# Southern Illinois University Edwardsville <br> Survey of 2000 Baccalaureate Graduates -- One Year Out 

Basic Survey Results

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## Introduction

This one-year out baccalaureate survey was done to provide data for the University's undergraduate program reviews and other planning uses, and to participate in the Illinois Board of Higher Education Baccalaureate Graduates' Follow-up System.

| IBHE Survey Schedule and Population Definition |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Survey Year | Survey Type | Survey Group |
| 1992 | One-Year Out Survey | Class of '91 |
| 1993 | Five-Year Out Survey | Class of '88 |
| 1994 | Ten-Year Out Survey | Class of '84 |
| 1995 | One-Year Out Survey | Class of '94 |
| 1996 | Five-Year Out Survey | Class of '91 |
| 1997 | Nine-Year Out Survey | Class of ' 88 |
| 1998 | One-Year Out Survey | Class of '97 |
| 1999 | Five-Year Out Survey | Class of '94 |
| 2000 | Nine-Year Out Survey | Class of '91 |
| 2001 | One-Year Out Survey | Class of '00 |
| 2002 | Five-Year Out Survey | Class of '97 |
| 2003 | Nine-Year Out Survey | Class of '94 |

After the first six years, the surveys were reviewed and changed, modifying some questions and value scales, and adding some additional questions.

The current survey was administered during the spring and summer of 2001 to calendar year 2000 baccalaureate graduates of SIUE. The questionnaire includes 18 questions common to all Illinois public universities. These are the first 18 questions in the survey, forming Parts I, II, III, and the beginning of Part IV (Employment Questions, Education Questions, Satisfaction Questions, and Educational Practices Questions). SIUE added to these one question on industry of employment and three additional questions on educational practices, and appended two additional parts to the survey to add questions about program quality, and educational effectiveness. (A questionnaire is included in Appendix A.)

## Methodology

The survey questionnaire and a cover letter were adapted from the questionnaire and letter developed for previous surveys. SIUE Alumni Services provided current addresses for calendar year 2000 graduates as determined from institutional records. The survey was distributed in May 2001 to May 2000 baccalaureate graduates and in August 2001 to August 2000 and December 2000 baccalaureate graduates. Each envelope included a cover letter, a questionnaire, and a postage-paid, pre-addressed return envelope. Each questionnaire was stamped with a sequential, identifying number which was also stamped on a listing of the graduates (this aided in identifying the surveys when returned).

On April 30, 2001 approximately two weeks before the first set of surveys were to be mailed, a postcard was sent to the 766 May 2000 baccalaureate graduates for whom addresses were available, notifying the alumni that they would be receiving a questionnaire and encouraging them to complete and return the survey. Surveys were mailed first class on May 11, 2001. On May $31^{\text {st }}$, approximately three weeks after the survey was mailed and when the rate of survey returns had decreased, a follow-up postcard requesting that the survey be returned was mailed to each student who had not returned his or her survey. On June $18^{\text {th }}$ a second wave mailing of the surveys was sent to the 573 remaining nonrespondents.

The second distribution began with the preliminary postcard mailed on August 1, 2001 to the 845 August and December 2000 baccalaureate graduates with known addresses. Surveys were mailed first class to this group on August 14, 2001 with a follow-up post card mailed to non-responders on August 31, 2001. A second wave mailing of the survey was sent to 662 non-responders on September 18, 2001.

Returned surveys began arriving on May $15^{\text {th }}$ and continued through the summer and fall, with a few arriving as late as January 2002. As the surveys came in, each was matched with the corresponding stamped listing. The students' names were then checked against the alphabetic list of alumni to verify (or, if the alumnus chose not to provide the identification number, to obtain) the student identification number. The student identification number was the key which allowed merging of survey data with administrative records (e.g., biographic, graduation, matriculation, and enrollment information).

