

Masters' programme Animal Sciences



Wageningen animal scientists in the labour market (situation in 2022)

Wageningen University & Research has been conducting labour market surveys among its alumni since 1973. Employment data collected from graduates of the Master's programme in Animal Sciences (MAS) are presented below. Previous surveys (from 1973 onwards) are also included.

(Source: Career Monitor 2022. English summary on pages 5 and 6)

Alumni are divided into three groups:

- 1 Graduated between 2016 and 2019 (● graduated less than 5 years ago)
- 2 Graduated between 2005 and 2016 (● graduated between 5 and 15 years ago)
- 3 Graduated between 1980 and 2005 (● graduated more than 15 years ago)

Characteristics of MAS alumni

 **3,945**
MAS alumni



18%
of all graduates
have a PhD



Dutch people

Non-Dutch
people

	Dutch people	Non-Dutch people
<5 years ago	546	265
5-15 years ago	807	348
>15 years ago	1,839	149
Total	3,192	762



87%
of non-Dutch graduates
live or work outside the
Netherlands.

53%
Male



47%
Female

5%
are pursuing a
PhD



14%
of Dutch graduates
live or work outside
the Netherlands.

Sectors in which MAS alumni work



Education and Research



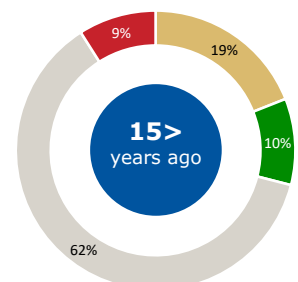
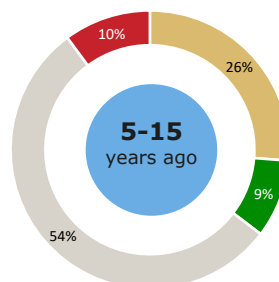
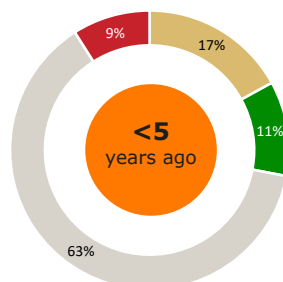
Government



Business



Social-cultural organisations



Positions held by MAS alumni

Recent graduates often have different jobs to those who graduated some time ago. For example, recent MAS graduates are more likely to work as researchers or technologists. MAS alumni who have been in employment longer are more likely to be advisors.



Researcher, academic employee



Technologist, technical specialist



Advisor, consultant



Project leader, programme coordinator



Policy officer

	Researcher, academic employee	Technologist, technical specialist	Advisor, consultant	Project leader, programme coordinator	Policy officer
<5 years ago	25%	16%	14%	12%	10%
5-15 years ago	22%	11%	16%	13%	5%
>15 years ago	5%	9%	14%	6%	6%

Organisations in which MAS alumni work

Recent graduates often work in different organisations to those who graduated some time ago. MAS alumni mainly work in the food and animal feed industries and in agriculture and horticulture.



Food and animal feed industries



Agriculture and horticulture, plant breeding & breeding



National government



Research institutions



Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), stakeholder organisations

	Food and animal feed industries	Agriculture and horticulture, plant breeding & breeding	National government	Research institutions	Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), stakeholder organisations
<5 years ago	29%	16%	8%	7%	5%
5-15 years ago	20%	15%	6%	10%	5%
>15 years ago	23%	15%	7%	5%	3%