

Professional placement of USI graduates

2011 Survey Results

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Survey Methodology

- ➔ The 8th annual survey was carried out during April of 2011 by the USI Career Service by contacting graduates from the classes of 2009-2010 (at 1 year after graduation) and the class of 2005 (at 5 years after graduation). Graduates of the Faculty of Communication Sciences, Economics, Architecture and Informatics were included.
- ➔ Of 772 graduates contacted, 397 responses were received (51.4%), of which 175 originated from 2005 graduates (62.7%) and 222 from 2009-2010 graduates (45.0%), respectively.

2011 Survey: population and responses at 1 year after graduation from USI

DEGREE	ECO	COM	ARCH	INFO	TOT	% alumni
Bachelor	89	74		10	173	35.1
Master	90	99		15	204	41.4
Diploma	-	-	90	-	90	18.3
PhD	10	10		6	26	5.3
Total % by Faculty	189 (38.3)	183 (37.1)	90 (18.3)	31 (6.4)	493	100.0

DEGREE	ECO	COM	ARCH	INFO	TOT	% alumni
Bachelor	50	35	-	2	87	39.1
Master	36	46	-	4	86	38.7
Diploma	-	-	39	-	39	17.6
PhD	3	6	-	1	10	4.5
Total % by Faculty	89 (40.0)	87 (39.1)	39 (17.6)	7 (3.2)	222	100%

	ECO	COM	ARCH	INFO	TOT
Response rate, (%) by Faculty	47.1	47.5	43.3	22.6	45.0

2011 Survey: population and responses 5 years after graduation from USI

DEGREE	ECO	COM	ARCH	TOT	% alumni
Bachelor	29	42		71	25.4
4 year degree	25	93		118	42.3
Master	10	1		11	3.9
Diploma	-	-	67	67	24.0
PhD	5	7		12	4.3
Total % by Faculty	69 (24.7)	143 (51.2)	67 (24.1)	279	100.0

TITOLO	ECO	COM	ARCH	TOT	% alumni
Bachelor	17	26		43	24.5
4 year degree	15	60		75	42.8
Master	6	-		6	3.4
Diploma	-	-	46	46	26.3
PhD	1	4		5	2.8
Total % by Faculty	39 (22.3)	90 (51.4)	46 (26.3)	175	100%

	ECO	COM	ARCH	TOT
Response rate, (%) by Faculty	56.5	62.9	68.6	62.7

Main results from the survey

- ➔ 95.5% of students are occupied one year after graduation, rising to 96.6% after 5 years, respectively, which is consistent with past years.
- ➔ The average time taken to attain positions is 2 months.
- ➔ 1 year after graduation, 43.7% of graduates work in Ticino, rising to 50.4% at the interval of 5 years post graduation, while employment in other Swiss Cantons increases substantially from 19.8% to 27.4%, respectively.
- ➔ It is confirmed that a growing number of past USI students hold management positions: 5 years after graduation, 1 in 4 is employed in a management (23.5%) or an executive (2.6%) role.

