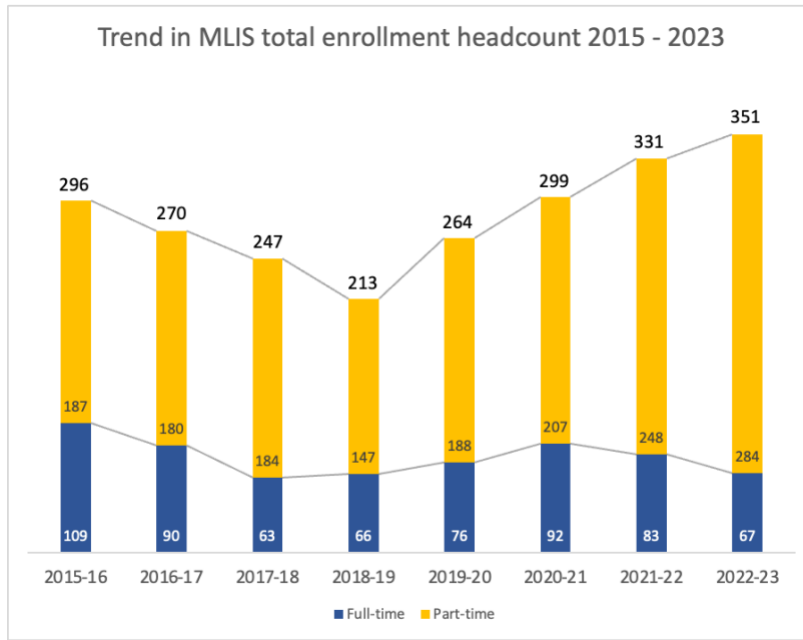




**School of Information Studies Outcomes and Achievement Summary  
2023-24 Update**

**Student Retention and Time to Degree Completion**

On average **120** new students enroll in the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) each academic year. The following chart demonstrates MLIS total enrollment - with differentiation by full- and part-time enrollment.



The SOIS MLIS program consistently achieves excellent retention and completion statistics. The Year 1 to Year 2 retention rate **averages 89% over the past 8 years**. The portion who completes the MLIS within three years averages **84%**. The average time to complete the MLIS is **2.7 years**.

| Entrance Year | Total new MLIS students | Returned to Year 2 | Completed MLIS* |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2015-16       | 117                     | 88.0%              | 82.9%           |
| 2016-17       | 97                      | 91.8%              | 85.6%           |
| 2017-18       | 76                      | 86.8%              | 77.6%           |
| 2018-19       | 77                      | 90.9%              | 74.7%           |
| 2019-20       | 138                     | 84.8%              | 76.3%           |
| 2020-21       | 133                     | 88.0%              | 82.4%           |
| 2021-22       | 109                     | 95.4%              |                 |
| 2022-23       | 122                     | 88.5%              |                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>869</b>              | <b>89%</b>         | <b>80%</b>      |

