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# ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

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***Nearly two-thirds of 2006 University of Alaska graduates are in full time, year round jobs. Another 15 percent are in part time and/or seasonal jobs, while 15 percent are still students.***

UAA graduates are more likely to be employed full time, year round (66 percent) when compared to UAF graduates (56 percent). UAF graduates are more likely than UAA graduates to be students (20 versus 12 percent).

Only 13 percent of graduates said they used these skills rarely.

Associate's/Certificate and Master's/PhD graduates are more likely than Bachelor's graduates to say they use their skills daily: 74 and 75 percent, respectively, compared to 57 percent of Bachelor's graduates.

**In your current position, how often do you use skills and knowledge learned from your UA degree or certificate program?**

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**Among employed University of Alaska graduates, the number one source for their current position was family, friends, or co-workers. One out of six said they used UA Career Services when they were looking for work.**

After family/friends/co-workers, employed graduates most commonly cited the Internet, UA staff/faculty, previous employer, and the newspaper as sources for their current position. Two percent mentioned UA Career Services.

When specifically asked if they had used UA Career Services when they were looking for work, 16 percent of employed graduates answered affirmatively; this represents 10 percent of all graduates.

### **Top Five Sources for Current Position**

Base: Currently employed; not employed in current position when began degree program







## **SATISFACTION WITH UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

Nearly nine out of ten responding graduates (86 percent) were either satisfied or very satisfied with their overall academic experience. Only 6 percent were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

The percent very satisfied was highest in the personal growth category, followed by intellectual growth, overall education, overall academic experience, and career training.

Dissatisfaction was generally low, accounting for 6 percent or fewer of respondents in all categories except for career training. Seventeen percent of respondents were dissatisfied with this category.

There were few statistically significant differences among respondents from different campuses, or with different types of degrees. The only category where there was a significant difference was in career training. Associate's degree/certificate (AA/CT) graduates were more satisfied, at 39 percent very satisfied. This compares to 32 percent among Master's/Doctorate degree (MA/PhD) graduates and 20 percent among Bachelor's degree (BA) graduates.

Respondents over age 40 tended to be the most satisfied, followed by those aged 25-40, then 24 and under.

Very satisfied	34%	35%	32%	38%
Satisfied	52	50	55	50
Neutral	8	8	9	2
Dissatisfied	5	5	3	6
Very dissatisfied	1	2	-	3
Very satisfied	36%	35%	37%	37%
Satisfied	52	54	48	59
Neutral	9	7	13	1
Dissatisfied	2	3	2	-
Very dissatisfied	1	1	-	3
Very satisfied	43%	43%	42%	47%
Satisfied	49	50	48	48
Neutral	5	5	7	1
Dissatisfied	2	2	4	-
Very dissatisfied	1	<1	-	3

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Among graduates who reported working their final year, six out of ten said their work was related to their degree or certificate program. (Based to the total sample of graduates, the percentage changes to 46.)

MA/PhD graduates were much more likely to report that their work was related: 87 percent, compared to 55 percent among AA/CT and BA graduates.

Younger graduates (24 and under) were less likely to say their work was related, at 48 percent (compared to 66 percent of the 25-40 group and 65 percent of the over-40 group).

**Was any of your work related to your degree or certificate program?**

Base: Worked during final school year

	<b>TOTAL n=398</b>	<b>UAA n=223</b>	<b>UAF n=139</b>	<b>UAS n=35</b>
Yes	61%	59%	64%	63%
No	38	41	35	37
Don't know	1	<1	1	-

**Internships**

**Current Employment Status**

**Which statement best describes your current employment status?**

	<b>TOTAL</b>
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## Industries

### In what industry are you currently employed?

Base: Currently employed

	TOTAL n=400	UAA n=242	UAF n=127	
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**Current Job**

Nearly nine out of ten employed graduates are working in Alaska. Only 1 percent report working outside of the US.

Those who work outside of Alaska were asked which state. The two most popular states were Washington and California, each with seven responses. A list of responses can be found in the Appendix.

Virtually all employed graduates are working in paid positions.

