



## SPRING 2021 CAP AND GOWN SURVEY AY 2020-2021 Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Earners

### Key Findings:

- When surveyed just prior to the spring 2021 commencement, 74% of undergraduate degree earners and about 89% of graduate degree earners had secured a job for after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate leading up to graduation was nearly 91% for undergraduate degree earners and close to 98% for graduate degree earners.\*
- Nearly 23% of undergraduate degree earners and just about 6% of graduate degree earners reported that they had applied and been accepted to graduate or professional school.

### THE SURVEY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restricting an in-person ceremony for graduates in the spring of 2020, the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 were celebrated in ceremonies in June of 2021. During April and May 2021, undergraduate and graduate students, who were completing their degrees during the 2020-2021 academic year (AY), participated in a survey about their employment and educational plans following graduation (note: Law students were excluded because the Law School has specific standards for collecting these data). Overall, 158 confirmed undergraduate degree earners responded to the survey (an approximate 12.2% response rate) and 54 confirmed graduate degree earners responded to the survey (an approximate 10.3% response rate). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: responses are based on the number of degree earners responding to the relevant survey items).

### EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES: UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- While 89.2% of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners anticipated employment to be a main activity following graduation, 74.1% reported that they had secured a job for after graduation. The majority of those with jobs indicated their job was...
  - A full-time position (90.6%\*)
  - A job that they held while at UMass Dartmouth (69.6%)
  - A field in which they desire to work (62.6%)
- 15.2% of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners had not secured a job for after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 10.8% had not secured a job and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners leading up to graduation was 75.2%.\*
- 73.0% of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners who had secured a job indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
  - Nearly half of those with a job (47.0%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
- Among AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners who had secured a job, 79.1% indicated their job was in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners who had secured full-time jobs was \$41,351 with a median gross salary of \$35,334.

\*Degree earners not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

#### **The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners who had secured a job:**

1. Healthcare Practitioners, Support, and Technical Occupations (13.9%)
2. Other Occupational Group (11.3%)
3. Food Preparation and Serving Related (10.4%)
4. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (9.6%)
5. Management Occupations (7.0%)

#### **Sample employers of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners:**

CVS Health  
St. Anne's Hospital  
Camden National Wealth Management  
Dell Technologies  
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport  
Oakley

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- 22.8% of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners reported they were going to pursue an advanced degree at a graduate/professional school following completing their degree at UMassD. Another 45.6% had planned to pursue an advanced degree at a graduate/professional school at some point following their undergraduate studies at UMassD.
- The majority (87%) of those pursuing an advanced degree at a graduate/professional school were pursuing some type of Master's degree (i.e., MS, MA, MBA, MFA, or other Master's degree). Another 7.7% were pursuing some other type of advanced credential (e.g., Ph.D. or Ed.D.; LL.B., J.D., or LL.M.;



### ***Degree fields of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners who had been accepted to graduate/professional school included:***

- Engineering; Psychology; Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (12.8%)
- Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Biological and Biomedical Sciences (10.3%)
- Legal Professions & Studies; Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields (5.1%)

### ***Educational institutions of AY 2021 undergraduate degree earners plan to pursue studies included:***

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
 Roger Williams University  
 Texas A&M  
 Johnson and Wales University

## SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

| College<br>(n=# of degree earners)   | % Had Job for<br>After<br>Graduation | % Still Seeking<br>Job for After<br>Graduation | Full-time<br>Employment<br>Rate* | Average Annual Full-<br>time Gross Salary<br>Mean / Median | % Accepted to<br>Graduate or<br>Professional<br>School |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Arts and Sciences (n=55)             | 69.1%                                | 14.5%  | 76.1%                            | \$34,565 / \$32,000  | 36.4%  |
| Business (n=35)                      | 88.6%                                | 8.6%   | 85.3%                            | \$51,875 / \$50,500  | 14.3%  |
| Engineering (n=25)                   | 64.0%                                | 12.0%  | 73.7%                            | \$53,633 / \$53,500  | 36.0%  |
| Visual and<br>Performing Arts (n=26) | 61.5%                                | 38.5%  | 50.0%                            | \$18,184 / \$20,000  | 3.8%   |
| Nursing (n=17)                       | 94.1%                                | 5.9%   | 93.8%                            | \$44,475 / \$41,400  | 5.9%   |

\*Degree earners not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

\*\*Data not reported when students reporting were fewer than 3.

## EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES: GRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- 100% of AY 2021 graduate degree earners anticipated employment to be a main activity following graduation while 88.9% reported that they had secured a job for after graduation. The majority of those with jobs indicated their job was...
  - A full-time position (97.9%\*)
  - A field in which they desire to work (97.7%)
  - A job that they held while at UMass Dartmouth (75.0%)
- 9.3% of AY 2021 graduate degree earners had not secured a job for after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 1.9% had not secured a job and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2021 graduate degree earners leading up to graduation was 88.7%.\*
- 97.9% of AY 2021 graduate degree earners who had secured a job indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
  - The majority of those with a job (87.5%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
- Among AY 2021 graduate degree earners who had secured a job, 77.1% indicated their job was in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2021 graduate degree earners who had secured full-time jobs was \$67,700 with a median gross salary of \$61,000.

\*Degree earners not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

### ***The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2021 graduate degree earners who had secured a job:***

1. Education, Training, and Library Occupations; Healthcare Practitioners, Support, and Technical Occupations (16.7%)
2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations; Computer and Mathematical Occupations (12.5%)
3. Healthcare Support Occupations (8.3%)
4. Management Occupations; Other (6.3%)
5. Architecture and Engineering Occupations; Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations; Office and Administrative Support Occupations (4.2%)



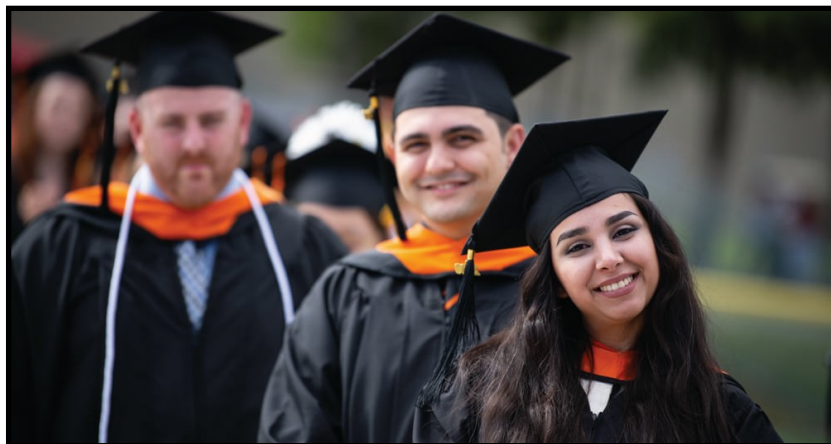
### ***Sample employers of AY 2021 graduate degree earners:***

Bain & Company  
Fidelity Investments  
Lockheed Martin  
St. Anne's Hospital  
New Bedford Public Schools  
General Dynamics Mission Systems  
USAA



## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: GRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- 5.6% of AY 2021 graduate degree earners reported they planned on pursuing another advanced degree at a graduate/professional school following completing their graduate level degree at UMassD. Less than half (40.7%) indicated they planned to pursue further education at some point.
- More than half (60.0%) of graduate degree earners accepted to graduate/professional school were pursuing a Ph.D. or Ed.D; LL.B., J.D., or LL.M. (law school); or other graduate certificate. Additionally, 40.0% were pursuing some type of Master's degree (i.e., MBA, MS, MA, or other Master's degree).



**Degree fields of AY 2021 graduate degree earners who had been accepted to graduate/professional school included:**

- Other Degree Field (40.0%)
- Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics; Public Administration and Social Service Professions (20.0%)

**Educational institutions of AY 2021 graduate degree earners plan to pursue degrees included:**

University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth  
Brown University

## SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE FOR GRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

| College<br>(n=# of degree earners)     | % Had Job<br>for After<br>Graduation | % Still Seeking Job<br>for After<br>Graduation | Full-time<br>Employment<br>Rate* | Average Annual Full-<br>time Gross Salary<br>Mean / Median | % Accepted to<br>Graduate or<br>Professional School |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Arts and Sciences (n=6)                | 83.3%                                | 16.7%  | 83.3%                            | **/ **   | 0.0%  |
| Charlton College of Business<br>(n=20) | 90.0%                                | 5.0%   | 94.7%                            | \$75,462/ \$65,000   | 10.0%   |
| Engineering (n=12)                     | 91.7%                                | 8.3%   | 91.7%                            | \$73,371/ \$83,000   | 0.0%  |
| Visual and<br>Performing Arts (n=1)    | **                                   | **   | **                               | ** / **  | **  |
| Nursing (n=7)                          | 85.7%                                | 14.3%  | 71.4%                            | **/ **   | 14.3%   |
| Education (n=7)                        | 100%                                 | 0.0%   | 100%                             | \$52,000/ \$52,000   | **  |
| SMAST (n=1)                            | **                                   | **   | **                               | ** / **  | **  |

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