

# In-Depth: Economics Graduates

RESEARCH INFO-BYTE

## 2017, 2018 & 2020

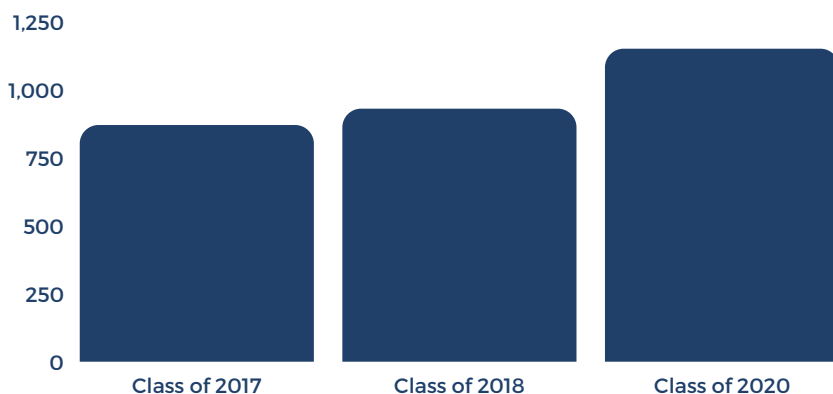


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# Why focus on economics graduates?



In the Class of 2017, there were **865 graduates** from economics-related courses. By 2020, this had increased by almost one-third to **1,145 graduates**.

Economics examines how scarce resources should be distributed among its population. Measures such as Gross Domestic Product and Gini-Coefficients are used to measure overall economic activity and fairness within society. National budgets, international trade, inequality, and financial markets are just some issues explored by Economists.

This Info-Byte looks at what happens to Economics graduates in their early careers, where they expect to work, what they can expect to do in their roles and how much they can expect to earn.



# Context

## What graduates are included?

Graduates included were those whose course was predominantly Economics focused.

This results in a total of **2,935 graduates**.



# 18%

### International graduates

Avg. across all courses is 14%

# 63%

### Identify as male

# 79%

### Economics graduates studied

### at Undergraduate level;

20% as Postgraduate taught programme, and 1% studied postgraduate research

# 71%

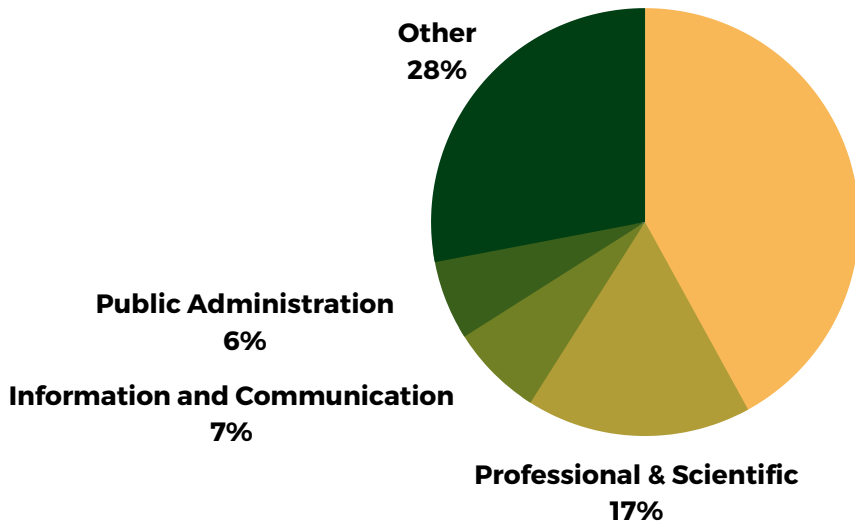
In employment, nine months after graduation (avg. across 3 years). Average levels of employment across survey years is 75.9%

By occupation, 63% are working in Professional Occupations, and 12% work in Associate Professional & Technical Occupations. Accountants and Economists are the most typical job titles displayed in the word cloud to the right.

Nine in ten work in Ireland (88%). 1 in 10 earn over €40K (10%). 62% earn between €25,000 - €35,000.



## Employment Sector



## Top Employers of Economics Graduates

Rank	Employer
1.	KPMG
2.	EY
3.	PwC
4.	Accenture
5.	AIB
6.	Deloitte
7.	Bank of Ireland
8.	Central Bank of Ireland
9.	First Derivatives
10.	HedgeServ

**Financial 42%**

## Would you study the same course again?



**76%**

When asked whether they would study the same course again, 76% said they were "Very Likely" or "Likely".



Of the 71% of graduates who are in employment, 57% of graduates have permanent or open-ended contracts, with 38% on fixed-term contracts and 5% on temporary contracts

# For further information:



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