2011-2012 grads: Who was surveyed and responded, and when:

- **WHO:** We surveyed all bachelor's & associate's degree grads (N=5,597) completing in academic year 2011-2012; Dec '11, May + summer '12 based on Application For Degree [AFD] records with University Registrar. Response N=3,172; rate=57% (same as 10-11; 63% in 09-10; 69% in 08-09 & 07-08). Methodology.
- **WHEN:** Survey opens prior to commencement and closes six months after for each sub-cohort (Dec | May+sum). Respondents whose plans are not firm are periodically asked to update responses.
- **DEFINITION:** All stats refer to respondents, so “grads” or “graduates” means responding graduates.
- **UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE / MAJOR DATA:** Stats are for whole university, unless noted. Full report online: stats viewable by college and major. Reports in the same format, and thus comparable, for nine years: grads of academic years 2003-2004 through 2011-2012.

2011-2012 firm plans: 82%.

- **Up 4 percentage points from prior year.** Up for all colleges except two.

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<td>Total Univ.</td>
<td>27% (up from 25%) Same as 09-10</td>
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- **See nine years for trends:** Firm plans university and college, nine years.

2011-2012 grads continuing education: 27%.

- **Up 2 percentage points from 10-11; same as 09-10.** Highest level and trending up since 03-04=22%.
- **By college, continuing education rates range from 11% - 46% for 11-12 grads.**
  Compared to prior year, 11-12 rates up for four colleges; same for one; down for two.
  SCI and AGLS grads continued education at the highest percentages (46%). LAHS follows at 31%.
  For all eight years, more SCI grads continue education than go to work.
  ARCH and BUS (11%) grads continue education at the lowest percentages for all nine years.
- **Type of post-undergrad degree remains steady:** master’s degree=62%; M.D. and other medical=14%; law=5%; another bachelor’s degree=5%; Ph.D.=7%; D.V.M.=4%.
- **List of degrees, programs of study, institutions and locations, by undergrad major in annual reports online.**

2011-2012 grads employment: 55%.

- **Up 2 percentage points from prior year.** At highest point since 06-07 (59%).
  Up for four colleges; down for three.
- “Plan to seek employment, but haven’t yet started”: 2% (has been 2% or 3% in recent years).
  Total still seeking / looking at options: 15% same as prior year; down from 21% in 09-10 and 25% in 08-09 (the nine-year high). Nine-year low of 14% in both 07-08 and 06-07.
- **Quality of employment?**
  Employment related to career goals? “Very” 70%, “Somewhat”30%. “Not” 0%. Same as prior year.
  Employment related to major? “Very” 62% (prior 2 years=58%). “Somewhat” 27%. “Not” 11%.
  Tiny tick up from prior year; best stats since 07-08.

See: Highlights, nine years.
**How 2011-2012 employed grads found jobs:**

#1 **Worked for employer in the past=24%** (through internship, summer or p-t job, volunteer work, etc.)
#2 **Networking=22%** (contacts through friends, family, employers, faculty/staff, alumni, fellow org members)

- This is NOT new news!
- **Worked for employer prior was #1 or #2 for last six years; job source for 22% to 29%**.
  By college: job source for **20% to 36%** of employed 2011-2012 grads.
- **Networking was #1 or #2 for nine years; job source for 21% to 26%**.
  #1 for AGLS, ARCH, LAHS, SCI; #2 for NRE; #3 for BUS & ENGR.
  By college: job source for **17% to 31%** of 11-12 grads. 13% to 45% over nine years.
  1st place for SCI all nine years and for LAHS and AGRI for eight years.
- **Career fairs #3 for six years: 17% for 11-12 grads; wide variance by college: 4% - 27%**.
  Total university: trending up since 09-10 (14%); highest since 08-09 (18%).
  Since prior year, up for five colleges; down for two
- **OCI/H4H #4 for seven years: 13% highest since 05-06 (14%)**
  Wide variance by college: 0% - 25%. At #1 spot for BUS (25%) for 11-12; highest since 05-06.
  #4 source for ENGR (13%) and SCI (10%)
- Career fairs, OCI/H4H represent a segment of the job market; rise reflects improving economy.
- [How employed grads found jobs, by university and colleges, nine years](http://www.career.vt.edu/PostGraduationSurveyReport/PostGrad.html)

**Salary median:**

- Highest in eight years: $50,000 (N=1,300 reporting salary) for 11-12.
- **But they don't all tell.** Higher percentage of employed 11-12 grads reported salaries (79%) than in prior three years; still below four other prior years with 90% and 83% reporting. However three colleges at all-time low: 60% (NRE & ARCH), 61% (AGLS). BUS at highest reporting level (90%) since 04-05.
- [Salary medians, university and colleges, nine years](#)

**Career-related experience during college? Yes.  Regrets about career planning? Yes.**

- **58% wished they had done something differently related to planning for life after college.**
  Consistently over eight years, half or more say yes; 58% said yes in the most recent four years.
- **91% of all respondents had one or more types of career-related experience.**
  33% of all respondents wished they'd gotten MORE (same three years; trending upward since 04-05).
- **28% of all respondents wished learned more/earlier about career options; upward trend since 04-05.**
  [What grads wished they had done, university, nine years](#)

**Who employs our grads?**

- **Over 800 organizations** were reported by the 1645 11-12 grads who stated they are employed.
- **154 grads** (over 9%) who claimed employment declined to name their employing organization.
- **2nd most-frequently-named employer**, cited by N=26 grads, 1.57% of all employed, is [Virginia Tech](#), which has been in the top five every year since 04-05.
- **1st place: Deloitte** (28 grads; 1.7%); #3 Accenture (23 grads); #4 U.S. Army (20 grads).
- [Most-reported employers, nine-year list](#) shows employers reported by 5 or 6 or more grads over 8 years.
- List of all employers, job titles, locations, by major in [annual reports online](#).

**The full annual reports online** – viewable by university, colleges and majors – also include:

- Advice sources regarding graduate school planning.
- Sources of learning job search skills.
- Number of job offers and when grads began the job search.
- Whether a bonus came with the job offer (does for 24% of employed), and amount, if so.