

# San Diego Miramar College Graduation Survey

## Summary of 5-year Comparison (2021-2025)

Prepared by the *Office of Institutional Effectiveness*

This is a comparison of students' responses to the San Diego Miramar College (SDMC) Graduation Survey for spring from 2021 to 2025.

### Trends over time:

↔ = No change   ↓ = Downward trend   ↑ = Upward trend   ⇅ = Mixed changes

### Goals

- ↔ **Initial Goal:** The initial goal of most respondents was to obtain an associate's degree and transfer.
- ↔ **Goal Change:** 23% of students said their goal changed over time, about the same as previous years.

### Employment

- ↑ **Percentage:** Most students were employed (full-time/part-time) during their time at SDMC.
- ⇅ **Type:** Compared to previous years, more students worked part-time and fewer worked full-time.
- ↓ **Relevance:** Fewer students reported that their work was directly related to their field of study in 2025.

### Growth

- ↑ **Contribution:** 12 of the 15 areas of growth showed improvement since 2021, with "Gaining information about career or opportunities" and "Working effectively with others" increasing the most.
- ⇅ **Impact:** Students reported that SDMC has the greatest impact on the following growth areas: "Acquiring a broad general education" and "Thinking critically and analytically".

### Satisfaction

Students were asked to rate their level of agreement with six statements that indicate satisfaction: 1) feeling prepared for the next step of their journey; 2) gaining knowledge and skills; 3) involvement in on-campus activities; 4) feeling like they are part of a community; 5) feeling appreciated; and 6) being motivated.

- ↑ **Preparedness:** Students in 2025 felt they gained knowledge and skills, but fewer felt prepared for their next steps of their journey compared to 2024. Overall, rates have increased across the last 5 years.
- ↑ **Satisfaction:** The ratings across satisfaction statements improved over the last 5 years, but are slightly mixed compared to the previous year.

### Services

- ⇅ **Services Utilized:** The most commonly used services are the counseling office, bookstore, and library. Services have seen mixed changes in student utilization patterns.
- ⇅ **Utilization Rates:** About the same number of services saw increased use and decreased use over the last 5 years. The largest changes were with the Academic Success Center (+20%) and Career Services (-7%).
- ⇅ **Usage Frequency:** Over the past 5 years, 9 services were used less frequently and 6 were used more frequently.
- ⇅ **Impact:** Students reported mixed changes in impact on student outcomes. 9 services saw improved impact, while 7 services saw reduced impact.

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- ↕ **Support Successes:** When asked what Miramar College did well in supporting them reaching their goals, students most frequently mentioned Professors / Faculty, Counseling / Guidance, and Career Support / Career Center / Career Readiness.
- ↕ **Opportunities for Improvement:** When asked what Miramar College could have done better in supporting them, the most common responses were quality and access of Counseling / Guidance, Resource Awareness and Communication, and Class Selection / Availability / Accessibility / Quality.
- ↑ **Facing Barriers:** The number of students reporting barriers impacting their educational goals increased by 21% in 2025 compared to 2024.
- ↑ **Overcoming Barriers:** 61% of the students reported that Miramar College did well in helping them overcome barriers, 6% more than in 2024 and 8% more than in 2021.

### Future Plans

- ↓ **Currently Non-Working:** The proportion of currently non-working graduates in 2025 has been around the same over the past 5 years, but is 8% lower than in 2021.
- ↕ **Six-Month Plans (Currently Employed Graduates):** Currently employed graduates were asked if they planned to stay at their current job, seek a promotion in their current organization, seek full- or part-time employment outside of their current organization, or quit working in the next six months.
  - ↔ **Stay at Current Job:** About the same percent of students planned to stay at their current job compared to 2021, but has increased from recent years.
  - ↓ **Seek Promotion:** Fewer students (3% in 2025) seek a promotion compared to previous years.
  - ↑ **Seek full-time job:** More students reported seeking a full-time job (14% in 2021, 17% in 2025).
  - ↑ **Seek part-time job:** More students reported seeking a part-time job (12% in 2021, 17% in 2025).
  - ↕ **I plan to quit working:** The percentage of respondents that plan to quit working is within the range over the last few years (4% in 2021, 12% in 2023, 6% in 2025).
- ↔ **Six-Month Plans (Currently Unemployed Graduates):** Currently-unemployed graduates were asked if they planned to seek full- or part-time employment, not work to continue their education, or not work for other reasons in the next six months.
  - ↓ **Part-Time Work:** Slightly less students reported that they are seeking part-time employment in 2025 than in previous years (44% in 2025).
  - ↔ **Continue Education:** About the same proportion of students plan to not work in order to continue their education compared to previous years (32% in 2025).
  - ↔ **Seek full-time employment:** About the same proportion of students plan to seek full-time employment compared to previous years (18% in 2025).
  - ↔ **Not work for other reasons:** About the same proportion of students plan to not work for other reasons compared to previous years (6% in 2025).