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### ABOUT THE GRADUATE STATUS REPORT

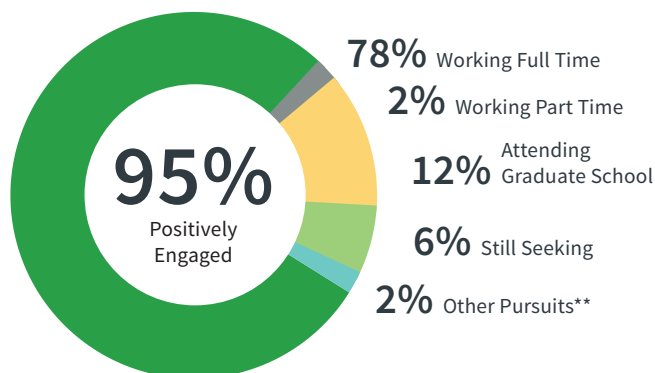
The Executive Summary contains post-graduation plans for Cal Poly's Class of 2019-20. This report provides information about graduate outcomes (employment, graduate school and other intentional pursuits), timeline for securing work, job locations, and median salary.

The figures reported are based on data collected from 3,897 graduates from the COVID pandemic impacted 2019-20 graduating class with 68% total responses reporting 95% overall positive outcomes with 77% of the graduates securing their opportunities by graduation. Career Services utilizes an online survey, email, telephone solicitation, employer and faculty information, and LinkedIn to secure data for this report.

The comprehensive Graduate Status Report includes additional graduate outcome information in the form of a university-wide summary sheet and six college-specific summary sheets. Other university-wide relevant data showcased are majors related to jobs percentage, top employers, California employment regions, graduate schools and graduate degree programs, job location; including international and out-of-state destinations. The detailed college status reports include job titles obtained by graduates, their employers, where they are attending graduate school, and out-of-state destination information.

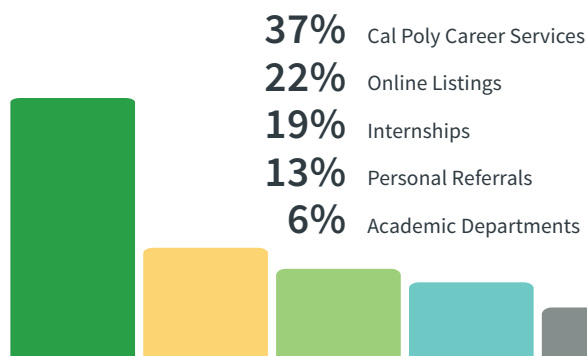
To view the detailed results from the 2019-20 Graduate Status Report, please visit our website at [careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr](https://careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr).

### GRADUATE OUTCOMES



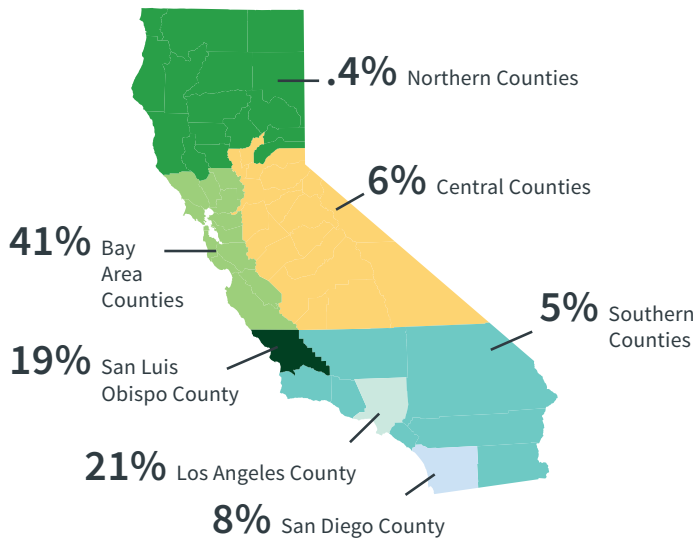
Cal Poly's talented students continue to successfully obtain their career goals, with 95 percent securing positive post-graduation outcomes (work, graduate school, and other intentional plans). The job market remains strong, with 80% of our graduates working (full time and part-time) and 12% enrolled in graduate education. A minority of graduates seek other intentional plans (two percent), such as travel, gap year experience, artistic pursuits, and family care. The percentage of students still seeking employment is five percent, a two percent decrease compared to the 2018-19 class.