A snapshot of occupation 1 year after graduation

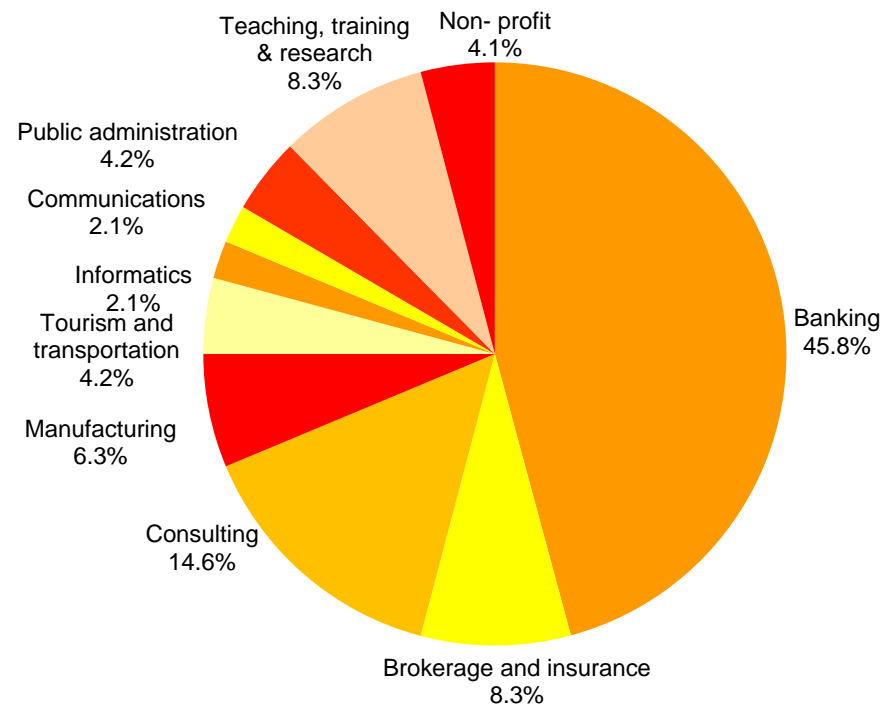
- ➔ 95.5% of graduates are occupied: *of this group, 68.5% work and 25.2% study (of these, 80% study at USI) . Of those working, 13.1% carry out their professional work in conjunction with studying.*
- ➔ 10 graduates are actively seeking work: *of this group, 3 hold Bachelor degrees, 4 hold Master's degrees, and 3 hold a degree in Architecture . 7 of these have had at least one professional experience, held for an average of 13 months, and are 30 years old at the median.*

A snapshot of occupation 5 years after graduation

- ➔ 96.6% of graduates are occupied: *of these, 91.4% work (while 5.7% study and work) and 5.1% have made other choices.*
- ➔ 6 graduates are in search of (new) occupation: *with a median age of 30 years, and have attained, on average, more than 4 years of work experience.*

Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

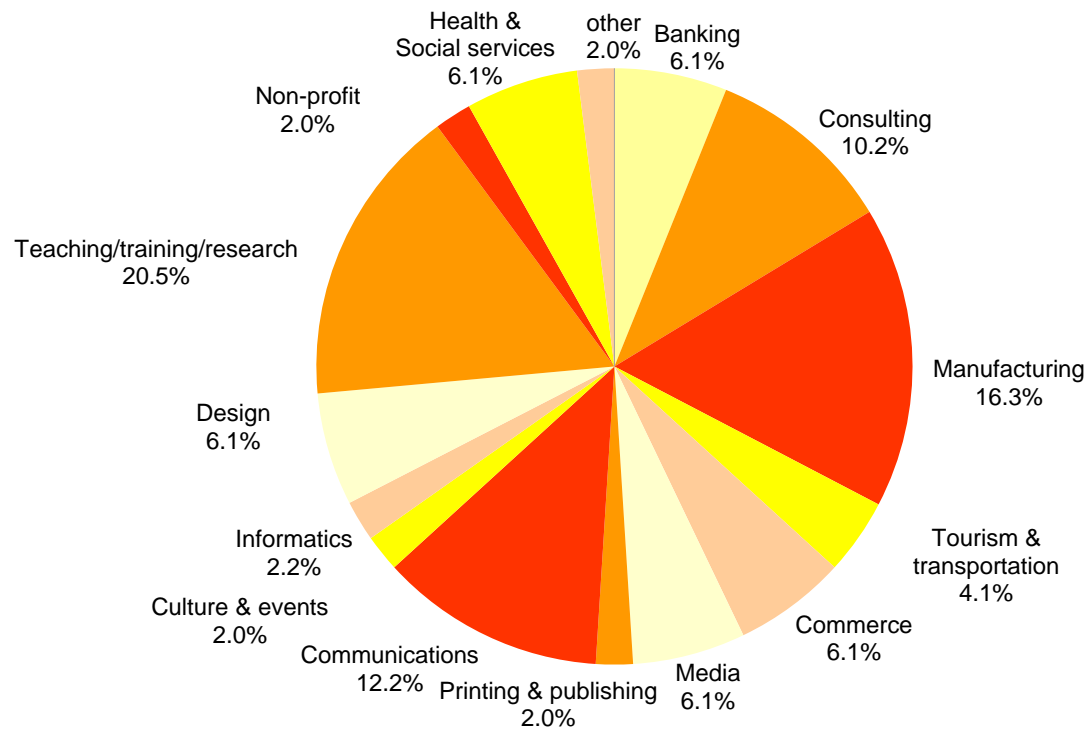
➔ Economics graduates



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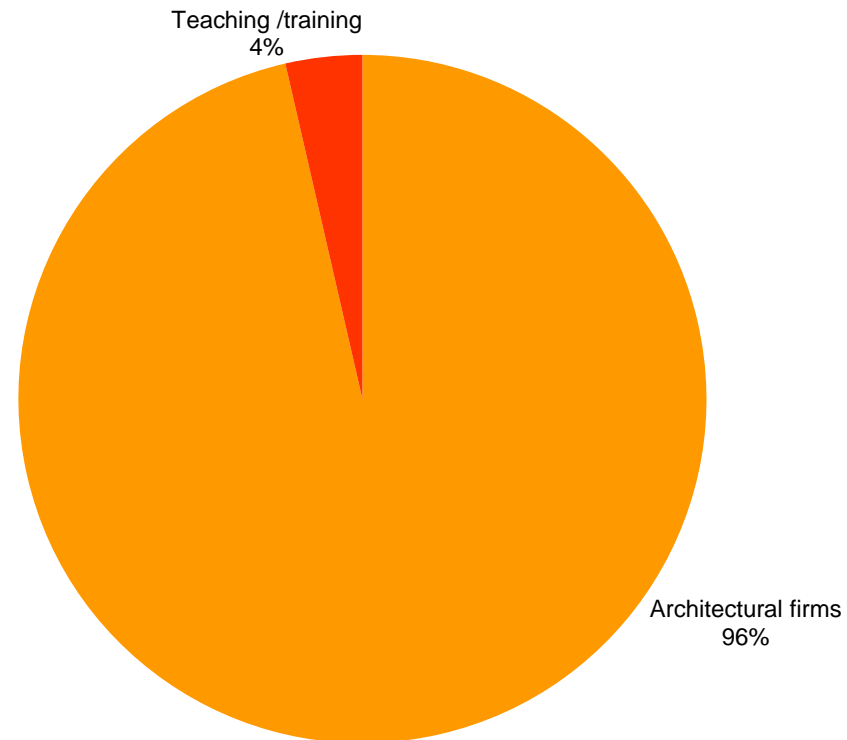
Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

➔ Communication Sciences graduates



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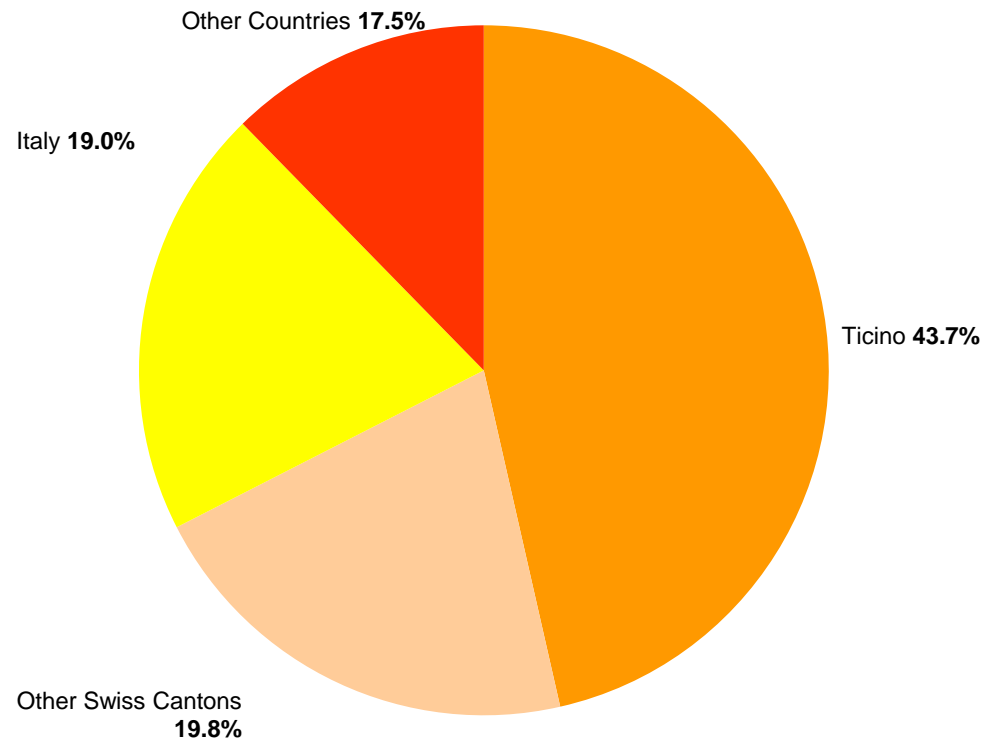
➔ Architecture graduates



