Alumni Survey 2011

Texas State University is administering this survey of recent graduates as part of its continuing effort to make improvements and to meet the changing needs of students. The survey asks about your employment and education experiences since graduation, and provides an opportunity for you to evaluate your experiences at Texas State.

You may be assured of complete confidentiality. Your identity will never be associated with your individual responses and the survey results will be reported in aggregate form.

Questions answered by all graduates:

Which of the following best describes your current primary employment status?
- Employed full time
- Employed part time
- Not employed, seeking employment
- Not employed, not seeking employment because of continued education or other reason
- Serving in the Armed Forces

What is your current zip code (or name of country if outside of the U.S.A.)?

Questions answered only by graduates employed full-time:

From which source did you receive most of your assistance with career development issues?
- Faculty
- Career Services office
- Academic advisor
- Other university staff
- Parent or relative
- Internet career website
- Another student or friend
- Other, (please specify:)

From which source did you learn about the first job you held after graduating from Texas State?
- Held the job while enrolled at college
- Career Services Jobs4Cats online
- Career Services Job Fair
- Career Services office
- Internship
- Academic department or faculty
- Internet job board (other than Jobs4Cats)
- Employer Website
- Newspaper or trade publication
- Recruited by employer
- Public or private agency
- Professional meeting/organization
- Networking with alumni
- Other, (please specify:)

Indicate whether each of the following was a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem in obtaining your first job after graduation.
(Response Scale: Major problem, Minor problem, Not a problem)
Deciding what I wanted to do
Knowing how to find job openings
Writing a resume, vita, or letter of introduction
Completing job applications
Scheduling interviews
Finding a job that paid enough
Finding a job for which I was trained
Finding a job where I wanted to live
Finding the kind of job I wanted
Race/sex discrimination

How long did it take you to obtain your first full-time job after graduating?
I obtained the job prior to graduating from Texas State
Less than one month
1 to 3 months
4 to 6 months
7 to 12 months
More than 12 months

How many full-time jobs have you held since graduation?
1
2
3
4
5
6 or more

What is your current job title?

What type of business do you work in? (Examples: restaurant, law firm, hospital, electronics manufacturer, airline, high school, etc.).

What is your current annual salary?
$9,999 or less
$10,000 to $19,999
$20,000 to $29,999
$30,000 to $39,999
$40,000 to $49,999
$50,000 to $59,999
$60,000 to $69,999
$70,000 to $79,999
$80,000 to $89,999
$90,000 to $99,999
$100,000 to $109,999
$110,000 to $119,999
$120,000 or more
How closely is your current job related to your college major?
Highly related
Moderately related
Slightly related
Not related

To what extent did your education at Texas State allow you to be competitive with peers at your current place of employment?
Very well
Well
Adequately
Poorly
Very poorly

How satisfied are you with your current job?
Very satisfied
Satisfied
Neutral
Dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

Do you feel you are currently underemployed?
Yes
No

In addition to your full-time employment, have you held a part-time job since graduation?
Yes
No

Questions answered only by graduates employed part-time:

From which source did you receive most of your assistance with career development issues?
Faculty
Career Services office
Academic advisor
Other university staff
Parent or relative
Internet career website
Another student or friend
Other, (please specify:)

From which source did you learn about the first job you held after graduating from Texas State?
Held the job while enrolled at college
Career Services Jobs4Cats online
Career Services Job Fair
Career Services office
Internship
Academic department or faculty
Internet job board (other than Jobs4Cats)
Employer Website
Newspaper or trade publication
Recruited by employer
Public or private agency
Professional meeting/organization
Networking with alumni
Other, (please specify:)

Indicate whether each of the following was a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem in obtaining your first job after graduation.
(Response Scale: Major problem, Minor problem, Not a problem)
Deciding what I wanted to do
Knowing how to find job openings
Writing a resume, vita, or letter of introduction
Completing job applications
Scheduling interviews
Finding a job that paid enough
Finding a job for which I was trained
Find a job where I wanted to live
Finding the kind of job I wanted
Race/sex discrimination

How many part-time jobs have you held since graduation?
1
2
3
4
5
6 or more

What is your current job title?

