

# Florida State University Graduating Senior Survey and Follow-up Data

Graduating seniors were asked to complete an on line survey regarding their post-graduate plans during April 2008. Completed surveys were received from 1,231 of the 4,132 graduates, representing a 30% response rate. Typically, many seniors do not have established plans at graduation; 301 seniors who noted that they were still seeking employment or graduate school admission were surveyed again six months following graduation. Completed surveys for the six-month follow-up were received from 62 of the 276 graduates who provide follow-up contact information during Fall 2008, representing an 22% response rate. A brief summary of our findings follow:

### **Seniors Surveyed at April 2008 Graduation (all colleges):**

Employed.....	27%
Pursuing Graduate/Professional School.....	29%
Actively Seeking Employment.....	28%
Other (not seeking employment or admission to grad/prof. school) .....	16%

### **Grads Surveyed at Six Months in Fall 2008 (all colleges):**

Employed.....	72%
Pursuing Graduate/Professional School.....	7%
Actively Seeking Employment.....	11%
Other (not seeking employment or admission to grad/prof. school).....	10%

### **Additional Findings (From Spring 2008 Survey):**

Employment related directly to major.....	73%
Employment unrelated to major.....	27%
Employed in Florida.....	66%
Employed out-of-state.....	34%

### **Annual salary ranges:**

Less than \$25,000.....	22%
\$25,000-\$34,000.....	22%
\$35,000-\$44,000.....	29%
\$45,000-\$54,000.....	15%
More than \$55,000.....	13%

### **Representative Employers**

Broward County Schools	Northrop Grumman	State Farm
Cumulus Broadcasting	Ocean Properties, Ltd.	<b>State of Florida *</b>
Dillard's	Publix	Tallahassee Memorial
Fidelity Investments	Raymond James Financial	Hospital
Harris Corporation	Renaissance Orlando	Teach for America
Lockheed Martin	Resort at Sea World	United States Armed
Morgan Stanley	Sea World	Forces

\* **Most frequent response**

### **Representative Graduate/Professional Schools**

Carnegie Mellon	<b>Florida State University**</b>	University of North Carolina –
Emory University	Nova Southeastern University	Chapel Hill
Florida A&M University	University of Central Florida	Oxford University
Florida Coastal School of Law	University of Florida	University of South Florida
Florida International	University of Miami	
University	University of North Florida	

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