

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
PLACEMENT STUDY
OF 1999-2000 GRADUATES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1,474 UND alumni who graduated in December 1999, May 2000, and August 2000 were mailed a questionnaire seeking demographic and employment information, of which 865 returned questionnaires (61.4% net response rate).
- 96.1% indicated being either employed or currently a student. 86.2% indicated that their current position is directly related or somewhat related to the education they received at UND.
- 185 graduates are pursuing additional education, of which 49 are pursuing further education at UND.
- Respondents reported residing in 43 states, 2 Canadian provinces, and 8 foreign countries. 59.2% of respondents are residing in North Dakota or Minnesota. North Dakota retained 238 (27.5%) of the 865 respondents.
- North Dakota retained 173 (43.5%) of the 398 UND graduates who graduated from high school in North Dakota.
- 50.6% of respondents believe there are job opportunities for them in their area of interest in North Dakota, 38.9% of respondents indicated that if a job were available in their area of interest they would want employment in North Dakota.
- Respondents indicated the following reasons most frequently for why they would like employment in North Dakota: close to family, high quality of life, standard of living, and that they like the community or state.
- Respondents indicated the following reasons most frequently for why they would not or are unsure if they would want employment in North Dakota: low salaries, limited career advancement opportunities, entertainment/cultural activities, proximity to family, employment options for spouse, like living in metropolitan areas, and weather.
- Questions regarding annual salary were optional, of the 562 respondents the average annual salary was \$33,837, and the median annual salary was \$32,000.
- 46.9% of respondents indicated that they participated in an internship program or cooperative education program while attending UND.

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In November 2001 a study was conducted to determine the status of recent University of North Dakota (UND) graduates. Graduates earning a bachelors degree from UND in December 1999, May 2000, or August 2000 were mailed a questionnaire seeking demographic and employment information (See Appendix A). Current mailing addresses were obtained for 1474 graduates. Fifty were found to be bad addresses. Seven graduates declined to participate. Nine surveys that were received after the closing date were not included in this report. A total of 865 completed questionnaires were returned by mail. This provided a net response rate of 61.4%, which is comparable to previous years.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Among 865 respondents, 291 (33.6%) of the respondents graduated in December 1999, 474 (54.8%) graduated in May 2000, 88 (10.1%) graduated in August of 2000, and 12 respondents did not report their graduation date. Three hundred seventy-nine (43.8%) of the respondents are male, and 486 (56.2%) are female (See Appendix B, Table 1). Three hundred ninety-nine (46.2%) of the respondents graduated from high schools in North Dakota, 252 (29.1%) graduated from high schools in Minnesota, 186 (21.5%) graduated from high schools outside of North Dakota and Minnesota, 25 (2.9%) graduated from high schools in Canada or foreign countries, and 4 respondents did not report the state of their high schools located.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

When asked to indicate employment status, 831 of the respondents (96.1%) indicated being either employed or currently a student. Seven hundred forty (85.5%) respondents reported being employed, 91 (10.6%) reported being currently a student, and 29 (3.4%) reported being unemployed (See Appendix B, Table 2a & Table 2b for a breakdown by college).

In reference to the employment status of all 865 respondents (including 5 not responding), 207 (23.9%) are seeking other employment (regardless of whether currently employed or not), 562 (65.0%) indicated that they are not seeking employment, and 91 (10.6%) indicated that they are currently students. Of the 29 unemployed graduates, 21 indicated that they were seeking employment, and 8 indicated that they were not seeking employment.

When asked to indicate, "how closely their current position is related to the education they received at UND", 849 graduates responded. Of the 849 respondents, 745 (87.8%) indicated that their current position is either "directly related" or "somewhat related" to the education they received at UND. 561 or 66.1% indicated, "directly related", 184 or 21.7% indicated "somewhat related", and 104 or 12.2% indicated "not at all related". (See Appendix B, Table 3 for a breakdown by college).