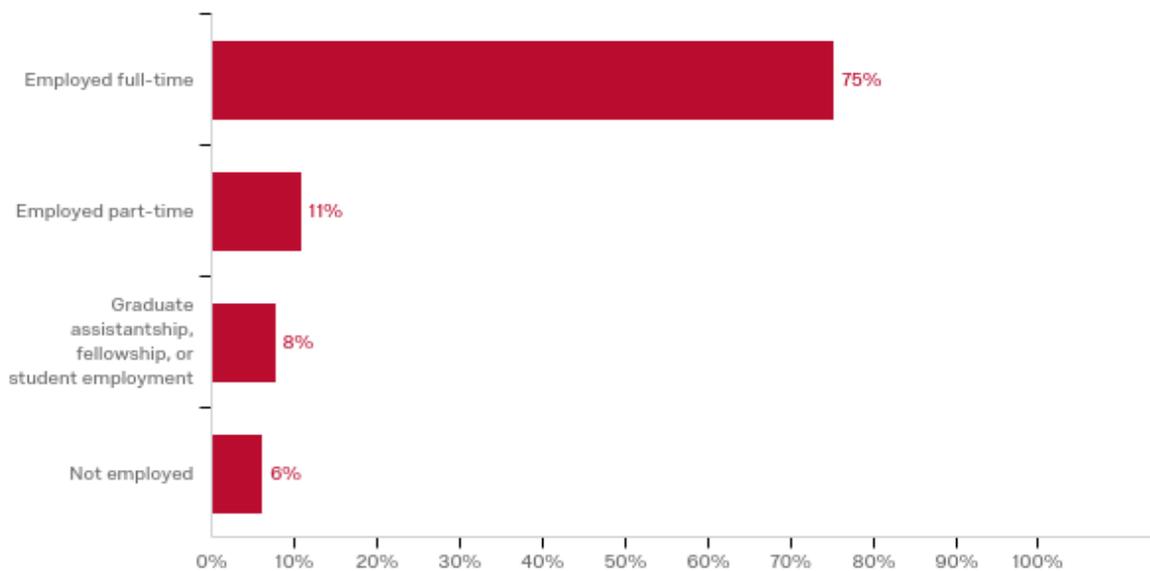


SECTION 2: Employment and Further Education

Employment

- Three quarters of respondents (75%) reported being employed full-time. Part-time employment was reported for 11% of respondents, followed by graduate assistantship, fellowship, or student employment (8%). Lastly, 6% of the respondents reported being unemployed (see Figure 1).
- The majority of respondents (62%) reported currently working in Indiana. Of those who reported not currently working in Indiana, approximately 16% reported working elsewhere in the Midwest. About 22% reported working outside the Midwest (see (Table 2)).
- Approximately two-thirds of respondents with a full-time job (67%) found their job before graduation or within three months of graduating. Fifteen percent of respondents who were employed full-time held their job within six months of graduating (see Figure 2).

Figure 1. Employment Status



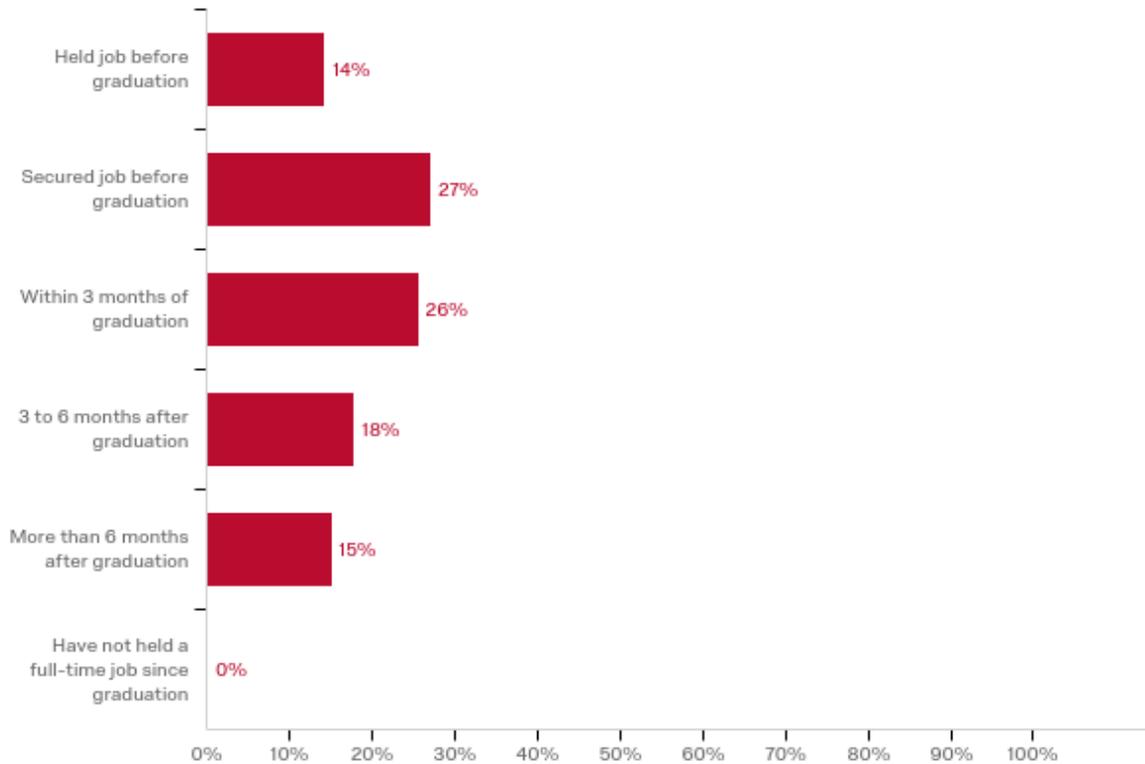
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Table 2. Location of Employment

