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Career Services



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### ABOUT THE GRADUATE STATUS REPORT

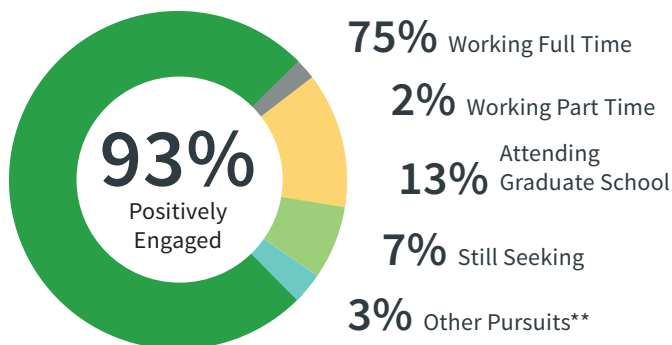
The Executive Summary contains post-graduation plans for Cal Poly's Class of 2018-19. This report provides information about graduate outcomes (employment, graduate school and other intentional pursuits), timeline for securing work, job locations based on California state regions, and median salary.

The figures reported are based on data collected from 3,897 graduates from the summer 2018 to the spring 2019 classes for a total of 68%. This represents the highest student response rate to date. 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 college-specific summary sheets. Other relevant data highlighted include majors related to jobs percentage, top employers, California employment regions, graduate schools and graduate degree programs, and job location. The detailed college status reports are located on our website and include job titles obtained by graduates, their employers, and where they are attending graduate school. New this year are the international and out-of-state destinations on the universitywide summary sheet. The college-specific summary sheets are also now more comprehensive with employer, graduate school, and out-of-state destination information.

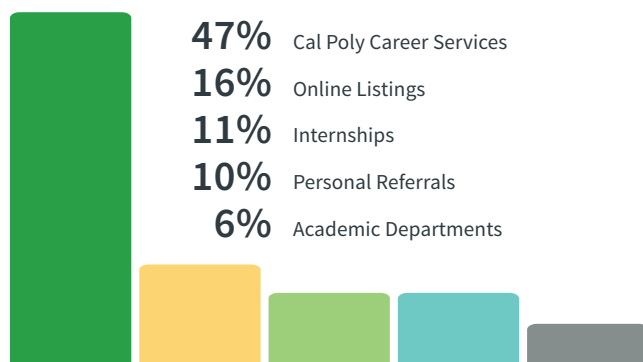
To view the detailed results from the 2018-19 Graduate Status Report, please visit our website at [careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr](http://careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr).

### GRADUATE OUTCOMES



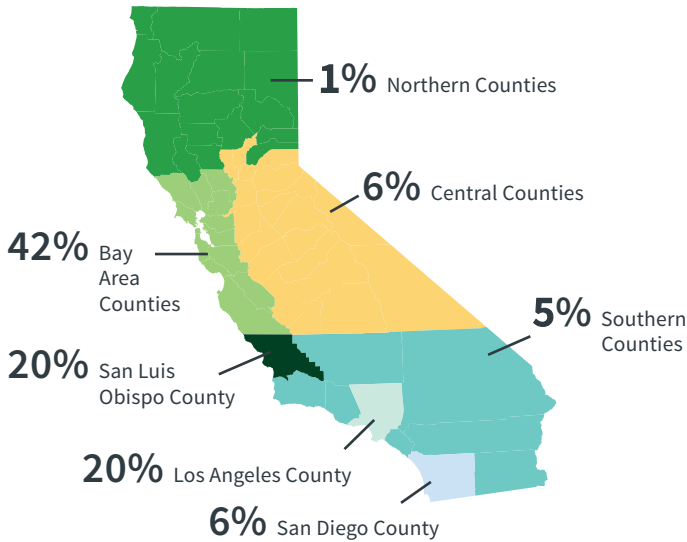
Cal Poly's talented students continue to successfully obtain their career goals, with 93 percent securing positive post-graduation outcomes (work, graduate school, and other intentional plans). The job market remains strong, with 75% of our graduates working (full time and part-time) and 13% enrolled in graduate education. A minority of graduates seek other intentional plans (3%), such as travel, gap year experience, artistic pursuits, and family care. The percentage of students still seeking employment is 7%.

### HOW STUDENTS GOT THEIR JOBS



These results are based on a 68% response rate for the 2018-19 graduating class, with 47% indicating their employment was directly contributed to Career Services, (4% increase compared to last year). Employment linked to online listings, which includes a number of sources including LinkedIn, Indeed, and MustangJOBS, decreased by 5% compared to last year.

## CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT BY REGION



The majority of graduates (83%) start their careers in California. Their top three career choice areas are the Bay Area (42 percent), Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo County (20% each). Other Cal Poly graduates started their careers in other states (17%), a 4% increase from last year. Following California, the top states receiving Cal Poly talent are Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington. The top countries receiving Cal Poly talent are France, Germany, Japan, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

## STARTING MEDIAN SALARY



**\$65,000**

COLLEGES	MEDIAN
ALL COLLEGES	\$65,000
AGRICULTURE	\$47,000
ARCHITECTURE/ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	\$62,000
BUSINESS	\$63,000
ENGINEERING	\$75,000
LIBERAL ARTS	\$45,000
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS	\$47,000

The overall median salary is \$65,000, which is equal to last year. This year both Business and Liberal Arts increased in median salary compared to 2017-18. The salary differences reflect the conditions and demands of the economic market. 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
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>
2009-10	4,303	2,181 <b>51%</b>	1,410 <b>65%</b>	141 <b>6%</b>	381 <b>17%</b>	36 <b>2%</b>	213 <b>10%</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).