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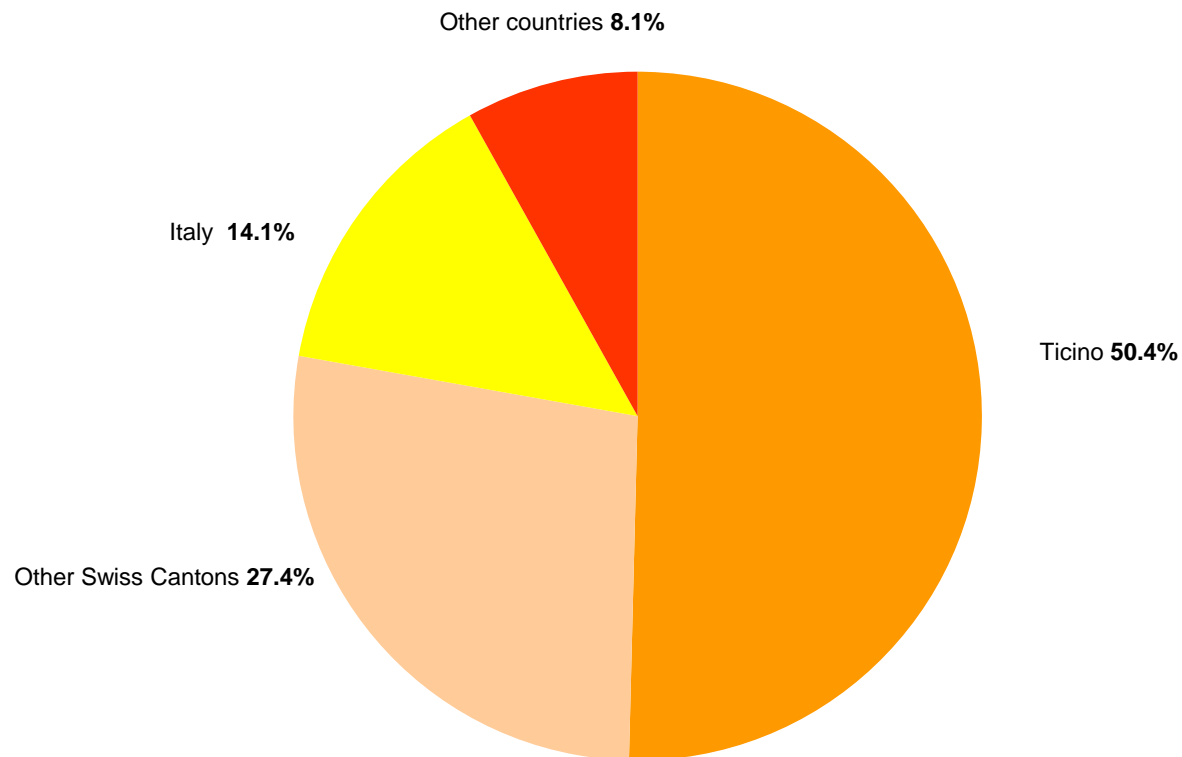
Place of work (1 year after graduation)

