

Recent Graduates Class of 2019

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The Minnesota Private College Council annually surveys member institutions to collect data on the post-graduation outcomes of recent graduates. The Council compiles responses that member institutions receive from their own graduates.

These results reflect the experiences of a large majority of our graduates; we have data on 73% of the class of 2019 from all 17 member institutions. Response rates and participation differ by institution and question, and member institutions employed a variety of methodologies. For background and project limitations, please see pages 3 and 4.

Our graduates add to the quality of Minnesota's workforce.

- 69% of the class of 2019 stayed in Minnesota

Our graduates are ready to move on to careers and further education.

- 92% of the class of 2019 graduates were employed, in the military, pursuing additional education, or engaged in volunteer service (i.e., Peace Corps or mission work)
 - 74% of graduates listed employment as their primary activity
 - 67% were employed full-time
 - 7% were employed part-time
 - 15% listed continuing education as their primary activity
 - 3% listed volunteer service as their primary activity
 - 0.6% listed military service as their primary activity
- Looking at the remaining 8% of the class of 2019:
 - 7% were seeking employment
 - 0.7% were seeking continuing education
 - 0.6% were not seeking employment or continuing education

Nearly half of graduates continuing their education enrolled in master's degree programs and attended Minnesota institutions.

- 15% of the class of 2019 were enrolled in continuing education. Of those continuing their education:
 - 94% were enrolled full-time
 - 47% were enrolled at Minnesota institutions
 - 22% at Minnesota Private College Council member institutions
 - 13% at the University of Minnesota
 - 5% at Minnesota State universities
 - 8% at another Minnesota institution
 - Master's degrees were the most popular programs for those continuing their education
 - 49% were enrolled in a master's program
 - 21% were enrolled in a professional program
 - 18% were enrolled in a PhD program
 - 2% were pursuing an additional bachelor's degree
 - 2% were completing a bachelor's degree (e.g. student teaching)
 - 4% were enrolled in a certificate program
 - 4% were enrolled in another type of program

Due to rounding, sums may not equal totals.

Recent Graduates 2019 Response Rate by Institution

Institution	Bachelor's Degree Recipients	Number of Graduates with Data	Share of Graduates with Data	Survey time frame
Augsburg University	551	398	72%	November 2018 to August 2019
Bethany Lutheran College	128	102	80%	May 2019
Bethel University	592	156	26%	May 2020 to June 2020
Carleton College	461	387	84%	May 2019 to December 2019
College of Saint Benedict	403	380	94%	December 2018 to March 2020
Concordia College	448	375	84%	April 2019 to December 2019
Concordia University, St. Paul	760	538	71%	August 2018 to January 2020
Gustavus Adolphus College	487	476	98%	April 2019 to April 2020
Hamline University	470	311	66%	February 2020 to July 2020
Macalester College	530	477	90%	May 2019 to December 2019
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	161	86	53%	December 2018 to June 2019
Saint John's University	384	380	99%	December 2018 to March 2020
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	158	103	65%	May 2019 to November 2019
St. Catherine University	378	261	69%	November 2019 to January 2020
St. Olaf College	689	606	88%	April 2019 to December 2019
The College of St. Scholastica	762	549	72%	June 2020 to August 2020
University of St. Thomas	1,215	646	53%	April 2019 to December 2019
<i>MPCC Total</i>	8,577	6,231	73%	

Survey Methodology

This report collects the results of surveys of recent graduates conducted by each member institution. We receive aggregate results for a set of items that are common to the surveys and combine them for sharing with the group. We also use this data to highlight our colleges' contribution to Minnesota's labor force and graduate degree enrollment in advocacy efforts. All seventeen member institutions were able to participate. We know that:

- The total number of graduates with data was 6,231 (note not all questions have data for all graduates).
- The total number of 2019 graduates from the 17 participating institutions was 8,577.
- The overall response/knowledge rate was 73%.

Different response rates among the participating colleges means that the results may not be representative of the full population of graduates. Data presented are not weighted by the number of graduates, as the survey response rates by institutions vary greatly.

Data collection methods vary among member institutions. A few institutions send a single mailing of the survey; others use mixed methods such as sending multiple mailings, request for web surveys and follow-up telephone calls. Additionally, there has been growth in the use of web-based surveys and data from LinkedIn and Facebook. These different collection methods greatly impact the final response/knowledge rate and ultimately affect how representative the survey results are of the graduating class. Not all survey respondents answered every question, so response rates varied by question as well. In the results reported above, we calculate percentages based on the number of responses to each question, not to the total number of surveys returned.

The timing of the survey distribution also varies widely among member institutions. Some institutions begin data collection before graduation, while other institutions start and conduct their survey six to twelve months after graduation. This variation contributes to inconsistencies in the data, particularly with respect to the employment items. Given these variations in data collection and response rates, the results of the survey should be interpreted cautiously.

This project would not be possible without the cooperation and support of staff at our member institutions. If you have questions or comments about this report, please contact the Minnesota Private College Council.