**Are you employed in Alaska, other US state or outside the United States?**

Base: Currently employed





The most common salary bracket among graduates was \$35,001-\$50,000, accounting for one-quarter of respondents.

One-fifth of respondents fell into the \$15,000 or less category. (This corresponds to the 20 percent of respondents who are unemployed, disabled, retired, or students.)

Respondents who were employed full time, year round tended to report higher salary ranges (see second table, below).

AA/CT and BA graduates were equally likely to fall into the two lowest income categories (35 and 33 percent, respectively, versus 15 percent of MA/PhD grads). MA/PhD grads were more likely to fall into the higher income categories.

Less than \$15,000	19%	18%	22%	17%
\$15,000 to \$25,000	12	11	14	9
\$25,001 to \$35,000	19	16	20	34
\$35,001 to \$50,000	24	26	22	25
\$50,001 to \$75,000	14	17	13	4
\$75,001 to \$100,000	4	3	4	3
Over \$100,000	1	2	-	-
Don't know	6	7	4	8

Less than \$15,000	1%	50%
\$15,000 to \$25,000	8	18
\$25,001 to \$35,000	22	14
\$35,001 to \$50,000	37	4
\$50,001 to \$75,000	22	2
\$75,001 to \$100,000	5	1
Over \$100,000	2	-
Don't know	3	12

Health insurance and paid leave are the most common benefits reported by employed graduates, followed by retirement plans.

MA/PhD graduates are somewhat more likely to receive health insurance: 87 percent, compared to 72 percent of AA/CT grads and 74 percent of BA grads.

**Please tell me which of the following benefits  
you receive in your current position.**

	TOTAL n=412	UAA n=242	UAF n=136	UAS n=34

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### **Difficulty of Finding a Job**

Over half of graduates who sought jobs said the process of getting a job was very easy or easy, while 36 percent said it was difficult or very difficult.

AA/CT and BA graduates found the job search process somewhat easier: 61 percent said it was easy or very easy, compared to 41 percent of MA/PhD grads.

Women were more likely than men to say th



## **Geographical Area**

Among graduates seeking jobs, Alaska was by far the most popular search area at 80 percent.

Master's/PhD graduates were more likely to search in "all US": 14 percent, compared to 4 percent of AA/CT grads and 5 percent of BA grads.

## Sources for Current Position

The number one source for hearing about their current position was family, friends, or co-workers, mentioned by 29 percent of graduates who sought a job. The Internet was the number two source, followed by UA staff/faculty and previously worked there.

Although only 2 percent of employed graduates mentioned UA Career Services as a source for their current position, 16 percent said they used Career Services in their job search.

UAF grads were more likely to use UA Career Services (22 percent).

BA graduates were much more likely to use Career Services: 22 percent, compared to 11 percent of AA/CT grads and 8 percent of MA/PhD grads.

Graduates over 40 were the least likely to use Career Services: 6 percent, compared to 16 percent of those 25 to 40 and 19 percent of those 24 and under.

### **How did you first hear about your current position?**

Base: Currently employed; not employed in current position when began degree program



## **ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSITIES OTHER THAN UA**

One-third of graduates reported taking classes at a non-UA institution as part of their degree program.

BA graduates were more likely to have taken classes elsewhere: 40 percent, compared to 29 percent of AA/CT grads and 14 percent of MA/PhD grads.

Among graduates who had taken classes outside the UA system, 76 percent earned more than 12 credits elsewhere as part of their degree program. (This represents 24 percent of the total sample.) One-third reported taking classes elsewhere *during* their time at UA. (This represents 11 percent of the total sample.)

Readers are cautioned that the two follow-up questions have a sample size of 17 for UAS graduates.

