

# Master's programme Biology



## Wageningen biologists 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 Biology (MBI) 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 MBI alumni

 **2,611**  
MBI alumni



**36%**  
of all graduates  
have a PhD



Dutch people

Non-Dutch  
people

	Dutch people	Non-Dutch people
<5 years ago	379	51
5-15 years ago	520	27
>15 years ago	1,625	9
Total	2,524	87



**80%**  
of non-Dutch graduates  
live or work outside the  
Netherlands.

**54%** Male  **46%** Female 

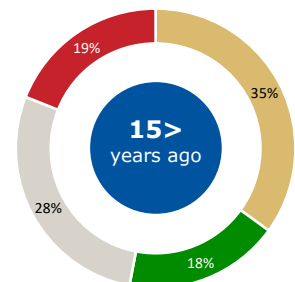
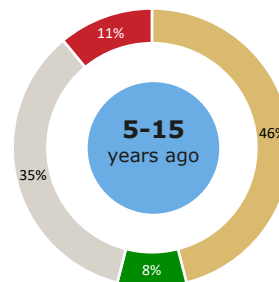
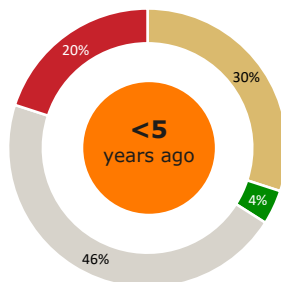
**5%**  
are pursuing a  
PhD



**15%**  
of Dutch graduates  
live or work outside  
the Netherlands.

### Sectors in which MBI alumni work

-  Education and Research
-  Government
-  Business
-  Social-cultural organisations



## Positions held by MBI alumni

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



Researcher, academic employee



Teacher, training, facilitator



Advisor, consultant



IT specialist, software specialist



Project leader, programme coordinator

<5 years ago	24%	19%	18%	14%	6%
5-15 years ago	30%	18%	15%	9%	5%
>15 years ago	10%	14%	15%	4%	7%

## Organisations in which MBI alumni work

Recent graduates often work in different organisations to those who graduated some time ago. For example, recent MBI graduates are more likely to work at engineering and consultancy firms, while those who have been in employment longer are more likely to have jobs at a university or other educational institution.



Engineering and consultancy firms



Agriculture and horticulture, plant breeding & breeding



Other educational institutions



Universities excluding teaching hospitals



Healthcare and welfare services, including teaching hospitals

<5 years ago	18%	13%	11%	10%	10%
5-15 years ago	9%	7%	13%	20%	7%
>15 years ago	5%	5%	12%	14%	8%