

## 2023-24 Graduate Follow-up Survey Results Institutional Research and Analysis

## Introduction

Saskatchewan Polytechnic ("Sask Polytech") annually surveys its graduates in certificate, diploma, and degree programs to determine their employment status six to twelve months after graduation. Graduates were asked to report on their employment outcomes, satisfaction with their program and their experience at Sask Polytech, experience of Work-Integrated Learning (WIL), and further post-secondary education.

The 2023-24 Graduate Follow-up Survey was conducted between March and May of 2025. Of a valid sample of 6,033 graduates, 2,071 responded to the survey, yielding a response rate of 34.3%. Of the 2,071 responses collected, 1,663 were from programs delivered by Sask Polytech, and the remaining 408 surveys were from programs delivered by broker institutions.

The margin of error at the institution level is +/- 1.7% at a 95% confidence level. Results at the program level may not be statistically reliable due to small sample sizes. Caution is needed when interpreting those results.

## About the Report

This report presents the results from the 2023-24 Graduate Follow-up Survey. Five-year trended results (2019-20 to 2023-24 graduates) are provided (in the last four dashboards) where questions remain unchanged to allow comparisons of the results year over year.

The numbers in this report have been rounded to zero decimal place. As a result, the sums of percentages may not equal 100% in some charts.

Questions where multiple responses were allowed have been noted on individual dashboards. The sums of percentages within these questions may be more than 100%.

To view the results of the survey for a specific program or subcategory, select faculty, school, program, credential, campus, and other desired categories from the filters on each page. The filters apply to all the results in this report. Programs with less than five respondents from the 2023-24 graduates are hidden from the program filter due to privacy considerations, although those programs are included in the overall results.

By default, programs delivered by Sask Polytech are selected in the Program Delivery filter. To view the results for programs delivered by broker institutions, select "Brokered" option instead.



# 2023-24 Graduate Follow-up Survey Results Institutional Highlights

The highlights of the 2023-24 Graduate Follow-up Survey Results focus on programs delivered by Sask Polytech only (excluding brokered programs) unless otherwise stated.

#### Respondent profile

Graduates from School of Business and Entrepreneurship (27%), School of Nursing (19%), and School of Computing and Digital Innovation (13%) accounted for approximately 60% of all the graduates surveyed.

The proportions of female graduates, international graduates, indigenous graduates, and graduates with disability were 51%, 43%, 7%, and 7% respectively.

#### **Employment Outcomes**

Overall, the 2023-24 graduates saw an employment rate of 93% and earned an average of \$52,678 annually.

Full-time employment rate and full-time training related employment rate were 77% and 60% respectively, down from the previous year. Average annual salaries were \$58,407 for full-time employment and \$62,325 for full-time training related employment, up from the previous year.

A strong majority (95%) were employed in Saskatchewan at the time of the survey.

Over seven in ten (72%) of the employed reported their main job being related to the program taken at Sask Polytech, trending down from the previous two years.

More than one half of the employed reported having found employment while attending school (31%) or before graduation (21%).

Most commonly, graduates were unemployed because they could not find employment related to their training and skills (41%).

#### Graduate Satisfaction

Graduate satisfaction remained very positive with respect to their educational experience at Sask Polytech (95% satisfied or very satisfied), program overall (94%), and instruction delivered (94%). Satisfactions with campus activities (77%), campus facilities (87%), and student support services (87%) were moderately strong (trending up) due to a sizable proportion being not sure about their assessment.

Perceptions on program benefits were most positive in terms of skills and knowledge relevant in the workplace (97% at least to some extent) and moderately strong in terms of improved employment opportunities (87%) or improved earning potential (86%).

Sask Polytech received strong endorsement from graduates: most would recommend the institution (95%) or their program (85%) to others.

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) and Further Post-Secondary Education (PSE)

More than six in ten (63%) graduates participated in WIL as part of their program. More than one-half (54%) of those who participated in WIL were offered a job by the organization that hosted WIL. Among those who were offered a job by their WIL hosting organization, nearly three quarters (74%) were still employed with the same organization, trending up from the previous years.

