

Career Outcomes for WMU Graduates 2016–17

Primary Activity Summary 2016–17

	All Degrees	Undergraduate	Graduate
Actively Engaged	91%	91%	89%
Employed full time	71%	69%	74%
Employed part time	5%	5%	4%
Continuing education	14%	16%	10%
Military service	1%	1%	0.4%
Volunteering full time	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Not Actively Engaged	9%	9%	11%
Looking for work	8%	7%	9%
Other commitments (family, travel, etc.)	1%	1%	2%

Full-Time Employment Highlights

- 71% were employed full time.
- The median salary was \$40,000–\$45,000 based on 1733 reported salaries.
- 85% have a job related to their degree.
- 88% are satisfied with their job.
- 77% work in Michigan; 21% work in 48 other U.S. states; and 2% work in 26 countries outside the U.S.

Continuing Education

- 14% are pursuing further education after graduating from WMU.
- 51% are continuing education at WMU, and the remaining 49% will attend 116 different institutions.

Experiential Education

- 84% completed an experiential education activity.

"Absolutely life-changing experiences. Great faculty, welcoming staff, and inclusive environment."

We surveyed all (N=5205) WMU students graduating with bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees between August 2016 and June 2017.

Data was obtained for 77% of the population (N=4016).

91% of WMU graduates were actively engaged within three months of graduation.

"Active engagement" includes full-time employment, part-time employment, military service, volunteering full time, and continuing education.

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Full-time Employment

	All degrees	Undergraduate	Graduate
Job in Michigan	77%	78%	74%
Job related to degree	85%	82%	91%
Satisfied with the job	88%	88%	89%

Salary Ranges for Full-Time Employment

	25 th percentile	50 th percentile	75 th percentile	Responses
All WMU	\$30,000-\$35,000	\$40,000-\$45,000	\$55,000-\$60,000	1733
Undergraduate	\$30,000-\$35,000	\$40,000-\$45,000	\$55,000-\$60,000	1151
Graduate	\$40,000-\$45,000	\$50,000-\$55,000	\$65,000-\$70,000	582

Where Broncos Work

- **77%** in Michigan.
- **21%** elsewhere in the United States.
- Top states: Illinois, Indiana, California, Ohio, Colorado, New York, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida, Georgia, and Minnesota.
- **2%** outside the United States in 26 countries.
- Top countries: Saudi Arabia, Dominican Republic, China, Canada, Japan, and Malaysia.

Organization Types

	All WMU	Undergraduate	Graduate
For-profit business	65%	75%	43%
Nonprofit organization	16%	12%	23%
Educational institution	13%	8%	26%
Government	6%	5%	9%

Experiential Education

	All degrees	Undergraduate	Graduate
All WMU degrees	84%	83%	87%
College of Arts and Sciences	84%	79%	92%
College of Aviation	70%	70%	-
College of Education and Human Development	96%	99%	93%
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences	86%	93%	76%
College of Fine Arts	91%	91%	89%
Haworth College of Business	77%	81%	57%
College of Health and Human Services	94%	92%	96%

"I had the best experience at WMU! Every day I became more glad that I chose this school, and I am sad to leave!"

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Continuing Education Choices

16% of undergraduates and **10% of graduate degree recipients** said they would be pursuing further education or further study after completing their WMU degree.

	Types of further education				
	count	percent		count	percent
Master's	329	62%	Certificate program	18	3%
Doctoral	111	21%	Specialist	5	1%
Professional school	48	9%	Associate's	5	1%
Bachelor's	6	1%	Additional classes	3	1%

51%
of respondents
pursuing further education
said they planned to
attend WMU

"Love this school. Go Broncos!
Best 4 years of my life."

Top institutions chosen for further education

Arizona State University
DePaul University
Grand Valley State University
Indiana University
Michigan State University
Midwestern University
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Michigan
University of Tennessee
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University
WMU Cooley Law School

WMU graduates are pursuing further education in 160 fields of study.

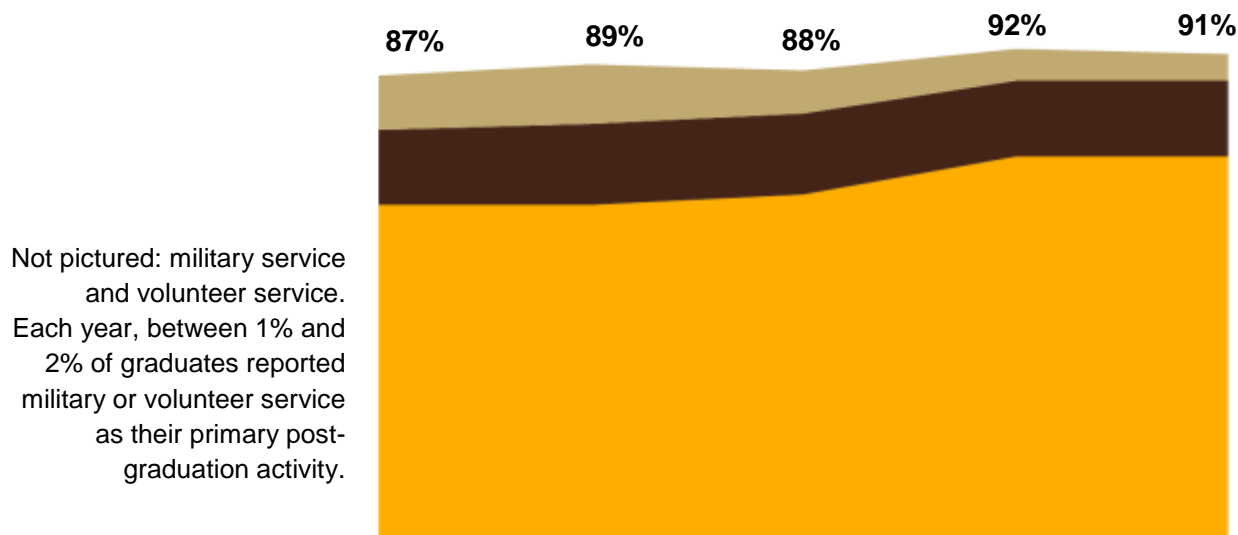
Top fields of study

Accountancy	Medicine
Behavior Analysis	Occupational Therapy
Biological Sciences	Physical Therapy
Business Administration	Physician Assistant
Civil Engineering	Psychology
Dietetics	Social Work
Law	Speech and Language Pathology

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Five Years of Post-Graduation Activity

For the last five years, 87% to 92% of WMU graduates have been actively engaged within 3 months of graduating.



Actively Engaged

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Employed Full Time	62%	62%	64%	71%	71%
Continuing Education	14%	15%	15%	14%	14%
Employed Part Time	10%	11%	8%	6%	5%

The chart to the right displays the knowledge rates for the Post-Graduation Activity Reports from the last five years. The report knowledge rate is the percentage of graduates for which WMU has obtained reasonable and verifiable post-graduation activity data. This data is obtained through the Post-Graduation Activity Survey and from public LinkedIn profiles.

Post-Graduation Activity Knowledge Rates



"WMU is a great university and community. Everyone here is so polite and outgoing. This has always been my dream school. I am lucky to have spent time here learning from amazing teachers and students. It's a great day to be a Bronco!"

2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17