

The purpose of the Boston College Post-Graduation Plans Survey is to track recent graduates' current and future professional and educational plans. The survey addresses topics such as the graduate's primary activity after graduation, the type of work and industry in which the graduate may be employed, the timing of job offers and starting salary information, graduate school enrollments by program, degree, and institution, and the organizations through which recent graduates engage in fellowships and service work.

Serving as partners in this data collection effort, the Career Center and Institutional Research & Planning have utilized a variety of resources to supplement information gathered via the traditional survey administration process, resulting in a valuable set of data that provides faculty, administrators, and employers with information that helps better serve students in their career-planning activities. The survey administration process and data reporting methods both conform to the guidelines put forth by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the leading resource for information on post-graduation plans, hiring forecasts, job market trends and employment-related best practices and benchmarks.

### *Survey administration and data collection*

- The survey was administered online from April 2022 through December 2022 to all 2,294 members of the undergraduate Class of 2022. With 1,015 graduates responding to the survey, the overall response rate was 44.2%.
- Information about another 769 individuals (an additional 43.1%) was retrieved from the Boston College Carroll School of Management First Destinations Survey, the National Student Clearinghouse, internal Boston College sources, and public data.
- Data from the Boston College Carroll School of Management First Destinations Survey, the National Student Clearinghouse, Boston College graduate programs, and public sources were also sought for survey participants whose responses were incomplete; that additional information was merged with their survey responses.
- In total, input was collected for 1,784 graduates, resulting in a 77.8% knowledge rate for the Class of 2022.

## Highlights

- Of the students with input collected, more than 9 out of 10 members of the Class of 2022 (96%) are **employed (including in a post-graduation internship and serving in the U.S. military), attending graduate school, engaging in service/volunteering, or participating in a fellowship**. About 4% indicated they are seeking employment or enrollment in continuing education, or not seeking at this time.
  - Employed full time (on average 30 hours or more per week) 71.4%
  - Employed part time (on average less than 30 hours per week) 2.0%
  - Enrolled in a program of continuing education 18.4%
  - Participating in a post-graduation internship 2.0%
  - Participating in a volunteer or service program 1.3%
  - Participating in a fellowship, scholarship, grant, etc. 0.4%
  - Serving in the U.S. military 0.8%
  - Seeking employment or enrollment in continuing education 3.5%
  - Not seeking employment, education, etc. at this time 0.3%
- Of those employed full-time, the **median salary** reported by members of the Class of 2022 is \$67,000 with the middle 50% of students reporting salaries between \$50,000 and \$80,000.
- A **broad range of industries** is represented for those respondents who are employed (including those whose primary activity is the military or an internship), and includes areas such as financial services, healthcare, consulting and management, technology, communication and media, retail, law and public policy, education, accounting, entertainment, and social services. The top industries represented are:
  - Financial Services & Real Estate 26%
  - Healthcare, Life & Physical Sciences, Environment 20%
  - Business Services, Consulting, Management 16%
  - Government, Law, Public Policy 7%
  - Technology, Engineering, Startups, Entrepreneurship 6%
  - Accounting 6%
  - Communications, Media, Publishing, Marketing 5%
  - Education 4%
- Among graduates who shared information about when they received offers of employment, the majority **received job offers by the end of their second semester senior year (82%)**.
- While a majority of 2022 **graduates remain in the Northeast (78%)**, graduates do move to all regions of the United States (42 states, and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico), as well as 19 countries outside of the U.S.: Benin, China, Cyprus, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Laos, Panama, Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom. Note: includes graduates in all primary activities except military (includes employed, continuing education, volunteer, fellowship, and internship).

- Among graduates who are employed and who shared information about the resources used in the job search, about **67% used a Boston College Career Center resource to secure their employment** (i.e., on-campus or virtual interviews arranged through the Career Center, other Handshake job postings, Career Center website, Career fair at BC, Career Center event or program, or networking through BC).

- Among graduates who are employed and who shared information about the resources used in the job search, the **top job search resources utilized** include:

▪ Networking beyond BC	47%
▪ Other Handshake job posting (non on-campus interviews)	41%
▪ Other job listings, including online sites and print	40%
▪ Networking through BC	37%
▪ Previous internship	27%
▪ Career Center website	19%
▪ Career fair at BC	17%
▪ Interviews arranged through the Career Center	14%
▪ Career Center event or program	7%

- While enrolled at BC, members in the Class of 2022 reported that they participated in a number of **“high impact activities.”** Survey respondents reported participating in the following activities:

▪ Internship(s) – Paid and/or Unpaid <sup>1</sup>	82%
▪ Student organization leadership role(s)	74%
▪ Community service/volunteer work (outside of class)	72%
▪ On-campus job(s) (e.g., work study positions)	69%
▪ Research project(s) worked on with BC faculty	40%
▪ Service learning (as part of a course)	29%
▪ Externship(s)	26%
▪ Research project(s) worked on outside of BC	18%
▪ Study abroad/Global experience(s)	16%

<sup>1</sup>A total of 82% of Class of 2022 graduates reported that they participated in at least one internship (paid and or unpaid internship). A total of 65% reported they participated in at least one paid internship, and 48% reported they participated in at least one unpaid internship.

- About 18% of Class of 2022 graduates are **enrolled in a program of continuing education** as their primary activity after graduation. Of those, approximately two-thirds (65%) are pursuing Master’s degrees, 16% are pursuing law degrees, 14% are pursuing Doctorates (which includes: D.D.S., D.M.D., D.N.P, D.P.T., O.D., Pharm.D., Psy.D., and Ph.D.), 2.5% pursuing M.D. or D.O. degrees, and about 2% are pursuing a certificate or other degree or non-degree.

- Out of students enrolled in a program of continuing education, the areas of study are: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) (19%), Law (16%), Business (15%), and Education (14%).
  - STEM<sup>1</sup> 19%
  - Law 16%
  - Business 15%
  - Education 14%
  - Humanities or Social Sciences<sup>1</sup> 7%
  - Applied Doctorates (Doctorate)<sup>2</sup> 5%
  - Other Masters 5%
  - Health, Policy, or Planning 5%
  - Counseling 3%
  - Social Work 3%
  - Medicine 3%
  - Dentistry 2%
  - Nursing 1%
  - Fine and Performing Arts 1%
  - Communications 1%

<sup>1</sup>Includes those pursuing Masters or Doctorate degrees.

<sup>2</sup>Includes Ph.D. degrees in fields such as: engineering fields, public health, as well as degrees such as: Psy.D, D.N.P., D.P.T., Pharm.D., and O.D.

Note: Some Program of Study categories also include Certificate or Other degrees, including post-baccalaureate programs and non-degree granting programs. The following Fields of Study do not include doctorate degrees: Business, Education, Health, Policy, or Planning, Counseling, Social Work, Nursing, Fine and Performing Arts, and Communications.

- For graduates engaged in volunteering or service with program information, more than two-thirds (73%) are serving with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Class of 2022 graduates are also volunteering with a host of other service organizations, both domestic and international.