

# Fall 2010 Graduating Student Survey

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The following information was obtained from the fall 2010 surveys given to RGC students that graduated in the fall of 2010. A total of 81 students graduated during the fall semester. 72 students graduated in summer 2010 and opted to walk during fall 2010 commencement. Of the 153 students, 34 obtained a masters degree and 119 obtained a bachelors. Total students who returned their surveys were 67 for a 43.8% response rate. Of those that returned the surveys, 7 obtained a masters degree (20.1% of total masters) and 60 obtained a bachelors (50.4% of total bachelors).

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

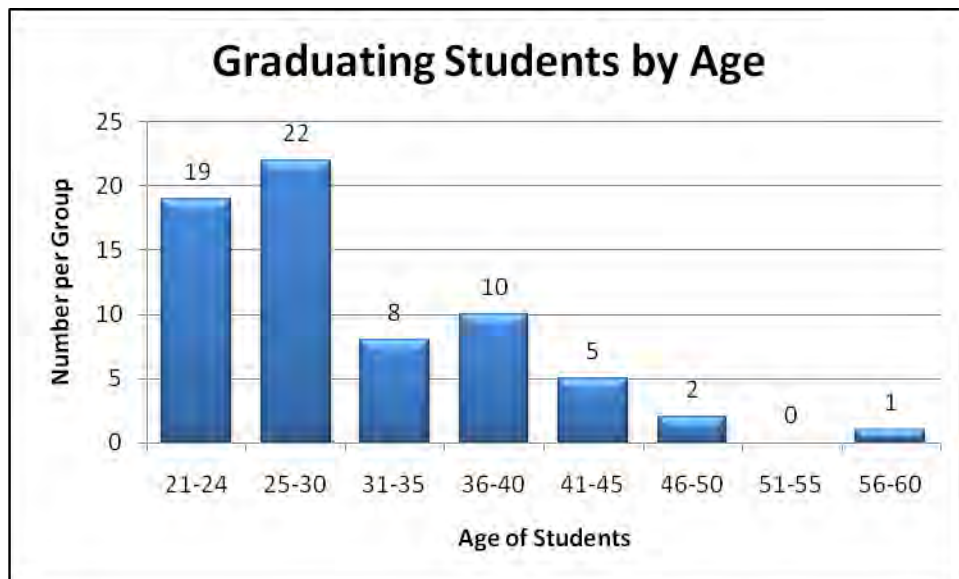


Chart 2 provides the return rate based on gender.

