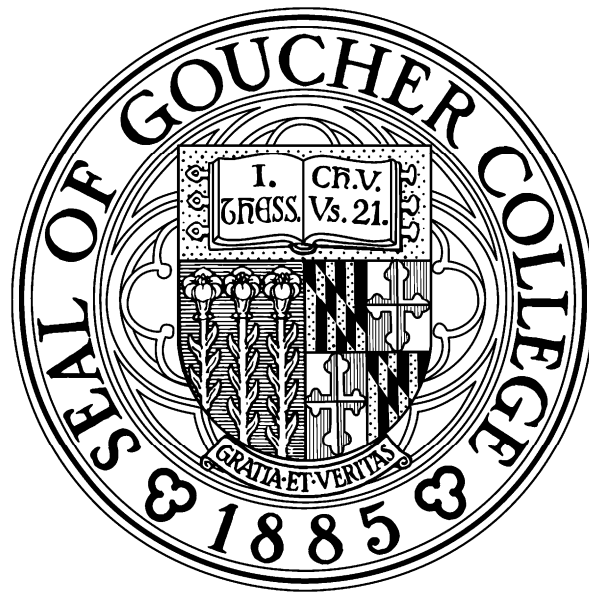


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Selected Student Outcomes:

**Alumnae/i Employment, Graduate School Attendance, and
Satisfaction**



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Introduction

Between 2002 and 2008, Goucher College's Office of Institutional Research conducted one-year follow-up Alumnae/i Surveys of the classes of 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2007 to provide data about their experiences after graduation as well as to evaluate their undergraduate education. In response to questions about their post-graduation employment and educational experiences, consistently high percentages of graduates reported full-time employment, full-time graduate school attendance, or a mix of employment and graduate school attendance.

Methodology

The respective graduates of the classes of 2001 (n=266), 2002 (n=218), 2003 (n=237), 2004 (n=274), and 2006 (n=259) were sent surveys one year after graduation. For 2007 graduates (n=277), the survey was conducted exclusively online. Non-respondents were contacted at least two more times by surface or e-mail in order to improve the response rates. The response rates for the six alumnae/i surveys, by class, were 49 percent (2001), 52 percent (2002), 56 percent (2003), 51 percent (2004), 31 percent (2006), and 45 percent (2007).

Report/Analysis

Tables 1 and 2 display the work and educational experiences of the Class of 2007, surveyed one year after graduation in 2008. **More than 80 percent were employed full- or part-time. Of those who were employed part-time, more than half had enrolled in school again, most in master's, Ph.D., or professional degree programs.** Of the **10 percent** not seeking employment, more than 90 percent were enrolled in school again, almost all in graduate or professional programs. **Overall, 31 percent of the Class of 2007 had enrolled in graduate or professional school one year after graduation and a total of 36 percent had enrolled in some sort of post-graduate education.** Chart 1 portrays Table 2 data with further breakdown of percent working and attending graduate school. It demonstrates that 13 percent of alumnae/i worked full-time and attended graduate school, while 9 percent were not seeking employment and attended graduate school.

Tables 3 and 4 display the work and education experience of the classes of 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006 combined. On average, 87 percent of alumnae/i in those classes were employed full- or part-time one year after graduation. Of those employed part-time, more than half were enrolled in graduate or professional school. Of those not seeking employment, 90 percent were enrolled in school again, overwhelmingly in graduate or professional schools. ***Overall, 35 percent were enrolled in master's, doctoral, or professional programs, with another 5 percent enrolled in other educational experiences for a total of 40 percent enrolled in school one year after graduation.*** Chart 2 shows that 17 percent of alumnae/i worked full-time while attending graduate school. Five years of combined data suggests no change in percentage (9 percent) for those not seeking employment and attending graduate school.

Table 5 displays the information about the time taken to get a job after graduation. On average, for 85 percent of Goucher alumnae/i, it took six months or less to secure a job.

Table 6 displays Goucher alumnae/i's assessment of how well Goucher prepared them for jobs. More than 70 percent of Goucher's alumnae/i rated Goucher's job preparation as excellent or good.

Table 7 reports on whether respondents said their current job was related to their undergraduate major. The six-year average among alumnae/i indicates that 73 percent had jobs related to their major.

