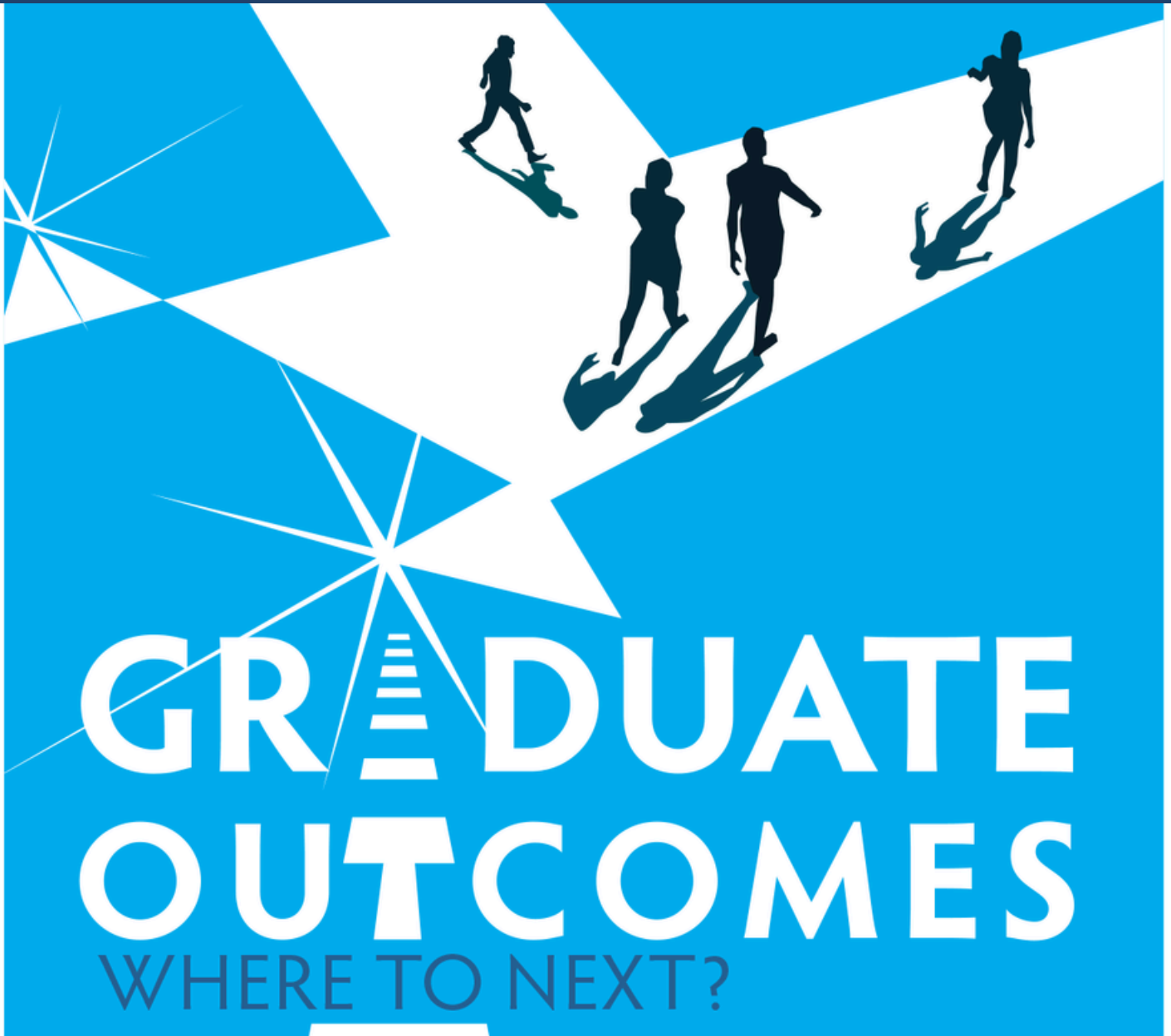