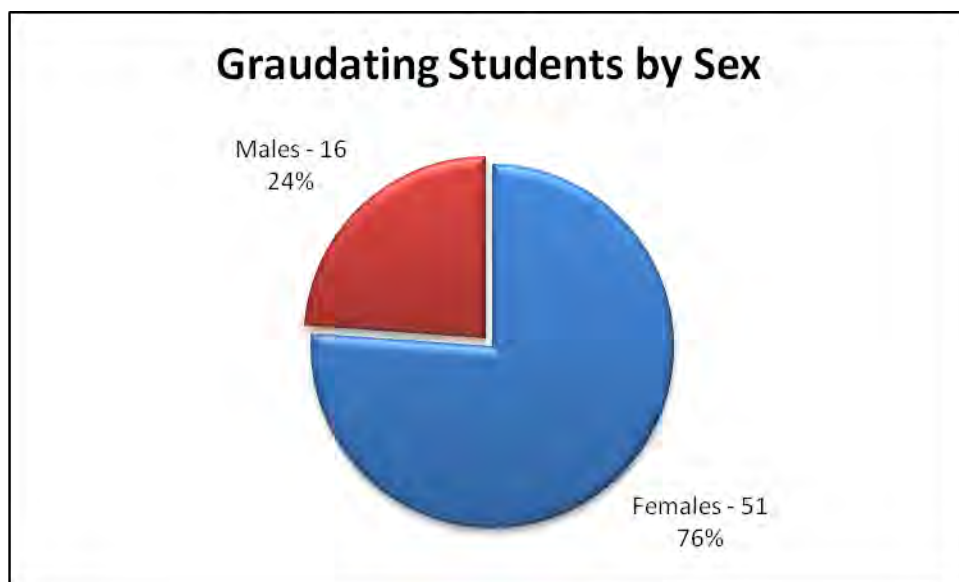
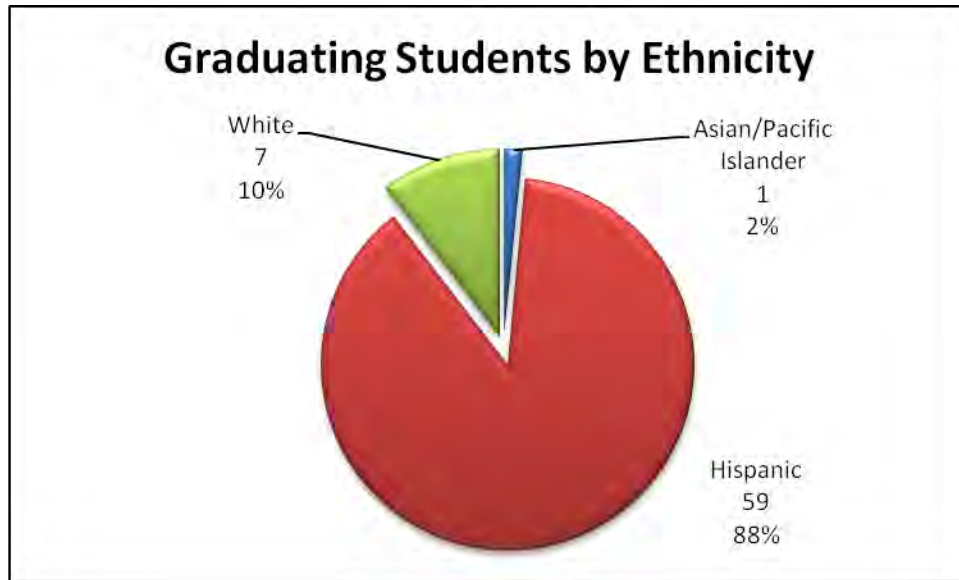


Chart 3 provides the return rate based on ethnicity.



*\* 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 **27%**                      Some high school **9%**  
                    High school diploma/GED **55%**                      Unknown **9%**

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 **54%**            Some college **22%**            Bachelors/four year degree **11%**  
                    Graduate/Professional diploma **6%**                      Unknown **7%**

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 **21%**                      Some high school **28%**  
                    High school diploma/GED **49%**                      Unknown **1%**

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 **61%**      Some college **24%**      Bachelors/four year degree **6%**  
Graduate/Professional diploma **4%**      Unknown **4%**

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 **60%**      Probably yes **31%**      Uncertain **3%**  
Probably no **6%**      Definitely no **0%**

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 **66%**      Probably yes **21%**      Uncertain **7%**  
Probably no **1%**      Definitely no **4%**

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 **40%**      About the same **28%**      Worse **1%**  
Unable to judge **22%**      Did not answer **7%**

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. **25%**  
I plan to work in a job I recently obtained. **18%**  
I am currently looking for a job. **48%**  
I do not plan to work outside the home. **0%**  
I have not yet formulated my employment plans. **9%**

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 elated at all

**Response:**      Directly related **70%**      Somewhat related **16%**  
                         Not related at all **7%**      Did not answer **6%**

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. **66%**  
                         I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree. **9%**  
                         I plan to pursue additional education certification(s). **9%**  
                         B & D. **1%**      C & D. **1%**

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. **4%**  
                         Next Semester. **25%**      Within the next year. **34%**  
                         Not yet determined. **33%**      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 **58%**      Other university in Texas **28%**  
                         Other university outside Texas **0%**      A & B **1%**      Did not answer **12%**

