

VSA Future Plans Survey Spring 2014: Undergraduate Senior Students

During late April and early May of 2014, the Office of Institutional Research of the West Chester University of Pennsylvania conducted an online survey of students who were graduating in May 2014. The purpose of the survey was to assess their future plans. The survey consisted of the broad question: “*What is most likely to be your principal activity upon graduation?*”, as well as, follow-up by questions depending on the graduates’ response category. There were 701 responses from undergraduate seniors graduating in May 2014. This represents approximately 33.4% of the 2,097 undergraduate senior students graduating. This report focuses on the responses of the undergraduate senior students of WCU. The findings of the survey are displayed in the chart below.

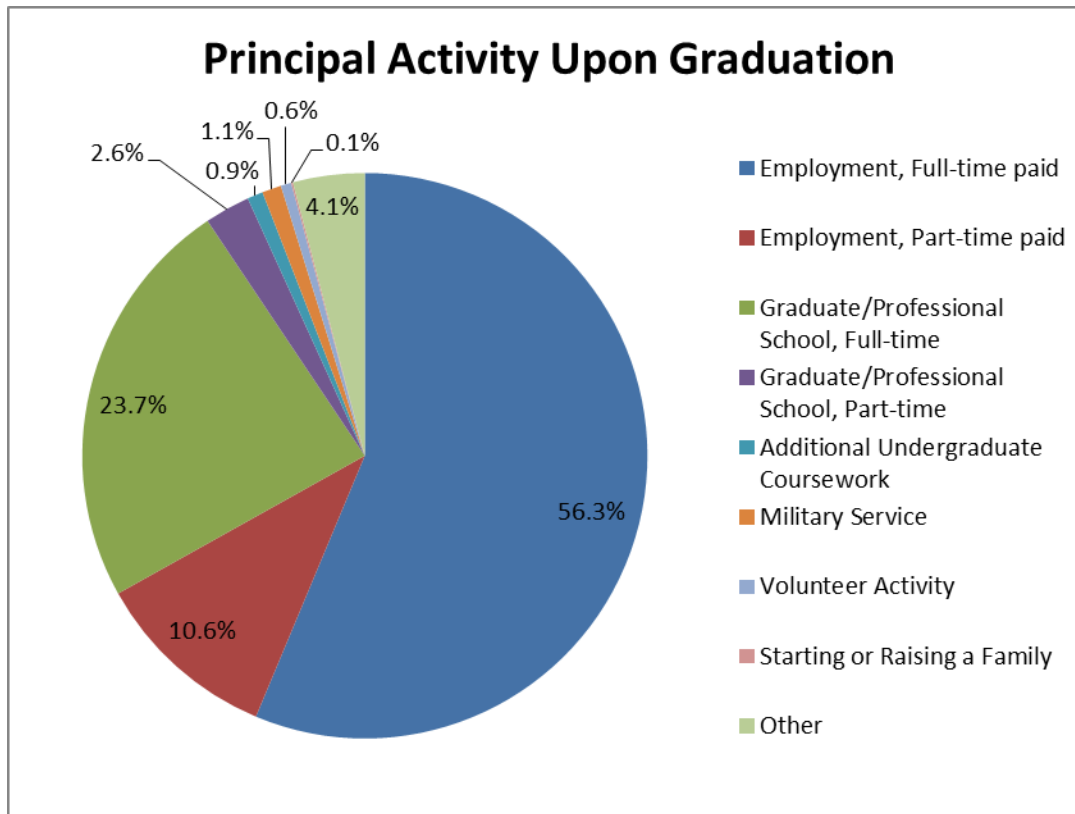


Table 1: Future Plans of Undergraduate Seniors

Response Category	Spring 2014		Spring 2012		Spring 2011		Spring 2010	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Employment, Full-time paid	395	56.3	280	67.6	601	65.2	669	65.6
Employment, Part-time paid	74	10.6	38	9.2	93	10.1	80	7.8
Graduate/Professional School, Full-time	166	23.7	62	15.0	156	16.9	184	18.0
Graduate/Professional School, Part-time	18	2.6	14	3.4	28	3.0	29	2.8
Additional Undergraduate Coursework	6	0.9	3	0.7	7	0.8	12	1.2
Military Service	8	1.1	1	0.2	3	0.3	5	0.5
Volunteer Activity	4	0.6	5	1.2	5	0.5	6	0.6
Starting or Raising a Family	1	0.1	0	0	7	0.8	3	0.3
Other	29	4.1	11	2.7	22	2.4	32	3.1
TOTAL	701	100.0	414	100.0	922	100.0	1020	100.0

For the 469 students who indicated employment (full-time or part-time) as their primary plan after graduation, 397 provided information as to if they have accepted a position. Furthermore, of those senior students who indicated they had accepted a position or were continuing on in their current position, 114 provided further information on their salary range. The responses to follow-up questions are provided in the tables below.

Table 2: Employment As Primary Plan By Position Acceptance

