## **Employment/Educational Status Survey - Six-Months Out, Class of 2009**

### **Providence College - Undergraduate Day School Students**

- 936 graduates based on Institutional Advancement records; 656 email addresses were available for sampling (70%)
- Total responses = 366; response rate of those surveyed = 56% (366/656), which represents 39% of total graduates
- 95% confidence that responses fall between ±4% of reported values
- Respondent characteristics are a reasonable match for those of the entire graduating class of 2009:

GENDER	Class 2009	Respondents
Female	57%	66%
Male	43%	34%
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ETHNICITY	Class 2009	Respondents
ETHNICITY White, Non-Hispanic	Class 2009 85%	Respondents 85%

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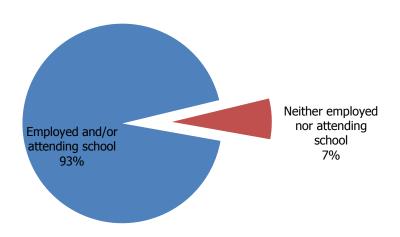
HOME STATE	Class 2009	Respondents
Massachusetts	35%	33%
Connecticut	17%	18%
New York	16%	16%
Rhode Island	13%	12%
New Jersey	5%	7%
Other New England	3%	4%
Other, incl Internat'l	11%	11%

MAJOR (primary only)	Class 2009	Respondents
Business	36%	34%
Social Sciences	24%	23%
Humanities	16%	14%
Pre-professional	11%	11%
Nat/Phy Sciences/Math	10%	13%
Fine/Performing Arts	2%	3%
Other	1%	1%

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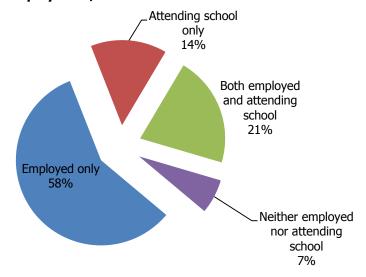
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#### **Employment/Educational status**



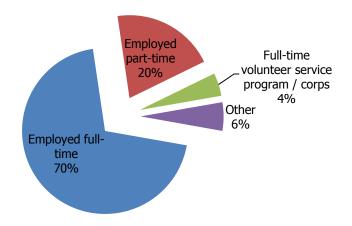
Ninety-three of every 100 recent alums were either employed, or attending school, or both sixmonths following their graduation; of those who were doing neither, nearly all were seeking employment. For comparison, prior to the peak of the economic downturn, 97% of the Class of 2007 (when surveyed six-months following their graduation) was employed, attending school, or both.

#### **Employment/Educational Status - Breakdown**



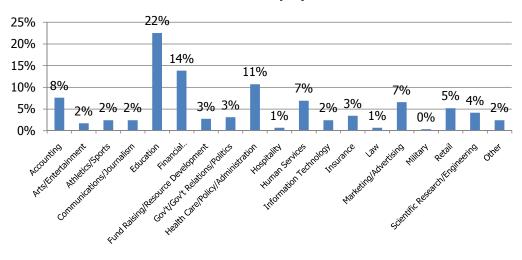
In terms of raw percentages (totaling more than 100% due to some individuals both working and attending school), 79% of recent alums were employed, 35% were attending school, and 7% were neither employed nor attending school. Compared to the Class of 2007 at six-months out, a slightly lower percentage of 2009 graduates were working (79% v. 83%), more were going to school (35% v. 27%), and more were neither working nor going to school (7% v. 3%).

#### Type of employment



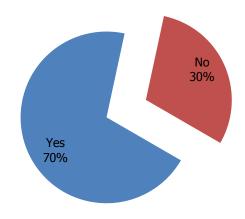
The vast majority of recent alums who were working were doing so on a full-time basis. Compared to the Class of 2007 at six-months out, the percentage of 2009 graduates working part-time more than doubled (20% v. 9%).

