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## Boise State Graduates Stay in Idaho, Contribute to Economy Research Report 2006-01

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State employment records reveal that most recent graduates stay in Idaho. Over three-quarters (76%) of students who graduated between Fall 2000 and Summer 2004 were employed in Idaho in 2004. These 7,719 graduates earned a combined income of over 195 million dollars during 2004. Contributions ranged from a low of \$6 to a high of almost \$300,000. The median earnings were \$22,756.

Graduates were employed across a wide variety of industries. The largest group (24%) was employed in the Educational Services industry, with an additional 22% employed in Health Care and Social Assistance. Other industries where at least 5% of graduates were employed included: Retail Trade (13%), Administrative and Support (12%), Manufacturing (11%), Accommodation and Food Services (10%), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (9%), Public Administration (9%), and Finance and Insurance (5%).

As shown below, earnings varied based on the degree received, with MBA graduates earning the highest salaries. Students who earned an MS degree were most likely to leave the state, though 53% remained employed in Idaho.

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Number of Graduates</b>	<b>Percent Employed in Idaho</b>	<b>Median Salary</b>	<b>Sum of Earnings</b>
<b>AAS</b>	810	82%	\$22,896	\$17,727,593
<b>AS</b>	721	83%	\$25,342	\$15,527,825
<b>ATC</b>	367	83%	\$20,170	\$6,283,761
<b>BA</b>	2,270	77%	\$16,777	\$31,763,593
<b>BBA</b>	1,658	77%	\$27,955	\$36,921,578
<b>BS</b>	2,226	75%	\$21,055	\$41,279,987
<b>BSE</b>	148	84%	\$33,506	\$4,600,828
<b>MA</b>	513	80%	\$33,988	\$12,610,442
<b>MBA</b>	168	80%	\$53,016	\$7,164,187
<b>MS</b>	510	53%	\$39,326	\$10,440,588
<b>TC</b>	544	75%	\$17,504	\$7,502,275

In addition to these overall summaries, information is available to departments that are interested in knowing the percentage of their graduates who are employed in Idaho, the industries in which they are employed, and their average earnings. For further details, contact Marcia Belcheir in the office of Institutional Analysis, Assessment, and Reporting – Ext. 6-1117 or [mbelcheir@boisestate.edu](mailto:mbelcheir@boisestate.edu).