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By Pete Mancuso

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Final statistics found 1.5% of MIT graduates unemployed, as compared to 25% nationwide. About 2.9% of MIT PhD's are unemployed, compared to 4% for the national average. Among MIT graduates with Master's degrees, the figures were 7% for MIT and 9% nationwide.

These differences can be attributed to a group of factors, chief among which is the reputation MIT holds with businesses as well as government. Through this, MIT graduates have been able to weather the storms of unemployment somewhat better than the remainder of the nation's technological community. Unemployment figures for older graduates are higher on a numbers basis than for recent MIT graduates. Some figures for older graduates in particular, with PhD's in chemistry found jobs in industry. Environmental engineering, bio-engineering, and ocean engineering also faced limited job prospects, though they are fields of great interest at MIT.

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