#### Field of employment



While there was significant variety in their fields of employment, education (22%) remained the most popular field of employment by a fairly large margin, with almost the same percentage working in education as the next two most popular fields combined (financial management, consulting, or sales - 14%; and health care, health policy, or health administration - 11%). These percentages did not differ dramatically from those reported by the Class of 2007 at six-months out.

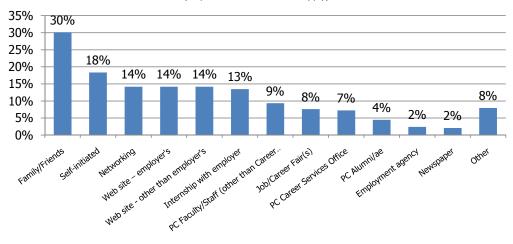
#### Is this [your] desired field of employment?



A significant percentage of recent alums were working in their desired fields. Yet, when compared to the Class of 2007 at six-months out, the percentage doing so dropped from 82% (Class of 2007) to 70% (Class of 2009).

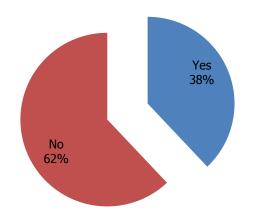
#### Job referral sources

(respondents chose all that apply)



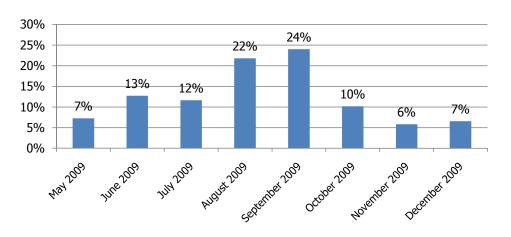
While recent alums used a variety of methods to secure employment, the most popular referral sources by a significant margin were family/friends (30%). Compared to the Class of 2007 at six-months out, significantly larger percentages of 2009 graduates used family/friends to help secure employment and significantly fewer used the PC Career Services Office or networking. NOTE: Due to changes in question design and analysis, further direct comparisons between these data and previous years' data should not be made.

#### Received job offer prior to PC graduation?



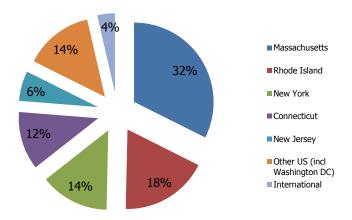
The majority of recent alums received their job offers following graduation. These percentages did not differ dramatically from those reported by the Class of 2007 at sixmonths out.

#### Month in which employed

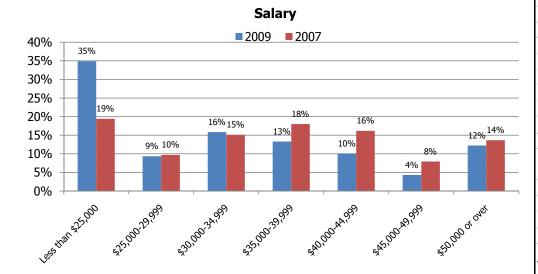


Most recent alums began working in August or September (nearly one of every two), perhaps reflecting the high percentage that entered the field of education. These percentages did not differ dramatically from those reported by the Class of 2007 at six-months out.

#### State in which employed

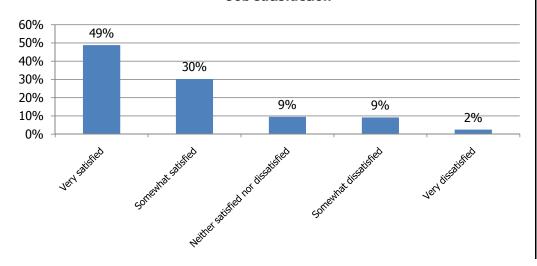


Nearly one of every three recent alums worked in Massachusetts and nearly four of every five worked in either Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, or Connecticut (76%). These percentages did not differ dramatically from those reported by the Class of 2007 at six-months out, but 2009 graduates were more likely to work in Rhode Island (18%) than in New York (14%), whereas the reverse was true for 2007 graduates (New York, 18%; Rhode Island, 14%).



