



Graduation Survey

2018-2019 First Destination Report

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INTRODUCTION

The *First Destination Report* utilizes data from The Ohio State University's Graduation Survey to outline the employment and educational outcomes of students who were awarded degrees in Summer 2018, Autumn 2018 or Spring 2019. The Ohio State University's Graduation Survey is administered by the Office of Student Life to all graduating undergraduate, Master's and professional degree recipients at the end of each term, with the exception of PhD and full-time MBA students who receive separate, national surveys. The survey gathers information about the experiences, satisfaction and future professional plans of graduating students, as well as their permanent contact information.

This report provides a snapshot of student's first destinations after graduation, as reported by commencement.

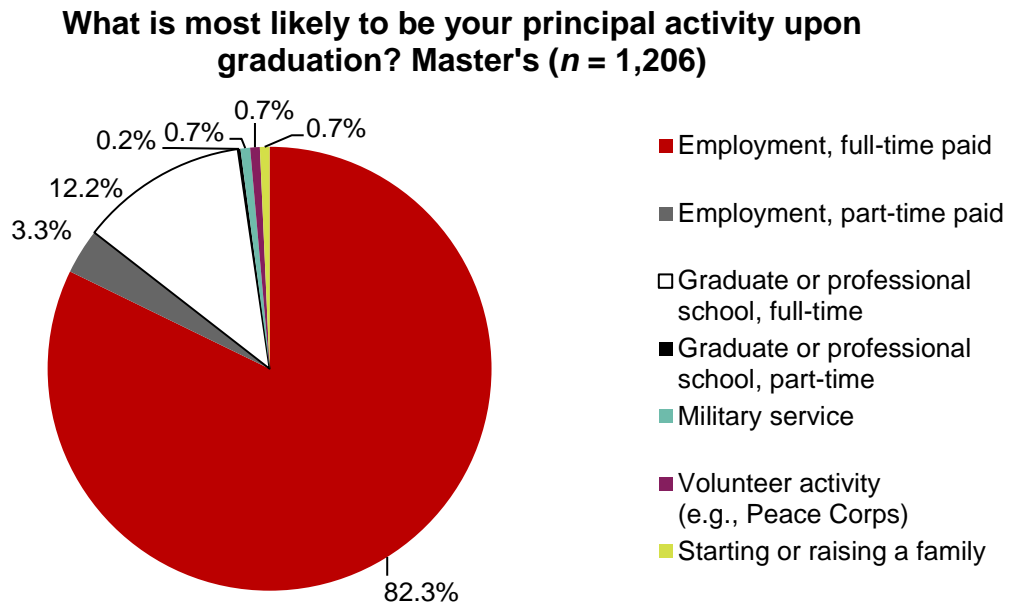
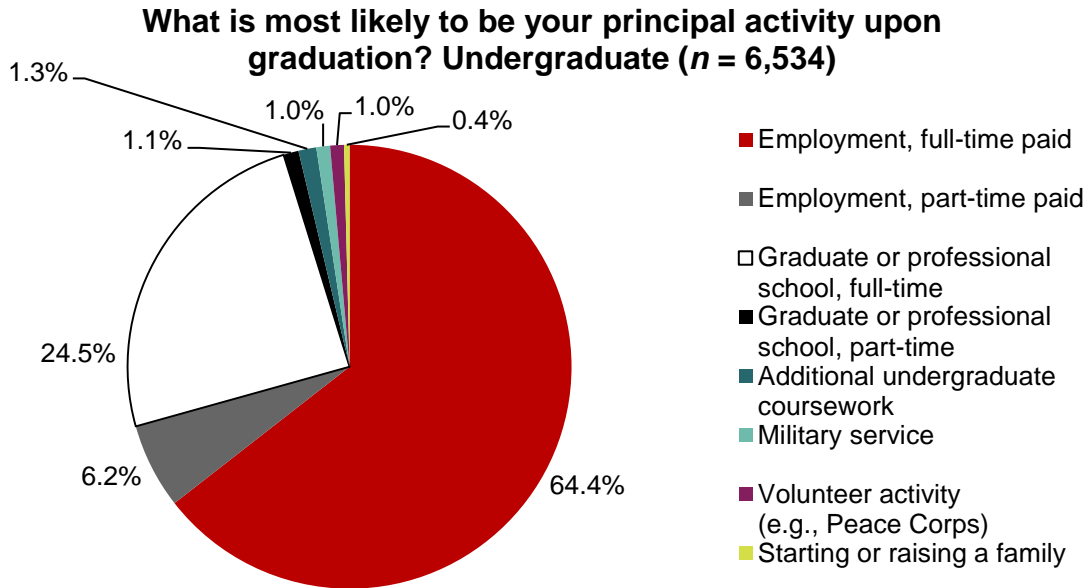
Students who applied to graduate were invited to take the survey. If students planned to graduate with more than one degree, they received only one invitation. If students planned to graduate with both an undergraduate and graduate degree, they were invited to take a survey specific to Master's/professional students. Graduating students from all campuses were invited to take the survey.

