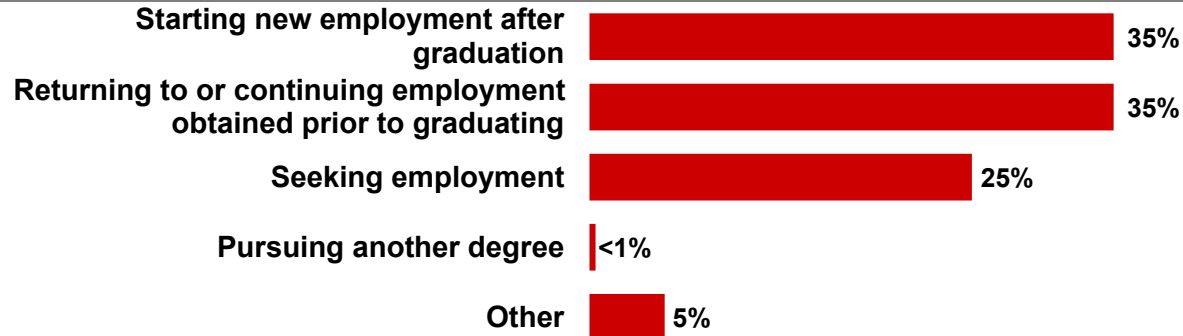


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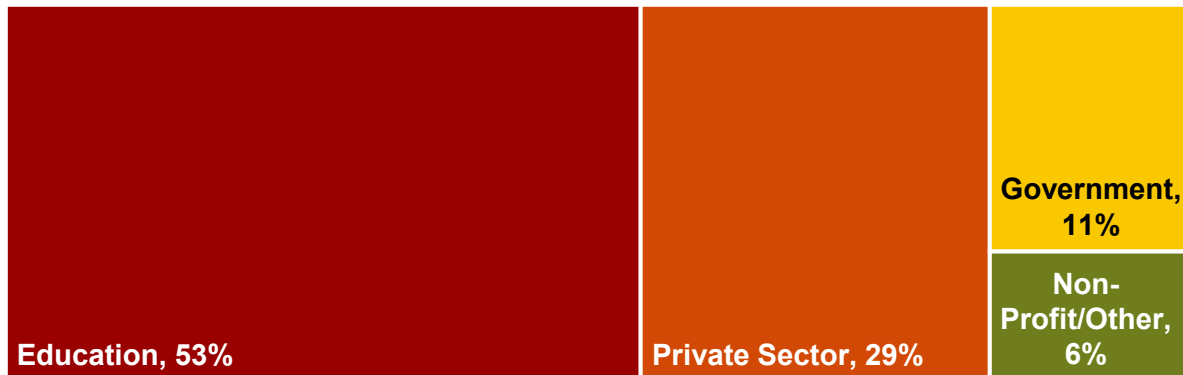
Fast Facts: Graduate Future Plans Survey (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025) Doctoral Degree Recipients

Primary Plans After Graduation (n=244)



Employment Sector (Full-Time Only)

- One-quarter of doctoral graduates (24%) are starting a postdoc position
- Doctoral graduates are most likely to work in education, followed by the private sector



Employment Characteristics (Full-Time Only)

The Job Search

- Almost two-fifths (38%) of respondents starting a new job began looking for employment 6 or more months before graduation
- Almost half (48%) reported receiving their accepted job offer 3 or more months before graduation
- More than two-fifths (41%) received more than one job offer

Compensation

- Mean salary: \$94,367
- Median salary: \$87,500
- Received signing bonus and/or company shares: 22%

Job Location

- Graduates are working in 29 states and 8 countries
- 58% of those employed are working in North Carolina
- 42% of those employed are working in the Triangle area (e.g., Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill)

Employers Hiring the Most Graduates

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WAKE COUNTY
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DURHAM
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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These data show the combined results of the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Graduate Future Plans Surveys. 58.8% of doctoral degree recipients (244 out of 415) completed the combined GFPS. Reports on the survey methods and results are on the UDA website: <https://uda.ncsu.edu/surveys/studentalumni-surveys/fps>

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The Graduate Experience

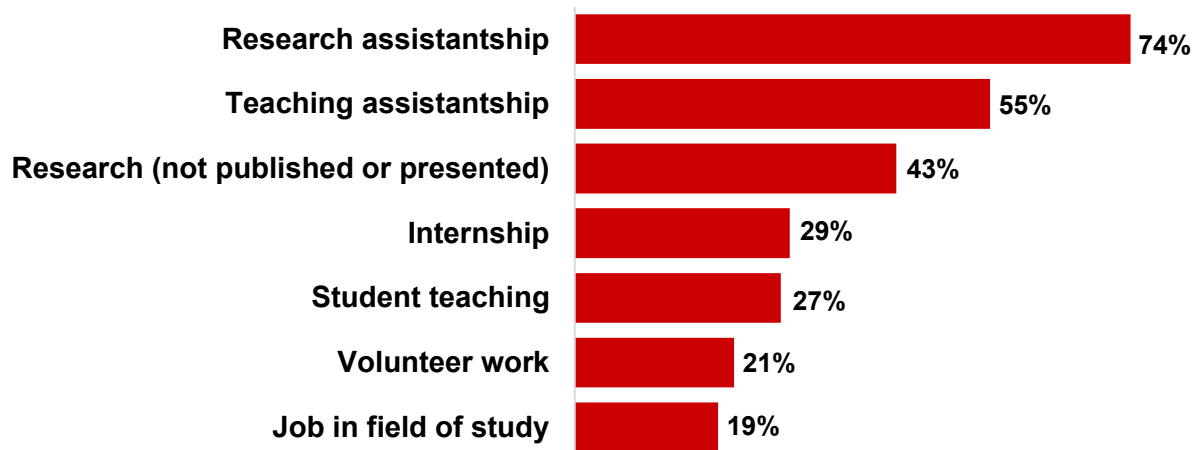
Feelings about the Future

- 92% of respondents feel “very prepared” (54%) or “somewhat prepared” (38%) for their future paths
- 93% feel “very excited” (59%) or “fairly excited” (34%) about their paths

Overall Satisfaction

- 92% reported feeling “very satisfied” (49%) or “satisfied” (43%) with their graduate program
- 88% rated the mentoring from faculty within their program as “excellent” (60%) or “good” (28%)

Participation in Work-Related and High-Impact Experiences



Academic Research

Number of Conference Presentations (n=241)



Number of Publications (n=241)



■ None ■ One ■ Two ■ Three ■ Four ■ Five or more

Career-Related Resources Used While at NC State

	%
Attended presentation on resume writing, interviewing skills, etc.	31%
Attended career fair	29%
ePack	26%
Used a professional development program offered by The Graduate School	23%
Visited NC State Career Development Center website	22%
Spoke with career counselor/coach	17%
Joined professional society at NC State	15%
Attended employer information sessions	14%
Mock interviews with career counselor/coach	4%
On-campus interviewing	4%