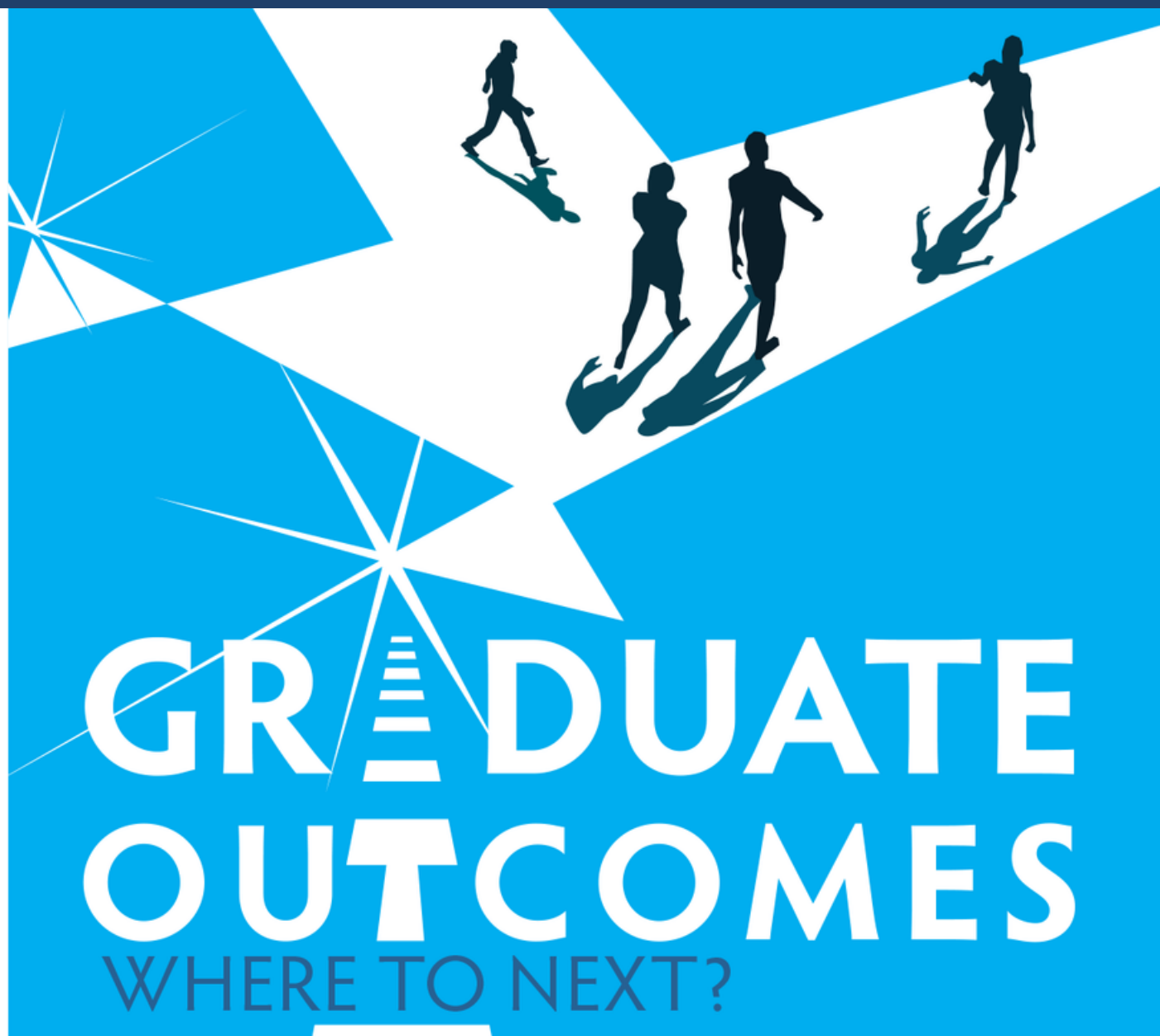
