# Southern IIlinois University Edwardsville 

# Survey of 2001 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 lllinois 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 $>8$ |
| 1995 | One-Year Out Survey | Class of 98 |
| 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 $¥ 0$ |
| 2002 | Five-Year Out Survey | Class of 97 |
| 2003 | Nine-Year Out Survey | Class of 98 |

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 2002 to calendar year 2001 baccalaureate graduates of SIUE. The questionnaire includes 18 questions common to all lllinois 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 2001 graduates as determined from institutional records. The survey was distributed in May 2002 to May 2001 baccalaureate graduates and in August 2002 to August 2001 and December 2001 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 29, 2002 approximately two weeks before the first set of surveys were to be mailed, a
postcard was sent to the 879 May 2001 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 13, 2002. On May $28^{\text {st }}$, 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 $10^{\text {th }}$ a second wave mailing of the surveys was sent to the 657 remaining nonrespondents.

The second distribution began with the preliminary postcard mailed on July 29, 2002 to the 807 August and December 2001 baccalaureate graduates with known addresses. Surveys were mailed first class to this group on August 12, 2002 with a follow-up post card mailed to non-responders on August 26, 2002. A second wave mailing of the survey was sent to 601 non-responders on September 10, 2002.

Returned surveys began arriving on May $15^{\text {th }}$ and continued through the summer and fall, with a few arriving as late as January 2003. 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 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2001 Baccalaureate Degrees <br> Less persons who received 2 baccalaureate degrees <br> 2001 Baccalaureate Graduates | $\begin{array}{cc} \hline & 1,702 \\ 12 & \\ & 1,690 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Less Graduates with No Address Available * <br> Graduates Surveyed | 1,686 |
| Less Non-Deliverable Surveys <br> Less Non-Responding Graduates <br> Survey Respondents | $\begin{array}{r} 57 \\ 993 \end{array}$ $636$ |
| Gross Response Rate (Respondents/Total Surveyed) <br> Adjusted Response Rate (Respondents/Delivered Surveys) | $37.72 \%$ <br> $39.04 \%$ |

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## Comparison of All Graduates to Survey Respondents

