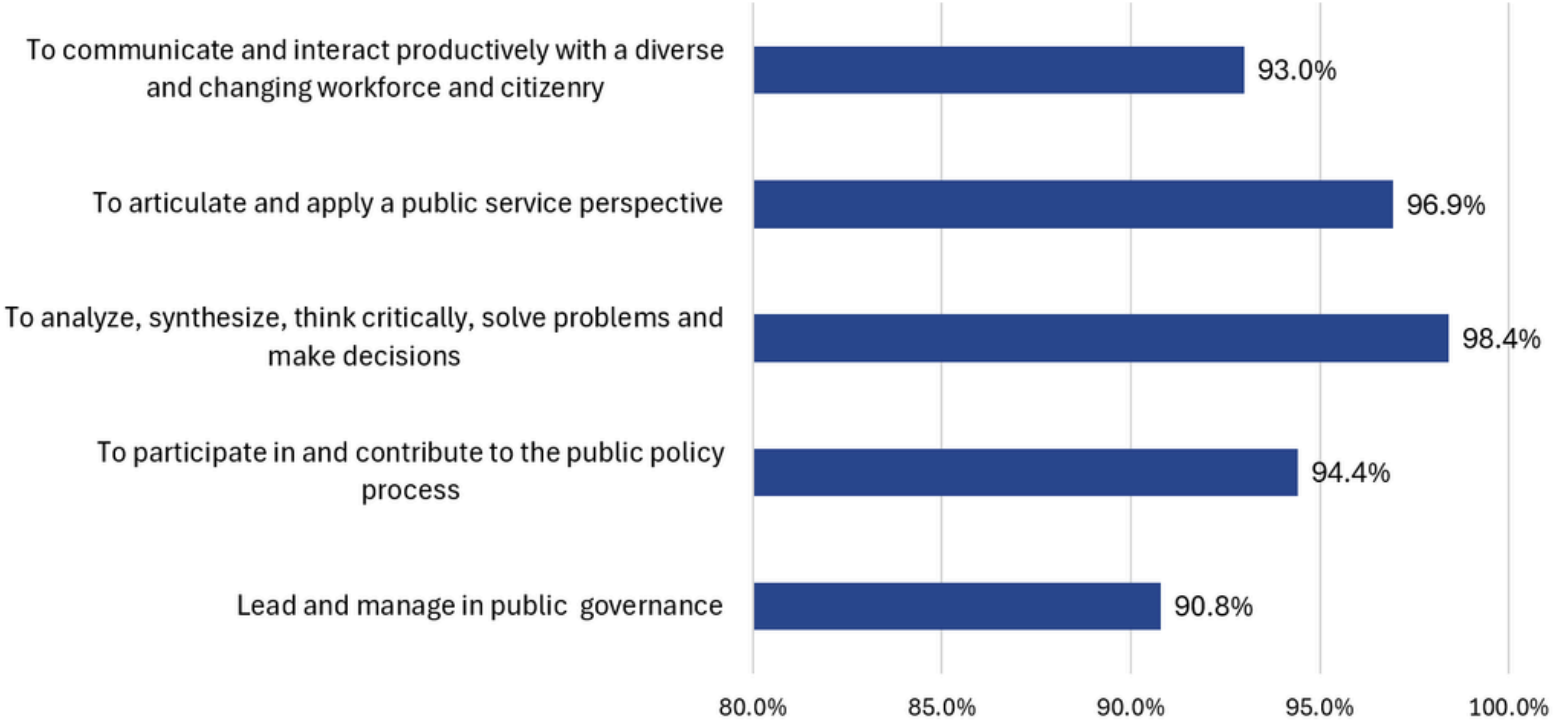
2026 NASPAA Alumni Survey Snapshot

The 2026 NASPAA Alumni Survey captured data from over 900 alumni at 55 institutions regardless of when they graduated. This sample gives NASPAA a broad perspective of public service programs and insights about their graduates.

91% of NASPAA Alumni said that their Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Policy, etc. was important or very important to their career success.

NASPAA Alumni are consistently prepared to perform the essential tasks and functions required for a public service career. Over **90%** of NASPAA Alumni felt that their MPA/MPP degree prepared them to understand and carry out five necessary competencies.

My MPA/MPP Program Prepared or Very Much Prepared Me To...