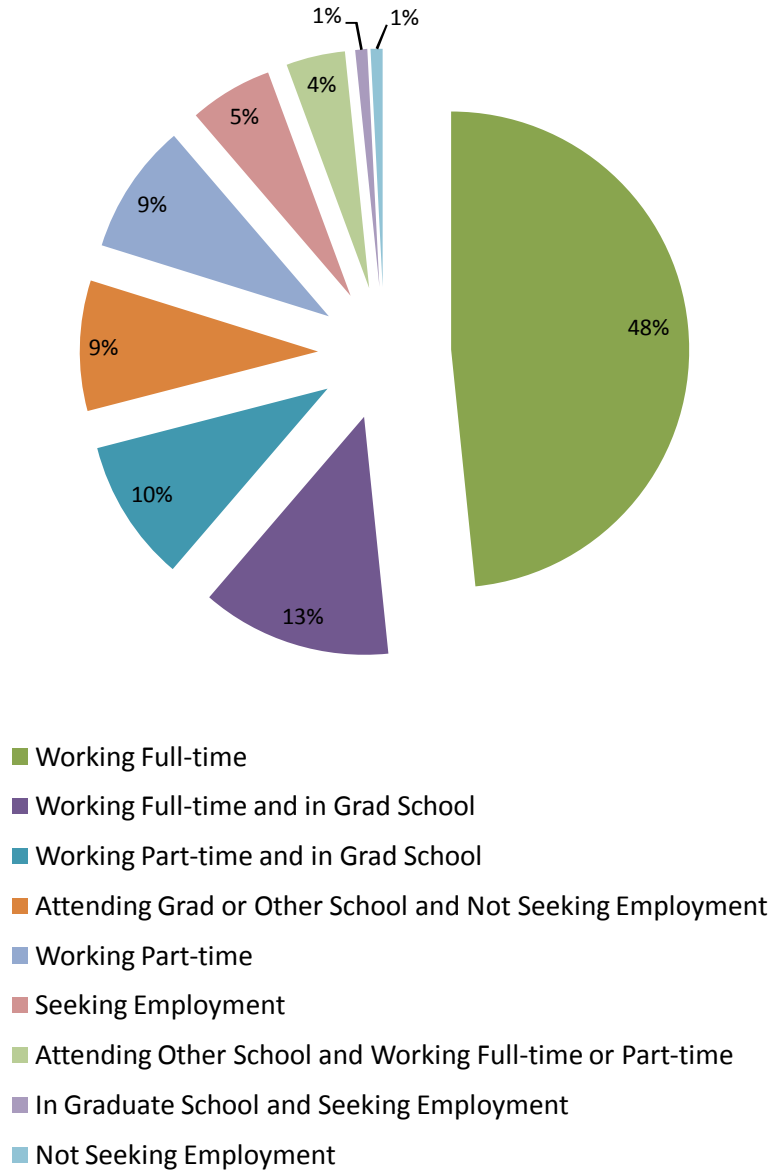
Table 8 displays alumnae/i's assessment of Goucher's graduate school preparation. Almost 90 percent of alumnae/i rated Goucher's graduate school preparation as excellent or good.

Table 9 reports on whether alumnae/i would select Goucher again. The great majority of alumnae/i, 78 percent on average, indicated they definitely or probably would choose Goucher again.

Table 10 reports on whether alumnae/i would select the same major again. On average, 80 percent of alumnae/i indicated that they definitely or probably would choose the same major again.

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**Chart 1 - FY 2007 Alumnae/i Activities:
Percentage Working and Attending Graduate School**



Data Source: One Year Out Alumnae/i Surveys

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Table 1: Employment Status of FY 2007 Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Employment Status	Employment	
	n	%
Full-time	77	62%
Part-time	27	22%
Seeking Employment	8	6%
Not Seeking Employment	12	10%
Total	124	100%

