

Post Graduation Plans of Shorter College Seniors

from surveys of graduating seniors conducted before and shortly after graduation.

2009 Survey

Overall response rate was 50%. Percentages below are of those who responded.

Most of the graduates, 85%, planned on working after graduation. This figure is close to last year's, but plans are hampered by the state of the economy. Whereas in the 2008 survey 24% said they had already been offered a full-time job, this year only 7.7% or 5 people had an offer in hand. Of the 15% who did not plan on working, 7.7% planned on attending graduate school or other training, and the other half were undecided. The rest were uncertain.

One woman planned to be a full-time homemaker in addition to further study and volunteer mission work. Seven graduates (11 %) planned to do volunteer mission work full time, but five of them, four men and one woman, also planned to work full time. The definition of "full time" seems to be changing.

Over half, 52%, planned on further study, mostly graduate school (45%).

2008 Survey

Overall response rate was 57%. Percentages below are of those who responded.

Most of the graduates, 84.5%, planned on working after graduation. 24% had already been offered a full-time job. Of the 15.5% who did not plan on working, 11% planned on attending graduate school full time and one person planned on full-time volunteer or mission work. The rest were uncertain. No one planned to be a full-time homemaker.

Combining those who planned on graduate school only with those who planned to combine work with graduate school, 43.3% intended to pursue graduate school study. 13% planned training other than graduate school.

Detailed Work and Study Plans

The following is a summary of 81 freely-written responses from the 2008 and 2009 surveys:

Work Plans

Education	18	33%
Fine arts	7	13%
Other	5	9%
Accounting	4	7%
Communications	4	7%
Business	3	6%
Church	3	6%

Science/medical	3	6%
Government	1	2%
IT	1	2%
Law	1	2%
Manufacturing	1	2%
Sales	1	2%
Social Work	1	2%
Sports	1	2%

Study Plans (mostly Graduate School)

Education	5	21%
Medical	5	21%
Seminary	4	17%
Music	3	13%
Law	2	8%
Other	2	8%
Art	1	4%
Business	1	4%
Social work	1	4%

In addition, three planned to volunteer for Americorps and CityYear.