

# Trends

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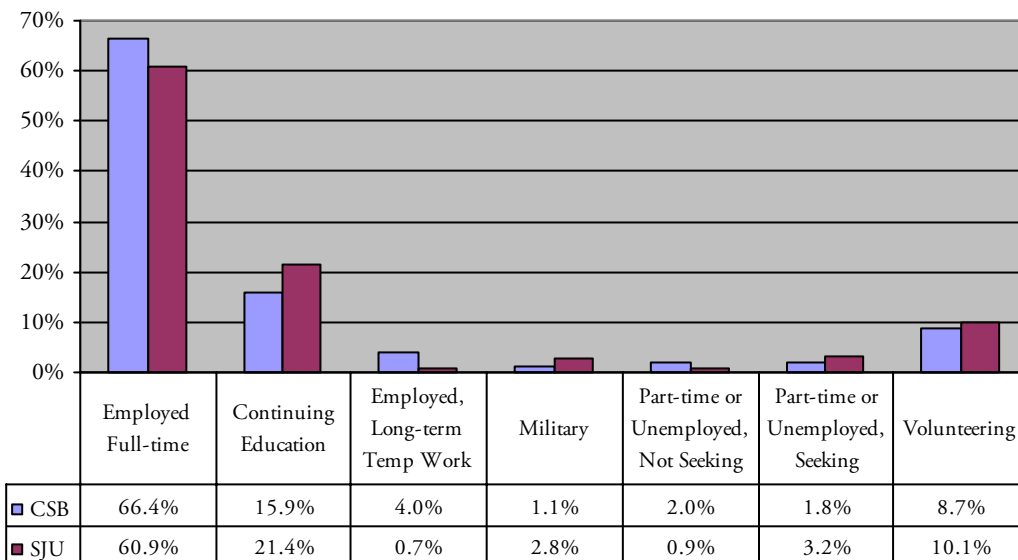
## Post-Graduation Status of 2004 CSB/SJU Graduates

Each year, the Career Services Offices at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University survey recently graduated students about their post-college experiences. The offices attempt to make contact with every student within one year of graduation to track rates of job placement and continuing education. In 2005, the survey of 2004 graduates revealed that 97.5% of graduates were satisfactorily placed in occupations, graduate schools, volunteer positions, or other situations. Only 2.5% of graduates were still seeking employment.

The overwhelming majority of Saint Benedict and Saint John's students enter the labor force immediately after graduation. This is consistent with their expectations and values as new students four years earlier. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' Job Outlook 2004 Spring Update, the market for this year's graduates was more optimistic than it was for the class of 2003. Surveyed employers said they planned to hire 11.2% more new college graduates this year - the first planned hiring increase since 2001.

Nearly 98% of the CSB/SJU Class of 2004 was satisfactorily situated within one year of graduation.

**Post-Graduation Status of 2004 Graduates within 1 year of graduation**



## Employed Alumnae/i

- Nearly 80% of CSB/SJU graduates enter the workforce. Nearly two-thirds (64%) of alumnae/i were employed full-time within one year of graduation. Target Corporation employed 3% of the 2004 class, a higher number than any other company. Other top employers of CSB/SJU graduates included Americorps, Wells Fargo, Mayo Clinic, American Express, and Enterprise Rent-a-Car. The median salary for recent CSB/SJU graduates working full-time is between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year.
- Women and men often choose different occupational fields, often reflecting different choices of academic majors. One quarter (24%) of women indicated that they worked in the healthcare field. Almost one-third of men worked in business, management, and finance, primarily in the private sector. Large numbers of men and women also worked in education, training, and library settings. The top occupational fields of CSB and SJU graduates have changed little in the last five years.

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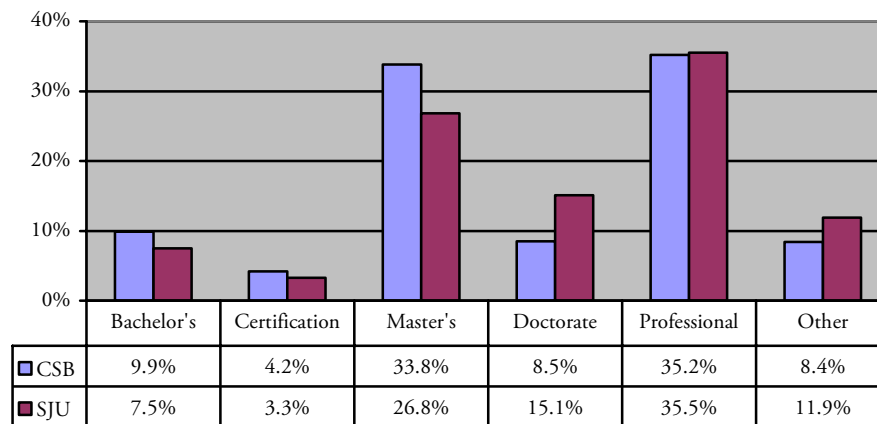
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- Women are more likely than men to be employed in long-term temporary positions. About half of the graduates employed in long-term temporary work are substitute teachers.
- Men are more likely than women to join the military, although the gap has lessened in recent years. About 2% of 2004 CSB/SJU graduates were engaged in military service directly after graduation, nearly all in the U.S. Army. While the percentage of SJU graduates serving in the military has remained stable over the past decade, the number of CSB graduates in the serving in the military has risen slightly.
- Most graduates stay in Minnesota. Fully seven of ten 2004 graduates work within Minnesota. Nineteen percent of graduates work in other states and 10% work in international locations. Recent CSB/SJU graduates work outside of the United States at higher than average rates; in 2003, only 3.6% of graduates from Minnesota’s private colleges moved abroad.

## Continuing Education

- Nineteen percent of all 2004 graduates chose to attend graduate school directly after graduation, the highest percentage in the last decade. As in previous years, more men than women chose to continue their educations (21% vs. 16%). The percentage of CSB/SJU graduates attending graduate school is slightly lower than the average for Minnesota’s private colleges, where nearly one-quarter of 2003 graduates pursued additional education directly after graduation.
- Students indicating majors in the Natural Science Division were most likely to go to graduate school immediately after graduation from CSB/SJU. This is reflected in the fields of graduate studies pursued: SJU alumni are most frequently studying medicine, law, and dentistry; CSB alumnae are most frequently studying law, education, nursing, pharmacy, and medicine.
- Most students are working toward a Professional or Master’s Degree. Fully one-third (35%) of all recent graduates continuing their educations are working toward a Professional Degree (JD, MBA, MD, DDS, DVM, PharmD, etc.). Thirty percent are pursuing a Master’s Degree and 12% are pursuing a Doctorate. Nearly one-quarter of alumnae/i continuing their educations are attending the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.

**Recent Graduates Continuing their Educations  
What degrees are they pursuing?**



## Volunteering

- Nearly one in ten 2004 CSB/SJU graduates chose to volunteer after graduation. Among majors in the Humanities division, 18% chose to volunteer after graduation. The rate of volunteerism among 2004 CSB/SJU graduates is higher than the average for Minnesota private colleges.
- CSB/SJU seniors indicate a commitment to community service. On the 2004 Senior Survey, 57% of the class indicated that they spent time each week during college doing volunteer work. Fully six in ten indicated that their time at CSB/SJU had contributed “quite a bit” or “very much” to their social and political awareness.