- Undergraduate degree recipients: 11,458 were invited to take the survey and 6,626 responded, for a response rate of 57.8%
 - Of the undergraduate respondents, 149 earned two bachelor's degrees.
- Master's degree recipients: 2,968 were invited to take the survey and 1,232 responded, for a response rate of 41.5%
 - Of those earning Master's degrees, 10 who responded earned a second Master's degree and 3 earned a professional degree in addition to their Master's degree.
- Professional degree recipients: 828 were invited to take the survey and 293 responded, for a response rate of 35.4%.

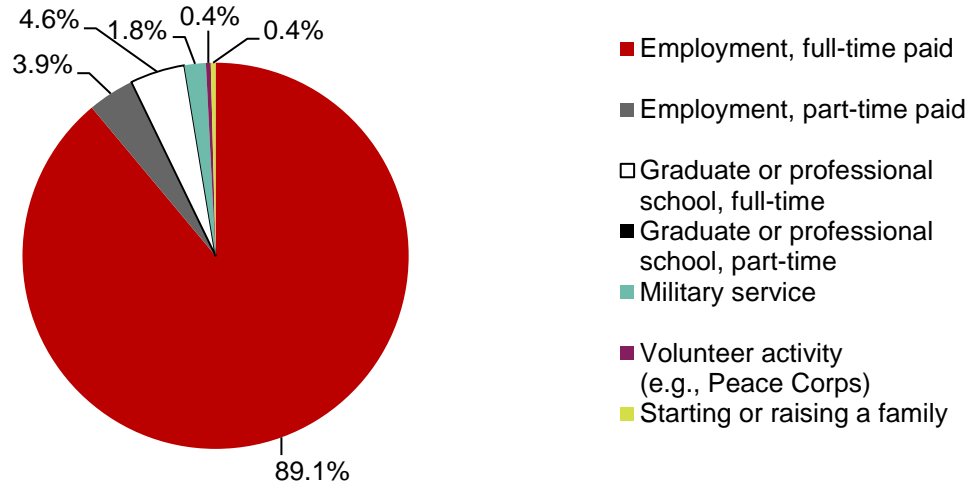
HIGHLIGHTS

- **64.4%** of undergraduate students anticipate that they will work full-time upon graduation and **24.5%** plan to be enrolled in graduate or professional school full-time.
- **82.3%** of Master's students anticipate that they will work full-time upon graduation and **12.2%** plan to be enrolled in graduate or professional school full-time.
- **89.1%** of professional students anticipate that they will work full-time upon graduation.
- Among students who expect to work after graduation, **43.8%** of undergraduates, **30.6%** of Master's and **69.7%** of professional students had accepted a position at the time of the survey.
- Among students who had accepted a position, **19.3%** of undergraduates, **13.1%** of Master's and **2.9%** of professional students found their job at a career fair held at Ohio State.
- **71.0%** of undergraduate students, **60.8%** of Master's and **71.3%** of professional students participated in an internship or work experience during their degree program. Of those who participated in an internship, **45.9%** of undergraduates, **45.7%** of Master's and **38.4%** of professional students accepted a position with the same organization where they completed their internship.

