

# What VT grads do after the undergraduate degree

## And how they prepared!

### Career Services at Virginia Tech | Post-Graduation Report

Based on the Post-Graduation Survey of new grads, open from prior to commencement to six months after commencement.

Single-year data is from 2013-2014 Virginia Tech graduates. All data is from graduates who completed undergraduate degrees. All 5,430 2013-2014 grads were asked to complete the survey. 3,275 (60%) did complete the survey.

Firm plans = continuing education + employed	Total	Cont. educ.	Employed
Total university	83%	23%	60%
AGLS	82%	46%	36%
AUS	81%	13%	68%
BUS	85%	6%	79%
ENGR	87%	17%	70%
LAHS	77%	27%	50%
NRE	78%	19%	59%
SCI	83%	43%	40%

Grads continuing education:	23%
<b>Type of degree</b>	
• Another bachelor's degree	6%
• Master's degree	59%
• Law	6%
• M.D., Pharm.D., D.C., D.O., other medical doctor	13%
• D.V.M.	5%
• Ph.D., Psy.D.	7%
• Other, including associate's degree	2%

Did you have career-related experience?	Yes: 92%
<b>Types of experience (✓ all that apply)</b>	
• Summer job	50%
• Paid internship	51%
• Part-time job	44%
• Volunteer work	44%
• Undergraduate research	25%
• Unpaid internship	23%
• Field study	13%
• Co-op	6%
• Other	3%

Is your employment related to career goals and/or major?	
<b>Employment related to career goals?</b>	
Very	74%
Somewhat	26%
Not	0%
<b>Employment related to major?</b>	
Very	66%
Somewhat	26%
Not	9%

### How new grads found jobs for eleven years:

- **Networking:** #1 or #2 job source.
- **Worked for employer prior:** #1 or #2. [except #3 in 05-06]

### 20/20 Hindsight:

- 11 years of graduates: 88-92% had career-related experience during college; yet 26-35% wished they had gotten more.

Regrets on planning for life after college?	
No regrets. I did what I needed to achieve goals	46%
Yes, wish I had done something differently:	54%
• More experience related to major or career goals	32%
• Learned more/earlier about career options	28%
• Learned more/earlier about grad or prof school	20%
• Started job search earlier	22%
• Asked professors, advisors for advice more/earlier	23%
• Used more or different job search resources	14%

How employed grads found jobs:	Univ	Variation by college:
<b>Networking</b>	23%	16-35%
<b>Worked for employer during college</b> (internship, volunteer, field study, summer, part-time, co-op, etc.)	27%	17-32%
Career fair (up to 15/year at VT, each sponsored by different colleges or academic depts.)	18%	5-23%
On-Campus Interviewing/Hokies4Hire	9%	0-18%
Employer's website	7%	3-12%
Job-seeker websites	7%	4-17%
Info from academic department	2%	1-5%

### How many employers:

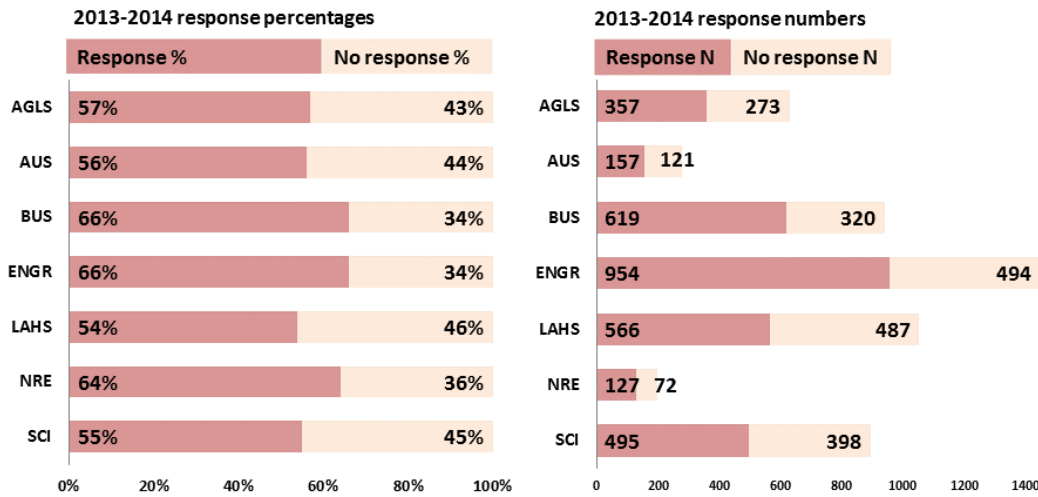
**Over 1000** reported by employed grads. 52 grads working at most-reported employer. (2.7% of employed grads) 43 states + Wash, DC | 2% non-U.S.

### Universities for continuing educ.:

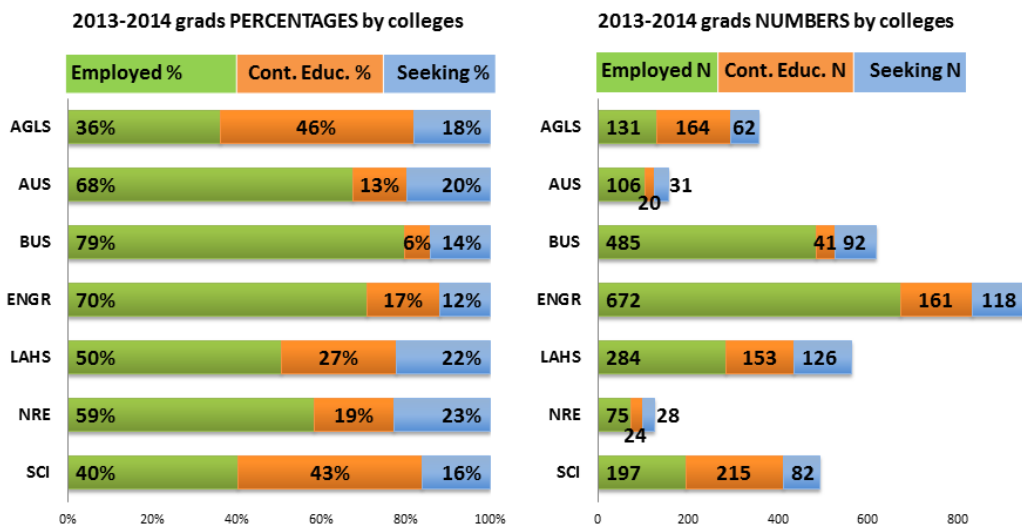
**149** reported by grads continuing educ. 261 grads at most-reported institution. (34% of continuing education grads) 31 states + Wash, DC | 1% non-U.S.

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## Post-Graduation Survey RESPONSE RATES by COLLEGES | 2013-2014 graduates



## FIRST DESTINATIONS of RESPONDENTS by COLLEGES | 2013-2014 graduates



## UNIVERSITY: EMPLOYED and CONTINUING EDUCATION | 11-year trend