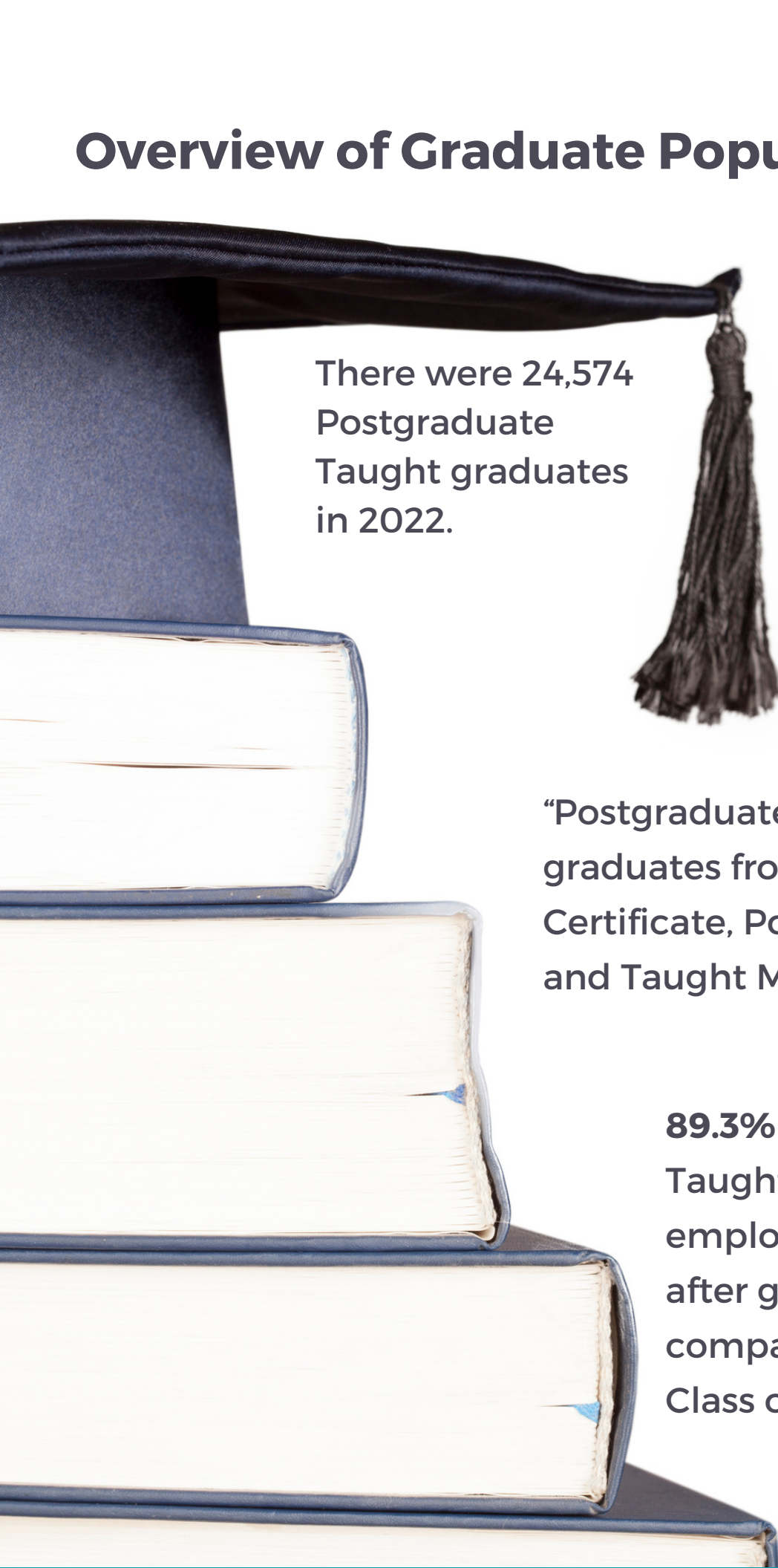


