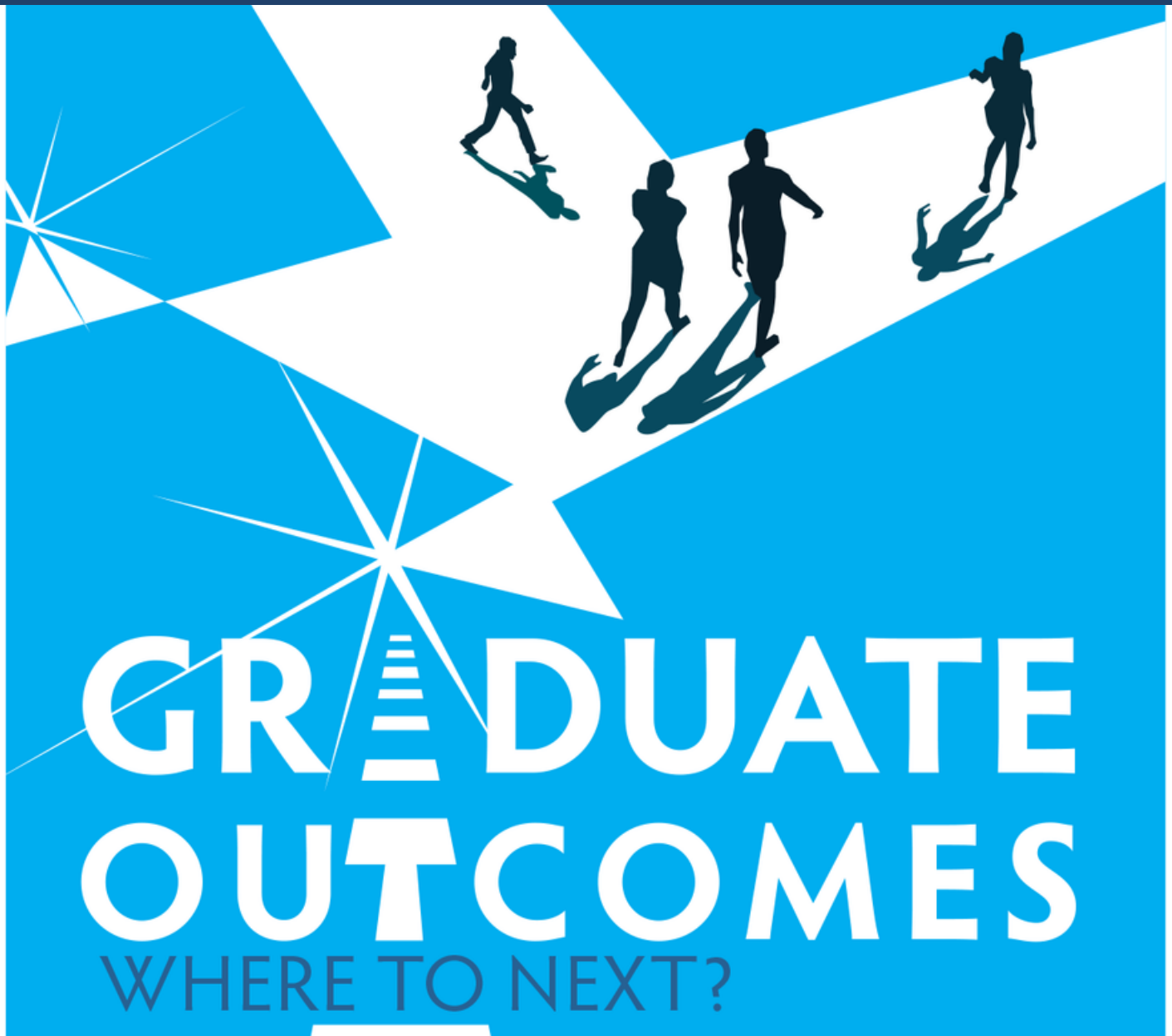


Graduate Outcomes for Honours Degree Graduates - Class of 2022



Overview of Graduate Population

34,022

There were 34,022 Honours Degree graduates (**56.1%** female, **43.9%** male) in 2022.

