

Boston College Career Survey

Class of 2007

Overview

In conjunction with the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment, the Boston College Career Center surveyed the Class of 2007 for information about career and graduate school plans. In October 2007, six months post-graduation, the Office of Institutional Research contacted members of the Class of 2007 and asked graduates to complete an on-line survey.

This report summarizes the results of that survey and is divided into the following sections:

- A. Response rate by school
- B. Primary activity six months post-graduation, by school
- C. Top career fields
- D. Timing of employment offers, by school
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- J. Graduate schools attended

A. Response Rate by School

A total of 1,446 graduates (66% of the entire class) were contacted, via a series of three emails, inviting them to participate in the survey. The invitations generated responses from 802 students, representing an overall response rate of **55%**. A&S had the highest response rate (58%) followed by LSOE with a 57% response rate.

Class of 2006 Career Survey Response Rates

School	No. surveyed	No. responded	Response rate
College of Arts & Sciences	916	527	58%
Carroll School of Management	362	183	51%
Lynch School of Education	107	61	57%
Connell School of Nursing	61	31	51%
Total	1,446	802	55%

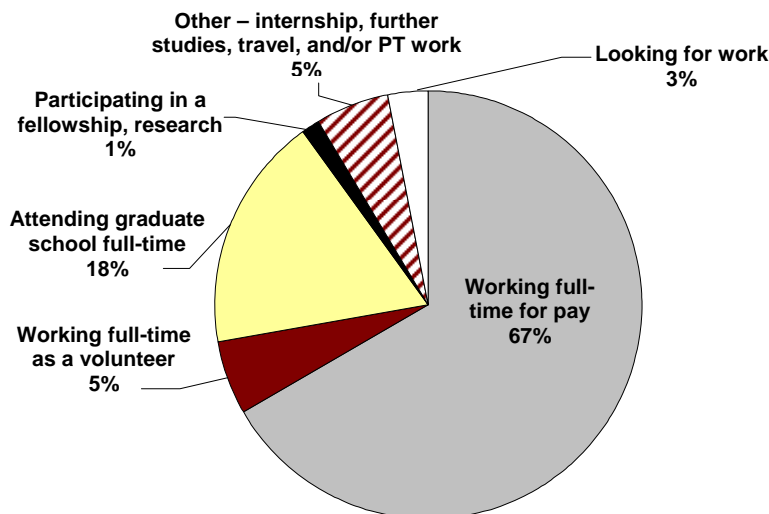
B. Primary Activity Six Months after Graduation

Approximately **96%** of the Class of 2007 is working full-time, attending graduate school full-time, volunteering full-time, or engaged in a fellowship or post-graduate internship. The distribution of post-graduation status, however, varies significantly among schools. With 90% of the respondents reporting that they are currently employed, graduates of the Connell School of Nursing are most likely to be working for pay, followed by the Carroll School of Management (88%). More than a quarter of the graduates of the Lynch School of Education are attending graduate school full-time, followed closely by graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences (23%). Nearly 15% of LSOE graduates reported that they are working full-time as a volunteer.

Class of 2007: Primary Activity Six Months after Graduation

	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	All Schools
Working full-time for pay	60%	88%	90%	49%	67%
Working full-time as a volunteer	6%	2%	3%	15%	5%
Attending graduate school full-time	23%	4%	0%	26%	18%
Participating in a fellowship, research grant, etc.	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Participating in a post-graduate internship, further studies, travel, and/or PT work	6%	3%	6%	5%	5%
Looking for work	3%	3%	0%	3%	3%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Primary activity of 2007 graduates six months post-graduation



C. Career Fields

Topping the list of career fields reported by 2007 graduates is Teaching and Consulting (7% and 6% of the graduates who reported their field of employment, respectively).

Class of 2007: Top 10 Employment Fields

Field of employment	No. reporting (N=486)	% of those reporting
Teaching	35	7%
Consulting	28	6%
Paralegal	27	6%
Registered Nurse	27	6%
Sales	27	6%
Research (Technical/Scientific)	25	5%
Accounting (Public)	20	4%
Human Resources/Industrial Relations	17	3%
Advertising	16	3%
Investment Banking (Corporate Finance)	16	3%

D. Timing of Employment Offers

Among the students working full-time, there is great variation in the timing of their offers of employment. Approximately **77%** of CSOM graduates and **67%** of CSON graduates had secured their positions before leaving Boston College. In contrast, the majority (**52%**) of A&S graduates who are currently working full-time were offered their positions in the summer or fall following graduation.

When did the Class of 2007 Accept Employment Offers?

	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	All Schools
Prior to senior year	3%	14%	0%	0%	6%
First semester senior year	10%	40%	4%	0%	18%
Second semester senior year	29%	23%	67%	36%	29%
Summer following senior year	39%	13%	19%	57%	31%
Fall following senior year	19%	10%	11%	7%	15%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

E. Median Starting Salaries by School

Salary information was provided by 473 students. The salaries ranged from a low of \$18,000 to a high of \$84,000, with a median of \$40,000. The median salary for each undergraduate school, as well as the middle range of salaries, is listed below:

	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	Total
Number reporting	274	151	24	24	473
Median salary	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$35,800	\$40,000
25th percentile of range	\$30,000	\$42,000	\$50,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
75th percentile of range	\$42,000	\$57,000	\$60,000	\$43,000	\$50,000

F. Median Starting Salaries by Field

Among the top ten career fields noted by the survey respondents, the highest starting salaries are found in the fields of investment banking and consulting, followed by nursing and accounting.

Teaching, the most frequent career field, shows a median starting salary of \$37,800.

