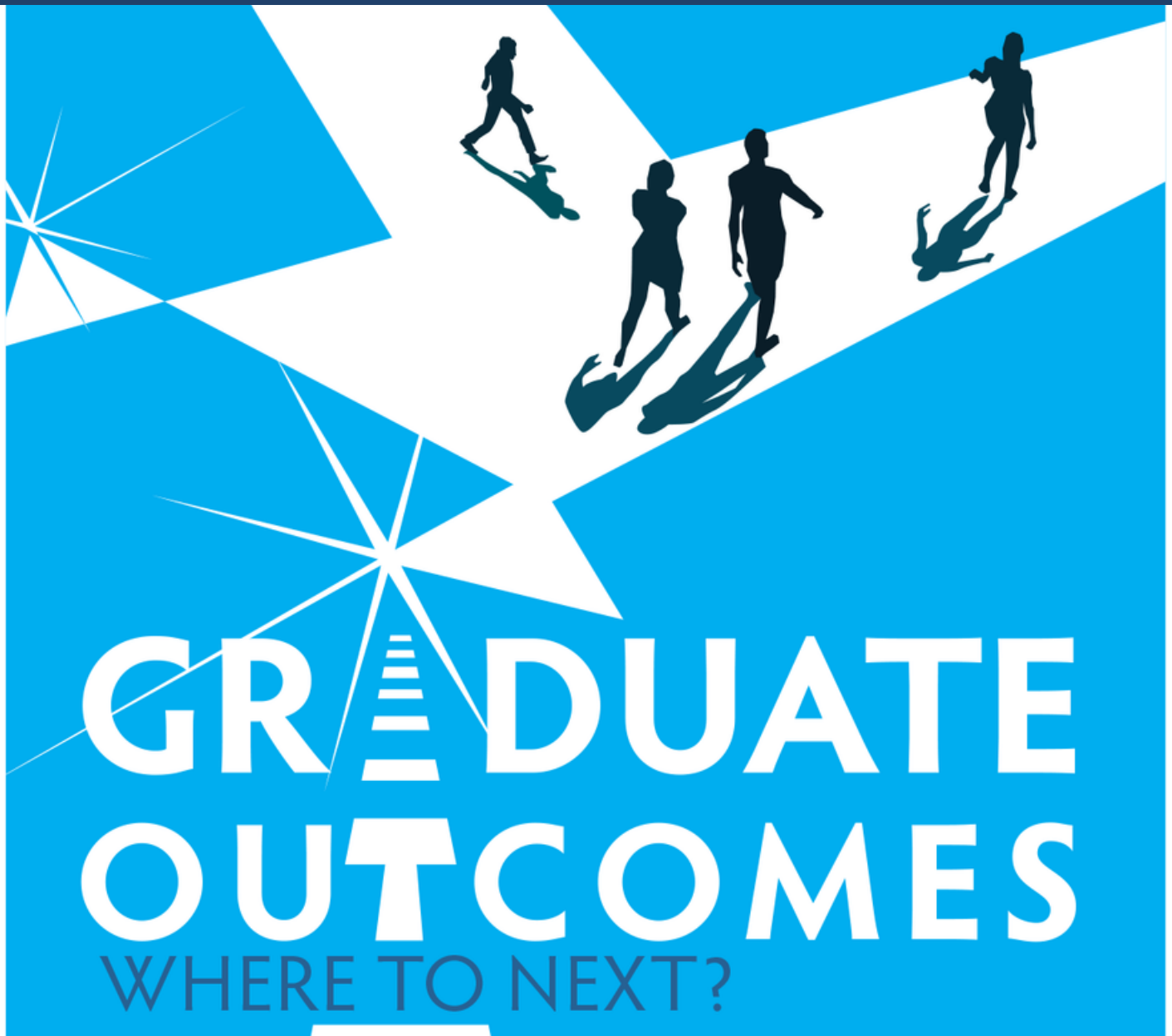


# Graduate Outcomes for Postgraduate Research Degree Graduates - Class of 2022



# Overview of Graduate Population



**1,738**

There were 1,738 Postgraduate Research Degree graduates (**51.8%** female, **48.2%** male) in 2022.