Position Acceptance	Full-Time Employment		Part-Time Employment		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Accepted a Position	85	21.6	1	25.0	86	21.7
Not Yet Accepted a Position	267	67.9	1	25.0	268	67.5
Continuing in Current Position	41	10.4	2	50.0	43	10.8
TOTAL	393	100.0	4	100.0	397	100.0

Table 3: Employment As Primary Plan By Salary Range

Salary Range	Full-Time Employment	
	#	%
<\$20,000	22	19.3
\$20,000 - \$29,999	24	21.1
\$30,000 - \$39,999	26	22.8
\$40,000 - \$49,999	20	17.5
\$50,000 - \$59,999	16	14.0
\$60,000 - \$69,999	5	4.4
\$70,000+	1	0.9
TOTAL	114	100.0

Responses pertaining to hiring organization and position can be found in Appendix A.

There were 184 students who indicated that their primary plan after graduation was to attend graduate school; of those, 178 provided details as to if they were accepted into a Graduate program.

Table 4: Graduate School As Primary Plan By Graduate School Acceptance

Graduate School Acceptance	Full-Time Grad School		Part-Time Grad School		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Accepted into a Program	119	74.4	8	44.4	127	71.3
Not Yet Accepted into a Program	41	25.6	10	55.6	51	28.7
TOTAL	160	100.0	18	100.0	178	100.0

Of the 127 students who indicated they had been accepted into a Graduate Program, 126 provided details of the type of the degree they were pursuing.

Table 5: Students Accepted into Graduate School by Degree Type

Degree	#	%
Masters	97	77.0
Doctoral	29	23.0
Total	126	100.0

Responses pertaining to Graduate or professional school degree/certification to be sought can be found in Appendix B.

The survey also contains a question pertaining to if the student completed an internship/practicum/student teaching/field experience/etc. while at West Chester University. The results of this question, broken down by respondent's College is provided below.

Table 6: Internship Completion by College

Completed Internship, practicum, student teaching, field experience, etc.	College of Arts and Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	170	58.8	102	68.5	67	98.5	97	66.0	26	68.4	462	66.9
No	119	41.2	47	31.5	1	1.5	50	34.0	12	31.6	229	33.1
Total	289	100.0	149	100.0	68	100.0	147	100.0	38	100.0	691	100.0

