

FIRST FOLLOW-UP SURVEY SUMMARY 2016

Selected findings

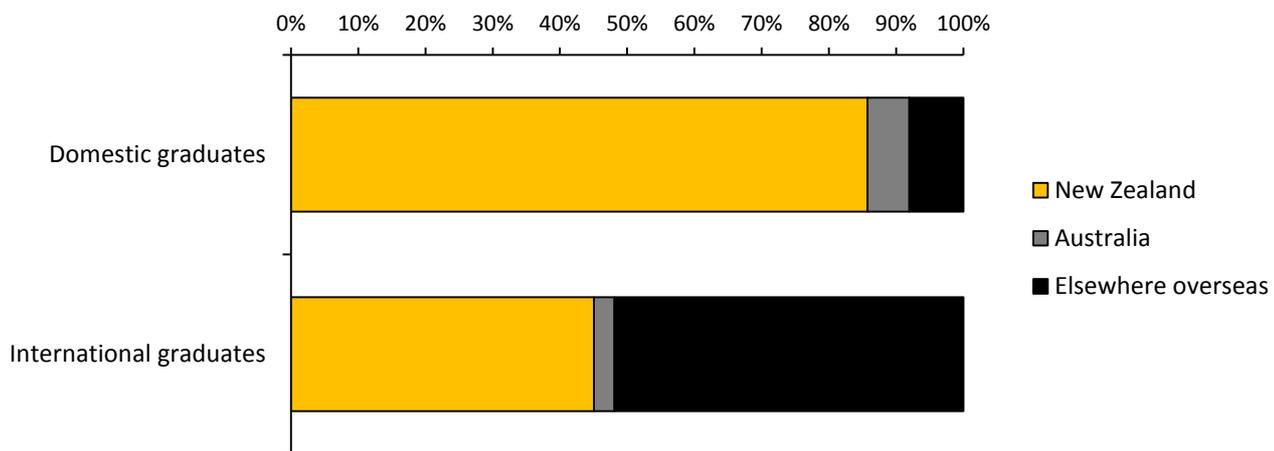
Responses

The 2014 First Follow-up Survey took place approximately 2.5 years after the 2011 Baseline Survey. From the Baseline Cohort of nearly 9,000 study members, 70% participated in the First Follow-up Survey.

General and background information

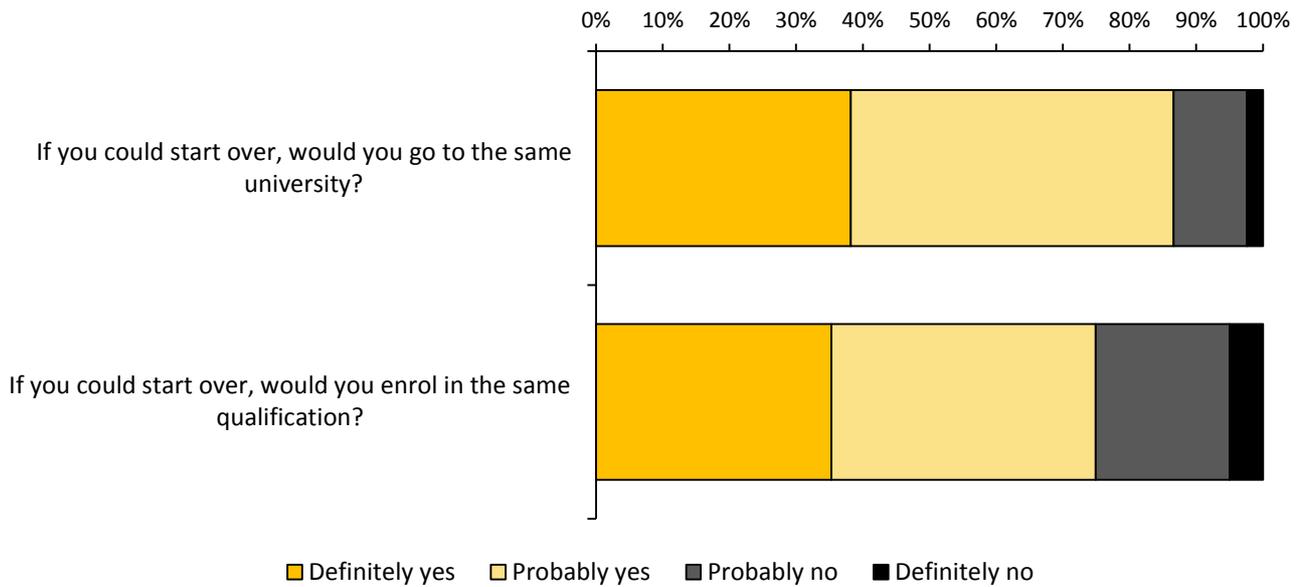
- 31% were single.
- 66% were in a relationship.
- 27% were parents.
- 49% of domestic graduates had travelled out of NZ for study, work, or holidays.
- 48% of international graduates returned to live in their country of origin, 43% remained in NZ, 9% currently live in another country.