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Survey Population and Respondents

|  | Number of Graduates |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2000 Baccalaureate Degrees <br> Less persons who received 2 baccalaureate degrees <br> 2000 Baccalaureate Graduates |  1,652 <br> 16  <br>  1,636 |
| Less Graduates with No Address Available <br> Graduates Surveyed | 25 <br>  <br> 1,611 |
| Less Non-Deliverable Surveys <br> Less Non-Responding Graduates <br> Survey Respondents | 50  <br> 974 587 |
| Gross Response Rate (Respondents/Total Surveyed) <br> Adjusted Response Rate (Respondents/Delivered Surveys) | $36.44 \%$ $37.60 \%$ |

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## Comparison of All Graduates to Survey Respondents

|  | All Baccalaureate Graduates |  | One Year Out Survey Respondents |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 1636 | 100.0\% | 587 | 100.0\% |
| Female | 1028 | 62.8\% | 404 | 68.8\% |
| Male | 608 | 37.2\% | 183 | 31.2\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 1399 | 85.5\% | 522 | 88.9\% |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 151 | 9.2\% | 41 | 7.0\% |
| Asian/Pacific Islandeı | 30 | 1.8\% | 12 | 2.0\% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Nativı | 9 | 0.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Hispanic | 25 | 1.5\% | 7 | 1.2\% |
| Non-Resident Alier | 22 | 1.3\% | 5 | 0.9\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Age at Graduatior | $\begin{array}{r} \text { range }= \\ \text { median }= \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \text { to } 72 \\ 23.4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { range }= \\ \text { median }= \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21 \text { to } 72 \\ 23.8 \end{gathered}$ |
| Bachelor of Scienc $\epsilon$ | 1327 | 81.1\% | 462 | 78.7\% |
| Bachelor of Music | 18 | 1.1\% | 6 | 1.0\% |
| Bachelor of Arts | 152 | 9.3\% | 62 | 10.6\% |
| Bachelor of Fine Arts | 9 | 0.6\% | 3 | 0.5\% |
| Bachelor of Sci in Accountanc | 64 | 3.9\% | 29 | 4.9\% |
| Bachelor of Liberal Studie: | 66 | 4.0\% | 25 | 4.3\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Graduated Spring 200C | 777 | 47.5\% | 304 | 51.8\% |
| Graduated Summer 200 | 311 | 19.0\% | 103 | 17.5\% |
| Graduated Fall 200C | 548 | 33.5\% | 180 | 30.7\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Degree From College of Arts and Science | 597 | 36.5\% | 222 | 37.8\% |
| Degree From School of Busines: | 346 | 21.1\% | 121 | 20.6\% |
| Degree from School of Education | 393 | 24.0\% | 131 | 22.3\% |
| Degree from School of Engineerin! | 117 | 7.2\% | 41 | 7.0\% |
| Degree from School of Nursins | 183 | 11.2\% | 72 | 12.3\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Matriculated as a New Freshmaı | 651 | 39.8\% | 223 | 38.0\% |
| Matriculated as a Transfe | 964 | 58.9\% | 355 | 60.5\% |
| Matriculated as a Non-Degree Studer | 20 | 1.2\% | 9 | 1.5\% |
| Missing Data | 1 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Time to Degree for New Freshmel |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Years or Fewer | 2 | 0.3\% | 1 | 0.4\% |
| 4 Years | 149 | 22.9\% | 63 | 28.3\% |
| 5 Years | 224 | 34.4\% | 69 | 30.9\% |
| 6 Years | 114 | 17.5\% | 32 | 14.3\% |
| 7 Years | 38 | 5.8\% | 9 | 4.0\% |
| 8 Years | 17 | 2.6\% | 3 | 1.3\% |
| 9 Years | 13 | 2.0\% | 4 | 1.8\% |
| 10 Years | 12 | 1.8\% | 7 | 3.1\% |
| 11 Years or More | 82 | 12.6\% | 35 | 15.7\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Time to Degree for Transfers |  |  |  |  |
| 2 or Fewer Years | 164 | 17.0\% | 67 | 18.9\% |
| 3 Years | 345 | 35.8\% | 122 | 34.4\% |
| 4 Years | 210 | 21.8\% | 74 | 20.8\% |
| 5 Years | 113 | 11.7\% | 46 | 13.0\% |
| 6 Years | 35 | 3.6\% | 9 | 2.5\% |
| 7 Years | 27 | 2.8\% | 10 | 2.8\% |
| 8 Years | 9 | 0.9\% | 4 | 1.1\% |
| 9 Years | 17 | 1.8\% | 6 | 1.7\% |
| 10 Years or More | 44 | 4.6\% | 17 | 4.8\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Graduating GPA (4 point scale | Mean = | 3.107 | Mean = | 3.191 |
|  | Std Dev = | 0.478 | Std Dev = | 0.472 |
|  | Maximum = | 4.000 | Maximum = | 4.000 |
|  | Minimum = | 2.000 | Minimum = | 2.050 |
|  | $\mathrm{N}=$ | 1636 | $\mathrm{N}=$ | 587 |
| 2/14/2002 |  |  |  |  |


