

University of Washington Undergraduate Degree Recipients, Five and Ten Years After Graduation (2004): Frequencies and Cohort Comparisons

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INTRODUCTION

The Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) has administered surveys to five- and ten-year undergraduate alumni biennially since 1978. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on degree recipients about post-graduate activities and educational outcomes. This report summarizes the 2004 survey of 1998-99 and 1993-94 baccalaureate recipients. This document provides links to the survey instrument and to response frequency tables. Significant differences between the responses of the two cohorts of alumni are noted, where applicable.

METHODOLOGY

Population

All students who received a baccalaureate degree from the University of Washington Seattle campus during the 1998-99 or 1993-94 academic years were included in this study. Student degree information was obtained from the University of Washington student database. The student address information was obtained from the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Instrument

The graduate survey was designed to determine the educational and occupational status of alumni, assess acquired skills, gather global ratings of the UW educational experience, and collect information on volunteer and philanthropic activities both while at the University of Washington and currently. Skills assessment included: 1) self-ratings of ability, 2) perceived importance of those skills for current activities, 3) the extent to which UW impacted development of those skills, and 4) satisfaction with UW's contribution to that development. Global ratings pertained to: 1) degree of exposure to a variety of educational opportunities and practices, 2) satisfaction with education received at UW, and 3) extent of preparation for post-college activities. The majority of questions were presented using a closed-ended, forced-choice format. Open-ended questions were used to collect graduate school and job information, and to provide an opportunity for general comments.

The graduate questionnaire was printed on a four-page scannable form, but alumni could respond to a web-based version as well.

[Graduate Survey \(scannable form\)](#)

Mailings

The first mailing was sent to alumni on October, 7th 2004. Questionnaires were mailed along with a personalized cover letter, a business reply envelope, and a Husky decal. On November 5th, 2004, a second copy of the questionnaire along with a personalized letter and a business reply envelope was sent to all alumni who had not returned a questionnaire or

completed it online. Those who could not be contacted due to bad address information were excluded from follow-up.

The total number of responses within each cohort is shown below. Response rates were calculated by reducing the size of the original mailing by the number of survey packets returned as undeliverable. Web-based responses totaled 339, or 17.25% of the total number of completed questionnaires.

Survey Response Rates

<u>Cohort</u>	<u>Population <i>N</i></u>	<u>Undeliverable</u>	<u>Completed <i>n</i></u>	<u>Completed %</u>
1998-99 graduates (five-year alumni)	5,100	698	964	21.9%
1993-94 graduates (ten-year alumni)	5,023	613	1,001	22.7%
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10,123</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>1,965</u>	<u>22.3%</u>

RESPONSE FREQUENCIES

Response frequencies and cohort comparisons are provided here in PDF format:

[Response frequency tables](#)