

## Whose Graduates are Getting Jobs in Linguistics?

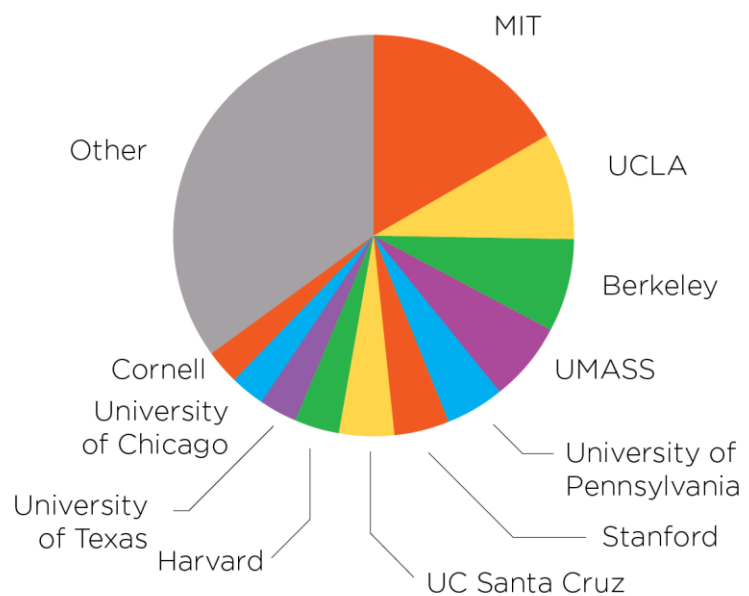
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On the following few pages I present some data discovered during my search for a graduate linguistics program. Essentially, one night I decided that I would take a representative sample of around 400 professors' CVs and webpages to determine where they got their degrees from and when they graduated.

I recently went back through the data to and weeded out a large number (about 80) from the sample. Those who were removed were removed because they did not earn their degrees from a US-based school or they didn't earn their degrees in a linguistics department. Some of these professors came from Slavic, Romance, or Germanic linguistics departments, and as I was not applying to any language family-specific programs, it seemed most reasonable to exclude these from the study. Additionally, a number of graduates from Canadian universities were excluded, once again, simply because I was not looking into attending a university in Canada. Additionally, I sampled a relatively equal number of schools of employment in the following areas of the country: northeast, southeast, Midwest, southwest, west coast, and northwest. As the number of programs is not equivalent among these regions, the number of schools sampled was not identical across groups, but, I believe, reflects largely the distribution of linguists in linguistics departments across the US. While the universities chosen tended to be large, public universities, the programs sampled ranged from small, interdisciplinary programs to large departments.

These findings, thus, are constrained by the following factors: only general linguistics programs (or programs at schools that do not have linguistics per se, but whose graduates often get jobs in linguistics departments) were sampled, only US universities' graduates were included in the study, and the majority of employers sampled were larger public universities. Lastly, only active professors were included in this study. Professors emeritus, lecturers, post-

*Note: I do not offer any interpretation of the data, although I realize that any presentation of data necessarily includes some degree of interpretation.*



**Portion of Employed Professors  
by School Attended**

**Total Jobs Landed (ranked from highest to lowest)**

School	Number of jobs	Rank
MIT	54	1
UCLA	28	2
UC Berkeley	24	3
UMASS	21	4
University of Pennsylvania	15	5
Stanford	14	6
UC Santa Cruz	14	
Harvard	12	8
University of Texas	10	9
University of Chicago	9	10
Cornell	9	
Arizona	8	12
Indiana	8	
Ohio State	8	
Illinois	7	15
UC San Diego	6	16
Washington	6	
Maryland	5	18
NYU	5	
Rutgers	5	
Michigan	4	21
Northwestern	4	
Stonybrook	4	
USC	4	
University of Connecticut	4	
Colorado	3	26
Johns Hopkins	3	
Yale	3	
Brown	2	29
Duke	2	
Columbia	2	

School	Number of jobs	Rank
CUNY	2	29
Michigan State	2	
South Carolina	2	
UNC	2	
Boston University	1	36
Delaware	1	
Georgetown	1	
Kansas	1	
Minnesota	1	
Oregon	1	
Penn State	1	
UC Davis	1	
UT Dallas	1	
University of Florida	1	
University of Georgia	1	
Wisconsin	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	

### Job Placement Trends by Decade

Among currently employed professors, decade of PhD attainment across all schools is as follows:

Decade	Number of Jobs
1960s	5
1970s	40
1980s	77
1990s	79
2000s	84
2010s	38

Among the top 11 schools (schools landing more than 9 jobs), degree attainment among employed graduates is as follows:

School	Decade					
	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
MIT	2	9	17	13	9	3
UCLA	1	3	7	5	7	5
UC Berkeley	1	2	6	8	5	2
UMASS	0	2	7	4	5	3
University of Pennsylvania	0	1	1	6	5	2
Stanford	0	0	2	4	7	1
UC Santa Cruz	0	0	0	6	6	3
Harvard	0	7	0	2	1	2
University of Texas	0	1	2	4	1	2
University of Chicago	0	1	2	3	2	1
Cornell	0	1	2	4	1	2