APPENDIX A - Employment Information

Name of the Hiring Organization	Location of the Hiring Organization	Job Title	#	%
A&E Construction Co.	Upper Darby, PA	Accounts Receivable Assistant	1	<i>0.93</i>
A. Duie Pyle	West Chester, PA	Application Developer	1	<i>0.93</i>
Adoptions From The Heart	Wynnewood, Pennsylvania	Marketing & Events Coordinator	1	<i>0.93</i>
Aerotek	Wayne, PA	Recruiter	1	<i>0.93</i>
AIM	Peachtree City, GA	Nurse	1	<i>0.93</i>
Alpha Xi Delta	Indianapolis, IN	Educational Leadership Consultant	1	<i>0.93</i>
American Bank	West Chester, PA	Loan Processor	1	<i>0.93</i>
Aramark	Philadelphia, PA	Leadership Program-Business Dining	1	<i>0.93</i>
ATI Physical Therapy	Thorndale, PA	Rehabilitation Technician	1	<i>0.93</i>
Avatar Environmental	West Chester	Intern	1	<i>0.93</i>
Baxter Properties	West Chester, Pa	Assistant Property Manager	1	<i>0.93</i>
Berkshire and Hathaway	Berwyn, PA	IT Analyst	1	<i>0.93</i>
Boom Visibility	Media, PA	Content & Social Media Manager	1	<i>0.93</i>
Bryn Mawr Rehab	Malvern, PA	Therapy Aide	1	<i>0.93</i>
Caesars Entertainment	Chester, PA	VIP Hospitality Coordinator	1	<i>0.93</i>
Camp Canadensis	Monroe County, PA	Camp Counselor	1	<i>0.93</i>
Charisma	West Chester, pa	graphic advisor	1	<i>0.93</i>
Chester County Intermediate Unit	Downingtown, PA	Tech Support Specialist	1	<i>0.93</i>
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	Respiratory Therapist	1	<i>0.93</i>
Comcast		Tech	1	<i>0.93</i>
CPRS physical therapy	Willow Street, PA	Wellness Associate	1	<i>0.93</i>

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Crozer Keystone Health System	Chester, PA	WIC Nutrition Assistant	1	0.93
Delta phi epsilon international headquarters	Philadelphia, PA	Admin Intern	1	0.93
Department of Public Welfare	Harrisburg, Pa	Administration and Management Trainee	1	0.93
Do not want to disclose	Do not want to disclose	Do not want to disclose	1	0.93
Doubletree Hotel	Philadelphia, PA	Room Attendant	1	0.93
DrugScan	Horsham, PA	Laboratory Scientist	1	0.93
Elementary svhook	Falls church, Va	Teacher	1	0.93
Enterprise Holdings	Chads Ford, PA	Management Trainee	1	0.93
Faith Mennonite High School	Kinzers, PA	Music Teacher	1	0.93
Five Below	Philadelphia, PA	Management	1	0.93
Giant food	Exton pa	Manager	1	0.93
Giant Food Stores	Bartonsville, PA	Operations Manager	1	0.93
Gunnip & Co. LLP	Wilmington, DE	Staff Accountant	1	0.93
Hoffman Homes	Littlestown, PA	Mental health worker	1	0.93
Home Goods	Broomall, PA	Customer service coordinator	1	0.93
Homewood suites	Harrisburg, pa	Front desk receptionist	1	0.93
Hotels Unlimited Inc.	Freehold, New Jersey	Catering sales	1	0.93
Intelligent Capital Network	Wayne, PA	Recruiter	1	0.93
iPipeline	Exton, PA	Associate Linux Administrator	1	0.93
John Hancock	Atlanta, Georgia		1	0.93
Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine	Baltimore, MD	Research Technologist	1	0.93
JP Morgan	Newark, Delaware	Client service analyst	1	0.93