The above graph contains data from 761 alumni. The percentages represent the proportion of alumni that felt their MPA/MPP prepared or very much prepared them to do the identified tasks.

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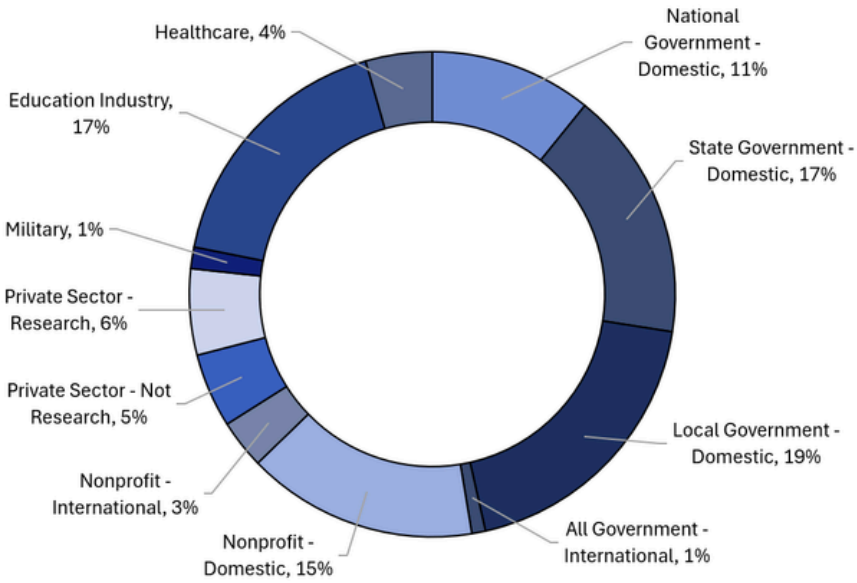
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NASPAA Alumni utilize their MPA/MPP to pursue careers in public service, specifically government, education, and nonprofits.

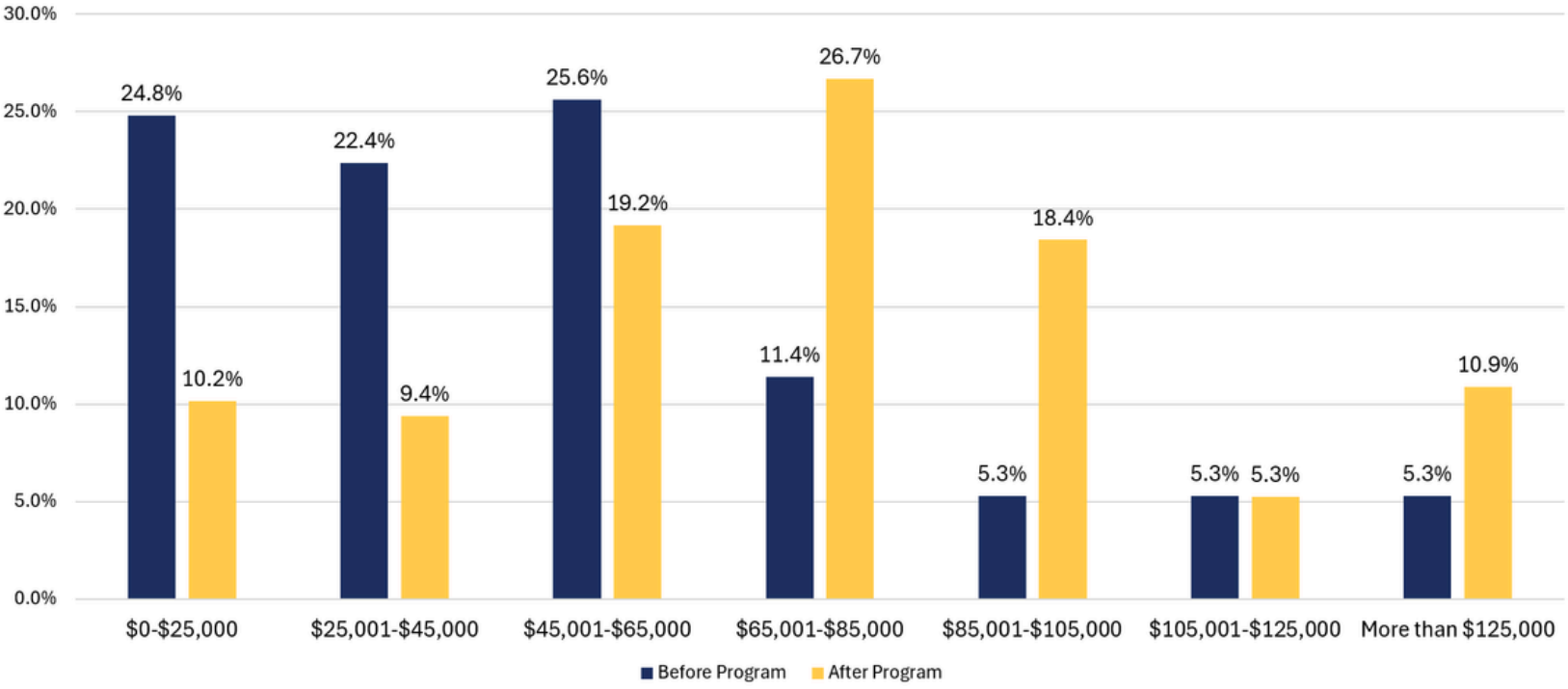
Which of the following describes the type of organization by which you are currently employed?

