



Graduate Survey

Bachelor's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2005

612 Respondents (37% 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	
58%	353	42%	259	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
7%	40	93%	572	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
14%	88	86%	524	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
14%	83	86%	529	D Actively seeking full-time employment
22%	136	78%	476	E Enrolled in an educational institution
5%	33	95%	579	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
4%	27	96%	585	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
9%	55	91%	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		N	
A	55%	329	E	17%	103	Missing 9
B	4%	27	F	3%	21	
C	6%	36	G	3%	17	Total 612
D	7%	41	H	5%	29	

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

Yes	N	No	N	
13%	78	87%	534	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
20%	125	80%	487	Taking interesting classes
19%	115	81%	497	Acquiring job skills
14%	87	86%	525	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
19%	115	81%	497	Obtaining a teaching credential
5%	31	95%	581	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
52%	321	48%	291	Obtaining a master's degree
13%	82	87%	530	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
4%	24	96%	588	Other: please describe: _____

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

	N	
58%	352	Very strongly
32%	195	Somewhat strongly
10%	61	Not strongly at all
missing	4	
total	612	

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	
18%	110	82%	502	Above average G.P.A.
42%	258	58%	354	Academic major
3%	17	97%	595	Double major
4%	26	96%	586	Competence in foreign language
16%	97	84%	515	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
12%	74	88%	538	Competence in mathematics
23%	142	77%	470	Competence in computers
47%	285	53%	327	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
13%	82	87%	530	An effective job search campaign
20%	123	80%	489	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
49%	301	51%	311	Personality or interpersonal skills
20%	121	80%	491	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
8%	51	92%	561	Other; please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
58%	264	Business or industry
9%	42	Government agency (not in education)
15%	70	Educational institution
11%	52	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
2%	10	Self-employed
5%	21	Other; please describe: _____
missing	153	
total	612	

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

\$2,404	Mean starting monthly salary
1,288	Standard Deviation
438	N
174	Missing
612	Total

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

\$2,797	Mean starting monthly salary
1,201	Standard Deviation
321	N
291	Missing
612	Total

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

N		
26%	119	Yes
74%	340	No
missing	153	
total	612	

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

N		
54%	247	Directly related
25%	115	Somewhat related
21%	96	Not related at all
missing	154	
total	612	

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		
15%	30	Could not find a job in my field
7%	13	Better pay than a job in my field
12%	24	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
7%	13	To see if I liked this kind of work
9%	18	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
5%	10	Geographical location appealed to me
20%	40	Best opportunity among available jobs
25%	50	Other; please describe: _____
missing	414	
total	612	

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

N		
1%	3	Master's degree
57%	260	Bachelor's degree
15%	70	Some college
27%	124	No college required
missing	155	
total	612	

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

N		
54%	249	A great deal
28%	130	Somewhat
17%	78	Not at all
missing	155	
total	612	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
91%	415	California
9%	40	Another state or U.S. possession
1%	3	Another country
missing	154	
total	612	

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

N		
2%	9	Not very satisfied
23%	107	Pretty satisfied
75%	343	Completely satisfied
missing	153	
total	612	

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

N		
55%	339	Yes
45%	272	No
missing	1	
total	612	

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

N		
39%	128	1-2 hours per week
29%	96	3-4 hours per week
13%	43	5-6 hours per week
8%	27	7-8 hours per week
5%	17	9-10 hours per week
3%	9	11-15 hours per week
3%	9	16-20 hours per week
1%	2	More than 20 hours per week
missing	281	
total	612	

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

12.5	Mean months
12.5	Standard Dev.
317	N
295	Missing
612	Total

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

N		
12.5%	55	Managers: Marketing, Sales, Financial, HR, Operations, Production, Purchasing
6.8%	30	Engineers: Civil, Electrical, Computer Hardware, Industrial, Mechanical
6.6%	29	Teachers: Preschool to Secondary, Other Teachers, Includes Special Educ
5.5%	24	Sales: Insurance, Securities, Financial, Services, Real Estate, Representatives
4.3%	19	Teacher Assistants
4.1%	18	Registered Nurses
2.7%	12	Accountants
2.3%	10	Social Workers: Child, Family, School, Mental Health, Substance Abuse
2.0%	9	Computer Specialists: Programmers, Software Engineers, Support, Network, Systems
2.0%	9	Waiters and Waitresses
1.8%	8	Counselors: Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, Education, School, Vocational
1.8%	8	Graphic Designers
1.8%	8	Secretaries: Executive, Administrative, Legal, Medical
1.6%	7	Interior Designers
1.6%	7	Office Clerks and Workers: General and Administrative Support
1.6%	7	Construction: Carpenters, Laborers, Painters, Floor Layers, Maintenance
1.4%	6	Child Care Workers
1.4%	6	Retail Salespersons
1.1%	5	Meeting and Convention Planners
0.9%	4	Private Sector Executives
0.9%	4	Business Operations Specialists, All Others
0.9%	4	Auditors
0.9%	4	Personal Financial Advisors
0.9%	4	Paralegals and Legal Assistants
0.9%	4	Reporters and Correspondents
0.9%	4	Police: Identification and Records Officers, Patrol Officers
0.9%	4	Bill and Account Collectors
0.9%	4	Customer Service Representatives
0.9%	4	Receptionists and Information Clerks
28.0%	123	All Other Occupations
missing	172	
total	612	

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	
6%	29	59%	297	35%	176	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
13%	64	53%	257	34%	165	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
6%	30	46%	246	48%	255	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
13%	64	46%	227	41%	204	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
18%	95	39%	204	42%	220	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	24	29%	178	67%	403	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
3%	17	27%	165	70%	420	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	16	29%	165	69%	395	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
2%	13	27%	153	71%	403	25.) Your ability to do university work.
4%	23	34%	208	62%	372	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
13%	75	44%	261	43%	253	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	45	43%	253	49%	287	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
5%	30	33%	200	62%	374	29.) Your major course of study.
6%	37	37%	226	57%	346	30.) The quality of your degree program.
3%	18	49%	293	48%	288	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
11%	61	47%	271	42%	241	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
13%	75	54%	298	33%	183	33.) The technology learning environment.
12%	73	33%	198	55%	332	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
17%	81	47%	218	36%	169	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
40%	134	43%	143	17%	58	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
41%	139	37%	124	22%	75	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
20%	110	49%	272	31%	175	38.) Academic advising.
3%	16	32%	192	66%	398	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
1%	9	32%	190	67%	404	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
8%	48	37%	221	55%	330	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 2005 was 37%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.