WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SURVEY

Each year, Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) conducts a survey with recent graduates about their plans for the future and where their degrees will take them. The data is compiled into the First Destination Survey, a “snapshot” of what’s possible with an Indiana University or Purdue University degree earned at IPFW.

The responses we collect help future Mastodons prepare for their career and post-graduation goals. The Class of 2016 First Destination Survey provides comprehensive and reliable data that can be used to accurately inform and shape career expectations of current undergraduates, new alumni, and prospective students. The survey also helps IPFW meet the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunities Act. And it provides accurate post-graduation outcomes information to the IPFW community-at-large, parents, the media, and those who hire.

Strong results—68% response rate

We surveyed students graduating from IPFW in December 2015, May 2016, and only Summer I 2016. A total of 1,589 graduates received the First Destination Survey and will be referred to as the “Class of 2016.” We had 1,084 participate, with a response rate of 68% (N=1084). Responses were gathered beginning three weeks prior to graduation and ran three months following graduation.
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EMPLOYED DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS

9 out of 10 respondents worked while attending IPFW.

- 39% worked full-time
- 61% worked part-time

WHAT IS HAPPENING AFTER GRADUATION

84% of the class of 2016 is employed, continuing education, serving in the military, volunteering, or not seeking employment.

- 11% continuing education
- 60% full-time employment
- 16% part-time employment
- <1% military
- <1% not seeking employment
- 16% seeking employment
- <1% self-employed
- <1% volunteer

83.5% are employed related to major

88.3% are employed related to career goals

Knowledge rate 71.4%
### WHERE GRADUATES CONTRIBUTE

The class of 2016 is contributing their ideas and innovations to a diverse range of industries, non-profits, and creative fields.

![Bar chart showing first destination outcomes by college](chart.png)

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
- **Employed Full-Time**: 70.5%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 6.3%
- **Continuing Education**: 7.8%
- **Seeking Employment**: 13.8%
- **Military**: <1%
- **Not Seeking Employment**: <1%
- **Self-Employed**: <1%

### DOERMER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
- **Employed Full-Time**: 64.2%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 12.5%
- **Continuing Education**: 9.1%
- **Seeking Employment**: 10.8%
- **Military**: <1%
- **Not Seeking Employment**: 1.7%
- **Self-Employed**: 1.1%

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC POLICY
- **Employed Full-Time**: 55.3%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 14.9%
- **Seeking Employment**: 25.5%
- **Volunteer**: 2.1%

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- **Employed Full-Time**: 52.5%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 28.2%
- **Continuing Education**: 5.4%
- **Seeking Employment**: 18.8%
- **Military**: 0%
- **Not Seeking Employment**: 0%
- **Self-Employed**: 0%

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- **Employed Full-Time**: 31.1%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 20.5%
- **Continuing Education**: 28.7%
- **Seeking Employment**: 17.6%
- **Military**: <1%
- **Not Seeking Employment**: <1%
- **Volunteer**: <1%

### COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
- **Employed Full-Time**: 32%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 22%
- **Continuing Education**: 6%
- **Seeking Employment**: 28%
- **Self-Employed**: 10%
- **Not Seeking Employment**: 2%

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89% of employed respondents work in the 11 counties that make up northeast Indiana. Another 6% are working elsewhere in Indiana for a total of 95% contributing to Indiana’s cultural, intellectual, and industrial momentum.

Over half (59%) reported participating in at least one form of experiential learning, gaining critical industry insights and on-the-job training as part of their ongoing educational goals.

**Employment Destination by Geographic Region**

- **89%** employed in northeast Indiana
- **6%** employed elsewhere in the state
- **95%** employed in Indiana

**Experiential Education**
- 82% of graduates who participated in experiential education are employed or continuing education.
- 89% of these graduates reported their first destination activity is related to their major.
- 91% of these graduates reported their first destination activity is related to their future career goals.
- 93% of these graduates reported they are satisfied with their first destination activity.

**On-Campus Research**
- 86% of graduates who participated in on-campus research responded they are employed or continuing education.
- 91% reported their first destination activity is related to their major.
- 94% of these graduates reported their first destination activity is related to their future career goals.
- 91% of these graduates reported they are satisfied with their first destination activity.

**Hands-On Training Benefits**
- 82% of salaried graduates reported earning a salary over $30,000.
- 56% of salaried graduates reported earning a salary over $40,000.
- 64% of salaried graduates reported earning a salary over $40,000.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

11% of respondents chose to continue their education after graduation.

IPFW’S CLASS OF 2016 IS REPRESENTED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

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STARTING SALARIES

84% of salaried respondents reported earning a salary over $30,000.

59% of salaried respondents reported earning a salary over $40,000.

44% of respondents reported earning a wage over $14 per hour.
SATISFACTION WITH IPFW

93% of respondents are satisfied with their time at IPFW.

88% of respondents would choose IPFW again.

ABOUT IPFW

- Established in 1964 in Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Chancellor: Vicky L. Carwein
- Largest university in northeast Indiana
- Indiana’s Multisystem Metropolitan University
- Campus is nearly 700 acres with 40 buildings and structures
- Offers more than 200 Indiana University and Purdue University degree programs
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
- Schools, divisions, and programs have acquired additional accreditation
- Academically composed of five colleges, one school, and two divisions with 33 total departments:
  - College of Arts and Sciences
  - College of Education and Public Policy
  - College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science
  - College of Health and Human Services
  - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - Richard T. Doermer School of Business and Management Sciences
  - Division of Continuing Studies
  - Division of Labor Studies
- Hosts 11 Centers of Excellence that integrate teaching, research, and service to the community
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