FIRST DESTINATIONS



What is most likely to be your principal activity upon graduation? Professional (n = 285)¹

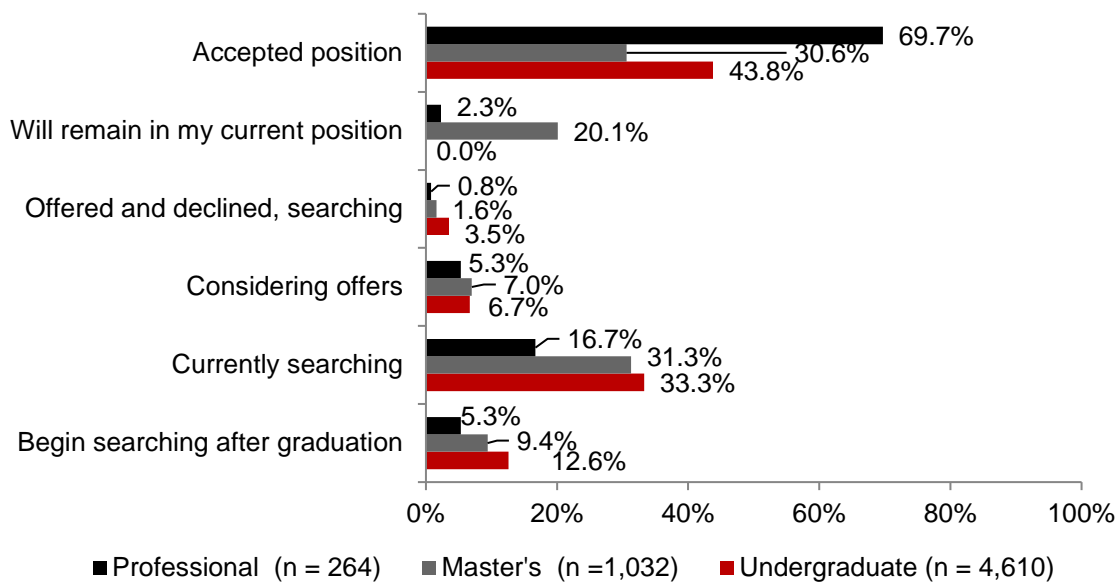


¹Note: 0.0% of Professional students reported 'Graduate or professional school, part-time'.

CAREERS

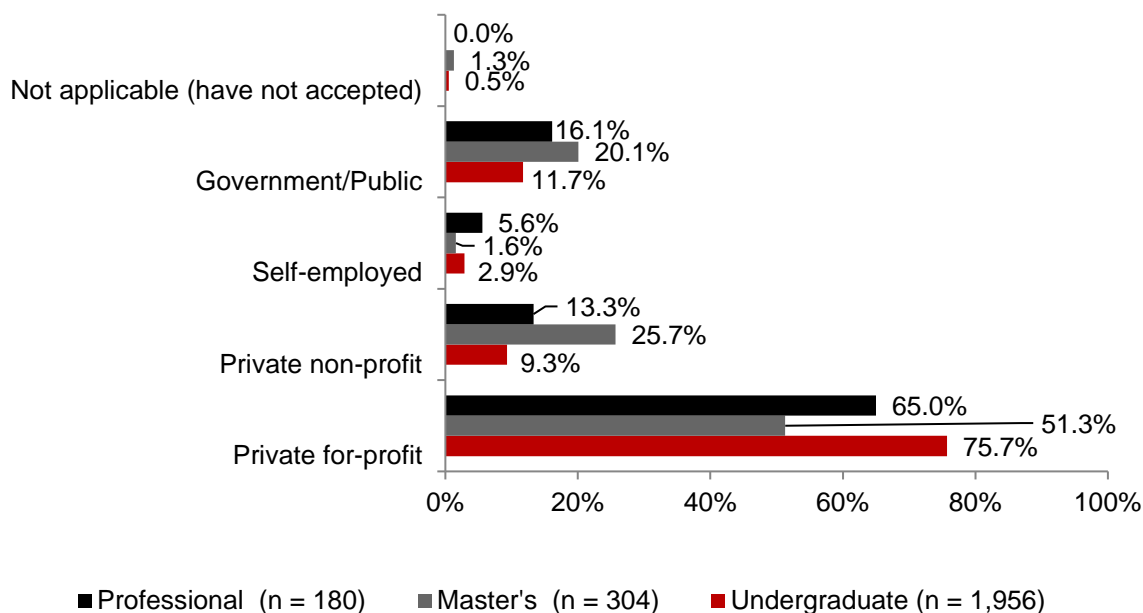
Students were asked a series of questions about their careers, including where they would be working and how well Ohio State prepared students for the job market. Among students who planned to work after graduation, 43.8% of undergraduates, 30.6% of Master's and 69.7% of professional students had accepted a position at the time of the survey (within 3 weeks of commencement).

