



Graduate Survey

Bachelors Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2004

737 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	
57%	421	43%	316	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
6%	45	94%	692	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
17%	128	83%	609	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
16%	118	84%	619	D Actively seeking full-time employment
21%	152	79%	585	E Enrolled in an educational institution
4%	32	96%	705	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
4%	26	96%	711	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
8%	62	92%	675	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.

	Yes	N		Yes	N		Yes	N
A	56%	407	E	16%	116	Missing	4	
B	4%	26	F	2%	14	Total	737	
C	7%	53	G	2%	16			
D	10%	71	H	4%	30			

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

Yes	N	No	N	
15%	113	85%	624	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
22%	160	78%	577	Taking interesting classes
20%	146	80%	591	Acquiring job skills
14%	100	86%	637	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
19%	139	81%	598	Obtaining a teaching credential
4%	28	96%	709	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
51%	377	49%	360	Obtaining a master's degree
10%	71	90%	666	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
4%	27	96%	710	Other: please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N	
57%	412		Very strongly
32%	231		Somewhat strongly
11%	83		Not strongly at all
missing	11		
total	737		

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	
16%	115	84%	622	Above average G.P.A.
39%	287	61%	450	Academic major
2%	17	98%	720	Double major
3%	25	97%	712	Competence in foreign language
14%	105	86%	632	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
10%	76	90%	661	Competence in mathematics
25%	186	75%	551	Competence in computers
44%	327	56%	410	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
14%	101	86%	636	An effective job search campaign
18%	134	82%	603	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
51%	374	49%	363	Personality or interpersonal skills
20%	145	80%	592	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
10%	71	90%	666	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
64%	366	Business or industry
7%	40	Government agency (not in education)
14%	78	Educational institution
8%	48	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
4%	25	Self-employed
3%	17	Other; please describe: _____
missing	163	
total	737	

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

\$2,241	Mean starting monthly salary
1,241	Standard Deviation
526	N
211	Missing
737	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$2,579	Mean starting monthly salary
1,077	Standard Deviation
380	N
357	Missing
737	Total

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

N		
24%	136	Yes
76%	422	No
missing	179	
total	737	

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

N		
43%	240	Directly related
30%	165	Somewhat related
27%	151	Not related at all
missing	181	
total	737	

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		
19%	58	Could not find a job in my field
10%	31	Better pay than a job in my field
9%	26	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
11%	35	To see if I liked this kind of work
4%	13	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
3%	9	Geographical location appealed to me
21%	65	Best opportunity among available jobs
22%	68	Other; please describe: _____
missing	432	
total	737	

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

N		
0%	2	Master's degree
49%	279	Bachelor's degree
15%	84	Some college
36%	208	No college required
missing	164	
total	737	

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

N		
50%	283	A great deal
32%	181	Somewhat
19%	107	Not at all
missing	166	
total	737	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
92%	524	California
7%	38	Another state or U.S. possession
1%	6	Another country
missing	169	
total	737	

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

N		
2%	12	Not very satisfied
23%	133	Pretty satisfied
75%	428	Completely satisfied
missing	164	
total	737	

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

N		
56%	400	Yes
44%	317	No
missing	20	
total	737	

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

N		
43%	165	1-2 hours per week
30%	114	3-4 hours per week
12%	48	5-6 hours per week
4%	16	7-8 hours per week
4%	14	9-10 hours per week
3%	13	11-15 hours per week
3%	13	16-20 hours per week
1%	3	More than 20 hours per week
missing	351	
total	737	

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

14.1	Mean months
15.0	Standard Dev.
360	N
377	Missing
737	Total

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

N		
6.4%	34	Managers, All Other
3.8%	20	Teachers and Instructors, All Other
3.6%	19	Registered Nurses
3.4%	18	Engineers, All Other
3.2%	17	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
2.8%	15	Retail Salespersons
2.1%	11	Sales and Related Workers, All Other
1.7%	9	Customer Service Representatives
1.5%	8	General and Operations Managers
1.5%	8	Cashiers
1.5%	8	Productions Workers, All Other
1.3%	7	Computer Specialists, All Other
1.3%	7	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
1.3%	7	Waiters and Waitresses
1.3%	7	First-Line Supervisors-Managers of Retail Sales Workers
1.3%	7	Office Clerks, General
1.1%	6	Financial Specialists, All Other
1.1%	6	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education
1.1%	6	Designers, All Other
1.1%	6	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants
0.9%	5	Private Sector Executives
0.9%	5	Marketing Managers
0.9%	5	Accountants
0.9%	5	Auditors
0.9%	5	Insurance Underwriters
0.9%	5	Paralegals and Legal Assistants
0.9%	5	Food Servers, Non restaurant
0.9%	5	Real Estate Sales Agents
0.9%	5	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks
0.9%	5	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping
47.9%	254	All Other Occupations
missing	207	
total	737	

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	
10%	53	59%	312	31%	167	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
15%	73	54%	270	32%	160	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
6%	31	51%	278	44%	241	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
25%	102	43%	174	32%	129	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
17%	88	43%	225	40%	206	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	26	36%	228	60%	384	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	16	27%	179	70%	456	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	17	26%	157	71%	436	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	16	29%	180	69%	431	25.) Your ability to do university work.
4%	26	39%	261	57%	379	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
13%	83	46%	296	41%	261	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
9%	61	46%	295	45%	288	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
6%	38	37%	248	57%	384	29.) Your major course of study.
7%	48	40%	270	53%	358	30.) The quality of your degree program.
3%	22	49%	333	48%	325	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
14%	92	46%	299	39%	254	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
15%	94	52%	318	32%	198	33.) The technology learning environment.
15%	101	36%	250	49%	338	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
20%	101	43%	218	37%	188	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
41%	150	43%	159	16%	59	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
37%	137	36%	133	27%	100	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
20%	130	49%	312	31%	201	38.) Academic advising.
4%	26	34%	239	62%	434	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
2%	15	30%	210	67%	467	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
11%	73	43%	295	47%	325	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. The survey response rate for bachelor degree respondents in spring 2004 was 42%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.