

**Highlights of:
Yale College Class of 2006—A Study of Their Activities
One Year After Graduation**

- The percentage of graduates who entered any kind of **graduate/professional study** decreased for the Class of 2006. It was the second year in a row that graduate/professional study went down. With 51% of the graduates of the Class of 1960 going on to graduate/professional study, percentages for recently graduated Classes was noticeably lower:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1975</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1980</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	51%	46%	54%	32%	34%	27%	35%	29%	28%	23%	31%	27%	24%

- The percentage of graduates who entered **Law School** remained fairly constant over the last twenty years. However, these percentages continued to be lower than those reported for classes graduating in the 1970's and in 1980:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1975</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1980</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	15%	18%	15%	8%	5%	8%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	6%	5%

- The percentage of graduates who entered **Medical School** consistently ranged between 5% and 13% over the last twenty-five years:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1980</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	13%	11%	5%	8%	9%	11%	10%	11%	8%	6%	7%	6%

- In all of the 45 years of conducting this study, the Class of 2006 had the largest percentage its graduates **employed the first year after college**. In the 1970's, about one third of the Classes were employed immediately following graduation. Today, and with most of the Classes graduating in the 1990's and 2000's, roughly two-thirds of the graduates chose employment:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	36%	50%	58%	65%	61%	60%	65%	65%	70%	64%	69%	73%

- The percentage of graduates who went into **jobs in education** (instruction and non-instruction) was at an all-time high in the study at 19% for the Class of 2006. "Teach for America" was chosen by at least 12 members of the Class in this first year after graduation:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	6%	5%	7%	9%	12%	12%	14%	13%	12%	11%	15%	13%	19%

- **Employment in areas of business and finance** continued to attract graduates in high numbers:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	13%	16%	17%	15%	11%	10%	13%	17%	17%	22%	13%	18%	18%

(1) Percentage for this year may be inflated because it includes students who deferred graduate/professional study one year.

- The percentage of students who entered **employment in fields of industry** remained consistent over the last twenty years:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	8%	9%	6%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	10%	5%	7%	7%

- In addition to the 24% of the Class of 2006 who were studying in 2006-07, another 47% of the Class expected to go on to some kind of **graduate/professional study in the next two years**. Graduates may not have been entering graduate/professional study in large numbers directly out of Yale, but it was clear that graduate study was a goal for many of them:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
	36%	42%	47%	46%	42%	32%	41%	43%	35%	47%	36%	47%

- Graduates from the **Group IV majors** (physical and biological sciences) consistently go into **graduate/professional study** in greater numbers than students who majored in other major Groups. However, those differences were somewhat smaller for the Class of 2006:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1975</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1980</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>1985</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>
Group I	45%	41%	41%	29%	25%	29%	23%	31%	23%	22%	21%	22%	21%
Group II	56%	54%	43%	27%	23%	27%	26%	24%	18%	18%	25%	21%	18%
Group III	43%	43%	44%	29%	23%	21%	31%	21%	27%	16%	28%	22%	23%
Group IV	67%	67%	65%	49%	52%	57%	55%	45%	47%	41%	50%	50%	37%

- **Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Oxford, University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins** were the schools most frequently chosen for graduate/professional study by the Class of 2006. Predictably, over the years Yale and Harvard are almost always the top two schools chosen for graduate study, each taking turns as the number one choice.

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