

**TAUBMAN COLLEGE
CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

EMPLOYMENT REPORT

2020 Graduating Class Survey Results



OVERVIEW

A degree from Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan presents opportunities throughout your career. From the moment you join Taubman College, you have access to one of the world's largest, most diverse, and most passionate alumni communities. In nonprofits, firms, and all levels of government around the world, "Go Blue" is a unifying statement of pride and recognition of excellence that will expand your network and open doors for you for a lifetime. Michigan alumni are well-positioned, highly connected leaders who want to help you succeed, and they are engaged in the life of the college through speaking events, Career Fair, Spring Break externships, and more.

This report reflects the outcomes for the most recently surveyed Taubman College graduates.



Taubman College Career Fair

94%

of 2020 graduates said their first position was related to their degree

At one-year survey, 73% response rate, 82% knowledge rate.

9,700

Overall, U-M maintains one of the largest alumni networks in the world. More than 9700 living Taubman College alumni work in every state as well as in 75 countries.

“The myriad of subjects and projects I got to participate in at Taubman not only prepared me for the career ahead, but it also made me realize how I want to shape my career from here.”

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT TAUBMAN COLLEGE / U-M NETWORK

The Taubman College Career and Professional Development team provides a strong complement to students' academic preparation, supporting students and alumni with ongoing skill development, search strategy, and career management. Dedicated professional career staff members work within Taubman College to provide assistance and resources specific to architecture and urban planning.

The Taubman College Career Network is a one-stop platform where students (and alumni) can connect directly with alumni who have "opted in" to serve as a career resource, find job and internship postings, schedule career and academic advising appointments, register for career events, and gain access to a wide variety of additional career resources.

Each year, the Taubman College Career Fairs facilitate connections with alumni and employers from across the country who are interested in recruiting Taubman College student talent. For the first time in Fall of 2020, the new Fall Career Fair launched giving students and employers an additional time to connect. Both the Fall Career Fair and Winter Career Fair were held virtually in 2020 and 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. With new virtual options, our fair has become more accessible to a wider variety of employers.

Taubman College's Spring Break Externship program was on hiatus in Spring 2021 due to the pandemic, but we look forward to its return. The externship program allows students to gain experience in a work environment, developing marketable real-world skills and helping them build important networking connections while being hosted by firms and organizations across the country.

Along with this major programming, the Taubman College Career and Professional Development team connects students with alumni through periodic Alumni Career Chats, Portfolio Reviews, and a new Summer Career Series.

The Career and Professional Development team serves both students and alumni at all stages of their career. This is never more important than in years when the job market has dropped — or when a pandemic catches the world off guard.