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KCSD	Kennett Square, PA	Library Assistant	1	0.93
Kelly's Sports LTD.	West Chester, PA	Team Web Sales and Marketing Rep	1	0.93
Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc	Philadelphia, PA	Geospatial Analyst	1	0.93
Kindercare	Bryn Mawr, PA	Teacher	1	0.93
Knowledge Universe	Bensalem, PA	Health & Safety Coordinator	1	0.93
KPMG	Philadelphia, PA	Corporate Tax Associate	1	0.93
Lancaster Laboratories	Lancaster, Pa	Scientist	1	0.93
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Land Rover Jaguar	West Chester, Pa	Receptionist	1	0.93
Lehigh Valley Health Network	Allentown, Pa	Graduate nurse	1	0.93
Luxottica	Whitehall, PA	eyewear consultant	1	0.93
Main Line Gastroenterology Associates	Lankenau Medical Center	Medical Assistant	1	0.93
Main line health	Pa	Therapy aide	1	0.93
Mas Mexicali Cantina	West Chester, PA	Head Bartender	1	0.93
McGladrey	Blue Bell, PA	Tax Associate	1	0.93
Mizuna Catering	West Chester, PA	Caterer/Kitchen Help	1	0.93
Monetate	Philadelphia, PA	JavaScript Developer	1	0.93
Morrison	Hershey Pennsylvania	Food Service Supervisor	1	0.93
Nemours a.i duPont Hospital for Children	Wilmington, DE	Critical Care Transport Nurse	1	0.93
Nextgen Healthcare Information Systems	Horsham, PA	EHR Analyst	1	0.93
NFL Films	Mt.Laurel, New Jersey	Producer	1	0.93
Nobel Learning Communities	West Chester, PA	Payroll Analyst	1	0.93

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Northwestern Mutual	Philadelphia, Pa	Financial Representative	1	0.93
Paoli Hospital	Paoli, PA	Registered Nurse	1	0.93
Penn Oakes Golf Club	West Chester, PA	Wedding/Event Planner	1	0.93
Physiotherapy Associates	Frazer, PA	Patient services manager	1	0.93
Pinnacle health	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	registered nurse	1	0.93
Pnc bank	Exton, PA	Customer Service Associate	1	0.93
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	Philadelphia	Assurance associate	1	0.93
PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP.	Philadelphia, PA	Auditor	1	0.93
PrimePay	West Chester, PA	Jr. Software Developer	1	0.93
PwC	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Assurance	1	0.93
Quadrattec Inc.	West Chester, PA	Purchasing Coordinator	1	0.93
Rainer and Company	Newtown Sq. PA	Staff Accountant	1	0.93
Red 102.3 FM - Radio Carlisle Inc.	Carlisle, PA	Sales	1	0.93
Roots Cafe	West Chester, PA	Cook, all positions	1	0.93
Scribe America	Langhorne, PA	Medical Scribe	1	0.93
Sherwin Williams	Philadelphia district, PA	Management/sales training program	1	0.93
Siemens Healthcare	Malvern, PA	Marketing Communications Specialist	1	0.93
St. John the Baptist Catholic School	New Freedom, PA	Teacher	1	0.93
Stratus interactive	West Chester, Pa	Graphic Designer	1	0.93
Sunrise Senior Living	Paoli, Pa	Care Manager	1	0.93
TEKsystems	Radnor, PA	Recruiter	1	0.93
The Goddard School	West Goshen, PA	Pretoddler teacher	1	0.93

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The Lewes Building Company	Lewes, DE	Administrative Assistant	1	0.93
The Malvern School	Malvern, PA	Assistant Teacher	1	0.93
The Shoe Department	York, Pa	Keyholder (Assistant Manager)	1	0.93
Tierney	Philadelphia, PA	Account Coordinator	1	0.93
Time To Leap	West Chester, PA	Dance Instructor and Choreographer	1	0.93
University of Delaware	Newark, DE	Lead teacher	1	0.93
Vanguard	Malvern	Client Relationship Specialist	1	0.93
Vanguard	Malvern, PA	Developer	1	0.93
Vanguard	Malvern, PA	Junior analyst	1	0.93
Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown PA	Head Cook	1	0.93
Walgreens	West Chester, PA	Photo specialist	1	0.93
Walnut Street Theater	Philadelphia PA	Scenic shop apprentice	1	0.93
Wawa	Downingtown, PA	Customer Service Associate	1	0.93
Weis Markets Inc.	Sunbury, Pennsylvania	Lead Trainer	1	0.93
Wellworks For You	West Chester, PA	Junior Account Wellness Coordinator	1	0.93
West Chester Area School District	West Chester, PA	Desktop Support Engineer	1	0.93
Whole Foods Market	Wayne, PA	-----	1	0.93
Yale Electric Supply Co	West Chester, PA	Sales/Management Trainee	1	0.93
-----	King of Prussia	Account manager	1	0.93
-----	SwiftWater	-----	1	0.93
Total			105	100.0

