



Graduate Survey

Bachelors Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2003

796 Respondents*

Employment

1.) What main activities are you engaged in at the present time? (mark all that apply) (Yes = marked; No = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
54%	429	46%	367	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
6%	47	94%	749	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
20%	158	80%	638	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
15%	122	85%	674	D Actively seeking full-time employment
25%	200	75%	596	E Enrolled in an educational institution
5%	36	95%	760	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
3%	23	97%	773	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
10%	77	90%	719	H Other, please describe: _____

2.) Which one of the above (Question 1) is your **principle activity**? Please mark the corresponding letter that best describes your principal activity at the current time.

		N		N		N	
A	52%	405	E	17%	134	Missing	12
B	3%	21	F	3%	20	Total	796
C	9%	68	G	2%	19		
D	10%	77	H	5%	40		

3.) What are your plans for future educational activities? (mark all that apply) (Yes = marked; No = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
14%	108	86%	688	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
21%	168	79%	628	Taking interesting classes
19%	154	81%	642	Acquiring job skills
13%	104	87%	692	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
18%	144	82%	652	Obtaining a teaching credential
5%	38	95%	758	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
54%	428	46%	368	Obtaining a master's degree
12%	94	88%	702	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
3%	26	97%	770	Other: please describe: _____

4.) When you chose your major, how strongly did you expect to obtain a job directly related to it?

	N	
55%	428	Very strongly
35%	273	Somewhat strongly
10%	81	Not strongly at all
missing	14	
total	796	

IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #17 ON THE LAST PAGE.

5.) What is your current job title? (Please see responses on page 3)

6.) Which factors listed below assisted you in finding your present job? (mark all that apply) (Yes = marked; No = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
15%	122	85%	674	Above average G.P.A.
38%	306	62%	490	Academic major
2%	13	98%	783	Double major
4%	33	96%	763	Competence in foreign language
17%	136	83%	660	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
10%	76	90%	720	Competence in mathematics
23%	184	77%	612	Competence in computers
44%	351	56%	445	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
15%	117	85%	679	An effective job search campaign
19%	152	81%	644	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
49%	390	51%	406	Personality or interpersonal skills
21%	170	79%	626	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
9%	75	91%	721	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
59%	361	Business or industry
6%	35	Government agency (not in education)
17%	101	Educational institution
9%	57	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
4%	28	Self-employed
5%	30	Other; please describe: _____
missing	184	
total	796	

8.) What was your starting monthly salary before deductions? (all respondents)

\$2,128	Mean starting monthly salary
1,200	Standard Deviation
548	N
248	Missing
796	Total

Starting monthly salary

(Principal activity is "Employed 35 or more hours per week")

\$2,490	Mean starting monthly salary
1,127	Standard Deviation
381	N
415	Missing
796	Total

9.) Were you working at your present job before you completed your most recent degree?

N		
25%	153	Yes
75%	455	No
missing	188	
total	796	

10.) To what extent is your job related to your major field of study?

N		
47%	286	Directly related
25%	153	Somewhat related
28%	173	Not related at all
missing	184	
total	796	

11.) If your job is not "directly related" to your major field (i.e., "Somewhat related" or "Not related at all" was marked in Question 10 above), what was your main reason for taking it? (mark only one)

N		
18%	58	Could not find a job in my field
4%	13	Better pay than a job in my field
7%	23	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
8%	24	To see if I liked this kind of work
5%	16	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
3%	11	Geographical location appealed to me
32%	103	Best opportunity among available jobs
22%	69	Other; please describe: _____
missing	479	
total	796	

12.) What level of education was required for your present job?

N		
0%	3	Master's degree
51%	316	Bachelor's degree
16%	100	Some college
32%	197	No college required
missing	180	
total	796	

13.) To what extent do you feel that your present job contributes to attaining your career goals?

N		
51%	315	A great deal
32%	196	Somewhat
17%	101	Not at all
missing	184	
total	796	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N	
93%	570
7%	40
0%	2
missing	184
total	796

15.) How satisfied are you with your ability to work in a diverse and multicultural workplace?

N	
2%	12
25%	150
73%	447
missing	187
total	796

16.) Did you perform community service while you were enrolled at CSU, Chico?

N	
54%	420
46%	364
missing	12
total	796

If "Yes," number of MONTHS you performed community service while enrolled at CSU, Chico.

12.4	Mean months
13.1	Standard Dev.
385	N
411	Missing
796	Total

If "Yes," average HOURS PER WEEK you performed community service while enrolled at CSU, Chico.

N	
42%	171
29%	118
12%	48
4%	16
5%	22
2%	9
4%	16
1%	6
missing	390
total	796

5.) What is your current job title? (Continued from page 1)

N	
8.6%	51
5.4%	32
4.4%	26
2.7%	16
2.7%	16
2.4%	14
2.2%	13
2.2%	13
1.9%	11
1.7%	10
1.7%	10
1.7%	10
1.5%	9
1.5%	9
1.4%	8
1.2%	7
1.0%	6
1.0%	6
1.0%	6
1.0%	6
1.0%	6
1.0%	6
0.8%	5
0.8%	5
0.8%	5
0.8%	5
0.8%	5
47.6%	282
missing	204
total	796

Educational Satisfaction

Please rate your satisfaction with the following items. Leave blank any of the items you considered unimportant in regard to your educational plans.

Not very satisfied		Pretty satisfied		Completely satisfied		
%	N	%	N	%	N	
8%	49	60%	376	32%	204	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
12%	71	62%	376	27%	163	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
6%	40	53%	349	41%	273	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
13%	78	51%	302	36%	217	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
20%	132	44%	286	36%	233	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	31	36%	270	60%	456	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	15	29%	216	69%	516	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	18	27%	190	71%	501	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	19	27%	192	70%	489	25.) Your ability to do university work.
5%	38	41%	312	54%	410	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
15%	112	48%	359	37%	275	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
9%	68	48%	358	43%	320	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
9%	66	35%	271	56%	436	29.) Your major course of study.
9%	68	38%	289	53%	405	30.) The quality of your degree program.
3%	23	53%	404	44%	329	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
15%	110	50%	360	35%	253	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
14%	100	57%	390	29%	200	33.) The technology learning environment.
17%	130	39%	300	44%	337	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
21%	121	48%	282	31%	184	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
42%	179	45%	192	13%	57	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
43%	182	37%	159	20%	84	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
23%	164	51%	357	26%	185	38.) Academic advising.
4%	33	36%	278	59%	453	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
2%	17	33%	252	65%	494	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
10%	72	41%	312	49%	373	41.) In general, the way you are spending your life these days?

* Approximately five months after graduation the annual Graduate Survey is mailed to the previous semester's spring graduates. Overall, the survey response rate for spring 2003 was 46%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.