Spring Break Externships



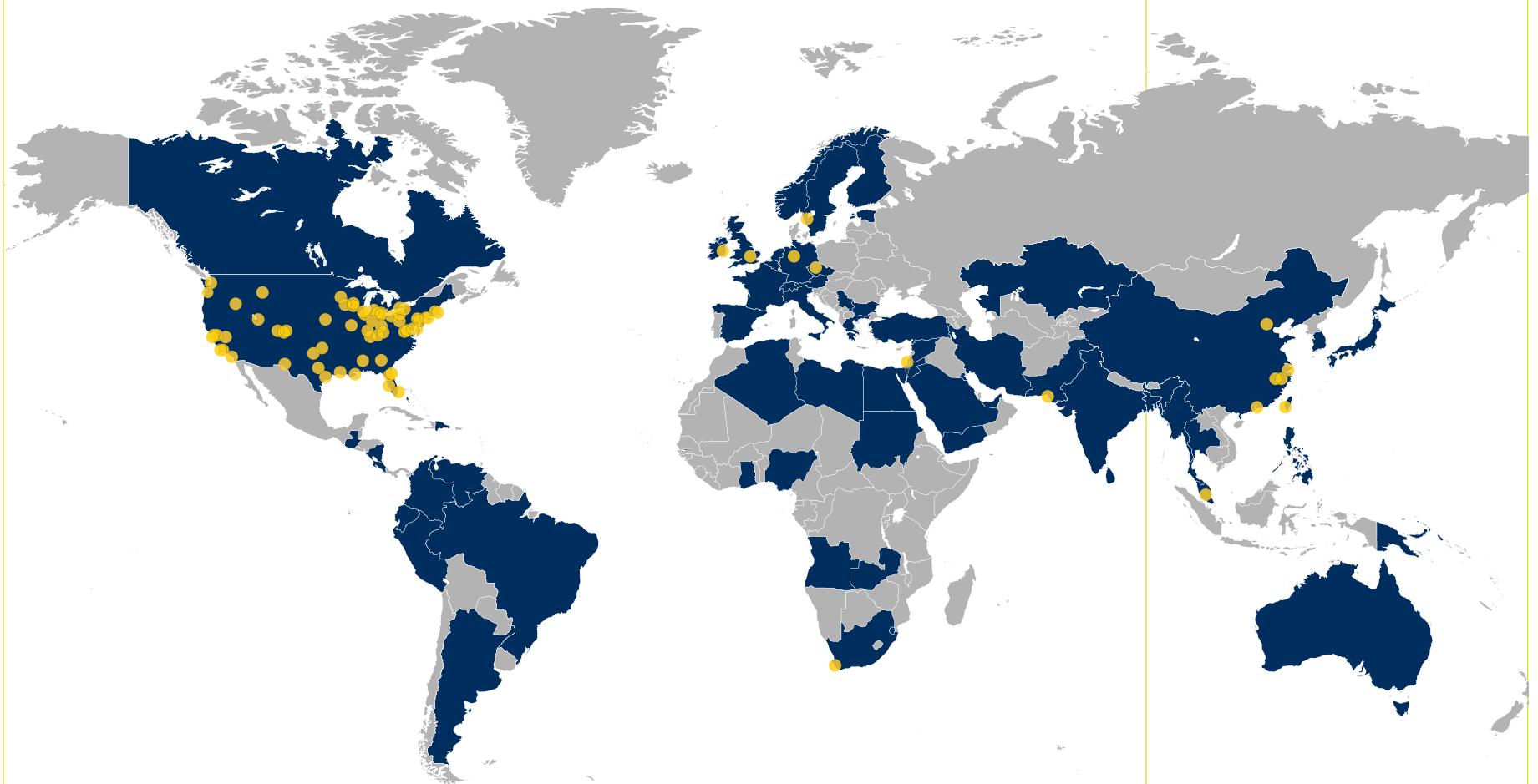
Speed Networking

TAUBMAN COLLEGE ALUMNI LOCATIONS

/ INCLUDES ALL DEGREE PROGRAMS

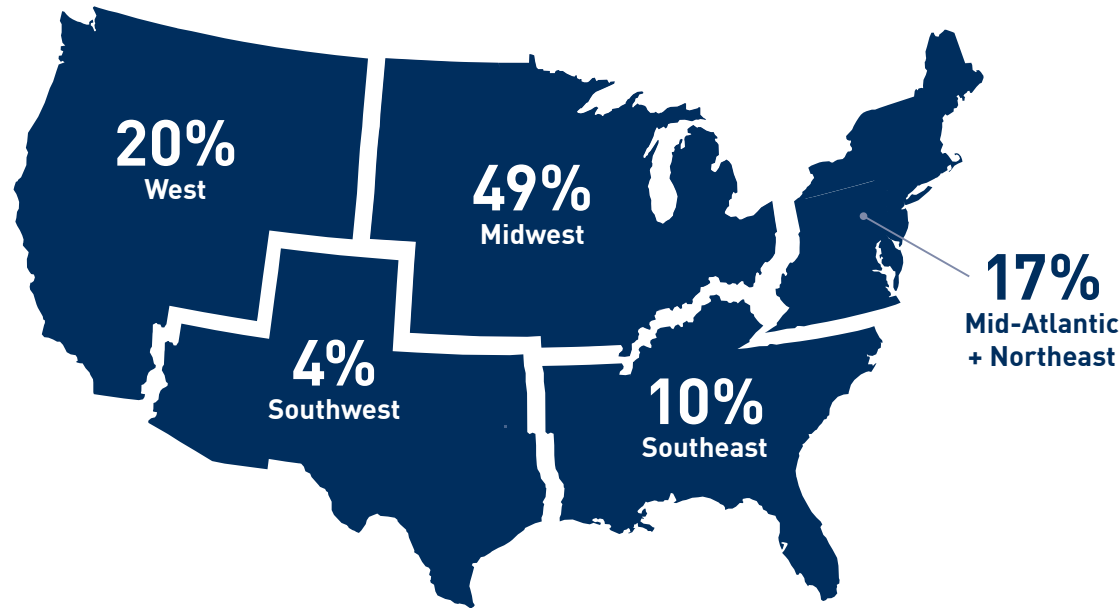
Taubman College alumni are located around the world. Our 2020 graduates took positions across the United States and also headed to 13 other countries (China, Germany, Canada, Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom).