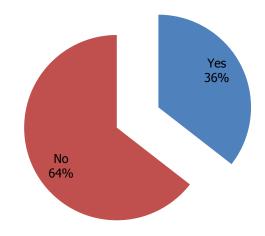
Essentially, one of every three recent alums earned less than \$25,000/year (35%), three of every five earned less than \$35,000/year (60%), and one of every four earned \$40,000/year or more (26%). Reported salaries have dropped significantly; only 19% of 2007 graduates at six-months out reported earning less than \$25,000, 44% reported earning less than \$35,000, and 38% reported earning \$40,000 or more. A partial explanation for the drop in salaries relates to the fact that a much higher percentage of 2009 graduates reported working parttime (20% - 2009 v. 9% - 2007).

#### Job satisfaction



Nearly eight of every ten recent alums were satisfied with their jobs (79%) and the majority claimed they were very satisfied. Compared to the Class of 2007, 2009 graduates reported somewhat less satisfaction with their current positions (e.g., dissatisfaction increased from 6% in 2007 to 11% in 2009).

#### **Currently attending school?**



More than one of every three recent alums was attending school (36%). In comparison, 27% of the Class of 2007 reported that they were attending school six-months following their graduation.

Eighty-five percent (85%) of 2009 graduates who were not attending school six-months following graduation, reported that they planned to attend school at some point in the future.

The vast majority of recent alums who were attending school were pursuing master's degrees (76%) and nearly one of every five (18%) was studying towards a doctorate or professional degree. In comparison, 65% of 2007 graduates reported they were enrolled in a master's program and 31% reported they were enrolled in

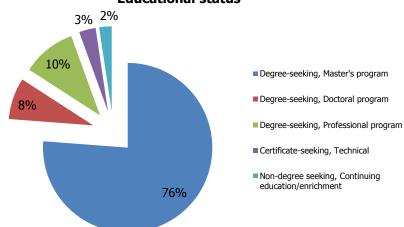
a doctoral or professional program six-months following their graduation.

Ninety percent (90%) of 2009 graduates were satisfied that their

educational program was meeting their needs.

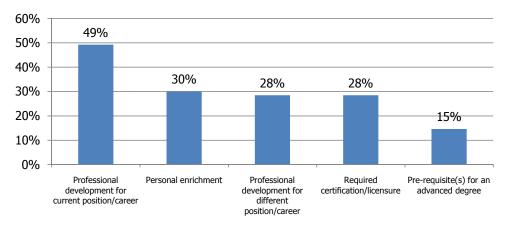
The most popular reason for attending school by a wide margin was to enhance professional development for one's current position/career (49%). Compared to the Class of 2007, 2009 graduates cited professional development for their current position/career more frequently (37% - 2007) and professional development for a different position/career less frequently (39% - 2007). NOTE: Due to changes in question analysis, further direct comparisons between these data and previous

#### **Educational status**



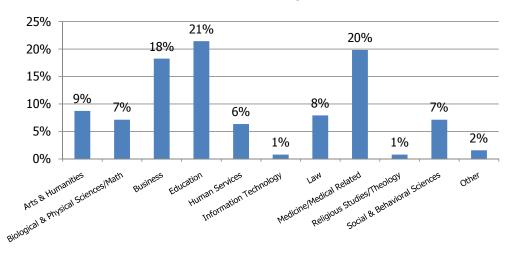
#### Reasons for attending school

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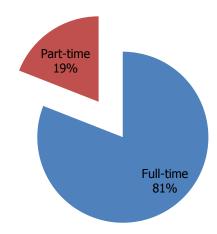
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#### Field of study



