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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH POST-GRADUATION STATUS REPORT

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Summary and Highlights of Career Outcomes Data

The Career Center assists University of Pittsburgh students and graduates in securing quality internships, employment, and graduate or professional school admission. The Career Center conducts extensive research on each graduating class and annually provides the University with comprehensive and uniform data on the post-graduation plans of its recent undergraduate alumni. Along with many other colleges and universities, the Career Center at the University of Pittsburgh has aligned our survey collection standards with those of the National Association of Colleges & Employers (NACE). The Career Center distributes the Post-Graduation Status Survey through the First Destination Survey module in Handshake, a comprehensive career services platform. Data was analyzed using Microsoft Excel and Tableau (data visualization software). The use of these applications included pivot tables and queries to retrieve the desired analysis. The surveyed participants include graduates of Summer and Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

This report is intended to provide a summary of career outcomes data for the University of Pittsburgh's Class of 2021, including campus-level data and 4-year comparison data. For more details and school-level data, we encourage you to utilize the dashboard located at [Success After Pitt | Student Affairs](#). Users can find more information on career outcomes by school or college, major, and other details.

Number of Degrees Granted	4,701
Number of Distinct Graduates	4,564
Number of Distinct Survey Responses	3,389
Total Knowledge Rate	74%
Career Outcomes Within 6 Months of Graduation	97%
Working	67%
Continuing Education	27%
Other Endeavors*	2%

**Other endeavors include military service and volunteer service.*

Please Note: Graduates who reported a post-graduation outcome of not seeking were not included in the Career Outcomes Rate calculation in accordance with NACE standards.

Total Knowledge Rate

The total number of distinct graduates who completed the First Destination Survey or for whom information was submitted was 3,389 representing a total knowledge rate of 74%. Knowledge rate is defined by [NACE \(National Association of Colleges and Employers\)](#) as the percentage of the graduating class for whom an outcomes destination is known. It includes the sum of all the employment categories, plus service and military, plus continuing education, plus the number of students still seeking an outcome or not seeking an outcome. It excludes those students for whom no information is available.

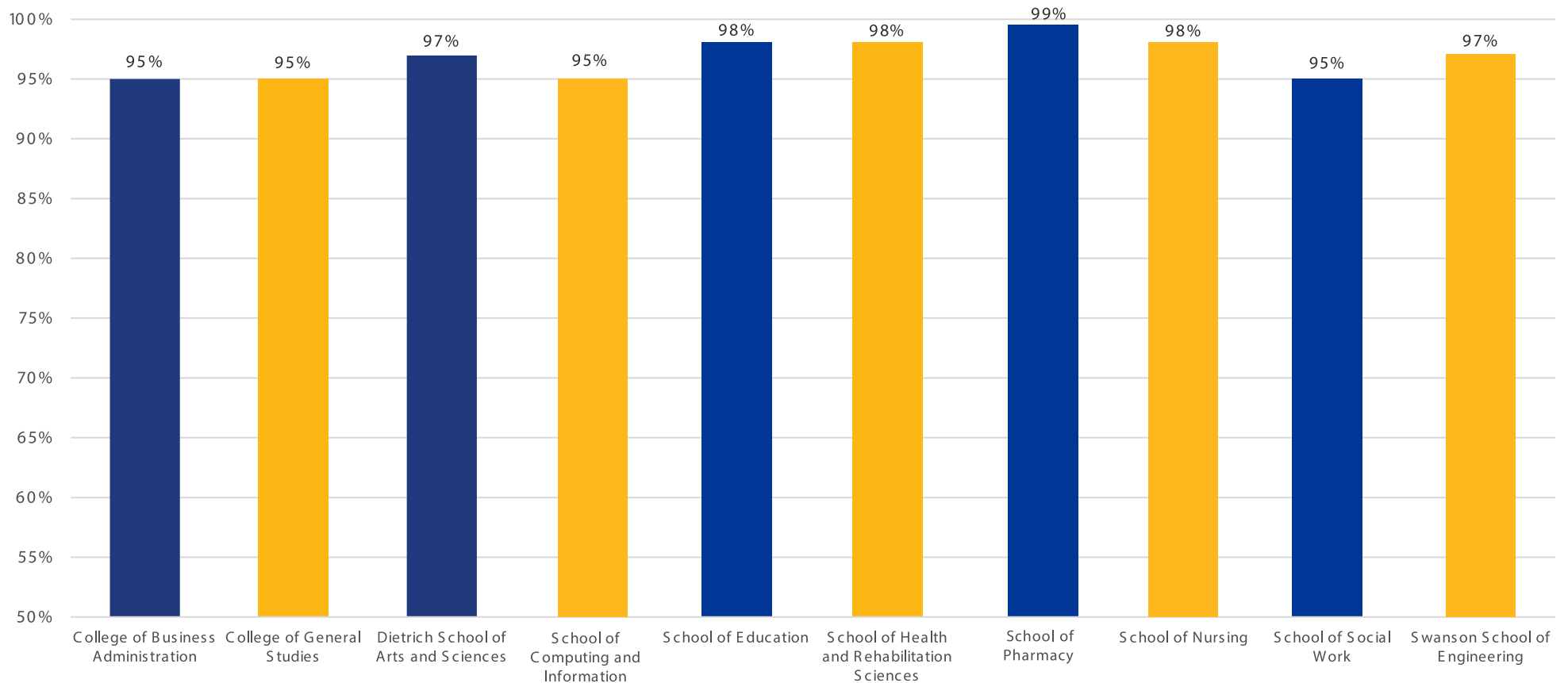
College/School	Number of Graduates*	Number of Responses	Knowledge Rate	Percent of Total Responses
College of Business Administration	591	551	93%	16%
College of General Studies	234	149	64%	4%
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	2126	1519	71%	45%
School of Computing and Information	245	194	79%	6%
School of Education	101	81	80%	2%
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	233	167	72%	5%
School of Nursing	215	124	58%	4%
School of Pharmacy	82	82	100%	2%
School of Social Work	28	21	75%	1%
Swanson School of Engineering	709	501	71%	15%

