



Graduate Survey

Bachelor's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2012

522 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 | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 52% | 274 | 48% | 248 | A Employed 35 or more hours per week |
| 6% | 32 | 94% | 490 | B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration) |
| 18% | 93 | 82% | 429 | C Employed less than 35 hours per week |
| 21% | 110 | 79% | 412 | D Actively seeking full-time employment |
| 23% | 121 | 77% | 401 | E Enrolled in an educational institution |
| 6% | 30 | 94% | 492 | F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing |
| 2% | 12 | 98% | 510 | G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children) |
| 6% | 30 | 94% | 492 | 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 | 50% | 255 | E | 18% | 92 | Missing | 13 |
| B | 5% | 25 | F | 3% | 14 | Total | 522 |
| C | 6% | 32 | G | 1% | 5 | | |
| D | 15% | 74 | H | 2% | 12 | | |

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

| Yes | N | No | N | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 20% | 106 | 80% | 416 | I do not plan to go to school again |
| I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of: | | | | |
| 15% | 79 | 85% | 443 | Taking interesting classes |
| 18% | 96 | 82% | 426 | Acquiring job skills |
| 16% | 81 | 84% | 441 | Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation |
| 12% | 62 | 88% | 460 | Obtaining a teaching credential |
| 5% | 26 | 95% | 496 | Obtaining a second bachelor's degree |
| 52% | 272 | 48% | 250 | Obtaining a master's degree |
| 18% | 95 | 82% | 427 | Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law) |
| 6% | 32 | 94% | 490 | Other: please describe: _____ |

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

| | Yes | N | |
|---------|-----|---|---------------------|
| 57% | 286 | | Very strongly |
| 33% | 166 | | Somewhat strongly |
| 9% | 47 | | Not strongly at all |
| missing | 23 | | |
| total | 522 | | |

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 | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 20% | 104 | 80% | 418 | Above average G.P.A. |
| 41% | 215 | 59% | 307 | Academic major |
| 4% | 19 | 96% | 503 | Double major |
| 3% | 16 | 97% | 506 | Competence in foreign language |
| 13% | 69 | 87% | 453 | Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition) |
| 10% | 51 | 90% | 471 | Competence in mathematics |
| 25% | 128 | 75% | 394 | Competence in computers |
| 48% | 249 | 52% | 273 | Work experience or internship/volunteer experience |
| 17% | 87 | 83% | 435 | An effective job search campaign |
| 26% | 136 | 74% | 386 | Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers |
| 51% | 268 | 49% | 254 | Personality or interpersonal skills |
| 23% | 118 | 77% | 404 | Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision |
| 8% | 40 | 92% | 482 | Other: please describe: _____ |

7.) What type of organization employs you?

| N | | |
|---------|-----|---|
| 61% | 229 | Business or industry |
| 7% | 25 | Government agency (not in education) |
| 14% | 54 | Educational institution |
| 10% | 38 | Non-profit organization (not government operated) |
| 1% | 5 | Self-employed |
| 7% | 27 | Other; please describe: _____ |
| missing | 144 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| \$2,763 | Mean starting monthly salary |
| 1,603 | Standard Deviation |
| 327 | N |
| 195 | Missing |
| 522 | Total |

Starting monthly salary

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

| | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| \$3,281 | Mean starting monthly salary |
| 1,511 | Standard Deviation |
| 225 | N |
| 297 | Missing |
| 522 | Total |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|-----|
| 20% | 73 | Yes |
| 80% | 287 | No |
| missing | 162 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|--------------------|
| 52% | 185 | Directly related |
| 27% | 98 | Somewhat related |
| 21% | 75 | Not related at all |
| missing | 164 | |
| total | 522 | |

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% | 38 | Could not find a job in my field |
| 2% | 3 | Better pay than a job in my field |
| 9% | 15 | Better opportunity for advancement than my field |
| 10% | 16 | To see if I liked this kind of work |
| 10% | 17 | Opportunity to help people or be useful to society |
| 5% | 9 | Geographical location appealed to me |
| 27% | 45 | Best opportunity among available jobs |
| 15% | 25 | Other; please describe: _____ |
| missing | 354 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|---------------------|
| 0% | 1 | Master's degree |
| 60% | 214 | Bachelor's degree |
| 14% | 48 | Some college |
| 26% | 92 | No college required |
| missing | 167 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|--------------|
| 61% | 218 | A great deal |
| 28% | 99 | Somewhat |
| 11% | 40 | Not at all |
| missing | 165 | |
| total | 522 | |

