

2015 Alumni Survey

Academic Year Comparisons of Employment

First Full-Time Position

Time to get first full-time permanent job after completing undergrad degree

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Continued in job had before completing degree	9.3%	9.3%	9.8%	8.7%
Accepted position prior to or upon graduation	29.8%	26.2%	31.7%	31.0%
1-6 months	25.3%	27.4%	24.1%	24.5%
7-12 months	7.9%	8.3%	7.5%	8.1%
Over 1 year	15.9%	21.2%	15.4%	11.8%
Have looked for but not yet obtained a full-time permanent job	4.5%	3.3%	4.8%	5.2%
Have not looked for a full-time permanent job	7.4%	4.3%	6.8%	10.6%
Total (N)	2,582	786	899	897

Factors instrumental in finding first full-time job

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
NC State University Career Center	14.9%	14.0%	14.8%	15.8%
NC State Alumni Association Career Services	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%	1.6%
Applied for job posting in ePack	14.6%	11.7%	15.7%	16.3%
On-campus interviewing via ePack	7.4%	7.3%	6.8%	8.2%
Employer found your resume via an NC State University career services database	3.9%	3.4%	3.3%	4.9%
On-campus Career Fair	10.7%	10.2%	10.2%	11.7%
Technician or other NC State publication	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%

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	NCSU	AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
NC State co-op experience	6.1%	6.1%	7.5%	4.5%
Internship	24.2%	22.5%	25.0%	24.9%
Study Abroad or Internship/Research/Student Teaching in an international setting	3.0%	2.2%	3.6%	3.2%
Previous/current experience with employer	17.9%	18.0%	17.7%	18.0%
Personal connection(s) within the company/family business	21.3%	20.0%	21.1%	22.6%
Faculty member/advisor or job listing found in an NC State department	8.5%	8.0%	9.8%	7.5%
Professional society	3.6%	3.3%	3.8%	3.8%
Third party recruiter or executive search firm	3.5%	3.7%	2.8%	4.0%
Employment agency	3.3%	3.3%	2.6%	3.8%
Family/friends/classmates/co-workers	22.1%	21.9%	21.5%	22.9%
Local, city, or national newspaper	2.2%	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
Social networking site	2.9%	3.3%	2.0%	3.6%
Internet	12.9%	14.0%	12.6%	12.1%
Other	6.5%	6.1%	6.5%	6.9%
Total (N)	2,276	726	795	755

Note: Respondents could provide more than one response.

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Relationship of first full-time permanent position to academic major

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Yes, directly related	48.3%	45.3%	49.7%	49.8%
Yes, somewhat related	27.6%	29.8%	26.5%	26.8%
No, not related (by choice)	12.2%	13.4%	12.2%	11.0%
No, not related (not by choice)	11.8%	11.5%	11.6%	12.5%
Total (N)	2,280	729	796	755

Preparation by NC State for your first full-time permanent position

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Mean Rating	4.05	4.02	4.08	4.05
5: Excellent preparation	35.1%	32.3%	36.0%	36.9%
4: Good preparation	43.3%	45.7%	44.8%	39.4%
3: Average preparation	15.0%	15.5%	12.3%	17.2%
2: Fair preparation	4.5%	4.3%	4.9%	4.4%
1: Poor preparation	2.1%	2.2%	1.9%	2.1%
Total (N)	2,276	728	794	754

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Starting salary at first full-time permanent job