**Graduates with a dual-degree or multiple majors in different colleges or schools are counted once in each college or school.*

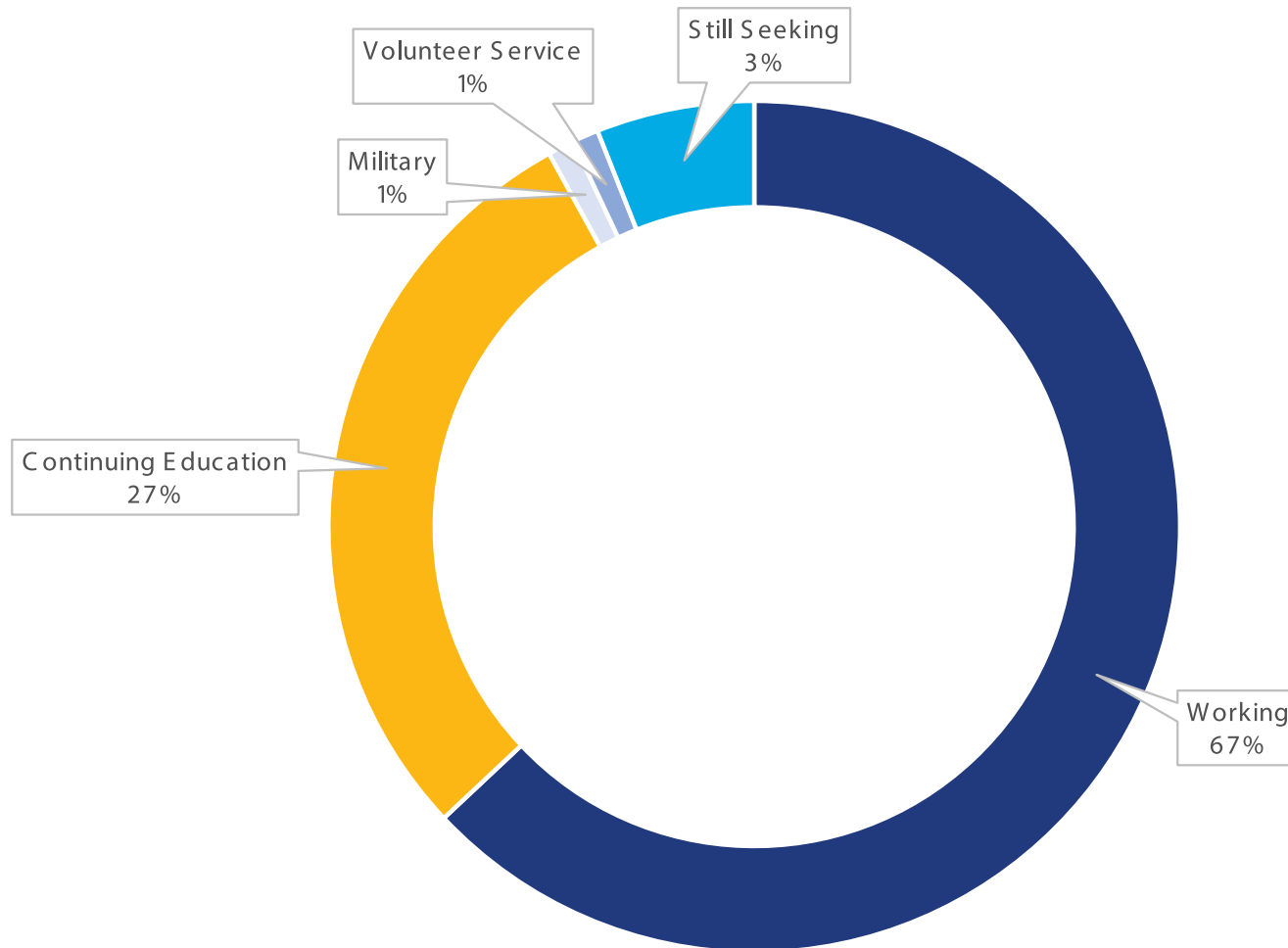
Please Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Career Outcomes Rate

