

# OUTCOMES

THE POWER OF A WORCESTER STATE EDUCATION



CLASS OF 2017 POSTGRADUATE REPORT



## Introduction

We are proud to present Worcester State University's Class of 2017 Postgraduate Outcomes Report, intended to help current and future students and families to understand the power of a WSU education. We know that a college education is much more than just a path to employment and a salary; however, these are important factors in determining which college to choose.

More than 99 percent of responding 2017 graduates indicated that they are employed, enrolled in graduate school, or both; 89 percent reported being employed within six months of graduating; and 84 percent either agree or strongly agree that their WSU academic program prepared them for employment. There is no doubt that these Worcester State alumni are on their way to successful careers.

It is rewarding to see the wide range of professional and educational activities WSU graduates are involved in. From careers in healthcare, business, education, and more, to working on master's degrees at Arizona State University, Boston College, MCPHS, among others, Worcester State graduates are bettering their lives and those of their families.

WSU graduates are also fueling the regional economy, where Worcester, the second largest city in New England, is a hub. Eighty-seven percent of 2017 graduates remained in Massachusetts for employment. Additionally, twenty-four percent of graduates report working in the nonprofit sector. Their employers include regional business and nonprofit leaders such as Massachusetts General Hospital, Amazon, State Street Global Advisors, and Spaulding Rehabilitation Network. Worcester State's graduates are assuring that the Commonwealth's knowledge-based economy thrives and they are giving back to their communities.

These graduates ARE Worcester State. As these statistics show, their superior education and professional career guidance from the staff in the WSU Career Services Department provide them a competitive advantage. We celebrate the success of the WSU Class of 2017, and look forward to hearing about these graduates as they continue to prosper and contribute to our communities and the economy.

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## Methodology

The Worcester State University Class of 2017 Postgraduate Outcomes Survey was conducted between February 2018 and April 2018, by the WSU Division of Enrollment Management. Two survey notifications were sent via email to the 1,062 degree recipients who graduated in 2017.

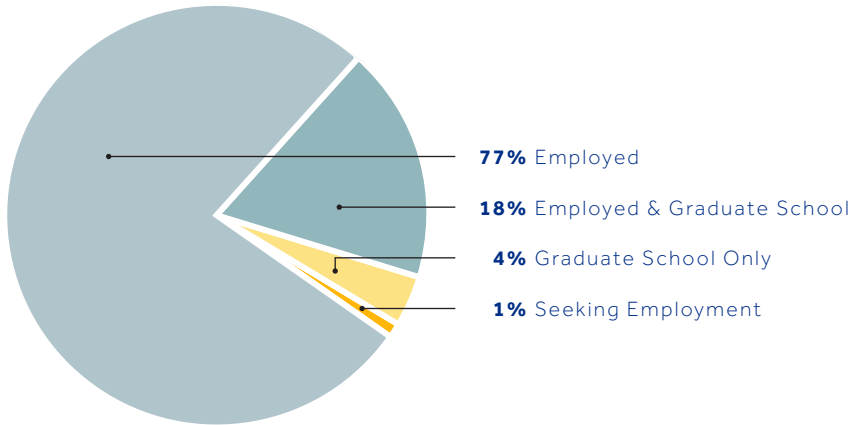
Surveys were administered online, using the university's survey tool, Qualtrics. The opportunity to be entered in a drawing for one of two \$50 dollar Amazon gift cards was used to promote completion of the survey.

In total, 292 2017 graduates responded to the survey (a 27.5% response rate). The information gathered from these responses is reflected in this report.

Questions about this report can be sent to Vice President for Enrollment Management, Ryan G. Forsythe, at [ryan.forsythe@worchester.edu](mailto:ryan.forsythe@worchester.edu).

## What is the Class of 2017 doing?

Members of the Class of 2017 were asked to select their primary activity six months after graduation.



## What are they earning?

Respondents reported the following average annual **starting** salary in their first year of employment:

# \$42,936

Graduates indicated higher levels of starting income in industries such as healthcare, business, government, and criminal justice.

# 84%

of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their academic program prepared them for their employment position.