Current location



Education

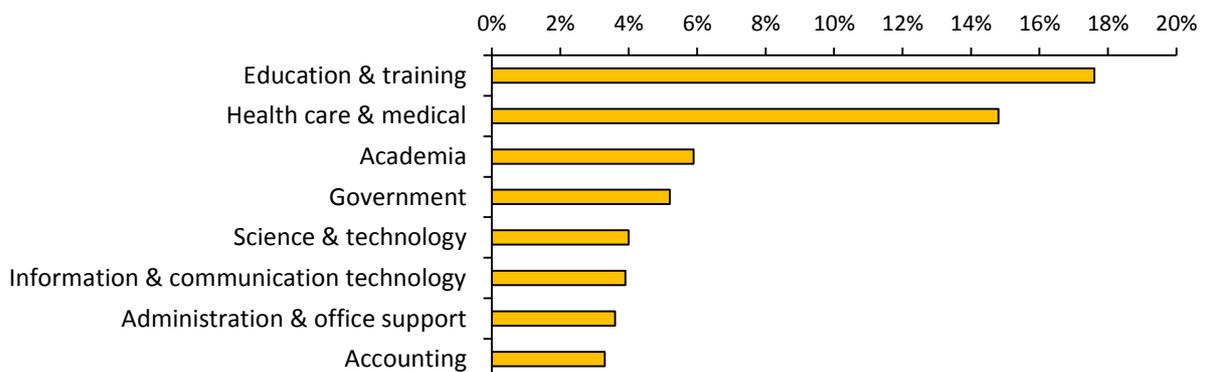
- 95% completed the qualification they were studying towards in 2011.
- 17% have a higher qualification.
- 24% are currently enrolled in tertiary study.



Employment

- 90% have had paid work since 2011. Most have been employed for at least 2 years since 2011, with an average of 2 employers during that time.
- 34% have experienced some unemployment since 2011; the average length of unemployment was 6 months
- 81% are currently employed. Only 2.7% were actively seeking paid work and were also not enrolled in study. The remainder were either enrolled in tertiary study, travelling or living overseas, and/ or parenting or caregiving.
- Graduates are paid to work, on average, 35 hours per week although 43% work more hours than they are paid (average of 39 hours per week).
- 64% said their work was related to their field of study quite a bit or very much.
- 64% said they were satisfied or very satisfied with their current work, and 72% said they would probably or definitely continue this work for the next 3 years.
- Graduates said that their jobs were moderately demanding (e.g., in terms of having too high a workload to do everything well, being unclear about what one has to do, working under the pressure of time, etc.) but 11% said that their jobs were very demanding.

Most common fields of employment



Financial circumstances

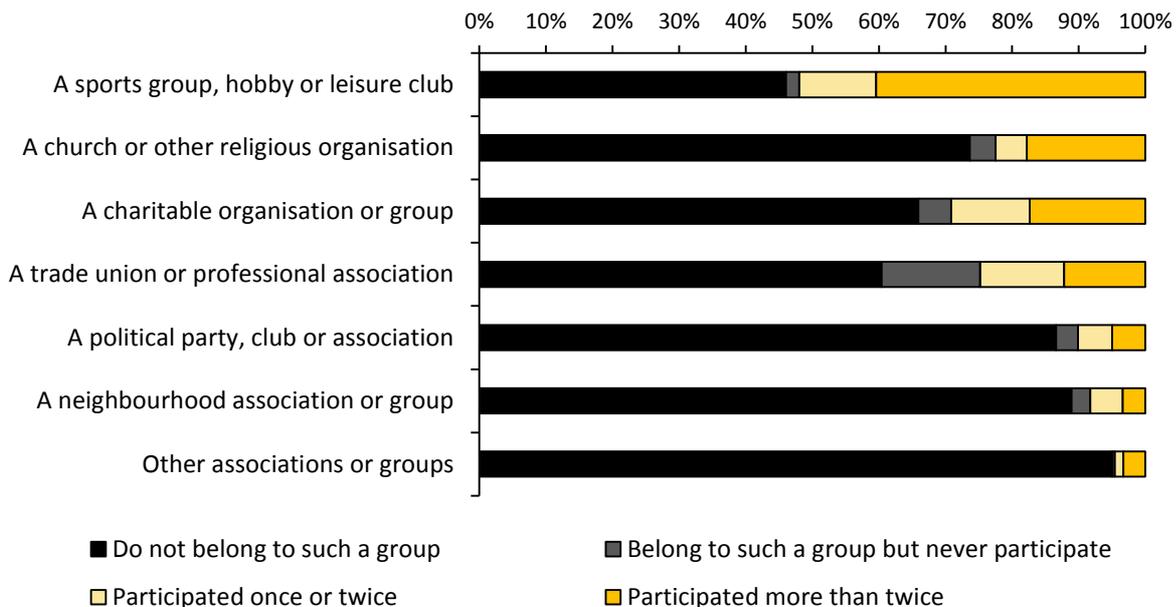
| Median... | NZ\$ |
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| Annual income | \$40,000 – \$50,000 |
| Student loan debt | \$10,000 – \$15,000 |
| Mortgage/property debt | \$0 |
| Other debt | \$1 – \$5,000 |
| Assets | \$25,000 – \$30,000 |

Health, behaviour, and life circumstances

- 89% said their health was good or better.
- 7% had smoked regularly over the last year.
- Less than 10% did not drink alcohol, 44% drank at least once per week, and 8% drank alcohol at least four times per week.
- Graduates expressed high levels of satisfaction with their life so far, and expected to be even more satisfied with their lives in 10 years' time.

Community engagement

Participation in community groups



Where to from here?

Over time, the GLSNZ should help inform stakeholders seeking to optimise multiple aspects of the tertiary contribution to the national good in terms of the transition into employment and career trajectories, and becoming a civic-minded citizen. This should have significant private and public benefits for those attending, running, and funding New Zealand's eight Universities, as well as for New Zealand more generally.