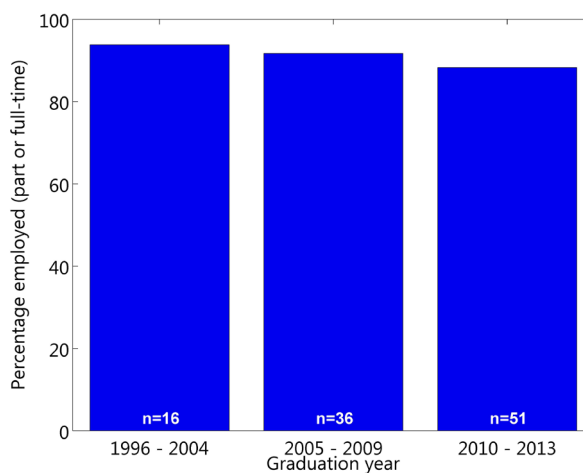




Alumni Survey 2013-14

In fall/winter of 2013-14, the School of Marine Sciences (SMS) contacted alumni back to the inception of the program in 1996. They were asked to update us about their professional careers and to reflect on their experiences at UMaine. Feedback from alumni measures the efficacy of our program, aides in student recruitment and provides information that may guide curricular improvements. The success of our past graduates is a measure of how well we are educating and preparing our students for life and careers beyond their time at UMaine. A total of 103 alumni (42% of those contacted) completed the survey.

Employment Status by Graduation Year



"UMaine prepared me as well as or better than any other graduate student in my current cohort."

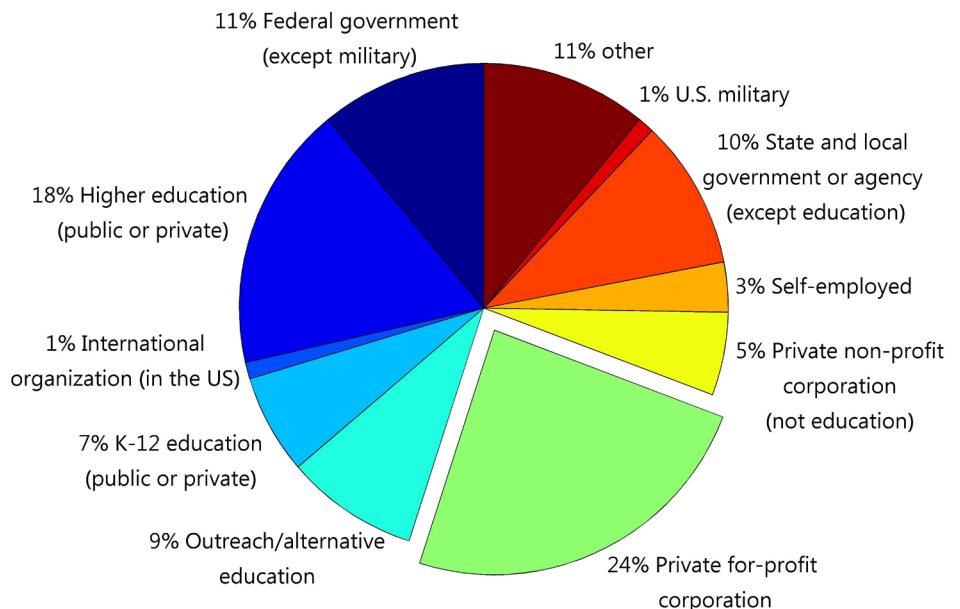
-Graduated 2013

"My experience as a marine science major while at UMaine was very positive and rewarding. The majority of marine science classes I took were meaningful and it was nice to see the professors really engaged and passionate about the subject matter they were teaching."

-Graduated 2010

The majority of SMS graduates are gainfully employed across various professional organizations.

Type of Employment Organizations



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Schools Alumni Attended for Advanced

Degees Include:

Northeastern University
University of Rhode Island
University of Massachusetts
Western Washington University
University of Alaska
Rutgers University
Loyola University
Creighton University
North Carolina State University
University of Maryland, College Park
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
TUFTS
University of New Hampshire
University of Texas
Texas A&M
University of Delaware
Stony Brook University
Vermont College of Medicine
Georgia Institute of Technology

"Speaking with other students in my graduate program, or others I've worked with, I have found that UMaine has a great program for Marine Science. The courses allow us to get a solid foundation of oceanography and the Semester by the Sea program gives us experience with the more biological/ecological marine science topics. Taking my graduate level oceanography classes now, I am surprised how much of the information was taught in the courses as an undergraduate. Additionally, the faculty are welcoming to undergraduates working in the lab which provides necessary and beneficial experience for a career in marine science."

-Graduated 2012

"I felt that SMS had great course offerings that exposed students to many facets of marine science which they could pursue post-graduation. I also really appreciated the enthusiasm of many of the faculty, who made their students excited about science."

-Graduated 2005

"I believe UMaine has one of the strongest Marine Science degree programs in New England. This program also has an exceptionally talented and diverse faculty."

