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## Post-Graduation Activity

**95%** of undergraduates and **100%** of graduate degree recipients were **actively engaged**.

	Undergraduate degrees 2015–16		Graduate degrees 2014–15 and 2015–16	
	count	percent	count	percent
Actively Engaged	19	95%	14	100%
Employed full time	13	65%	7	50%
Employed part time	4	20%	2	14%
Continuing education	2	10%	5	36%
Not Actively Engaged	1	5%	0	0%
Unemployed and seeking employment	1	5%	0	0%

## Full-time Employment

- Median salary for undergraduates was **\$35,000 to \$40,000** (based on 7 responses from 2015–16 graduates).
- Median salary for graduate students was **\$40,000 to \$45,000** (based on 6 responses from 2014–15 and 2015–16 graduates).
- 79% were located in Michigan.
- 92% indicated their job was **related to their degree**.
- 100% were **satisfied** with their job.

## About the Data

Graduating students were asked to provide their information through the WMU Post-Graduation Activity Survey within three months of their date of graduation. Some additional data was obtained from students' public professional profiles.

This report includes data from students who majored in Geography; Geography: Secondary Education; and Tourism and Travel.

All information for graduate degrees is based on the most recent data from 2015–16 graduates, combined with data from 2014–15 graduates which was collected near the time of their graduation. We report two years of data together due to low numbers of responses.

Degree recipients	Post-graduation data was obtained for	
45	34 graduates (76%)	
	Graduates	Responses
Bachelor's	29	20 (69%)
Master's	16	14 (88%)

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## Sample Job Titles and Employers

Adjunct Faculty at Grand Rapids Community College

Ammunition Handler at SOC Nevada

Conservation and Stewardship Director at Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

EHS Intern at The Battle Creek Plant at Kellogg

Environmental Educator at Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge

Field Worker and Data Entry Supervisor at Michigan Department of Natural Resources

GIS Coordinator/Tech Support at Newaygo County Government

GIS Specialist at Meridian Charter Township

GIS Specialist at Novara GeoSolutions

GIS Technician at City of Three Rivers

Great Lakes Ecological Management Crew Member at the Kalamazoo Nature Center

Guest Relations Concierge at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Punta Cana

Independent Contractor at NSI Consulting and Development

Material Handler at Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Quality Control Analyst at ComEd

Restoration Steward at Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

Social Studies Teacher at Pinnacle Academy

Waiter at Norwegian Cruise Line

Work Planner at Environmental Consultants

Zoning Administrator/GIS Specialist at Oshtemo Charter Township

## Sample Continuing Education Choices

Certificate in Geographic Information Science at WMU

Doctorate in Geographic Information Science at University of North Carolina

Doctorate in Remote Sensing at Saint Louis University

Doctorate in Transportation Engineering at WMU

Masters in Agriculture at Texas Tech

Masters in Geography: Environmental Analysis and Resource Management at WMU

Masters in Urban Planning at WMU

Training at Earthship Biotechnology Academy