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Practicum in Public Administration Course

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI CAREER SUCCESS

What do the following occupations lieutenant colonel, commissioner, food and beverage coordinator, senior construction buyer, general counsel, petitions information assistant, chief pension officer, justice of the peace and deputy minister and associate secretary of Cabinet, have in common? These are just some of the occupations held by alumni of the York University School of Public Policy and Administration's Practicum in Public Administration course offered since 1996. Students enrolled in the course volunteer their time in exchange for public sector work experience and course credit. Dedicated public servants in provincial, regional and municipal government agencies volunteer to create purposeful placements for our students.

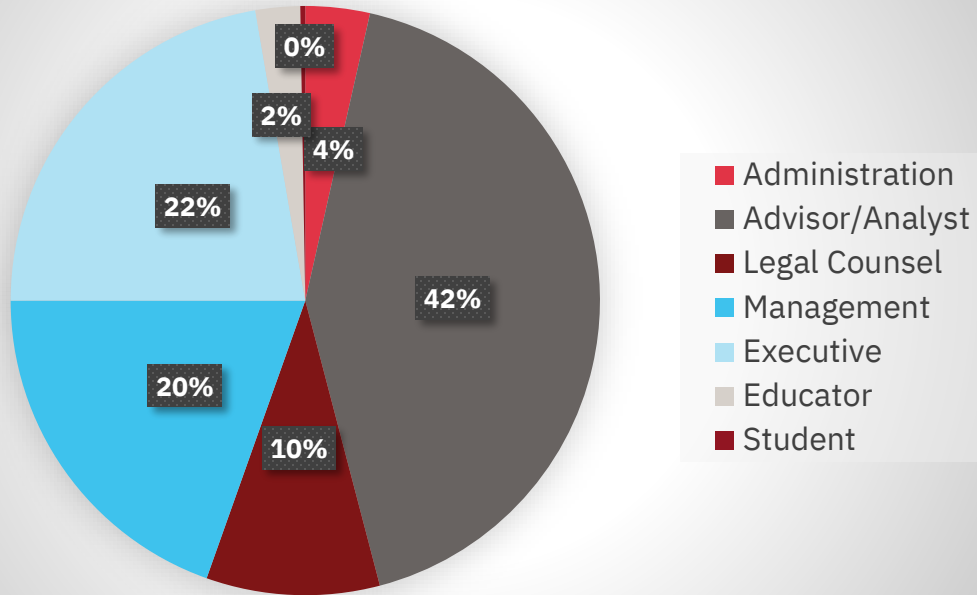
A small team at our School assembled a database of graduates from these two experiential education opportunities and then set about the task of scanning social media and other sources for employment information. Employment information was found for 368 alumni.

Key observations from the 2024 data:

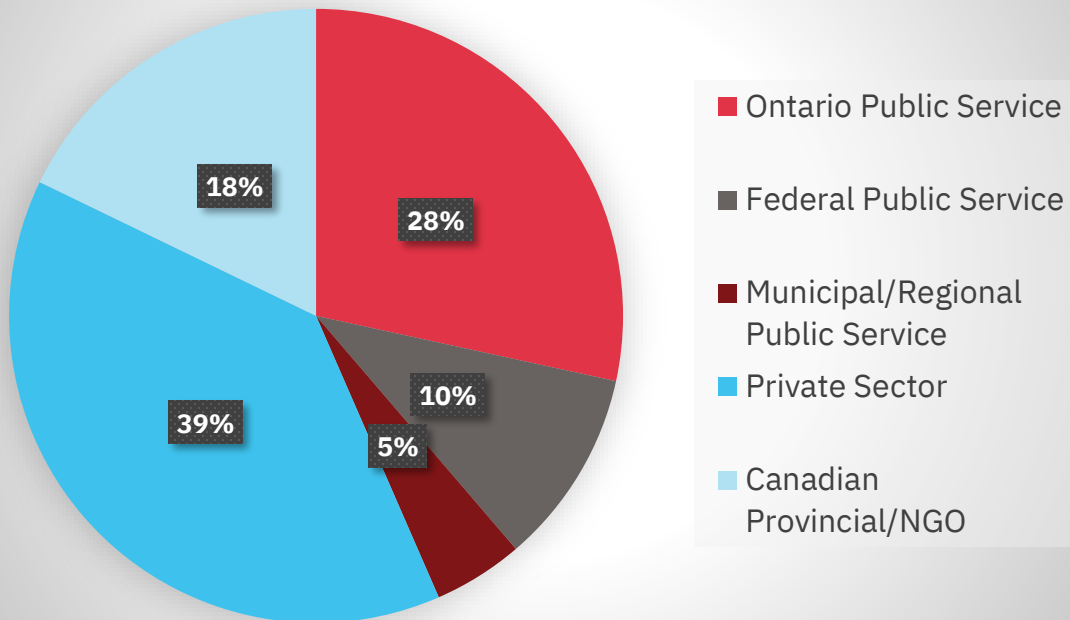
- › Alumni have been very successful in both public and private sectors.
- › A plurality of alumni work, or have worked, in a public service capacity.
- › While the greatest number have found opportunities with the Ontario Public Service, alumni can increasingly be found in all levels of government.
- › Most alumni hold, or have held, advisor/analyst, management or executive roles speaking to the strong purposefulness of alumni careers.
- › Alumni are gender and racially diverse.

