

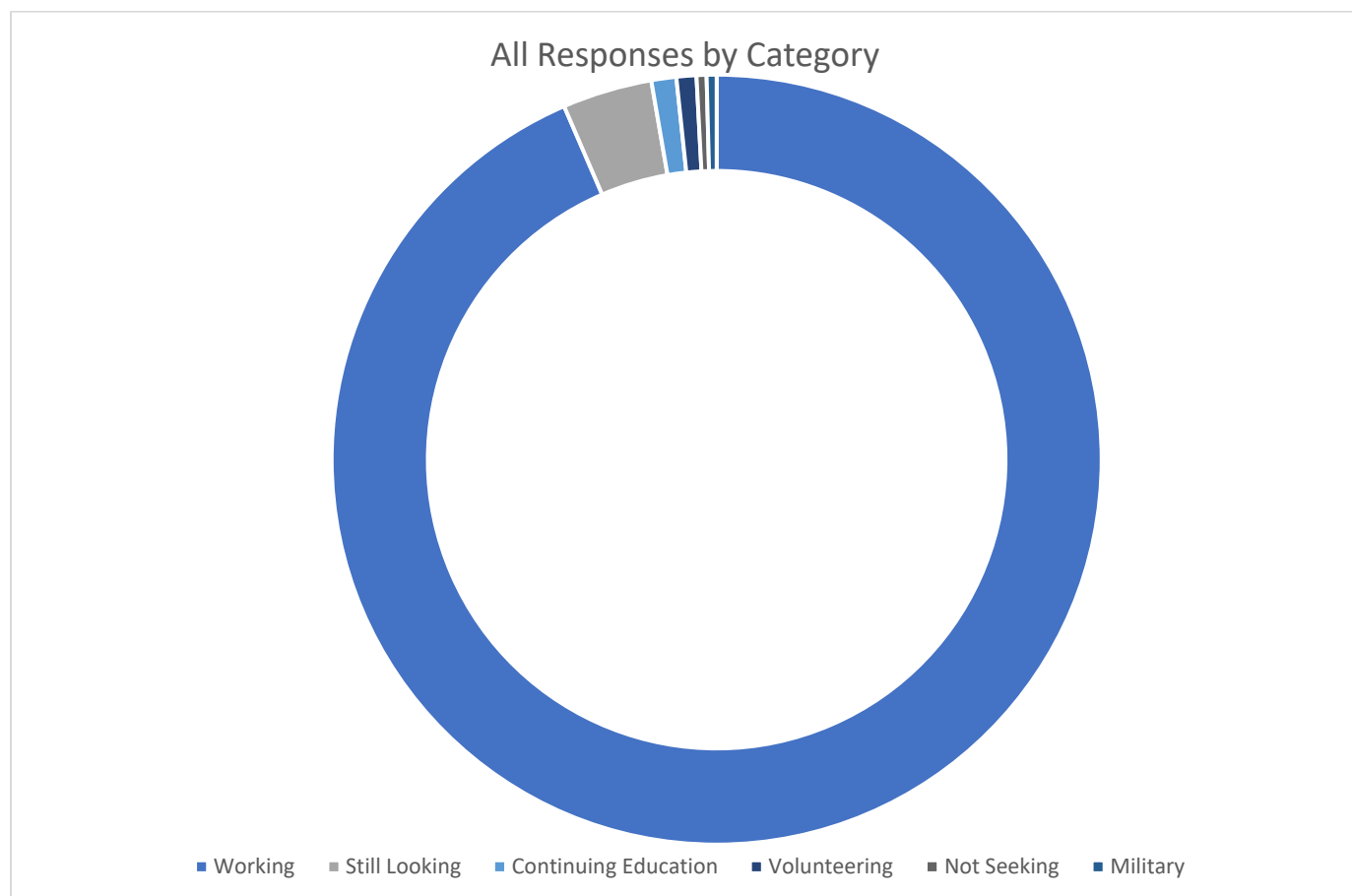
First Destinations for the Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs Class of 2022: Findings & Analysis Saint Mary's University of Minnesota April 2024

The First Destination Report for the Class of 2022 (graduating July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022) is compiled and published annually by the office of Career Services. This report includes information collected from the Schools of Graduate and Professional Program (SGPP) students' post-graduation from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The data was obtained from SGPP graduates via an online survey sent January 2022 and collected through January 2023. This is the first time the university has conducted a First Destination survey for SGPP.