Employment Field	Number reporting	Median Salary	Salary Range
Investment Banking (Corporate Finance)	16	\$60,000	\$35,000 - \$85,000
Consulting	28	\$56,000	\$32,000 - \$65,000
Registered Nurse	24	\$55,000	\$36,000 - \$75,000
Accounting (Public)	19	\$50,000	\$32,000 - \$60,000
Paralegal	25	\$40,000	\$20,000 - \$65,000
Human Resources/Industrial Relations	17	\$40,000	\$30,000 - \$53,000
Teaching	28	\$37,800	\$18,000 - \$45,540
Sales	26	\$35,500	\$23,000 - \$75,000
Advertising	15	\$35,000	\$26,000 - \$50,000
Research (Technical/Scientific)	24	\$30,500	\$20,000 - \$57,300

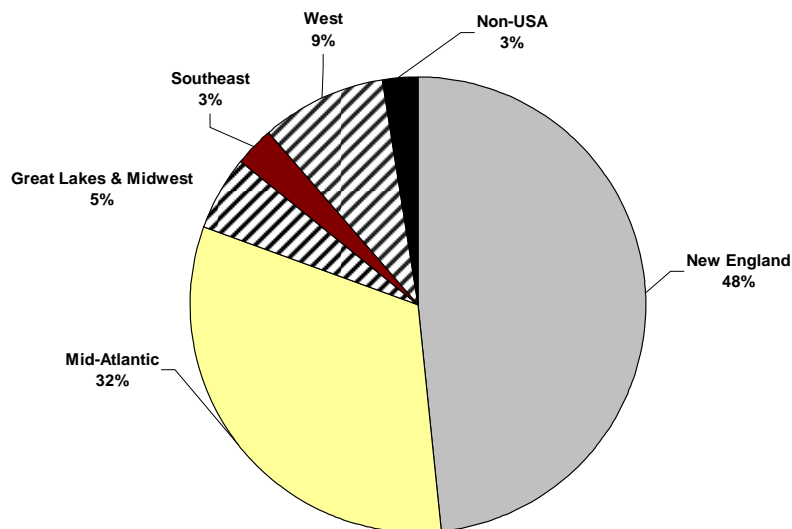
G. Primary Resource Used to Find Current Job

More than 46% of the respondents who are working full-time indicated that they found their position through on-campus interviewing or other Career Center programs. Career Fairs held outside of BC were cited by nearly a quarter (23%) of the respondents. At least 15% of the respondents who are working full-time indicated that they found their position through family connections.

	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	Total
EagleLink On-Campus interviews	9%	36%	0%	4%	17%
Career Center program	30%	22%	48%	38%	29%
Career fair at BC or listings linked through the Career Center website	8%	6%	0%	8%	7%
Career fair outside of BC	30%	7%	33%	29%	23%
Family connections	11%	21%	19%	13%	15%
Internship	4%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Other	8%	5%	0%	8%	7%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

H. Geographic location of employed graduates

Geographic Distribution of Employed Members of the Class of 2007



I. Graduate school enrollment by program/degree type

Approximately 18% of the survey respondents indicated that they are currently pursuing graduate degrees full-time. Another 5% are enrolled part-time. More than a third (38%) of LSOE respondents are currently enrolled, either full-time or part-time, in graduate school. Of the respondents reporting their degree program, 24% are pursuing JD's, and 10% are pursuing degrees in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine.

Class of 2007: Distribution of Graduate Program Enrollments

Graduate degrees	Number of respondents	Percent of respondents
Master's Degrees	103	57%
<i>Education (MA, MAT, MEd)</i>	33	18%
<i>Humanities (MA, MDiv, Other)</i>	15	8%
<i>Medical Sciences (MA, MS, Other)</i>	11	6%
<i>Social Sciences (MA, MS, Other)</i>	9	5%
<i>Fine Arts (MA, MFA, Other)</i>	8	4%
<i>Business/Accounting (MA, MBA, MS)</i>	8	4%
<i>Public Health (MPH, MS)</i>	7	4%
<i>Social Work (MSW)</i>	6	3%
<i>Hard Sciences (MS)</i>	3	2%
<i>Other (MS, MS)</i>	3	2%
J.D.	44	24%
Ph.D.	14	8%
<i>Humanities</i>	5	3%
<i>Sciences or math</i>	5	3%
<i>Social sciences</i>	4	2%
M.D./D.O.	15	8%
D.M.D.	1	1%
D.V.M.	1	1%
Pharm.D.	2	1%
D.P.T.	1	1%
Total	181	100%

J. Graduate schools attended

The array of graduate schools attended by the Class of 2007 graduates varies by the degree and field of study pursued. Listed below is a sample of the schools currently attended by BC graduates, by primary field of study. The number of students is included in parentheses.

Graduate School Attended by the Class of 2007

Law

St. John's University School of Law (5)
Suffolk University Law School (4)
American U., Washington College of Law (3)
Fordham University School of Law (3)
Brooklyn Law School (2)
George Washington University Law School (2)
Pepperdine University School of Law (2)
Wake Forest University Law School (2)

Medicine

Boston University School of Medicine (2)
Tufts University School of Medicine (2)
Univ. of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (1)

Education

Boston College (10)
Northwestern University (3)
Providence College (2)

Social Sciences

American University (3)
Harvard University (2)
Duke University (1)

Humanities

Boston College (3)
Fordham University (2)
Columbia University (1)

Fine Arts

Fashion Institute of Technology (1)
New England Conservatory (1)
New York School of Interior Design (1)

Medical & Hard Sciences

University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (4)
Boston University (2)
Yale University (1)

Public Health

Boston University School of Public Health (5)
Tulane University School of Public Health (1)
University of Washington (1)

Social Work

Boston College (2)
Washington University in St. Louis (1)
Columbia University (1)

Business/Accounting

Boston College (2)
Bentley College (2)
Rutgers University-Rutgers Business School (1)