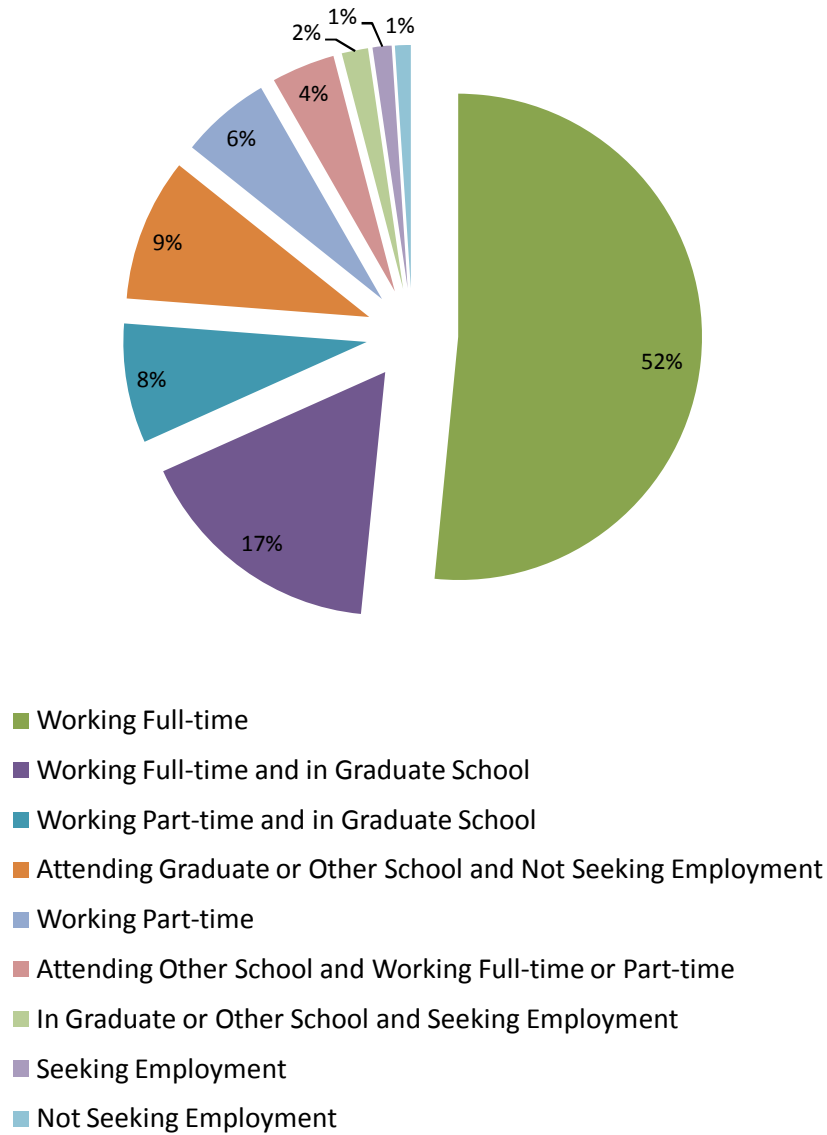
Table 2: Employment Status by Graduate School Attendance of FY 2007 Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Employment Status	Enrolled in graduate program*		Taking classes in other programs		Not in school		Total	
	n	Row %	n	Row %	n	Row %	n	Row %
Full-time	16	21%	1	1%	60	78%	77	100%
Part-time	12	44%	4	15%	11	41%	27	100%
Seeking Employment	1	13%	0	0%	7	88%	8	100%
Not Seeking Employment	10	83%	1	8%	1	8%	12	100%
Total	39	31%	6	5%	79	64%	124	100%

* Master's, Doctoral, or Professional Degree or Graduate Certificate

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Chart 2 - Combined FY 2001 through FY2004 and FY 2006 Bachelor's Degree Recipients' Activities One Year after Graduation: Percentage Working and Attending Graduate School



Data Source: One Year Out Alumnae/i Surveys

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Table 3: Employment Status of FY 2001 through 2004 and FY 2006 Combined Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Employment Status	Employment	
	n	%
Full-time	408	72%
Part-time	83	15%
Seeking Employment	17	3%
Not Seeking Employment	60	11%
Total	568	100%

Table 4: Employment Status by Graduate School Attendance of FY 2001 through 2004 and FY 2006 Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Employment Status	Enrolled in graduate program*		Taking classes in other programs		Not in school		Total	
	n	Row %	n	Row %	n	Row %	n	Row %
Full-time	95	23%	20	5%	293	72%	408	100%
Part-time	45	54%	4	5%	34	41%	83	100%
Seeking Employment	8	47%	2	12%	7	41%	17	100%
Not Seeking Employment	50	83%	4	7%	6	10%	60	100%
Total	198	35%	30	5%	340	60%	568	100%

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Data Source: One Year Out Alumnae/i Surveys

In response to questions about time to degree, most Goucher students indicated that they secured positions either before or within 6 months after graduation. See Table 5.