|  | All Baccalaureate Graduates |  | One Year Out Survey Respondents |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 1690 | 100.0\% | 636 | 100.0\% |
| Female | 1031 | 61.0\% | 431 | 67.8\% |
| Male | 659 | 39.0\% | 205 | 32.2\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 1464 | 86.6\% | 566 | 89.0\% |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 159 | 9.4\% | 49 | 7.7\% |
| Asian/Pacific Islandeı | 26 | 1.5\% | 10 | 1.6\% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Nativı | 7 | 0.4\% | 2 | 0.3\% |
| Hispanic | 17 | 1.0\% | 5 | 0.8\% |
| Non-Resident Alier | 17 | 1.0\% | 4 | 0.6\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Age at Graduatior | $\begin{array}{r} \text { range }= \\ \text { median }= \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \text { to } 68 \\ 23.2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { range }= \\ \text { median }= \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21 \text { to } 68 \\ 23.2 \end{gathered}$ |
| Bachelor of Science | 1338 | 79.2\% | 504 | 79.2\% |
| Bachelor of Music | 9 | 0.5\% | 3 | 0.5\% |
| Bachelor of Arts | 197 | 11.7\% | 68 | 10.7\% |
| Bachelor of Fine Arts | 15 | 0.9\% | 5 | 0.8\% |
| Bachelor of Sci in Accountanc) | 51 | 3.0\% | 23 | 3.6\% |
| Bachelor of Liberal Studie: | 80 | 4.7\% | 33 | 5.2\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Graduated Spring 2001 | 883 | 52.2\% | 338 | 53.1\% |
| Graduated Summer 2001 | 305 | 18.0\% | 119 | 18.7\% |
| Graduated Fall 2001 | 502 | 29.7\% | 179 | 28.1\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Degree From College of Arts and Science | 637 | 37.7\% | 243 | 38.2\% |
| Degree From School of Busines: | 404 | 23.9\% | 155 | 24.4\% |
| Degree from School of Educatioı | 414 | 24.5\% | 153 | 24.1\% |
| Degree from School of Engineerin! | 125 | 7.4\% | 43 | 6.8\% |
| Degree from School of Nursins | 110 | 6.5\% | 42 | 6.6\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Matriculated as a New Freshmaı | 665 | 39.3\% | 246 | 38.7\% |
| Matriculated as a Transfe | 980 | 58.0\% | 376 | 59.1\% |
| Matriculated as a Non-Degree Studer | 45 | 2.7\% | 14 | 2.2\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Time to Degree for New Freshmel |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Years or Fewer | 5 | 0.8\% | 2 | 0.8\% |
| 4 Years | 175 | 26.3\% | 69 | 28.0\% |
| 5 Years | 266 | 40.0\% | 91 | 37.0\% |
| 6 Years | 89 | 13.4\% | 29 | 11.8\% |
| 7 Years | 36 | 5.4\% | 14 | 5.7\% |
| 8 Years | 19 | 2.9\% | 6 | 2.4\% |
| 9 Years | 5 | 0.8\% | 4 | 1.6\% |
| 10 Years | 4 | 0.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| 11 Years or More | 66 | 9.9\% | 31 | 12.6\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Time to Degree for Transfers |  |  |  |  |
| 2 or Fewer Years | 165 | 16.8\% | 65 | 17.3\% |
| 3 Years | 354 | 36.1\% | 151 | 40.2\% |
| 4 Years | 219 | 22.3\% | 75 | 19.9\% |
| 5 Years | 98 | 10.0\% | 30 | 8.0\% |
| 6 Years | 38 | 3.9\% | 15 | 4.0\% |
| 7 Years | 32 | 3.3\% | 13 | 3.5\% |
| 8 Years | 14 | 1.4\% | 7 | 1.9\% |
| 9 Years | 9 | 0.9\% | 4 | 1.1\% |
| 10 Years or More | 51 | 5.2\% | 16 | 4.3\% |
| Missing Data | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Graduating GPA (4 point scale | Mean = | 3.098 | Mean = | 3.143 |
|  | Std Dev = | 0.480 | Std Dev = | 0.488 |
|  | Maximum = | 4.000 | Maximum = | 4.000 |
|  | Minimum = | 2.026 | Minimum = | 2.104 |
|  | $\mathrm{N}=$ | 1689 | $\mathrm{N}=$ | 635 |
| 6/13/2003 |  |  |  |  |



| Summary, con't. | Number | Percent <br> of Survey <br> Respondents | Percent <br> of Question <br> Respondents |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 5. Job in Field? | 275 | $49.8 \%$ |  |
| Closely Related | 139 | $25.2 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ |
| Related | 9 | $1.6 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| Unrelated (choice unknown) | 55 | $10.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |
| Unrelated (by choice) | 72 | $13.0 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ |
| Unrelated (not by choice) | 2 | $0.4 \%$ | -- |
| No Response |  |  |  |
| 6. Timing of Securing First Job After Degree | 144 | $26.1 \%$ | $26.1 \%$ |
| Held the Same Job While Enrolled | 135 | $24.5 \%$ | $24.5 \%$ |
| Secured Job by Graduation | 2 | $0.4 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ |
| Secured Job After Graduatior (timing unknown) | 37 | $6.7 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ |
| Less than 1 Month After Graduation | 87 | $15.8 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| 1 to 3 Months After Graduation | 73 | $13.2 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ |
| 3 to 6 Months After Graduation | 45 | $8.2 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ |
| 6 to 9 Months After Graduation | 29 | $5.3 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ |
| More than 9 Months After Graduation | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | -- |
| No Response |  |  |  |