Graduate Outcomes for Postgraduate Taught Graduates - Class of 2022



Overview of Graduate Population

A black graduation cap with a tassel is positioned at the top left. Below it, a stack of four books with blue covers and white pages is visible. The text is overlaid on the white background.

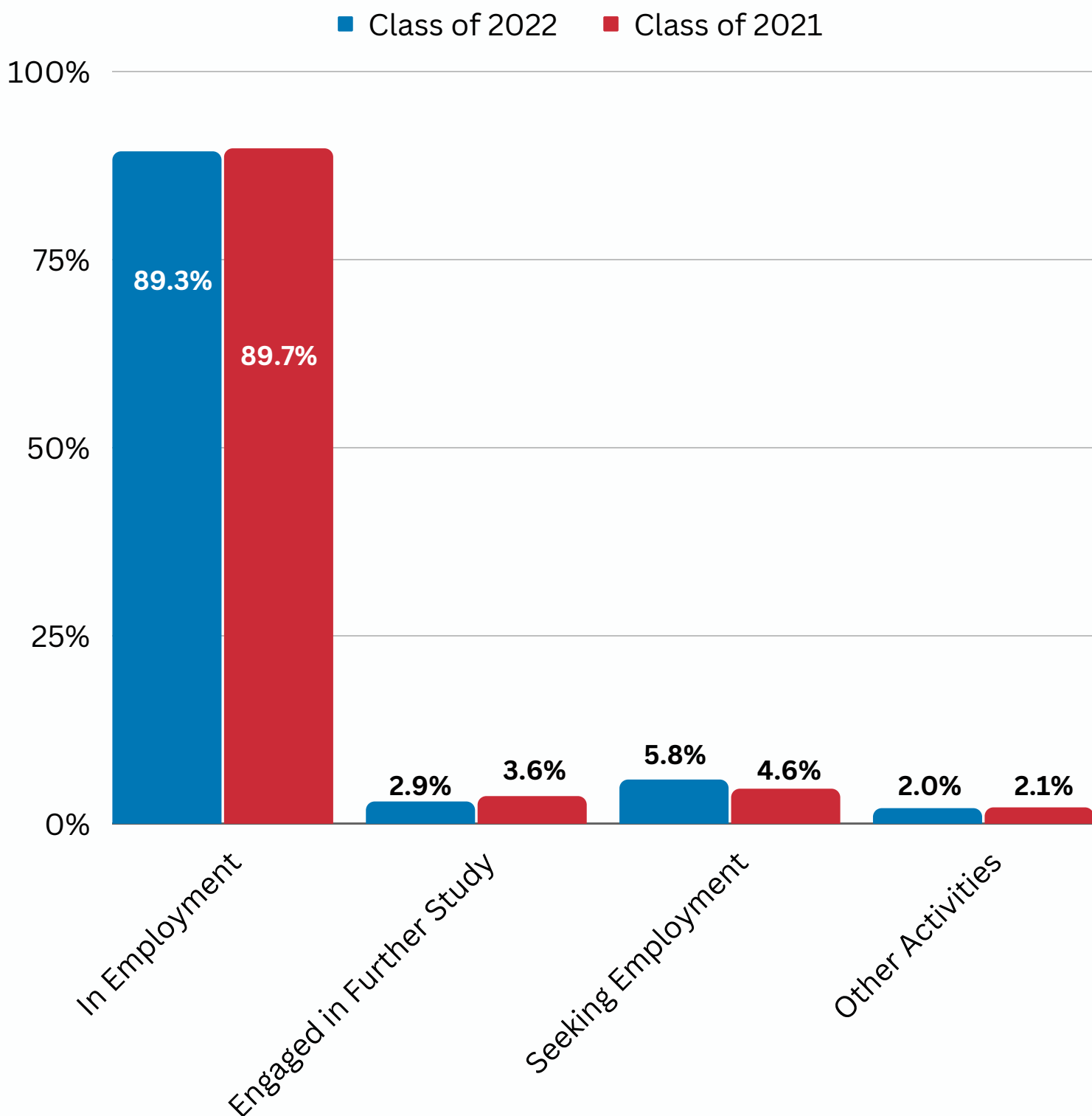
There were 24,574
Postgraduate
Taught graduates
in 2022.

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



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 range of skills or knowledge (**19.0%**).



Graduate Reflections

- 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%**.

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