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# Graduate Destination Survey *2019*



## 2019 Graduate Destination Survey Findings

The University of Auckland's second Graduate Destination Survey was launched on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. In total, 11,519 graduates (excluding PhD graduates) who completed their qualification in 2018 or early 2019 were invited to participate. The survey had a response rate of 25% (2017: 22%). 64% of all respondents were female, and 36% were male.

Table 1: Response rate by faculty

Faculty	Response Rate	Total Invite
Arts	26%	1,456
Business and Economics	22%	2,067
Creative Arts and Industries	25%	677
Education and Social Work	27%	1,066
Engineering	27%	1,275
Law	22%	439
Medical and Health Sciences	26%	2,244
Science	25%	2,292
University Of Auckland	67%	3

## Employment

The employment rate for 2018 and early 2019 graduates was 96% - 0.6% higher than 2017 result and ranged from 95.2% for Undergraduates students to 96.5% for Postgraduates students. The median salary reported by respondents remained between NZD50,00 - NZD60,000, irrespective of the level of qualification and faculty graduated.

Table 2: Employment rate by faculty and programme level

Faculty	Programme Level	2019 Employment Rate	2017 Employment Rate (Excl. Ph.D)
Arts	Undergraduate	91%	89%
	Postgraduate	95%	96%
Arts Total		93%	93%
Business and Economics	Undergraduate	97%	94%
	Postgraduate	94%	99%
Business and Economics Total		96%	96%
Creative Arts and Industries	Undergraduate	97%	88%
	Postgraduate	94%	95%
Creative Arts and Industries Total		95%	93%
Education and Social Work	Undergraduate	97%	96%
	Postgraduate	99%	99%
Education and Social Work Total		98%	98%
Engineering	Undergraduate	99%	98%
	Postgraduate	94%	94%
Engineering Total		97%	96%
Law	Undergraduate	97%	98%
	Postgraduate	94%	100%
Law Total		97%	99%
Medical and Health Sciences	Undergraduate	98%	98%
	Postgraduate	98%	96%
Medical and Health Sciences Total		98%	97%
Science	Undergraduate	89%	92%
	Postgraduate	96%	92%
Science Total		92%	92%
University Of Auckland	Postgraduate	50%	NA
University Of Auckland Total		50%	NA
Grand Total		96%	95%

**25%**  
Response rate

**64%**  
Male respondents

**36%**  
Female respondents

**96%**  
Full-time /part-time  
employment

## Further Study

24% of the total respondents indicated they are engaged in either full-time or part-time studies (2017: 24%). 63% of them are doing postgraduate or higher degrees. 'To improve my career options' and 'enhance my knowledge in my specialist field' remained the most popular main reasons for taking up further study. More than half of those who are currently doing further study chose to stay with the University of Auckland.

## Programme Satisfaction and University Experience

79% of all respondents expressed satisfaction with the quality of their programme (2017: 82%). The vast majority indicated their programme was worthwhile. About 90% of respondents agreed their programme helped them with developing skills in finding information and using it effectively and gave them a broad overview of their field of study. 73% of all respondents will recommend their programme to others, and 77% will recommend the University of Auckland to others.

**\$50k-60k**

Median salary

**24%**

Further study

**79%**

Satisfied with their programme