



College of Social Science

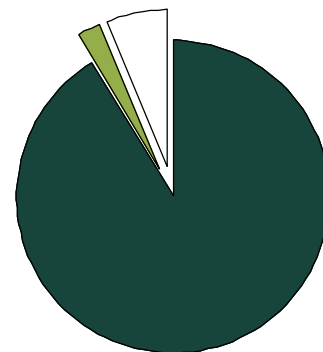
Knowledge Rate: 75%

As of February 2017, data from 981 of 1,310 graduating students receiving a bachelor's degree had been collected, via the survey or other means, resulting in a knowledge rate of 75%. The majority of graduates reported that they were headed into the workforce.

Social Science - Table 1		
Report Outcomes of 2016 Graduates		
Outcome	#	%
Employed - Full-time	442	45%
Employed - Part-time	72	7%
Continuing Education	337	34%
Starting a Business	7	1%
Pursuing Other Commitments	38	4%
Unplaced	62	6%
Unresolved	23	2%
Total	981	100%

See the Destination Survey introduction for additional information on each outcome category.

Figure 1
Unresolved 2% Unplaced 6%



Career Outcomes Rate - 91%

Of the 243 students who identified the type of employment chosen, 221 (91%) indicated their position was either a) career-related (137 = 56%), b) a stepping stone toward their ultimate career goal (55 = 23%), or c) work that allows them to explore career options (29 = 12%). A list of organizations that hired graduates in 2016 can be found in the appendix.

Salary Information

One hundred fifty-seven (157) of the graduates that indicated full-time employment also reported salary information. Of these, eighteen (18) graduates reported receiving a signing bonus.

Social Science - Table 2						
Report Salary Data for 2016 Graduates						
Reported Salaries	Average	Low	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	High
157	\$38,711	\$15,400	\$30,000	\$36,700	\$45,400	\$95,200

Top Industries

- Health Care & Social Service
- Education
- Public Administration
- Finance & Insurance



Employment Search Resources

Social Science - Table 3		
Resources Used to Find Employment		
Resource	#	%
Previous Internship/Co-op/Work	42	25%
MSU Career Management System*	25	15%
Other Job Posting Source	38	22%
On-Campus Interview	3	2%
Career Fair	20	12%
MSU Academic Program	1	1%
MSU Faculty or Staff	37	22%
Personal Network/Family Friend	63	37%
Social Networking	11	7%
Another Resource	12	7%

Table 3 - Highlights the method that graduates identified as the way they found current job. Graduates could select more than one option and not all graduates responded. 169 responded to this question. *MSU software environment used by students to connect with employers.

Geographic Distribution

A total of 425 graduates reported their employment location. Of those, 73% (310) were employed in Michigan and 83% (354) reported employment in the Midwest. In addition, of the three hundred fifty-two (352) students originally from Michigan that reported their employment location, 81% (285) were employed in Michigan and 88% (308) reported employment in the Midwest.

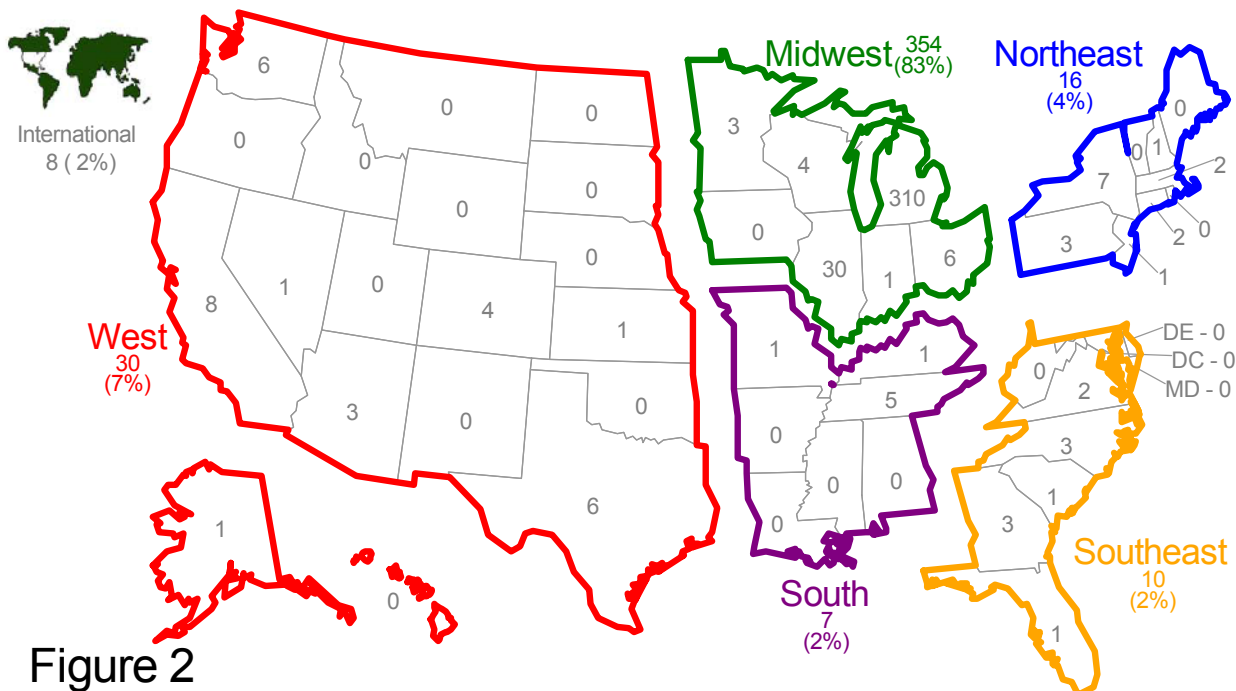


Figure 2



Continuing Education

Of the three hundred thirty-seven (337) students that reported continuing their education as their main pursuit immediately after graduation, three hundred five (305) reported the specific degree pursued. Graduates who indicated employment as well as continuing education were excluded from this table. This information is self-reported and may lead to slight inaccuracies when it comes to certification. *See appendix for a listing of universities attended for continuing education.*

Social Science - Table 4		
Continuing Education Degrees Pursued by 2016 Graduates		
Degree Pursued	#	%
Second Bachelor's	23	8%
Health Professional (MD, DVM, PA, etc.)	6	2%
Law (JD)	39	13%
Master's	158	52%
MBA	2	1%
PhD	13	4%
Teacher Certification	52	17%
Certification Program: Other	6	2%
Other	6	2%
Total	305	100%

For simplicity, percentages have been rounded to the nearest point. Cumulative percentage totals were calculated with floating point decimal places in the addends.



Co-Curricular Activities

The survey also includes questions about co-curricular activities in which students may have participated during their college career. All students were asked to indicate their involvement in a list of career related activities while at MSU (or a previous institution in the case of transfer students) regardless of their destination outcome.

Five hundred thirty (530) students responded to this section. Table 5 shows the percentage of students that indicated each activity.

Table 6 aggregates the types of experiences from Table 5 into five categories of activities. Superscript letters indicate the activities in Table 5 that are incorporated into each category. Students are only counted once for each category even if they participated in more than one indicated activity.

Social Science - Table 5		
Co-Curricular Activity Participation by 2016 Graduates		
Activity	#	%
Co-op/Intern – for credit ^{a,b}	280	53%
Co-op/intern – non-credit ^{a,b}	196	37%
Off-Campus Work – career related ^{a,b}	161	30%
Off-Campus Work – non-career related ^{a,c}	211	40%
On-Campus Work – career related ^{a,b}	120	23%
On-Campus Work – non-career related ^{a,c}	228	43%
Research – PA/Project/Summer – MSU ^{a,e}	144	27%
Research – PA/Project/Summer – non-MSU ^{a,e}	30	6%
Service Learning/Volunteer Project – MSU ^{a,f}	232	44%
Service Learning/Volunteer Project – non-MSU ^{a,f}	110	21%
Study Abroad – MSU program ^{a,d}	117	22%
Study Abroad – non-MSU program ^{a,d}	19	4%
Work Abroad – career related ^{a,b}	24	5%
Work Abroad – non-career related ^{a,c}	19	4%

Social Science - Table 6		
Supplemental Experiences		
Experience	#	%
Out of Classroom Experience ^a	530	100%
Career Based ^b	443	84%
Skill Based ^c	334	63%
Study Abroad ^d	131	25%
Research ^e	162	31%
Volunteer ^f	288	54%

Table 6 - Superscript letters link supplemental experience programs to co-curricular activities in Table 5 and graduates can select more than one type of experience. For instance, a student that did both an MSU and a non-MSU study abroad program (indicated with^d) in Table 5 would only be counted once towards study abroad in Table 6.

Superscript letters link co-curricular activities to supplemental experience programs in Table 6. Graduates could select more than one option.