As a result of our First Destination survey and follow-up efforts we were able to gather a wealth of information on our 2017-2018 baccalaureate graduates.

89.8% of the graduates that we have data for are either currently working or in graduate school.¹

¹ This figure includes data on graduates that did not respond to the survey, but 1) who declared new employment within two months before graduation or after graduation by December, 2018 on LinkedIn, and 2) who are currently enrolled in an advanced degree program according to the National Student Clearinghouse. The subsequent slides omit these graduates and only include data from those that responded to the survey. The decision to report in this fashion ensures that the outcomes data does not distort the survey results.
Background and Methodology:

The University at Albany’s First Destination Survey instrument was redesigned in 2017 as a part of a collaborative effort to reduce survey fatigue, increase response rates, and ensure that we are gathering key outcomes data on our graduates.

The first iteration of the survey was used to capture outcomes data on our Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Bachelor’s Degree recipients. The second iteration of the redesigned survey was administered during the Fall 2017 to Bachelor’s degree recipients in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017. The third iteration of the survey was launched during the Fall 2018 semester to students who received Bachelor’s degrees in the Summer 2017, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. This report outlines the results of the third iteration.

The first wave of the survey was sent via email to 3,064 of our graduates. A follow-up phone survey was then administered to those that did not respond to our web survey. Overall, we received a total of 1,027 valid survey responses for a response rate of 33.5%. This is roughly 5.2 percentage points higher than the survey of our 2016-2017 graduates.

In an attempt to increase the outcome rate, we expanded our efforts to gather key outcomes data on our students in other ways. This year, in addition to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), a new data source—LinkedIn is included as a result of a partnership with HEPdata. According to the NSC, another 359 students that did not respond to the survey are currently enrolled in an advanced degree program. Based on the records from LinkedIn HEPdata, another 60 students who did not respond to the survey or show up in the NSC graduate students pool are currently employed1. As a result, we have as least some form of outcomes data on roughly 56.5% of our recent graduates, which is 16 percentage points higher than the survey of our 2016-2017 graduates. In future years, we plan to continue exploring new ways of gathering this valuable outcomes data on our Bachelor’s Degree recipients.

Response Rate:

33.5%

Outcomes Data On:

56.5% of 2017-2018 Graduates

1The cut-off point for calculation of employment from LinkedIn HEPdata is two months prior to or beyond their college graduation date.
Employment Information

Key Data Points:

• 68.3% of our survey respondents are currently employed or have accepted a position.

• The median income for all survey respondents falls between $30,000-$35,000.

• The median income for all survey respondents who are employed full-time falls between $35,000 - $40,000.

• Most of our graduates are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall employment (71.9%) and say it is related to their personal interests (68.2%).

• A majority of our students (83.2%) find employment right here in New York State.
Q1. Employment Status
(Percent Distribution)
- Employed/accepted a position: 68.3%
- Seeking employment: 17.8%
- NOT employed, NOT seeking: 13.9%

Q2. Position Status
(Percent Distribution)
- Full time (30+ hours): 78.8%
- Part time (>30 hours): 21.2%

1027 observations
666 observations
Relatedness of Position:
(Percent Distribution)

Q14. Undergraduate Studies
- Very related: 29.0%
- Related: 14.5%
- Neutral: 13.7%
- Unrelated: 13.4%
- Very unrelated: 12.0%

Q15. Career Goals
- Very related: 31.6%
- Related: 13.8%
- Neutral: 12.3%
- Unrelated: 10.2%
- Very unrelated: 8.3%

Q16. Personal Interests
- Very related: 34.3%
- Related: 15.8%
- Neutral: 9.7%
- Unrelated: 6.2%
- Very unrelated: 6.8%
Q7. Job Location: State
Graduate School & Continuing Education

Key Data Points:

• Our graduates are motivated to continue pursuing their education, with 65.4% either currently enrolled or planning to pursue an advanced degree.

• 34.8% of our respondents chose to stay right here at UAlbany to pursue their advanced degrees.
High Impact Practices

Curricular and other purposeful interactions with demonstrated positive effects on students success.

Key Data Points:

- A majority of students (61.1%) visited at least one career services office here at UAlbany.

- A majority of students who utilized the Office of Career and Professional Development said it was either helpful or extremely helpful (61.9%).
Helpfulness of College Activity in Post-Graduation Preparation:

(Percent Distribution)

Q35. Internship(s)

Q36. Research Experience

Q37. Field or Clinical Placement(s)

Q38. Student Organization(s)

Q39. Student Leadership Role(s)

Q40. Community Service

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Office of Career and Professional Development
Q41. Utilized Office for Career Help
(Percent Distribution)

- Career and Professional Development: 47.3%
- College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity: 6.4%
- Rockefeller College Office of Career Development: 5.1%
- School of Business Office of Career Services: 13.7%
- School of Public Health Internships and Career Services Office: 4.2%
- Other: 5.0%
- No Career Help/Cannot Recall: 38.9%

Q42. Helpfulness of Career and Professional Development
(Percent Distribution)

- Very helpful: 35.9%
- Helpful: 26.0%
- Somewhat helpful: 29.6%
- Not at all helpful: 8.5%
Overall Evaluation of UAlbany

Key Data Points:

- An overwhelming majority (74.9%) of our graduates agree that their education here at UAlbany was worth the cost.

- Three quarters (75.2%) of our graduates also stated that, if they could start over, they would still choose the University at Albany.
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