

Undergraduate Future Plans Surveys: December 2024 and May 2025 Results, Combined Introduction, Research Methods, and Response Rates

The 2024-2025 Academic Year (AY24-25) reports present combined results from the December 2024 and May 2025 Future Plans Surveys (FPS). The FPS is designed to collect information about students' plans for after graduation, including detailed information on employment, graduate/professional school attendance, as well as about participation in career preparation activities while at NC State.

This introductory report provides an overview of the research methods and response rates for the surveys. Additional results, including a “fast facts” sheet and interactive dashboards, along with copies of the questionnaires, can be found on the University Data and Analytics (UDA) [website](#).

Research Methods

The Future Plans Survey population for each survey administration includes all seniors who, by the end of the semester, had submitted an “application for degree” and been approved by their academic department to graduate in December 2024 or May 2025. The survey is administered in the weeks surrounding fall and spring commencement exercises. The Fall 2024 survey was in the field from November 25, 2024 to January 10, 2025, and the Spring 2025 survey was in the field from April 15 to May 9, 2025.

Response Rates

A total of 5,913 undergraduate students received baccalaureate degrees from NC State in either Fall 2024 (N=1,387) or Spring 2025 (N=4,526) (Table 1). Overall, just over 40 percent of the graduates submitted their survey (43.4%). Spring 2025 graduates were slightly more likely than those graduating in Fall 2024 to participate in the survey (44.9% vs 38.5%, respectively).

Table 1: Response Rate of AY24-25 Baccalaureate Degree Recipients, Overall and by Semester Graduated

Semester Graduated	AY24-25 Population		FPS Respondents		Response Rate
	N	% of population	N	% of respondents	%
Fall 2024	1,387	23.5%	534	20.8%	38.5%
Spring 2025	4,526	76.5%	2,031	79.2%	44.9%
Total	5,913	100.0%	2,565	100.0%	43.4%

Participation in the combined FPS varied by college. Due to their high participation rates, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Design, and the College of Engineering are overrepresented among survey respondents. In contrast, those in the College of Humanities and Social Science and the Poole College of Management are underrepresented due to their relatively low participation rates.

Table 2: AY24-25 FPS Response Rate, Overall and by College

College/School	AY24-25 Population		FPS Respondents		Response Rate
	N	% of population	N	% of respondents	%
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	675	11.4%	437	17.0%	64.7%
College of Design	153	2.6%	137	5.3%	89.5%
College of Education	162	2.7%	78	3.0%	48.1%
College of Engineering	1,680	28.4%	805	31.4%	47.9%
College of Natural Resources	325	5.5%	143	5.6%	44.0%
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	1,073	18.1%	333	13.0%	31.0%
College of Sciences	688	11.6%	260	10.1%	37.8%
Wilson College of Textiles	183	3.1%	72	2.8%	39.3%
Poole College of Management	974	16.5%	300	11.7%	30.8%
Total	5,913	100.0%	2,565	100.0%	43.4%

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