The following charts break down the overarching observations.

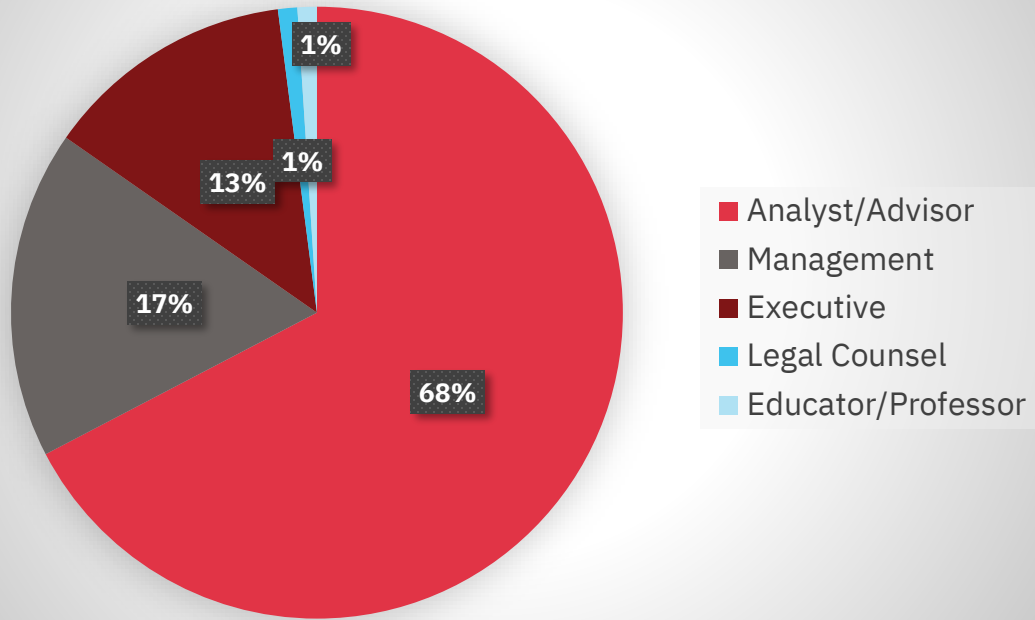
Career Roles



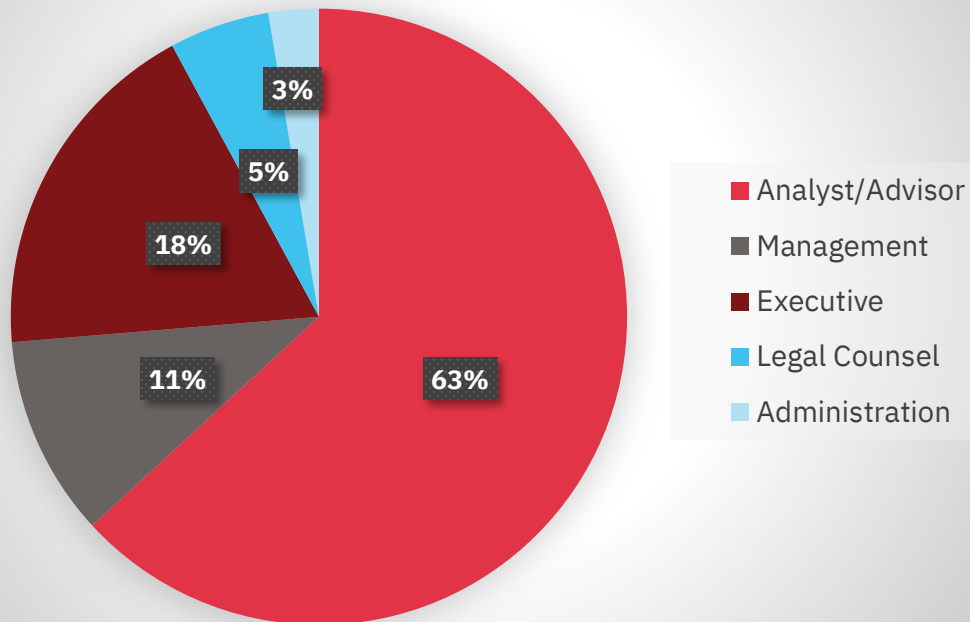
