



# Graduate Survey

## Master's Degree Respondents

### Spring Graduates 2008

75 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	
72%	54	28%	21	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
5%	4	95%	71	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
13%	10	87%	65	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
12%	9	88%	66	D Actively seeking full-time employment
12%	9	88%	66	E Enrolled in an educational institution
12%	9	88%	66	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
1%	1	99%	74	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
1%	1	99%	74	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	
A	71%	53	E	5%	4	Missing 0
B	5%	4	F	4%	3	
C	7%	5	G	1%	1	Total 75
D	7%	5	H	0%	0	

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

Yes	N	No	N	
25%	19	75%	56	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:				
32%	24	68%	51	Taking interesting classes
16%	12	84%	63	Acquiring job skills
12%	9	88%	66	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
4%	3	96%	72	Obtaining a teaching credential
3%	2	97%	73	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
1%	1	99%	74	Obtaining a master's degree
29%	22	71%	53	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
5%	4	95%	71	Other: please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N	
70%	52		Very strongly
27%	20		Somewhat strongly
3%	2		Not strongly at all
missing	1		
total	75		

**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	
36%	27	64%	48	Above average G.P.A.
65%	49	35%	26	Academic major
3%	2	97%	73	Double major
8%	6	92%	69	Competence in foreign language
16%	12	84%	63	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
5%	4	95%	71	Competence in mathematics
23%	17	77%	58	Competence in computers
63%	47	37%	28	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
21%	16	79%	59	An effective job search campaign
25%	19	75%	56	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
64%	48	36%	27	Personality or interpersonal skills
27%	20	73%	55	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
11%	8	89%	67	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
14%	9	Business or industry
20%	13	Government agency (not in education)
52%	34	Educational institution
12%	8	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
0%	0	Self-employed
2%	1	Other; please describe: _____
missing	10	
total	75	

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

\$3,591	Mean starting monthly salary
1,470	Standard Deviation
62	N
13	Missing
75	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,969	Mean starting monthly salary
1,277	Standard Deviation
51	N
24	Missing
75	Total

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

N		
38%	24	Yes
62%	39	No
missing	12	
total	75	

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

N		
80%	52	Directly related
15%	10	Somewhat related
5%	3	Not related at all
missing	10	
total	75	

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		
2%	1	Could not find a job in my field
0%	0	Better pay than a job in my field
6%	4	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
0%	0	To see if I liked this kind of work
2%	1	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
0%	0	Geographical location appealed to me
8%	5	Best opportunity among available jobs
83%	52	Other; please describe: _____
missing	12	
total	75	

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

N		
57%	37	Master's degree
32%	21	Bachelor's degree
5%	3	Some college
6%	4	No college required
missing	10	
total	75	

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

N		
77%	50	A great deal
22%	14	Somewhat
2%	1	Not at all
missing	10	
total	75	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
91%	59	California
8%	5	Another state or U.S. possession
2%	1	Another country
missing	10	
total	75	

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

N		
5%	3	Not very satisfied
26%	17	Pretty satisfied
69%	45	Completely satisfied
missing	10	
total	75	

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

N		
43%	32	Yes
57%	43	No
missing	0	
total	75	

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

N		
34%	10	1-2 hours per week
28%	8	3-4 hours per week
7%	2	5-6 hours per week
7%	2	7-8 hours per week
0%	0	9-10 hours per week
7%	2	11-15 hours per week
14%	4	16-20 hours per week
3%	1	More than 20 hours per week
missing	46	
total	75	

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

16.2	Mean months
11.6	Standard Dev.
29	N
46	Missing
75	Total

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

N		
22.2%	14	Teachers and Instructors, All Other
9.5%	6	Social Workers, All Other
7.9%	5	Managers, All Other
6.3%	4	Counselors, All Other
4.8%	3	Financial Specialists, All Other
4.8%	3	Speech/Language Pathologists
3.2%	2	Software Quality Assurance Engineers and Testers
3.2%	2	School Psychologists
3.2%	2	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School
3.2%	2	Retail Salespersons
1.6%	1	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School
1.6%	1	Accountants and Auditors
1.6%	1	Auditors
1.6%	1	Network and Computer Systems Administrators
1.6%	1	Hydrologists
1.6%	1	Anthropologists and Archeologists
1.6%	1	Biological Technicians
1.6%	1	Marriage and Family Therapists
1.6%	1	Mental Health Counselors
1.6%	1	Teacher Assistants
1.6%	1	Education, Training, and Library Workers, All Other
1.6%	1	Dietitians and Nutritionists
1.6%	1	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
1.6%	1	Medical Assistants
1.6%	1	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers
1.6%	1	Amusement and Recreation Attendants
1.6%	1	Child Care Workers
1.6%	1	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks
1.6%	1	Computer Operators
1.6%	1	Students
Missing	12	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	75	

## 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	
11%	5	39%	18	50%	23	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
15%	7	51%	24	34%	16	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
3%	2	45%	26	52%	30	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
8%	5	42%	27	51%	33	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
16%	10	48%	29	36%	22	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	3	26%	18	70%	49	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
4%	3	31%	22	65%	46	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	2	22%	14	75%	49	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
5%	3	11%	7	85%	55	25.) Your ability to do university work.
1%	1	13%	9	86%	61	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
3%	2	31%	22	67%	48	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
3%	2	40%	29	58%	42	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
0%	0	37%	25	63%	42	29.) Your major course of study.
15%	11	36%	27	49%	36	30.) The quality of your degree program.
5%	4	45%	33	50%	37	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
10%	7	40%	29	50%	36	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
10%	7	52%	35	37%	25	33.) The technology learning environment.
14%	10	41%	29	45%	32	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
16%	8	55%	27	29%	14	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
32%	14	50%	22	18%	8	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
40%	12	50%	15	10%	3	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
21%	11	52%	27	27%	14	38.) Academic advising.
6%	4	34%	24	61%	43	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
1%	1	39%	28	60%	43	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
7%	5	30%	22	63%	46	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 master's degree respondents in spring 2008 was 37.7%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.