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Recent Graduates Follow-Up Survey Graduates of 2008

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The Minnesota Private College Research Foundation is pleased to release the results of the Recent Graduates Follow-up Survey, Graduates of 2008.

Minnesota Private College Council member institutions collaborate on surveying our recent graduates, to gain a better sense of our graduates plans and employment after graduation. The Minnesota Private College Research Foundation coordinates the effort to aggregate responses the individual institutions receive from their own graduates.

This report summarizes the results of the surveys that were completed by more than half of the 8,262 students who graduated in 2008 from our member institutions. The survey results highlight the connections our graduates maintain to Minnesota and their success at obtaining employment. In addition, the results show the importance they put on continuing their education.

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Survey Results

In the results shown below, percentages are based on the number of graduates responding to each particular question. Data represent responses for 16 of the 17 member institutions.

Percent of Total Graduates responding: 54%

Total Graduates Completing Survey: 4,449

Response Rates by Institution: 21% - 96%

I. RESIDENCE AFTER GRADUATION

76 percent of 2008 graduates listed Minnesota as their state of residence after graduation.

2,683 responses

	2008
Minnesota	76%
Wisconsin	2%
North Dakota	2%
Illinois	3%
Iowa	0.7%
South Dakota	3%
Other State	11%
Foreign Country	3%

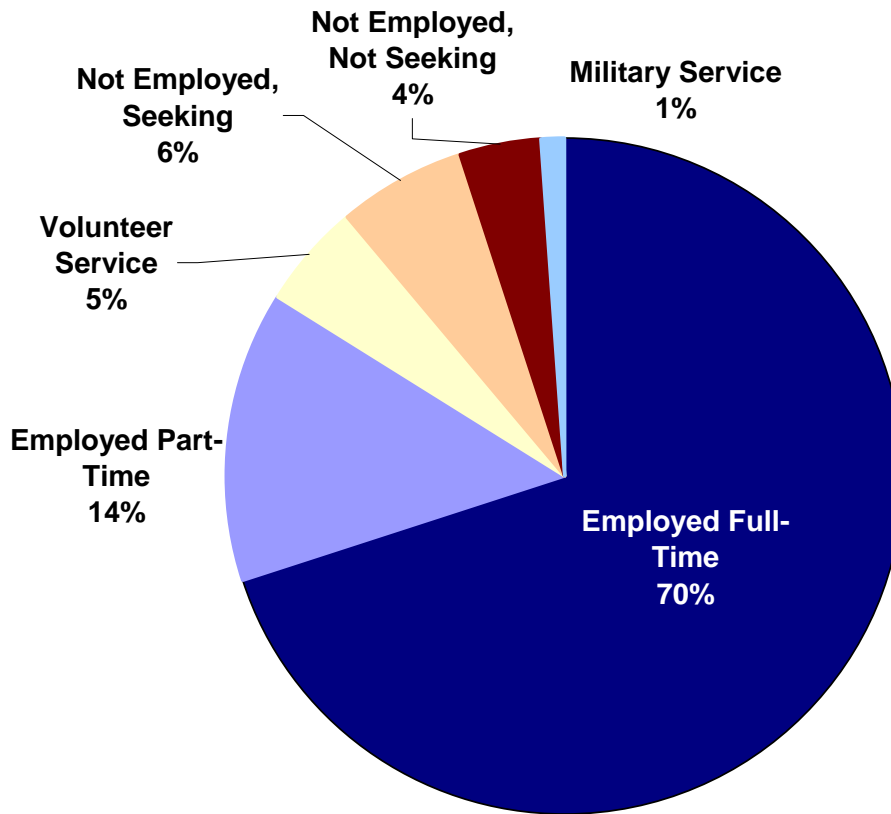
II. EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION

Seventy percent of 2008 Minnesota private college graduates are employed full-time after graduation, less than in past years.

2,606 responses

	2008
Employed Full-Time	70%
Employed Part-Time	14%
Volunteer Service	5%
Not Employed, Seeking	6%
Not Employed, Not Seeking	4%
Military Service	1%

70% of Recent Graduates Are Employed Full-Time



Note: The question regarding “employment” and “continuing education” represents responses of all recent graduates. The overlap, or percent found employed and continuing education is not represented. Further, neither question focuses on a subset of just continuing education or just employed.

III. CONTINUING EDUCATION AFTER GRADUATION

Nearly a quarter of 2008 Minnesota private college graduates seek advanced degrees after graduation. Of these students, 72 percent indicated they were continuing their education full-time.

	2008
Graduates Pursuing Additional Education	24%
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Enrolled Full-Time	72%
Enrolled Part-Time	28%

Half of 2008 graduates who are continuing their education do so at an institution in Minnesota.

1,150 responses

	2008
MPCC Institution	19%
University of Minnesota	17%
State University	4%
Other MN Institution	10%
Outside Minnesota	50%

Almost half of 2008 graduates continuing their education are pursuing Master's level programs.

1,092 responses

	2008
Ph.D.	14%
Professional	25%
Master's degree	49%
Certificate	5%
Completing Bachelor's level program (e.g. student teaching) or pursuing additional Bachelor's degree	2%
Other programs	2%

Health services and medical fields continue to be the most frequently chosen advanced degree field of study.

1,053 responses in 2007

	2008
Health Service / Medicine	31%
Biological / Physical Sciences/ Mathematics	10%
Social Sciences / Public Administration	12%
Law / Legal Studies	9%