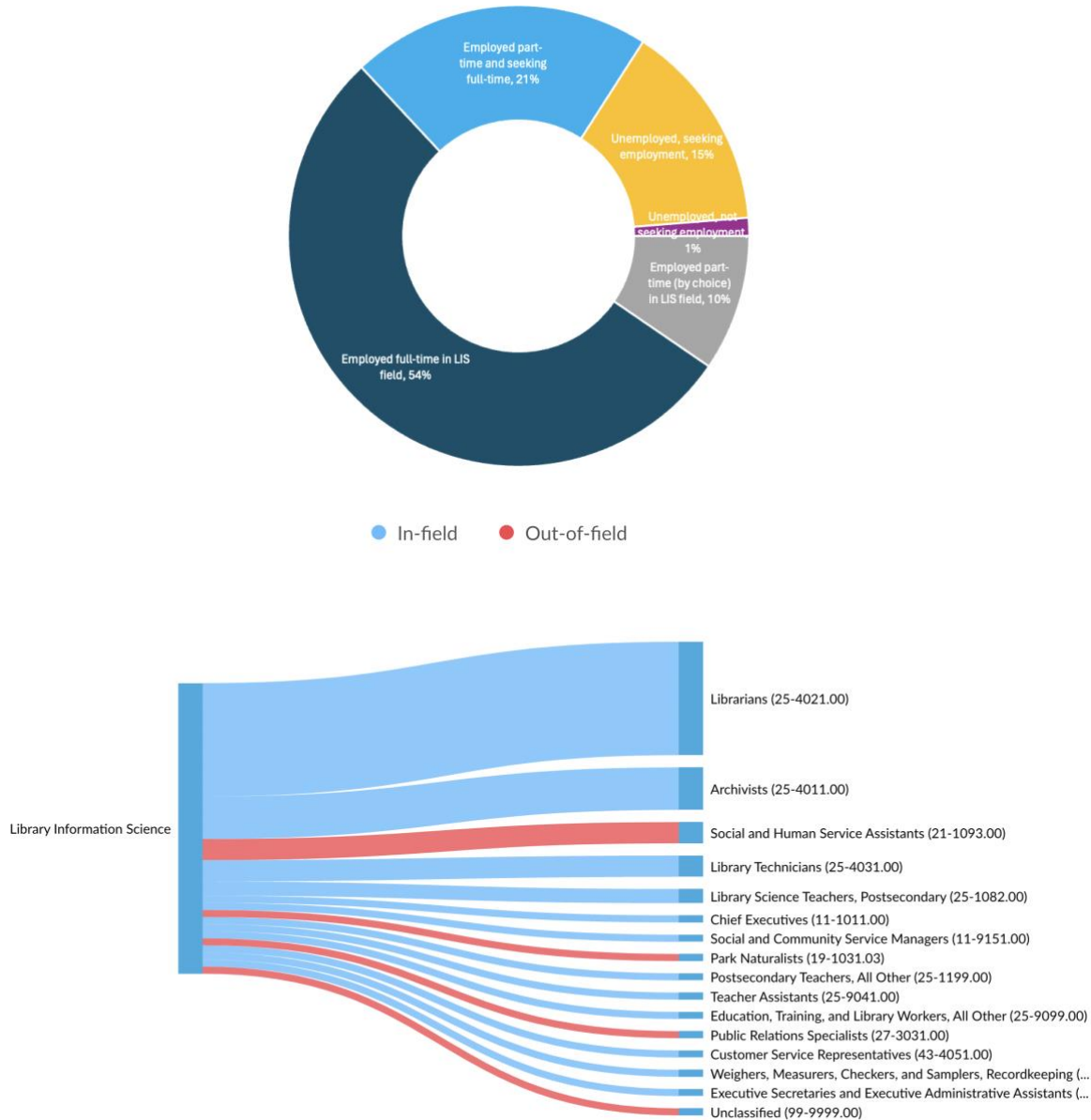
*\*Data as of January 2024, completion rates exclude those still enrolled*

*Source: Office of Institutional Effectiveness, 2024*

## Employment Outcomes of Program Graduates

SOIS students achieve excellent career outcomes upon completion of their Dominican University experience. Employers rate SOIS graduates highly across key competencies in the field and in their demonstration of our program student learning goals and outcomes.

The majority 81.7% of 2023 graduating students (N = 95) have secured full or part-time employment in the LIS field immediately upon graduation. Our data indicate that within 6 months of graduation, 90% are employed in the field. A list of employers of recent graduates follows.