| Southern Illinois University Edwardsville <br> Survey of 2000 Baccalaureate Graduates -- One Year Out <br> Survey Responses -- Part I <br> Employment Questions |  |  |  |  | Page I-1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Summary | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ \text { of Question } \\ \text { Respondents } \end{array}$ | Employment Status of One-Year Out Alumni |  |
| Number of Survey Respondents | 587 | 100.0\% |  |  |  |
| 1. Number Employed: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time | 457 | 77.9\% | 78.4\% | Not, not |  |
| Part-time | 58 | 9.9\% | 9.9\% | Seeking |  |
| Not, but Seeking | 24 | 4.1\% | 4.1\% | Not, but |  |
| Not, not Seeking | 44 | 7.5\% | 7.5\% |  |  |
| No Response | 4 | 0.7\% | -- |  |  |
| The remaining questions in Part I were to be answered only by respondents who were employed full-time or part-time. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 515 | 100.0\% |  | ) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missouri | 171 | 33.2\% | 37.2\% |  |  |
| Other | 32 | 6.2\% | 7.0\% |  |  |
| No Response | 55 | 10.7\% | -- |  |  |
| 3. Classification of Primary Employer |  |  |  | Job Satisfaction of One-Year Out Alumni |  |
| Self-Employed or Private Practice | 12 | 2.3\% | 2.3\% |  |  |
| Business (Industrial, Commercial or Service) | 183 | 35.5\% | 35.7\% |  |  |
| Professional Firm (e.g., Engineering, Law) | 38 | 7.4\% | 7.4\% |  |  |
| College or University | 21 | 4.1\% | 4.1\% |  |  |
| Elementary/Secondary School | 95 | 18.4\% | 18.5\% | ${ }^{\text {Dissatisfied }} \begin{gathered}\text { Very } \\ \text { Dissatisfied }\end{gathered}$ |  |
| Health Agency (e.g. Hospital, Clinic) | 79 | 15.3\% | 15.4\% | Somewhat Dissatisfied |  |
| Federal, State, or Local Government | 27 | 5.2\% | 5.3\% |  |  |
| Armed Services | 6 | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | Very Satisfied |  |
| Non-Profit (Non-Government) | 30 | 5.8\% | 5.8\% | Somewhat |  |
| Other <br> No Response | 22 | 4.3\% 0.4\% | 4.3\% | Satisfied |  |
| 4. Job Satisfaction |  |  |  | - |  |
| Very Satisfied | 163 | 31.7\% | 31.8\% | - |  |
| Satisfied | 204 | 39.6\% | 39.8\% | - |  |
| Somewhat Satisfied | 97 | 18.8\% | 18.9\% | Satisfied |  |
| Somewhat Dissatisfied | 26 | 5.0\% | 5.1\% |  |  |
| Dissatisfied | 14 | 2.7\% | 2.7\% |  |  |
| Very Dissatisfied | 9 | 1.7\% | 1.8\% |  |  |
| No Response | 2 | 0.4\% | -- |  |  |



