



IU Southeast Graduating Student Survey: Alumni and Community Relations Report

BACKGROUND

The Indiana University Southeast Graduating Student Survey is administered to students when they apply for graduation and collects data regarding post-graduation plans, employment and income, applied learning experiences, factors influencing student satisfaction with their experiences at IU Southeast, diversity and culture, campus safety and self-perceived levels of abilities. This multi-year report is intended to provide information regarding how these data have changed from year to year and to support decision-making that facilitate change in response to the dynamic needs of the student population.

Individual question response rate varies. We include partial responses in the report and, unless otherwise indicated, non-respondents are excluded in tabled data counts and percentages.

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RESPONDENTS

Survey respondents for 2021 consisted of six hundred forty-nine undergraduate respondents, and one hundred fourteen graduate respondents; 67% were female and 33% were male.

Table 1: Respondents:

	2021		2020		2019	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Undergraduates	649	85%	808	89%	794	91%
Graduates	114	15%	102	11%	79	9%
Total	763	100%	910	100%	873	100%

EMPLOYMENT

The large majority of current respondents were employed, with only a 2% decrease from 2020. The percentage of respondents that were unemployed and seeking employment saw a 1% increase, while the percentage of respondents that were unemployed and not seeking employment saw a 2% increase.

Table 2: Current Employment Status:

	2021	2020	2019
Yes	64%	66%	61%
Yes, but seeking employment change	18%	18%	19%
No, but seeking employment	12%	11%	13%
No, and not seeking employment	6%	4%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%

While the majority of both graduate and undergraduate respondents continued to be employed, both groups saw small decreases in their employment rates (5% decrease for graduates, 3% for undergraduates). The 2021 data also saw the percentage of graduate respondents that were unemployed and seeking employment double from 3% to 6%, while the undergraduate rate stayed the same.

Table 3: Current Employment Status (Graduates vs. Undergraduates):

	2021		2020		2019	
	GR	UG	GR	UG	GR	UG
Yes	87%	60%	83%	64%	81%	60%
Yes, but seeking employment change	5%	20%	14%	18%	13%	20%
No, but seeking employment	6%	13%	3%	13%	5%	14%
No, and not seeking employment	2%	7%	--	5%	1%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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The large majority of respondents also worked while attending IU Southeast, with nearly two-thirds (64%) working more than 20 hours per week.

Table 4: Average Hours Worked per Week:

	2021	2020	2019
31 or More Hours	41%	38%	36%
21 to 30 Hours	23%	29%	27%
11 to 20 Hours	21%	19%	22%
1 to 10 Hours	7%	8%	7%
Did Not Work	7%	7%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%

When comparing the two groups, far more graduate respondents worked 31 or more hours per week than did undergraduate respondents.

Table 5: Average Hours Worked per Week (Graduates vs. Undergraduates):

	2021		2020		2019	
	GR	UG	GR	UG	GR	UG
31 or More Hours	85%	34%	79%	33%	81%	32%
21 to 30 Hours	4%	27%	9%	31%	10%	28%
11 to 20 Hours	7%	24%	6%	21%	5%	23%
1 to 10 Hours	2%	8%	4%	8%	3%	8%
Did Not Work	3%	7%	2%	7%	1%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Education continues to be the largest employment industry by far for graduate respondents, while healthcare remains the second most popular. The third most popular industry for 2021 was a tie between Education Administration and Accounting/Finances/Auditing.

Table 6: Current Employment Industry (Graduates):

	2021	2020	2019		2021	2020	2019
Education: Teaching	60	41	41	Transportation: Rail – Trucking	--	--	--
Healthcare	11	13	7	Agriculture	--	--	--
Education: Administration	6	7	5	Architecture – Building	--	--	--
Accounting – Finance – Auditing	6	6	6	Art – Photography – Graphic Design	--	--	--
Financial Services – Securities	3	1	1	Automotive: Sales – Repair – Parts	--	--	--
Sales	3	1	1	Beauty – Cosmetics – Grooming	--	--	--
Government – Civil Service – Social Services	3	1	--	Broadcasting – Radio – TV	--	--	--
Other (Not Listed)	2	8	--	Business: Executive	--	--	--
Manufacturing	2	--	1	Call Center – Collections – Telemarketing	--	--	--
Insurance	1	2	--	Consulting	--	--	--
Real Estate – Property Management	1	1	1	Entertainment – Theatre	--	--	--
Marketing – Merchandising - Advertising	1	1	--	Environmental Services – Refuse	--	--	--
Utilities: Gas – Electric – Water	1	1	--	Exercise – Fitness – Wellness	--	--	--
Construction	1	1	--	Hotel – Resort – Hospitality	--	--	--
Business: Operations – Strategy	1	--	--	Industrial	--	--	--
Shipping – Distribution – Packaging	1	--	--	Internet – Ecommerce – Web Development	--	--	--
Travel – Leisure – Hospitality – Recreation	1	--	--	Janitorial – Cleaning – Laundry	--	--	--
Not for Profit – Charity	--	2	1	Landscaping – Lawn Care	--	--	--
Retail	--	2	1	Law Enforcement	--	--	--
Professional Services	--	2	--	Legal	--	--	--
Transportation: Airline – Aviation	--	1	1	Library Science	--	--	--
Human Resources	--	1	--	Maintenance: Building – Plant – Equipment	--	--	--
Printing – Publishing – Newspaper	--	1	--	Military	--	--	--
Restaurant	--	1	--	Pharmaceutical	--	--	--
Business: Development – Entrepreneur	--	1	--	Public Relations - Media	--	--	--
Journalism	--	1	--	Refining - Petroleum - Chemicals	--	--	--
Technology: Hardware	--	1	--	Science	--	--	--
Banking	--	--	3	Skilled Trade: (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, etc.)	--	--	--
Admin – Clerical	--	--	1	Technology: Software	--	--	--
Defense – Aerospace	--	--	1	Telecommunications - Wireless	--	--	--
Research & Development	--	--	1	Veterinary Services	--	--	--
Employment – Recruiting – Staffing	--	--	--	Warehousing – Import/Export – Logistics	--	--	--
Engineering	--	--	--				