Perceived benefits of WIL were very positive in terms of developing workplace knowledge and skills (98% at least to some extent), gaining a better understanding of the industry (97%), improving employment opportunities (92%), and networking with professionals from the industry (91%). Perceived benefit of WIL in earning money to help with tuition costs remained moderate (63%).

A small proportion (14%) of the graduates surveyed were taking further PSE at the time of the survey, of which seven in ten (70%) were enrolled full-time, up from the previous two years. More than six in ten (62%) of those pursuing further PSE chose Sask Polytech again, and most graduates enrolled (70%) were taking a program related to the one completed at Sask Polytech.

Number of Respondents **1,663** 

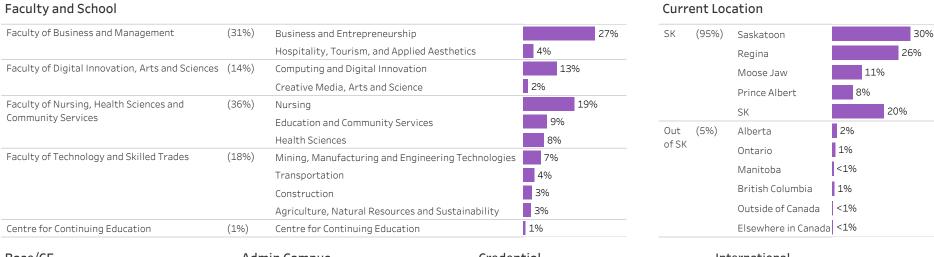
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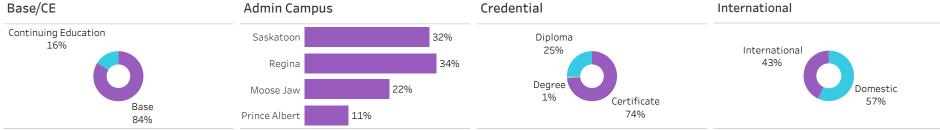
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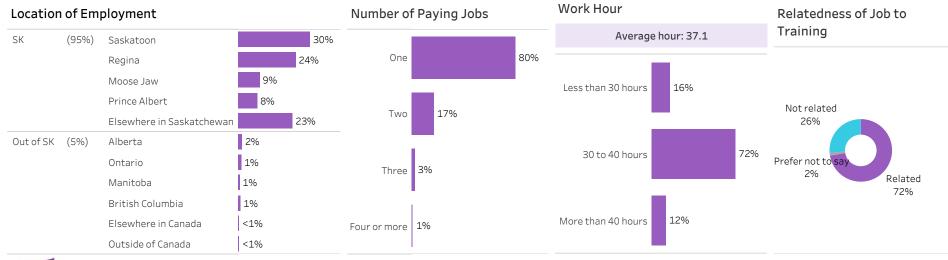
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Overall 93% Full-time Employment Average Salary 52,000  # Employed Full-time Employment 77%  # Employed Training Related	# Available Workforce	1,565	Overall	Average Salary	52,678
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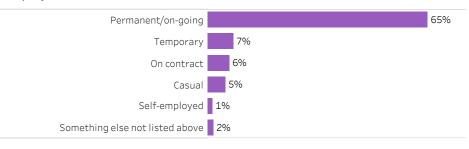
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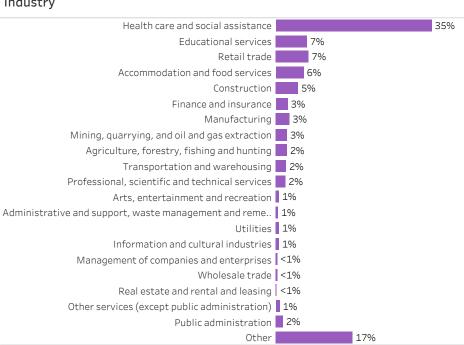
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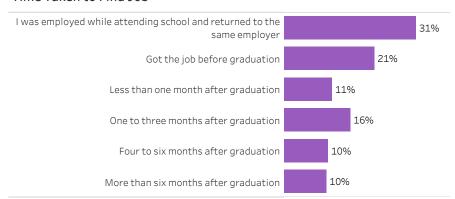
### **Employment Status**



