

University of Rhode Island Senior Snapshot Survey 2011 Results

Career Services surveyed May 2011 graduating seniors on April 26, 2011 and again, for non-respondents, on May 2, 2011. The survey was closed on May 24, 2011. Of 2106 surveys emailed, 532 responded to the following questions, with a return rate of 25%. The following questions were asked and an overview of responses is indicated below.

1. What is MOST LIKELY to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?

- Employment, full-time paid
- Employment, part-time paid
- Graduate or professional school, full-time
- Graduate or professional school, part-time
- Military Service
- Volunteer activity
- Starting or raising a family
- Other

Response overview: **70.5 % of all respondents answered that full or part-time employment would MOST LIKELY be their principal activity upon graduation**, with 57.5% of respondents answering "employment full-time paid" and 13% responding "employment part-time, paid." **23.3% planned to attend graduate or professional school**, primarily responding that they would attend full-time.

2. Now, please select the option that best indicates your current, CONFIRMED commitment upon graduation. For example, if you have been offered and accepted a full-time paying job, you would click answer "Employment, full-time paid".

- Employment, full-time paid
- Employment, part-time paid
- Graduate or professional school, full-time
- Graduate or professional school, part-time
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- Other

This question was asked to ascertain **confirmed** commitments upon graduation, as opposed to likely plans suggested in question 1. **50.1% of respondents had already secured employment at the time of the survey**, with 27.4% indicating full-time employment, and 22.7% indicating part-time employment. **17.2% already had firm commitments from graduate institutions**, including URI.

3. If you do not have confirmed commitments for employment, we are interested to know the reasons. Please select all that apply.

- Attending graduate or professional school
- Will begin job search after graduation
- Need more experience so looking for internship after graduation
- Perception of a poor economy
- Uncertain about interests
- Traveling
- Engaging in community service work
- Taking time off
- Other

This question was only asked of those who did not indicate that they had a firm commitment as requested by question 2. **Of the responses, the most common was that the respondent would begin the job search after graduation, with 61.9% of responses falling into this category.** The next most frequent choices were “perception of a poor economy” (30.9%) and “Need more experience so looking for internship after graduation” (25.2%).

In addition, respondents who did have firm commitments were asked to indicate the name of the organization or graduate school. **262 respondents provided information on those organizations to which they were committed: these included Rhode Island and out-of state companies and organizations as well as graduate schools.**

Some of the companies listed by respondents that had a firm commitment were:

**American Cancer Society
Amica Mutual Insurance Company
Army Soldier Systems Center
Avid Technical Resources
Bananagrams, Inc.
Bank of America
Bartlett Tree Service
Beacon Communications
Belle Mer
Bertucci's
Best Buy
Big Brothers of Rhode Island
Boston Culinary Group
Bridge Technical Solutions
Brown Harris Stevens
Camp Mohawk
Cardinal Restaurant Corp.
CBIZ Tofias
Chicago Uno Grille
Citadel Broadcasting
Citizens Bank
CVS
CVS Pharmacy
Danbury Museum
Department of Environmental Management
Eaton Corporation
General Dynamics/Electric Boat
Electro Standards Laboratories
Elliot Health system
Environmental Protection Agency
FactSet Research Systems
Florence County Hospital
Focused Fitness
GoLocalProv
Gorton's Seafood Inc.
GTech
Hallmark
Hannaford Pharmacy
Hartford Hospital
Hasbro
Image Acoustics
J Crew
Jewish Community Center
JP Morgan**

Kenyon Industries
KinderArt Preschool
KPMG
LA Fitness
Lifespan
Macy's
Med Tech Ambulance
MetLife Financial Group of Massachusetts
Nestle
Newport Biodiesel LLC
Next Level Fitness
Nordstrom
North Kingstown High School
NUWC
Penobscot Community Health Center
Perspectives Corporation
Planet Fitness
Praxair
Pricewaterhouse Coopers
Propel LLC
Prudential
Raytheon
RBS Citizens
Rhode Island Hospital
Rhode Island Office of Attorney General
RI Department of Environmental Management
RI Department of Transportation
RI Nuclear Science Center
Rite Aid
Rite Aid Pharmacy
Roots Gymnastics and Learning Center
Second Story Theatre
South County Quality Care
South Shore Mental Health
Southwestern Publication Corporation
Staples
Stone Wall Management Systems
Stony Brook Audobon Society
Stop and Shop
Target
Target Pharmacy
Teach for America
The Beth Israel Medical Center Dietetic Internship program
The Lee Company
The Moose Café, Creative Dance Center
The Palmer Group
The Wetlands Institute
TJMaxx
TJX Companies, Inc.
Travelers Insurance
UniCar USA
United States Army
United States Navy
Wakefield Books
Walgreens
Walgreens Pharmacy
Walt Disney world
Wing Memorial Hospital

**Women and Infants Hospital
State Line Propane
YMCA**

Some of the Graduate Institutions respondents reported admissions to are as follows.

**Adelphi University
Baylor University Medical Center
Boston College – Carroll School of Management
Boston University
Brown University
Columbia University School of Law
Cornell
Emerson College
Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford
Hofstra Law School
Holy Family University
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
LeMoyne College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science
New York University School of Law
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oregon State University
Providence College
Roger Williams School of Law
Rutgers University
Simmons College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Albany
SUNY College of Optometry
The Sackler School at Tufts University
*The University of Rhode Island
Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Tufts University
UMass Amherst
UMass Lowell
UMass Memorial Medical Center
University of California, San Diego
University of Kent’s Brussels School of International Studies
University of Missouri
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of New Hampshire Dietetic Internship Program
University of Utah
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech**

***32 respondents indicated they were continuing graduate study at URI.**