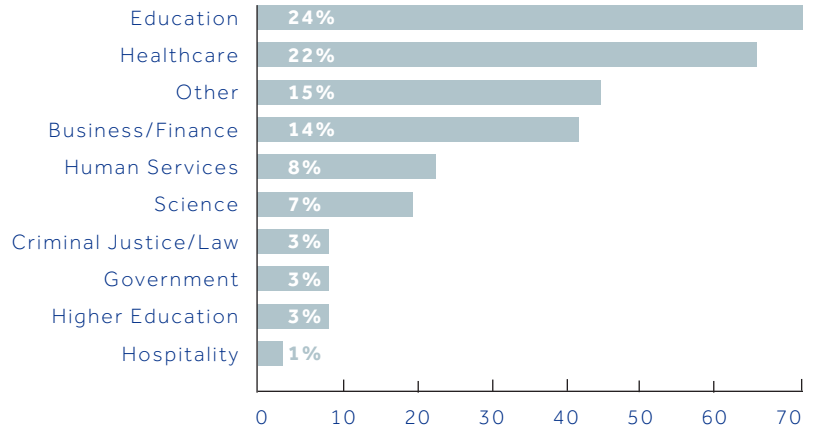




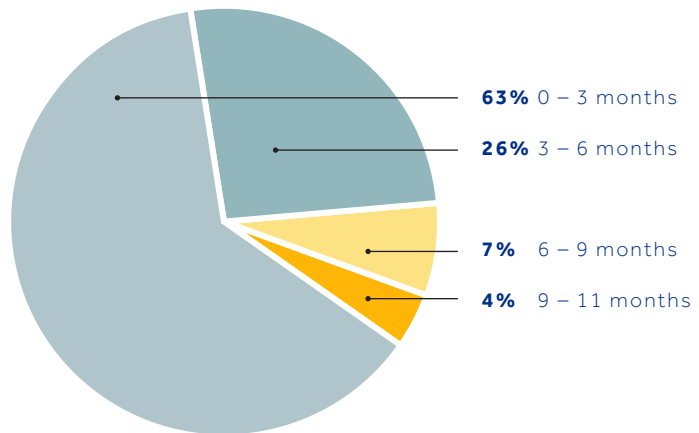
**99%**

of 2017 graduates indicated they were employed and/or in graduate school within six months of graduation.

## Where is the Class of 2017 employed? (by industry)



## When did they obtain employment?



## A partial list of employers of 2017 graduates:

Alpha Analytical Labs	Family Behavioral Health	Quest Diagnostics	<b>Schools</b>
Alto Technology	Genesis Club Inc.	Recreation Worcester	Auburn Public Schools
Amazon.com, Inc.	Goldman Sachs	Sanofi Genzyme	Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
Autism Learning Partners	The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.	Spaulding Rehabilitation Network	Bristol-Warren Regional School District
Baystate Health	Head Start Program	State Street Corporation	Central Point School District
Baystate Medical Center	Heywood Hospital	State Street Global Advisors	Douglas Public Schools
Beaumont Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing	Holyoke Medical Center	Suffolk County Sheriff's Department	Dudley-Charlton Regional School District
Better Business Bureau	iHeartMedia, Inc.	Tufts Medical Center	Fall River Public Schools
Beverly Hospital	Inova Health System	UMass Memorial Health Care	Framingham Public Schools
Biomere Biomedical Research Models, Inc.	Jackson Laboratory	U.S. Air Force	Holy Name Jr/Sr High School
BNY Mellon Wealth Management	Latino Education Institute at Worcester State University	U.S. Census Bureau	Leicester Public Schools
Boston Medical Center	The Learning Experience	U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	Leominster Public Schools
The Bridge of Central Massachusetts	Life-Skills, Inc.	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Marlborough Public Schools
Bruce Coffin CPA, Inc.	Lowell Community Health Center	U.S. Marine Corps	Maynard Public Schools
Bunker Hill Community College	LUK, Inc.	U.S. Navy	Methuen Public Schools
Charles River Laboratories	Massachusetts General Hospital	Wells Fargo	Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School
Criterion Child Enrichment	Mathnasium	Worcester State University	Robertson County Schools
Davis Publications	Mayo Clinic	Work Without Limits	Seven Hills Charter School
DentaQuest Institute	Merrimack College	YOU, Inc.	Shrewsbury Public Schools
Derry, NH Police Department	Mohegan Council, Boy Scouts of America	YWCA	Stetson School
Devereux Foundation	New England Newborn Screening Program		Walker School
Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.	NFI Massachusetts, Inc.		Waltham Public Schools
Entercom Communications	Omnicare Pharmacy		Webster Public Schools
Fallon Health	Partners HealthCare		Worcester Public Schools



