Graduate Outcomes: Employment and Further Education

College of Business and Economics, California State University, Los Angeles. Graduating classes 2021 through 2026.

This page reports where College of Business and Economics (CBE) graduates go after completing their degrees. It draws on two sources: National Student Clearinghouse enrollment records, which show graduate-school continuation for every graduate, and the CBE Post-Graduation Survey, which asks graduating students about employment and further study. Labor-market context for CBE programs is available separately through Cal State LA Institutional Effectiveness (Lightcast data).

11–13%	About half	2 in 3
of CBE bachelor's graduates in recent full cohorts enrolled in graduate study	of those continuing chose a Cal State LA graduate program	of employed survey respondents report a job related to their major

Continuation to Graduate School

Share of CBE bachelor's-degree graduates enrolled in graduate study within one year of completing their degree, based on National Student Clearinghouse records. These figures cover all graduates and do not depend on survey responses.

Graduating class	Continued to graduate study	Status
2020–21	11.5%	Complete
2021–22	13.2%	Complete
2022–23	12.8%	Complete
2023–24	9.9%	Still accruing
2024–25	9.0%	Still accruing

Recent classes are still accruing as graduates enroll later; the 2025–26 class is too recent to report. Across these classes, roughly half of continuing graduates enrolled at Cal State LA and half at other institutions. Source: National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker, via Cal State LA Institutional Effectiveness, 2026.

Post-Graduation Survey: Where Respondents Are Headed

Each spring, CBE Career Placement Services surveys graduating students. Because relatively few students respond, results are shown as **numbers of respondents**, not percentages, together with the number who answered.

Destination	May 2023	May 2024	May 2025	May 2026*
Accepted an offer of employment	9	8	12	2
Received an offer, currently considering	3	5	1	1
Actively seeking, no offer yet	12	18	20	8
Planning to work, not yet searching	10	7	3	3
Remaining in a current position	4	9	9	5
Enrolling in graduate school	0	0	3	6
Respondents answering this question	38	47	48	25
Total survey respondents	40	49	48	25

**The May 2026 survey was still open when these results were compiled (August 2026). Source: CBE Post-Graduation Survey, Career Placement Services, 2023–2026.*

Job Related to Major

Respondents who accepted or held a position were asked whether it relates to their major.

	May 2023	May 2024	May 2025	May 2026*
Related to major	18	25	24	12
Not related to major	5	13	11	5
Share related	78%	66%	69%	71%

With 17 to 38 answers per year, a change of a few responses moves the share by several points; the multi-year pattern (about two-thirds) is the more reliable reading.

About the Data

Survey response rates are low: respondents represent roughly 3 to 4 percent of each graduating class, so survey results describe the students who responded and are not presented as representative of all graduates. The College is working to increase participation and uses the Clearinghouse records, which cover every graduate, as its primary measure of further education.

Graduating class	Bachelor's	Graduate	Total
2021–22	832	262	1,094
2022–23	998	251	1,249
2023–24	994	211	1,205
2024–25	931	194	1,125
2025–26	926	171	1,097

Number of CBE graduates by academic year. Source: Cal State LA Institutional Effectiveness, graduating cohort file, 2026.

More Outcome Data

Labor-market context: Lightcast data for occupations aligned with CBE programs (Cal State LA Institutional Effectiveness). **CSU Labor Market Outcomes dashboard:** employment and earnings by campus, undergraduate major, and years since graduation. **U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard** (collegescorecard.ed.gov): median earnings and debt by field of study.