

GRADUATE SURVEY

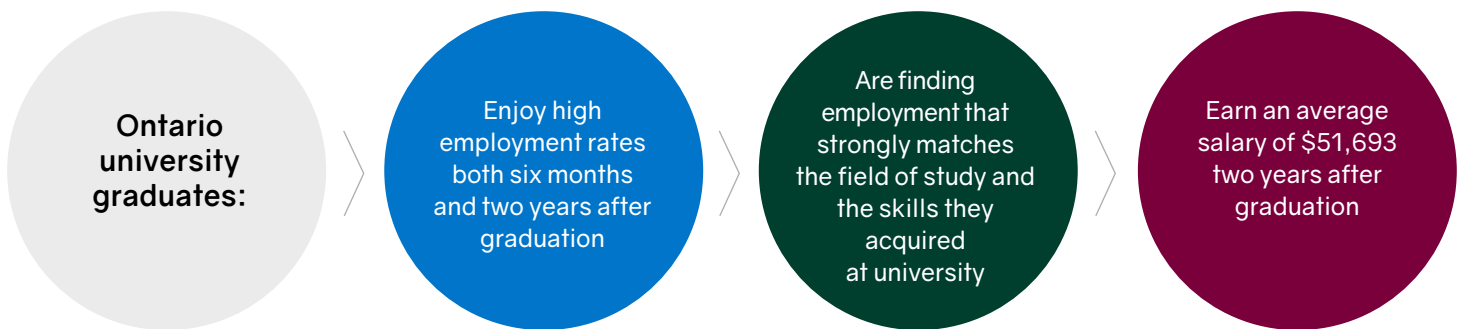
Survey Conducted
2017-18

Participants' Graduation Year
2015

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- Ontario university students are finding meaningful and well-paying jobs, using the knowledge and skills acquired during their undergraduate programs to meet employers' needs in an era of technological change and disruption.
- The survey of the graduating class of 2015 demonstrates the value of a university education in launching life-long career success, and the contribution of skilled university graduates to Ontario's economic growth and prosperity.