Employment Questions

| Summary, con't. |  | Percent <br> of Survey <br> Respondents | Percent <br> of Question <br> Respondents |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Bachelor's Degree Preparation for Job <br> Very Well | 80 | $15.5 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ |$\quad$ How Well Bachelor's Degree Prepared Alumni for Current Job

Well
Adequately
Inadequately .0\%

Adequately
Poorly
Very Poorly
No Response
9a. Primary Occupation
Managemen
Business Operations
Financial Specialists
Computer Specialists
Mathematical Scientists and Technicians Architects, Surveyors, and Cartographers Engineers and Related Technicians Life \& Physical Scientists, and Technicians Social Scientists
Health: Doctors
Health: Registered Nurses
Health: Theratpists
Health: Oth Practitnrs, Prof.s, \& Suppt Wkrs Community \& Social Service
Legal: Attorneys/Judges
Legal: Legal Support Workers
Education: Early Childhoold Teachers
Education: Elementary School Teachers
Education: Middle School Teachers
Education: Secondary School Teachers
Education: Special Education Teachers
Education: Other, except Administrators
Library Occupations
Art and Design Workers
Entertainment,Performers,Sports \& Related
Media and Communication Workers
Sales
Office \& Administration
Protective Services
Food Preparation \& Serving
Buildings \& Grounds Maintenance
Personal Care and Service
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry
Construction \& Extractive
continued


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Summary | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | Percent of Question Respondents | Alumni Enrollment Since |  |
| Number of Survey Respondents | 587 | 100.0\% |  | Bachelor's Degree |  |
| 10. Enrolled in College or University Sinc $\epsilon$ Degree? <br> Yes, Full Time <br> Yes, Part Time <br> No <br> No Response | 92 80 413 2 | $15.7 \%$ $13.6 \%$ $70.4 \%$ $0.3 \%$ | $\begin{array}{r}15.7 \% \\ 13.7 \% \\ 70.6 \% \\ -- \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  |
| 11. If Enrolled Since Degree, Pursuing or Have Completed an Additional Degree? Yes No No Response | $\begin{array}{r}147 \\ 88 \\ 352 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 25.0\% 15.0\% 60.0\% | $62.6 \%$ $37.4 \%$ -- |  |  |
| The remaining questions in Part II were to be answered only by respondents who were pursuing or had completed another degree. | 147 | 100.0\% |  |  |  |
| 11b. Pursuing or Completed Which Degree? Associate's | 2 | 1.4\% | 1.4\% |  |  |
| Second Bachelor's | 3 | 2.0\% | 2.1\% |  |  |
| Academic Master's (MA, MS, MEd, etc) | 75 | 51.0\% | 52.1\% | How Well Bachelor's Degree |  |
| Prof. Master's or Ed Specialist | 44 | 29.9\% | 30.6\% | Prepared Alumni for |  |
| Medicine (MD, OD) | 0 | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | Additional Degree |  |
| Health Prof. (dentistry, pharmacy, etc.) Theology/Divinity | 1 | 4.8\% | 4.9\% | Additional Degree |  |
| Law (LLB, JD) | 6 | 4.1\% | 4.2\% | Poorly Very Poorly |  |
| Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, etc.) | 2 | 1.4\% | 1.4\% |  |  |
| Other <br> No Response | 4 3 | 2.7\% 2.0\% | 2.8\% |  |  |
| 12. How Well Bach. Degree Prepared You for Additional Degreє |  |  |  | Adequately |  |
| Very Well | 40 | 27.2\% | 28.0\% |  |  |
| Well | 55 | 37.4\% | 38.5\% |  |  |
| Adequately | 38 | 25.9\% | 26.6\% |  |  |
| Inadequately Poorly | 9 | 6.1\% | 6.3\% |  |  |
| Poorly <br> Very Poorly | 0 | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | Well |  |
| No Response | 4 | 2.7\% | -- |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Summary | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | Percent of Question Respondents | Attitude of One-Year Out |  |
| Number of Survey Respondents | 587 | 100.0\% |  |  |  |
| 13. Present Attitude Towards the |  |  |  | Alumni Towards SIUE |  |
| Positive | 285 | 48.6\% | 50.3\% | Negative Strongly |  |
| Somewhat Positive | 126 | 21.5\% | 22.2\% | Somewhat Negative Strongly |  |
| Somewhat Negative | 36 | 6.1\% | 6.3\% | Negative $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Strongly } \\ & \text { Positive }\end{aligned}$ |  |
| Negative | 12 | 2.0\% | 2.1\% | Positive |  |
| Strongly Negative | 11 | 1.9\% | 1.9\% | P |  |
| No Response | 20 | 3.4\% | -- |  |  |
| 14. Present Attitude Towards your Bachelor's Degree Major |  |  |  | Somewhat <br> Positive <br> Positive |  |
| Strongly Positive | 150 | 25.6\% | 26.4\% |  |  |
| Positive | 276 | 47.0\% | 48.5\% | - |  |
| Somewhat Positive | 87 | 14.8\% | 15.3\% |  |  |
| Somewhat Negative | 34 | 5.8\% | 6.0\% |  |  |
| Negative | 15 | 2.6\% | 2.6\% |  |  |
| Strongly Negative | 7 | 1.2\% | 1.2\% |  |  |
| No Response | 18 | 3.1\% | -- |  |  |





