 2022-2023 graduate alumni

Key Findings:

- Over 80%* of AY 2023 graduate alumni respondents were employed three months after graduation.
- More than 84%** of AY 2023 graduate alumni were employed **or** engaged in further educational pursuits.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2023 graduate alumni respondents three months after graduation was nearly 74%.**
- Practically 10% of AY 2023 graduate alumni respondents were pursuing further education three months after graduation. Another 31% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

THE SURVEY

Approximately three months following the completion of their studies, 530 alumni who had earned their graduate degree or certificate during the 2022-2023 academic year (AY 2023) 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, 147 graduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 27.7%). 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

- 80.4%* of AY 2023 graduate alumni were employed three months after graduation.
- 83.3%** of AY 2023 graduate alumni were employed, of those who were employed or seeking employment.
 - The majority of those employed (88.7%) were working full-time.
 - The majority were employed in a field/profession in which they desired to work (93.4%) with 81.4% indicating they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” within their current position.
 - More than two-thirds (67.3%) were employed in a position at which they did not work while at UMass Dartmouth.
- Out of all of AY 2023 graduate alumni respondents, 16.1% were not employed three months after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 3.5% of graduate alumni stated they were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2023 graduate alumni three months after graduation was 73.9%.*
- Nearly one-third (33.0%) of AY 2023 graduate alumni indicated their professional field required them to pass a licensure or examination to work in the field. Of those whose field required a licensure or examination, 53.1% had taken the exam and passed within three months post-graduation.
- 98.2% of AY 2023 graduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Over two thirds of those employed (67.9%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their graduate program.
 - Additionally, 34.0% of those employed specified that a graduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2023 graduate alumni who were employed, 60.2% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2023 graduate alumni working full-time was \$89,807 (median: \$82,000). More than one-third (39.5%) of those working full-time, indicated they were eligible for a bonus in addition to their salary with an average bonus reported of \$10,728 (median: \$6,900).



The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2023 graduate alumni who were employed:***

1. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (21.6%)
2. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (16.5%)
3. Computer and Mathematical Occupations (11.3%)
4. Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations (10.3%)
5. Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations; “Other” Occupations (7.2%)

Employers of AY 2023 graduate alumni included:

New Bedford Public Schools
 Naval Undersea Warfare Center
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Raytheon Technologies
 Johnson & Johnson
 Microsoft

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

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Overall, 9.7% of AY 2023 graduate alumni were engaged in further educational pursuits three months after graduation. Almost a third (31.0%) were not currently pursuing further education but planned to do so at some point.
- More than a half of those engaged in further education were pursuing a Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D. or D.O. (53.8%) while the other 46.2% were pursuing a Master's degree.
- Close to a third (30.8%) 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 broaden their professional options beyond their current career path. Just about a quarter of those taking part in further education (23.1%) specified another advanced certificate/degree will allow to advance in their chosen career path.

86.7% of AY 2023 graduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMass Dartmouth as “good” or “excellent.”

85.2% 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 2023 graduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:

- Education (23.1%)
- Public Administration and Social Service Professions; Social Sciences; Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (15.4%)
- Natural Resources and Conservation; Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs; Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services; Legal Professions and Studies (7.7%)



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=23)	91.3%	4.3%	81.8%	\$70,727/\$67,000	21.7%
Charlton College of Business (n=58)	74.1%	19.0%	74.1%	\$95,142/\$85,000	6.9%
Engineering (n=36)	77.1%	22.9%	65.7%	\$108,201/\$97,500	5.9%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=4)	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	**/**	0.0%
Nursing and Health Sciences (n=10)	90.0%	10.0%	80.0%	\$110,250/\$108,000	0.0%
Education (n=12)	100%	0.0%	88.9%	\$70,333/\$74,000	25.0%
SMAST (n=4)	75.0%	25.0%	75.0%	\$68,333/\$69,000	0.0%

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

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