The First Destination Survey is a nationally recognized tool used to capture information about how college graduates fare in their careers within six months of graduation. This summary of salary and job placement information from the First Destination Survey for the University of Alabama’s May 2018 graduating class is compiled by the Career Center to identify ways to improve our services. For the Class of May 2018, 78% of 4,143 graduates reported on one or more of the following areas addressed in the First Destination survey:

**Top 10 Destinations**

Of graduates who listed a destination location, 41 percent reported staying in Alabama to work or continue their education.

1) Alabama
2) Georgia
3) Texas
4) Tennessee
5) Florida
6) South Carolina
7) New York
8) California
9) North Carolina
10) Washington, D.C.

**Immediate Plans**

- **Overall rate of positive outcomes**: 90%
- **Have found employment (full- or part-time)**: >63%
- **Attending graduate/professional school**: <26%
- **Military/volunteerism**: >1%
- **Still seeking**: <10%

**Positive Career Outcomes by College**

- **Arts and Sciences**: 86% (72% knowledge rate)
- **Commerce and Business Administration**: 93% (85% knowledge rate)
- **Communication and Information Sciences**: 85% (87% knowledge rate)
- **Education**: 88% (72% knowledge rate)
- **Engineering**: 94% (83% knowledge rate)
- **Human Environmental Sciences**: 91% (75% knowledge rate)
- **Nursing**: 99% (71% knowledge rate)
- **Social Work**: 76% (86% knowledge rate)

**Starting Salaries**

The average annual starting salary for reporting graduates was $49,761 with a range of $15,080-$125,000.

**Utilizing Resources**

Graduates’ most-used Career Center services include:

- Consulting Appointments
- Career Fairs
- On-Campus Interviews