



## SPRING 2023 CAP AND GOWN SURVEY AY 2022-2023 Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Earners

### Key Findings:

- When surveyed just prior to spring 2023 commencement, over 87% of undergraduate degree earners and close to 93% of graduate degree earners had secured a job for after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate leading up to graduation was nearly 78% for undergraduate degree earners and approximately 88% for graduate degree earners.\*
- 24% of undergraduate degree earners and virtually 9% of graduate degree earners reported that they had applied and been accepted to graduate or professional school.

### THE SURVEY

During April and May of 2023, undergraduate and graduate students, who were completing their degrees during the 2022-2023 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). Graduating students were asked to participate in the online survey the week prior to or in the two weeks following cap and gown pickup for graduating students. Overall, 571 confirmed undergraduate degree earners responded to the survey (an approximate 50.3% response rate) and 184 confirmed graduate degree earners responded to the survey (an approximate 34.7% 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 95.1% of AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners anticipated employment to be a main activity following graduation, 87.3% reported that they had secured a job for after graduation. The majority of those with jobs indicated their job was...
  - A full-time position (77.9%\*)
  - A job that they held while at UMass Dartmouth (67.6%)
  - A field in which they desire to work (56.6%)
- 12.3% of AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners had not secured a job for after graduation and were seeking employment. Less than one percent had not secured a job and were *not* seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners leading up to graduation was 68.2%.\*
- 68.7% of AY 2023 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 (46.7%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
- Among AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners who had secured a job, 80.4% indicated their job was in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners who had secured full-time jobs was \$46,439 with a median gross salary of \$48,500.

#### ***The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners who had secured a job:***

1. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (11.9%)
2. Other Occupation (11.5%)
3. Healthcare Support Occupation (11.2%)
4. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (10.9%)
5. Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (6.4%)

#### ***Sample employers of AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners:***

Southcoast Hospitals  
Amazon  
Eversource  
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport  
Fidelity Investments  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- 24.0% of AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners reported they were going to pursue an advanced degree at a graduate/professional school following completing their degree at UMassD. Another 45.0% had planned to pursue an advanced degree at a graduate/professional school at some point following their undergraduate studies at UMassD.
- The majority (76%) 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 18.1% were pursuing some other type of advanced credential (e.g., Ph.D. or Ed.D.; LL.B., J.D., or LL.M.; graduate certificate). An additional 5.5% were pursuing another baccalaureate degree.



### ***Degree fields of AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners who had been accepted to graduate/professional school included:***

- Psychology (16.8%)
- Engineering (9.2%)
- Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services (7.6%)
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (6.9%)
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences (6.1%)

### ***Educational institutions of AY 2023 undergraduate degree earners plan to pursue studies included:***

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
 UMass School of Law  
 Southern New Hampshire University  
 UMass Boston

## SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

<b>College (n=# of degree earners)</b>	<b>% Had Job for After Graduation</b>	<b>% Still Seeking Job for After Graduation</b>	<b>Full-time Employment Rate*</b>	<b>Average Annual Full- time Gross Salary Mean / Median</b>	<b>% Accepted to Graduate or Professional School</b>
College of Arts and Sciences (n=295)	84.4%	14.6%	63.2%	\$32,316 / \$30,000	41.3%
Charlton College of Business (n=177)	84.6%	15.4%	66.7%	\$52,923 / \$60,000	19.8%
College of Engineering (n=103)	87.3%	12.7%	78.9%	\$67,246 / \$75,500	40.2%
College of Visual and Performing Arts (n=128)	85.3%	13.3%	48.6%	\$36,347 / \$30,000	32.9%
College of Nursing and Health Sciences (n=15)	97.6%	2.4%	88.2%	\$43,882 / \$36,000	67.8%

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## EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES: GRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- 98.4% of AY 2023 graduate degree earners anticipated employment to be a main activity following graduation while 92.7% reported that they had secured a job for after graduation. The majority of those with jobs indicated their job was...
  - A full-time position (87.8%\*)
  - A field in which they desire to work (85.1%)
  - A job that they held while at UMass Dartmouth (76.6%)
- 7.3% of AY 2023 graduate degree earners had not secured a job for after graduation and were seeking employment.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2023 graduate degree earners leading up to graduation was 81.4%.\*
- 94.2% of AY 2023 graduate degree earners who had secured a job indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
  - More than two-thirds of those with a job (69.8%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
- Among AY 2023 graduate degree earners who had secured a job, 67.2% indicated their job was in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2023 graduate degree earners who had secured full-time jobs was \$81,026 with a median gross salary of \$75,000.