A total of 1,257 graduates were surveyed with 478 students responding, representing a 38% response rate. Additional outreach was conducted via email and LinkedIn for graduates that had initially reported they were 'Still Seeking' at graduation.

Graduate Outcomes

Of the 478 respondents, 449 (94%) are working, five (1%) are continuing education, two are serving in the military, and four are participating in a long-term volunteer placement. Eighteen graduates (4%) were seeking employment at the time they completed the survey.

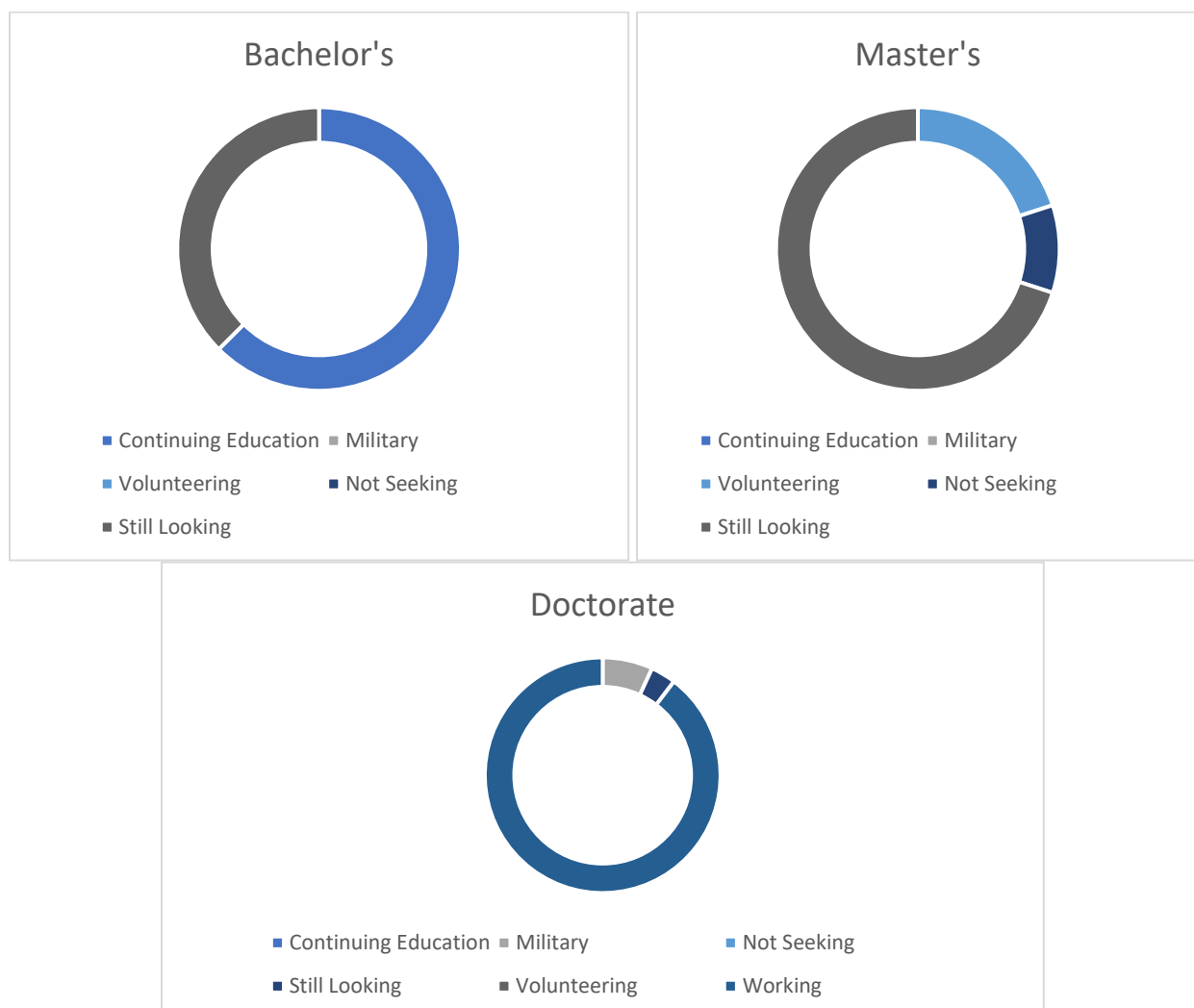


Graduate Outcomes by Degree Level

Of the 478 respondents, 54 were bachelor's degrees, 375 were master's degrees, and 29 were doctorate degrees.

