



Graduate Survey

Bachelor's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2015

376 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	
57%	213	43%	163	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
8%	29	92%	347	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
18%	69	82%	307	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
17%	65	83%	311	D Actively seeking full-time employment
19%	71	81%	305	E Enrolled in an educational institution
9%	32	91%	344	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
2%	8	98%	368	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
6%	21	94%	355	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	56%	204	E	13%	49
B	3%	12	F	5%	17
C	10%	37	G	1%	3
D	10%	37	H	2%	6

Missing	11
Total	376

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

Yes	N	No	N	
21%	78	79%	298	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
15%	55	85%	321	Taking interesting classes
16%	62	84%	314	Acquiring job skills
18%	68	82%	308	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
12%	44	88%	332	Obtaining a teaching credential
4%	16	96%	360	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
52%	194	48%	182	Obtaining a master's degree
18%	68	82%	308	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
3%	10	97%	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	
51%	186		Very strongly
38%	139		Somewhat strongly
10%	38		Not strongly at all
missing	13		
total	376		

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%	75	80%	301	Above average G.P.A.
45%	170	55%	206	Academic major
6%	21	94%	355	Double major
6%	23	94%	353	Competence in foreign language
18%	67	82%	309	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
11%	41	89%	335	Competence in mathematics
26%	97	74%	279	Competence in computers
50%	189	50%	187	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
15%	57	85%	319	An effective job search campaign
28%	104	72%	272	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
56%	212	44%	164	Personality or interpersonal skills
22%	84	78%	292	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
8%	29	92%	347	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
57%	168	Business or industry
11%	32	Government agency (not in education)
12%	36	Educational institution
11%	32	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
1%	4	Self-employed
8%	25	Other; please describe: _____
missing	79	
total	376	

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

\$3,062	Mean starting monthly salary
1,885	Standard Deviation
241	N
135	Missing
376	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$3,578	Mean starting monthly salary
1,712	Standard Deviation
174	N
202	Missing
376	Total

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

N		
16%	45	Yes
84%	228	No
missing	103	
total	376	

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

N		
51%	140	Directly related
31%	84	Somewhat related
18%	49	Not related at all
missing	103	
total	376	

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%	34	Could not find a job in my field
5%	7	Better pay than a job in my field
12%	17	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
15%	22	To see if I liked this kind of work
12%	17	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
2%	3	Geographical location appealed to me
16%	23	Best opportunity among available jobs
15%	22	Other; please describe: _____
missing	231	
total	376	

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

N		
1%	2	Master's degree
63%	172	Bachelor's degree
10%	27	Some college
26%	71	No college required
missing	104	
total	376	

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

N		
62%	169	A great deal
27%	72	Somewhat
11%	30	Not at all
missing	105	
total	376	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
89%	243	California
9%	25	Another state or U.S. possession
1%	4	Another country
missing	104	
total	376	

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

N		
1%	4	Not very satisfied
30%	81	Pretty satisfied
69%	185	Completely satisfied
missing	106	
total	376	

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

N		
59%	197	Yes
41%	135	No
missing	44	
total	376	

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

N		
36%	70	1-2 hours per week
31%	61	3-4 hours per week
16%	31	5-6 hours per week
3%	5	7-8 hours per week
4%	7	9-10 hours per week
3%	6	11-15 hours per week
4%	7	16-20 hours per week
4%	8	More than 20 hours per week
missing	181	
total	376	

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

12.0	Mean months
11.9	Standard Dev.
186.0	N
190.0	Missing
376	Total

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

N		
28%	80	Other
16%	45	Education
10%	29	Engineering
9%	26	Management/Supervision
8%	24	Medical/Nursing
8%	23	Financial
7%	21	Sales
7%	20	Computers/Information Technology
6%	16	Retail
2%	6	Food Service
Missing	86	
total	376	

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	61%	147	25%	59	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
15%	39	56%	141	29%	72	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
8%	20	46%	122	47%	124	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
14%	35	43%	112	43%	111	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
19%	48	38%	99	43%	111	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
3%	9	38%	108	59%	166	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
1%	3	30%	85	69%	198	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
4%	10	34%	95	62%	173	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	8	34%	94	63%	171	25.) Your ability to do university work.
2%	6	34%	97	63%	179	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
10%	29	36%	100	54%	149	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
6%	18	40%	114	53%	150	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
4%	11	30%	85	66%	188	29.) Your major course of study.
8%	23	34%	97	58%	166	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	12	43%	121	53%	151	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
10%	29	43%	120	46%	129	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
14%	39	47%	128	39%	105	33.) The technology learning environment.
11%	31	32%	91	57%	159	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
10%	26	49%	123	41%	102	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
31%	71	42%	96	27%	61	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
35%	78	38%	85	27%	59	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
20%	53	40%	109	40%	109	38.) Academic advising.
6%	18	30%	85	64%	184	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
6%	16	27%	76	68%	194	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
10%	28	36%	102	54%	152	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 2015 was 17.65%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.