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

- A. Yes      B. No

**Response:**      Yes **24%**      No **73%**      Did not answer **3%**

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 4%      Two years 39%      Three years 28%  
Four years 7%      Five or more years 18%      Did not answer 3%

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 40%      No 57%      Did not answer 3%

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 13%      4 to 5 31%      6 to 7 28%  
8 to 9 11%      10 or more 13%      Did not answer 3%

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 22%      Several times a week 40%      Once a week 16%  
Once a month 12%      Never 6%      Did not answer 3%

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 4%      Several times a week 12%      Once a week 13%  
Once a month 19%      Never 46%      Did not answer 4%

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 34%      1-5 46%      6-10 12%  
11-15 1%      More than 15 3%      Did not answer 3%

## Section II. Experience at SRSU Rio Grande College

**My experience at SRSU Rio Grande College contributed to my personal growth in the following areas.**

**Disagree = 1    Agree = 5**

20. Writing effectively	<b>Average: 4.35</b>
21. Speaking effectively	<b>Average: 4.37</b>
22. Understanding written information	<b>Average: 4.40</b>
23. Working cooperatively in a group	<b>Average: 4.37</b>
24. Organizing your time effectively	<b>Average: 4.26</b>
25. Recognizing your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen	<b>Average: 4.31</b>
26. Planning and carrying out projects	<b>Average: 4.35</b>
27. Understanding and applying mathematics in your daily activities	<b>Average: 4.14</b>
28. Understanding different philosophies and cultures	<b>Average: 4.31</b>
29. Persisting at difficult tasks	<b>Average: 4.34</b>
30. Defining and solving problems	<b>Average: 4.34</b>
31. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.), effectively measure and reflect subject knowledge and skills.	<b>Average: 4.14</b>
32. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.), effectively measure my capabilities and how well I perform.	<b>Average: 4.20</b>
33. Recognizing assumptions and making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions	<b>Average: 4.13</b>
34. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	<b>Average: 4.02</b>
35. Using computers effectively	<b>Average: 4.04</b>

## Section III. Housekeeping

**Maintenance and housekeeping operations at SRSU Rio Grande campuses were excellent.**

36. Maintenance of classrooms	<b>Average: 4.26</b>
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37. Maintenance of restrooms	<b>Average: 4.37</b>
38. Maintenance of grounds	<b>Average: 4.35</b>
39. Parking lots	<b>Average: 4.26</b>
40. Campus lighting	<b>Average: 3.98</b>

#### **Section IV. Service Provided**

**Student programs and services provided at the SRSU Rio Grande campuses were excellent.**

41. Academic advising by your major advisor	<b>Average: 3.85</b>
42. Personal Counseling	<b>Average: 3.67</b>
43. Job Placement Services	<b>Average: 3.23</b>
44. Student Entertainment and Activities	<b>Average: 3.64</b>
45. Career Information and Planning	<b>Average: 3.61</b>
46. Financial Assistance	<b>Average: 3.98</b>
47. New Student Orientation	<b>Average: 3.55</b>
48. Veteran's Assistance	<b>Average: 3.26</b>
49. Student Organizations	<b>Average: 3.68</b>
50. Bookstore	<b>Average: 3.20</b>
51. Instruction – classroom performance of faculty	<b>Average: 4.28</b>
52. Student Government Association	<b>Average: 3.58</b>
53. Student Publications (Rio Grande Times, Vanguard, Road Scholar)	<b>Average: 3.58</b>
54. Usefulness of the Student Handbook	<b>Average: 3.77</b>
55. Registration process	<b>Average: 4.01</b>
56. Admissions and Records Office	<b>Average: 4.08</b>
57. Cashier's Office	<b>Average: 4.13</b>
58. E-mail services/Internet access	<b>Average: 4.22</b>
59. Tutorial Study Assistance	<b>Average: 3.74</b>

60. Computer Center: Overall services

**Average: 4.16**

61. Computer Center: Hours of operation

**Average: 3.98**