Overview of Graduate Population

There were 24,574 Postgraduate Taught graduates in 2022.

56% female
44% male

“Postgraduate Taught” includes graduates from Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Taught Masters programmes.

89.3% of Postgraduate Taught graduates were in employment nine months after graduation. This compares to 89.7% for the Class of 2021 graduates.
Main Graduate Destination

- **In Employment**: 89.3% (2022) vs 89.7% (2021)
- **Engaged in Further Study**: 2.9% (2022) vs 3.6% (2021)
- **Seeking Employment**: 5.8% (2022) vs 4.6% (2021)
- **Other Activities**: 2.0% (2022) vs 2.1% (2021)
Most Common Employers of Masters Taught Degree Graduates

- The most common public sector employers of graduates are schools/Department of Education, Health Service Executive and Tusla.

- The most common private sector employers of graduates are Deloitte, Ernst & Young and AIB.
Employment Outcomes

- Of the graduates in employment, 71.8% have permanent or open-ended contracts.

- The most common occupation for graduates nine months after graduation is Professional Occupations (62.0%).

- Of the graduates who were willing to share their salaries, 10.5% earned over €80,000, with 55.2% earning more than €40,000.
Employment Outcomes

- Nine months after graduation, 88.0% of employed graduates are working in Ireland. Dublin is the most common county of employment (53.5%), followed by Cork (13.4%) and Galway (6.3%).

- In 2022, 28.4% of graduates completed internships. This is down from 28.7% in 2021.

- The most common sources of employment include Recruitment Sites (23.8%), already having worked there (17.9%) and Personal Contacts (14.2%).
Further Study

• Of those Postgraduate Taught graduates in further study, 16.7% were studying Business, Administration and Law.

• Health and Welfare (15.9%) and Arts and Humanities (14.2%) were the next most popular fields of further study.

• The most common reasons for undertaking further study was because it is a requirement for finding and progressing in future employment (22.1%) and to develop a broader range of skills or knowledge (19.0%).
Nearly seven in ten graduates consider their course Very Relevant or Relevant to their job (68.5%). This is higher than the average (65.7%) for the class of 2022. A total of 63.2% said they were “likely” or “very likely” to study the same qualification again, if they had their time over. This is lower than the 2021 figure of 66.2%.
For further information:

Full dashboard of results

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