### HOW STUDENTS GOT THEIR JOBS



These results are based on a 68% response rate for the 2019-20 graduating class, with 37% indicating their employment was directly contributed to Career Services. Employment linked to online listings, which includes a number of sources including LinkedIn, Indeed, and MustangJOBS, increased by 6% compared to last year. The largest increase in job source was the conversion of internships to jobs, which made up 19% of the results, an increase of 8% compared to last year's class.

## CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT BY REGION



The majority of graduates (82%) start their careers in California. Their top three career choice areas are the Bay Area (41%), Los Angeles (21%) and San Luis Obispo County (19% each). Other Cal Poly graduates started their careers in other states (18%), one percent increase from last year. Following California, the top states receiving Cal Poly talent are Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Texas, New York, Illinois, Nevada and Massachusetts. The top countries receiving Cal Poly talent are Germany, United Kingdom, Canada and Italy.

## STARTING MEDIAN SALARY



**\$70,000**

COLLEGES	MEDIAN
ALL COLLEGES	\$70,000
AGRICULTURE	\$49,000
ARCHITECTURE/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	\$60,000
BUSINESS	\$64,000
ENGINEERING	\$77,000
LIBERAL ARTS	\$50,000
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS	\$67,000

The overall median salary is \$70,000, which is a \$5,000 increase after two years at \$65,000. This year almost all colleges had increases in their median income, with the College of Science and Mathematics seeing the largest increase. The salary differences reflect the conditions of the economic market, as well as the above average salaries in metropolitan areas like the Bay Area, Los Angeles and San Diego. Career Services continues to provide a high volume of recruiting, on-campus interviewing, networking, and job/internship posting opportunities for all majors.

## GRADUATE STATUS REPORT 10-YEAR SUMMARY

The chart below summarizes the last 10 years of Graduate Status Report information.

YEAR	# OF GRADUATES	# OF RESPONDENTS	EMPLOYED FULL TIME	EMPLOYED PART TIME	GRADUATE SCHOOL	OTHER PURSUITS	SEEKING EMPLOYMENT
2019-20	4,452	3,026 <b>68%</b>	2,361 <b>78%</b>	61 <b>2%</b>	372 <b>12%</b>	66 <b>2%</b>	166 <b>6%</b>
2018-19	5,747	3,897 <b>68%</b>	2,922 <b>75%</b>	62 <b>2%</b>	510 <b>13%</b>	81 <b>3%</b>	285 <b>7%</b>
2017-18	5,273	3,353 <b>67%</b>	2,656 <b>76%</b>	27 <b>1%</b>	471 <b>14%</b>	64 <b>2%</b>	230 <b>7%</b>
2016-17	5,007	3,262 <b>65%</b>	2,429 <b>75%</b>	39 <b>1%</b>	478 <b>15%</b>	105 <b>3%</b>	211 <b>6%</b>
2015-16	4,541	2,465 <b>54%</b>	1,802 <b>73%</b>	46 <b>2%</b>	405 <b>17%</b>	55 <b>2%</b>	149 <b>6%</b>
2014-15	4,625	2,399 <b>52%</b>	1,606 <b>67%</b>	112 <b>5%</b>	355 <b>15%</b>	95 <b>4%</b>	231 <b>9%</b>
2013-14	4,403	2,213 <b>50%</b>	1,439 <b>65%</b>	121 <b>6%</b>	336 <b>15%</b>	93 <b>4%</b>	224 <b>10%</b>
2012-13	4,414	2,229 <b>50%</b>	1,515 <b>66%</b>	142 <b>7%</b>	279 <b>12%</b>	69 <b>3%</b>	268 <b>12%</b>
2011-12	4,252	2,123 <b>50%</b>	1,399 <b>66%</b>	161 <b>7%</b>	272 <b>13%</b>	39 <b>2%</b>	252 <b>12%</b>
2010-11	4,470	2,419 <b>54%</b>	1,641 <b>68%</b>	127 <b>5%</b>	425 <b>18%</b>	32 <b>1%</b>	194 <b>8%</b>

The Cal Poly Graduate Status Report (GSR) is valued and utilized by the university, employers, admission officers, academic advisors, community colleges, high school counselors, advancement officers and accreditation teams. An online version of the GSR can be found at: [careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr](https://careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr).