

BSU Economics Alumni Survey Report
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The Economics Department at Ball State University conducted an economics alumni survey between December 10, 2010 and January 15, 2011. We sent out survey via postal mail and email to 713 Ball State economics alumni who graduated between 1977 and 2010. We received a total of 119 responses. Here is a summary of the survey results.

1. The response rate is 17%. Of the 119 responses, 65 responses were received online and 54 were received in postal mail or by fax.
2. Of the 112 responses with undergraduate degree, 75% were economics major and 25% were economics minors. Of all 119 responses, 10% received MA in economics at BSU.
3. A total of 54% went to graduate school (from our BA/BS to graduate school or from our MA to other graduate programs).
4. 14% received an ultimate degree in MA/MS, 12% in Ph.D., 18% in MBA, and 10% in others (JD.).
5. 72% are satisfied with our program. For the question "My background in economics helped me in my career progress," 41% indicated "very much" and 31% indicated "as expected."
6. 85% are willing to answer questions from our students.
7. 51% are earning an income more than \$100,000.
8. For the current jobs, 64% are in business; 26% are in education, government, or nonprofit organizations; 10% are in law.

Tables with Detailed Information

	Count	Percent	Total
Econ Major	84	75.00%	112
Econ Minor	28	25.00%	112
Econ MA	12	10.08%	119
Graduate School	64	53.78%	119
Graduate School, MA	17	14.29%	119
Graduate School, Ph.D.	14	11.76%	119
Graduate School, MBA	21	17.65%	119
Graduate School, Others	12	10.08%	119
Willing to answer questions from students	98	85.22%	115

My background in economics helped me in my career progress:

	Count	Percent
Not at all	3	2.59%
Somewhat	30	25.86%
As Expected	36	31.03%
Very much	47	40.52%
Total	116	

Current Salary:

	Count	Percent
< \$25,000	5	5.32%
\$25,000 - \$50,000	9	9.57%
\$50,000 - \$75,000	18	19.15%
\$75,000 - \$100,000	14	14.89%
> \$100,000	48	51.06%
Total	94	

Current Jobs in:

	Count	Percent
Accounting	5	5.32%
Finance	17	18.09%
Insurance	5	5.32%
Other Business	34	35.17%
Education	17	18.09%
Government/Nonprofit	7	7.45%
Law	9	9.57%
Total	94	