	Academic Year Graduated			
	NCSU	AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Under \$20,000	4.9%	3.6%	4.7%	6.5%
\$20,000-\$24,999	8.6%	6.9%	10.0%	8.7%
\$25,000-\$29,999	10.4%	11.7%	9.4%	10.3%
\$30,000-\$34,999	17.7%	18.0%	17.2%	18.0%
\$35,000-\$39,999	11.1%	11.2%	10.8%	11.4%
\$40,000-\$44,999	9.2%	10.5%	8.9%	8.2%
\$45,000-\$49,999	6.7%	8.0%	5.7%	6.6%
\$50,000-\$54,999	8.3%	8.8%	9.0%	7.2%
\$55,000-\$59,999	6.3%	5.4%	8.1%	5.2%
\$60,000-\$64,999	6.6%	5.4%	6.7%	7.5%
\$65,000-\$69,999	3.7%	3.7%	2.9%	4.5%
\$70,000-\$74,999	2.2%	2.8%	2.5%	1.5%
\$75,000-\$79,999	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
\$80,000-\$84,999	0.7%	0.3%	1.1%	0.7%
\$85,000-\$89,999	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%
\$90,000-\$94,999	0.3%	0.4%	.	0.5%
\$95,000-\$99,999	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%
\$100,000 and over	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	1.2%
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Current Position

Current employment status

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Employed full-time (35+ hours per week)	80.2%	84.7%	79.8%	76.7%
Employed part-time (34 hours per week or less)	6.1%	4.9%	6.4%	6.8%
Self-employed/contractor	3.1%	4.2%	2.7%	2.6%
Not employed, but seeking employment	4.0%	2.9%	3.9%	5.0%
Not employed, not seeking employment	6.6%	3.3%	7.3%	8.8%
Total (N)	2,572	782	896	894

Years in current position

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Less than 12 months	26.8%	26.8%	23.4%	30.4%
1 year to less than 2 years	20.4%	17.4%	21.8%	21.9%
2 years to less than 3 years	23.8%	18.5%	18.4%	34.4%
3 years to less than 4 years	14.7%	9.9%	24.2%	9.4%
4 years to less than 5 years	9.7%	19.7%	8.2%	1.7%
5 years or more	4.6%	7.7%	3.9%	2.2%
Total (N)	2,281	725	789	767

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Current salary

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Under \$20,000	7.2%	5.1%	6.6%	9.7%
\$20,000-\$24,999	5.1%	4.1%	5.4%	5.8%
\$25,000-\$29,999	3.8%	3.5%	3.6%	4.5%
\$30,000-\$34,999	8.9%	7.7%	8.6%	10.3%
\$35,000-\$39,999	10.0%	9.0%	10.4%	10.7%
\$40,000-\$44,999	8.8%	8.3%	9.1%	8.9%
\$45,000-\$49,999	6.7%	6.4%	6.0%	7.8%
\$50,000-\$54,999	6.7%	9.3%	4.9%	6.2%
\$55,000-\$59,999	7.1%	7.3%	8.1%	6.1%
\$60,000-\$64,999	7.3%	6.5%	7.7%	7.6%
\$65,000-\$69,999	6.0%	6.2%	6.1%	5.5%
\$70,000-\$74,999	6.0%	5.8%	6.4%	5.7%
\$75,000-\$79,999	4.5%	5.2%	4.5%	3.7%
\$80,000-\$84,999	3.1%	4.6%	3.2%	1.6%
\$85,000-\$89,999	1.9%	2.8%	1.4%	1.7%
\$90,000-\$94,999	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	1.2%
\$95,000-\$99,999	1.4%	1.5%	1.8%	0.8%
\$100,000 and over	3.9%	5.0%	4.5%	2.4%
Total (N)	2,266	724	782	760

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Type of current employment

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Academic	14.4%	13.2%	15.0%	15.0%
Federal, state, or local government	12.1%	13.8%	11.1%	11.6%
Private, for profit business or organization	63.4%	61.6%	63.8%	64.5%
Private, not for profit business or organization	7.3%	8.1%	7.3%	6.5%
Self-employed	2.8%	3.3%	2.9%	2.3%
Total (N)	2,292	730	795	767

Current industry

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Accounting	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%	1.3%
Advertising	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%
Aerospace	1.4%	0.8%	2.0%	1.3%
Agriculture	2.8%	2.6%	3.4%	2.4%
Architecture/Urban Planning	1.0%	1.5%	0.8%	0.8%
Arts & Entertainment	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%
Automotive	1.1%	0.8%	1.0%	1.6%
Banking	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%
Biotechnology	1.7%	1.5%	1.9%	1.6%
Business Services	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%	0.3%
Chemicals	0.9%	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%

