

## Results from the Senior Survey 2017

**Methodology:** The link to an online 6-18 question survey was emailed to each full-time member of the senior class who, as of April 5, 2017, was anticipated to graduate by May 2017. Employees and other non-traditional students were excluded from the population. Initial invitations were sent on April 21 and the last responses were received on May 31. Of the 432 seniors who graduated between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, 285 responded with their primary activity after graduation (at a minimum) for an overall response rate of 66%.

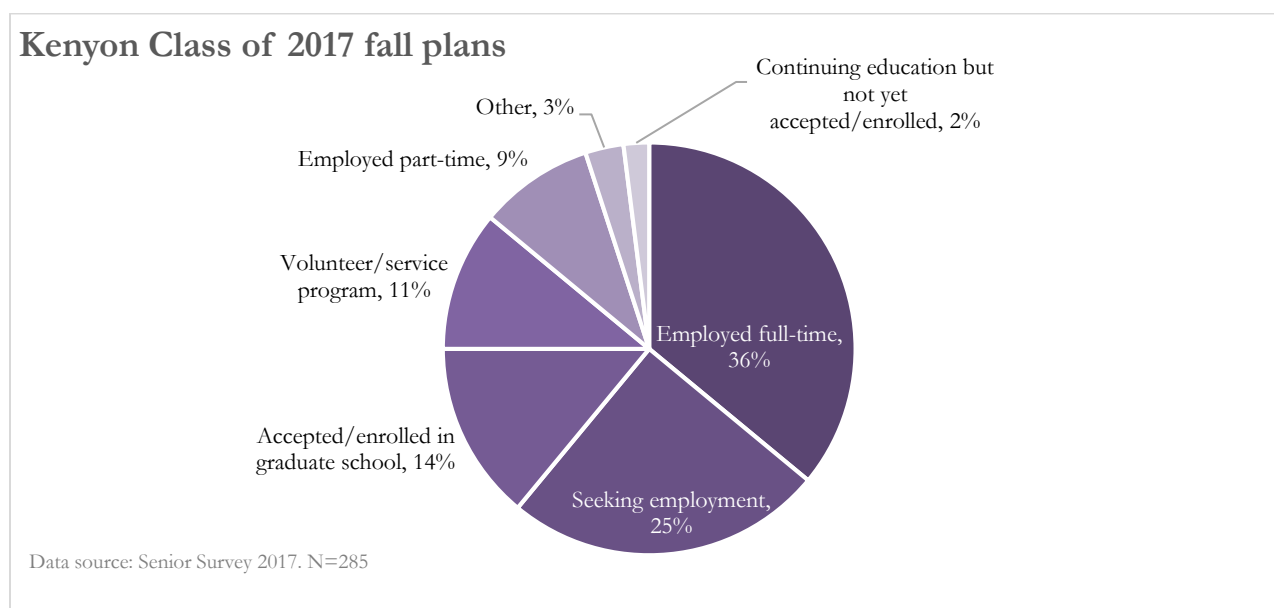
### Highlights

As of May 2017, respondents to the Class of 2017 Senior Survey indicated that:

- 36% had full-time employment for the fall
- 9% had part-time employment for the fall
- 14% had been accepted to/enrolled in graduate school for the fall
- 11% planned on participating in a volunteer/service opportunity for the fall
- 25% were still seeking employment for the fall
- 2% were planning on continuing education but had not yet been accepted/enrolled for the fall
- 3% planned on doing something other than education, employment, or service.

