FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY
FOSTERING STUDENT SUCCESS
CELEBRATING THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEWEST ALUMNI

Purdue University
Fort Wayne
2019
WHAT YOU SHOULD
KNOW ABOUT THE SURVEY

Our First Destination Survey provides you with comprehensive and reliable information about recent Purdue University Fort Wayne graduates. You can use this data to help make decisions about your education and career goals, as it will give you a snapshot of what is possible with a degree earned at Purdue Fort Wayne.

In addition to assisting you in shaping your future, the First Destination Survey helps Purdue Fort Wayne meet the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunities Act.

The survey also provides information to the Purdue Fort Wayne community, the media, and those who hire.

Strong Results—74% Response Rate

We surveyed students graduating from Purdue Fort Wayne between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. A total of 1,391 graduates received the First Destination Survey. We had 1,027 graduates fully complete the survey for a response rate of 74 percent. Responses were gathered beginning three weeks prior to graduation and ran six months following graduation.
KEY HIGHLIGHTS

87% OF RESPONDENTS are employed, continuing education, serving in the military, volunteering, or not seeking employment.

91% EMPLOYED IN INDIANA of employed respondents are now employed in Indiana.

85% of respondents now employed work in the 11 counties of Northeast Indiana.

89% of employed graduates’ positions were related to their future career goals.

86% of employed graduates found positions related to their degree program.

69% of respondents’ motivation for finishing their degree was employment opportunities, income potential, job satisfaction, or professional prestige.

59% reported participating in experiential learning.

89% of respondents WERE SATISFIED with their initial career activity after graduation.

92% of respondents WERE SATISFIED with their time spent at Purdue Fort Wayne.
MOTIVATION FOR FINISHING DEGREE

- Employment Opportunities: 50%
- Personal Enrichment: 20%
- Income Potential: 11%
- Impact on Society: 7%
- Job Satisfaction: 6%
- Professional Prestige: 3%
- Other: 3%

DEGREES REPRESENTED IN THIS SURVEY

- Degrees/Certificates/Majors: 1,119 (71% total complete response rate)
- Graduates: 1,027 (74% total complete response rate)
EMPLOYED
DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

91% of respondents worked while attending Purdue Fort Wayne

38% worked full-time

62% worked part-time
WHAT IS HAPPENING AFTER GRADUATION

87% of respondents are employed, continuing education, serving in the military, volunteering, or not seeking employment.

89% ARE EMPLOYED related to career goals

86% ARE EMPLOYED related to major

61.5% Full-time employment
11.9% Part-time employment
10.3% Continuing education
12.9% Seeking employment
1.1% Self employed
1.9% Not seeking employment
0.3% Volunteer
0.2% Military

Knowledge rate 77.1%
## First Destination Post Graduate Outcomes

**By College** (surveyed within six months after graduation)

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**School of Business**

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WHERE GRADUATES CONTRIBUTE

CLASS OF 2019 is contributing their ideas and innovations to a diverse range of industries, nonprofits, and creative fields

- Education: 18.4%
- Healthcare: 9.7%
- Engineering: 9.6%
- Retail: 9.5%
- Manufacturing: 8.1%
- Hospitality, tourism, and recreation: 5.2%
- Marketing and sales: 5.1%
- Community organizations and nonprofits: 4.1%
- Finance and insurance: 3.3%
- Medical, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology: 2.7%
- Computer science and technology: 2.5%
- Accounting: 2.5%
- Automotive: 2.3%
- Transportation and logistics: 2.1%
- IT and telecommunications: 2.1%
- Arts, media and entertainment: 2.1%
- Real estate: 1.6%
- Architecture, design and urban planning: 1.6%
- Environment: 1.3%
- Financial services: 1.1%
- Government and military services: 1.1%
- Agriculture and natural resources: 0.9%
- Energy and utilities: 0.8%
- Public affairs: 0.8%
- Consulting: 0.7%
- Law and legal services: 0.5%
- Research (scientific, health, education, etc.): 0.4%

SATISFIED OR HIGHLY SATISFIED with first destination activity: 89%
EMPLOYMENT DESTINATION
BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION

85% of employed respondents work in the 11 counties that make up northeast Indiana. Another 6% are working elsewhere in Indiana, for a total of 91% contributing to Indiana’s cultural, intellectual, and industrial momentum.
**HANDS-ON TRAINING BENEFITS**

Over half (65%) reported participating in at least one form of experiential learning and/or on-campus research, gaining critical industry insights and on-the-job training as part of their ongoing educational goals.

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<th>ON-CAMPUS RESEARCH</th>
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<td>of these employed graduates reported that their employment is related to their future career goals</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<td>of these graduates reported that they are satisfied with their first-destination activity</td>
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<td>of graduates who participated in hands-on training are employed or continuing education*</td>
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*Includes employed in military and volunteer positions.
10% of respondents chose to continue their education after graduation

Purdue Fort Wayne Class of 2019 is represented at the following institutions:

Ball State University  Saint Francis University
Boise State  Saint Mary’s College
Boston University  Saint Xavier University
Florida State University  The Ohio State University
Indiana State University  The University of Oklahoma
IU School of Dentistry  The University of Toledo
IU School of Medicine  University of Oklahoma
IU School of Medicine - Fort Wayne  University of South Florida
IU Fort Wayne  University of St. Augustine
Minnesota State University  University of Wisconsin - Madison
Nova Southeastern University  Wagner College
Purdue University Fort Wayne  Wayne State University
STARTING SALARIES

91% of salaried respondents reported earning a salary over $30,000

65% of salaried respondents reported earning a salary over $40,000

51% of respondents reported earning a wage over $14 per hour
SATISFACTION WITH PURDUE FORT WAYNE

92% of respondents are satisfied with their time at Purdue Fort Wayne.

85% of respondents would choose Purdue Fort Wayne again.
ABOUT PURDUE FORT WAYNE

» Established in 1964 in Fort Wayne, Indiana
» Chancellor: Ronald L. Elsenbaumer
» Largest University in northeast Indiana
» Designated a Metropolitan University- one of only two in Indiana
» Campus is nearly 700 acres, with 40 buildings and structures
» More than 200 degree programs
» Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
» Schools, divisions, & programs are acquired additional accreditation
» Academically composed of five colleges and three schools:
  » College of Arts and Sciences
  » College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science
    » School of Polytechnic
  » College of Professional Studies
  » School of Education
  » College of Visual and Performing Arts
  » School of Music
  » Richard T. Doermer School of Business
» Hosts 11 Centers of Excellence that integrate teaching, research, and service to the community
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