



# What Happens Next?

The story of Pennsylvania's private  
college and university class of 1999,  
five years after graduation

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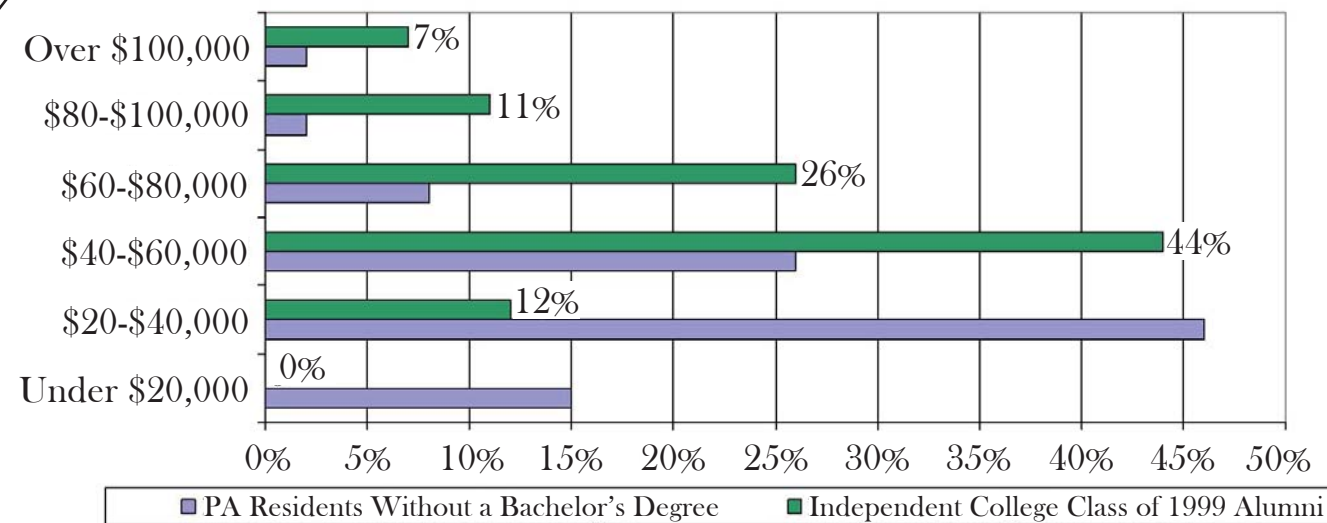


# What is the return on investment for a bachelor's degree from a private college or university?

The *median income* for the *alumni of 1999* who are employed full-time is *\$56,429* per year. This is far more than Pennsylvanians without a bachelor's degree.

*It's a recurrent question for high school graduates and their families. Do the benefits of an education at an independent college or university justify the resources required to obtain a bachelor's degree? According to the results of the 2005 AICUP Baccalaureate Outcomes Study, graduating from an independent college or university does pay off in numerous ways.*

Comparison of 2004 Income from Full-Time Employment: Independent College Alumni of 1999 Compared to PA Residents Without a Bachelor's Degree



*The Baccalaureate Outcomes Study was a survey of over 16,000 alumni of the class of 1998-1999 from 46 independent colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. These individuals were sent a questionnaire asking for data on such topics as their current occupation, graduate schools attended, civic engagement, and satisfaction with their undergraduate experience. About 5,600 alumni completed and returned a questionnaire for an overall response rate of 34 percent.*



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# Where do independent college and university graduates work?

