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Summary of EMU New Graduate Employment Survey Research Executive Summary

EMU's New Graduate Employment Status Survey is designed to collect employment information for new graduates from EMU's undergraduate and graduate programs. Starting in 2011, the survey is administered each spring to those who graduated during previous academic year. This summary is based on data gathered from graduates in the academic year of 2015/2016. A total of 4,679 graduates (3,282 UG, or 70% and 1,397 GR, or 30%) were surveyed, with a response rate at 13%. See Table 1 below for response rate by college.

Table 1. Response Rate by College

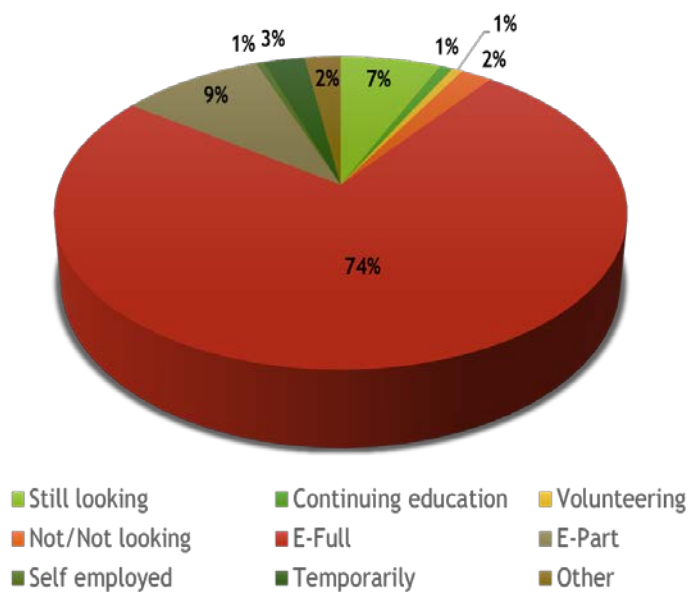
College	Number	Total	Percent
Academic Affairs	10	148	6.8%
Arts and Sciences	166	1,640	10.1%
Business	95	826	11.5%
Education	63	617	10.2%
Health and Human Services	97	968	10.0%
Technology	70	480	14.6%

In this survey, we have the following findings shown in Figure 1 on the next page:

- Eighty-eight (88) percent of respondents were employed in some capacity; 2 percent not seeking employment and 1 percent pursued continuing education.
- Seventy-seven (77) percent found their first job before graduation or within six months after graduation.
- Eighty-one (81) percent of those employed were working in Michigan.
- Seventy-six (76) percent of those employed were working in a field related to their degree major.
- Seventy-one (71) percent of those employed are earning more than \$30,000 per year.

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Figure 1. Employment Status after Graduation



In the survey, graduates noted aspects they liked or enjoyed about Eastern. Most frequently mentioned were:

- Faculty, professors and instructors
- The campus, facilities and friendly community
- Types of classes or programs, online programs, class flexibility, low tuition and quality of education

In this survey, graduates also gave the suggestions concerning EMU, such as:

- Parking
- Tobacco-free campus policy not being enforced
- Working on making the campus community more involved
- More activities to get students together
- Offer more evening courses for those who work during the day
- Internship and employment opportunities for students and recent grad

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