

About the First Destination Survey 2024

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 2023 – 2024 includes graduates completing degrees between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 (N=229).

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 June 2025. 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 229 graduates, 142 had reasonable and verifiable information through data collection which gives a 62.00% knowledge rate of the class of 2024.

Outcomes Rate

Of those included in the knowledge rate (N=142), 141 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 99.295%.

	Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
Outcome Category (Knowledge Base Only)	N=155	%	N=135	%	N=142	%
Employed full-time or part-time (includes postgraduate internship or fellowship)	131	84.52%	108	80.0%	113	79.58%
Accepted/enrolled in graduate school or another program of continuing education	22	14.19%	24	17.77%	26	18.31%
Participating in a volunteer or service program (ex. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Catholic Charities USA, Teach for America)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Serving in the military	0	0.00%	1	0.74%	2	1.41%
Other	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	153	98.71%	133	98.51%	141	99.30%

Types of Graduate/Professional Education Graduates Enroll	N=26
Ph.D	5
Law Degree (JD or LLB)	1
Medical Degree (e.g. MD, DO, DDs, DVM, PharmD)	3
Other Doctoral Degree (e.g. EdD, PsyD, DBA)	1
Dual Degree (e.g. MD/PhD, JD/PhD, MA/MPA, DPT/MSAT)	0
Master's Degree in Arts and Sciences (e.g. MA, MS)	8
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	3
Other Master's Degree (e.g. MAT, MFA, MPA, MSE, MSN, MSW)	2
Law and Paralegal Studies	1
Type not reported	2