

# Fall 2007 Graduating Student Survey

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The following information was obtained from the Fall 2007 surveys sent to graduating students. A total of 78 students graduated during the fall semester. Of the total, 18 obtained a masters degree and 60 obtained a bachelors. Total graduates who returned their surveys were 30 for a 38.46% response rate. Of those that returned the surveys, 9 obtained a masters degree (50% of total masters) and 21 obtained a bachelors (35% of total bachelors).

Chart 1 shows the age breakdown of graduating students that returned surveys.

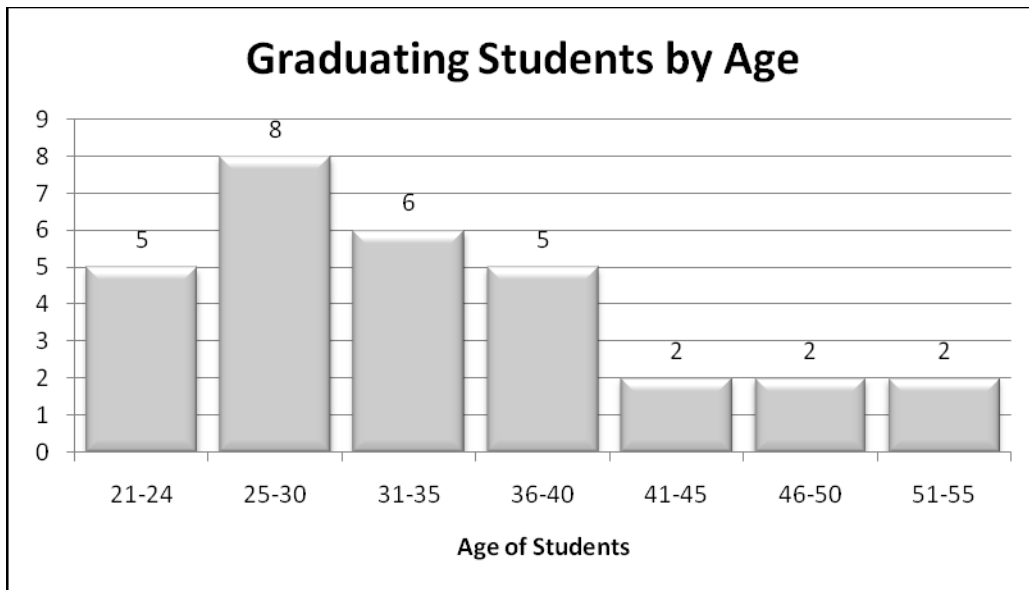


Chart 2 provides the return rate based on gender.

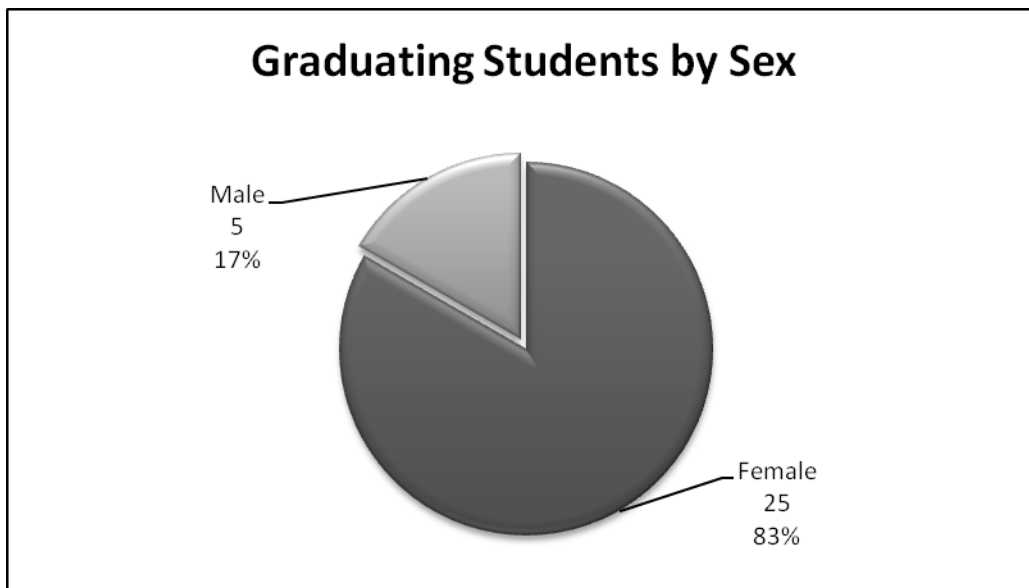
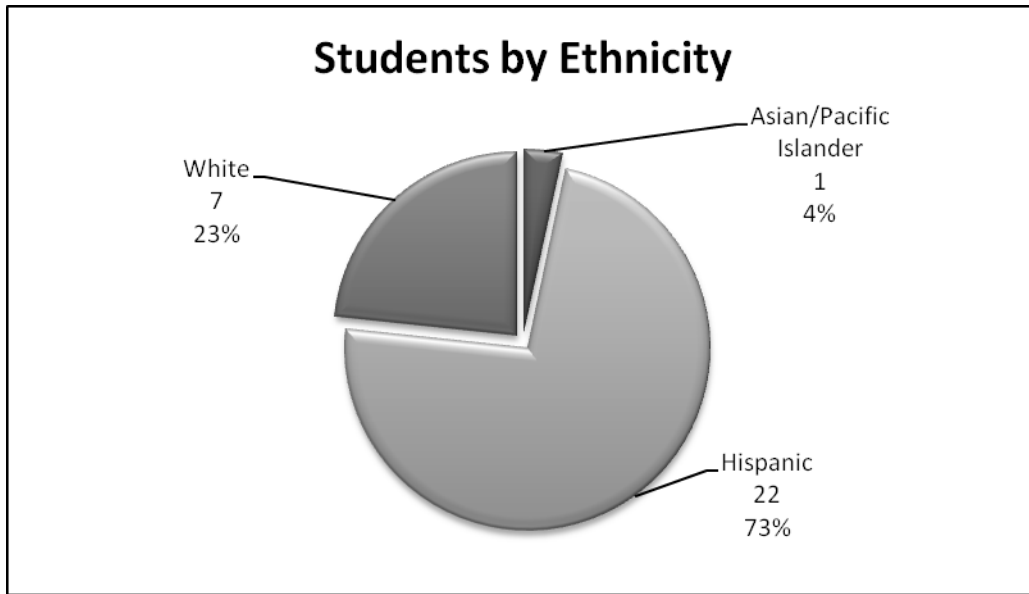


