



# Graduate Survey

## Bachelor's Degree Respondents

### Spring Graduates 2006

616 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	
63%	390	37%	226	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
4%	26	96%	590	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
13%	82	87%	534	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
12%	71	88%	545	D Actively seeking full-time employment
22%	136	78%	480	E Enrolled in an educational institution
5%	33	95%	583	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
3%	20	97%	596	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
10%	59	90%	557	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		Missing	
A	60%	368	E	16%	100	2
B	2%	13	F	2%	15	616
C	5%	33	G	2%	15	
D	6%	39	H	5%	31	

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

Yes	N	No	N	
19%	115	81%	501	I do <b>not</b> plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
20%	123	80%	493	Taking interesting classes
20%	123	80%	493	Acquiring job skills
15%	92	85%	524	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
14%	84	86%	532	Obtaining a teaching credential
4%	26	96%	590	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
50%	306	50%	310	Obtaining a master's degree
13%	79	87%	537	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
5%	29	95%	587	Other: please describe: _____

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

N		
60%	367	Very strongly
31%	188	Somewhat strongly
9%	58	Not strongly at all
missing	3	
total	616	

**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	
21%	132	79%	484	Above average G.P.A.
48%	293	52%	323	Academic major
3%	16	97%	600	Double major
4%	26	96%	590	Competence in foreign language
18%	111	82%	505	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
13%	79	87%	537	Competence in mathematics
28%	172	72%	444	Competence in computers
49%	303	51%	313	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
17%	107	83%	509	An effective job search campaign
21%	131	79%	485	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
55%	340	45%	276	Personality or interpersonal skills
19%	120	81%	496	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
7%	45	93%	571	Other; please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
61%	298	Business or industry
8%	38	Government agency (not in education)
16%	78	Educational institution
6%	31	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
3%	16	Self-employed
6%	29	Other; please describe: _____
missing	126	
total	616	

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

\$2,607	Mean starting monthly salary
1,445	Standard Deviation
450	N
166	Missing
616	Total

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

\$2,991	Mean starting monthly salary
1,331	Standard Deviation
345	N
271	Missing
616	Total

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

N		
20%	96	Yes
80%	393	No
missing	127	
total	616	

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

N		
53%	261	Directly related
28%	136	Somewhat related
19%	95	Not related at all
missing	124	
total	616	

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		
13%	30	Could not find a job in my field
10%	23	Better pay than a job in my field
8%	18	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
12%	26	To see if I liked this kind of work
8%	19	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
4%	9	Geographical location appealed to me
24%	53	Best opportunity among available jobs
21%	46	Other; please describe: _____
missing	392	
total	616	

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

N		
0%	0	Master's degree
62%	302	Bachelor's degree
15%	74	Some college
23%	113	No college required
missing	127	
total	616	

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

N		
58%	283	A great deal
32%	155	Somewhat
11%	52	Not at all
missing	126	
total	616	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
92%	450	California
8%	38	Another state or U.S. possession
0%	1	Another country
missing	127	
total	616	

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

N		
3%	15	Not very satisfied
25%	121	Pretty satisfied
72%	350	Completely satisfied
missing	130	
total	616	

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

N		
56%	345	Yes
44%	271	No
missing	0	
total	616	

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

12.4	Mean months
12.9	Standard Dev.
324	N
292	Missing
616	Total

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

N		
45%	147	1-2 hours per week
26%	84	3-4 hours per week
12%	39	5-6 hours per week
7%	24	7-8 hours per week
4%	13	9-10 hours per week
3%	9	11-15 hours per week
2%	8	16-20 hours per week
1%	4	More than 20 hours per week
missing	288	
total	616	

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

N		
12.1%	58	Managers: Marketing, Sales, Financial, HR, Operations, Production, Purchasing, Other
9.2%	44	Engineers: Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Other
8.5%	41	Teachers: Preschool to Secondary, Special Ed, Other Teachers and Instructors
5.0%	24	Sales: Insurance, Securities, Real Estate, Sales Representatives
3.8%	18	First Line Supervisors-Managers: Retail, Non Retail, Office and Administrative
3.5%	17	Registered Nurses
3.5%	17	Clerks: Court, Customer Service, File, Hotel, Library, Loan, Order, Information
3.1%	15	Secretaries: Executive, Administrative, Legal, Medical
2.9%	14	Teacher Assistants
2.5%	12	Food Service: Chefs, Fast Food Cooks, Restaurant Cooks, Food Prep, Bartenders, Waiter
2.3%	11	Accountants and Auditors
2.3%	11	Retail Salespersons
2.3%	11	Social Workers: Child, Family, School, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, All Other
1.9%	9	Paralegals and Legal Assistants, Law Clerks
1.7%	8	Designers: Commercial and Industrial, Graphic, Interior
1.5%	7	Computer: Software Engineers, Support Specialists, Network & Systems Administrator
1.5%	7	Counselors: Educational, Vocational, School, Mental Health, Rehabilitation
1.5%	7	Clerks: Mail, Mail Machine Operators, Office and Administrative Support
1.3%	6	Human Resources, Recruitment, Placement, Benefits, Training, All Other Specialists
1.3%	6	Financial Analysts, Personal Financial Advisors
1.3%	6	Loan Officers
1.0%	5	Editors
1.0%	5	Detectives, Criminal Investigators, Police and Sheriff Patrol Officers, All Other
1.0%	5	Child Care Workers, Nannies
1.0%	5	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks
0.8%	4	Reporters and Correspondents
0.6%	3	Management Analysts
0.6%	3	Geological Sample Test Technicians
0.6%	3	Personal and Home Care Aides
0.6%	3	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors
19.8%	95	All Other Occupations
missing	136	
total	616	

## 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	
9%	44	57%	278	34%	167	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
13%	63	56%	274	32%	155	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
6%	31	49%	256	45%	239	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
14%	70	46%	227	40%	196	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
21%	109	40%	205	39%	204	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	25	34%	204	62%	371	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	12	28%	170	70%	416	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
4%	23	30%	171	66%	380	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	17	31%	175	66%	366	25.) Your ability to do university work.
4%	21	40%	235	57%	336	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
14%	79	49%	289	37%	217	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
10%	56	49%	279	42%	238	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
6%	35	31%	185	64%	385	29.) Your major course of study.
8%	51	32%	194	60%	363	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	23	49%	298	47%	284	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
12%	68	48%	274	40%	230	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
16%	91	50%	282	34%	188	33.) The technology learning environment.
8%	49	39%	236	53%	316	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
22%	100	45%	207	33%	150	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
35%	118	49%	164	16%	54	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
39%	132	41%	138	21%	70	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
21%	116	46%	259	33%	182	38.) Academic advising.
4%	24	33%	200	63%	380	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
3%	17	31%	188	66%	402	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
7%	40	39%	233	54%	326	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's degree respondents in spring 2006 was 37%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.