



# Graduate Survey \*

## Masters Degree Respondents

### Spring Graduates 2002

**84 Respondents (47% Response Rate)**

#### 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	
67%	56	33%	28	Employed 35 or more hours per week
1%	1	99%	83	Employed in full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
20%	17	80%	67	Employed less than 35 hours per week
13%	11	87%	73	Actively seeking full-time employment
8%	7	92%	77	Enrolled in an educational institution
7%	6	93%	78	Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
2%	2	98%	82	Managing home, rearing your children, or voluntarily unemployed
10%	8	91%	76	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	
64%	54	Employed 35 or more hours per week
1%	1	Employed in full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
12%	10	Employed less than 35 hours per week
5%	4	Actively seeking full-time employment
6%	5	Enrolled in an educational institution
4%	3	Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
4%	3	Managing home, rearing your children, or voluntarily unemployed
5%	4	Other, please describe: _____
missing	0	
total	84	

3.) What are your plans for future educational activities? (mark all that apply)

Yes	N	No	N	
23%	19	77%	65	I do not plan to go to school again
<b>I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:</b>				
21%	18	79%	66	Taking interesting classes
17%	14	83%	70	Acquiring job skills
14%	12	86%	72	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
5%	4	95%	80	Obtaining a teaching credential
0%	0	100%	84	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
1%	1	99%	83	Obtaining a master's degree
38%	32	62%	52	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
11%	9	89%	75	Other: please describe: _____

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

N	
81%	67
17%	14
2%	2
missing	1
total	84

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

5.) What is your current job title?

N	
Teachers & Instructors, All Other	15.5% 11
Speech Language Pathologists	7.0% 5
Recreation & Fitness Studies Teachers	4.2% 3
Elem. School Teachers, Except Spec. Ed.	4.2% 3
Managers, All Other	2.8% 2
Management Analysts	2.8% 2
Clinical, Counseling, School Psychologists	2.8% 2
Educational Psychologist	2.8% 2
Educ., Vocational, & School Counselor	2.8% 2
Marriage and Family Therapists	2.8% 2
Firstline Sup.-Manager of Retail Sales	2.8% 2
Occupations with one response	49.0% 35
Missing	13
Total	84

Occupations with one response include:

Elementary and secondary school administrator, claim examiner, personnel recruiter, meeting/convention planner, accountant, auditor, computer programmer/software engineer/support specialist/operations research analyst, engineer, anthropologist, environmental science/protection technician, mental health counselor, substance abuse social worker, health educator, postsecondary teacher, special education/preschool teacher, audiovisual collections specialist, graduate and other teacher assistant, coaches/scout, dietitian/nutritionist, therapist, veterinary technician, athletic trainer, police officer, supervisor/manager of service personal, fitness trainer/aerobic instructor, bookkeeper, executive secretary/administrative assistant.

6.) Which factors listed below do you believe were most important in assisting you to find your present job? (mark all that apply) (yes = marked; no = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
29%	24	71%	60	Above average G.P.A.
57%	48	43%	36	Academic major
2%	2	98%	82	Double major
5%	4	95%	80	Competence in foreign language
19%	16	81%	68	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
4%	3	96%	81	Competence in mathematics (e.g., arithmetic, statistics)
23%	19	77%	65	Competence in computers (e.g., utilization, programming)
67%	56	33%	28	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
19%	16	81%	68	An effective job search campaign
21%	18	79%	66	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
51%	43	49%	41	Personality or interpersonal skills
12%	10	88%	74	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
10%	8	91%	76	Other; please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
29%	21	Business or industry
7%	5	Government agency (not in education)
49%	36	Educational institution
8%	6	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
1%	1	Self-employed
6%	4	Other; please describe: _____
missing	11	
total	84	

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

\$3,136	Mean starting monthly salary
\$1,438	Standard Deviation
70	N
14	Missing
84	Total

Starting monthly salary: principal activity-employed 35+ hrs/week

\$3,558	Mean starting monthly salary
\$1,290	Standard Deviation
53	N
31	Missing
84	Total

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

N		
35%	26	Yes
65%	48	No
missing	10	
total	84	

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

N		
78%	58	Directly related
18%	13	Somewhat related
4%	3	Not related at all
missing	10	
total	84	

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%	2	Could not find a job in my field
13%	2	Better pay than a job in my field
13%	2	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
0%	0	To see if I liked this kind of work
13%	2	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
0%	0	Geographical location appealed to me
44%	7	Best opportunity among available jobs
6%	1	Other; please describe: _____
missing	68	
total	84	

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

N		
55%	41	Master's degree
37%	27	Bachelor's degree
4%	3	Some college
4%	3	No college required
missing	10	
total	84	

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

N		
77%	57	A great deal
19%	14	Somewhat
4%	3	Not at all
missing	10	
total	84	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
85%	63	California
15%	11	Another state or U.S. possession
0%	0	Another country
missing	10	
total	84	

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

N		
4%	3	Not very satisfied
24%	18	Pretty satisfied
72%	53	Completely satisfied
missing	10	
total	84	

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

N		
38%	32	Yes
62%	52	No
missing	0	
total	84	

If "Yes," number of MONTHS you performed community service?

19.1	Mean months
19.5	Standard Dev.
31	N
53	Missing
84	Total

If "Yes," average hours per week you performed community service.

N		
47%	15	1-2 hours per week
34%	11	3-4 hours per week
6%	2	5-6 hours per week
3%	1	7-8 hours per week
6%	2	9-10 hours per week
0%	0	11-15 hours per week
0%	0	16-20 hours per week
3%	1	More than 20 hours per week
missing	52	
total	84	

## 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%	5	67%	36	24%	13	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
16%	8	48%	24	36%	18	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
3%	2	48%	29	48%	29	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
6%	4	39%	27	56%	39	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in some professional/scientific/scholarly field.
13%	9	43%	29	44%	30	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
1%	1	34%	27	65%	51	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
3%	2	35%	28	63%	50	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	2	36%	25	61%	42	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	2	29%	22	69%	53	25.) Your ability to do university work.
3%	2	33%	26	65%	51	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
8%	6	30%	24	63%	50	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	6	30%	24	62%	49	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
5%	4	43%	35	52%	43	29.) Your major course of study.
8%	7	39%	32	53%	44	30.) The quality of your degree program.
7%	6	44%	36	48%	39	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
15%	11	40%	30	45%	34	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
15%	10	56%	37	29%	19	33.) The technology learning environment.
16%	13	33%	27	51%	41	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
22%	11	59%	29	18%	9	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
35%	10	55%	16	10%	3	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
30%	10	52%	17	18%	6	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
30%	19	33%	21	38%	24	38.) Academic advising.
5%	4	40%	33	55%	45	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
4%	3	38%	31	59%	48	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
10%	8	43%	35	48%	39	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 2002 was 47%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.