### The Plans of the Class of 2017

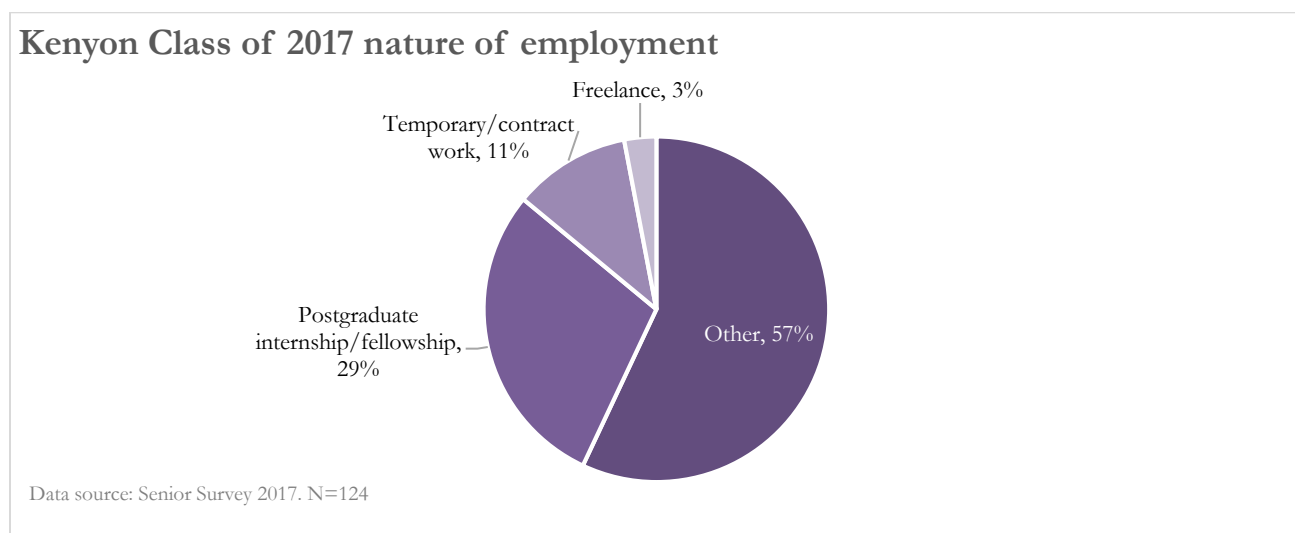
This year, we first asked seniors to identify their plans for the fall. 70% of students indicated that employment was their top priority, whether it was being employed full-time (36%), part-time (9%), or looking for a job (25%). 16% indicated that they would continue their education in the fall. Most of these students had already enrolled or been accepted into a graduate or professional school program (88% of total), and others were planning on continuing their education but had not yet enrolled or been accepted (12% of total). 11% of graduates planned on participating in a volunteer or service program. A small percentage of students (3%) planned on doing something other than employment, education, or service.



## Employment and Volunteer/Service

Over half of the senior class respondents (56%) reported they were undertaking full-time employment, part-time employment, or volunteer/service work positions. The survey gave these respondents the opportunity to provide information on the nature and location of their work.

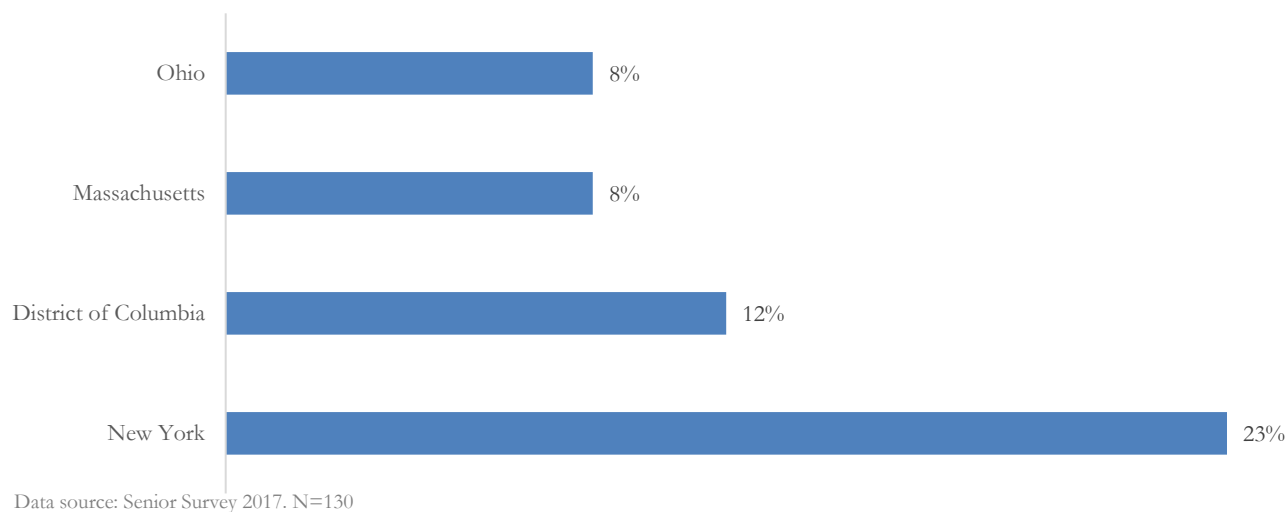
45% of the survey respondents (127 respondents) stated that they would be employed full time or employed part time in the fall. Students who selected one of these employment categories had an option to further information about the nature of their work. Of the employed respondents, 96% selected a description of their work. The majority of these respondents (82%) selected that their work is part of the private sector, while the remaining respondents indicated their work was in the public sector. In addition, 68% of employed respondents indicated that they would be working for a for-profit organization. From the open response question in which respondents could state their position or title, popular fields of work for these graduates include finance, education, and research. A sizeable percentage of the students who were employed had postgraduate internship or fellowship positions (29%) or had temporary/contract work assignments (11%).