What is the primary reason you are currently employed part-time?
Do not desire full-time employment
Cannot find full-time employment
Health/personal reasons
Other (please specify:)
How closely is your current job related to your college major?
Highly related
Moderately related
Slightly related
Not related

To what extent did your education at Texas State allow you to be competitive with peers at your current place of employment?
Very well
Well
Adequately
Poorly
Very poorly

How satisfied are you with your current job?
Very satisfied
Satisfied
Neutral
Dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

Do you feel you are currently underemployed?
Yes
No

In addition to your part-time employment, have you held a full-time job since graduation?
Yes
No

Are you currently seeking full-time employment?
Yes
No

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Questions answered only by graduates who are unemployed and seeking employment:

Have you held a job since graduation?
Yes, I have worked full-time
Yes, I have worked part-time
Yes, I have worked both full and part-time
No, I have not held a job since graduating

Please indicate the primary reason you are now unemployed.
Have been unable to find a full-time job since college
Was laid off by employer
Quit to find another job
Health/personal reasons
Do not desire employment at this time
Other (please specify:)

How long have you actively been seeking employment?
Not seeking employment
Less than 1 month
1 to 3 months
4 to 6 months
7 to 12 months
More than 12 months

Have you sought employment help from Texas State's Career Services Office?
Yes, it has been helpful
Yes, but it has not been helpful (please explain:)
No (please explain:)

Questions answered only by graduates who are unemployed and not seeking employment:

Have you held a job since graduation?
Yes, I have worked full-time
Yes, I have worked part-time
Yes, I have worked both full and part-time
No, I have not held a job since graduating

Please indicate the primary reason you are now unemployed.
Have been unable to find a full-time job since college
Was laid off by employer
Quit to find another job
Health/personal reasons
Do not desire employment at this time
Other (please specify:)

Questions answered by all graduates:

Since graduating from Texas State, have you continued your education for any of the following reasons?
Please click all that apply:
To earn a graduate or professional degree
To improve skills related to my job
To meet certification, licensing or continuing education requirements
To prepare for a future career change
For general education or self-improvement
To increase earning power

If you have not already, are you planning to enroll in a graduate or professional degree program within the next five years?
Yes
No
Uncertain
Have already enrolled
If you have not already, are you planning to enroll in certification/licensing or continuing education training within the next five years?  
Yes  
No  
Uncertain  
Have already enrolled  

Questions answered only by graduates who are currently enrolled in a degree program:  

In which field are you pursuing a graduate or professional degree?  
Business  
Engineering  
Law  
Public Administration  
Medicine  
Veterinary Medicine  
Dentistry  
Theology  
Education  
Fine Arts (Art, Theatre, Music, Dance, etc)  
Liberal Arts (History, Literature, Political Sci., etc)  
Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, etc)  
Other, please specify:  

What is your major?  

On what degree are you working?  
Master's  
Doctorate  
Professional  
Other, please specify:  

At what institution are you working on your graduate or professional degree?  
Texas State University-San Marcos  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Tech University  
University of North Texas  
University of Houston  
University of Texas at Arlington  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
Other, please specify  

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Questions answered only by graduates who are currently enrolled in certification/licensing or continuing education training:

In which field are you pursuing certification/licensing or continuing education requirements?
- Accounting/Finance
- Counseling & Guidance
- Educational Administration
- Information Technology
- Medical/Health care
- Law/Paralegal
- Real Estate
- Teaching/Education Specialist
- Other, please specify

On what certification/license or continuing education requirements are you working?

