



QUICK TAKES • Women MBAs

- Women earned 32.8% of MBAs in 2005, down from 33.7% of MBAs in 2004, 33.6% of MBAs in 2003, and 34.5% of MBAs in 2002 according to a survey of United States business schools.¹
- Women made up 29.7% of the 2005 class entering the top 20 MBA programs in the U.S.²
 - The number of women in top MBA programs has remained generally unchanged for more than a decade. In 1994, women made up 28.0% of the top 20 MBA programs³

Top 20 U.S. MBA Programs ²	% Women Enrolled (Fall 2005)
Harvard University (MA)	36
Stanford University (CA)	33
University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)	32
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Sloan)	31
Northwestern University (Kellogg) (IL)	30
University of Chicago	27
Columbia University (NY)	34
University of California–Berkeley (Haas)	31
Dartmouth College (Tuck) (NH)	28
University of California–L.A. (Anderson)	33
Duke University (Fuqua) (NC)	25
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor (Ross)	30
New York University (Stern)	33
University of Virginia (Darden)	23
Yale University (CT)	35
Carnegie Mellon University (Tepper) (PA)	21
Cornell University (Johnson) (NY)	29
Emory University (Goizueta) (GA)	33
University of Texas–Austin (McCombs)	22
University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill (Kenan-Flagler)	27
Average:	29.7%

- Women made up 23.8% of the 2005 class (down from 24.3% in 2003) entering top 10 MBA programs outside the U.S.⁴

Top 10 International MBA Programs 2005⁴		% Women Enrolled, (Fall 2003)
Queens	Canada	18
IMD	Switzerland	22
INSEAD	France	19
ESADE	Spain	22
London Business School	UK	22
Western Ontario	Canada	25
IESE	Spain	25
HEC - Paris	France	30
Toronto	Canada	25
HEC - Montreal	Canada	30
Average:		23.8%

- A 2006 survey of 1883 post-MBA graduate women determined the most popular job positions women choose immediately after graduation.⁵

Top 5 Industries Women Enter Post-MBA	% Women MBA Graduates Entering Field
Finance & Insurance	10%
Accounting	9%
Marketing Services	8%
Consulting Services	7%
Consumer Goods	5%

- Another 2006 survey of 1729 post-MBA graduate women determined the most popular industries MBA graduates entered upon graduation.⁵

Top 5 Job Positions Women Choose Post-MBA Graduation
Product Management
General Management
Accounting/Auditing
Corporate Finance
Strategy

- Average total first-year compensation for graduates of the top 30 MBA schools was \$136,569.⁴
- According to the 2003 Fuqua study of 10 top-tier business schools, the average male salary immediately after graduation was 4.0% higher than their female counterparts. Prior to business school, however, the difference was 9.0%.⁶
- In a Catalyst survey of women and men at top MBA programs, women and men both expressed high satisfaction with their MBA experience. Fewer women than men, however, felt included in business school environments.⁷
 - 70.0% of women felt they had an easy time making a point during class, compared to 82.0% of men
 - 47.0% of women said they could easily relate to people in case studies, compared to 63.0% of men
 - 39.0% of women reported they had adequate opportunity to work with female professors, compared to 53.0% of men

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