#### Industry

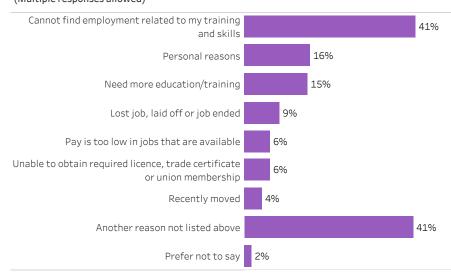


#### Time Taken to Find Job



### Reason for Unemployment

(Multiple responses allowed)





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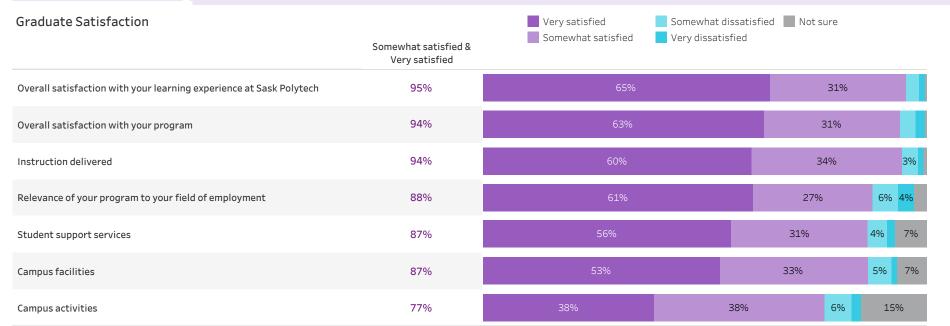
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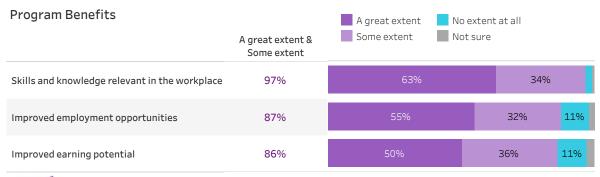
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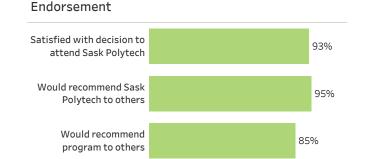
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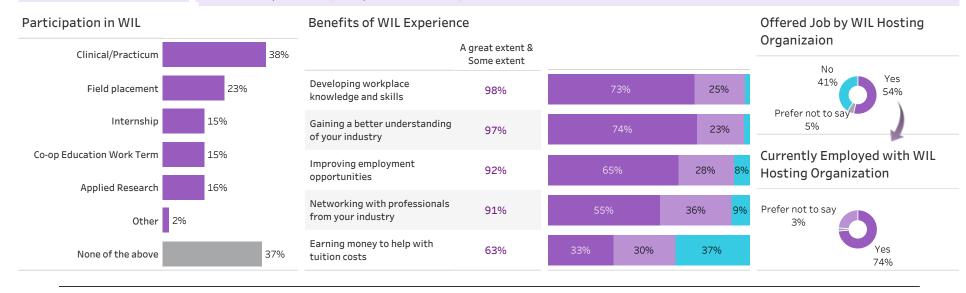
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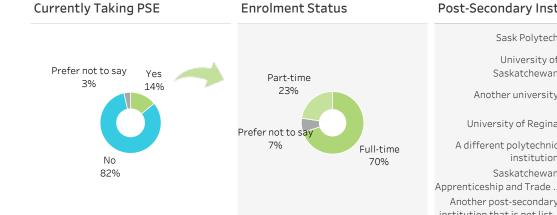
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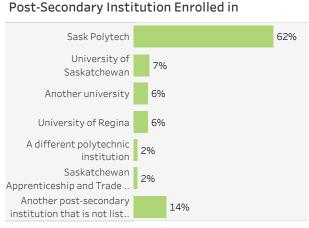
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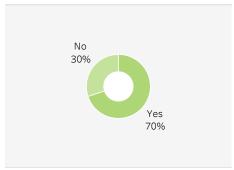