- 2020 Graduates
- All Taubman College Alumni



TAUBMAN COLLEGE ALUMNI LOCATIONS

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“My experience at Taubman College as an undergraduate and graduate student was one that truly elevated me in my educational and professional development which was made possible by the constant dedication and drive of the highly skilled and amazing faculty and staff who genuinely cared for their students.”

75 COUNTRIES

Overall alumni locations

TOP 10 (NON-U.S.) COUNTRIES

China, Republic of Korea, India, Canada, Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore

TOP 10 U.S. METRO AREAS

Detroit, New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Boston, Seattle, Denver, Atlanta

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / 2020 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
A Complete Unknown	Washington, DC	Entry Level Architectural Designer
Albert Architecture and Design	Amherst, NY	Intern Architect
American Architectural Millwork	Venice, FL	Entry Level Architect
Arroyo Seco Construction	Santa Barbara, CA	Drafting Designer
Ballinger Architecture and Engineering	Philadelphia, PA	Architectural Designer II
Bayliss Architects, PC	Bozeman, MT	Architectural Designer
BHDP Architecture	Cincinnati, OH	Intern Architect
BIF New York, Inc.	Carlstadt, NJ	Project Specialist
BLOX	Bessemer, AL	Intern Architect
BRW Architects	Houston, TX	Project Coordinator
by bonecat, LLC	Oakhurst, CA	Architect
CannonDesign	Chicago, IL	Junior Architect
CannonDesign	St. Louis, MO	Architect 1A
Centre for Liveable Cities	Singapore	Manager
CL48 Properties, LLC	Dexter, MI	Site Designer
Communities First, Inc.	Detroit, MI	Project Coordinator
DMAC Architecture	Evanston, IL	Associate
ECADI	Shanghai, China	Design Assistant
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Engineering Ministries International	Cape Town, South Africa	Architecture Intern
EPAM Continuum	Boston, MA	Space Designer
EYP	Washington, DC	Designer I, Architecture
Field Guide Architecture and Design	Oak Park, IL	Architectural Designer
Fluor	Irving, TX	Construction Aid
FSY Architects	Los Angeles, CA	Project Manager
GAD	Hangzhou, China	Assistant Architect
GANAS MFG	Detroit, MI	Technical Designer
Gensler	Seattle, WA	Junior Technical Designer
Gensler	Newport Beach, CA	Technical Designer

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91%*

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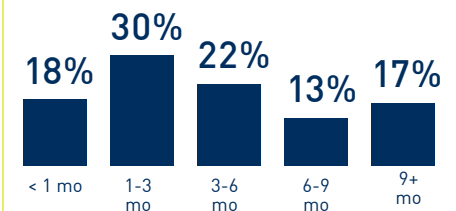
4%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION*



At one-year survey, 72% response rate, 79% knowledge rate.

*The employment rate and time to find position were both impacted by the hiring climate of the pandemic. The average employment rate was 95% over the previous 3 years.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / 2020 GRADS (CONT.)

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Grimshaw Architects, PC	New York, NY	Architectural Designer
Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture	Chicago, IL	Project Associate
Hileman Construction Company	Ann Arbor, MI	Senior Project Manager
Hush	Brooklyn, NY	Intern
HYL Architecture	Washington, DC	Architect II
I-Kanda Architects	Charlestown, MA	Architectural Designer
Jacobs	Boston, MA	Architectural Designer
Keefer Dunn Architect	Chicago, IL	Freelance Architectural Designer
Kengo Kuma & Associates	Tokyo, Japan	Architect
Kwame Building Group	St. Louis, MO	Project Engineer
Mason & Hanger	Lexington, KY	Design Associate
MASS Design Group	Boston, MA	Designer
Matiz Architecture and Design	New York, NY	Designer
McInturff Architects	Bethesda, MD	Architectural Designer
Meadowlark Design Build	Ann Arbor, MI	Designer I
MIT	Cambridge, MA	Research Assistant
Motawi Tileworks	Ann Arbor, MI	CNC Programmer / 3D Modeler
NBBJ	Seattle, WA	Designer
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NBBJ & Cottage Technologies, Inc.	Washington, DC	Designer
NEST design build	Seattle, WA	Architectural Designer
Niles Bolton Associates	Alexandria, VA	Architectural Designer
Olson Kundig	Seattle, WA	Architectural Staff
Olson Kundig	Seattle, WA	Architecture Intern
Olson Kundig	Seattle, WA	Junior Architectural Staff
Pappageorge Haymes Partners	Chicago, IL	Architectural Associate II
Placework	Portsmouth, NH	Architectural Designer
ROSSETTI	Detroit, MI	Designer
RVTR	Ann Arbor, MI	Research Assistant

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“I’m very glad for my time at Taubman, but even more grateful for my time at Michigan. Getting to mix design with the discipline of education has set me up for a future I’m crafting and excited to pursue.”

“Taubman College taught me to be a good listener and thinker; to use what I learned and apply it to more than just design thinking and methodology ... to apply it to my daily life and practice to try and make the world a better place, and make me a more elevated version of myself.”

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / 2020 GRADS (CONT.)

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning & Design Institute	Shanghai, China	Associate Urban Designer
Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects	Chicago, IL	Designer II
Sopher Sparn Architects	Boulder, CO	Architectural Designer
SPAN-Baukunst, LLC	Ann Arbor, MI	Architectural Designer
Stayner Architects	Los Angeles, CA	Designer
stock-a-studio, Spinagu	Ann Arbor, MI/Los Angeles, CA	Studio Manager, Project Manager
Strollo Architects	Youngstown, OH	Graduate Intern
Studio M Architecture and Planning	Carmel, IN	Graduate Architect
Studio MM Architect, PLLC	Manhattan, NY	Architectural Associate
Taubman College, University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	New Media Specialist
The Lunz Group	Lakeland, FL	Designer
Tianhua	Shenzhen, China	Assistant Architect
Tongji Architectural Design, Ltd	Shanghai, China	Assistant Architect
Two Row Architect	Ohsweken, Ontario	Intern Architect
University of Kassel	Kassel, Germany	Research Associate
VolumeOne	Detroit, MI	Intern Architect
Woda Cooper Company	Columbus, OH	Intern Architect
Wold Architects and Engineers	St. Paul, MN	Architectural Intern
ZGF Architects	Washington, DC	Architect Designer II
ZGF Architects	Seattle, WA	Architectural Designer
Freelance/Self-Employed	Karachi, Pakistan	Architect/Interior Architect

10/10

Top architecture firms have Taubman College graduates in leadership positions.

Gensler
Perkins + Will
Jacobs
HDR
AECOM
HOK
HKS
Stantec
IBI Group
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

“Taubman College prepared me immensely well for the start of my career. In the midst of a pandemic it was easy to fret about the job market but I knew when things rebounded having the knowledge that Taubman provided me with I would be prepared.”

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE DIGITAL MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY / 2020 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Front, Inc.	London, United Kingdom	Facade Consultant
Ignition Arts, LLC	Indianapolis, IN	Digital Design Fabricator
National Cheng Kung University, Dept. of Architecture	Tainan, Taiwan	(Robotic Lab) Manager and Lead Developer
Strollo Architects	Youngstown, OH	Graduate Intern
Taubman College, University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	PhD Student (Architecture)
Taubman College, University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	Research Assistant
University of Kassel	Kassel, Germany	Research Associate
Washtenaw County Public Defender	Ann Arbor, MI	Assistant Public Defender

“The Externship is an amazing program. My undergraduate school had nothing like that, and I’m so glad that Taubman does and that I participated in it.”

80%*

EMPLOYED

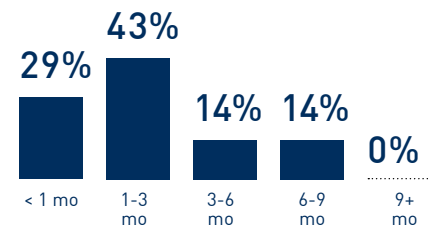
10%

SEEKING POSITIONS

83%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION



At one-year survey, 75% response rate, 83% knowledge rate.

*The employment rate was impacted by the hiring climate of the pandemic. The average employment rate was 95% over the previous 3 years. 10% chose to go on for continued education.

MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN / DECEMBER 2019 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
AECOM	Shenzhen, China	Assistant Urban Designer
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H & S International	China	Training Architect
Obermeyer Company	Beijing, China	Urban Assistant
Sasaki Associates, Inc.	Watertown, MA	Urban Designer
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Shanghai Municipal Engineering Design Institute, Ltd	Shanghai, China	Designer
United Community Housing Coalition	Detroit, MI	Home Repair Coordinator
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	Lincoln, NE	Assistant Professor
WRT	San Francisco, CA	Landscape Designer
WRT	Philadelphia, PA	Urban Designer + Planner

“Taubman College provided me with the structure to pursue my individual interests with rigor. Top-notch faculty with plenty of opportunities to expand yourself. From research assistantships to studio travel, my experience has been a pivotal shift not only in my career but in the way I operate in this world as a designer.”

100%

EMPLOYED

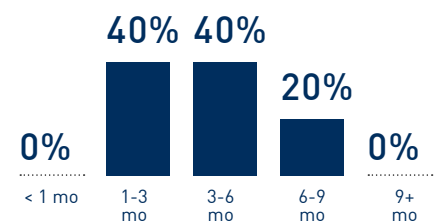
100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

100%

DEGREE MADE THEM COMPETITIVE IN THE WORKFORCE

TIME TO FIND POSITION



At one-year survey, 53% response rate, 65% knowledge rate.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE / 2020 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Bosch Architecture	Kalamazoo, MI	Architectural Associate
Champion Home Builders	Troy, MI	Associate Architect
City Year New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	AmeriCorps Service Member
CityYear AmeriCorps	New Orleans, LA	CityYear AmeriCorps Service Leader
Detroit Public Schools Community District	Detroit, MI	Elementary Teacher
Five-Eighths	Ferndale, MI	Architectural Designer
GANAS MFG	Detroit, MI	Design Managing Engineer
Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity	Jackson, MI	Architectural Designer/ Drafter
Habitat for Humanity Chicago	Chicago, IL	Americorps Construction Crew Leader
Hooker DeJong Inc.	Grand Rapids, MI	Graduate Architect
Lansing Community College	Lansing, MI	Print Lab Technician
Multi Drywall & Partition, LLC	Novi, MI	Estimator
Myefski Architects	Chicago, IL	Architectural Fellow
Orvosh Builders	Midland, MI	Project Manager/Designer
PLY+	Ann Arbor, MI	Design Professional I
Quantum Grounds	Southfield, MI	Architectural Intern
Salesforce	San Francisco, CA	Operational & Creative Strategist, Social & Content Marketing
Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering	Kalamazoo, MI	Architectural Associate
TR3D, LLC	Oakland Township, MI	Architectural Visualization Specialist
True Design Services	Royal Oak, MI	Architectural BIM Manager
U-M Arts & Culture	Ann Arbor, MI	Marketing and Media Assistant
U.S. Air Force	Columbus, MS	Student Pilot
Vividdesignstudio	Birmingham, MI	Architectural Designer
VolumeOne	Detroit, MI	Architecture Intern
Wilson Design Associate	Troy, MI	Junior Design Associate
Wow Design, Ltd	Hong Kong	Architectural Assistant

65%*

EMPLOYED

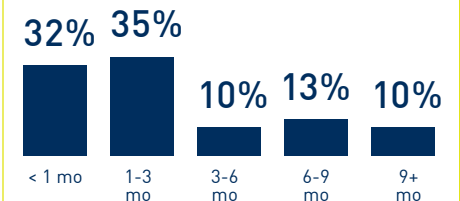
26%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

72%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION*



At one-year survey, 78% response rate, 84% knowledge rate.

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MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING / 2020 GRADS

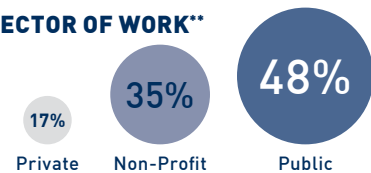
89%*

EMPLOYED

4%

CONTINUING EDUCATION

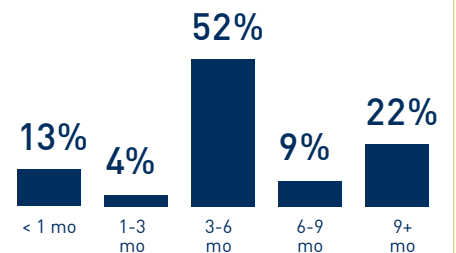
SECTOR OF WORK**



100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

TIME TO FIND POSITION*



At one-year survey, 83% response rate, 93% knowledge rate.

*The employment rate and time to find position were both impacted by the hiring climate of the pandemic. The average employment rate was 94% over the previous 3 years.

**Private positions were clearly impacted during the pandemic. While the balance shifts each year, over the past 3 years the average has been: 46% Private, 37% Public, 17% Nonprofit.

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Adams County Government	Brighton, CO	Planner I
AHC, Inc.	Arlington, VA	Development Manager
Center for Court Innovation	Brooklyn, NY	Program Coordinator
City of Austin	Austin, TX	Community Engagement Specialist
City of Cleveland	Cleveland, OH	Demolition Compliance Officer
City of Evanston	Evanston, IL	Housing Analyst
City of Huntington	Huntington, WV	Planner
City of Toledo Ohio	Toledo, OH	Commissioner of Transportation
Fluor	Irving, TX	Construction Aid
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery	New York, NY	Assistant Director of Research and Data Integrity
HNTB	Detroit, MI	Urban Design Transportation Planner I
Homestead Community Land Trust	Seattle, WA	Real Estate Development Project Manager
McKenna	Northville, MI	Assistant Planner
Michigan Association of Planning	Ann Arbor, MI	Research Assistant
National Low Income Housing Coalition	Washington, DC	Research Analyst
National Low Income Housing Coalition	Chicago, IL	Senior Research Analyst
National Wildlife Federation	Washington, DC	Sr. Environmental Justice Program Manager
Southern California Association of Governments	Los Angeles, CA	Junior Planner
Town of Gypsum	Gypsum, CO	Planner II
University of Michigan + Center for Regional Food Systems	Ann Arbor, MI	Assistant Evaluator
Volpe Center (USDOT)	Cambridge, MA	Policy Analyst
Washtenaw County Public Defender	Ann Arbor, MI	Assistant Public Defender
West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing	New York, NY	Communications & Data Manager
WSP, USA	Detroit, MI	Assistant Transportation Planner

PH.D. IN ARCHITECTURE / 2020 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Charles University	Prague, Czech Republic	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
HKS	Detroit, MI	Data Scientist
Silman Associates	Washington, DC	Senior Computational Designer

100%

EMPLOYED

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

At one-year survey, 100% response rate.

PH.D. IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING / 2020 GRADS

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	POSITION
Chalmers University of Technology	Gothenburg, Sweden	Postdoctoral Researcher
Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti, MI	Assistant Professor
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology	Haifa, Israel	Postdoc Fellow

100%

EMPLOYED

100%

POSITION RELATED TO DEGREE

At one-year survey, 100% response rate.

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