In addition, 11% of the survey respondents (32 respondents) stated that they would work volunteer or service positions in the fall. In the open response job title and job organization sections, 40% of students who reported that they would conduct volunteer or service work stated that they had teaching positions. The most popular organization that these students listed as employers were City Year with 33% of respondents.

Survey respondents also had the opportunity to share the location in which they would pursue their plans. 98% of the students who reported full-time, part-time, or service/volunteer work also reported the location of their work (156 respondents). The most popular U.S. work locations were New York (30 respondents), Washington, D.C. (15 respondents), Massachusetts (11 respondents), and Ohio (11 respondents).

### Kenyon Class of 2017 locations of work or service

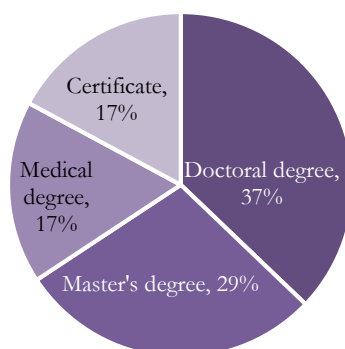


### Graduate and Professional School

Of the class of 2017, 16% indicated that their post-graduation plans included graduate or professional school. 87% of these students (40 respondents) had been accepted at or had enrolled in a graduate program for the fall. The remaining 13% (6 respondents) planned to pursue further education in the fall, but they had not enrolled in a program as of the time when they completed the survey.

Students who stated they had been accepted at or had enrolled in a graduate/professional program for the fall were asked to provide details on the type of degree they were pursuing. Of these students, 37% (13 respondents) will be pursuing a doctoral degree such as a PhD and 29% (10 respondents) will be pursuing a Master's degree. Also, a considerable percentage of these students will be pursuing a medical degree or a certificate (15% each). No respondents reported pursuing a law degree or MBA, specifically.

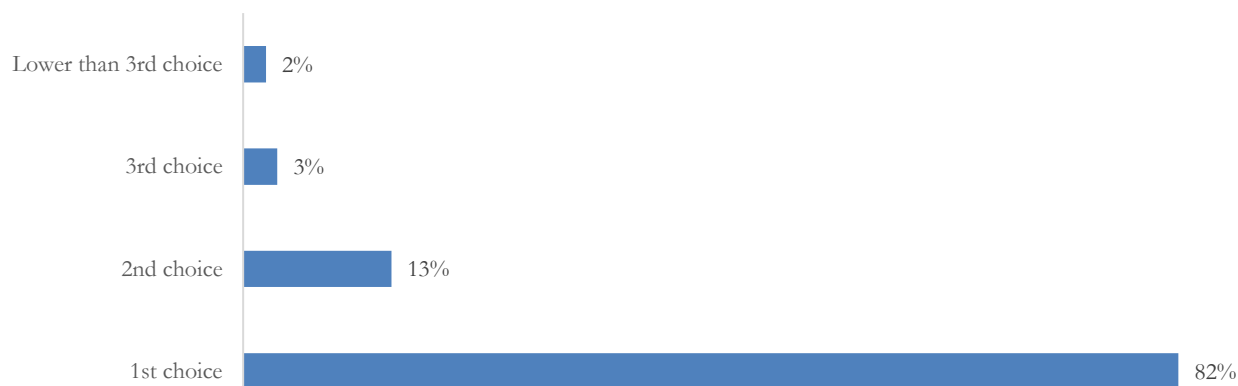
### Kenyon Class of 2017 further degrees



Data source: Senior Survey 2017. N=35

Students who planned to attend graduate or professional school were very successful in getting admitted to their top choice programs. The vast majority (82%) were planning to attend their first choice of graduate or professional program, and 13% were planning to attend their second choice of program. Only two students selected the option that the program was lower than their second choice.

### Kenyon Class of 2017 rank of graduate/professional institution by respondents



Data source: Senior Survey 2017. N=39

### Students with Other Plans

Other options included the 3% of students who indicated that they had plans to do something that did not include working or attending graduate or professional school. The most popular responses were uncertainty or travelling.

### Conclusions

With nearly three-fourths of respondents indicating that they have definite plans for the fall (in the form of full- or part-time employment, volunteer or service work, or graduate school) and several more respondents applying for or deciding between opportunities, the Class of 2017 appears to be successfully transitioning into the next stage of their lives. For some respondents this transition will include traditional and formal opportunities such as long-term employment or attending graduate school, while other respondents have deliberately structured their next steps to allow for exploration such as traveling, career related service, or moving to their desired city. The Class of 2017 seems to have identified a diverse range of opportunities and goals that they can continue to explore over the years to come.