### **As part of your degree or certificate program, did you attend a college or university other than UA?**

	TOTAL n=512	UAA n=296	UAF n=175	UAS n=41
Yes	31%	33%	27%	39%
No	68	67	72	61
Don't know	<1	-	1	-

### **Before starting your degree or certificate program at UA, did you earn more than 12 credits from another college or university outside the UA system?**

Base: Attended another college

	TOTAL n=162	UAA n=95	UAF n=50	UAS n=17
Yes	76%	75%	74%	87%
No	23	25	23	13
Don't know	1	-	2	-

### **During your time at UA, did you ever take classes from another college or university outside the UA system?**

Base: Attended another college

	TOTAL n=162	UAA n=95	UAF n=50	UAS n=17
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## Campus

Respondents were asked which campus they graduated from, and where they started their degree program. The following page shows respondents' campus according to the database of student records provided by the University of Alaska.

**From which University of Alaska campus did you recently graduate?**

	<b>TOTAL n=512</b>	<b>UAA n=297</b>	<b>UAF n=174</b>	<b>UAS n=41</b>

The following information shows results from data provided by the University of Alaska on their graduate population. Survey data was weighted by four factors to reflect the actual graduate population: gender, age, campus, and degree type.

**UA Database: Gender and Age**

TOTAL	
<b>Gender</b>	
<b>Age</b>	

**UA Database: Campus**

TOTAL	
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UA Database: Type of Degree

	TOTAL	UAA	UAF	UAS
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**AA/CT degree**

AA, AAS, AB, AO, AS, AT, CERT, CT1, CT2

Following are “other” responses and responses to open-ended questions.

Anchorage Community Mental Health Services  
Anchorage Community Mental Health Services and Ready Care  
Anchorage Daily News  
Anchorage Pioneer Home and Maclaughlin Correctional Youth Center  
Anchorage Pioneer Home and Southcentral Foundation  
Anchorage Pioneer Homes  
Anchorage Regional, Providence, Alaska Native Med. Center  
Anchorage School District  
Anchorage School District  
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Anchorage School District  
Anchorage School District  
Anchorage School District  
Anchorage School District  
Anchorage School District--Trailside Elementary  
Anchorage schools  
ANMC  
Appraisal company of Alaska  
ASD  
ASRC Energy Services  
Assets/ARC  
Associated Press, Anchorage bureau  
AWAIC, Inc.  
AWWA, Prudential Vista Real Estate  
Bartlett Regional Hospital  
BP  
Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services Corporation  
Bureau of Land Management  
Camai Children's Center  
Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
Chief Andrew Isaac Counseling Center  
Chugachmiut  
Chugiach Children's Services  
CLA/English Dept UAF  
College of Education with the ASD; Institute of Social and Economic Research  
Colorado Public Interest Research Group  
ConocoPhillips

Engineering Firm  
Engineering Firm  
English Department  
Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health Center  
Fairbanks Correctional Center and Alaska Public Defender Agency  
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Fairbanks School District  
Family Clinic  
FNSBSD  
Ford Motor Company  
Forties and Mikko Law Firm  
Geophysical institute  
Hilton Hotels  
Hompesch & Evans, PC Law Firm  
Hope Community Resources  
Hope Community Resources  
Hope Community Resources in DVR, Veterans Affairs Hospital  
Hospice of Anchorage  
Hospice of Anchorage and Anchorage Pioneer Home  
Hospitality  
Howard Luke Academy, Fairbanks, AK  
independent project, I didn't work for anyone  
IRS  
Job Core and Mat-Su Recovery.  
Juneau Douglas School District  
Juneau School District  
Juneau Superior Court  
Justice Center  
Justice Dept. - State of Alaska  
Kanakanak Dental Clinic (Dillingham)  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
Kids Are People  
Kids are People, Inc  
Kipnuk Health Clinic  
Klawock School  
KTUU-TV Channel 2 News  
Legislature  
Local hospitals  
many clinical practicums  
Mat-Su Borough School District  
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Mat-Su Borough School District  
Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults  
McLaughlin HOPE Community Resources IN. (5) 8nnBrb(i5)-28Res)-0ska







Assistant Teacher  
Assistant Textbook Buyer at UAA Bookstore  
Auditor  
Auditor  
Auditor  
Aviation Maintenance Technician  
Aviation Mechanic  
Baggage Handler  
Bank Manager  
Bankruptcy/Eviction/Foreclosure Legal Assistant  
Bartender  
Bellman at a hotel  
Bilingual Bicultural  
Bilingual Tutor  
Billing Specialist  
Billing Supervisor  
Biological Science Technician  
Biometrician  
Bookkeeper/Secretary  
Building Substitute  
Business Analysis  
Capt. of Fire Services  
Case Manager  
Case Manager for Supervised Visits  
Cashier  
Certified Medical Assistant  
Civil Engineer  
Civil Engineering Trainee  
Classroom Teacher  
Clerk  
Clinical Associate  
Clinical nurse II  
Clinician  
Comm. Health Practitioner  
Communications Intern  
Communications Specialist  
Community Health Aide  
Community Health Practitioner  
Community Wellness Awareness Specialist  
Computer Programmer / Analysis  
Consultant - Associate  
Contract Officer  
Contract Specialist  
Contract Specialist, US Airforce  
Cook  
Counselor  
Culinary Arts  
Day Habilitation Provider  
Dental Assistant  
Dental Assistant  
Dental Assistant  
Dental Hygienist  
Dental Hygienist  
Development Officer- UAF  
Director  
Director of National Marketing  
Director of Nursing

Director of Outreach  
Director/Consultant  
Drafting Tech  
Early childhood special education teacher  
Early Childhood Special Educator  
Early Intervention Specialist  
Electrical Engineer  
Electrical Engineer  
Electronics Tech  
Elementary Teacher  
Emergency Medical Technician  
Engineer  
Engineer  
Engineer  
Engineer advanced control systems  
Engineering Assistant  
Engineering in Training  
English teacher  
English teacher  
Environmental Scientist  
Environmental Scientist  
Executive director  
Expeditor  
Family nurse practitioner  
Field Tech.  
Financial Consultant  
Finn-Power Operator  
First Grade Teacher  
First year  
Fish biologist  
Fishery Biologist  
Fishery Biologist I  
Flight Instructor for UAA  
Food Broker  
Front Desk Agent of a local hotel.  
General Manager  
General office work  
Geologist  
Grant Technician  
Graphic designer  
Habilitation Coordinator  
Hardware Engineer  
Health Care Call Center Operator  
Heavy Equipment Operator  
High School Mathematics Teacher  
High School Science Teacher  
Homework Instructor  
Housing Maintenance Student Assistant B  
Human Resource Manager  
Human Resources Tech.  
Human Resources Technician  
In Home Services  
Income tax preparer/payroll specialist  
Individual Skill provider - shadow for students with behavioral issues  
Information Tech Specialist  
Instructional Technician  
Investigator

IT Consultant  
IT Technician  
Juvenile Justice Officer III  
Kindergarten teacher  
Lab Technician  
Law Office Assistant  
Legal Assistant  
Legal Secretary  
Legal Secretary  
Legislative Aide  
Library Clerk  
Library technician  
Licensed insurance agent / office manager  
Loadmaster/Manager  
Loan Processor  
Loan Processor  
Logistics Project Manager  
Manager  
Manager  
Market Analyst  
Marketing Director  
Marketing Manager / Design Coordinator  
Material Handler  
Mechanic  
Mechanic/Auto Technician  
Mechanic/Operator  
Mechanical Engineer  
Mechanical Engineer - HVAC  
Mechanics apprentice  
Medical assistant  
Medical Technologist  
Mental Health Provider/Domestic Violence Intervention Program Co-Facilitator  
Mental health Spec. and student  
Mental Health Specialist  
Mental Health Specialist  
Mental Health Specialist Level 2  
Microcomputer/Network Technician I  
Mill Wright  
Mining engineer  
Mining Engineer  
Musician  
News Reporter/Anchor  
Nurse  
Nurse  
Nurse  
Nurse  
Occupational Health Nurse  
Office manager  
Office Nurse/Scrub Nurse  
Officer  
Operation Oil Field  
Operations Manager  
Own a fishing charter business  
Owner/Operator  
Paralegal  
Paralegal  
Paralegal

