The report includes students who graduated during the 2018-2020 academic year. The data came from several verifiable sources. The vast majority of data came from the campus-wide survey, which invited graduates to provide information about their post-graduation status at regular intervals for six months following their graduation. In addition to the survey, data were also gathered from college reports and a limited use of graduates’ LinkedIn profiles. The graduating class consisted of master’s students in the Library and Information Sciences program.

Please note, the salaries listed below are greatly influenced by profession, previous educational backgrounds, and previous pre-professional and professional experience.

**LIS Post-Graduate Status AY 2018-2020**

472 Post-Graduate Records

- 81.6% Employed
- 12.1% Seeking Employment
- 6.3% Enrolling in Additional Education
- 0.4% Other

**When Respondent Received First Job Offer, 2018-2020**

231 Respondents

- 66.2% By graduation
- 22.9% Between graduation and 3 months after graduation
- 9.5% Between 3 to 6 months after graduation
- 0.4% More than 6 months after graduation

**LIS Knowledge Rates, AY 2018-2020**

- Graduates: 700
- Primary Status Respondents: 409
- Post-Graduate Data Entries: 472
- First Destinations Response Rate: 58%
- Knowledge Rate: 67%

Knowledge rate is the amount of information collected about post-graduate outcomes (employment, continuing education, etc.) collected through the First Destinations Survey, student communications, and social media, compared to the overall count of graduates for this period.

**Select LIS Graduate Employment by Industry, AY 2018-2020**

359 Graduates

- Higher Education: 39.0%
- Pre-K-12 Education: 5.3%
- Public Libraries: 33.7%
- Museums & Cultural Institutions: 2.8%
- Government Agencies and Organizations: 3.9%
- Other Professions: 13.1%

Other Professions includes: Advertising, PR, & Marketing; Agriculture; Consumer Products; Aerospace & Aviation; Electronic & Computer Hardware; Health Services; Industry & Manufacturing; Insurance; Internet & Software; Investment & Finance; Journalism, Media & Publishing; Law Organizations; Movies, TV, & Music; Non-Profit; Performing and Fine Arts; Real Estate; Research; Retail Trade; Social & Human Services; and Telecommunications.
**LIS Salary Data**

**LIS Salaries, AY 2018-2020**
201 Graduates Responding

- **25th percentile:** $47,000
- **Median:** $55,000
- **75th percentile:** $63,998

**LIS Average Annual Salary by Industry, AY 2018-2020**
164 Graduates Responding

- **Gov’t:** $56,148
- **Pre-K-12 Education:** $49,426
- **Higher Education:** $50,000
- **Public Libraries:** $47,744

**LIS First Destination Data**

**Nationwide, AY 2018-2020**

**Illinois, AY 2018-2020**
Select Employers Extending Full-time Offers to LIS Graduates, 2019-2020

CORPORATIONS
Ameriprise Financial
Apple
Arity
DPG Consulting
Ex Libris
Honeywell UOP
Indeed
NBCUniversal
Verizon Media
William Blair

GOVERNMENT
City of Chicago
Congressional Research Service
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Illinois State Archives
Library of Congress
NASA Langley Research Center
National Library of Medicine

HEALTH SERVICES
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Henry Ford Health System
Prairie Cardiovascular

HIGHER EDUCATION
Alfred University
Arizona State University
Colgate University
Cornell University
DePaul University
Emory University
Grinnell College
Harper College
Indiana University Bloomington
McPherson College
Michigan State University
Moraine Park Technical College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pacific Lutheran University
Princeton University
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rutgers University
San Jose State University
Springfield College
SUNY, New Paltz
The Ohio State University
University of California, San Diego
University of Houston
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Notre Dame
University of Texas, Austin
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Wisconsin, Madison

LAW ORGANIZATIONS
Baker McKenzie
Dykema
Winston & Strawn

MUSEUMS & CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
Bronzeville Historical Society
Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS
Chicago Dance History Project
The Apollo Theater

PRE-K-12 EDUCATION
Gurnee School District 56
Naperville North High School
Nathan Hale Middle School
Noble and Greenough School
Saudi Aramco
Expatriate Schools
University Avenue Elementary School

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Chicago PL
Dayton Metro PL
Denver PL
Free Library of Philadelphia
Gail Borden PL
Naperville PL
New York PL
Newberry Library
Northbrook Public Library
Oak Park Public Library
Orland Park Public Library
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
Schaumburg Library
Skokie PL
W. Florida PL
The Urbana Free Library
Tinley Park Public Library
West Florida Public Libraries
Winfield Public Library

Select Titles of LIS Graduates, 2019-2020

Access Specialist
Adult Services Librarian
Assistant Archivist
Assistant Acquisitions Editor
Assistant Professor
Associate Director Marketing
Audiovisual Collections Contract Processor
Branch Manager
Cataloging and Electronic Resources Librarian
Chinese & Taiwanese Studies Reference and Instruction Librarian
Circulation Manager
Collections Storage Coordinator
Community Engagement Librarian
Course Preparation Specialist
Development Director
Digital Media Specialist
Digital Services Librarian Director, Library & Archives
Diversity Resident Librarian
Economics and Data Librarian
Electronic Resources Librarian
Experience Designer
Humanities and Instruction Librarian
Independent Research Consultant
Information Literacy Librarian
Instructional Design & Technology Librarian
Junior Researcher
Latin American Acquisitions Specialist
Liaison to Middle Eastern Studies
Library Director
Live Session Navigator
LMC Director
Manager, User Services Admin Support Team
Metadata and Content Acquisition Analyst
Metadata Librarian
Museum Collections Specialist
Music Collections Specialist
Processing Archivist
Program Coordinator
Prospect Development Analyst
Records Archivist
Reference Librarian
Research Associate
Research Data Management Librarian
Research Librarian
Senior Instructional Design Assistant
Senior Library Specialist
Special Collections and Metadata Librarian
Special Collections Librarian
STEM Librarian
Student Engagement Librarian, Assistant Professor
Taxonomy Analyst
Youth Services Manager