



Southwestern Michigan College Graduate Placement: employment and education (as required for Consumer Information Disclosure, HEA Sec 485(a)(1)(R))

EMPLOYMENT STATUS 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

Year	Employed	Full Time	Part Time	Related to Course of Study
2012-2013	66.5%	60.0%	40.0%	50.0%
2013-2014	74.8%	60.0%	40.0%	59.1%
2014-2015	84.9%	51.4%	31.9%	60.0%
2015-2016	83.1%	48.8%	34.3%	53.7%
2016-2017	84.2%	51.1%	33.1%	59.3%
2017-2018	90.5%	56.1%	34.4%	57.8%
2018-2019	80.9%	46.8%	34.1%	57.8%
2019-2020	78.5%	39.2%	39.3%	42.2%
2020-2021	82.6%	50.5%	32.1%	53.1%

EDUCATIONAL STATUS 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

Year	Continuing at SMC	Continuing Elsewhere
2012-2013	24.3%	31.9%
2013-2014	8.1%	30.0%
2014-2015	11.8%	37.6%
2015-2016	11.3%	39.0%
2016-2017	12.4%	42.7%
2017-2018	8.8%	37.8%
2018-2019	14.1%	39.8%
2019-2020	4.2%	45.0%
2020-2021	7.1%	43.8%

Response Rates

Year	Number of Responses	Response Rate
2012-2013	185	47.1%
2013-2014	160	42.2%
2014-2015	186	43.3%

Year	Number of Responses	Response Rate
2015-2016	166	46.7%
2016-2017	178	40.5%
2017-2018	150	41.6%
2018-2019	128	44.4%
2019-2020	120	37.4%
2020-2021	114	41.9

Methodology and Definitions: The Graduate Follow Up Survey data is self-reported. A survey is sent to graduates 6 months after graduation asking about employment and transfer (fall, spring, summer). Results are reported out annually. Graduates are contacted by mail and email initially with three more follow up contacts. Response rates are approximately 44%. Employment status is collected from all majors as well as whether their employment is related to their course of study at SMC (self-defined). Graduates are also asked if they are continuing on at SMC or if they have transferred to another institution (all self-defined).

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