



HEDS Alumni

Higher Education Data
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Alumni Survey

St. Olaf College, Summer 2012

Selected items related to primary activity and further education

Dates of Administration: June 6, 2012 – July 4, 2012
Method of Administration: GetSurveyed (Administered by HEDS)

Number Invited to Participate (all alumni with valid email addresses)

Class of 2007: 506
Class of 2008: 493
Class of 2009: 455
Class of 2010: 444

Number of Respondents (% response rate)

Class of 2007: 144 (28%)
Class of 2008: 177 (34%)
Class of 2009: 164 (34%)
Class of 2010: 152 (33%)

Highlights:

- 68% of the respondents from the Class of 2007 and 62% of the Class of 2008 were employed full-time in the summer of 2012, while just over half of the Classes of 2009 and 2010 were employed full-time.
- However, the more recent graduates were more likely to be in graduate or professional school full-time, with 39% of the Class of 2009 in school and only 22% of the Class of 2007.
- 86%-91% of respondents in each class said their undergraduate experience prepared them considerably or sufficiently for graduate or professional school.
- 70%-79% of respondents in each class said their undergraduate experience prepared them considerably or sufficiently for their current career.
- Just over a quarter of the respondents from the Classes of 2007 and 2008 had completed a master's degree by summer 2012, with another 18-24% currently enrolled. 43% of the Class of 2008 respondents and 32% of the Class of 2010 had either completed a master's or were currently enrolled.
- 11-16% of each class's respondents had either completed or were currently working toward a doctoral degree; similarly, 10-17% had completed or were working toward a professional degree.

Please indicate whether each of the following describes your current primary activity:

	Class of 2007		Class of 2008		Class of 2009		Class of 2010	
Employment full-time	98	68%	110	62%	89	54%	83	55%
Employment part-time	26	18%	38	21%	27	16%	39	26%
Employment multiple jobs	19	13%	30	17%	21	13%	30	20%
Graduate/professional school full-time	31	22%	56	32%	64	39%	52	34%
Graduate/professional school part-time	18	13%	9	5%	16	10%	4	3%
Military service	3	2%	1	1%	4	2%	0	0%
Not employed, but seeking employment, admission to graduate school, or other opportunity	6	4%	4	2%	10	6%	10	7%
Not employed by choice (homemaker, volunteer, traveling, etc.)	6	4%	4	2%	4	2%	5	3%
Total Class Respondents	144		177		164		152	

Overall, to what extent did your undergraduate experience prepare you for the following activities?

Graduate or professional school		Class of 2007		Class of 2008		Class of 2009		Class of 2010	
	4 - Considerably	79	57%	89	53%	89	56%	72	50%
3 - Sufficiently	47	34%	59	35%	48	30%	52	36%	
2 - Somewhat	8	6%	19	11%	16	10%	17	12%	
1 - Very little	5	4%	2	1%	6	4%	3	2%	
<i>Total</i>	139	100%	169	100%	159	100%	144	100%	
Mean	3.44		3.39		3.38		3.34		

Current career		Class of 2007		Class of 2008		Class of 2009		Class of 2010	
	4 - Considerably	54	38%	65	37%	73	45%	64	43%
3 - Sufficiently	47	33%	68	39%	54	34%	40	27%	
2 - Somewhat	34	24%	34	19%	20	12%	28	19%	
1 - Very little	8	6%	8	5%	14	9%	16	11%	
<i>Total</i>	143	100%	175	100%	161	100%	148	100%	
Mean	3.03		3.09		3.16		3.03		

Please indicate your [status] for each of the following degrees:

		Class of 2007		Class of 2008		Class of 2009		Class of 2010	
Second bachelor's degree	Currently enrolled or working toward	1	1%	2	1%	2	1%	2	1%
	Degree received	5	3%	8	5%	5	3%	4	3%
Master's degree (e.g., MA, MSW, MBA)	Currently enrolled or working toward	34	24%	31	18%	42	26%	31	20%
	Degree received	39	27%	44	25%	31	19%	18	12%
Doctoral degree	Currently enrolled or working toward	18	13%	29	16%	24	15%	16	11%
	Degree received	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Professional degree (e.g., JD, MD)	Currently enrolled or working toward	6	4%	11	6%	24	15%	16	11%
	Degree received	12	8%	7	4%	3	2%	0	0%
Other degree	Currently enrolled or working toward	4	3%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%
	Degree received	4	3%	2	1%	2	1%	1	1%
Total Class Respondents		144		177		164		152	