



Graduate Survey

Masters Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2003

108 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	
61%	66	39%	42	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
6%	7	94%	101	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
16%	17	84%	91	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
19%	20	81%	88	D Actively seeking full-time employment
6%	7	94%	101	E Enrolled in an educational institution
13%	14	87%	94	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
1%	1	99%	107	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
10%	11	90%	97	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	59%	64	E	4%	4	Missing	0	
B	3%	3	F	6%	6	Total	108	
C	10%	11	G	3%	3			
D	12%	13	H	4%	4			

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

Yes	N	No	N	
27%	29	73%	79	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
31%	33	69%	75	Taking interesting classes
20%	22	80%	86	Acquiring job skills
19%	21	81%	87	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
5%	5	95%	103	Obtaining a teaching credential
0%	0	100%	108	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
0%	0	100%	108	Obtaining a master's degree
33%	36	67%	72	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
11%	12	89%	96	Other: please describe: _____

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

Yes	N	
72%	77	Very strongly
21%	23	Somewhat strongly
7%	7	Not strongly at all
missing	1	
total	108	

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	
31%	34	69%	74	Above average G.P.A.
56%	61	44%	47	Academic major
0%	0	100%	108	Double major
7%	8	93%	100	Competence in foreign language
18%	19	82%	89	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
4%	4	96%	104	Competence in mathematics
20%	22	80%	86	Competence in computers
57%	62	43%	46	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
16%	17	84%	91	An effective job search campaign
17%	18	83%	90	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
59%	64	41%	44	Personality or interpersonal skills
24%	26	76%	82	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
10%	11	90%	97	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
25%	23	Business or industry
13%	12	Government agency (not in education)
43%	40	Educational institution
15%	14	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
1%	1	Self-employed
3%	3	Other; please describe: _____
missing	15	
total	108	

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

\$2,928	Mean starting monthly salary
1,405	Standard Deviation
84	N
24	Missing
108	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,317	Mean starting monthly salary
1,114	Standard Deviation
61	N
47	Missing
108	Total

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

N		
37%	34	Yes
63%	58	No
missing	16	
total	108	

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

N		
77%	70	Directly related
15%	14	Somewhat related
8%	7	Not related at all
missing	17	
total	108	

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		
32%	6	Could not find a job in my field
16%	3	Better pay than a job in my field
5%	1	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
5%	1	To see if I liked this kind of work
5%	1	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
5%	1	Geographical location appealed to me
5%	1	Best opportunity among available jobs
26%	5	Other; please describe: _____
missing	89	
total	108	

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

N		
52%	48	Master's degree
34%	32	Bachelor's degree
5%	5	Some college
9%	8	No college required
missing	15	
total	108	

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

N		
73%	69	A great deal
21%	20	Somewhat
5%	5	Not at all
missing	14	
total	108	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
93%	87	California
6%	6	Another state or U.S. possession
1%	1	Another country
missing	14	
total	108	

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

N		
1%	1	Not very satisfied
33%	31	Pretty satisfied
66%	61	Completely satisfied
missing	15	
total	108	

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

N		
49%	52	Yes
51%	55	No
missing	1	
total	108	

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

14.5	Mean months
12.7	Standard Dev.
47	N
61	Missing
108	Total

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

N		
49%	25	1-2 hours per week
27%	14	3-4 hours per week
6%	3	5-6 hours per week
4%	2	7-8 hours per week
6%	3	9-10 hours per week
2%	1	11-15 hours per week
4%	2	16-20 hours per week
2%	1	More than 20 hours per week
missing	57	
total	108	

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

N		
13.2%	12	Speech Language Pathologists
8.8%	8	Teachers and Instructors, All Other
6.6%	6	Internists, General
5.5%	5	Social Workers, All Other
4.4%	4	Clinical, Counseling, And School Psychologists
3.3%	3	Managers, All Other
2.2%	2	General and Operations Manager
2.2%	2	Anthropologists and Archaeologists
2.2%	2	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors
2.2%	2	Educational, Vocational, and School Counselors
2.2%	2	Child, Family, and School Social Workers
2.2%	2	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
2.2%	2	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other
2.2%	2	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education
2.2%	2	Special Ed Teachers, Preschool, Kindergraten, and Elementary School Teachers
2.2%	2	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
36.3%	33	All Other Occupations
missing	17	
total	108	

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%	6	63%	43	28%	19	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
9%	6	59%	38	31%	20	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
1%	1	52%	45	47%	41	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
8%	7	40%	34	52%	44	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
13%	11	49%	42	38%	32	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	4	37%	37	59%	60	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	2	38%	39	60%	62	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
0%	0	32%	26	68%	55	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	3	23%	22	73%	69	25.) Your ability to do university work.
2%	2	27%	28	71%	75	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
4%	4	39%	40	57%	58	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	8	35%	36	57%	59	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
3%	3	34%	36	63%	66	29.) Your major course of study.
5%	5	43%	46	52%	55	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	4	52%	54	44%	45	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
16%	15	43%	41	42%	40	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
18%	16	52%	47	30%	27	33.) The technology learning environment.
5%	5	38%	38	57%	57	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
19%	12	44%	28	38%	24	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
40%	17	43%	18	17%	7	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
38%	15	40%	16	23%	9	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
20%	16	44%	36	36%	29	38.) Academic advising.
4%	4	40%	42	56%	59	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
1%	1	40%	42	59%	61	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
5%	5	49%	51	47%	49	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.