Employment Sector



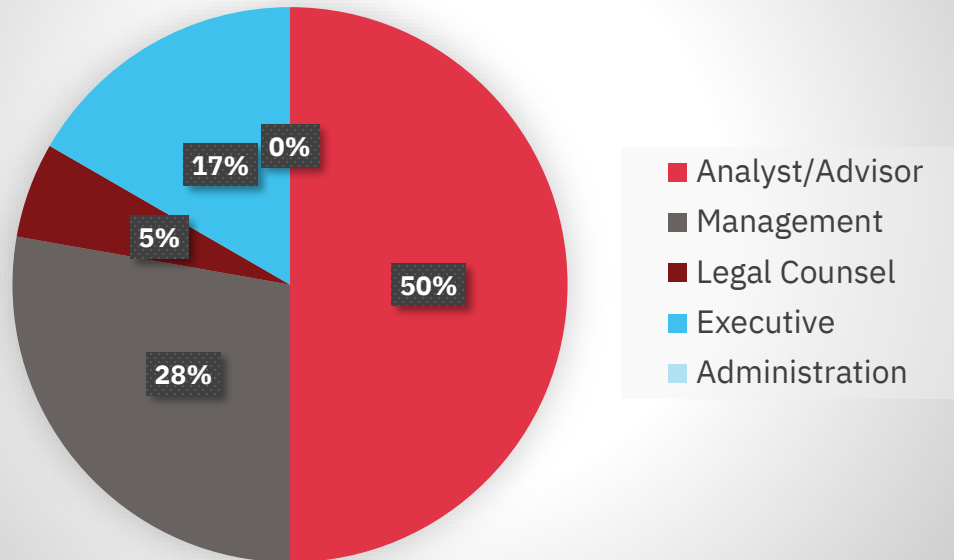
Ontario Public Service (101 Alumni)



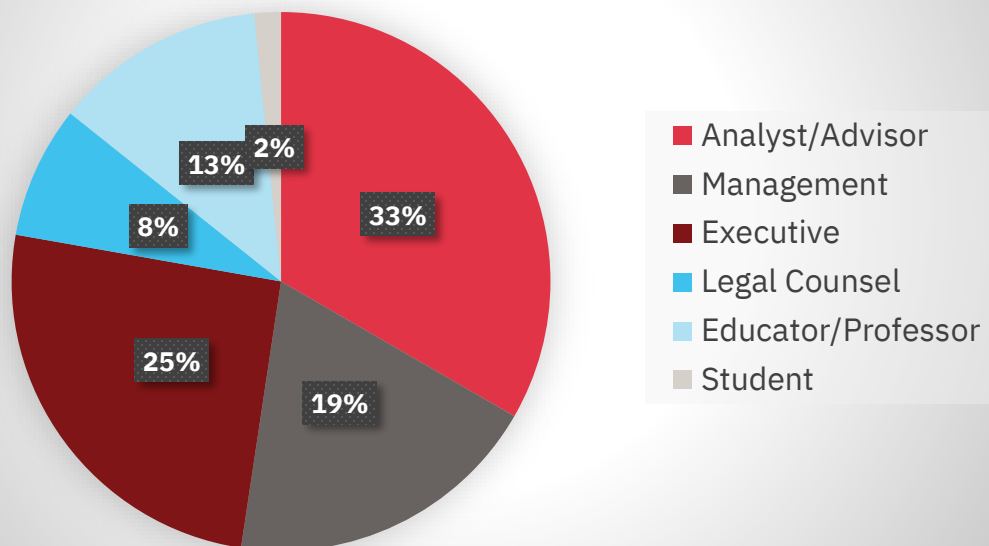
Federal Public Service (38 Alumni)