Chart 3 provides the return rate based on ethnicity.



*\* Not all percentages in the questions will equal 100% due to rounding of figures.*

### I. Data reflecting background and status of students.

1. My Father's highest level of high school education is  
A. No high School    B. Some high school    C. High school diploma/GED    D. Unknown

**Response:**    No High School **33%**                      Some high school **7%**  
                    High school diploma/GED **53%**                      Unknown **3%**                      Did not answer **3%**

2. My Father's highest level of college or university education is  
A. No college            B. Some college            C. Bachelors/Four year degree  
D. Graduate/Professional degree            E. Unknown

**Response:**    No college **47%**            Some college **20%**            Bachelors/four year degree **23%**  
                    Graduate/Professional diploma **7%**                      Unknown **3%**

3. My Mother's highest level of high school education is  
A. No high School    B. Some high school    C. High school diploma/GED    D. Unknown

**Response:**    No High School **30%**                      Some high school **10%**  
                    High school diploma/GED **57%**                      Unknown **0%**                      Did not answer **3%**

4. My Mother's highest level of college or university education is  
 A. No college      B. Some college      C. Bachelors/Four year degree  
 D. Graduate/Professional degree      E. Unknown

**Response:**    No college **53%**      Some college **27%**      Bachelors/four year degree **7%**  
 Graduate/Professional diploma **13%**      Unknown **0%**

5. If you could start college over, would you choose to attend SRSU?  
 A. Definitely yes      B. Probably yes      C. Uncertain  
 D. Probably no      E. Definitely no

**Response:**    Definitely yes **43%**      Probably yes **43%**      Uncertain **10%**  
 Probably no **0%**      Definitely no **3%**

6. If you could start college over, would you choose to graduate with the same major?  
 A. Definitely yes      B. Probably yes      C. Uncertain  
 D. Probably no      E. Definitely no

**Response:**    Definitely yes **40%**      Probably yes **37%**      Uncertain **7%**  
 Probably no **13%**      Definitely no **3%**

7. How would you compare the quality of education provided at SRSU with that of other colleges?  
 A. Better      B. About the same      C. Worse      D. Unable to judge

**Response:**    Better **10%**      About the same **33%**      Worse **3%**  
 Unable to judge **17%**      Did not answer **37%**

8. What are your current employment plans?  
 A. I plan to continue working in the same job I had prior to completing this program.  
 B. I plan to work in a job I recently obtained.  
 C. I am currently looking for a job.  
 D. I do not plan to work outside the home  
 E. I have not yet formulated my employment plans.

**Response:**    I plan to continue working in the same job I had prior to completing this program. **27%**  
 I plan to work in a job I recently obtained. **13%**  
 I am currently looking for a job. **47%**  
 I do not plan to work outside the home. **0%**  
 I have not yet formulated my employment plans. **13%**

9. If you currently have or will be starting a new job, to what extent is it related to your major, or area of study at SRSU?

