

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. The graduating class of 2017 – 2018 includes graduates completing degrees between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 (N=263).

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 2019¹. 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 263 graduates, 212 had reasonable and verifiable information through data collection which gives an 80.6% knowledge rate of the class of 2018.

Outcomes Rate

Of those included in the knowledge rate (N=212), 209 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 98.6%.

Outcome Category (Knowledge Base Only)	N=212	%
Employed full-time or part-time	164	77.36%
Accepted/enrolled in graduate school or another program of continuing education	40	18.87%
Post-Graduate Fellow/Fellowship (ex. Fulbright)	1	0.47%
Participating in a volunteer or service program (ex. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Catholic Charities USA, Teach for America)	4	1.89%
Total	209	98.58%

¹ NACE guidelines specify a December 31 deadline for data collection. This particular year has been an exception due to the pilot phase of the First Destination Survey for Lycoming College.