| 7. Annual Earned Income in Current Job Before Taxes |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employed Full-Time * | $(\mathrm{N}=441, \mathrm{Mean}=\$ 31,210)$ |  |  |
| Less Than \$15,000 | 20 | 4.3\% | 4.5\% |
| \$15,000 to 19,999 | 27 | 5.8\% | 6.1\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 65 | 13.9\% | 14.7\% |
| \$25,000 to \$29,999 | 100 | 21.3\% | 22.7\% |
| \$30,000 to \$34,999 | 95 | 20.3\% | 21.5\% |
| \$35,000 to \$39,999 | 32 | 6.8\% | 7.3\% |
| \$40,000 or More | 102 | 21.7\% | 23.1\% |
| No Response | 28 | 6.0\% | -- |
| Employed Part-Time * | ( $\mathrm{N}=67, \mathrm{Mean}=\$ 14,855$ ) |  |  |
| Less Than \$5,000 | , | 3.6\% | 4.1\% |
| 5,000 to \$9,999 | 17 | 20.5\% | 23.3\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 15 | 18.1\% | 20.5\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 15 | 18.1\% | 20.5\% |
| \$20,000 or More | 17 | 20.5\% | 23.3\% |
| No Response | 10 | 12.0\% | -- |

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Annual Income of One-Year Out Alumni
Employed Full-Time


| Summary, con't. |  | Percent of Survey | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ \text { of Question } \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8. Bachelor's Degree Preparation for Job Very Well <br> Well | Number 73 73 159 |  | Respondents | How Well Bachelor's Degree Prepared Alumni for Current Job |



| Summary, con't. | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | Percent of Question Respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9a. continuation of Primary Occupation |  |  |  |
| Installation, Maintenance, \& Repair | 2 | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Production | 2 | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Transportation and Material Moving | 4 | 0.7\% | 0.8\% |
| Military | 5 | 0.9\% | 1.0\% |
| No Response | 36 | 6.5\% | -- |
| 9b. Industry |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing | 3 | 0.5\% | 0.8\% |
| Mining | 2 | 0.4\% | 0.5\% |
| Utilities | 12 | 2.2\% | 3.1\% |
| Construction | 13 | 2.4\% | 3.3\% |
| Manufacturing | 6 | 1.1\% | 1.5\% |
| Wholesale Trade | 2 | 0.4\% | 0.5\% |
| Retail Trade | 30 | 5.4\% | 7.7\% |
| Transportation | 13 | 2.4\% | 3.3\% |
| Information | 16 | 2.9\% | 4.1\% |
| Finance \& Insurance | 22 | 4.0\% | 5.7\% |
| Real Estate \& Rental \& Leasing | 12 | 2.2\% | 3.1\% |
| Professional, Scientific \& Technical Services | 37 | 6.7\% | 9.5\% |
| Management of Companies \& Enterprises | 3 | 0.5\% | 0.8\% |
| Admin \& Suppt, Waste Mgmt \& Remedtn Svcs | 4 | 0.7\% | 1.0\% |
| Educational Services | 87 | 15.8\% | 22.4\% |
| Health Care \& Social Assistance | 69 | 12.5\% | 17.7\% |
| Arts, Entertainment \& Recreation | 16 | 2.9\% | 4.1\% |
| Accommodations \& Food Services | 9 | 1.6\% | 2.3\% |
| Other Services (except Public Admin) | 26 | 4.7\% | 6.7\% |
| Public Administration | 7 | 1.3\% | 1.8\% |
| No Response | 163 | 29.5\% | -- |


| Summary |  | Percent <br> of Survey <br> Respondents | Percent <br> of Question <br> Respondents |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Survey Respondents | 636 | $100.0 \%$ |  |
| 10. Enrolled in College or University Sincє |  |  |  |
| Degree? | 94 | $14.8 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ |
| Yes, Full Time | 101 | $15.9 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| Yes, Part Time | 439 | $69.0 \%$ | $69.2 \%$ |
| No | 2 | $0.3 \%$ | -- |
| No Response |  |  |  |
| 11. If Enrolled Since Degree, Pursuing or |  |  |  |
| Have Completed an Additional Degree? | 174 | $27.4 \%$ | $63.0 \%$ |
| Yes | 102 | $16.0 \%$ | $37.0 \%$ |
| No | 360 | $56.6 \%$ | -- |
| No Response |  |  |  |

