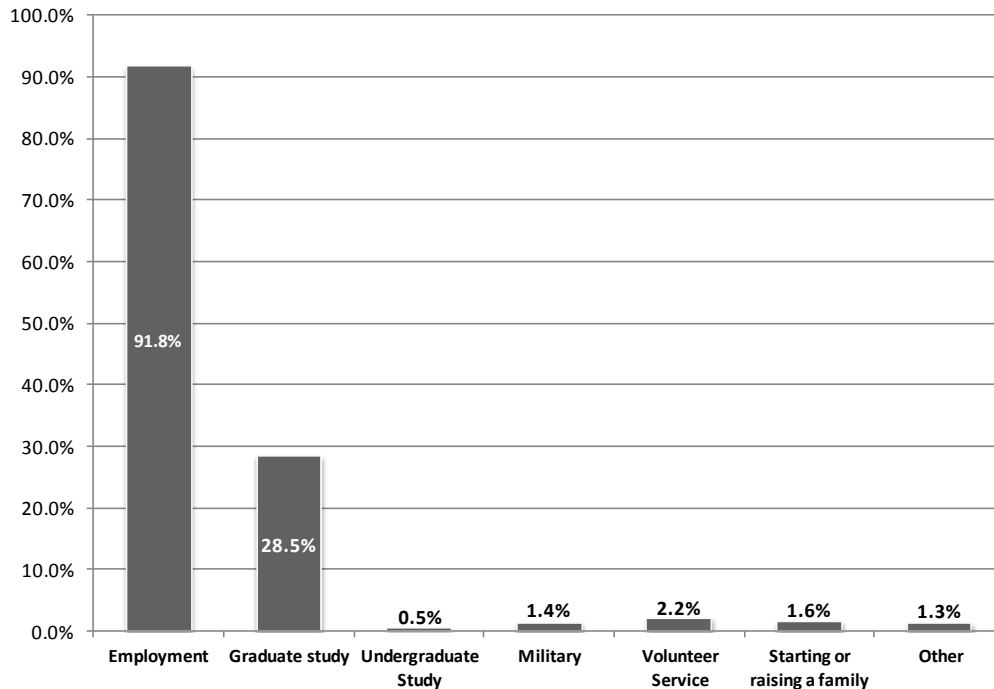


Future Plans of Undergraduate Degree Earners: AY 2010-2011

In addition to the undergraduate student exit survey that is completed as part of the application for graduation process, students are also asked to complete a brief survey when they line up at the bookstore in April to pick up their caps and gowns for the May/June graduation ceremony. This survey, the Cap and Gown Survey, was completed by 864 of the 1,328 undergraduates who earned a degree in academic year 2010-2011 (i.e., a 65.1% response rate). A key question on the survey asks students, "What is MOST LIKELY to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?"¹ Students are presented with a list of possible activities and they may select all that apply to their situation. Figure 3 shows the percentage of students that indicated each activity as a principal activity upon graduation.

Figure 3. Future Plans of Undergraduate Degree Recipients



Note: Percentages do not add up to 100% because respondents could select more than one activity. The employment and graduate study categories are based on responses to questions that originally asked about part-time and full-time status in these categories; percentages may reflect students who indicated both part-time and full-time status.

Because the Cap and Gown Survey is administered prior to graduation in April, it is important to note that responses do not precisely reflect eventual outcomes.

¹ UMass Dartmouth asks this question of undergraduate degree recipients because the university is a participant in the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA).