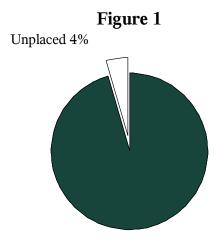
# College of Social Science

**Knowledge Rate: 76%** 

As of January 2018, data from 1,071 of 1,402 graduating students receiving a bachelor's degree had been collected, via the survey or other means, resulting in a knowledge rate of 76%. The majority of graduates reported that they were headed into the workforce.

Social Science - Table 1			
Report Outcomes of 2017 Graduates			
Outcome	#	%	
Employed - Full-time	561	52%	
Employed - Part-time	47	4%	
Continuing Education	372	35%	
Starting a Business	6	1%	
Pursuing Other Commitments	38	4%	
Unplaced	47	4%	
Total	1,071	100%	

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



Career Outcomes Rate - 96%

Of the 178 students who identified the type of employment chosen, 171 (96%) indicated their position was either a) career-related (95 = 53%), b) a stepping stone toward their ultimate career goal (52 = 29%), or c) work that allows them to explore career options (24 = 13%). A list of organizations that hired graduates in 2017 can be found in the appendix.

#### Salary Information

One hundred forty-four (144) of the graduates that indicated full-time employment also reported salary information. Of these, nineteen (19) graduates reported receiving a signing bonus.

Social Science - Table 2						
Report Salary Data for 2017 Graduates						
Reported Salaries	Average	Low	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	High
144	\$39,854	\$16,000	\$29,000	\$37,000	\$50,000	\$80,000

#### **Top Industries**

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

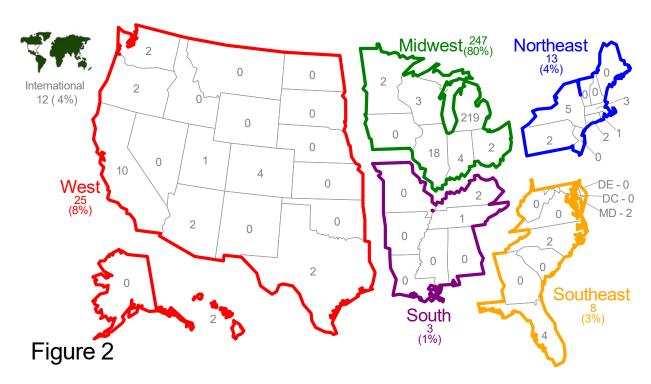
### **Employment Search Resources**

Social Science - Table 3			
Resources Used to Find Employment			
Resource	#	%	
Previous Internship/Co-op/Work	36	22%	
MSU Career Management System*	27	16%	
Other Job Posting Source	40	24%	
On-Campus Interview	11	7%	
Career Fair	24	14%	
MSU Faculty or Staff	18	11%	
Personal Network/Family Friend	59	35%	
Social Networking	20	12%	
Another Resource	15	9%	

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. 167 responded to this question. \*MSU software environment used by students to connect with employers.

## **Geographic Distribution**

A total of 309 graduates reported their employment location. Of those, 71% (219) were employed in Michigan and 80% (247) reported employment in the Midwest. In addition, of the two hundred sixty-five (265) students originally from Michigan that reported their employment location, 78% (207) were employed in Michigan and 85% (225) reported employment in the Midwest.



# **Continuing Education**

Of the three hundred seventy-two (372) students that reported continuing their education as their main pursuit immediately after graduation, three hundred fifty-three (353) 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 2017 Graduates			
Degree Pursued	#	%	
Second Bachelor's	20	6%	
Health Professional (MD, DVM, PA, etc.)	13	4%	
Law (JD)	47	13%	
Master's	187	53%	
MBA	6	2%	
PhD	13	4%	
Teacher Certification	48	14%	
Certification Program: Other	12	3%	
Other	7	2%	
Total	353	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.

Four hundred nineteen (419) 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 2017 Graduates			
Activity	#	%	
Co-op/Intern – for credit a,b	214	51%	
Co-op/intern – non-credit a,b	138	33%	
Off-Campus Work – career related a,b	138	35%	
Off-Campus Work – non-career related a,c	190	49%	
On-Campus Work – career related a,b	92	24%	
On-Campus Work – non-career related a.c	195	50%	
Research – PA/Project/Summer – MSU a,e	148	38%	
Research – PA/Project/Summer – non-MSU a.e	13	3%	
Service Learning/Volunteer Project – MSU a,f	263	69%	
Service Learning/Volunteer Project – non-MSU a,f	96	25%	
Study Abroad – MSU program <sup>a,d</sup>	121	32%	
Study Abroad – non-MSU program <sup>a,d</sup>	9	2%	
Work Abroad – career related a,b	20	6%	
Work Abroad – non-career related a,c	5	2%	

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

Social Science - Table 6			
Supplemental Experiences			
Experience	#	%	
Out of Classroom Experience <sup>a</sup>	419	97%	
Career Based <sup>b</sup>	357	83%	
Skill Based °	290	69%	
Study Abroad <sup>d</sup>	127	33%	
Research e	156	41%	
Volunteer <sup>f</sup>	219	58%	

Table 6 - Superscript letters link supplemental experience programs to co-curricular activities in Table 5 and graduates can select more that 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.