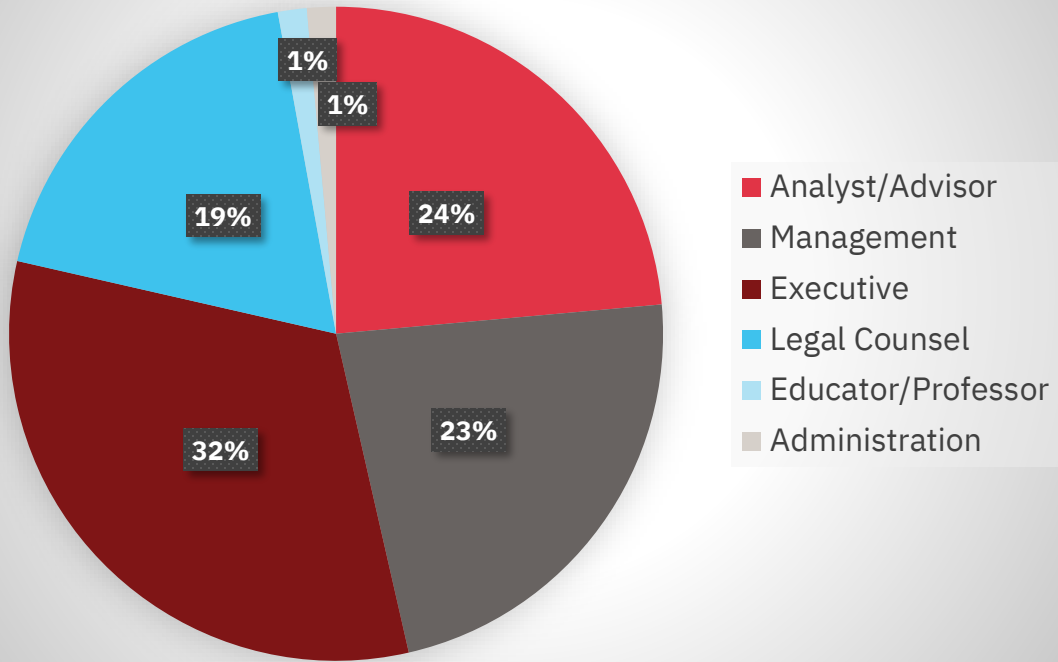
Regional/Municipal Public Service (19 Alumni)