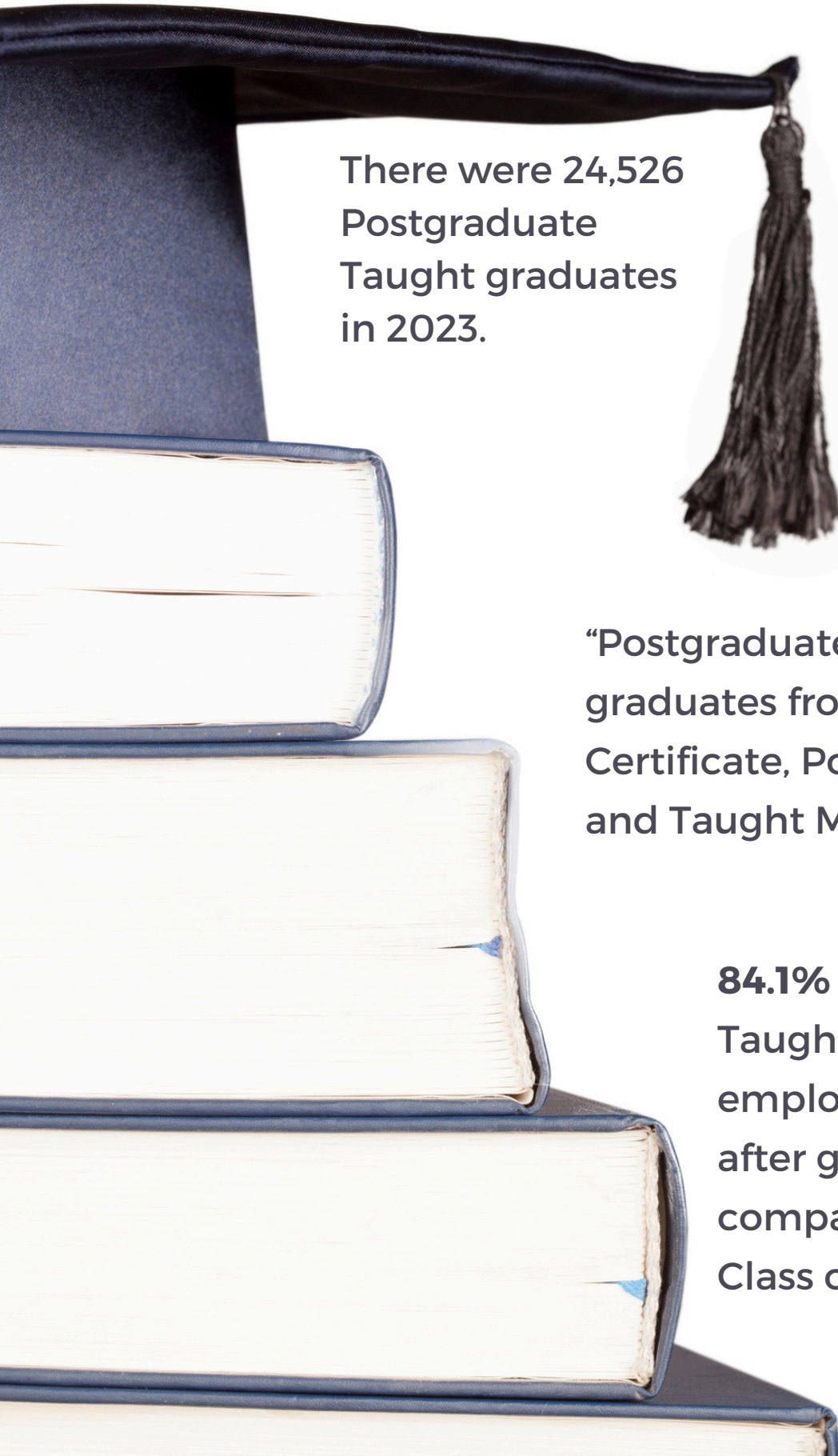


