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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — For the second consecutive year, Illinois Wesleyan's job placement ranks No. 1 in Illinois and No. 7 nationally according to Zippia's 2021 list of the "[Best College in Each State for Getting a Job](#)."

Using U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard data, Zippia — a career advice website — sorted schools based on job placement ratings, looking at employment levels 10 years after students graduated. Among IWU graduates, Zippia calculated a job placement rate of 95.5%.

In its 2021 ranking, Zippia wrote:

"Curiosity killed the cat. Unless you're a student at Illinois Wesleyan University, in which case your curiosity is not only welcomed but also embraced. Maybe that's the reason the school has such a successful job placement rate. At 95.45% you're sure to find a job upon graduation."

The Hart Career Center recently found that more than 95% of 2020 graduates were employed or enrolled in higher education programs within six months of graduating from Illinois Wesleyan, according to the annual [First Destination Survey](#).

Additionally, Zippia's most recent list of "[The Best Small Colleges for Getting a Job](#)," published in 2020, ranked Illinois Wesleyan No. 5 in the U.S., and Zippia's most recent list of "[Small Colleges with the Highest Earning Graduates](#)," published in 2018, ranked Illinois Wesleyan No. 1 in Illinois. Using College Scorecard data, Zippia calculated the average earnings of graduates 10 years after entry into the workforce and found that IWU graduates average \$60,500 — more than \$25,000 above the national median.

Illinois Wesleyan's no-fee application is now open for the incoming class of 2022 by visiting [IWU.edu/apply](https://www.iwu.edu/apply).



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