Undergraduate Class of 2019
Career Plans Survey Report

Methodology

Career Services at the University of Pennsylvania annually surveys graduating students to provide a snapshot of their post-graduation plans.

This report looks at the 2,681 undergraduates who received their degrees from August 2018–May 2019. Students were surveyed up to six months from their graduation date, with a 59% response rate. Additional information was then collected via LinkedIn and other sources, bringing the total knowledge rate up to 78%. Of the total 2,024 known outcomes, 73% came from online/phone surveys and 27% came from LinkedIn and other sources.

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Post-Graduation by the Numbers
2,067 responses

Full-Time Employment

77%

Median Salary
816 responses

$77,500
Starting annual salary for graduates employed full-time in the United States, compared to $75,000 for the Class of 2018.

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Hiring Timeline

55% of graduates working full-time accepted offers before January, primarily in early recruiting industries like Finance, Consulting, and Technology.

Most other industries (Education, Entertainment, Government, Healthcare, Marketing, Non-Profits, etc.) start hiring graduates in the spring semester.

Offer Method

43% of full-time opportunities were found through Career Services.

30% were return offers from a previous employer, primarily in industries like Finance and Technology.
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Full-Time Employment

Top Employers Hiring by Industry

**Consulting**
1. The Boston Consulting Group (30)
3. Accenture (24)

**Education**
1. University of Pennsylvania (39)
2. Teach For America (13)
3. Success Academy Charter Schools (3)

**Financial Services**
1. Goldman Sachs (45)
2. Morgan Stanley (28)
3. JPMorgan Chase & Co. (23)

**Healthcare**
1. Penn Medicine (29)
2. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (27)
3. Massachusetts General Hospital (7)

**Media, Journalism, Entertainment**
1. The Walt Disney Company (6)
2. NBCUniversal (5)
3. Creative Artists Agency (2)

**Non-Profit & Government**
1. Fulbright Program, U.S. Department of State (12)
2. AmeriCorps (3)
3. U.S. Department of Justice (3)

**Technology**
1. Google, Inc. (30)
2. Facebook (23)
3. Microsoft (20)

**Other Industries**
1. SpaceX (4)
2. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP (4)
3. Boeing Company (3)

Employment by Industry

1,522 responses

- **Financial Services**: 30%
- **Consulting**: 18%
- **Technology**: 16%
- **Healthcare**: 9%
- **Education**: 5%
- **Nonprofit**: 3%
- **Media/Journalism/Entertainment**: 3%
- **Other**: 3%
- **Legal Services**: 2%
- **Government**: 2%
- **Biomedical Products/Pharmaceuticals**: 1%
- **Marketing/Advertising/Public Relations**: 1%
- **Retail/Wholesale**: 1%
- **Real Estate/Construction**: 1%
- **Consumer Products**: 1%
- **Aerospace**: 1%
- **Sports/Hospitality**: 1%
- **Insurance**: 1%
- **Design/Fine Arts**: 1%
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Continuing Education

Top Graduate Schools Accepting by Discipline

Law
1. University of Pennsylvania (3)
2. Georgetown University (3)
3. Harvard University (3)
4. New York University (2)

Medicine
1. University of Pennsylvania (12)
2. Johns Hopkins University (4)
3. Stanford University (3)
4. New York University (2)

Other Programs
1. University of Pennsylvania (103)
2. Columbia University (10)
3. Stanford University (6)
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (4)
5. Princeton University (4)
6. University of California (4)
7. University of Oxford (4)

Continuing Education by Field of Study
278 responses

- 31% Engineering
- 20% Medicine
- 9% Social Science
- 9% Science (non-medical)
- 8% Law
- 7% Other Health Professions (including Nursing)
- 5% Business
- 4% Humanities
- 3% Education
- 2% Other
- 1% Design
- 1% Fine & Performing Arts

Continuing Education Degree Level
281 responses

- Masters, 54%
- Doctorate, 38%
- Other, 7%