Degree Level	Working	Continuing Education	Military	Volunteering	Not Seeking	Still Looking	Total
Bachelor's	46	5				3	54
Master's	355			4	2	14	375
Doctorate	26		2			1	29
Advanced Certificate	8						8
Certificate	7						7
Postdoctoral Studies	2						2
Non-Degree Seeking	3						3

The remaining 20 respondents (6%) completed certificates (7), advanced certificates (8), postdoctoral studies (2) or were non-degree seeking (3) and 100% of this group reported they are working.



Salary and Employers

The average salary of the 301 graduates who responded to the salary question was \$74,017 (full-time, US-based workers).

The top employers of the Class of 2022 represent many leading international, national, and regional organizations, including but not limited to: 3M, Allina Health, Amazon, CentraCare, Chinese Ministry of Education, Cigna Group, Dakota County, District 196, Ellie Mental Health, EY LLP, Fairview Health Services, Fraser, Hennepin County, IBM, Lakeville Area School District, Mayo Clinic, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis VA Health Care System, Minnesota Math and Science Academy, Nystrom & Associates, Ramsey County, Relate Counseling Center, Saint Paul Public Schools, South Washington County Schools, St. Cloud Area Schools, St. David's Center for Child & Family Development, Tenet Healthcare, UnitedHealth Group, University of Minnesota, Washburn Center for Children, Wells Fargo, and WellShare International.

Primary Career Goal at Time of Enrollment

360 (75%) of the 478 graduates indicated their primary career goal at the time they began at Saint Mary's in Table 1:

Table 1 When you began at Saint Mary's what was your primary career goal?	# of Responses	Percentage
Obtaining my first job in my desired field	45	13%
Advancing my career	152	42%
Starting my own business	11	3%
Moving into a leadership role	40	11%
Advancing my career in the same industry or job function	70	20%
Changing to a new industry or job function	33	9%
I cannot recall	4	1%
Other (Total of Other Categories)	5	1%
• Other: Accomplish a life goal and be better able to manage family business	1	-
• Other: Continued	1	-
• Other: Education	1	-
• Other: Gain cross-sectional business and management skills	1	-
• Other: Teaching leadership	1	-
Total	360	100%

Achieving Career Goals

Of the 360 respondents, 76% (274) reported meeting the career goals that they had when they enrolled at Saint Mary's.

- 79% reported their Saint Mary's education was helpful to extremely helpful in achieving their career goals.
- 88% would recommend Saint Mary's and their program to others.
- 45% would consider completing additional degrees or certificate programs at Saint Mary's University.

Status at Beginning of Education

At the time SGPP students began their education at Saint Mary's they reported the following status in Table 2.

Table 2 What was your status when you began your program? (Select All that Apply)	# of Responses	Percentage
Employed Full-time (30+ hours/wk)	296	72%
Employed Part-time	36	9%
Self-employed/Employed as an entrepreneur	8	2%
Freelance/gig/contract work	2	0%
Military	0	0%
Volunteering	4	1%
Post-graduate internship or fellowship	1	0%
Full-time student	45	11%
Actively seeking employment	7	2%
Applying to graduate or professional programs	6	1%
Other (Total of Other Categories)	4	1%
• Other: Caregiver	1	-
• Other: Stay-at-home parent	2	-
• Other: Unemployed	1	-
*Total Number of Responses	409	100%

*More than one answer was routinely selected by graduates; percentage is based on overall number of responses, 409, and not on the number of students who responded, 360.

Career Change

Of the 360 graduates who responded, 48% (171) experienced a job or career change while enrolled at Saint Mary's (Table 3).

Table 3 How did your job or career change?	#	%
Internal promotion	27	16%
New job function within organization	23	13%
Move to new organization	106	62%
Started own business	7	4%
No longer employed	8	5%
Total Responses	171	100%

257 (71%) reported that their salary increased since enrolling in their program.

287 (80%) reported being currently employed in their field of study.

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