Local Government, State Government, and the Education Industry are most common among NASPAA Alumni.

The graph contains data from 768 alumni. The graph demonstrates current employment, not immediately following graduation.



What was your annual salary before and after graduating from your MPA/MPP?



Among alumni that graduated in the last five years, over **45%** had an annual salary between **$65,000 and $105,000** after competing the program.

The above graph contains data from 266 alumni that graduated within the past five years. The percentages represent the proportion of alumni that identified their salary between a range before and after graduation.

2026 NASPAA Alumni Survey Snapshot

With the constantly changing landscape, the cost of a degree in public service has become more important. NASPAA Alumni provided information on the frequency and dollar amount of student loans needed to obtain their degree.

49% of NASPAA Alumni said that they took out a student loan during their academic career.

24% of NASPAA Alumni said that they currently make a monthly payment towards their student loans.

$35,000

Median Initial Loan Amount After Graduation

$400

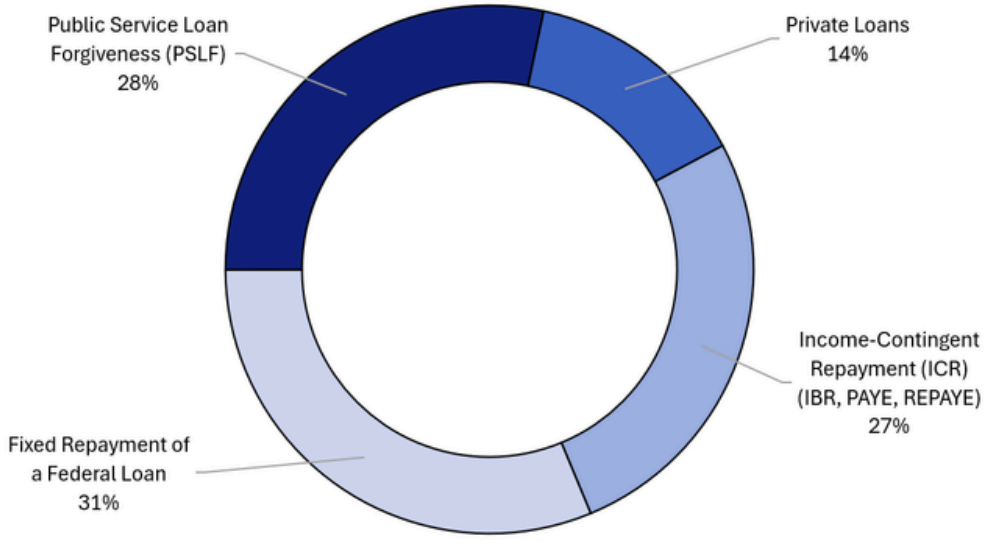
Median Current Monthly Payment

The above graphics contain data from 282 (Initial Loan Amount) and 158 (Current Monthly Payment) alumni. The amounts represent the median dollar amounts reported by NASPAA alumni.

What type of repayment plan are/were you enrolled in?

28% of NASPAA Alumni are repaying student loans using the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

The graph contains data from 385 alumni.



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