



Graduate Survey

Bachelor's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2013

510 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	
49%	248	51%	262	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
8%	40	92%	470	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
21%	108	79%	402	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
23%	119	77%	391	D Actively seeking full-time employment
21%	108	79%	402	E Enrolled in an educational institution
5%	27	95%	483	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
3%	16	97%	494	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
6%	31	94%	479	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	48%	232	E	17%	82
B	5%	26	F	4%	19
C	9%	44	G	1%	7
D	13%	61	H	3%	17

Missing	22
Total	510

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

Yes	N	No	N	
18%	91	82%	419	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
16%	82	84%	428	Taking interesting classes
17%	85	83%	425	Acquiring job skills
16%	80	84%	430	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
11%	56	89%	454	Obtaining a teaching credential
5%	23	95%	487	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
53%	272	47%	238	Obtaining a master's degree
19%	97	81%	413	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
6%	33	94%	477	Other: please describe: _____

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

Yes	N	
55%	267	Very strongly
35%	171	Somewhat strongly
10%	48	Not strongly at all
missing	24	
total	510	

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	
17%	88	83%	422	Above average G.P.A.
39%	197	61%	313	Academic major
3%	13	97%	497	Double major
6%	33	94%	477	Competence in foreign language
16%	82	84%	428	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
12%	59	88%	451	Competence in mathematics
26%	135	74%	375	Competence in computers
49%	250	51%	260	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
15%	74	85%	436	An effective job search campaign
26%	132	74%	378	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
52%	266	48%	244	Personality or interpersonal skills
26%	135	74%	375	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
8%	40	92%	470	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
58%	224	Business or industry
5%	19	Government agency (not in education)
20%	76	Educational institution
9%	35	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
1%	4	Self-employed
7%	28	Other; please describe: _____
missing	124	
total	510	

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

\$2,726	Mean starting monthly salary
1,707	Standard Deviation
316	N
194	Missing
510	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,348	Mean starting monthly salary
1,604	Standard Deviation
199	N
311	Missing
510	Total

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

N		
21%	74	Yes
79%	278	No
missing	158	
total	510	

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

N		
48%	168	Directly related
26%	91	Somewhat related
26%	91	Not related at all
missing	160	
total	510	

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		
22%	40	Could not find a job in my field
4%	8	Better pay than a job in my field
9%	16	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
11%	20	To see if I liked this kind of work
11%	20	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
4%	7	Geographical location appealed to me
22%	41	Best opportunity among available jobs
17%	32	Other; please describe: _____
missing	326	
total	510	

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

N		
1%	2	Master's degree
57%	199	Bachelor's degree
16%	57	Some college
26%	92	No college required
missing	160	
total	510	

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

N		
52%	182	A great deal
33%	116	Somewhat
14%	49	Not at all
missing	163	
total	510	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
85%	299	California
11%	37	Another state or U.S. possession
4%	15	Another country
missing	159	
total	510	

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

N		
3%	9	Not very satisfied
27%	94	Pretty satisfied
71%	248	Completely satisfied
missing	159	
total	510	

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

N		
62%	280	Yes
38%	174	No
missing	56	
total	510	

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

N		
42%	119	1-2 hours per week
26%	74	3-4 hours per week
9%	24	5-6 hours per week
4%	12	7-8 hours per week
6%	16	9-10 hours per week
5%	14	11-15 hours per week
4%	12	16-20 hours per week
4%	11	More than 20 hours per week
missing	228	
total	510	

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

13.6	Mean months
12.7	Standard Dev.
263.0	N
247.0	Missing
510	Total

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

N		
9.3%	35	Computers/Information Technology
17.8%	67	Education
8.8%	33	Engineering
3.7%	14	Financial
5.1%	19	Food Service
4.8%	18	Management/Supervision
6.4%	24	Medical/Nursing
29.8%	112	Other
6.1%	23	Retail
8.2%	31	Sales
Missing	134	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	510	

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%	28	61%	200	30%	99	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
11%	38	59%	206	30%	103	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
6%	20	48%	171	46%	164	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
9%	34	46%	164	45%	161	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
17%	63	39%	141	44%	161	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	15	30%	114	66%	256	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	7	26%	98	73%	279	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
4%	16	28%	105	68%	257	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
4%	15	23%	86	72%	265	25.) Your ability to do university work.
4%	17	37%	139	59%	224	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
11%	43	40%	150	49%	185	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	30	37%	140	55%	212	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
5%	18	27%	106	68%	269	29.) Your major course of study.
5%	19	35%	135	61%	237	30.) The quality of your degree program.
3%	12	44%	168	53%	206	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
11%	41	40%	148	49%	184	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
7%	27	50%	188	42%	158	33.) The technology learning environment.
12%	45	32%	122	57%	220	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
15%	51	43%	150	42%	147	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
29%	91	45%	141	26%	81	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
34%	105	40%	123	25%	77	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
17%	64	39%	147	44%	164	38.) Academic advising.
4%	14	33%	129	63%	246	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
3%	11	25%	98	72%	277	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
10%	39	38%	147	52%	199	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 2013 was 24.4%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.