The Career Plans Survey was conducted among students who graduated from Mason in August and December 2016 and May 2017. The full survey was initially administered to all graduates online via email and additional data were collected via individual phone calls, reviews of online social media profiles (e.g., LinkedIn), and National Student Clearinghouse Data to determine career outcomes, yielding data from 4,762 of 8,290 graduates. Additional percentages reflect varying numbers of respondents per item.

The Career Outcomes Data for the Class of 2017:

- **Overall Career Outcomes Rate**: 81%
- **Employment Rate**: 84%
- **Median First Year Salary Plus Bonus**: $59,000
- **90% of students are employed locally**

**Top Employment Industries**
- Government
- Health
- Technology

**Top Employment Locations**
- Maryland
- Virginia
- Washington, D.C.

**74% of Graduating Students Participated in Experiential Learning**
- Internships
- Co-Op
- Research
- Work Related to Career Goals
- Study Abroad
- Student Leadership

**Select Job Titles**
- Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Aviation Systems Engineer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Bioinformatics Data Analyst
- Statistician
- Veterinary Assistant
- Associate Software Developer
- Environmental Resource Supervisor
- Cyber Threat Analyst
- Cartographer
- Archeology Field Technician
- Human Factors Engineer
- Geospatial Analyst
- Biology Teacher
- Health Care Analyst
- Intelligence Analyst
- Instructional Designer
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Artistic Programming Manager
- Clinical Dietician
- Marketing & Outreach Specialist
- Assistive Technology Specialist
- Physical Therapy Technician
- Traffic Engineer
- Data Scientist
- Forensic Scientist
- Legislative Assistant
- Youth Services Coordinator
- Satellite Engineer
- HR Manager
- Reading Specialist
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Financial Analyst
- Government Affairs Manager
- Military Analyst
- Mechanical Engineer