

# **Destination of Leavers from Higher Education: Longitudinal Survey**

2004/05 leaving cohort

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- Two stage survey:
  - Census survey 6 months after completion of studies
  - Sample follow-up after a further 3 years (biennial)
- For the 2004/05 cohort
  - Original population 430,000 of whom 319,000 responded to 6 month survey
  - Sample of approx. 70,000 are to be contacted again
  - ALL PhD and research masters qualifiers who responded at 6 months are included in sample (about 7,400)

# Practicalities

- IFF Research are undertaking the survey work
- IFF will be contacting institutions with lists of graduates to be surveyed
- Institutions are to supply contact details for these graduates to IFF
- All contact with the graduates will be made by IFF, using online, postal and telephone

## The survey.....

- ... captures information about what the graduate is doing on a fixed date
- ... also captures a 'career history' since completion of studies
- ... will include a small number of questions intended only for research graduates

# Timetable

- IFF will contact institutions in early September
- Field work will begin on the reference date of 24 November and close in March
- Data will be available for analysis in May
- HESA will publish a summary report later in the summer

## Some highlights from previous survey (2002/03 qualifiers)

- The survey achieved a 42.4% response rate for the research PhD and research masters graduates – slightly higher than the overall 40%.
- This provided about 700 PhD and research masters responses

# Summary findings

## Main activity of research PhD and research masters respondents 3.5 years after graduation

Main Activity	Percentage	(Overall
A - Full time paid work	70.8	74
B - Part time paid work	8.4	6
C - Voluntary/unpaid work only	0.7	0
D - Work and further study	7.4	9
E - Further study	4.9	5
F - Assumed to be unemployed	1.7	2
G - Not available for employment	5.5	3
O - Other	0.6	0
Weighted total	540	24120
Unweighted total	700	24180)

Base: Research PhD and Research masters qualifiers

Percentages based on 52 or less graduates (unweighted base) have been suppressed.

**Industry sector of research PhD and research masters graduates in employment**

SIC 1992	<i>Percentage</i>
Agriculture and Forestry	0.9
Manufacturing	10.9
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	0.3
Construction	2.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household Goods	1.9
Hotels and Restaurants	0.1
Transport, Storage and Communication	0.2
Financial Activities	1.4
Property Development, Renting, Business and Research Activities	21.0
Public Administration and Defence; Social Security	4.3
Education	39.7
Health and Social Work	10.9
Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities	2.9
Not known/Not applicable	3.3
Weighted total	471
Unweighted total	630

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**Salary band of research PhD and research masters graduates in full time employment**

Salary Band	Percentage
Under £10,000	2.1
£10,000 to £14,999	1.9
£15,000 to £19,999	2.7
£20,000 to £24,999	15.1
£25,000 to £29,999	29.7
£30,000 to £49,999	44.3
Over £50,000	4.3
Weighted base	297
Unweighted base	420

Base: Research PhD and Research masters qualifiers in full time paid employment in the UK with known salary

**Overall satisfaction with career to date research PhD and research masters respondents**

Overall satisfaction	Percentage
Very satisfied	36.6
Fairly satisfied	49.3
Not very satisfied	7.6
Not at all satisfied	3.3
Not applicable	3.1
Weighted total	539
Unweighted total	699

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# More information



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