

Class of 1992

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The summary material contained in this report reflects the responses of 67.2% of the graduating class of 1992. Included are students who graduated from December 1991 through August 1992. 535 graduates of a class of 796 have volunteered information concerning employment, salary and plans for further education.

The first of two mailings was sent to graduates in June 1992. A second mailing was sent in November to those who had not returned the first questionnaire or who had reported that they were still seeking employment at the time of the first mailing. Therefore, the information in this report is, essentially, a 6-month follow-up of the Class of 1992.

In addition to average and median salary information for graduates by academic major (pages iv and v), other points of interest include the following:

EMPLOYMENT RATES:

- A. 494, or 92.3% of the graduates are actually in the job market. Of the remaining 7.7%, 8 persons (1.5% of the total) are unemployed by choice. The remainder are pursuing additional degrees.
- B. 67.2% of the above 494 graduates have secured new positions as a result of their degree; 27.1% are employed in the same position that they held prior to graduation. The remaining 5.7% are unemployed.
- C. An equally important issue, however, is the number of graduates who are employed "in their field."
 1. Overall, 82.0% of the 91-92 graduates in the job market (those employed, plus those currently seeking employment) are employed in positions related to their academic majors or career objectives. In light of the national economy, this number compares favorably to 74.5% in 1991 and 81.6% in 1990.

The decision was made to classify education majors who are employed as substitute teachers as graduates working "in their field".

2. 12.3% are underemployed (i.e. working in a field unrelated to their career goals.) This figure was 14.2% in 1991.
3. 5.7% are unemployed and looking for work. The latter figure compares to 6.0% in this category one year ago.

CONTINUED EDUCATION:

- A. 11.6% of the bachelor's degree recipients who completed the questionnaire were attending or planned to attend graduate school within a year of graduation. Although it is impossible to be sure, the sharp decrease from the 16.8% reporting similar intentions in 1991 may be attributable to a change in the wording of the question. Prior questionnaires only asked if a graduate "planned to attend graduate school."

Business	3%	Liberal Arts	20%	Science/Tech	30%
Educ/Human Serv	6%	Nursing/Hlth Prof	13%		