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Undergraduate respondents were most often employed in healthcare, followed by retail and “other (not listed)” industries.

Table 7: Current Employment Industry (Undergraduates):

	2021	2020	2019		2021	2020	2019
Healthcare	100	114	114	Travel – Leisure – Hospitality – Recreation	3	1	2
Retail	52	66	61	Art – Photography – Graphic Design	2	7	7
Other (Not Listed)	51	60	58	Pharmaceutical	2	4	4
Restaurant	46	74	74	Entertainment – Theatre	2	3	2
Education: Teaching	25	30	32	Education: Administration	2	2	4
Sales	22	14	16	Engineering	2	2	3
Accounting – Finance – Auditing	18	29	13	Janitorial – Cleaning – Laundry	2	2	2
Banking	12	10	12	Military	2	2	2
Warehousing – Import/Export – Logistics	11	16	16	Science	2	2	7
Human Resources	11	9	11	Landscaping – Lawn Care	2	1	3
Manufacturing	10	13	10	Skilled Trade: (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, etc.)	2	1	1
Government – Civil Service – Social Services	9	15	12	Utilities: Gas – Electric – Water	2	1	1
Admin – Clerical	8	10	6	Law Enforcement	1	8	5
Construction	8	7	6	Automotive: Sales – Repair – Parts	1	4	3
Exercise – Fitness – Wellness	7	4	2	Telecommunications - Wireless	1	--	--
Business: Operations – Strategy	6	9	8	Funeral - Cemetery	1	--	--
Insurance	6	9	8	Public Relations - Media	1	3	--
Call Center – Collections – Telemarketing	6	7	2	Research & Development	1	3	3
Legal	6	6	7	Veterinary Services	1	3	4
Marketing – Merchandising - Advertising	5	9	7	Business: Executive	1	2	2
Shipping – Distribution – Packaging	5	8	11	Library Science	1	2	4
Financial Services – Securities	5	4	6	Natural Resources - Forestry	1	2	--
Business: Development – Entrepreneur	5	3	--	Professional Services	1	1	--
Beauty – Cosmetics – Grooming	5	2	6	Purchasing - Procurement	1	1	--
Hotel – Resort – Hospitality	4	18	8	Refining - Petroleum - Chemicals	1	1	--
Real Estate – Property Management	4	5	2	Timber - Wood - Paper	1	--	--
Industrial	4	4	4	Internet – Ecommerce – Web Development	--	3	2
Consulting	4	2	2	Fashion - Apparel - Textiles	--	2	--
Technology: Software	3	14	15	Maintenance: Building – Plant – Equipment	--	2	--
Not for Profit – Charity	3	6	5	Broadcasting – Radio – TV	--	1	2
Technology: Hardware	3	3	7	Defense – Aerospace	--	1	--
Printing – Publishing – Newspaper	3	2	1	Employment – Recruiting – Staffing	--	1	1
Transportation: Rail – Trucking	3	2	5	Journalism	--	1	--
Agriculture	3	1	1	Marine - Maritime	--	1	--

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Both graduate and undergraduate respondents were most interested in staying in touch through their program, followed by hearing about upcoming events and joining the Alumni Association, though undergraduates indicated higher interest in all three.

Table 8: IU Southeast Alumni Association Interest (Graduates):

	2021	2020	2019
Staying in Touch through Your Program	39%	36%	33%
Hearing about Upcoming Events	21%	25%	16%
Joining	14%	21%	11%

Please note that respondents could choose multiple answers.

Table 9: IU Southeast Alumni Association Interest (Undergraduates):

	2021	2020	2019
Staying in Touch through Your Program	45%	39%	35%
Hearing about Upcoming Events	34%	36%	34%
Joining	26%	30%	25%

Please note that respondents could choose multiple answers.

APPENDIX A

The student comments and the electronic survey instrument are included in the attachments paperclip in the left toolbar. Note that some of the questions are routed to only be seen by Undergraduate or by Graduate respondents. Not all routing is apparent in the printed version of the electronic instrument.