Source: Graduating Student Survey and Lightcast Alumni Outcomes - Office of Institutional Effectiveness - 2024

## Organizations employing SOIS 2015 – 2023 graduates

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|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Addison Public Library                    | Fox River Valley Public Library        | Northwestern University Libraries and Press |
| Advanced Resources                        | Frances Xavier Warde School            | Oak Park Elementary School District         |
| Al-Haram Al-Maki Al Shareef Library       | Franklin Park Public Library           | Oak Park Public Library                     |
| Allied Benefit Systems                    | Fremont Public Library District        | Oakwood Public Library District             |
| Alsip Marrionette Park Public Library     | Frost Elementary CCSD 21               | Palatine Public Library                     |
| American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons   | Gail Borden Public Library District    | Park Ridge Public Library                   |
| American Library Association              | Glen Ellyn Public Library              | Pennoyer Elementary School                  |
| American Veterinary Medical Association   | Glencoe Public Library                 | Pierce & Associates, P.C.                   |
| Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital | Glenview Public Library                | Prairie State College                       |
| Archdiocese of Chicago                    | Grande Prairie Public Library District | Pritzker Military Library and Museum        |
| Aurora Public Library                     | H.W. Lochner, Inc.                     | Public School System                        |
| Austin Community College                  | Harvard Diggins Library                | Quality Logo Products                       |
| Backstage Library Works                   | Hillsdale College                      | Regina Dominican High School                |
| Barbara's Bookstore                       | Hinsdale Public Library                | River Forest Public Library                 |
| Batavia Public Library                    | History Works                          | Robert Morris University                    |
| Billings Public Schools                   | Hitchcock Design Group                 | Roselle Public Library District             |
| Bozeman Public Library                    | Homewood Public Library                | RPX Corp                                    |
| British International School of Chicago   | Hudson Public Library                  | Sacred Heart schools                        |
| Carol Stream Public Library               | Indian Prairie Public Library          | Saline County Library                       |
| Central Piedmont Community College        | Indian Trails Public Library           | Schaumburg Township District Library        |
| Center for Research Libraries             | Itasca Community Library               | School District 13                          |
| Chicago Botanic Garden                    | Junior Library Guild                   | School District 46                          |
| Chicago Public Library                    | Kenosha Public Library                 | School District 91                          |
| Chicago Public Media                      | La Grange Park Public Library          | Skokie Public Library                       |
| Chicago Public Schools                    | LaGrange Public Library                | St Luke Parish School                       |
| Christian Church of Clarendon Hills       | Lagrange School District 105 South     | State law library of Montana                |
| City of Springfield, IL                   | MacArthur Foundation                   | Sugar Grove Public Library                  |
| Columbia College Chicago                  | Maternity BVM                          | Sycamore Publishing                         |
| Concordia University                      | Maywood Public Library                 | UChicago Creative                           |
| Cook Memorial Public Library District     | McDonald's Corporation                 | Underwriters Laboratories                   |
| Crafton Public Library District 215       | Medford School District                | United Airlines                             |
| District GCAM                             | Megan Lee Designs                      | University of Chicago                       |
| Dominican University                      | Melrose Park Public Library            | University of Delaware                      |
| Doody Enterprises, Inc.                   | Meridian Middle School                 | US Naval Academy                            |
| Downers Grove Public Library              | Midwestern University                  | Village of Skokie                           |
| Eisenhower Public Library                 | Monroe County Community College        | Warrenville Public Library District         |
| Ela Area Public Library                   | Morton College                         | Wauconda Area Library                       |
| Elk Grove Village Public Library          | Mountain View Whisman School District  | Westmont Public Library                     |
| Elmhurst College                          | Naperville Public Library              | Wheaton Public Library                      |
| Elmwood Park Public Library               | National Park Service                  | Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District |
| Erie County Public Library                | Network Ninja                          | Wolters Kluwer                              |
| Evanston Public Library                   | Neuqua Valley High School              | Woods Creek Elementary School - District 47 |
| Evanston Township High School             | New Lenox Public Library               | Yaskawa America, Inc.                       |
| Everest Academy                           | Newberry Library                       |   |
|   | Northbrook Public Library              |   |
|   | Northwest Quality Logo Products        |   |
|   | Northwestern University                |   |

*Source: Dominican University Graduating Student Survey 2016 – 2023 and Lightcast Alumni Outcomes research portal*

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