A. Directly related      B. Somewhat related      C. Not related at all

**Response:**      Directly related **80%**                      Somewhat related **7%**  
                         Not related at all **3%**                      Did not answer **10%**

10. What plans do you have at this time for further formal education?

A. I do not plan any further education.  
B. I plan to pursue a masters degree.  
C. I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree.  
D. I plan to pursue additional education certification(s).

**Response:**      I do not plan any further education. **13%**  
                         I plan to pursue a masters degree. **43%**  
                         I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree. **17%**  
                         I plan to pursue additional education certification(s). **10%**  
                         B & D. **3%**  
                         C & D. **13%**

11. How soon do you plan to pursue this additional education?

A. Not relevant – no further formal education planned.  
B. Next Semester.      C. Within the next year.      D. Not yet determined.

**Response:**      Not relevant – no further formal education planned. **17%**  
                         Next Semester. **7%**                      Within the next year. **40%**  
                         Not yet determined. **30%**                      C & D. **3%**                      Did not answer **3%**

12. Where are you likely to enroll in pursuit of this additional education?

A. Sul Ross      B. Other university in Texas      C. Other university outside Texas

**Response:**      Sul Ross **53%**                      Other university in Texas **17%**  
                         Other university outside Texas **7%**                      Did not answer **17%**                      A & B **7%**

13. Has any other member of your family graduated from SRSU?

A. Yes      B. No

**Response:**      Yes **37%**                      No **63%**

14. How long have you been a student at SRSU?

A. One year or less

B. Two years

C. Three years

D. Four Years

E. Five or more years

**Response:** One year or less **3%** Two years **37%** Three years **37%**  
Four years **7%** Five or more years **17%**

15. For the program you are now completing, were any of the courses completed at another college or university? (major credits)

A. Yes

B. No

**Response:** Yes **47%** No **53%**

16. On average, how many hours per week did you study for each course you took?

A. 3 or less

B. 4 to 5

C. 6 to 7

D. 8 to 9

E. 10 or more

**Response:** 3 or less **7%** 4 to 5 **33%** 6 to 7 **17%**  
8 to 9 **13%** 10 or more **30%**

17. Please indicate how often you used the computer lab.

A. Daily

B. Several times a week

C. Once a week

D. Once a month

E. Never

**Response:** Daily **17%** Several times a week **30%** Once a week **17%**  
Once a month **27%** Never **10%**

18. Please indicate how often you used the library.

A. Daily

B. Several times a week

C. Once a week

D. Once a month

E. Never

**Response:** Daily **0%** Several times a week **0%** Once a week **17%**  
Once a month **43%** Never **40%**

19. How many hours per month were you involved in community or public service activities?

A. 0

B. 1-5

C. 6-10

D. 11-15

E. More than 15

**Response:** 0 **50%** 1-5 **20%** 6-10 **20%**  
11-15 **0%** More than 15 **10%**

**II. How much did your education at SRSU contribute to your personal growth in each of the following areas? Rate this section using the following scale.**

**A. Very Much      B. Somewhat      C. Very Little**

20. Effective writing.

**Response:**    Very Much **57%**    Somewhat **37%**    Very Little **7%**

21. Speaking effectively.

**Response:**    Very Much **60%**    Somewhat **30%**    Very Little **10%**

22. Understanding written information.

**Response:**    Very Much **57%**    Somewhat **30%**    Very Little **13%**

23. Working cooperatively in a group.

**Response:**    Very Much **70%**    Somewhat **13%**    Very Little **17%**

24. Organizing your time effectively.

**Response:**    Very Much **57%**    Somewhat **30%**    Very Little **13%**

25. Recognizing your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen.

**Response:**    Very Much **43%**    Somewhat **33%**    Very Little **23%**

26. Planning and carrying out projects.

**Response:**    Very Much. **53%**                      Somewhat **37%**                      Very Little **10%**

27. Understanding and applying mathematics in your daily activities.

**Response:**    Very Much **33%**    Somewhat **27%**    Very Little **40%**

28. Understanding different philosophies and cultures.

**Response:**    Very Much **50%**    Somewhat **43%**    Very Little **3%**    B & C **3%**

29. Persisting at difficult tasks.

**Response:** Very Much **50%** Somewhat **50%** Very Little **0%**

30. Defining and solving problems.

**Response:** Very Much **50%** Somewhat **43%** Very Little **7%**

31. Recognizing assumptions and making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions.

**Response:** Very Much **50%** Somewhat **43%** Very Little **7%**

32. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods.

