Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education: 2016-17 Undergraduate Alumni Survey

The 2016-17 Undergraduate Alumni Survey was administered to 18,816 undergraduate degree recipients during the spring of 2019 with the goal of capturing overall satisfaction, employment-search experience, post-graduation employment and/or continuing education, and the importance of various skills acquired while an undergraduate.

A total of 1,899 undergraduate alumni responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 10.1%. Of those 1,899 undergraduate alumni, 70% were employed full-time, while an additional 16% were enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education. Roughly 3% were seeking employment and just over 1% were neither seeking employment nor continuing their education.

Of those undergraduate alumni who were employed and provided employment information, 74% were employed in Pennsylvania.

- Employed full-time
- Enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education
- Employed part-time
- Seeking Employment
- Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled
- Not seeking employment nor continuing education
- Serving in the U.S. Military
- Participating in a volunteer or service program
- No response

10.1% Response Rate
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73.5% employed in PA
Of those undergraduate alumni who provided a location of employment, most are employed in PA.
The education industry, business and/or hospitality industry, and health and/or medical services industry employed over 51% of undergraduate alumni. The arts, entertainment, and/or recreation; the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry; and the military employed the least number of undergraduate alumni.

Roughly 15% of employed undergraduate alumni said their occupation is unrelated to their program/area of study, while 50% said their job is directly related to their area of study.
The top five sources for undergraduate alumni to cover their college expenses excluding Federal and/or State financial aid were from parental/family/friends contributions (49%), off-campus jobs (41%), scholarships (34%), private loans (33%) and personal savings (32%).

Overall, 75% of undergraduate alumni said they would choose the same university again if they had to do it over, while 66% would choose the same major(s).

75.5% would choose same University
If they had to do it over again, while 66.2% would choose the same major