



Jobs for America's Graduates provides a full 12 months of follow-up to assist graduating students in pursuing jobs, enrollment in higher education or, in half the cases, both, to ensure their early success at work or in college.

On May 31, we completed the follow-up assistance to the Class of 2015 in 1,000 locations in 32 states. The results are in, and they are very special. As summarized below, *these results are the highest in our history*. We are especially proud of the continued improvement in graduation rates – nearly **94%** and **the first time we have exceeded a 60% job placement rate since well before the recession**. This is one of the most challenging statistics for our students to achieve, as young people in general and disadvantaged and at-risk youth in particular have the highest unemployment rate in the nation – but they did it! We proudly present to you the results of the Class of 2015:

- Graduation Rate: **94%**
- Positive Outcomes Rate: **82%** (work, college, or a combination)
- Job Placement Rate: **61%** (well over double the rate for this population)
- Full-time Jobs Rate: **73%** (triple the rate for the population)
- Full-time Placement Rate: **89%** (The combination of work or college alone or together, equal to a 40-hour weekly commitment of time)
- Further Education Rate: **43%**

Once again, this is all about the extraordinary front-line JAG Specialists in the schools and the sheer determination of our young people to overcome often the most daunting of odds. We are thankful as well for the wide range of support from so many people and organizations at the national, state, and local levels. As the African proverb states, “it takes a village” – and once again, the “village” of Jobs for America's Graduates has delivered for some of the nation’s most challenged, at-risk, and yet clearly, young people of truly great promise.