

THE ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS Graduate Tracer Survey 2017/2018 Highlights

The charts below represent an excerpt from the Graduate Tracer Survey (GTS) 2017/18. The GTS is an annual survey conducted by the Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research on first degree graduates one year after graduating from The UWI. The study analyses the feedback received on the experience of the graduate in relation to their employment outcomes and their UWI programme and attempts to observe trends on the Institution's capacity to prepare the distinctive UWI graduate. The survey was responded to by 29.4% of graduates from the undergraduate class.

For the 2017/18 period, survey findings showed that graduate employment was 68%, although this was an increase from the survey of 2016/2017, where the employment was 66%, there is a decline from 75% when compared to survey of 2015/16. An estimated 27% of the respondents reported being unemployed, with the main reason for unemployment being limited job opportunities.

Approximately 60% of the graduates surveyed reported that they were employed in the public sector. The main areas of employment activity continue to be in the fields of Financial and Insurance activities, Education or Healthcare and Social Services in 2017/2018. Most of the respondents (35.7%) were employed in the job category of Professional and/or Research Staff. An estimated fifty percent (56%) of respondents earned a monthly salary less than \$7000 and approximately 24% earned \$10,000 and above, with average time taken to find employment being approximately seven months.