➔ Prevalence of positions in Ticino



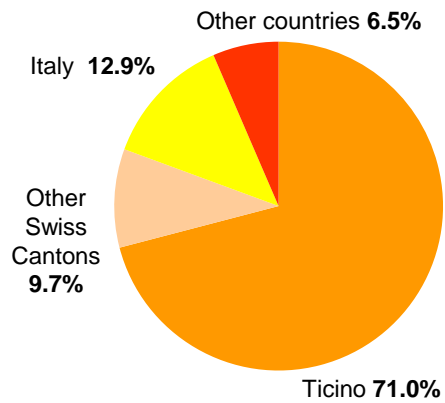
Place of work (5 years after graduation)

➔ Greater mobility, primarily toward other Swiss Cantons

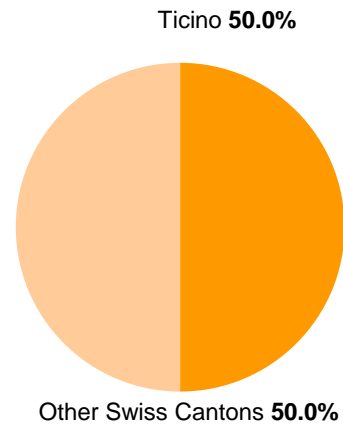


Place of work (by country, 1 year after graduation)

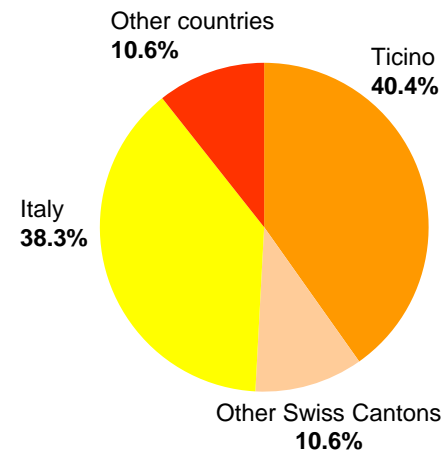
➔ Low mobility of the Swiss



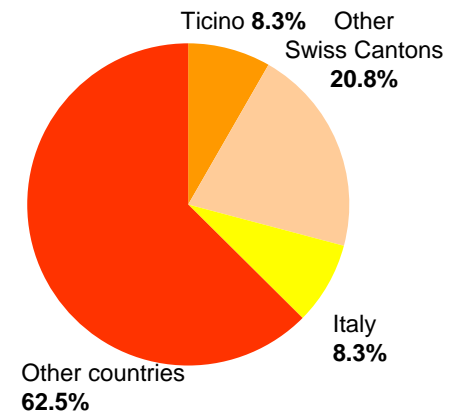
From Ticino



From other Swiss
Cantons



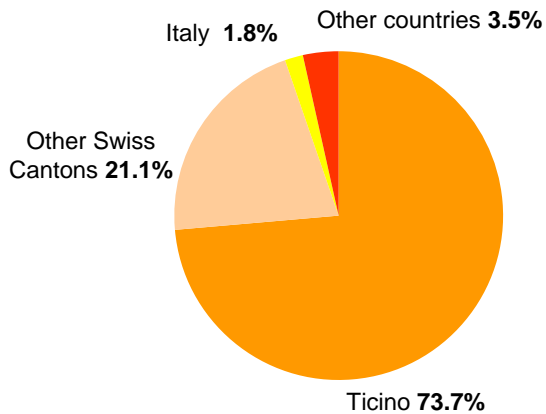
Italians



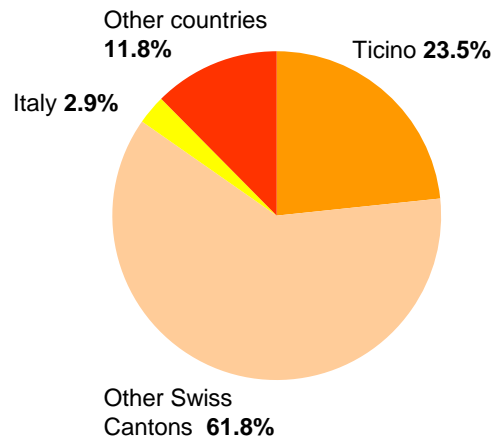
Rest of the world

Place of work (by country, 5 years after graduation)