Alumni Enrollment Since Bachelor's Degree


How Well Bachelor's Degree
Prepared Alumni for Additional Degree


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Summary | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | Percent of Question Respondents | Present Attitude of One-Year Ou |  |
| Number of Survey Respondents | 636 | 100.0\% |  |  |  |
| 13. Present Attitude Towards the University |  |  |  | Alumni Towards SIUE |  |
| Strongly Positive | 88 | 13.8\% | 14.3\% |  |  |
| Positive | 315 | 49.5\% | 51.1\% | Negative Strongly |  |
| Somewhat Positive | 150 | 23.6\% | 24.3\% | Somewhat Yegative Strongly |  |
| Somewhat Negative | 51 | 8.0\% | 8.3\% | Negative |  |
| Negative | 7 | 1.1\% | 1.1\% | $>$ |  |
| Strongly Negative | 6 | 0.9\% | 1.0\% |  |  |
| No Response | 19 | 3.0\% | -- |  |  |
| 14. Present Attitude Towards your Bachelor's Degree Major |  |  |  | Somewhat Positive |  |
| Strongly Positive | 134 | 21.1\% | 21.8\% | - |  |
| Positive | 305 | 48.0\% | 49.6\% | - |  |
| Somewhat Positive | 128 | 20.1\% | 20.8\% |  |  |
| Somewhat Negative | 31 | 4.9\% | 5.0\% |  |  |
| Negative | 12 | 1.9\% | 2.0\% |  |  |
| Strongly Negative | 5 | 0.8\% | 0.8\% |  |  |
| No Response | 21 | 3.3\% | -- |  |  |





## Survey Responses -- Part V

Educational Effectiveness Questions



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Educational Effectiveness Questions

| Summary, cont. | Number | Percent of Survey Respondents | Percent of Question Respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30. Involvement Since Bachelor's Degree with: |  |  |  |
| A. Organized, Formal, Career Related Learning (non-degree |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 197 | 31.0\% | 31.4\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 224 | 35.2\% | 35.7\% |
| Never Involvec | 206 | 32.4\% | 32.9\% |
| No Response | 9 | 1.4\% | -- |
|  |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 138 | 21.7\% | 22.0\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 208 | 32.7\% | 33.1\% |
| Never Involvec | 282 | 44.3\% | 44.9\% |
| No Response | 8 | 1.3\% | -- |
|  |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 204 | 32.1\% | 32.3\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 200 | 31.4\% | 31.7\% |
| Never Involvec | 227 | 35.7\% | 36.0\% |
| No Response | 5 | 0.8\% | -- |
| D. Volunteer Work/ Community Sve Activites or Organizations |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 144 | 22.6\% | 22.8\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 221 | 34.7\% | 35.0\% |
| Never Involvec | 267 | 42.0\% | 42.2\% |
| No Response | 4 | 0.6\% | -- |
| E. Social/Recreational Activities or Organization؛ |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 195 | 30.7\% | 30.9\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 235 | 36.9\% | 37.2\% |
| Never Involvec | 202 | 31.8\% | 32.0\% |
| No Response | 4 | 0.6\% | -- |
| F. Poolitical Al Activities or Organizations |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 56 | 8.8\% | 8.9\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 106 | 16.7\% | 16.9\% |
| Never Involvec | 467 | 73.4\% | 74.2\% |
| No Response | 7 | 1.1\% | -- |
|  |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 184 | 28.9\% | 29.1\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 195 | 30.7\% | 30.9\% |
| Never Involvec | 253 | 39.8\% | 40.0\% |
| No Response | 4 | 0.6\% |  |
| H. Support or Participation in the Arts (music, drama, dance, art |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 113 | 17.8\% | 17.8\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 183 | 28.8\% | 28.9\% |
| Never Involvec | 335 | 52.7\% | 52.8\% |
| No Response | 5 | 0.8\% | -- |
| I. Reading books not directly related to your jol |  |  |  |
| Currently Involved | 371 | 58.3\% | 58.5\% |
| Have Been Involvec | 185 | 29.1\% | 29.2\% |
| Never Involvec | 78 | 12.3\% | 12.3\% |
| No Response | 2 | 0.3\% | -- |


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

[^1]:    * The " N " is the number responding to Question 7 in each category