APPENDIX B - Graduate School Information

Name of the Institution	Program of Study	#	%
Arcadia University	Doctor of Physical Therapy	1	0.78%
Auburn University	Exercise science	1	0.78%
Bloomsburg University	Communication Sciences and Disorders	1	0.78%
Bryn Mawr Advanced Standing Program	Clinical social work	1	0.78%
Bryn Mawr College	Social Work and Social Research	1	0.78%
Carnegie Mellon University	Music Composition	1	0.78%
Cedar Crest College	Nutrition	1	0.78%
Chatham University	Occupational Therapy	1	0.78%
Clarion University	Speech-Language Pathology	1	0.78%
Delaware County Community College	Nursing	1	0.78%
Drexel Medical School, Temple University School of Medicine, and Jefferson University College of Biomedical Graduate Studies	Biomedical Sciences- Microbiology, Immunology, and Infectious Disease	1	0.78%
Drexel University	Computer Science	1	0.78%
Drexel University	Medicine	1	0.78%
East Stroudsburg University	Athletic Training	3	2.33%
East Stroudsburg University	Speech-Language Pathology	1	0.78%
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Speech-Language Pathology	1	0.78%
Edinboro University	Communicative Disorders	1	0.78%
Florida State University	Sports Nutrition	1	0.78%
Gannon University	Doctorate of Physical Therapy	1	0.78%
George Washington University; Marshall University; Cedar Crest College	Forensic Science/Toxicology	1	0.78%
Georgia southern university	Biology	1	0.78%
Have not decided yet	Counseling	1	0.78%
Hawai'i Pacific University	Global Leadership and Sustainable Development	1	0.78%

Name of the Institution	Program of Study	#	%
Holy family university	Early childhood education	1	0.78%
Immaculata University	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	2	1.55%
Kean University	School Psychology (Professional Diploma)	1	0.78%
Kean University	Speech Language Pathology	2	1.55%
Kornberg School of Dentistry	Dental School	1	0.78%
LaSalle	MBA - Finance	1	0.78%
lasalle	Nursing	1	0.78%
Lasalle University	Masters in Speech Pathology	1	0.78%
Lehigh university	American studies	1	0.78%
Manhattan School of Music	Piano Performance	1	0.78%
Marywood University	Master's Degree of Social Work MSW	1	0.78%
New England College of Optometry	Optometry	1	0.78%
New York Chiropractic College	Chiropractic	1	0.78%
New York University	Communication Sciences & Disorders	1	0.78%
North Carolina State University	Computer Science	1	0.78%
Nova Southeastern University	Doctor of physical therapy	1	0.78%
PA College of Health Sciences	Surgical Technician	1	0.78%
PCOM	Clinical Psychology	1	0.78%
Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University	Clarinet Performance, MM	1	0.78%
Penn State University	Secondary school counseling	1	0.78%
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	Medical School	1	0.78%
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	Osteopathic Medicine	1	0.78%
Portland State University	Urban and Regional Planning	1	0.78%
Radford University	Communicative sciences and disorders	1	0.78%
Rutgers university	Physical therapy	1	0.78%
Salus University	Audiology	2	1.55%