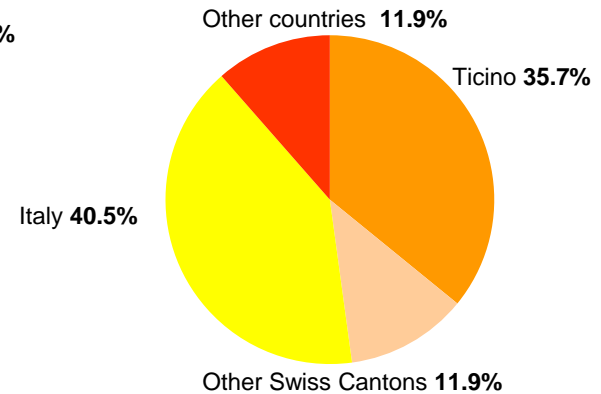
➔ Partial return to the area of origin



From Ticino



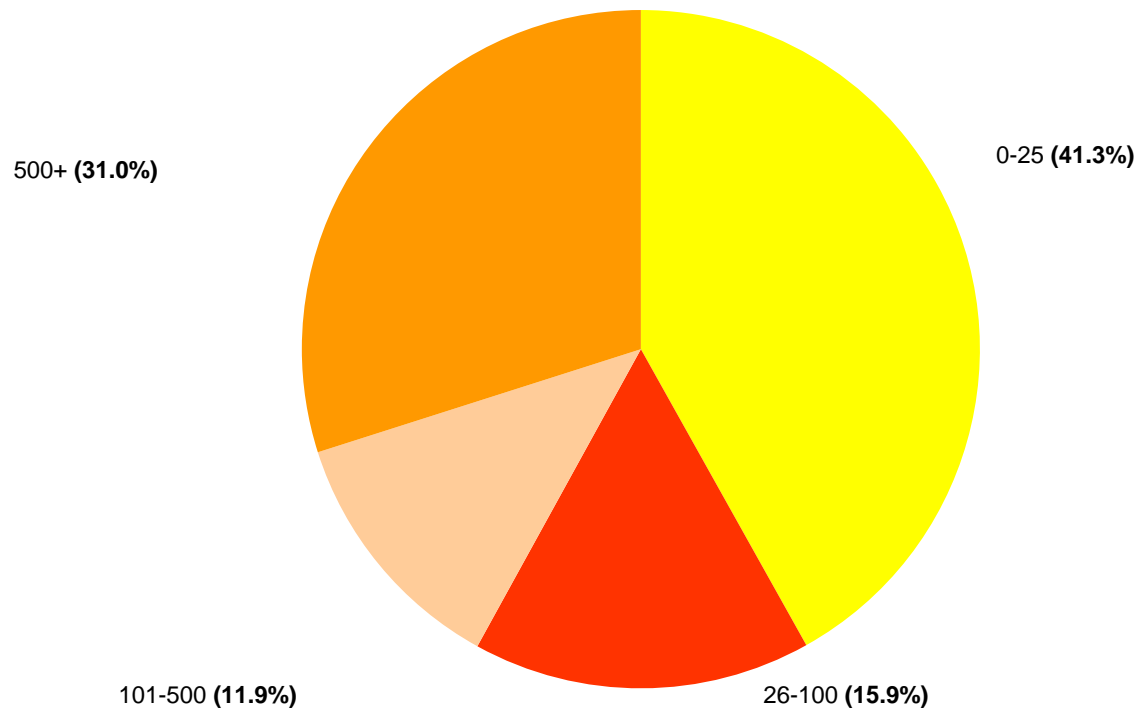
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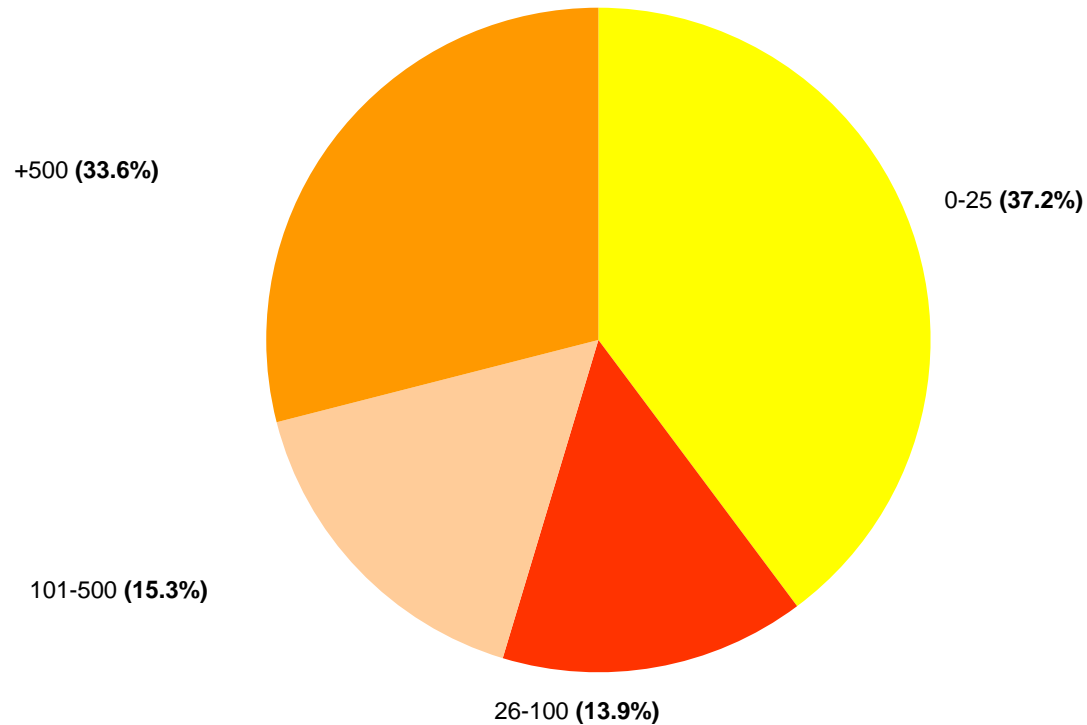
Company size (1 year after graduation)

