Placement report of USI graduates
2015 Survey Results
The 12th Survey on USI’s graduates job placement was conducted by the USI Career Service between May and July 2015. It involved students who graduated in 2013 (i.e. 1 year from graduation) and in 2009 (i.e. 5 years from graduation) from the four USI Faculties: Architecture, Informatics, Communication Sciences, and Economics.

Out of 1041 graduates (408 from 2009, 633 from 2013), 527 replied to the survey (50.8%); 172 replies came from 2009 graduates (42.2%), 357 from 2013 graduates (56.4%).
Main results from the survey

- 89.6% of students are employed* after one year from graduation, a number that rises to 95.8% after 5 years.

- The average time students require to find employment is 2 months.

- 1 year after graduation, 39.8% of the graduates work in Ticino and 15.2% in other Swiss Cantons. 5 years after graduation, 42.6% of the graduates work in Ticino and 19.6% in other Swiss Cantons.

* The survey considered only the “active population” according to the definition of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, by which “active people” are considered those who work or who are "actively" seeking employment.
A snapshot on employment 1 year after graduation

✦ 89.6% of graduates are employed: of which 77.2% work, 7.7% are part-time professionally engaged and part-time studying, and 4.7% are working and doing their PhD.

✦ 10.2% (31) of graduates are actively seeking work: of which 22.6% (7) hold a Bachelor’s degree, 74.2% (23) hold a Master’s degree and 3.2% (1) hold a degree in Architecture. 58.0% of these job-seekers have had at least one professional experience for an average duration of 8.5 months; on average, 58.1% graduated are foreigners and they are 27 years old.
A snapshot on employment 5 years after graduation

✦ 95.8% of graduates are employed: of these, 88.1% work (3.6% study and work and 4.1% study for their PhD and work 4.1%).

✦ 4.2% (7) graduates are seeking a (new) occupation: their average age is 35; on average, they already have more than 4.7 years of work experience.
Average time to find the first job after graduation (1 year)

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<th>Months</th>
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<td>&gt; 6 months</td>
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Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

- Economics graduates

- Banking 15.4%
- Consulting 15.4%
- Manufacturing 14.3%
- Tourism & Transport 4.4%
- Retail 11.0%
- Culture & Events 1.1%
- Informatics 7.7%
- Public Administration 3.3%
- Media 3.3%
- Teaching, Training & Research 7.7%
- Brokerage & Insurance 9.9%
- Consulting 15.4%
- Other 5.5%

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Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

Communication Sciences graduates

- Manufacturing 14.9%
- Teaching, Training & Research 23.0%
- Communication 5.7%
- Culture & Events 2.3%
- Printing & Publishing 0.0%
- Media 5.7%
- Retail 5.7%
- Tourism & Transport 5.7%
- Public Administration 4.6%
- Informatics 6.9%
- Health & Social services 2.3%
- Brokerage & Insurance 2.6%
- Consulting 8.0%
- Other 4.6%
- Banking 1.1%
Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

Architecture graduates

- Architecture: 92.5%
- Teaching, Training & Research: 6.4%
- Media: 2.1%
- Industry: 2.1%
- Other: 2.1%
Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

Informatics graduates

- Manufacturing 20.0%
- Brokerage & Insurance 5.0%
- Informatics 20.0%
- Teaching, Training & Research 35.0%
- Consultancy 5.0%
- Banking 5.0%
- Health services 5.0%
Workplace (1 year after graduation)

More than 55% work in CH, and 33.4% of the latter come from CH.
Work place (5 years after graduation)

62.2% work in CH compared to 37.8% which comes from CH
Workplace (by country, 1 year after graduation)

- From Ticino:
  - World 11.2%
  - Italy 4.4%
  - Switzerland 13.3%
  - Ticino 71.1%

- From other Swiss Cantons:
  - World 11.1%
  - Ticino 38.9%
  - Switzerland 50.0%

- From Italy:
  - World 22.2%
  - Italy 33.3%
  - Switzerland 7.1%
Workplace (by country, 5 years after graduation)

- **from Ticino**
  - World: 12.5%
  - ITA: 6.2%
  - CH: 12.5%
  - TI: 68.8%

- **from other Swiss Cantons**
  - World: 12.0%
  - TI: 44.0%
  - CH: 44.0%

- **from Italy**
  - World: 9.8%
  - ITA: 37.7%
  - CH: 11.5%
  - TI: 41.0%
Company size (1 year after graduation)

1 year after graduation:
- +500 (37.5%)
- 101-500 (13.5%)
- 26-100 (18.0%)
- 0-25 (31.1%)

5 years after graduation:
- +500 (36.7%)
- 101-500 (15.6%)
- 26-100 (16.3%)
- 0-25 (31.3%)
Type of contract (1 year after graduation)

- Contract open-ended (56.1%)
- Full Time (78.9%)
- Part-Time (21.1%)
- Temporary Contract (24.7%)
- Internship (6.2%)
- Independent (5.0%)
- Other (3.4%)
- Project-based (4.6%)
Type of contract (5 years after graduation)

- Full-time (80.4%)
- Part-time (19.6%)
- Temporary Contract (6.6%)
- Project-based (1.9%)
- Independent (13.7%)
- Other (2.0%)
- Contract open-ended (75.8%)
Annual income of graduates 1 and 5 years after graduation
(*average amount, in CHF*)

### One year after graduation
Workplace: Switzerland

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### Five years after graduation
Workplace: Switzerland

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Consistency, job satisfaction and USI

- 73.2% of respondents work in a field that is consistent with their field of study at USI. 93.0% declare that they are satisfied with their current professional occupation. 5 years after graduation, these percentages amount to 77.7% (consistency) and 88.5% (satisfaction).

- In the survey, 88.0% of recent graduates and 87.8% of those who graduated 5 years ago declare that they are satisfied with the skills acquired at USI.