



Career Destination Survey 2015-2016 | Executive Summary

Overview. The University of Arizona participates in a nationwide initiative to gather data about undergraduate students' post-graduation outcomes. Findings from the Career Destination Survey inform UA's strategies for improved student success. The 2015-2016 survey yielded a response rate of 62% (N=4,240). The survey is distributed to graduating students approximately two months prior to the end of their last semester and up through six months post-graduation. This report includes highlights from the Career Destination Survey among students who received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.



	2015-16 Summary	2014-15 Summary
Bachelor's Degree Recipients (unique)	6,837	6,574
Survey Respondents	4,240	4,513
Response Rate	62%	69%

Demographics. Demographic characteristics of survey respondents were comparable to the full graduating class, except that women were slightly overrepresented. The majority of respondents were residents of Arizona (68%), female (58%), White (56%), and graduates from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the College of Science, and Eller College of Management (57% combined).

	N	%
GENDER		
Female	2,451	58%
Male	1,789	42%
RESIDENCY STATUS		
AZ Resident	2,896	68%
Non-Resident	1,344	32%
RACE/ETHNICITY		
African American	119	2.8%
Asian American	239	5.6%
Hispanic	1,031	24.3%
Native American	29	0.7%
Pacific Islander	11	0.3%
White	2,383	56.2%
Two or More	168	3.9%
Race/Ethnicities		
International	225	5.2%
Unknown	35	0.8%

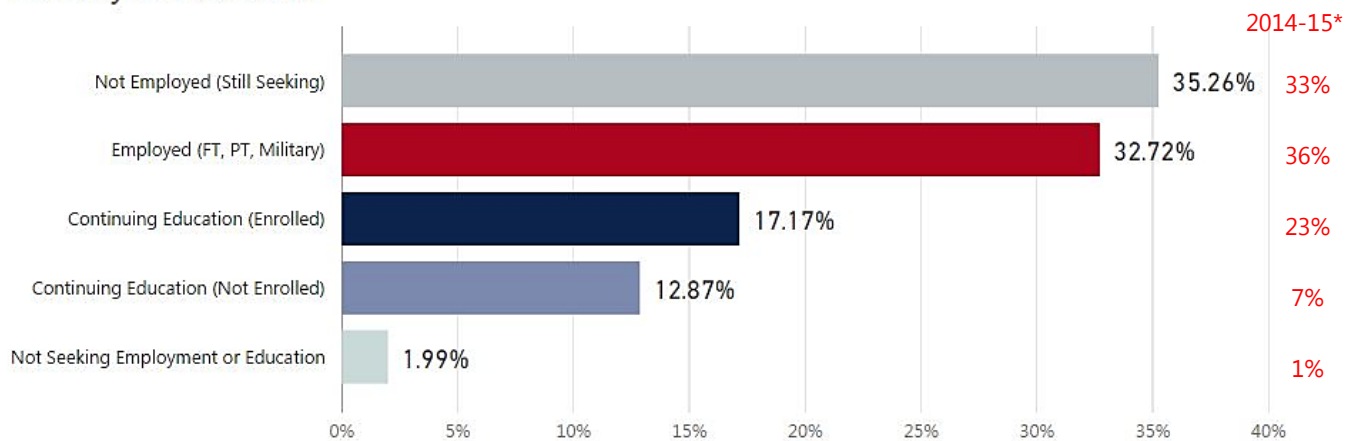
RESPONSE RATES BY COLLEGE

College*	Count of Graduates	% of Total Graduates	Count of Respondents	% of Total Respondents	Response Rate 2015-16**	Response Rate 2014-15
College of Agriculture & Life Sci	736	10.8%	418	9.9%	56.8%	51.9%
College of Architecture	77	1.1%	46	1.1%	59.7%	69.6%
College of Education	270	4.0%	177	4.2%	65.6%	90.2%
College of Engineering	556	8.1%	359	8.5%	64.6%	65.0%
College of Fine Arts	280	4.1%	129	3.0%	46.1%	53.7%
College of Humanities	261	3.8%	160	3.8%	61.3%	63.2%
College of Letters, Arts and Sci	360	5.3%	170	4.0%	47.2%	76.5%
College of Medicine	299	4.4%	201	4.7%	67.2%	72.1%
College of Nursing	102	1.5%	47	1.1%	46.1%	44.4%
College of Public Health	194	2.8%	111	2.6%	57.2%	69.4%
College of Science	1353	19.8%	848	20.0%	62.7%	82.3%
College of Social & Behavioral Sci	1631	23.9%	940	22.2%	57.6%	62.3%
Eller College of Management	920	13.5%	799	18.8%	86.8%	68.4%
University of Arizona South	124	1.8%	53	1.3%	42.7%	81.2%

* Students may be represented in more than one college due to more than one major or degree but are not represented more than once per college.

Post-Graduation Destinations. What are students doing after completing their bachelor's degree? Half (50%) of the respondents indicated that they were either employed or were already enrolled at an institution to continue their education. Another 35% percent indicated that they were still seeking employment at the time of the survey.

Primary Destination



Graduate School. Among those who reported they were continuing their education (N=1,265), 57% had been accepted to an institution of higher education, and 37% (N=186) of those who reported the institution planned to continue their graduate studies at the University of Arizona. The tables below represent the top fields of study and institutions among those who reported they were enrolled in graduate school.

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

	N	%
Law	55	8.68%
Medicine	44	6.94%
Accounting	30	4.73%
Nursing	23	3.63%
Pharmacy	20	3.15%
Management Information Systems	19	3.00%
Public Health	15	2.37%
Veterinary Science	14	2.21%
Finance	13	2.05%

TOP INSTITUTIONS

	N	%
The University of Arizona	191	38.35%
Arizona State University	24	4.82%
Northern Arizona University	12	2.41%
University of Washington	9	1.81%
Midwestern University	6	1.20%
USC	6	1.20%
Oregon State University	5	1.00%
Texas A & M	5	1.00%
Ohio State University	4	0.80%

Employment. Thirty-three percent (33%) of respondents (N=1,378) indicated that they were already employed or had accepted job offers. Among those, 92% were employed full time. The job types most frequently reported were sales, computer programming, teaching, design/construction, and social work. The employers most frequently reported were the University of Arizona, Raytheon, 3S Business Corporation Inc., Amazon, and General Motors. The median annual salary of all full-time job offers was \$45,000.

EMPLOYMENT TYPE & SALARIES

	N	Reported Full Time Wages				
		N	Minimum	Maximum	Median	Average
Employed in any other employment types	960	853	\$7,616	\$300,000	\$47,500	\$47,392
Employed in a temporary/contract work assignment	137	119	\$10,000	\$110,000	\$37,500	\$41,247
Employed in postgraduate internship or fellowship	73	55	\$10,000	\$150,000	\$36,000	\$41,117
Self-employed as an entrepreneur/start up effort	39	28	\$17,000	\$200,000	\$41,250	\$53,232
Self-employed freelance	12	8	\$19,440	\$46,000	\$34,000	\$34,180
U.S. Military	42	3	\$14,808	\$50,000	\$33,941	\$32,916
Total	1263	1066	\$7,616	\$300,000	\$46,000	\$46,396

Employment Locations. Where are UA graduates accepting job offers? Most employers are within Arizona (59%), with a majority in Tucson (32%). Thirty-eight percent (38%) of respondents were employed in other states, along with 2% who were employed outside of the U.S.

EMPLOYMENT BY REGION