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		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Communications	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	.
Computer Software/Hardware	3.6%	4.1%	3.0%	3.8%
Construction	1.6%	1.8%	1.5%	1.4%
Consulting	1.7%	1.1%	2.5%	1.6%
Consumer Products	0.6%	1.1%	0.5%	0.1%
Counseling	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Design	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%	1.3%
Education	8.4%	7.8%	9.4%	8.0%
Electronics	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Energy	1.3%	1.4%	1.0%	1.6%
Engineering	9.6%	8.1%	11.4%	9.0%
Entrepreneurial/Venture Capital	0.1%	.	0.1%	0.1%
Environment/Sustainability	1.1%	1.8%	0.9%	0.8%
Faith Based	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	1.0%
Fashion	0.7%	0.7%	1.0%	0.3%
Financial Services	2.4%	2.3%	2.6%	2.4%
Food Science	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Government	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.4%
Health Care	5.2%	6.5%	5.3%	3.8%
Hotel, Restaurant, Hospitality	1.4%	1.6%	1.3%	1.4%
Human/Social Services	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%
Insurance	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%	0.8%

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International Affairs & Development	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%
Law Enforcement/Security/Corrections	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%
Legal	1.5%	2.1%	1.9%	0.5%
Manufacturing	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	4.6%
Marketing	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.0%
Materials- Plastics, Metals, Ceramics	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Media	0.8%	1.2%	0.8%	0.5%
Military & Defense	1.8%	2.6%	1.3%	1.6%
Museums & Libraries	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
Natural Resources	1.2%	0.3%	1.8%	1.6%
Non-Profit/Philanthropy	2.1%	1.6%	1.9%	2.8%
Pharmaceutical	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%
Print & Publishing	0.3%	.	0.4%	0.4%
Public Policy	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Public Relations	0.2%	0.3%	.	0.3%
Real Estate	1.1%	1.8%	0.3%	1.4%
Recreation & Sports	1.5%	1.1%	1.4%	2.0%
Research	4.7%	4.9%	4.3%	4.8%
Retail/Merchandising	2.8%	2.9%	2.1%	3.4%
Staffing & Executive Search	0.5%	0.3%	0.9%	0.4%
Technology	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%	5.4%
Telecommunications	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	0.8%

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		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Trade	0.1%	.	0.1%	0.3%
Transportation	0.9%	0.5%	1.0%	1.2%
Travel & Tourism	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
Utilities (Public & Private)	1.2%	1.6%	1.5%	0.5%
Veterinary	1.5%	2.7%	0.6%	1.3%
Wood Products	0.3%	0.3%	.	0.7%
Other	3.1%	3.4%	2.6%	3.4%
Total (N)	2,286	728	795	763

Note: Excludes 'not sure' response option.

Current work location

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Inside Triangle	47.3%	45.5%	47.3%	48.9%
Other NC	22.9%	25.7%	23.2%	20.1%
Other US	28.8%	27.9%	28.5%	30.1%
Outside US	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%
Total (N)	2,267	721	786	760

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Relationship of current position to academic major

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Yes, directly related	46.0%	43.9%	48.0%	45.9%
Yes, somewhat related	29.6%	28.7%	28.5%	31.7%
No, not related (by choice)	15.6%	18.7%	14.9%	13.2%
No, not related (not by choice)	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	9.2%
Total (N)	2,280	726	790	764

Preparation by NC State for current position

	NCSU	Academic Year Graduated		
		AY09-10	AY10-11	AY11-12
Mean Rating	3.96	3.91	3.99	3.98
5: Excellent preparation	31.7%	28.3%	33.0%	33.6%
4: Good preparation	43.5%	45.8%	44.1%	40.7%
3: Average preparation	17.1%	17.9%	15.4%	17.9%
2: Fair preparation	5.1%	5.1%	4.3%	6.0%
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