



Graduate Survey

Bachelor's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2014

383 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	
56%	214	44%	169	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
4%	14	96%	369	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
20%	78	80%	305	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
14%	54	86%	329	D Actively seeking full-time employment
26%	100	74%	283	E Enrolled in an educational institution
7%	28	93%	355	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
4%	15	96%	368	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
6%	23	94%	360	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	54%	198	E	21%	76	Missing 14
B	2%	7	F	4%	15	
C	8%	28	G	3%	10	Total 383
D	6%	22	H	4%	13	

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

Yes	N	No	N	
19%	74	81%	309	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
11%	42	89%	341	Taking interesting classes
14%	54	86%	329	Acquiring job skills
17%	64	83%	319	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
12%	46	88%	337	Obtaining a teaching credential
3%	10	97%	373	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
58%	221	42%	162	Obtaining a master's degree
18%	69	82%	314	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
4%	17	96%	366	Other: please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N	
60%	215		Very strongly
32%	115		Somewhat strongly
9%	31		Not strongly at all
missing	22		
total	383		

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	
21%	79	79%	304	Above average G.P.A.
43%	164	57%	219	Academic major
4%	15	96%	368	Double major
6%	22	94%	361	Competence in foreign language
14%	55	86%	328	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
10%	40	90%	343	Competence in mathematics
23%	87	77%	296	Competence in computers
52%	201	48%	182	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
17%	65	83%	318	An effective job search campaign
26%	101	74%	282	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
55%	209	45%	174	Personality or interpersonal skills
24%	91	76%	292	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
3%	13	97%	370	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
65%	188	Business or industry
7%	20	Government agency (not in education)
10%	30	Educational institution
9%	27	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
1%	3	Self-employed
7%	21	Other; please describe: _____
missing	94	
total	383	

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

\$2,825	Mean starting monthly salary
1,846	Standard Deviation
242	N
141	Missing
383	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,316	Mean starting monthly salary
1,590	Standard Deviation
165	N
218	Missing
383	Total

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

N		
22%	58	Yes
78%	204	No
missing	121	
total	383	

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

N		
55%	144	Directly related
25%	64	Somewhat related
20%	53	Not related at all
missing	122	
total	383	

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		
12%	16	Could not find a job in my field
5%	6	Better pay than a job in my field
12%	16	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
15%	19	To see if I liked this kind of work
12%	15	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
5%	6	Geographical location appealed to me
26%	33	Best opportunity among available jobs
14%	18	Other; please describe: _____
missing	254	
total	383	

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

N		
0%	1	Master's degree
63%	165	Bachelor's degree
18%	47	Some college
19%	50	No college required
missing	120	
total	383	

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

N		
62%	161	A great deal
28%	74	Somewhat
10%	26	Not at all
missing	122	
total	383	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
89%	232	California
11%	28	Another state or U.S. possession
0%	0	Another country
missing	123	
total	383	

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

N		
2%	4	Not very satisfied
25%	66	Pretty satisfied
73%	193	Completely satisfied
missing	120	
total	383	

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

N		
59%	197	Yes
41%	137	No
missing	49	
total	383	

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

N		
44%	87	1-2 hours per week
23%	46	3-4 hours per week
15%	29	5-6 hours per week
4%	8	7-8 hours per week
5%	9	9-10 hours per week
3%	6	11-15 hours per week
3%	5	16-20 hours per week
5%	10	More than 20 hours per week
missing	183	
total	383	

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

13.5	Mean months
13.4	Standard Dev.
193.0	N
190.0	Missing
383	Total

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

N		
7.7%	22	Computers/Information Technology
10.1%	29	Education
7.7%	22	Engineering
4.2%	12	Financial
4.5%	13	Food Service
10.8%	31	Management/Supervision
7.3%	21	Medical/Nursing
32.2%	92	Other
3.8%	11	Retail
11.5%	33	Sales
Missing	97	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	383	

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	
14%	34	56%	131	30%	71	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
15%	38	49%	121	36%	89	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
7%	19	48%	124	44%	113	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
15%	37	47%	119	38%	97	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
14%	37	46%	119	40%	105	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	12	30%	83	66%	181	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
4%	10	27%	75	69%	189	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
7%	19	28%	77	65%	175	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
4%	11	32%	87	64%	177	25.) Your ability to do university work.
5%	14	37%	103	58%	162	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
8%	23	42%	116	50%	139	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	21	39%	108	53%	145	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
5%	15	31%	85	64%	178	29.) Your major course of study.
7%	21	33%	93	60%	168	30.) The quality of your degree program.
5%	15	44%	123	50%	140	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
10%	26	41%	112	49%	132	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
13%	34	46%	123	41%	109	33.) The technology learning environment.
9%	26	40%	109	51%	140	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
12%	31	46%	116	41%	103	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
27%	60	44%	98	29%	66	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
31%	66	42%	88	27%	57	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
17%	45	42%	113	41%	108	38.) Academic advising.
4%	12	32%	89	64%	179	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
4%	11	29%	81	67%	186	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
6%	17	36%	101	58%	162	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 2014 was 19.6%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.