

## Highlights post-undergraduate degree | Multi-year summary

Source: full reports online: <http://www.career.vt.edu/PostGraduationSurveyReport/PostGrad.html>

Graduates of academic year:	10-11	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04
• Response rate of grads to Post-Grad survey:	57%	63%	69%	69%	73.7%	59%	56%	56%
• Taking time off after graduation (>1 month)	46%	48%	48%	52%	52%	40%	41%	40%
<b>Status after graduation cont. educ. + employed:</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>70%</b>
• Still seeking / considering options at last response	21%	23%	25%	14%	14%	17%	17%	22%
<b>Respondents continuing education:</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>22%</b>
• Another bachelor's degree (% of cont. ed.)	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	2%	3%	2%
• Master's degree	61%	61%	63%	61%	59%	65%	63%	68%
• Law	6%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	5%
• M.D., Pharm.D., D.C., D.O., other medical doctor	14%	14%	11%	13%	13%	11%	8%	5%
• D.V.M.	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%
• Ph.D., Psy.D.	6%	6%	7%	7%	10%	10%	11%	9%
• Other, including associate's degree	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%	6%
<b>Respondents employed:</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>48%</b>
• Service work (included in employed total)	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
• Self-employed (included in employed total)	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
• <b>Salary median; ½ higher, ½ lower (not average/mean)</b>	<b>\$48,500</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<b>\$48,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>
• Signing bonus included with job offer=yes	22%	22%	24%	31%	28%	29%	22%	19%
• Bonus median	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
• Employment related to career goals?								
Very	70%	69%	69%	73%	72%	72%	71%	68%
Somewhat	30%	31%	31%	27%	28%	25%	26%	28%
Not	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	4%
• Employment related to major?								
Very	62%	58%	58%	64%	64%	66%	65%	63%
Somewhat	26%	28%	30%	27%	26%	26%	26%	27%
Not	12%	14%	12%	9%	10%	8%	9%	10%
• Number of job offers:								
1	50%	51%	50%	39%	35%	36%	37%	36%
2	26%	29%	27%	29%	29%	29%	31%	32%
3	15%	13%	15%	18%	21%	21%	19%	19%
4	5%	4%	4%	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%
5 or >	4%	2%	4%	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%
<b>Source of accepted job; first contact w/employer:</b>								
• <b>Worked for employer prior</b> (summer, internship, vol., etc.)	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18%</b>
• <b>Networking total</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>23%</b>
• Networking family/friend	14%	13%	14%	12%	14%	13%	15%	14%
• Networking professors, alumnus/a, clubs, former employer	12%	13%	8%	10%	10%	8%	9%	9%
• <b>Career fair</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>15%</b>
• <b>VT Hokies4Hire / On-Campus Interviewing Progr.</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>
• Job-seeker web site	7%	7%	6%	7%	9%	8%	9%	9%
• Employer's web site	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	6%
• E-mail or other notice from academic dept	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%
• Print publication	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
• Other	6%	8%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	8%
<b>All respondents: career-related experience=yes</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>
• Summer job (✓ all that apply)	55%	56%	57%	56%	55%	55%	55%	57%
• Paid internship	48%	48%	51%	51%	48%	45%	42%	38%
• Part-time job	44%	45%	45%	43%	40%	41%	42%	45%
• Volunteer work	43%	41%	40%	36%	34%	35%	33%	35%
• Undergraduate research	22%	21%	18%	19%	18%	18%	19%	18%
• Unpaid internship	22%	21%	18%	16%	14%	16%	17%	17%
• Field study	11%	12%	11%	11%	10%	12%	12%	14%
• Co-op	5%	7%	6%	7%	7%	9%	9%	10%
• Other	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%
<b>Wished they had done something differently=yes:</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>57%</b>
• More experience related to major or career goals *	33%	33%	32%	28%	30%	26%	28%	34%
• Learned more (&/or earlier) about career options *	28%	27%	27%	25%	24%	22%	23%	27%

(\* percentages of those who wished they had done something differently are percentages of total respondents.)

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Full report at [www.career.vt.edu](http://www.career.vt.edu): Post-Graduation Report. This and much more info, also by colleges and by majors.