



# Graduate Survey

## Bachelor's Degree Respondents

### Spring Graduates 2009

475 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	
45%	213	55%	262	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
5%	24	95%	451	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
23%	110	77%	365	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
24%	116	76%	359	D Actively seeking full-time employment
25%	118	75%	357	E Enrolled in an educational institution
4%	17	96%	458	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
4%	19	96%	456	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
9%	43	91%	432	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	
A	42%	197	E	21%	98
B	3%	12	F	2%	11
C	11%	52	G	1%	4
D	16%	76	H	3%	16

Missing	9
Total	475

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

Yes	N	No	N	
12%	56	88%	419	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:				
19%	90	81%	385	Taking interesting classes
16%	76	84%	399	Acquiring job skills
16%	78	84%	397	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
11%	52	89%	423	Obtaining a teaching credential
7%	34	93%	441	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
62%	293	38%	182	Obtaining a master's degree
18%	85	82%	390	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
6%	28	94%	447	Other: please describe: _____

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

	N	
55%	260	Very strongly
31%	146	Somewhat strongly
14%	65	Not strongly at all
missing		
total	471	

**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%	85	82%	390	Above average G.P.A.
36%	169	64%	306	Academic major
3%	12	97%	463	Double major
4%	21	96%	454	Competence in foreign language
13%	63	87%	412	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
8%	38	92%	437	Competence in mathematics
23%	109	77%	366	Competence in computers
43%	206	57%	269	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
12%	57	88%	418	An effective job search campaign
22%	103	78%	372	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
47%	224	53%	251	Personality or interpersonal skills
24%	114	76%	361	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
11%	53	89%	422	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
59%	189	Business or industry
8%	26	Government agency (not in education)
17%	53	Educational institution
10%	31	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
3%	8	Self-employed
4%	13	Other; please describe: _____
missing	155	
total	475	

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

\$2,397	Mean starting monthly salary
1,563	Standard Deviation
294	N
181	Missing
475	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$2,997	Mean starting monthly salary
1,547	Standard Deviation
186	N
289	Missing
475	Total

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

N		
29%	93	Yes
71%	223	No
missing	159	
total	475	

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

N		
49%	154	Directly related
25%	78	Somewhat related
27%	84	Not related at all
missing	159	
total	475	

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		
26%	40	Could not find a job in my field
3%	5	Better pay than a job in my field
6%	9	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
7%	11	To see if I liked this kind of work
8%	12	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
4%	6	Geographical location appealed to me
30%	46	Best opportunity among available jobs
16%	25	Other; please describe: _____
missing	321	
total	475	

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

N		
0%	1	Master's degree
53%	168	Bachelor's degree
16%	50	Some college
30%	96	No college required
missing	160	
total	475	

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

N		
55%	174	A great deal
29%	91	Somewhat
16%	51	Not at all
missing	159	
total	475	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
89%	281	California
9%	27	Another state or U.S. possession
3%	8	Another country
missing	159	
total	475	

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

N		
4%	14	Not very satisfied
30%	94	Pretty satisfied
66%	210	Completely satisfied
missing	157	
total	475	

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

N		
57%	264	Yes
43%	198	No
missing	13	
total	475	

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

N		
41%	100	1-2 hours per week
26%	64	3-4 hours per week
14%	34	5-6 hours per week
4%	11	7-8 hours per week
6%	15	9-10 hours per week
3%	8	11-15 hours per week
1%	2	16-20 hours per week
4%	11	More than 20 hours per week
missing	230	
total	475	

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

14.0	Mean months
17.0	Standard Dev.
247	N
228	Missing
475	Total

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

N		
32.5%	103	Other
15.5%	49	Education
10.1%	32	Engineering
9.5%	30	Management-Supervision
6.6%	21	Retail
6.6%	21	Sales
6.3%	20	Financial
5.0%	16	Computers-Info Tech
4.1%	13	Medical-Nursing
3.8%	12	Food Service
Missing	158	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	475	

## 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%	43	55%	218	34%	134	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
9%	37	59%	243	32%	129	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
5%	21	52%	221	43%	180	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
12%	50	47%	190	40%	163	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
18%	74	40%	167	43%	179	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
2%	11	33%	154	64%	299	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	9	25%	114	73%	334	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
2%	10	26%	117	71%	318	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
2%	9	26%	117	72%	319	25.) Your ability to do university work.
5%	22	30%	136	66%	301	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
9%	41	41%	185	50%	230	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
6%	28	38%	173	56%	252	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
4%	19	28%	129	68%	316	29.) Your major course of study.
6%	30	30%	139	63%	294	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	20	43%	200	53%	244	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
11%	50	43%	192	46%	203	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
10%	45	48%	209	42%	186	33.) The technology learning environment.
10%	48	41%	188	49%	228	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
16%	64	47%	189	38%	152	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
30%	103	51%	172	19%	65	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
38%	128	42%	140	20%	65	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
14%	62	49%	215	37%	162	38.) Academic advising.
5%	23	31%	143	64%	296	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
2%	11	27%	124	71%	324	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
14%	63	34%	153	52%	235	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 2009 was 25.2%.** Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.