

Grand Rapids Community College
Survey of 2017-2018 Alumni

During 2017-2018, 1,838 students received degrees and/or certificates from Grand Rapids Community College. Because of various initiatives to grant awards to former students (e.g., reverse transfer and Degrees When Due), many of these students have not taken classes at GRCC in some time. The purpose of the survey of alumni is to determine how well students do, either in finding employment or continuing education, within one year after attending GRCC; therefore, students who had not been on campus since 2016 were removed from the list of those receiving surveys. The number to receive surveys was 1,723.

In December 2018, we sent two email messages to 1,507 students who had graduated from GRCC, had taken classes since fall 2016, and for whom we had personal email addresses. These two email attempts yielded 325 responses to an online survey. We used U.S. mail to send paper surveys to the non-respondents as well as students we weren't able to email, and 59 of those responded by mail. The total response rate was $384/1,723 = 22.3\%$.

1. Which of the following best describes your status as of October 31, 2018? (check only one)

	N	%
Continuing education and EMPLOYED in a job NOT related to the program taken at GRCC	92	24%
Continuing education and EMPLOYED in a job related to the program taken at GRCC	59	15%
Continuing education, NOT EMPLOYED	43	11%
Employed in a job NOT related to the program taken at GRCC	38	10%
Employed in a job related to the program taken at GRCC	137	36%
In the military full-time	1	0%
Unemployed, actively seeking work	12	3%
Unemployed, not actively seeking work	2	1%

2. Did the education you received in your GRCC program help you to obtain your current job?

	N	%
No	138	42%
Yes	188	58%

3. To what extent has your GRCC program made a positive difference for you in your current job?

	N	%
A lot	140	43%
Some	101	31%
Very little	40	12%
Not at all	42	13%