

# 2007-2008 Placement Survey of 2005-2006 Graduates

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Institutional Report

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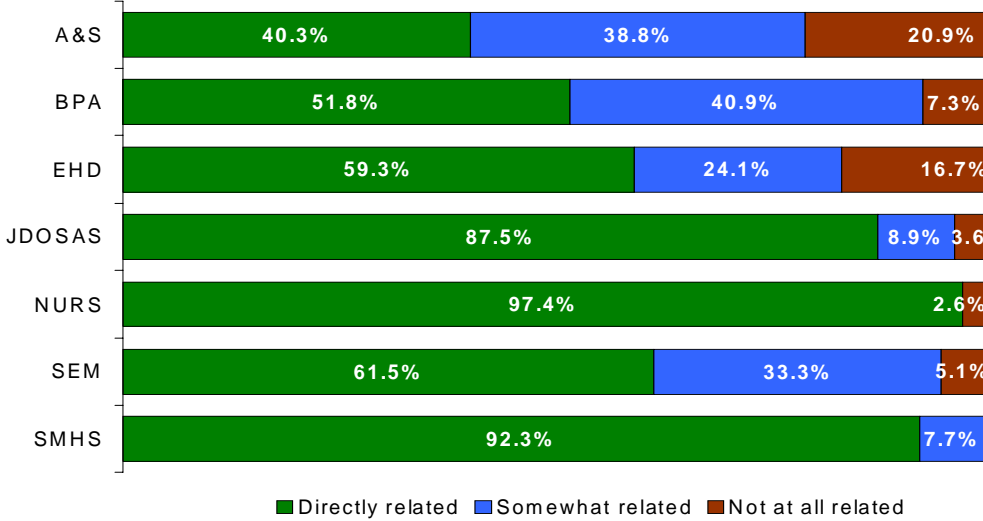
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1,669 UND undergraduate alumni who graduated in December 2005, May 2006, and August 2006 were mailed a questionnaire seeking demographic and employment information. A total of 538 alumni participated in the survey. After adjusting for bad addresses and other exclusions, an adjusted response rate of 37.0% was attained.
- 97.5% of respondents indicated being either employed or currently a student.
- 89.5% of respondents indicated that their current position is “directly related” or “somewhat related” to the education they received at UND.
- 113 (21.4%) respondents are pursuing additional education, of which 35 (31.0%) of this group are at UND.
- Respondents reported residing in 44 states. 61% of respondents are currently residing in North Dakota or Minnesota.
- 163 (30.8%) of the 529 respondents reported that North Dakota was their current state of residency. Overall, North Dakota retained 119 (53.1%) of the 224 respondents who graduated from high schools in North Dakota. This is the second highest retention rate compared to the ten previous surveys.
- 59.7% of the respondents believe there are job opportunities for them in their area of interest in North Dakota. Forty-two percent of respondents indicated that if a job were available in their area of interest they would want employment in North Dakota.
- Respondents indicating “yes” they would want North Dakota employment, frequently cited the following reasons: home state, close to family, they like the community or state, good place to raise a family, and job opportunities.
- Respondents indicating “no” or “unsure” they would want North Dakota employment, frequently cited the following as their reasons: weather, preference for another location or larger metropolitan area, limited career advancement opportunities, and proximity to family.
- Questions regarding annual salary were optional. Of the 403 who responded (after excluding graduate assistantships), the average annual salary was \$38,189. UND female graduates on average earned 96.6% of the annual salary of UND male graduates. To date, this is the highest salary ratio of females compared to males.
- 58.1% of respondents reported that they used the services of or attended events sponsored by UND Career Services/Coop Ed while at UND. The students who used these services reported a higher rate of relationship (directly related or somewhat related) of their current position to their UND education.
- 45.9% (239 of 521) of the respondents indicated that they participated in an internship or cooperative education program while attending UND. The participants of these programs also reported an average salary of \$3,204 higher than those who did not participate in such programs.

## 2007-2008 UND Placement Survey Highlights of the 2005-2006 Graduates

**How closely is your current position related to your education?**  
Sorted by College (Total 100% per college)



**Participated in an internship or co-op program?**

College	% Yes
A & S	34%
BPA	59%
EHD	56%
JDOSAS	34%
NURS	58%
SEM	54%
SMHS	69%
TOTAL	46%

**Number of graduates pursuing further education**

Study at	Male	Female	All
UND	10	25	35
Other schools	25	53	78

**Do you believe there are job opportunities for you in your area of interest in ND? (prior yr)**

Yes	60% (58%)
No	26% (27%)
Not Sure	14% (16%)

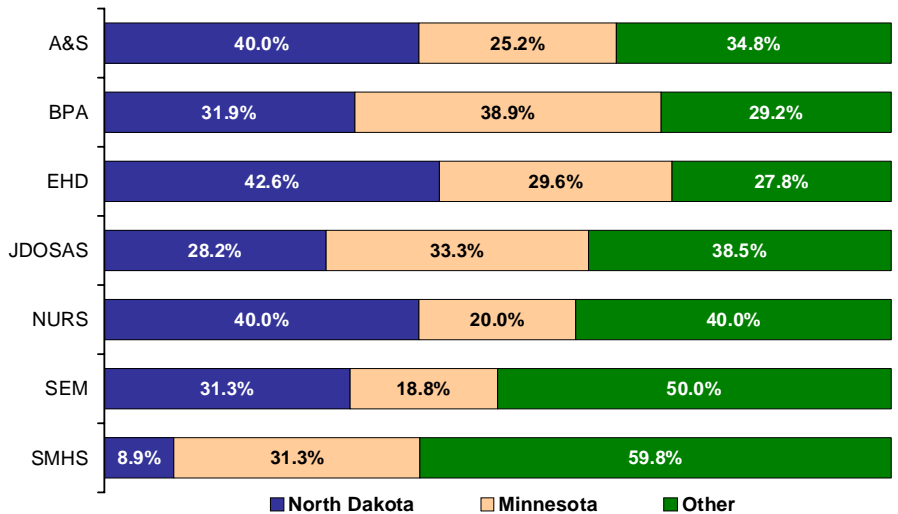
**If a job were available in your area of interest would you want employment in ND? (prior yr)**

Yes	42% (44%)
No	37% (34%)
Not Sure	21% (21%)

**Did you use the services or attend events sponsored by UND Career Services while you studied at UND? (prior yr)**

Yes	58% (60%)
No	42% (40%)

**In which state do you currently reside?**  
Sorted by College (Total 100% per college)



**Average Annual Salary**  
Sorted by College and Residence