➔ Prevalence of small businesses and large firms



Company size (5 years after graduation)

➔ Sustained trend toward large or small businesses



Type of contract (1 year after graduation)

- ➔ The majority of USI graduates (92.1%) are under an employment contract that is open-ended (60.3%).
- ➔ 77.4% choose to work full-time.

Type of contract (5 years after graduation)

- ➔ Entrepreneurship is on the rise: 5 years after graduation, 14.8% of USI graduates are self-employed. The percentage of graduates who work with open-ended contracts is also increasing (91.3%, compared to 60.3% previously).
- ➔ The number of graduates who choose to work full time remains rather constant (78.4%, compared to 77.4% of graduates after one year).

Annual income of graduates 1 and 5 years after graduation (median value, in CHF)

One year after graduation	
Degree	Median income, CHF
Bachelor	55.000
Master	69.600

Five years after graduation	
Degree	Median income, CHF
Four-year degree	86.800

Consistency, job satisfaction and USI

- ➔ 75.4% of respondents work in a field consistent with that of their field of study at USI, and 92.4% state that they are satisfied with their current professional occupation. 5 years after graduation, these percentages are 74.8% (consistency) and 91.6% (satisfaction).
- ➔ Of the survey respondents, 90.7% of the new graduates and 83.2% of those 5 years after graduation state that they are satisfied with the skills acquired at USI.

An evolution: comparing USI survey results from 2002 -2011

	2002	2004	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
Graduate class of:	31.12.01	30.06.03	30.06.04	31.12.05	After 1 yr. (2006/07)	After 1 yr. (2007/08)	After 1 yr. (2008/09)	After 1 yr. (2009/10)	After 5 yrs. (2002)	After 5 yrs. (2003)	After 5 yrs. (2004)	After 5 yrs. (2005)
% occupied	92.3%	90.5%	91.2%	95.4%	95.3%	95.4%	93.6%	95.5%	97.8%	98.3%	98.0%	96.6%
Population	193	484	879	1196	648	498	541	493	225	261	286	279
Respondents	131	241	422	559	317	261	251	222	132	115	150	175
(Response rate)	67.8	49.8	48	46.7	48.9	52.4	46.4	45	58.6	55.8	52.4	62.7