Which of the following describes your current state of plans after graduation?



Students were asked to summarize the type of organization or sector where they would work as well as the category that best describes their future position.

If you have accepted a position, in what type of organization or sector will you work?



| Where or how did you find your job? (Select all that apply) | Undergraduate (n = 1,924) | Master's (n = 297) | Professional (n = 174) |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Career Fair held at Ohio State | 19.3% | 13.1% | 2.9% |
| Career Services office at Ohio State (e.g., Buckeye Careers Network, College-specific career office) | 7.6% | 4.7% | 9.2% |
| Company website | 16.4% | 16.5% | 6.3% |
| Contact you made on your own | 27.8% | 24.9% | 40.8% |
| Contact you made through peer, family or friend | 16.4% | 11.4% | 13.8% |
| Ohio State faculty or staff referral | 4.7% | 11.1% | 4.6% |
| Ohio State job posting system | 9.1% | 3.0% | 5.2% |
| Online search engine | 5.1% | 8.1% | 1.1% |
| Recruited | 5.9% | 8.4% | 6.3% |
| An offer from an internship | 18.1% | 18.9% | 7.5% |
| LinkedIn | 3.2% | 4.4% | 0.0% |
| Facebook or Twitter | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.6% |
| Other social media website | 0.9% | 0.3% | 0.6% |

| How well do you think Ohio State has prepared you for the job market? | Undergraduate (n = 4,526) | Master's (n = 1,012) | Professional (n = 259) |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Very well | 27.2% | 35.7% | 30.5% |
| Generally well | 47.4% | 46.9% | 51.0% |
| Neutral | 14.9% | 10.8% | 11.6% |
| Inadequately | 7.1% | 3.7% | 4.6% |
| Very inadequately | 2.5% | 1.3% | 1.5% |
| Not applicable | 0.8% | 1.7% | 0.8% |

| How important have university or college resources been in helping you to find a job? | Undergraduate (n = 4,507) | Master's (n = 1,008) | Professional (n = 257) |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Essential | 12.9% | 10.5% | 10.9% |
| Very important | 24.4% | 22.6% | 26.8% |
| Neutral | 25.5% | 23.1% | 21.8% |
| Somewhat important | 17.2% | 13.9% | 17.1% |
| Not important | 16.2% | 20.0% | 19.1% |
| Not applicable | 3.8% | 9.8% | 4.3% |

INTERNSHIPS

| | Undergraduate (n = 5,714) | Master's (n = 1,150) | Professional (n = 272) |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| While enrolled in your current degree program, did you complete an internship? ² (% Yes) | 71.0% | 60.8% | 71.3% |

| | Undergraduate (n = 1,386) | Master's (n = 221) | Professional (n = 125) |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| If you have accepted a position, it is with the same organization where you completed your internship? (% Yes) | 45.9% | 45.7% | 38.4% |

²Students were asked if they completed 'an internship, job shadow, co-op, practicum or academic major-related work experience'.

EMPLOYERS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

If students accepted a position they were asked their job title and the name of their employer. The most frequently reported employers were:³

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| Abbott Laboratories | Ernst & Young | Nestle |
| Abercrombie & Fitch | GE Aviation | Ohio Department of Transportation |
| Accenture | General Motors | OhioHealth |
| Amazon | Google | Oracle |
| Archer Daniels Midland Company | Honda | PepsiCo |
| Battelle Memorial Institute | Huntington Bank | PNC Financial Services |
| Boeing | J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. | PricewaterhouseCoopers |
| C.H. Robinson | KeyBank | Procter & Gamble |
| Capital One | Kohl's | Sherwin-Williams |
| Cardinal Health | KPMG | Teach For America |
| Cargill | L Brands, Inc. | The J.M. Smucker Company |
| Caterpillar Inc. | Lincoln Electric | The Ohio State University |
| Crowe LLP | Marathon Petroleum Corporation | TTI |
| Deloitte | Marriott International | Turner Construction Company |
| Disney | Microsoft | Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University |
| Eaton Corporation, Inc. | Nationwide Children's Hospital | Worldpay |
| Epic Systems Corporation | Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company | Worthington Industries |

³Employers are only displayed if 5 or more students reported working for the company or organization.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

The most frequently reported employers for Master's and professional degree recipients were:⁵