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Salus University	Speech Language Pathology	1	0.78%
Seattle University	Arts Leadership	1	0.78%
Shenandoah University	Physical Therapy	1	0.78%
Syracuse University	PhD in School Psychology	1	0.78%
Temple University	bioengineering	1	0.78%
Temple University	Chemistry	1	0.78%
Temple University	Kinesiology, concentration in Sports Medicine	1	0.78%
Temple University	MM Music Performance	1	0.78%
Temple University	MM Saxophone Performance	1	0.78%
Temple University	Speech Language Pathology	2	1.55%
Temple university school of medicine	medicine	1	0.78%
The University of Pittsburgh	Masters Social Work	1	0.78%
Thomas Jefferson	Medicine	1	0.78%
Thomas Jefferson University	Neuroscience	1	0.78%
Thomas Jefferson University	Pharmacy	1	0.78%
Thomas Jefferson University School of Pharmacy	Pharmacy- PharmD	1	0.78%
Towson University	Speech Language Pathology	2	1.55%
University of Alabama	Health Studies (Athletic Training Graduate Assistantship)	1	0.78%
University of Baltimore	MFA Creative Writing	1	0.78%
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Masters of Sports Medicine	1	0.78%
University of Colorado Boulder	Hispanic Linguistics	1	0.78%
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine	DMD; Dentistry	1	0.78%
University of Delaware	Exercise Science	1	0.78%
University of Delaware	Mathematics	1	0.78%
University of Delaware	Urban Affairs and Public Policy	1	0.78%

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University of Edinburgh	International Relations	1	0.78%
University of Florida	Applied physiology and kinesiology	1	0.78%
University of Kansas	Political communication	1	0.78%
University of Maryland College Park	Nutrition and Dietetics	1	0.78%
University of Pennsylvania	Social Work	1	0.78%
University of Pittsburgh	Social Work	1	0.78%
University of the Sciences	Occupational Therapy	1	0.78%
University of the Sciences	Physical therapy	1	0.78%
University of Vermont	Communication Sciences and Disorder	1	0.78%
VA-MD regional college of veterinary medicine	Veterinary medicine	1	0.78%
Villanova University	Law	1	0.78%
Virginia Tech	Sociology	1	0.78%
West Chester University	English: Creative Writing	1	0.78%
West Chester University	General psychology	1	0.78%
West Chester University	Mathematics	1	0.78%
West Chester University	Clinical psychology	2	1.55%
West Chester University	Counselor Education	1	0.78%
West Chester University	Criminal Justice	2	1.55%
West Chester University	Geography	1	0.78%
West Chester University	Higher Education Counseling/ Student Affairs	4	3.10%
West Chester University	Master's of Public Health: Nutrition Track	1	0.78%
West Chester University	Masters of Social Work	5	3.88
West Chester University	Public Health	1	0.78%

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West Chester University	Public Health (Nutrition Track)	1	0.78%
West Chester University	School Counseling	2	1.55%
West Chester University	Spanish	1	0.78%
West Chester University	Speech-Language Pathology	1	0.78%
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Industrial/Organizational Psychology Program	1	0.78%
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Master's in Public Health Nutrition track	1	0.78%
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Masters of Public Health	1	0.78%
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Secondary Education Counseling and Counseling in Higher Education/Student Affairs	1	0.78%
Western Carolina University	Communication Sciences and Disorders	1	0.78%
Western Michigan University	Behavior Analysis	1	0.78%
Widener	Law	1	0.78%
Widener Law, Drexel Law, Villanova Law	Law	1	0.78%
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Total		129	100.0%

APPENDIX C – Principal Activity by College

Principal Activity	College of Arts & Sciences		College of Business and Public Affairs		College of Education		College of Health Sciences		College of Visual and Performing Arts	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Employment, full-time paid	149	51.2	105	70.0	61	87.1	60	40.0	19	50.0
Employment, part-time paid	32	11.0	13	8.7	7	10.0	15	10.0	7	18.4
Graduate or professional school, full-time	78	26.8	20	13.3	1	1.4	60	40.0	6	15.8
Graduate or professional school, part-time	11	3.8	2	1.3	1	1.4	2	1.3	2	5.3
Additional undergraduate coursework	4	1.4	1	0.7	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0
Military Service	5	1.7	1	0.7	0	0.0	1	0.7	1	2.6
Volunteer activity	2	0.7	2	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Starting or raising a family	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	10	3.4	5	3.3	0	0.0	11	7.3	3	7.9
TOTAL	291	100.0	150	100.0	70	100.0	150	100.0	38	100.0