In which geographic location are you currently working?	Percent*	N
Indiana	62.4	460
Elsewhere in Midwest	15.7	116
Southeast	6.6	49
Northeast	4.6	34
Southwest	4.3	32
Western USA, Hawaii or Alaska	4.1	30
Outside the US	2.2	16
Total	100.0	737

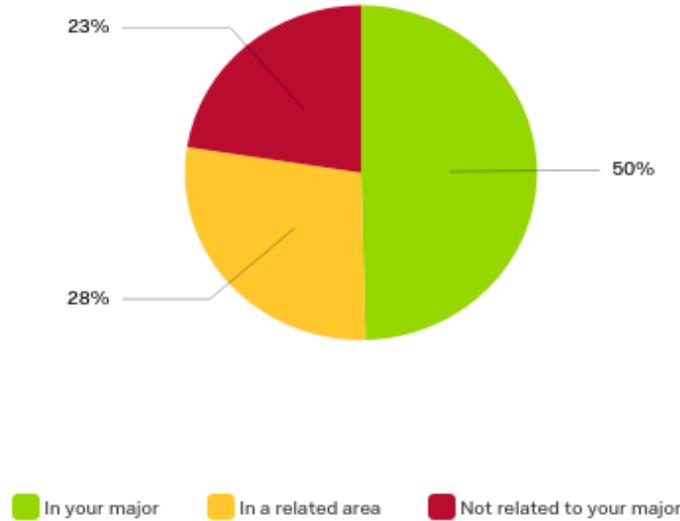
*Percentages are for full-time employed respondents only.

Figure 2. Time to Full-Time Employment



One case (0.2% of respondents) reported not having held full-time employment since graduation. N=645

Figure 3. Current Employment as Related to Major



Percentages are for full-time employed respondents only.

Table 3. Reasons for Full-Time Employment Outside Major

What is the main reason you are working in your area not related to your major at Ball State?	Percent*	N
Never planned to work in my field	4.2	7
Developed a new career interest	17.5	29
Better pay	12.0	20
Could not find a suitable job related to my major	38.6	64
Would have to relocate for a job in my field	2.4	4
Better opportunity for advancement	4.8	8
Have not obtained required licensure, registration, or certification required for my field	3.6	6
Other	16.9	28
Total	100.0	166

*Percentages are for full-time employed respondents only.

- About half of full-time employed respondents (49.6%) reported working in their major, and over a quarter (28%) reported working in a related field (see Figure 3).
- Nearly one quarter (23%) of full-time employed respondents reported not working in a job related to their major. Of those, 39% reported it was because they could not find a suitable job related to their major (see Table 3).
- Other reasons respondents supplied for not working in a related field include: developed a new career interest, better pay, better opportunity for advancement, never planned to work in the field, not obtaining required licensure or certification, and needing to relocate for a job in their field (see Table 3).
- Approximately 20% of full-time employed respondents work in education. Other organizations in which full-time employed respondents work include: professional or business services (12%), health care (9%), sales (8%), and government (7%). Table 4 provides more information on full-time employment sectors.

Table 4. Full-Time Employment Type

Which category best describes the type of organization in which you currently work?	Percent*	N
Education	20.3	149
Government	6.8	50
Health care	9.3	68
Media (radio, TV, print)	7.2	53
Manufacturing	3.7	27
Sales	7.8	57
Transportation / public utilities	1.5	11
Finance, insurance or real estate	6.5	48
Social services	5.4	40
Professional or business services	11.8	87
Other	19.7	145
Total	100.0	735

*Percentages are for full-time employed respondents only.