Topline Results

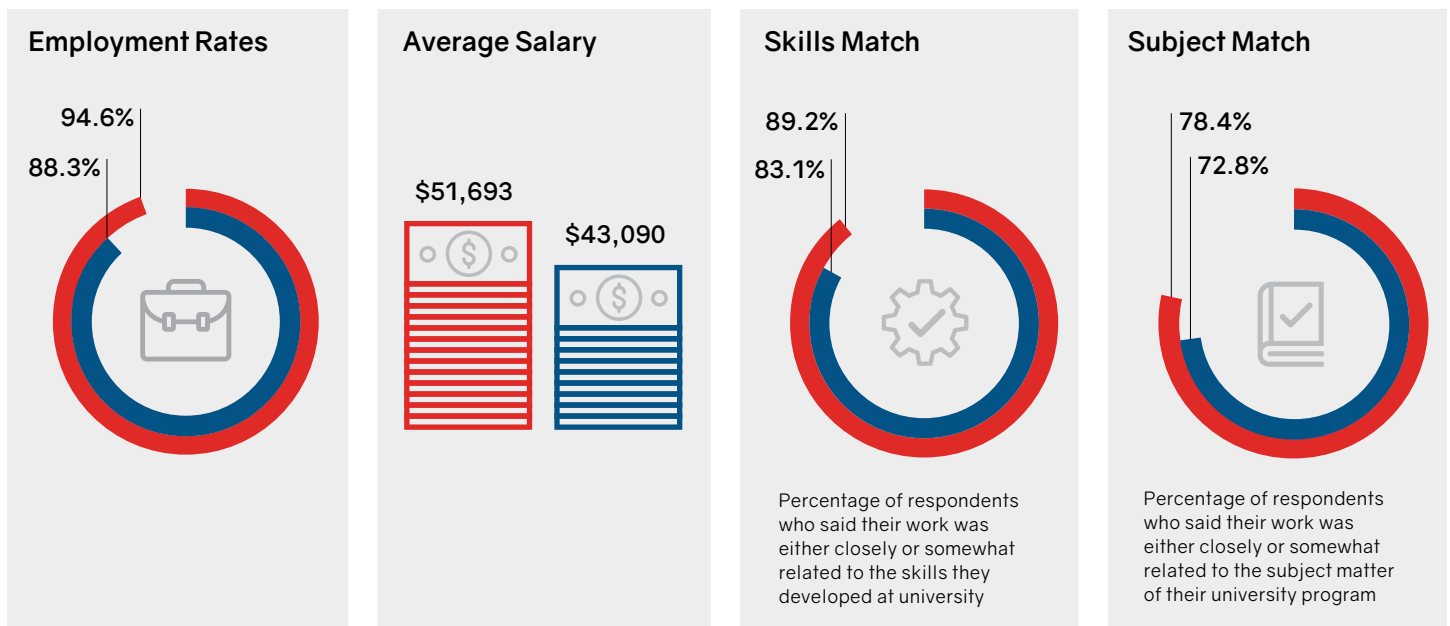


The Survey

Conducted in 2017-18 by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

A total of 80,847 students who graduated from an Ontario undergraduate programs in 2015 were surveyed, of which 31,071 students responded

- 2 years after graduation
- 6 months after graduation



Results By Program Area

Program Area	Employment Rates of 2015 Graduates		Average Annual Salaries of 2015 Graduates Employed Full - Time	
	SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION	TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATION	SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION	TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATION
Agricultural & Biological Sciences	83.8%	92.4%	\$30,730	\$41,094
Architecture & Landscape Architecture	88.2%	96.8%	\$37,758	\$43,804
Business & Commerce	90.6%	95.8%	\$47,427	\$57,375
Computer Science	89.0%	95.6%	\$62,503	\$73,895
Dentistry	100.0%	100.0%	\$91,041	\$121,590
Education	91.1%	96.5%	\$36,195	\$43,556
Engineering	85.0%	93.6%	\$59,482	\$68,201
Fine & Applied Arts	87.1%	94.1%	\$30,582	\$36,321
Food Science & Nutrition	86.8%	92.6%	\$31,832	\$40,464
Forestry	100.0%	100.0%	\$38,385	\$52,231
Health Professions ¹	85.2%	92.8%	\$42,003	\$52,176
Humanities	88.4%	94.2%	\$32,502	\$39,406
Journalism	86.0%	94.9%	\$32,478	\$41,831
Kinesiology/ Recreation/Phys-Ed ²	91.4%	93.9%	\$30,583	\$40,701
Law	92.1%	93.7%	\$58,366	\$75,520
Mathematics	86.3%	95.5%	\$52,229	\$60,890
Medicine	98.8%	99.4%	\$61,170	\$78,439
Nursing	88.2%	97.1%	\$55,067	\$61,489
Optometry	100.0%	100.0%	\$85,414	\$105,097
Other Arts & Science ³	85.6%	92.5%	\$40,865	\$48,191
Pharmacy	97.0%	99.4%	\$77,671	\$89,716
Physical Sciences	89.1%	92.1%	\$35,093	\$46,868
Social Sciences	86.9%	93.8%	\$35,551	\$43,743
Theology	90.6%	94.4%	\$39,875	\$42,212
Therapy & Rehabilitation	87.5%	84.6%	\$54,250	\$61,571
Veterinary Medicine	98.1%	98.1%	\$61,854	\$78,714
Overall Average	88.3%	94.6%	\$43,090	\$51,693
	Note: Graduates were considered working full time if they identified themselves as working 30 hours or more per week. This is consistent with Statistics Canada's definition of full-time work.		Average salaries are inputted using the mid-point of ranges in the survey. Note that the salary question was changed for the 2015 survey, increasing its scale to \$150,000 from \$100,000, and using \$5,000 bands instead of \$10,000 bands.	

¹ Health Professions includes students enrolled in Basic Medical Science programs, Medical Specialties, Paraclinical Sciences, Epidemiology and Public Health, and Medical Technology. Medical interns have been excluded.

² Kinesiology/Recreation and Phys-Ed also includes those enrolled in non-teaching fields.

³ Other Arts & Science includes students enrolled in General Arts and Science majors not specified by other categories or unspecified.