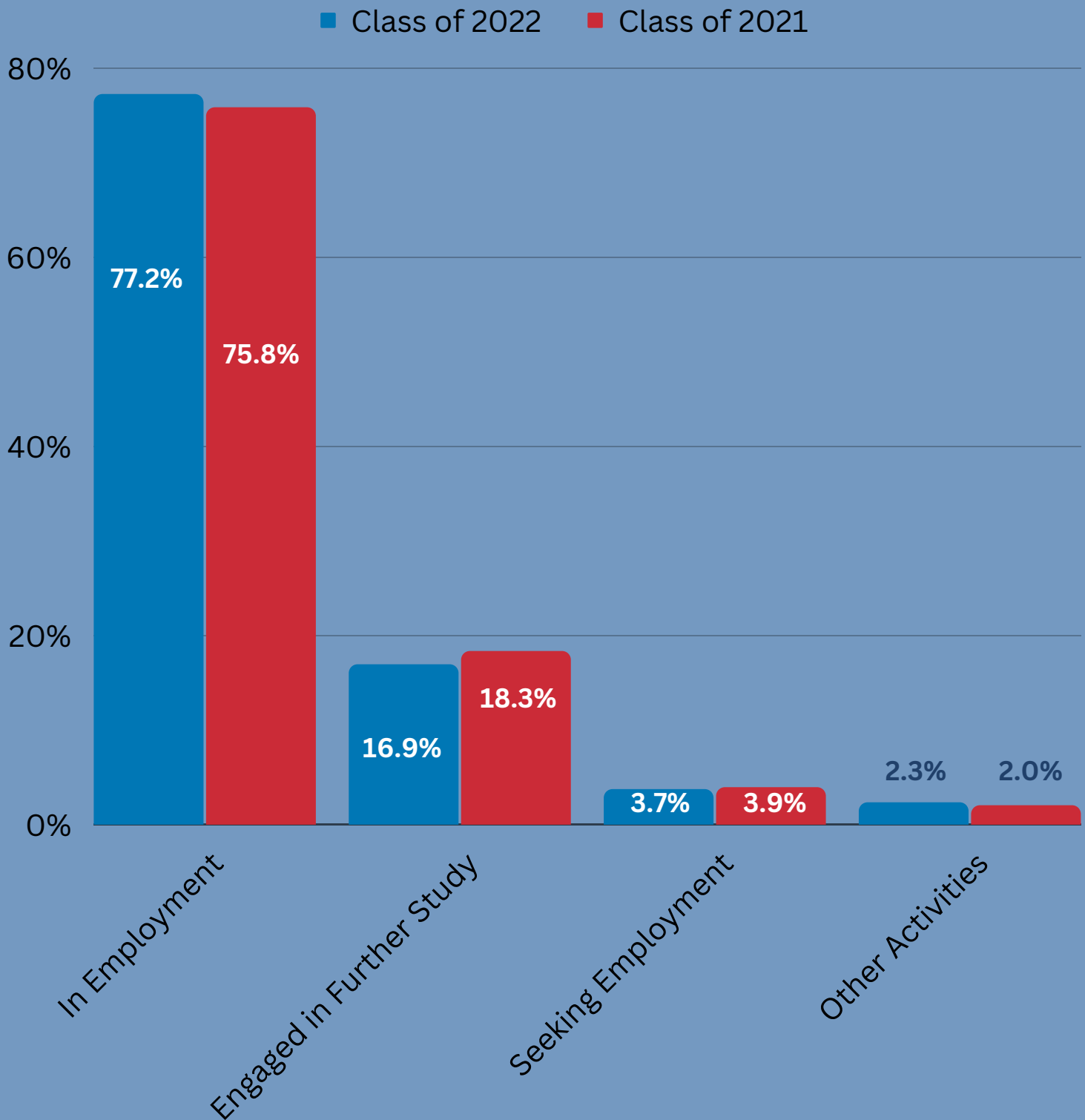
23.8%

The most common area of study was Business, Administration & Law (**23.8%**) followed by Health and Welfare (**16.9%**), and Arts and Humanities (**16.8%**).

16.9%

16.9% of Honours degree graduates went into further study. This compares to **18.3%** for the class of 2021 graduates.

Main Graduate Destination



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- For the Honours Degree graduates of the Class of 2022 employment has increased to **77.2%** from **75.8%** in 2021.
- **16.9%** of graduates are in further study. This has decreased from **18.3%** in 2021.
- Those graduates seeking employment (**3.7%**) and in other activities (**2.3%**) has held steady in 2022 from 2021.



Employment Outcomes

- Of the graduates in employment, **64.1%** have permanent or open-ended contracts.
- The most common occupation for graduates nine months after graduation is Professional Occupations (**51.3%**).
- Of the graduates who were willing to share their salaries, **77.5%** earned up to €39,999, with **22.5%** earning more than €40,000. **22.3%** of graduates were not willing to share how much they earned.