**Response:** Very Much **50%** Somewhat **27%** Very Little **23%**

33. Using computers effectively.

**Response:** Very Much **47%** Somewhat **37%** Very Little **17%**

**III. Rate the following maintenance and housekeeping operations at the Sul Ross State University (SRSU) campus using the following scale.**

**A. Excellent B. Satisfactory C. Unsatisfactory D. Service available but not used**

34. Maintenance of classrooms

**Response:** Excellent **43%** Satisfactory **53%**  
Unsatisfactory **3%** Service available but not used **0%**

35. Maintenance of restrooms

**Response:** Excellent **60%** Satisfactory **37%**  
Unsatisfactory **3%** Service available but not used **0%**

36. Maintenance of grounds

**Response:** Excellent **50%** Satisfactory **50%**  
Unsatisfactory **0%** Service available but not used **0%**

37. Parking lots

**Response:**    Excellent **43%**                      Satisfactory **50%**                      Unsatisfactory **3%**  
                    Service available but not used **0%**                                              B & C **3%**

38. Campus lighting

**Response:**    Excellent **37%**                      Satisfactory **43%**  
                    Unsatisfactory **20%**                      Service available but not used **0%**

**IV. Rate the following student programs or services at the Sul Ross State University (SRSU) campus using the following scale.**

**A. Excellent    B. Satisfactory    C. Unsatisfactory    D. Service available but not used**

39. Academic advising by your major advisor.

**Response:**    Excellent **50%**                      Satisfactory **33%**  
                    Unsatisfactory **17%**                      Service Available but not used **0%**

40. Personal Counseling

**Response:**    Excellent **27%**                      Satisfactory **30%**  
                    Unsatisfactory **20%**                      Service Available but not used **23%**

41. Job Placement Services

**Response:**    Excellent **3%**                      Satisfactory **17%**                      Unsatisfactory **27%**  
                    Service Available but not used **50%**                                              A & D **3%**

42. Student Entertainment and Activities

**Response:**    Excellent **7%**                      Satisfactory **33%**  
                    Unsatisfactory **13%**                      Service Available but not used **47%**

43. Career Information and Planning

**Response:**    Excellent **17%**                      Satisfactory **23%**  
                    Unsatisfactory **17%**                      Service Available but not used **43%**



44. Financial Assistance

**Response:** Excellent 37% Satisfactory 33%  
Unsatisfactory 7% Service Available but not used 23%

45. New Student Orientation

**Response:** Excellent 20% Satisfactory 30%  
Unsatisfactory 7% Service Available but not used 43%

46. Veteran's Assistance

**Response:** Excellent 7% Satisfactory 7% Unsatisfactory 3%  
Service available but not used 77% Did not Answer 7%

47. Student Organizations

**Response:** Excellent 13% Satisfactory 40%  
Unsatisfactory 3% Service available but not used 43%

48. Bookstore

**Response:** Excellent 17% Satisfactory 47% Unsatisfactory 23%  
Service available but not used 10% Did not Answer 3%

49. Instruction -- classroom performance of faculty

**Response:** Excellent 63% Satisfactory 23% Unsatisfactory 10%  
Service available but not used 0% Did not Answer 3%

50. Student Government Association

**Response:** Excellent 10% Satisfactory 13% Unsatisfactory 10%  
Service available but not used 57% Did not Answer 10%

51. Student Publications (Rio Grande Times, Vanguard, Road Scholar)

**Response:** Excellent 13% Satisfactory 23% Unsatisfactory 0%  
Service available but not used 57% Did not Answer 7%

52. Usefulness of the Student Handbook

**Response:** Excellent 23% Satisfactory 47% Unsatisfactory 0%  
Service available but not used 23% Did not Answer 7%

53. Registration process

**Response:** Excellent 37% Satisfactory 47% Unsatisfactory 10%  
Service available but not used 0% Did not Answer 7%

54. Admissions and Records Office

**Response:** Excellent 43% Satisfactory 47% Unsatisfactory 7%  
Service available but not used 0% Did not Answer 3%

55. Cashier's Office

**Response:** Excellent 40% Satisfactory 53% Unsatisfactory 3%  
Service available but not used 0% Did not Answer 3%

56. E-mail services/Internet access

**Response:** Excellent 43% Satisfactory 53% Unsatisfactory 0%  
Service available but not used 0% Did not Answer 3%

57. Tutorial Study Assistance

**Response:** Excellent 17% Satisfactory 17% Unsatisfactory 7%  
Service available but not used 57% Did not Answer 3%

58. Computer Center: Overall services

**Response:** Excellent 30% Satisfactory 57% Unsatisfactory 0%  
Service available but not used 10% Did not Answer 3%

59. Computer Center: Hours of Operation

**Response:** Excellent 33% Satisfactory 40% Unsatisfactory 13%  
Service available but not used 10% Did not Answer 3%