**FIRST DESTINATION OUTCOMES: 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION**

**(2021 GRADUATING CLASS: SUMMER 2020, FALL 2020, & SPRING 2021)**

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2021 GRADUATING CLASS

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| **2021 GRADUATING CLASS** |
| **Summer 2020** | 850 |
| **Fall 2020**  | 1365 |
| **Spring 2021** | 3265 |

Auburn University graduated 5,480 students during the academic year of 2020-21. Graduates were asked to provide information on their professional plans in the First Destination Survey (FDS) at graduation and/or during the follow-up process, which takes place within the six months after graduation (e.g., phone calls, LinkedIn, National Student Clearinghouse Transcript Report).

For the 2021 graduating class, Auburn University generated a 99.12% knowledge rate by collecting information on professional plans from 5,432 of the 5,480 graduating seniors. This is an improvement compared to the 2020 graduating class that recorded a 97.77% knowledge rate with first destination outcome data from 5,259 of the 5,379 graduates.

FDS OUTCOMES FOR THE 2021 GRADUATING CLASS

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| **Outcomes Related to Employment**  | 3,822 *(\*3,667)* | 70.36% *(\*69.73%)* |
| **Employed Full-Time** | *The graduate will work for 30 hours or more per week.* | 2,710 *(\*2,485)* | 49.89% *(\*47.25%)* |
| **Employed Part-Time** | *The graduate will work less than 30 hours per week.* | 151 *(\*156)* | 2.78% *(\*2.97%)* |
| **Military Service** | *The graduate will serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.* | 98 *(\*100)* | 1.80% *(\*1.90%)* |
| **Volunteer Service** | *The graduate will participate in a volunteer or service program (e.g., Peace Corps)*  | 24 *(\*20)* | 0.44% *(\*0.38%)* |
| **Seeking Employment** | *The graduate continues to seek employment.* | 839 *(\*851)* | 15.45% *(\*16.18%)* |
| **Outcomes Related to Education**  | 1,459 *(\*1,455)* | 26.86% *(\*27.67%)* |
| **Continuing Education** | *The graduate has been accepted to and will matriculate into a program of further study.* | 1,204 *(\*1,227)* | 22.16% *(\*23.33%)* |
| **Seeking Education** | *The graduate continues to seek acceptance and enrollment in a program of continuing education.*  | 255 *(\*228)* | 4.69% *(\*4.34%)* |
| **Other Outcomes**  | 151 *(\*137)* | 2.78% *(\*2.61%)* |
| **Not Seeking** | *The graduate is pursuing neither employment nor continuing education at this time.* | 67 *(\*42)* | 1.23% *(\*0.80%)* |
| **Other** | *The graduate is uncertain which category best fits his/her outcome.*  | 84 *(\*95)* | 1.55% *(\*1.81%)* |

Note: \* denotes values for the 2020 graduating class. A previous version of the survey (class of 2020) included an option for students to report that they had received an offer of employment. These responses are excluded from the table (N=55; 1.05%).

SUCCESS RATES

Graduates successfully securing employment (i.e., Full-Time, Part-Time, Military, and Volunteer) or continuing education (i.e., Education) are considered successful. Note: \* denotes success rates for the 2020 graduating class.

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| **Employment Success Rate** | Individuals securing employmentIndividuals seeking employment | 2,9833,822 | **78.05% *(\*76.44%)*** |

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| **Education Success Rate** | Individuals securing educationIndividuals seeking education | 1,2041,459 | **82.52% *(\*84.33%)*** |

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| **Overall Success Rate** | Individuals securing employment or educationIndividuals seeking employment or education | 4,1875,281 | **79.28% *(\*78.71%)*** |

Compared to the 2019-20 cohort, 2021 graduating class had higher employment and overall success rates while having a lower education success rate. The drop in education success might be a direct result of a lower percentage of graduates seeking education (26.86% in 2021 vs. 27.67% in 2020).

SUCCESS RATES BY COLLEGE