Employment Rates by Graduation Year, Two Years After Graduation

(graduation year)

Program Area	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Agricultural & Biological Sciences	91.8	89.9	90.2	89.5	89.2	91.4	90.0	89.9	92.4
Architecture & Landscape Architecture	91.8	96.4	96.1	92.6	93.1	91.2	92.2	98.0	96.8
Business & Commerce	96.5	94.9	95.6	94.8	94.9	96.1	95.5	95.0	95.8
Computer Science	97.0	95.8	96.2	95.3	96.5	95.9	95.9	95.2	95.6
Dentistry	100.0	100.0	97.4	100.0	100.0	94.7	98.3	100.0	100.0
Education	97.1	95.8	94.1	92.8	94.4	95.6	96.2	95.7	96.5
Engineering	94.6	94.9	93.8	93.8	94.1	94.0	92.8	94.1	93.6
Fine & Applied Arts	92.6	93.5	90.4	91.0	91.6	92.4	92.6	94.3	94.1
Food Science & Nutrition	93.4	93.8	95.0	90.2	94.9	91.4	93.4	92.4	92.6
Forestry	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Health Professions ¹	95.7	93.9	93.4	91.4	93.0	92.9	90.2	93.7	92.8
Humanities	93.4	90.9	90.7	90.4	91.2	91.9	91.9	93.0	94.2
Journalism	93.2	95.2	93.3	95.9	92.2	93.6	90.8	98.0	94.9
Kinesiology/Recreation/ Phys-Ed ²	97.2	93.4	94.4	91.7	92.0	93.0	92.5	95.0	93.9
Law	94.0	94.4	94.5	93.9	93.9	91.5	91.9	93.3	93.7
Mathematics	95.6	91.6	93.1	92.2	92.0	90.9	94.2	93.9	95.5
Medicine	100.0	99.3	99.1	98.9	99.0	99.5	100.0	99.7	99.4
Nursing	99.6	99.0	98.9	97.6	97.4	98.1	97.4	98.6	97.1
Optometry	100.0	100.0	97.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.8	100.0
Other Arts & Science ³	96.0	92.6	90.2	91.0	91.0	91.8	92.7	91.3	92.5
Pharmacy	98.1	98.6	98.9	100.0	97.2	98.7	98.4	98.4	99.4
Physical Sciences	93.1	93.7	89.5	89.0	89.8	90.1	90.2	92.9	92.1
Social Sciences	94.2	92.5	91.2	89.8	91.3	91.9	92.6	92.4	93.8
Theology	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.6	96.2	91.7	90.3	94.4
Therapy & Rehabilitation	100.0	96.0	100.0	n/a	100.0	81.8	92.8	90.9	84.6
Veterinary Medicine	100.0	97.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.0	100.0	98.1
Overall Average	95.2	93.8	93.1	92.2	93.0	93.6	93.6	93.9	94.6

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Employment Rates, Skills and Subject Match, and Average Annual Salaries, by Graduating Year

(graduation year)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Employment Rates									
Six Months After Graduation	93.6%	91.7%	87.5%	86.5%	87.4%	87.6%	87.0%	88.0%	88.3%
Two Years After Graduation	95.2%	93.8%	93.1%	92.2%	93.0%	93.6%	93.6%	93.9%	94.6%
Skills Match (Employed full time)¹									
Six Months After Graduation	78.0%	77.7%	76.3%	76.4%	82.7%	83.2%	83.3%	82.7%	83.1%
Two Years After Graduation	84.1%	83.5%	82.3%	82.3%	88.6%	89.1%	89.1%	88.8%	89.2%
Subject Matter Match (Employed full time)									
Six Months After Graduation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	72.8%	72.6%	72.3%	72.3%	72.8%
Two Years After Graduation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.0%	77.9%	77.9%	77.3%	78.4%
Average Annual Salary (Employed full time)²									
Six Months After Graduation	\$42,048	\$42,904	\$42,403	\$42,668	\$42,634	\$42,301	\$41,839	\$42,326	\$43,090
Two Years After Graduation	\$49,164	\$49,469	\$49,151	\$49,277	\$49,396	\$49,001	\$49,170	\$49,636	\$51,693

1 Question wording changed to "How closely was your work related to the skills you developed at university (such as critical thinking, analytical, communication, problem solving)?" for 2011-2013 surveys. Question wording for 2006-2010 surveys was "How closely was your work related to the skills you acquired through the program of study you completed in [YEAR]?"

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