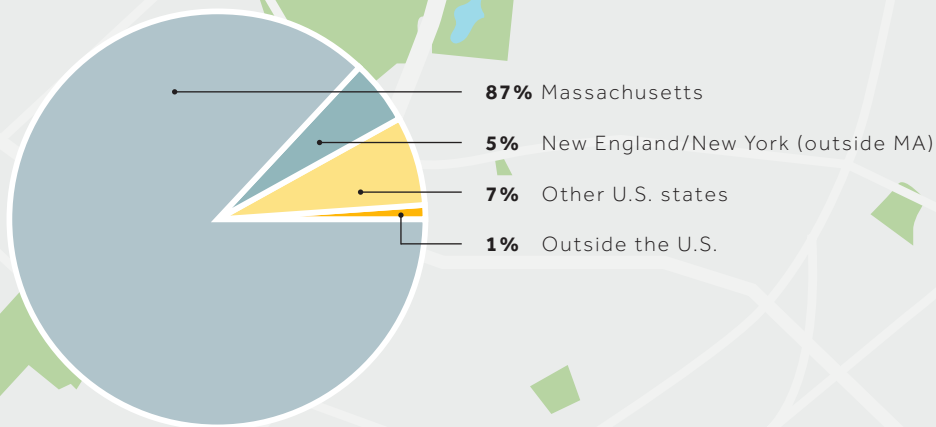
## **Where is the Class of 2017 pursuing graduate/professional studies?**

Arizona State University  
Assumption College  
Boston College  
Bowling Green State University  
Brandeis University  
Fitchburg State University  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
Massachusetts School of Law  
Missouri State University  
New England Law | Boston  
Northeastern University  
Simmons College  
Southern New Hampshire University  
Springfield College  
SUNY Albany  
UMass Amherst  
UMass Boston  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Texas  
Western New England University School of Law  
Wheelock College  
Worcester State University



## Where does the Class of 2017 live?

From Massachusetts to Arizona and New Hampshire to Armenia, WSU graduates are across the country and around the world. Many graduates remain in Massachusetts and contribute to the vitality of our state. Eighty-seven percent of responding graduates indicated their decision to remain in Massachusetts for employment and/or graduate school. Forty-seven percent of graduates reported remaining in Central Massachusetts.





## Career Services

Career Services at Worcester State University assists undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni achieve their career goals with counseling and resources.

College students often change majors and career goals several times during their university experience. Career exploration as an undergraduate is healthy and strategic, allowing students the opportunity to fine-tune what they really want to do in the world. Career Services at WSU is uniquely prepared to help navigate that exploratory process and help students make well-informed career decisions.

Career Services also assists Worcester State alumni with their long-term career management, pursuing a change in career direction, or taking the next step toward professional advancement.

### Services, programs, and resources include:

- Individual career counseling, often utilizing a variety of career assessment inventories and activities, such as the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, and John Holland's Self-Directed Search.
- Assistance with choosing an academic major and exploring career options
- Information on career trends, employer information and job search strategies
- Full-time, part-time, internship, and summer job listings on Career Services' online database, "LancerLink"
- Assistance with preparing resumes, cover letters, portfolios, and personal statements for graduate school
- Mock interviews
- Extensive web resources on a wide variety of career topics
- Employer networking events
- Career Fairs and other career-related events

For more information or to access resources, please contact Career Services at **508-929-8072** or **[careerservices@worchester.edu](mailto:careerservices@worchester.edu)**.

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