At what agency/institution are you working on certification/licensing or continuing education requirements?
- An Education Service Center
- An Independent School District
- A Community College
- Texas State University-San Marcos
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Tech University
- University of North Texas
- University of Houston
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at Dallas
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- Other, please specify

Question answered only by graduates who are currently enrolled in a degree program, certification/licensing or continuing education training:

How well did Texas State prepare you for your post graduate education?
- Very well
- Well
- Adequately
- Poorly
- Very poorly
Questions answered only by graduates who are planning to enroll in a degree program within the next five years:

In which field would you pursue a graduate or professional degree in the next five years?
- Business
- Engineering
- Law
- Public Administration
- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Dentistry
- Theology
- Education
- Fine Arts (Art, Theatre, Music, Dance, etc)
- Liberal Arts (History, Literature, Political Sci., etc)
- Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, etc)
- Other, please specify

In what will you major?

On which degree would you work?
- Master's
- Doctorate
- Professional
- Other, please specify

At what institutions are you considering enrollment for a graduate or professional degree?
- Texas State University-Austin
- Texas State University-San Marcos
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Tech University
- University of North Texas
- University of Houston
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at Dallas
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- Other, please specify:
Questions answered only by graduates who are planning to enroll in certification/licensing or continuing education training within the next five years:

In which field are you considering pursuing certification/licensing or continuing education requirements in the next five years?
- Accounting/Finance
- Counseling & Guidance
- Educational Administration
- Information Technology
- Medical/Health care
- Law/Paralegal
- Real Estate
- Teaching/Education Specialist
- Other, please specify

On what certification/license or continuing education requirements will you work?

At what agency/institution would you enroll for certification/license or continuing education requirements?
- An Education Service Center
- An Independent School District
- A Community College
- Texas State University-San Marcos
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Tech University
- University of North Texas
- University of Houston
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at Dallas
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- Other, please specify

Questions answered by all graduates:

How would you rate Texas State on the following characteristics?
(Response Scale: Very good, Good, Fair, Poor, Very poor, No opinion)
- Academic reputation overall
- Reputation of your major department
- Personal attention to students
- Quality of academic facilities (library, classrooms, etc.)
- Quality of instruction
- Availability of recreational facilities on campus
- Quality of on-campus housing
- Attractiveness of campus
- Location of campus
- Cost of tuition and fees
- Quality of social life
- Opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities
- Opportunities for leadership development
How satisfied are you with the educational experience you had at Texas State?
Very satisfied
Satisfied
Neutral
Dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied

To what extent did your education at Texas State affect your personal development in each of the following areas?
(Response Scale: Very much, Somewhat, Very little)
Creative thinking
Critical and logical thinking
Oral communication/speaking
Writing skills
Ability to use mathematics
Ability to use computers/information technology
Leading others
Working as part of a team
Planning and carrying out projects
Learning on your own
Understanding your ethics/values
Compassion for others
Self-confidence in expressing your own ideas
Physical and mental health
Career planning
Appreciating the arts
Appreciating diversity
Appreciation for life-long learning
Understanding other cultures, races or ethnic groups
Appreciating global perspectives
Reading and comprehending materials on a variety of topics

Please rate the quality of advising you received from:
(Response Scale: Very good, Good, Fair, Poor, Very poor, Does not apply)
Professional advisors in your College Advising Center
Faculty in your major department

Please rate each of the following aspects of the classes in your major at Texas State.
(Response Scale: Very good, Good, Fair, Poor, Very poor, Does not apply)
Quality of instruction
Appropriateness of subject matter in major courses
Challenge of course material

Has your education at Texas State improved your quality of life?
Definitely yes
Probably yes
Uncertain
Probably no
Definitely no
If you borrowed money to help pay for college expenses, estimate how much you owed at the time you graduated from Texas State: __________________

Would you recommend your major department at Texas State to others considering college?
Definitely yes
Probably yes
Uncertain
Probably no
Definitely no

If you could choose your major again, would you select the same major?
Definitely yes
Probably yes
Uncertain
Probably no
Definitely no

What were the one or two things you liked best about your overall experience at Texas State?

What were the one or two things you liked best about your major department at Texas State?

What do you suggest should be improved at Texas State?