

About the First Destination Survey

The purpose of Lycoming College's First Destination Survey is to summarize information on the employment and graduate/professional school status of graduates within 6 – 12 months. The graduating class is defined as students completing their degrees between July 1st and June 30th. For example, the graduating class of 2018 – 2019 includes graduates completing degrees between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 (N=255).

Statistics are calculated from responses to survey questions related to employment, volunteer service, military service, continuing education, seeking continuing education, and seeking/not seeking employment prior to graduation.

Graduating seniors complete a survey during the week leading up to graduation. A follow-up survey is sent to graduates within six months, with final outcomes data gathered by July 2020¹. Additional data collection includes verifiable employer, parent, or faculty information, and online sources such as LinkedIn profiles in accordance with NACE (the National Association of Colleges and Employers) guidelines.

Knowledge Rate

NACE defines knowledge rate as “the percent of graduates for which an institution has reasonable and verifiable information concerning the graduates’ post-graduation career activities.” Of the 255 graduates, 230 had reasonable and verifiable information through data collection which gives an 90.2% knowledge rate of the class of 2019.

Outcomes Rate

Of those included in the knowledge rate (N=230), 226 were employed or in a graduate or professional program, post-graduate fellow/fellowship, or participating in a volunteer or service program which gives us the outcomes rate of 98.3%.

Outcome Category (Knowledge Base Only)	Class of 2018		Class of 2019	
	N=212	%	N=230	%
Employed full-time or part-time (includes postgraduate internship or fellowship)	165	77.83%	175	76.09%
Accepted/enrolled in graduate school or another program of continuing education	40	18.87%	40	17.39%
Participating in a volunteer or service program (ex. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Catholic Charities USA, Teach for America)	4	1.89%	2	0.87%
Serving in the military	0	0.00%	7	3.04%
Other ²	0	0.00%	2	0.87%
Total	209	98.58%	226	98.26%

¹ NACE guidelines specify a December 31 deadline for data collection. This particular year and last have been exceptions due to the pilot phase of the First Destination Survey for Lycoming College.

² Policy academy (1); Professional basketball player (1)