## Survey Responses -- Part V

Educational Effectiveness Questions



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Educational Effectiveness Questions

| Summary, cont. | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ \text { of Question } \\ \text { Respondents } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30. Involvement Since Bachelor's Degree with: |  |  |  |
| A. Organized, Formal, Career Related Learning (non-degree |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 200 | 34.1\% | 34.5\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 208 | 35.4\% | 35.9\% |
| Never Involvec | 171 | 29.1\% | 29.5\% |
| No Response | 8 | 1.4\% | -- |
| B. Personal Enrichment S̄tudies |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 125 | 21.3\% | 21.6\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 193 | 32.9\% | 33.3\% |
| Never Involvec | 216 | 36.8\% | 37.3\% |
| No Response | 8 | 1.4\% | -- |
| C. Professional Alctivities or Organizations |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 227 | 38.7\% | 39.1\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 179 | 30.5\% | 30.8\% |
| Never Involvec | 175 | 29.8\% | 30.1\% |
| No Response | 6 | 1.0\% | -- |
| D. Volunteer Work / Community Suc Activities or Organizations |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 139 | 23.7\% | 24.0\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 207 | 35.3\% | 35.8\% |
| Never Involvec | 233 | 39.7\% | 40.2\% |
| No Response | 8 | 1.4\% | -- |
| E. Social / Recreational Activities or Organizations |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 210 | 35.8\% | 36.2\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 212 | 36.1\% | 36.6\% |
| Never Involvec | 158 | 26.9\% | 27.2\% |
| No Response | 7 | 1.2\% | -- |
| F. Poolitical Al Activities or Organizations |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 40 | 6.8\% | 7.0\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 97 | 16.5\% | 16.9\% |
| Never Involvec | 436 | 74.3\% | 76.1\% |
| No Response | 14 | 2.4\% | -- |
|  |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 169 | 28.8\% | 29.3\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 160 | 27.3\% | 27.7\% |
| Never Involvec | 248 | 42.2\% | 43.0\% |
| No Response | 10 | 1.7\% | -- |
| H. Support or Participation in the Arts (music, drama, dance, art |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 128 | 21.8\% | 22.0\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 152 | 25.9\% | 26.2\% |
| Never Involvec | 296 | 50.4\% | 50.9\% |
| No Response | 11 | 1.9\% | -- |
| I.- Reading books not directly related to your jol |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 360 | 61.3\% | 62.0\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 150 | 25.6\% | 25.8\% |
| Never Involvec | 71 | 12.1\% | 12.2\% |
| No Response | 6 | 1.0\% | -- |


[^0]:    * Includes deceased alumni, foreign addresses and known bad addresses.