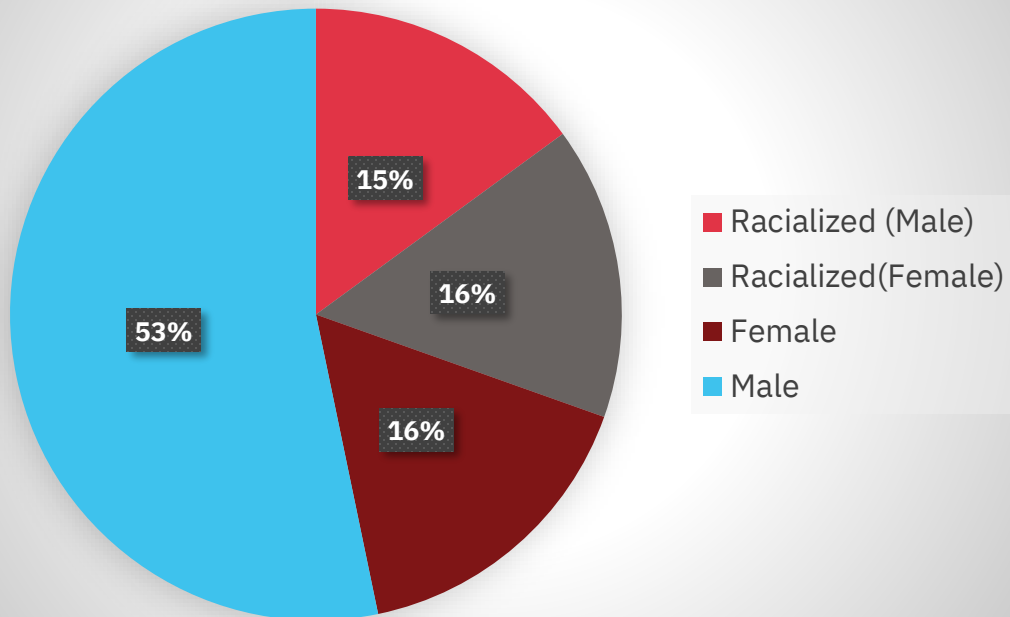
Other Canadian Government or NGO (64 Alumni)



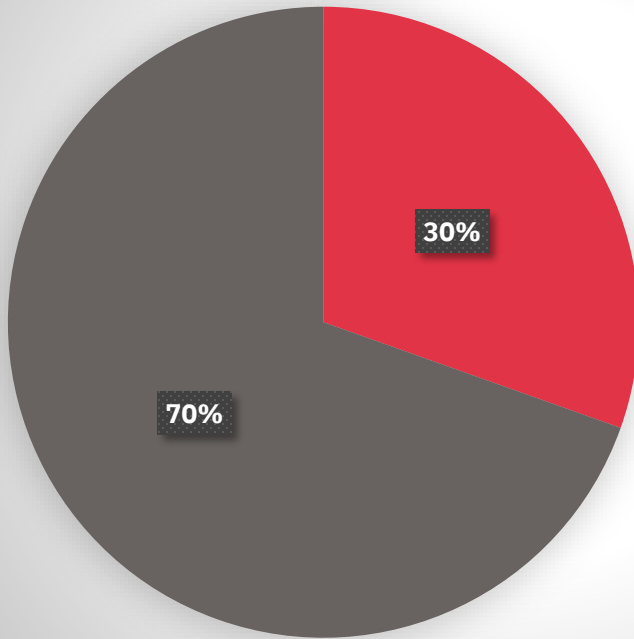
Private Sector (139 Alumni)



Diversity

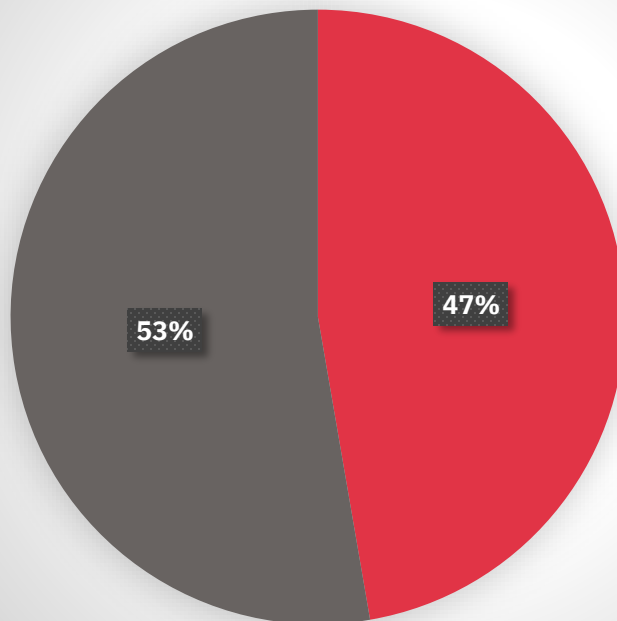


Diversity



- Racialized Male & Female
- Non-Racialized Male & Female

Diversity



- Female
- Male