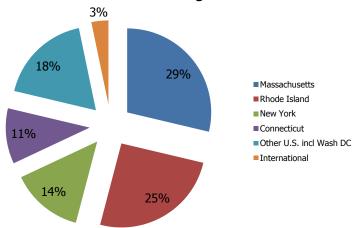
The three most popular fields of study by a significant margin were Education (21%), Medicine/Related Fields (20%), and Business (18%), with nearly three of every five recent graduates reporting they were studying in one of these three areas. Compared to 2007 graduates, the Class of 2009 reported significant decreases in social/behavioral sciences (7% v. 18% in the Class of 2007) and law (8% v. 14% in the Class of 2007), and an increase in medicine/related fields (20% v. 14% in the Class of 2007).

#### Full- or part-time study?



Just over four of every five recent alums who were attending school were doing so on a full-time basis. The Class of 2007 reported the same ratio of full- to part-time study.

#### State in which attending school



Nearly one of every three recent alums who was attending school was doing so in Massachusetts (29%) and nearly four of every five were attending school in either Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, or Connecticut (79%). When compared to the Class of 2007, a higher percentage of 2009 graduates were studying in Rhode Island (25% v. 15% in the Class of 2007).

#### Selected places of employment/service

Aflac Amica Bain Capital Barclays Capital Beecher Carlson

Brigham and Women's Hospital Bright Horizons Family Solutions

Brown University Canfield Scientific

Carat

Catholic University of America

CBS/CBS Radio

Children's Hospital Boston

Citigroup
Deloitte
Deutsche Bank
DeWitt Stern
EBSCO Publishing

EMC<sup>2</sup>

Ernst & Young Fidelity Investments General Electric Genzyme

Gilbane Building Company

Greenpeace Hasbro John Hancock John Wiley & Sons JPMorgan Chase The Kraft Group Liberty Mutual

Madison Square Garden Massachusetts General Hospital

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Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Morgan Stanley

National Football League

New York Life New York Yankees Northwestern Mutual United States Peace Corps

Pfizer

PricewaterhouseCoopers Providence College

Prudential Raytheon Reebok

Rhode Island Hospital

State Street TechTarget Travelers

United States Army

United Way

WaterFire Providence

...and elementary/secondary schools throughout the U.S.

#### Selected schools PC graduates attending

American University
Arizona State University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University

Catholic University of America Central Connecticut State University

City College of New York
Columbia University
Emerson College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
Hofstra University
Indiana University
New York University
Pennsylvania State University

Providence College Quinnipiac University Rhode Island College Seton Hall University Simmons College Sotheby's Institute of Art St. John's University Suffolk University Syracuse University

Teachers College, Columbia University

The London School of Economics and Political Science The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Tufts University

University at Albany (State University of New York)

University of Connecticut
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania

University of Rhode Island Westminster College of the Arts

Yale University



# EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATIONAL STATUS SURVEY 2009 - SIX MONTHS OUT

COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT ISSUES & RESOURCES • PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

<u>Note</u>: this is a paper mock-up of an online survey; the survey is administered using Zoomerang technology.