**Enrolment Status** 



Current Program Related to Program Completed at Sask Polytech





## Trended Results - Employment Outcomes (1)

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	2020-21	1,912
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Respondents	2022-23	1,599
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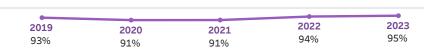
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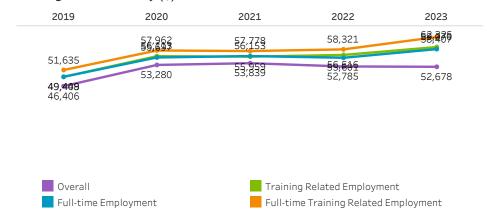




### Main Job Located in SK



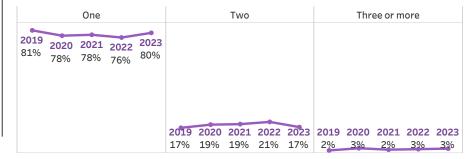
## Average Annual Salary (\$)



## Job Related to Training



## Number of Paying Jobs





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## **Employment Status**

Permanent/on-going	Temporary	Casual	On contract	Self-employed
2019 75% 75% 77% 75%	2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
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## Work Hour

Less than 30 hours	30 to 40 hours	More than 40 hours
	2019     2020     2021     2022     2023       74%     75%     75%     75%     72%	
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## Time Taken to Find Job

I was employed while attending school and returned to the same employer	Less than one month after graduation	One to three months after graduation	Four to six months after graduation	More than six months after graduation
2019 2021 2022 2022 31% 28% 2020 29% 28% 24%	2020 2021 2022 2019 13% 13% 14% 2023 10% 11%	2019 2020 16% 17% 2021 2022 2023 14% 15% 16%	2019 13% 2020 2021 2022 2023 10% 9% 8% 10%	2019 21% 2020 16% 2021 2022 2023 13% 11% 10%



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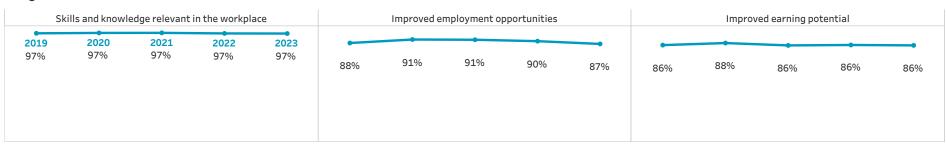
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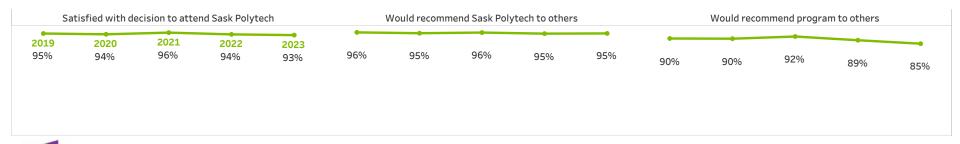
#### **Graduate Satisfaction**



## **Program Benefits**



#### Endorsement





## Trended Results - Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and Further PSE

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## Participation in WIL







## **Employed with WIL Hosting Organization**



#### Benefits of WIL



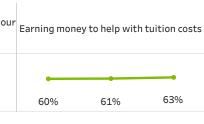






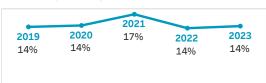
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## **Currently Taking Further PSE**



## **Enrolment Status**



## Current Program Related to Program Completed at Sask Polytech

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<b>2019</b> 73%	<b>2020</b> 68%	<b>2021</b> 72%	<b>2022</b> 72%	<b>2023</b> 70%

## Post-Secondary Institution Enrolled in

Sask Polytech	University of Regina	University of Saskatchewan Sa	askatchewan Apprenticeship and Trad	Othe post-secondary institutions
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