Aptiv
 Columbus City Schools
 CVS Pharmacy
 Deloitte
 General Electric Aviation
 Honda
 KPMG
 Nationwide Children's Hospital
 OhioHealth
 The Ohio State University
 Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University

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GRADUATE SCHOOL DESTINATIONS

Many students plan on pursuing further education. The following table summarizes what degrees students plan to pursue.

| For the following six cases, which, if any, degrees do you plan to pursue either immediately upon graduation or at any time in the future? Please mark all that apply. If no option applies, please leave blank. | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Undergraduate | Immediately upon graduation | Future plans | Do not plan to pursue | Did not select |
| Law (<i>n</i> = 6,626) | 2.0% | 6.6% | 71.2% | 20.2% |
| Medicine (MD) (<i>n</i> = 6,626) | 1.9% | 5.1% | 72.8% | 20.2% |
| Other Medical (<i>n</i> = 6,626) | 3.1% | 6.5% | 70.2% | 20.2% |
| Second Bachelor's (<i>n</i> = 6,626) | 0.8% | 5.1% | 72.1% | 22.0% |
| Master's (<i>n</i> = 6,626) | 12.2% | 49.6% | 27.4% | 10.8% |
| Doctorate (<i>n</i> = 6,626) | 2.2% | 18.9% | 59.7% | 19.2% |



| Master's | Immediately upon graduation | Future plans | Do not plan to pursue | Did not select |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Law (<i>n</i> = 1,232) | 0.2% | 2.8% | 53.9% | 43.1% |
| Medicine (MD) (<i>n</i> = 1,232) | 0.1% | 0.7% | 55.3% | 43.9% |
| Other Medical (<i>n</i> = 1,232) | 0.7% | 1.3% | 55.0% | 43.0% |
| Master's (<i>n</i> = 1,232) | 3.9% | 7.0% | 47.2% | 41.9% |
| Doctorate (<i>n</i> = 1,232) | 12.1% | 23.7% | 39.6% | 24.6% |
| Professional | Immediately upon graduation | Future plans | Do not plan to pursue | Did not select |
| Law (<i>n</i> = 293) | 2.0% | 2.0% | 44.7% | 51.2% |
| Medicine (MD) (<i>n</i> = 293) | 0.0% | 1.0% | 46.1% | 52.9% |
| Other Medical (<i>n</i> = 293) | 11.6% | 1.0% | 42.7% | 44.7% |
| Master's (<i>n</i> = 293) | 4.1% | 5.5% | 42.0% | 48.5% |
| Doctorate (<i>n</i> = 293) | 1.4% | 5.1% | 43.7% | 49.8% |

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Among graduating students, 25.6% reported that they would be attending graduate or professional school full-time or part-time upon graduation. Among graduating students who had been accepted to graduate school and were attending within the next year, 39.9% were attending The Ohio State University and 60.1% were attending another college or university. Students reported attending a wide range of universities across the country and world. The most frequently reported graduate or professional school destinations were (3 or more students reported attending):

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| Ashland Theological Seminary | Chicago School of Professional Psychology |
| Ashland University | The Ohio State University |
| Belmont University | University of Akron |
| Boston University | University of California |
| Capital University | University of Chicago |
| Carnegie Mellon University | University of Cincinnati |
| Case Western Reserve University | University of Colorado |
| Cleveland State University | University of Dayton |
| Columbia University | University of Florida |

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| Cornell University | University of Illinois |
| Duke University | University of Iowa |
| Emory University | University of Kentucky |
| George Washington University | University of Maryland |
| Georgetown University | University of Miami |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | University of Michigan |
| Harvard University | University of North Carolina |
| Indiana University | University of Notre Dame |
| Iowa State University | University of Pennsylvania |
| Johns Hopkins University | University of Pikeville |
| Kent State University | University of Pittsburgh |
| Loyola University | University of Rochester |
| Miami University | University of Southern California |
| Midwestern University | University of Texas |
| New York University | University of Toledo |
| North Carolina State University | University of Virginia |
| Northwestern University | University of Washington |
| Ohio Dominican University | University of Wisconsin |
| Ohio University | Vanderbilt University |
| Pennsylvania State University | Wake Forest University |
| Southern Baptist Theological Seminary | Washington University |
| Southern College of Optometry | Wright State University |
| State University of New York | Xavier University |
| Texas A&M University | Yale University |

