

Grand Rapids Community College
Survey of 2014-2015 Alumni

During 2014-2015, 2,281 students received degrees and/or certificates from Grand Rapids Community College. In December 2015, we sent two email messages to 1,883 students who had graduated from GRCC during that time and for whom we had personal email addresses. These two email attempts yielded 261 responses to an online survey (14%). We used U.S. mail to send paper surveys to the non-respondents as well as students we weren't able to email, and 115 of those responded by mail. The total response rate was $375/2,281 = 16.4\%$.

1. Which of the following best describes your status as of October 31, 2015? (check only one)

	N	%
Continuing education and EMPLOYED in a job NOT related to the program taken at GRCC	79	21%
Continuing education and EMPLOYED in a job related to the program taken at GRCC	50	13%
Continuing education, NOT EMPLOYED	46	12%
Employed in a job NOT related to the program taken at GRCC	68	18%
Employed in a job related to the program taken at GRCC	107	29%
Unemployed, actively seeking work	17	5%
Unemployed, not actively seeking work	7	2%

2. Which classification BEST matches the organization for which you work?

	N	%
Child Care	8	3%
Construction, Maintenance and Repair	12	5%
Education, Health and Social Services	80	35%
Financial, Insurance, Real Estate	11	5%
Government, Public Administration, Public Safety, Courts	12	5%
Information Services, Communication	4	2%
Leisure and Hospitality	20	9%
Manufacturing (any kind)	26	11%
Other	4	2%
Professional (technical, scientific, managerial)	16	7%
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	13	6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	25	11%

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

	N	%
No	115	45%
Yes	143	55%

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

	N	%
A lot	97	37%
Some	85	33%
Very little	41	16%
Not at all	36	15%

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5. Since you completed your most recent GRCC degree/certificate, have you started taking classes for a NEW degree/certificate at a two-year college?

	N	%
No	270	87%
Yes	15	5%
Yes, at GRCC	24	8%

6. Since you completed your most recent GRCC degree/certificate, have you taken any classes at a four-year college or university?

	N	%
No	169	54%
Yes	142	46%