Graduate Outcomes for Postgraduate Taught Graduates - Class of 2023



Overview of Graduate Population



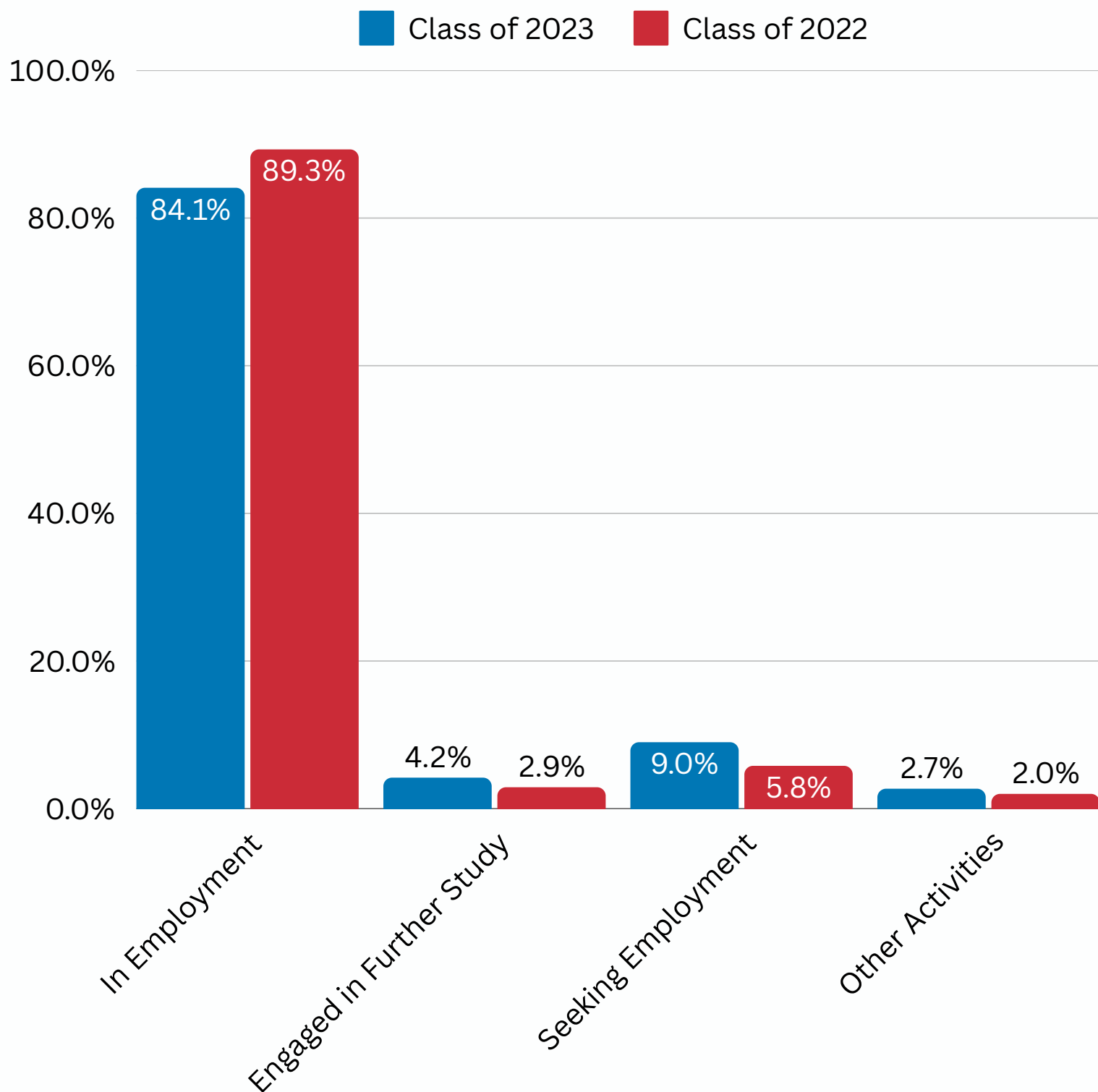
There were 24,526
Postgraduate
Taught graduates
in 2023.

56.3% female
43.7% male

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

84.1% of Postgraduate Taught graduates were in employment nine months after graduation. This compares to **89.3%** for the Class of 2022 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 KPMG.



Employment Outcomes

- Of the graduates in employment, **71.2%** have permanent or open-ended contracts.
- The most common occupation for graduates nine months after graduation is Professional Occupations (**60.1%**).
- Of the graduates who were willing to share their salaries, **9.8%** earned over €80,000, with **52.1%** earning more than €40,000.



Employment Outcomes

- Nine months after graduation, **87.4%** of employed graduates are working in Ireland. Dublin is the most common county of employment (**51.0%**), followed by Cork (**14.7%**) and Galway (**6.7%**).
- In 2023, **31.1%** of graduates completed internships. This is up from **28.4%** in 2022.
- The most common sources of employment include Recruitment Sites (**23.5%**), already having worked there (**21.2%**) and Personal Contacts (**13.7%**).



Further Study

- Of those Postgraduate Taught graduates in further study, **21.1%** were studying Business, Administration and Law.
- Health and Welfare (**15.4%**) and Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics (**14.1%**) were the next most popular fields of further study.
- The most common reasons for undertaking further study was “to change or improve my career options” (**24.5%**) followed by “it is a requirement for finding and progressing in future employment” (**23.5%**).

Graduate Reflections

- Nearly seven in ten graduates consider their course Very Relevant or Relevant to their job (**67.0%**).
- This is higher than the average (**64.8%**) for the class of 2023.
- A total of **59.2%** said they were “likely” or “very likely” to study the same qualification again, if they had their time over. This is lower than the 2022 figure of **63.2%**.

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