Paralegal  
Paralegal  
Patient care coordinator  
Payroll technician  
Phlebotomist  
Physical therapy tech  
Post Doc Research Chemist USDA/ ARS  
Post Doctoral Researcher  
Principal Teacher  
Principal, Spring Creek Alternative High School  
Probation and Parole Officer  
Production Operator  
Professional Mechanical  
Program Coordinator  
Program director  
Program Manager  
Programmer / Analyst  
Programmer Analyst  
Project Assistant  
Project Coordinator for the Alaska Division of Elections  
Project Coordinator - USDA Community Program  
Project Engineer  
Project Engineer  
Project Manager  
Project Manager  
Project manager  
Psychotherapist  
Public Health Microbiologist  
Public Health Microbiologist II (State of Alaska Public Health Laboratory)  
Publication Assistant and Coalition Coordinator for the UA System Governance  
Purchasing  
Purchasing support specialist  
Quality Control Officer  
Quality Control/Mechanical Engineer  
Radiological Technician  
Radiological Technologist  
Radiology Technologist  
Records Information Management Project Coordinator  
Regional Manager  
Registered Nurse  
Registered Nurse  
Registered Nurse  
Registered Nurse  
Registered Nurse  
Registered nurse- clinic  
Registered Nurse in NICU  
Research  
Research Aide  
Research Analyst  
Research and Evaluation Lab Assistant  
Research Assistant  
Research Assistant  
Research assistant  
Research Associate  
Research associate & therapist  
Research Scientist  
Research technician



***Are you employed in Alaska, other US state or outside the United States? Other US states:***

Hawaii  
Kentucky  
Kentucky  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
Nevada  
New Mexico  
New York  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Texas  
Texas  
Utah  
Utah  
Virginia  
Washington  
Washington  
Washington  
Washington  
Washington  
Washington  
Washington  
Washington, DC

***How did you first hear about your current position?***

Accounting Week  
Alaska Teacher Placement  
Alaska Teacher Placement  
Army  
Class cooperative work experience  
Employer  
Employer contacted me  
Flyer at UAF/TVC





Education Specialist

MS biology  
MS biology



# ***SURVEY INSTRUMENT***

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(See attached)

# University of Alaska 2006 Graduate Opinion Survey

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY # \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ with the McDowell Group, an Alaska research firm. We're conducting a survey of recent University of Alaska graduates. I'd like to ask you a few questions.

**1. From which University of Alaska campus did you recently graduate?**

01 Anchorage

07 Mat-Su

13

Interior-Aleutians

**2. At which University of Alaska campus did you start your degree or certificate program?**

01 Anchorage

07 Mat-Su

13 Chuckchi

02 Fairbanks

08 Nome

14 Northwest

03 Juneau

09 Bristol Bay

15

**6. While you were attending UA, did you participate in any of the following groups or activities?** (Read list)

01	Academic honors programs	10	Student Activities
02	Clubs or organizations related to your major	11	Student media publications
03	Honor or service organizations	12	Performing arts (dance, theatre, music)
04	Residence hall council or IRC	13	Minority student groups (Native, Hispanic)
05	Fraternity or Sorority	14	Religious groups
06	Varsity sports	15	Political or issue group
07	Non-varsity sports	16	ROTC
08	Student government	97	<b>Don't know</b>
09	Student judicial board	99	<b>Refused</b>
98	Other		

[Read] **Next I would like to ask you about your work experience during school.**

**7. Did you work during the final school year before you graduated?**

- |    |                  |    |                          |
|----|------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 01 | Yes              | 97 | Don't know (Skip to Q 9) |
| 02 | No (Skip to Q 9) | 99 | Refused (Skip to Q 9)    |

**7a. Did you work on-campus, off-campus or both?** (Check all that apply)



**19. How much effort did you put into your job search?** (Read 1-4)

- |    |       |    |          |    |            |
|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------|
| 01 | A lot | 03 | A little | 97 | Don't know |
| 02 | Some  | 04 | None     | 99 | Refused    |

**20. Can you estimate how many jobs you applied for?**

Number of jobs \_\_\_\_\_ 00 None 997 Don't know 999 Refused

**21. Can you estimate how many job offers you received?**

Number of offers \_\_\_\_\_ 00 None 997 Don't know 999