Table 5:
How long did it take you to get a job after graduation?

	CLASS OF 2001	CLASS OF 2002	CLASS OF 2003	CLASS OF 2004	CLASS OF 2007	FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE
Secured job before graduation	35%	30%	24%	35%	30%	31%
Less than 3 months	31%	36%	28%	32%	44%	34%
3 - 6 months	20%	19%	23%	22%	13%	19%
Subtotal of 6 months or less	86%	85%	76%	90%	87%	85%
7 - 9 months	4%	10%	8%	7%	12%	8%
> 9 months	10%	5%	16%	4%	1%	7%

Above question were not asked in the 2007 survey of 2006 graduates

In response to questions about how well Goucher prepared them for their jobs, most students said excellent or good. See Table 6.

Table 6:
How well did Goucher prepare you for your current position?

	CLASS OF 2001	CLASS OF 2002	CLASS OF 2003	CLASS OF 2004	CLASS OF 2006	CLASS OF 2007	SIX-YEAR AVERAGE
Excellent	29%	21%	31%	35%	36%	25%	30%
Good	44%	46%	46%	38%	33%	46%	42%
Fair	14%	27%	15%	16%	16%	15%	17%
Subtotal	87%	94%	92%	90%	85%	86%	89%

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Data Source: One Year Out Alumnae/i Surveys

In response to questions about whether their current job is related to their undergraduate major, most said directly or somewhat related. See Table 7.

Table 7:
Is your current job related to your undergraduate major?

	CLASS OF 2001	CLASS OF 2002	CLASS OF 2003	CLASS OF 2004	CLASS OF 2006	CLASS OF 2007	SIX-YEAR AVERAGE
Directly Related	44%	41%	35%	40%	49%	33%	40%
Somewhat Related	32%	34%	37%	19%	35%	42%	33%
Not Related but not Important*	10%	8%	13%	20%	17%	10%	13%
Subtotal	85%	83%	85%	79%	100%	85%	86%

* For 2006 graduates, the choice was only 'Not Related'.

In response to questions about how well Goucher prepared them for graduate or professional school, most students said excellent or good. See Table 8.

Table 8:
How well did Goucher prepare you for graduate school?

	CLASS OF 2001	CLASS OF 2002	CLASS OF 2003	CLASS OF 2004	CLASS OF 2006	CLASS OF 2007	SIX-YEAR AVERAGE
Excellent	67%	65%	59%	55%	67%	46%	60%
Good	22%	27%	34%	32%	20%	41%	29%
Fair	9%	8%	5%	13%	10%	8%	9%
Subtotal	98%	100%	98%	100%	97%	95%	98%

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In response to questions about whether, if they had it to do over, they would choose Goucher again, the great majority of alumnae/i said they **would again choose Goucher**.
 See Table 9.

Table 9 :
Would you select Goucher again?

	CLASS OF 2001	CLASS OF 2002	CLASS OF 2003	CLASS OF 2004	CLASS OF 2006	CLASS OF 2007	SIX-YEAR AVERAGE
Definitely or Probably Yes	84%	80%	77%	77%	79%	74%	78%
Not Sure	9%	11%	14%	18%	9%	16%	13%
Probably or Definitely No	7%	9%	9%	5%	13%	10%	9%

In response to questions about whether, if they had it to do over, they would choose the same major, the great majority of alumnae/i said they **would choose the same major**.
 See Table 10.

Table 10:
Would you select the same major again?

	CLASS OF 2001	CLASS OF 2002	CLASS OF 2003	CLASS OF 2004	CLASS OF 2007	FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE
Definitely or Probably Yes	77%	76%	77%	86%	83%	80%
Not Sure	11%	16%	14%	7%	12%	12%
Probably or Definitely No	12%	8%	9%	7%	6%	8%

Above question was not asked in the 2007 survey of 2006 graduates