

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

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Question

Graduate employment rate

Mr Taylor: In the latest graduate destination survey the results were, from memory, about 71 per cent in full-time employment. Post the GFC it is has been around 76 per cent, so there has been a bit of a drop in the last survey. Senator KIM CARR: Is it identifiable in particular courses? Mr Taylor: I will have to take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: If that can be provided as well, I would appreciate it. I take it your surveys will give us a breakdown? Mr Taylor: Yes, they do go by field of education.

Answer

The attached table includes data from the Australian Graduate Survey (AGS) showing the proportion of bachelor degree graduates in full-time work, disaggregated by field of education studied. It relates to Australian citizens and permanent residents available for full-time employment, approximately four months after their graduation. Data is drawn from publications produced by Graduate Careers Australia, which administers the AGS.

Bachelor degree graduates working full-time, as a proportion of those available for full-time employment, by field of education, 2003-2013 (%)

Field of Education	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Agriculture	73.5	75.3	80.3	75.9	78.5	82.2	77.0	69.3	70.0	72.6	70.6
Architecture	85.4	90.9	86.7	89.6	94.3	92.2	75.3	75.8	68.5	63.9	60.0
Building	83.4	89.3	91.0	92.9	91.2	91.6	83.2	84.3	81.8	83.1	77.8
Urban & Regional Planning	93.2	92.3	91.0	90.4	93.6	93.3	88.7	81.8	84.1	74.8	67.9
Humanities	67.3	67.0	70.7	72.3	75.1	75.3	67.3	66.0	64.5	65.3	59.0
Languages	73.1	71.7	74.9	72.3	75.9	77.0	75.3	66.8	65.3	65.5	62.2
Visual/Performing Arts	54.2	56.0	60.3	62.2	66.3	66.9	51.6	53.3	52.5	53.9	48.3
Social Sciences	69.3	68.5	67.2	70.3	73.9	77.2	65.0	63.2	63.7	61.9	55.7
Psychology	67.3	70.3	70.5	72.1	78.9	77.3	71.3	65.7	63.7	63.1	56.1
Social Work	79.5	77.9	80.2	81.1	88.2	86.4	81.6	77.7	77.3	75.3	69.9
Business Studies	76.9	80.1	81.1	82.9	85.1	84.8	76.8	75.1	76.2	74.5	71.8
Accounting	87.5	87.1	86.9	85.9	86.4	88.6	85.1	79.1	78.3	79.9	77.4
Economics	81.8	85.1	86.1	87.1	87.5	87.4	77.4	72.9	77.0	76.8	76.3
Education - Initial	82.7	79.6	77.9	79.1	80.2	82.9	78.1	74.8	74.3	74.9	70.8
Education - Post/Other	75.9	91.1	84.3	88.2	89.3	77.5	90.5	83.3	53.8	58.8	71.4
Aeronautical Engineering	83.9	76.3	89.1	88.4	92.1	89.5	78.4	73.9	74.7	81.4	69.9
Chemical Engineering	87.6	84.2	83.1	83.2	86.2	90.6	82.8	67.7	71.7	77.5	73.6
Civil Engineering	94.3	96.5	95.7	95.4	97.8	97.3	94.4	92.5	89.1	90.5	85.4
Electrical Engineering	82.1	80.7	87.3	92.0	89.9	91.9	84.5	76.9	85.9	88.0	86.0
Electronic/Computer Engineering	73.5	77.7	78.3	86.4	86.9	89.1	78.3	76.9	82.2	79.5	80.9
Mechanical Engineering	87.2	85.4	89.5	89.9	91.7	93.9	86.2	80.5	87.1	88.4	82.4
Mining Engineering	94.1	96.6	98.8	100.0	98.7	100.0	92.3	90.5	97.3	93.9	96.0
Other Engineering	86.4	85.8	86.9	92.5	91.8	92.4	88.9	84.9	82.3	85.4	81.9
Field of Education	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013

Surveying	93.4	93.0	95.4	93.1	94.2	94.2	92.0	93.1	92.9	93.0	86.5
Dentistry	94.2	97.0	95.0	97.3	95.3	93.2	93.8	93.6	93.9	83.6	83.3
Health, Other	79.7	79.3	81.9	83.0	85.0	87.4	79.6	74.4	77.0	73.3	69.7
Nursing, Initial	97.5	95.9	96.2	96.7	97.4	96.7	96.3	92.9	92.0	92.2	83.1
Nursing, Post-initial	97.1	95.9	94.0	97.3	98.0	96.1	97.4	89.9	84.9	86.1	71.4
Pharmacy	99.5	99.1	98.7	99.4	99.4	97.9	97.6	97.7	97.3	98.1	97.6
Medicine	98.0	98.3	98.3	98.2	98.2	97.6	96.9	97.3	97.9	98.1	96.9
Rehabilitation	91.6	91.0	90.0	92.0	93.9	93.8	89.9	88.8	87.5	87.0	81.5
Law	88.6	87.4	88.4	90.2	91.8	91.0	87.7	82.1	82.7	83.0	78.5
Law, Other	94.6	85.6	84.6	84.6	87.1	88.6	81.9	77.3	77.0	69.9	70.5
Computer Science	68.1	70.5	73.7	78.8	83.0	84.2	80.0	73.3	77.8	74.7	70.3
Life Sciences	68.6	69.0	71.3	74.2	72.7	74.6	64.0	61.0	61.5	60.5	52.4
Mathematics	67.7	64.4	72.6	85.7	80.8	85.5	73.3	66.8	71.9	66.0	67.2
Chemistry	75.7	78.7	84.7	83.7	83.0	79.6	77.7	68.8	61.7	63.2	66.0
Physical Sciences	66.7	69.0	78.9	73.3	78.1	77.1	76.1	76.9	70.2	74.6	60.6
Geology	80.1	79.3	87.4	87.7	86.0	90.4	77.3	72.9	84.0	83.7	69.5
Veterinary Science	92.5	98.0	94.0	94.7	94.0	91.8	92.1	90.7	88.4	80.8	78.8
All Graduates %	80.1	79.7	80.9	82.4	84.5	85.2	79.2	76.2	76.3	76.1	71.3
All Graduates n	34,999	34,360	35,858	36,470	36,805	36,481	33,164	32,084	33,725	32,339	30,917

Sources: Graduate Destinations 2012, GradStats 2013.