



Graduate Survey

Bachelor's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2011

532 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	
42%	225	58%	307	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
6%	33	94%	499	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
24%	126	76%	406	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
27%	141	73%	391	D Actively seeking full-time employment
28%	147	72%	385	E Enrolled in an educational institution
13%	31	87%	201	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
3%	18	97%	514	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
11%	56	89%	476	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.

	Yes	N		Yes	N	
A	38%	200	E	23%	120	Missing 8
B	5%	25	F	2%	11	
C	10%	50	G	1%	6	Total 532
D	18%	93	H	4%	19	

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

Yes	N	No	N	
16%	86	84%	446	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
19%	99	81%	433	Taking interesting classes
18%	96	82%	436	Acquiring job skills
15%	78	85%	454	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
12%	63	88%	469	Obtaining a teaching credential
4%	23	96%	509	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
56%	299	44%	233	Obtaining a master's degree
16%	85	84%	447	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
6%	30	94%	502	Other: please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N	
54%	275		Very strongly
35%	177		Somewhat strongly
11%	57		Not strongly at all
missing	23		
total	532		

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	
19%	85	81%	362	Above average G.P.A.
37%	165	63%	282	Academic major
4%	17	96%	430	Double major
3%	12	97%	435	Competence in foreign language
16%	73	84%	374	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
7%	30	93%	417	Competence in mathematics
23%	102	77%	345	Competence in computers
46%	204	54%	243	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
15%	66	85%	381	An effective job search campaign
26%	118	74%	329	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
51%	227	49%	220	Personality or interpersonal skills
22%	100	78%	347	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
9%	38	91%	409	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
59%	217	Business or industry
5%	20	Government agency (not in education)
21%	76	Educational institution
8%	28	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
2%	6	Self-employed
6%	21	Other; please describe: _____
missing	164	
total	532	

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

\$2,493	Mean starting monthly salary
1,655	Standard Deviation
301	N
231	Missing
532	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,327	Mean starting monthly salary
1,478	Standard Deviation
179	N
353	Missing
532	Total

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

N		
25%	85	Yes
75%	254	No
missing	193	
total	532	

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

N		
51%	175	Directly related
24%	82	Somewhat related
24%	83	Not related at all
missing	192	
total	532	

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		
23%	37	Could not find a job in my field
5%	8	Better pay than a job in my field
6%	10	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
12%	19	To see if I liked this kind of work
7%	12	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
6%	10	Geographical location appealed to me
29%	47	Best opportunity among available jobs
13%	21	Other; please describe: _____
missing	368	
total	532	

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

N		
0%	1	Master's degree
57%	194	Bachelor's degree
15%	52	Some college
28%	94	No college required
missing	191	
total	532	

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

N		
55%	188	A great deal
30%	103	Somewhat
14%	49	Not at all
missing	192	
total	532	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
86%	293	California
11%	37	Another state or U.S. possession
3%	10	Another country
missing	192	
total	532	

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

N		
2%	7	Not very satisfied
30%	103	Pretty satisfied
68%	232	Completely satisfied
missing	190	
total	532	

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

N		
58%	284	Yes
42%	203	No
missing	45	
total	532	

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

N		
40%	115	1-2 hours per week
28%	80	3-4 hours per week
13%	38	5-6 hours per week
4%	11	7-8 hours per week
5%	14	9-10 hours per week
3%	10	11-15 hours per week
4%	11	16-20 hours per week
4%	11	More than 20 hours per week
missing	242	
total	532	

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

12.6	Mean months
13.0	Standard Dev.
273	N
259	Missing
532	Total

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

N		
28.1%	103	Other
20.7%	76	Education
9.3%	34	Engineering
6.8%	25	Management-Supervision
4.9%	18	Retail
6.0%	22	Sales
5.7%	21	Financial
7.4%	27	Computers-Info Tech
4.6%	17	Medical-Nursing
6.5%	24	Food Service
Missing	165	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	532	

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	
13%	48	48%	179	40%	149	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
11%	43	50%	191	39%	150	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
7%	28	46%	184	47%	189	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
10%	41	44%	174	45%	177	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
18%	70	37%	146	46%	184	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	17	32%	139	64%	274	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
3%	12	26%	113	71%	307	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	13	25%	106	71%	298	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
1%	6	25%	104	74%	306	25.) Your ability to do university work.
2%	10	33%	143	65%	278	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
6%	27	42%	182	51%	220	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
6%	25	38%	162	56%	240	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
3%	15	26%	114	70%	308	29.) Your major course of study.
6%	27	31%	134	63%	276	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	17	45%	193	52%	223	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
10%	42	37%	160	53%	227	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
9%	36	48%	201	43%	182	33.) The technology learning environment.
13%	56	36%	153	51%	221	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
14%	53	44%	169	42%	163	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
27%	90	49%	166	24%	82	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
35%	115	40%	131	24%	78	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
17%	69	41%	172	42%	175	38.) Academic advising.
4%	18	31%	134	65%	282	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
3%	15	24%	105	72%	314	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
10%	43	35%	151	55%	240	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 2011 was 39.52%.** Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.