



Graduate Survey (Bachelor's Degree Respondents) Spring Graduates 2008 468 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	
55%	258	45%	210	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
6%	26	94%	442	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
20%	94	80%	374	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
20%	95	80%	373	D Actively seeking full-time employment
23%	109	77%	359	E Enrolled in an educational institution
5%	23	95%	445	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
4%	19	96%	449	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
6%	28	94%	440	H Other, please describe: _____

2.) Which one of the above (Question 1) is your **principal activity**? Please mark the corresponding letter that best describes your principal activity at the current time.

	N		N		Missing	
A	50%	236	E	17%	79	0
B	5%	24	F	3%	14	
C	8%	37	G	1%	5	
D	12%	54	H	4%	19	
					Total	468

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

Yes	N	No	N	
14%	67	86%	401	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
19%	89	81%	379	Taking interesting classes
20%	94	80%	374	Acquiring job skills
16%	75	84%	393	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
11%	52	89%	416	Obtaining a teaching credential
5%	24	95%	444	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
60%	279	40%	189	Obtaining a master's degree
17%	81	83%	387	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
3%	15	97%	463	Other: please describe: _____

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

	N	
61%	285	Very strongly
31%	145	Somewhat strongly
8%	36	Not strongly at all
missing	2	
total	468	

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	
22%	102	78%	366	Above average G.P.A.
49%	227	51%	241	Academic major
4%	19	96%	449	Double major
4%	19	96%	449	Competence in foreign language
19%	88	81%	380	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
14%	65	86%	403	Competence in mathematics
27%	127	73%	341	Competence in computers
51%	238	49%	230	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
20%	93	80%	375	An effective job search campaign
27%	126	73%	342	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
52%	242	48%	226	Personality or interpersonal skills
22%	102	78%	366	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
9%	43	91%	425	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
58%	207	Business or industry
9%	33	Government agency (not in education)
17%	61	Educational institution
10%	35	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
2%	7	Self-employed
4%	14	Other; please describe: _____
missing	111	
total	468	

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

\$2,675	Mean starting monthly salary
1,558	Standard Deviation
331	N
137	Missing
468	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,055	Mean starting monthly salary
1,348	Standard Deviation
263	N
205	Missing
468	Total

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

N		
23%	83	Yes
77%	274	No
missing	111	
total	468	

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

N		
53%	189	Directly related
28%	101	Somewhat related
19%	66	Not related at all
missing	112	
total	468	

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		
21%	33	Could not find a job in my field
1%	2	Better pay than a job in my field
6%	10	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
10%	15	To see if I liked this kind of work
14%	22	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
6%	9	Geographical location appealed to me
26%	40	Best opportunity among available jobs
16%	25	Other; please describe: _____
missing	312	
total	468	

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

N		
1%	3	Master's degree
57%	205	Bachelor's degree
15%	53	Some college
27%	96	No college required
missing	111	
total	468	

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

N		
56%	199	A great deal
30%	107	Somewhat
14%	50	Not at all
missing	112	
total	468	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N	
92%	327
7%	26
1%	4
missing	111
total	468

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

N	
3%	12
31%	109
66%	235
missing	112
total	468

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

N	
56%	261
44%	206
missing	1
total	468

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

N	
38%	94
26%	66
13%	33
7%	18
7%	17
4%	9
4%	10
1%	3
missing	218
total	468

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

15.9	Mean months
17.4	Standard Dev.
249	N
219	Missing
468	Total

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

N	
11.3%	40
11.0%	39
6.8%	24
6.2%	22
5.1%	18
3.7%	13
3.4%	12
3.4%	12
2.8%	10
2.8%	10
2.8%	10
2.5%	9
2.3%	8
2.0%	7
2.0%	7
1.7%	6
1.7%	6
1.7%	6
1.1%	4
1.1%	4
1.1%	4
1.1%	4
1.1%	4
0.8%	3
0.8%	3
0.8%	3
0.8%	3
0.6%	2
0.6%	2
16.4%	58
Missing	115
total	468

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%	35	58%	233	33%	134	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
11%	46	54%	218	35%	141	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
5%	22	48%	200	47%	196	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
10%	43	47%	191	43%	176	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
18%	78	40%	171	42%	177	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
3%	16	31%	143	65%	301	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
3%	12	26%	122	71%	328	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	13	26%	120	71%	320	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
2%	8	27%	120	72%	324	25.) Your ability to do university work.
4%	19	33%	151	63%	290	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
11%	52	41%	187	47%	216	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	38	38%	175	53%	244	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
4%	18	26%	120	70%	324	29.) Your major course of study.
6%	28	34%	159	60%	279	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	20	43%	196	53%	245	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
13%	59	42%	194	45%	204	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
10%	45	51%	227	39%	176	33.) The technology learning environment.
9%	42	35%	161	56%	263	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
17%	66	47%	189	36%	143	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
34%	113	45%	151	22%	73	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
31%	103	46%	150	23%	75	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
20%	88	43%	184	37%	158	38.) Academic advising.
4%	17	27%	123	70%	322	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
2%	9	23%	105	76%	352	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
12%	54	32%	147	57%	264	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 2008 was 27.4%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.