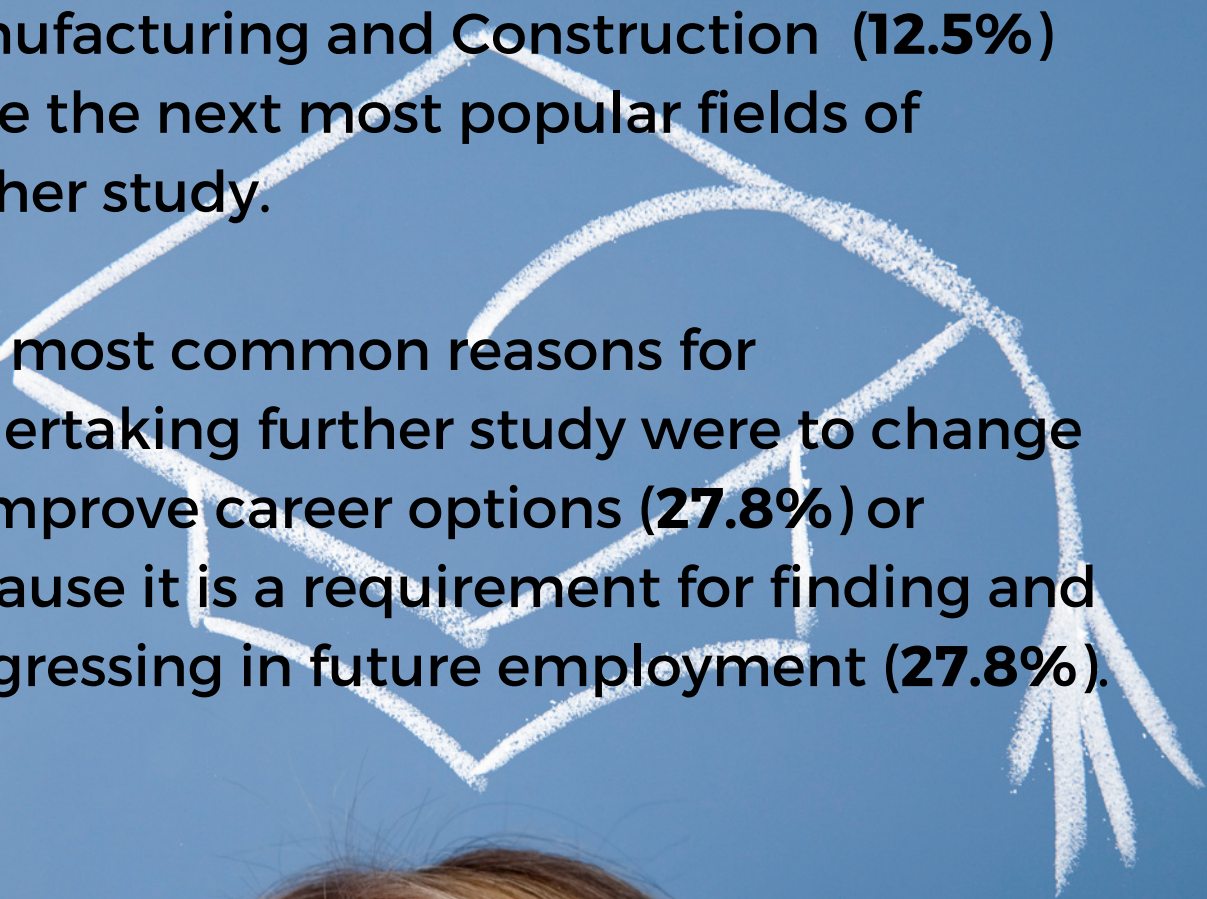


Employment Outcomes

- Nine months after graduation, **91.2%** of employed graduates are working in Ireland. Dublin is the most common county of employment (**44.9%**), followed by Cork (**13.3%**) and Galway (**7.0%**).
- In 2022, **55.9%** of graduates completed internships. This is up from **53%** in 2021.
- The most common sources of employment include Recruitment Sites (**23.9%**), Personal Contacts (**19.4%**) and already having worked there (**18.1%**).

Further Study

- Of those Honours Degree graduates in further study, **24.6%** were studying Business, Administration and Law.
- Education (**15.3%**) and Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction (**12.5%**) were the next most popular fields of further study.
- The most common reasons for undertaking further study were to change or improve career options (**27.8%**) or because it is a requirement for finding and progressing in future employment (**27.8%**).



Graduate Reflections

- More than six in ten graduates consider their course Very Relevant or Relevant to their job (**62%**).
- This is in line with the average (**62.8%**) for the class of 2022.
- A total of **63.1%** said they were “likely” or “very likely” to study the same qualification again, if they had their time over. This is slightly lower than the 2021 figure of **66.5%**.

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