The Career Center bases its Career Outcomes Rate on the total number of recent graduates who provided information on their status. The Career Center considers those working (67%, 2,250 of 3,389), continuing their education (27%, 922 of 3,389), volunteering in a service program (1%, 24 of 3,389), serving in the military (1%, 38 of 3,389), and starting their own business (0%, 0 of 3,389) as successfully placed after graduation. The total percentage of graduates with successful Career Outcomes was 97% (3,347 of 3,389) for the Survey Class of 2021. The following data is a breakdown of Career Outcomes Rate by college or school.



Post-Graduation Status



Please Note: Size of donut chart slices are determined by number of graduates in category. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Graduates are only counted once.

Post-Graduation Status (Continued)

Employment

Of the recent graduates responding to the survey, 65% (2,199 of 3,389) answered that they are employed full-time. Three percent (113 of 3,389) indicated that they are employed part-time. The following table indicates the employment category for students working both full-time and part-time. One hundred percent (2,250 of 2,250) of all employed graduates reported the name of their employer. Salary information was reported by 39% (871 of 2,250) of those graduates working.

Employment Category	Number of Graduates*	Percentage of Graduates
Organization	2,183	97%
Temporary/Contract Work Assignment	51	2%
Freelancer	16	1%
Fellowship	0	<1%
Entrepreneur	0	<1%

Continuing Education

Approximately 27% (922 of 3,389) of those graduates responding to the survey indicated that they are continuing their education. Of those recent graduates that provided data on the type of degree they are pursuing, 85% (784 of 922) responded that they are enrolled in a graduate program. The remaining graduates (15%, 138 of 922) are earning a certificate, advanced certificate, associates, bachelor's, non-degree seeking, and postdoctoral studies. Page 11 lists the Most-Frequently Named Colleges and Universities Enrolling Graduates.

Military, Volunteer Service, or Other Plans

One percent (38 of 3,389) of University of Pittsburgh graduates reported that they are actively serving in the military. In addition, 1% (24 of 3,389) of graduates are committed to a volunteer program.

Still Seeking

Of the recent graduates responding to the survey, 3% (113 of 3,389) indicated that they are not employed but are seeking employment.

Summary

The total percentage of Survey Class of 2022 graduates with successful career outcomes is 97%. The previous 9 years were consistent with 94% of graduates reporting a successful career outcome. Given the impact of COVID-19 and subsequent impacts on the job market, we are very pleased to report a Career Outcomes Rate that exceeds prior years and feel proud of our graduates' success. The total knowledge rate is 74%, consistent with the prior years' knowledge rate. The percentage of recent graduates still seeking employment six months after graduation is 3% for this year, half of the previous 9 years.

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Geographic Locations

2,774 graduates who are employed, continuing their education, in the military, or volunteering indicated their geographic location by city and state. The following geographic locations were reported by the Class of 2021.

Pennsylvania Statistics

69% (1,918 out of 2,774) of graduates reported their geographic location as Pennsylvania.

55% (1,535 out of 2,774) of graduates reported their geographic location as Western Pennsylvania.

52% (1,442 out of 2,774) of graduates reported their geographic location as the Pittsburgh metropolitan area.