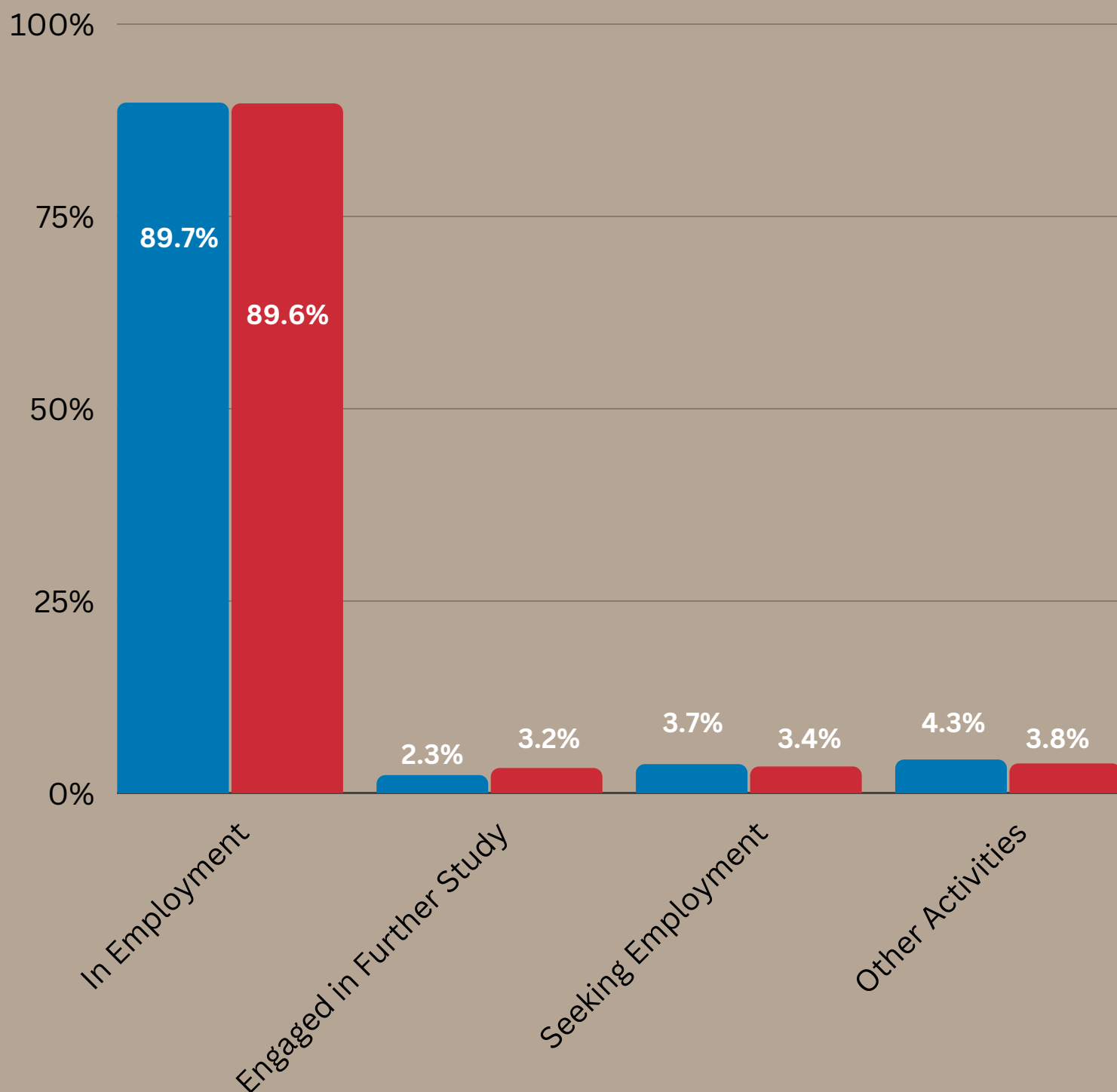
Postgraduate Research Degree Graduates includes graduates from Research Masters and PhD programmes.

**89.7%**

**89.7%** of Postgraduate Research degree graduates were in employment nine months after graduation. This compares to **89.6%** for the Class of 2021 graduates.

# Main Graduate Destination

■ Class of 2022 ■ Class of 2021





# Fields of Study Information

- 24.0% of Postgraduate Research graduates studied Natural Sciences, Maths and Statistics followed by Engineering, manufacturing and construction (15.0%) and Health and Welfare (14.1%).
- Engineering, manufacturing and construction graduates had the highest employment rate by field of study (95.2%) followed by Education graduates (93.3%) and Information and Communication Technology graduates (93.9%).
- The largest employers are Universities, the HSE and Schools.



# Employment Outcomes

- Of the graduates in employment, **63.5%** have permanent or open-ended contracts.
- The most common occupation for graduates nine months after graduation is Professional Occupations (**64.7%**).
- Of the graduates who were willing to share their salaries, **13.1%** earned over €80,000, with **72.9%** earning more than €40,000.





## Employment Outcomes

- Nine months after graduation, **83.0%** of employed graduates are working in Ireland. Dublin is the most common county of employment (**44.0%**), followed by Cork (**14.9%**) and Galway (**6.5%**).
- In 2022, **22.3%** of graduates completed internships. This is up from **17.9%** in 2021.
- The most common sources of employment include Recruitment Sites (**20.5%**), already having worked there (**18.2%**) and Personal Contacts (**17.2%**).



# Further Study

- Of those Postgraduate Research Degree graduates in further study, **48.6%** were studying Natural Sciences, mathematics and Statistics.
- Health and Welfare (**29.4%**) and Information and Communications Technologies (**13.4%**) were the next most popular fields of further study.
- The most common reasons for undertaking further study was to develop a broader range of range of skills or knowledge (**22.6%**) followed by to change or improve their career options (**20.6%**)



# Graduate Reflections

- Just over three in four graduates consider their course Very Relevant or Relevant to their job (**75.8%**).
- This is higher than the average (**65.7%**) for the class of 2022.
- A total of **62.0%** said they were “likely” or “very likely” to study the same qualification again, if they had their time over. This is higher than the 2021 figure of **59.5%**.



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