Employment and Continuing Education

Information about the post-graduation outcomes of recent bachelor’s degree recipients is collected by career offices and units across campus. Given the breadth of bachelor’s degrees that the University of Michigan awards, this decentralized method best permits units to collect data in a manner that is appropriate for their unique reporting needs, accreditation requirements, employee hiring cycles, and other factors.

Previously, results have been reported on a unit-by-unit basis. Starting with the Class of 2013, data from all units will be compiled centrally by the Office of Budget & Planning so that outcomes may be published for the entire graduating class. Schools and colleges have made some adjustments in their data collection to make compilation of this data possible.

Depending on the typical hiring patterns of employers in the field, data collection in some units began prior to students’ graduation; all units completed their collection by February 2014, nine months after spring commencement exercises. The response rate for the Class of 2013 overall was 43%, with school & college response rates ranging from a low of 20% to a high of 86%.

Full-time Employment includes self-employment, entrepreneurial endeavors, military service, and full-time service programs. “Other” includes graduates who report their primary activity as looking for employment, deciding between offers, traveling, attending to family responsibilities, and other assorted activities.

Source: Surveys of 2013 baccalaureate graduates conducted by academic units and the U-M Career Center. Data collection conducted between 0-9 months after graduation, depending on U-M school or college.