Most-Frequently Named In-State Locations

Pittsburgh, PA	1,434
Philadelphia, PA	156
Lancaster, PA	17
Cranberry Township, PA	13
Bethlehem, PA	9
West Chester, PA	8
King of Prussia, PA	8
Harrisburg, PA	8
Murrysville, PA	6
Scranton, PA	6
Allentown, PA	6
Greensburg, PA	6
Monroeville, PA	6
Wexford, PA	6

Most-Frequently Named Out-of-State Locations

New York, NY	103
Washington, DC	48
Boston, MA	42
Chicago, IL	32
Baltimore, MD	25
Columbus, OH	20
Cleveland, OH	13
Los Angeles, CA	10
Seattle, WA	10
Austin, TX	9
Rochester, NY	9

Totals include Class of 2021 First Destination Survey participants who are employed, continuing their education, in the military, or volunteering.

Most Frequently-Named Colleges and Universities Enrolling Graduates

University of Pittsburgh	456
University of Pennsylvania	19
Duquesne University	17
Carnegie Mellon University	14
Johns Hopkins University	12
Temple University	11
Columbia University	11
Drexel University	10
Jefferson University (Philadelphia + Thomas Jefferson)	9
West Virginia University	8
Boston University	8
Duke University	8
George Washington University	8

Of the recent graduates who provided the name of the institution where they are continuing their education, 49% (456 of 922) indicated that they are attending the University of Pittsburgh.

University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, and Duquesne University have all been in the top 5 on the Most-Frequently Named Colleges and Universities Enrolling Graduates list for the last thirteen consecutive years (2009-2021).

Most Frequently-Named Organizations Employing Graduates

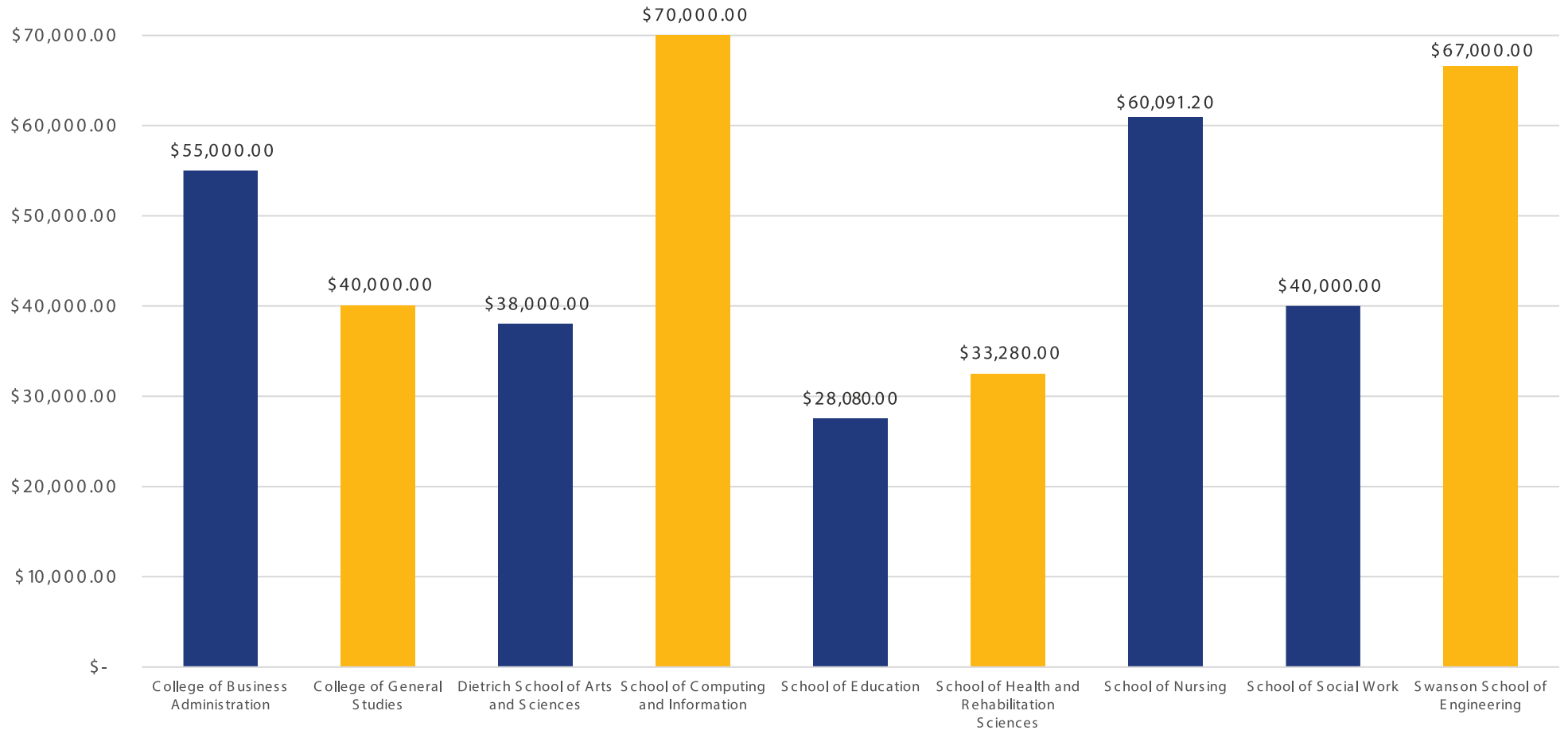
UPMC	199
University of Pittsburgh	101
PNC Financial Services	49
BNY Mellon	45
Deloitte Consulting	24
Amazon	17
Self-Employed	16
Allegheny Health Network	15
American Eagle Outfitters	13
PricewaterhouseCoopers	12
EY LLP	12
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	12