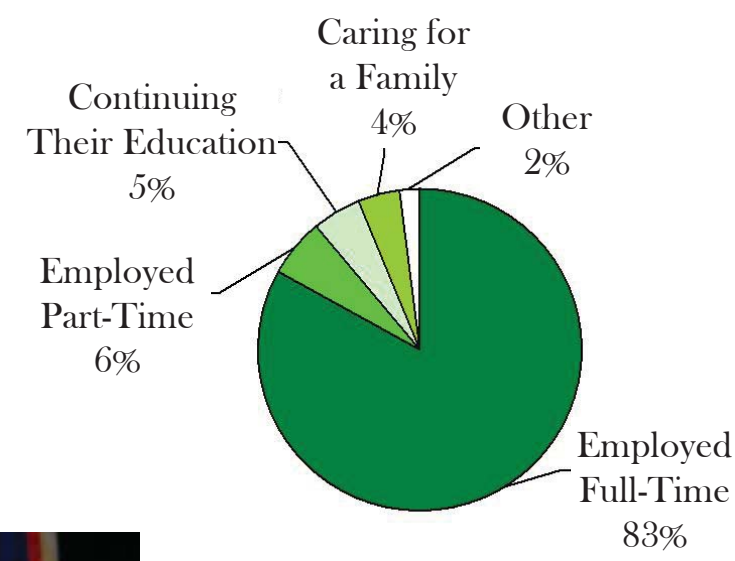
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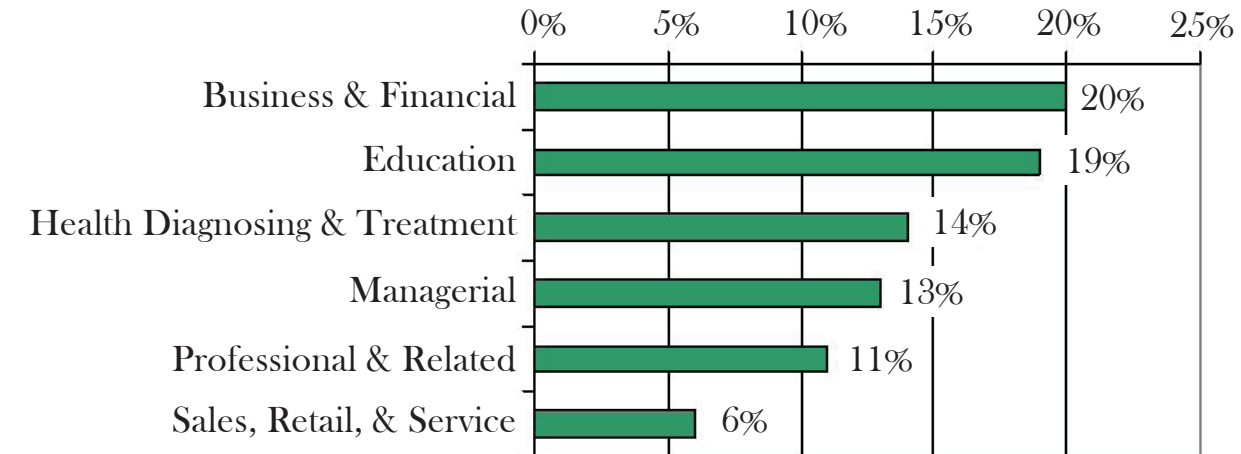
## Current Life Situation Five Years After College Graduation



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## Primary Occupation Groups of Full-Time, Employed Alumni of 1999, Five Years After Graduation



What are the societal benefits of a degree from a private college or university in Pennsylvania?

Did you know that 55% of us own our own homes five years after graduation?

Did you know 61% of us will volunteer time with charitable organizations?

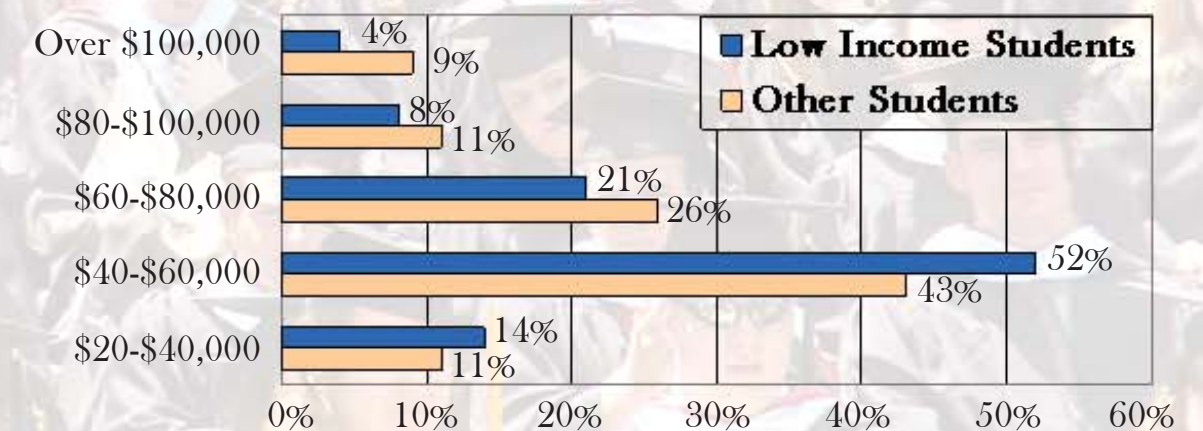
Did you know 60% of the class of 1999 still lives in Pennsylvania five years after graduation?

Did you know 31% of us have completed an additional degree in the five years after graduation?

Did you know 92% of the graduates in the independent college Class of 1999 are registered voters?

Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities have demonstrated remarkable success with low income students. As the chart to the right shows, recent private college alumni who were Pell Grant recipients earn similar amounts as their more affluent colleagues. In other words, education was doing what it is supposed to do: it was leveling the economic playing field for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

Annual Earnings from Full-Time Employment for Independent College Alumni Age 25-39 Five Years After Graduation with a Bachelor's Degree, Low Income versus All Other Students



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