### ***The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2023 graduate degree earners who had secured a job:***

1. Education, Training (19.7%)
2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (16.4%)
3. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations; Other Occupation (10.7%)
4. Computer and Mathematical Occupations; Architecture and Engineering Occupations (9.8%)
5. Management Occupations; Healthcare Support Occupations(4.1%)
6. Fishing and Marine Occupations (3.3%)

### ***Sample employers of AY 2023 graduate degree earners:***

Naval Undersea Warfare Center

New Bedford Public Schools

Southcoast HealthCare

BayCoast Bank

Fall River Public Schools

Department of Public Health - Massachusetts

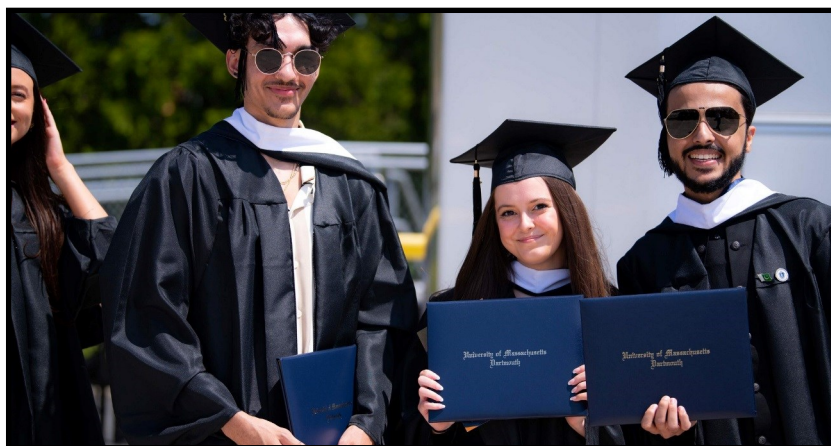
Massachusetts House of Representatives



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## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: GRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

- 8.5% of AY 2023 graduate degree earners reported they planned on pursuing another advanced degree at a graduate/professional school following completing their graduate level degree at UMassD. More than a quarter (27.3%) indicated they planned to pursue further education at some point.
- The majority (93.3%) 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, 6.7% were pursuing some type of Master's degree (i.e., MBA, MS, MA, or other Master's degree).



### **Degree fields of AY 2023 graduate degree earners who had been accepted to graduate/professional school included:**

- Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services; Physical Sciences; Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (18.8%)
- Education (12.5%)
- English Language and Literature/ Letters; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Other Degree Field (6.3%)

### **Educational institutions of AY 2023 graduate degree earners plan to pursue degrees included:**

University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth  
 Temple University  
 University of Texas at Austin

## SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE FOR GRADUATE DEGREE EARNERS

College (n=# of degree earners)	% Had Job for After Graduation	% Still Seeking Job for After Graduation	Full-time Employment Rate*	Average Annual Full- time Gross Salary Mean / Median	% Accepted to Graduate or Professional School
College of Arts and Sciences (n=23)	90.9%	9.1%	68.2%	\$71,566 / \$66,779	22.7%
Charlton College of Business (n=59)	89.7%	10.3%	81.0%	\$86,846/ \$95,500	3.4%
College of Engineering (n=60)	91.1%	8.9%	80.4%	\$87,052/ \$84,697	10.5%
College of Visual and Performing Arts (n=3)	**	**	**	** / **	33.3%
College of Nursing and Health Sciences (n=13)	100%	0.0%	92.3%	\$83,800 / \$75,000	0.0%
School of Education (n=22)	100%	0.0%	100%	\$64,752 / \$60,257	5.3%
SMAST (n=4)	100%	0.0%	100%	** / **	0.0%

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

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