Of the recent graduates who provided the name of their employer, 7% (199 of 2,774) indicated that they are employed with UPMC, while 4% (101 of 2,774) reported that they are employed at the University of Pittsburgh.

UPMC, University of Pittsburgh, PNC Financial Services, BNY Mellon, and Deloitte Consulting have all been on the Most-Frequently Named Organizations Employing Graduates list for the last thirteen consecutive years (2009-2021).

Median Reported Salary by School

Median Reported Salary by School is calculated using data provided by those who are full-time employed.



Please Note: Graduates may appear under multiple schools or colleges.

Outcome Breakdown by Ethnicity and Gender

	Knowledge Rate	Career Outcomes Rate	Working	Continuing Education	Still Looking
Asian or Asian-American	71%	97%	51%	45%	3%
Black or African-American	69%	97%	64%	31%	3%
Latino(a)	74%	94%	69%	24%	6%
Unlisted Race	67%	92%	71%	18%	8%
Native American or Alaskan Native	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	76%	97%	68%	24%	3%
Two or More Races	69%	97%	68%	28%	3%

	Knowledge Rate	Career Outcomes Rate	Working	Continuing Education	Still Looking
Male	73%	96%	72%	22%	4%
Female	76%	97%	63%	32%	3%

Results were disaggregated by race and gender according to the University's Fact Book categories in order to closely examine the career outcomes of graduates from different demographic groups. When examining results by race, Asian or Asian American graduates show a higher rate for continuing education than other groups of graduates, and conversely, a lower rate for working.

When viewing career outcomes by gender, there are similar results in knowledge rate and career outcomes rate between female and male students. Differences are noted, however, in the percent of graduates who are working or continuing their education; female graduates reported continuing their education at higher rates than male graduates, while males reported higher rates of employment outcomes.

Please note: The above demographic information includes domestic and international students and is reported by PeopleSoft via official University records.



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FOUR-YEAR COMPARISON

Total Knowledge Rate and Career Outcomes Rate

Four-Year Comparison

	Survey Class of 2018 ¹	Survey Class of 2019 ²	Survey Class of 2020 ³	Survey Class of 2021 ⁴
Total Knowledge Rate	78%	71%	71%	71%
Career Outcomes Rate	94%	94%	94%	97%

Survey Class	2018 ¹	2019 ²	2020 ³	2021 ⁴
Employed	68%	67%	63%	67%
Full-Time	65%	64%	57%	65%
Part-Time	3%	3%	6%	2%
Continuing Education	24%	25%	28%	27%
Military Service	1%	1%	1%	1%
Volunteering	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not Seeking	N/A%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Still Seeking	6%	6%	6%	3%

¹The Survey Class of 2018 includes Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018 graduates. A change in standards for data collection occurred prior to the Class of 2018 survey, allowing for more comprehensive data collection and a higher knowledge rate.

²The Survey Class of 2019 includes Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019 graduates.

³The Survey Class of 2020 includes Summer 2019, Fall 2019, and Spring 2020 graduates.

⁴The Survey Class of 2021 includes Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 graduates.

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Median Salary by College or School

Four-Year Comparison

College or School	2018 ¹	2019 ²	2020 ³	2021 ⁴
College of Business Administration	\$50,000	\$51,500	\$55,000	\$55,000
College of General Studies	\$36,250	\$37,440	\$40,000	\$40,000
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	\$33,280	\$35,280	\$42,000	\$38,000
School of Computing and Information	\$67,000	\$70,000	\$64,000	\$70,000
School of Education	\$34,995	\$32,995	\$40,900	\$28,080
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	\$34,000	\$41,600	\$36,400	\$33,280
School of Nursing	\$56,971	\$58,240	\$58,000	\$60,091
School of Social Work	\$32,000	\$38,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Swanson School of Engineering	\$64,450	\$66,250	\$64,000	\$67,000

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