14.) Where is your present job located?

| N | | |
|---------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 85% | 303 | California |
| 12% | 44 | Another state or U.S. possession |
| 3% | 10 | Another country |
| missing | 165 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|----------------------|
| 2% | 8 | Not very satisfied |
| 31% | 112 | Pretty satisfied |
| 66% | 238 | Completely satisfied |
| missing | 164 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|-----|
| 57% | 274 | Yes |
| 43% | 206 | No |
| missing | 42 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 36% | 101 | 1-2 hours per week |
| 29% | 82 | 3-4 hours per week |
| 12% | 34 | 5-6 hours per week |
| 6% | 16 | 7-8 hours per week |
| 6% | 17 | 9-10 hours per week |
| 2% | 7 | 11-15 hours per week |
| 4% | 10 | 16-20 hours per week |
| 5% | 14 | More than 20 hours per week |
| missing | 241 | |
| total | 522 | |

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

| | |
|-------|---------------|
| 13.7 | Mean months |
| 14.7 | Standard Dev. |
| 267.0 | N |
| 255.0 | Missing |
| 522 | Total |

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

| N | | |
|---------|-----|--|
| 33.7% | 126 | Other |
| 12.8% | 48 | Education |
| 10.7% | 40 | Engineering |
| 9.4% | 35 | Management/Supervision |
| 7.2% | 27 | Sales |
| 7.2% | 27 | Computers/Information Technology |
| 5.9% | 22 | Medical/Nursing |
| 4.5% | 17 | Retail |
| 4.5% | 17 | Food Service |
| 4.0% | 15 | Financial |
| Missing | 148 | Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed |
| total | 522 | |

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 | |
| 35% | 45 | 52% | 179 | 13% | 122 | 17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts. |
| 36% | 47 | 51% | 181 | 13% | 129 | 18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences. |
| 49% | 32 | 42% | 161 | 8% | 186 | 19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences. |
| 51% | 41 | 39% | 149 | 11% | 194 | 20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field. |
| 43% | 76 | 37% | 145 | 20% | 166 | 21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job). |
| 64% | 15 | 32% | 130 | 4% | 258 | 22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively. |
| 72% | 5 | 27% | 110 | 1% | 297 | 23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically. |
| 70% | 16 | 25% | 100 | 4% | 277 | 24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen. |
| 72% | 7 | 26% | 103 | 2% | 284 | 25.) Your ability to do university work. |
| 65% | 16 | 31% | 127 | 4% | 266 | 26.) The effort you put into your university education. |
| 55% | 39 | 35% | 144 | 9% | 228 | 27.) Your involvement with faculty. |
| 59% | 31 | 34% | 139 | 8% | 241 | 28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom. |
| 68% | 28 | 25% | 104 | 7% | 282 | 29.) Your major course of study. |
| 63% | 34 | 29% | 122 | 8% | 260 | 30.) The quality of your degree program. |
| 50% | 22 | 44% | 183 | 5% | 207 | 31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico. |
| 52% | 45 | 37% | 148 | 11% | 211 | 32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom. |
| 44% | 36 | 48% | 190 | 9% | 174 | 33.) The technology learning environment. |
| 51% | 60 | 34% | 140 | 15% | 211 | 34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way. |
| 48% | 49 | 38% | 139 | 13% | 177 | 35.) Your involvement with community service activities. |
| 27% | 85 | 47% | 155 | 26% | 89 | 36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance. |
| 29% | 96 | 41% | 129 | 30% | 91 | 37.) Your involvement in athletics. |
| 45% | 83 | 34% | 135 | 21% | 181 | 38.) Academic advising. |
| 67% | 24 | 27% | 112 | 6% | 274 | 39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education. |
| 67% | 15 | 29% | 122 | 4% | 280 | 40.) CSU, Chico as a whole. |
| 56% | 42 | 34% | 140 | 10% | 230 | 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 2012 was 26.5%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.