۱.	What is your employment/educational status? (Choo	ose only one)			
	<ul><li>Employed and/or attending school</li><li>Neither employed nor attending school</li></ul>	If checked, continue at Question 3 If checked, continue at Question 2 and end survey there			
2.	As you indicated that you are "neither employed no current status. Are you?	or attending school", please answer the following questions regarding your			
	Waiting to hear from a prospective employer Name employer(s):	about an offer?			
	Name position title:  Not employed, but seeking employment?	<del></del>			
	Desired position/location:				
	" Not seeking employment at this time?				
	Reason(s) for not seeking employment: _ " Waiting to hear from a graduate/professional	Lookaal ahaut admission?			
	Name graduate/professional school(s):				
	" Not seeking admission to a graduate/professi	onal school, but planning to do so in the future?			
3.	Are you currently employed?  If YES, continue with Question 4  If NO, continue with Question 12				
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1.	What is your current employment status? ( <i>Choose o</i> " Employed full-time	only one)			
	<ul><li>Employed run-time</li><li>Employed part-time</li></ul>				
	<ul> <li>Participating in full-time volunteer service p</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Participating in part-time volunteer service</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>				
5	Which category best reflects your employment/serv				
	<ul> <li>Accounting</li> </ul>	" Information Technology			
	<ul><li>Accounting</li><li>Arts &amp; Entertainment</li></ul>	" Insurance			
	Athletics/Sports	" Law			
	" Communications/Journalism/Publishing	" Marketing/Advertising			
	<ul><li>Education</li><li>Financial Management/Consulting/Sales</li></ul>	" Military " Religious Life			
	Fund Raising/Resource Development	Resource Development/Fund Raising			
	Government/Government Relations	" Retail			
	" Health Care/Health Policy/Health Admin	Scientific Research/Engineering			
	<ul><li>Hospitality</li><li>Human Services</li></ul>	" Other			
ó.	Is this the field in which you want to be working?				
•	" Yes				
	" No				
7.	Where are you currently working?				
	Employer Name				
	Position Title	_			
		_			
	Location (city/state or foreign nation)				
3.	How did you first hear about your position? (Choose	ow did you first hear about your position? (Choose all that apply)			
	" Employment Agency	Providence College Career Office			
	<ul><li>Family/Friends</li><li>Internship with employer</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Providence College Faculty/Staff (not Career Services)</li> <li>Self-initiated</li> </ul>			
	<ul><li>Internship with employer</li><li>Job/Career Fair(s)</li></ul>	" Web site - Employer's			
	" Networking	<ul><li>Web site other than employer's</li></ul>			
	" Newspaper	" Other			
	Providence College Alumni/ae				

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9.	Did you receive the job offer for this position prior to graduating from PC?				
	" Yes " No				
10.	What is your current salary range? (Choose only one)				
	" Less than \$25,000 " \$25,000-29,999 " \$30,000-34,999 " \$35,000-39,999 " \$40,000-44,999 " \$45,000-49,999 " \$50,000 or over				
11.	How would rate your overall satisfaction with your position?				
	<ul> <li>Very satisfied</li> <li>Somewhat satisfied</li> <li>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</li> <li>Somewhat dissatisfied</li> <li>Very dissatisfied</li> </ul>				
12.	<ol> <li>Are you currently attending school?         If YES, continue with Question 13         If NO, continue to question on whether or not respondent plans to attend school in the future and, if so, what type of degree they plan to pursue, then survey ends     </li> </ol>				
13.	What is your current educational status? (Choose only one)				
	<ul> <li>Degree-seeking, Master's program</li> <li>Degree-seeking, Doctoral program</li> <li>Degree-seeking, Professional program</li> <li>Non-degree seeking, Continuing education/enrichment</li> <li>Certificate-seeking, Technical</li> </ul>				
14.	Are you a full-time or part-time student?				
	<ul><li>Full-Time</li><li>Part-Time</li></ul>				
15.	What is your current field of study? (Choose only one)				
	# Arts & Humanities # Information Technology # Biological & Physical Sciences/Math # Law # Business # Medicine/Medical Related # Education # Religious Studies/Theology # Human Services # Social & Behavioral Sciences # Other				
16.	For what reason(s) are you attending school? (Choose all that apply)				
	Personal enrichment Professional development for current position/career Professional development for different position/career Required certification/licensure Pre-requisite(s) for an advanced degree				
17.	How satisfied are you that your program is meeting your educational needs?				
	<ul> <li>Very satisfied</li> <li>Somewhat satisfied</li> <li>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</li> <li>Somewhat dissatisfied</li> <li>Very dissatisfied</li> </ul>				
18.	Educational Institution Name				
	Location (city/state or foreign nation)				