-Graduated 2013

Current Job Titles of Alumni:

Private Corporations: Program Manager
Clinical Research Associate
Lab Technician
Technical Support
Veterinarian
Research Assistant
Naturalist
Marine Mammal Observer

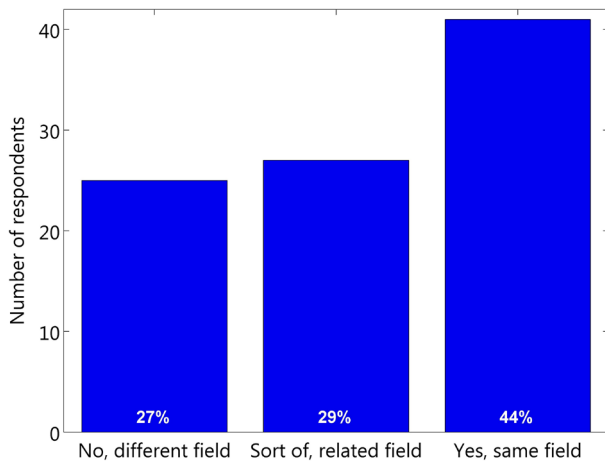
Education: Science Teacher
Education Director,
Antarctica Program
Marine Education Associate
Education Specialist

Government/ Higer Ed.: Senior Animal Care Technician
Fisheries Biologist
Research Technician
Fisheries Policy Analyst

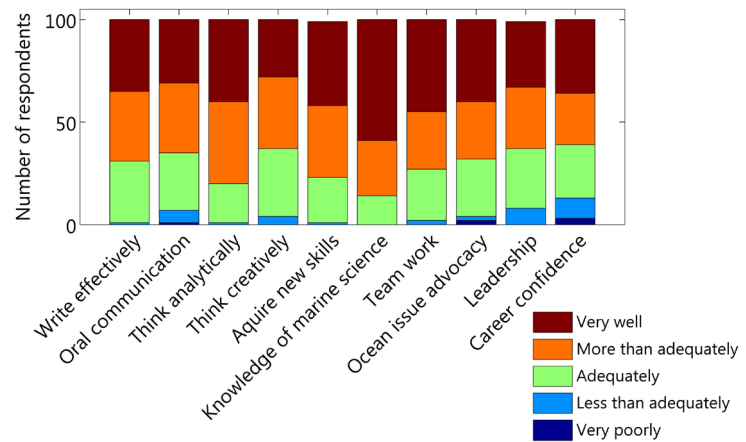
Most SMS graduates are employed in jobs related to the marine sciences and are satisfied with their careers.

Alumni feel that SMS provided various skills that prepared them for their careers. The majority of graduates would recommend SMS to current high school students.

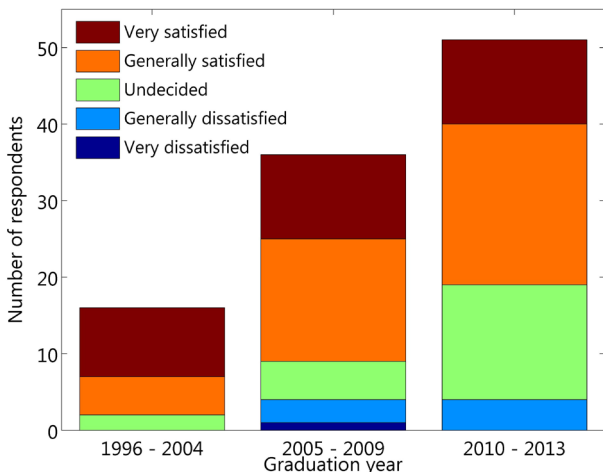
Are Employment Positions Related to the Marine Sciences?



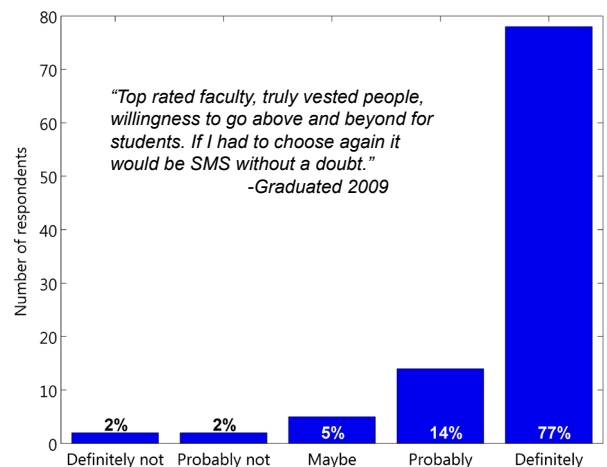
How Well Did SMS Prepare Alumni for Their Careers?



Career Satisfaction (by graduation date)



Would Alumni Encourage Enrollment in SMS?



"Top rated faculty, truly vested people, willingness to go above and beyond for students. If I had to choose again it would be SMS without a doubt."

-Graduated 2009