

Spring 2010 Graduating Student Survey

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The following information was obtained from the Spring 2010 surveys sent to graduating students. A total of 78 students graduated during the spring semester. Of the total, 12 obtained a masters degree and 66 obtained a bachelors. Total graduates who returned their surveys were 56 for a 72.73% response rate. Of those that returned the surveys, 7 obtained a masters degree (58% of total masters) and XX obtained a bachelors (74% of total bachelors).

Overall GPA for the 78 graduating students was 3.297. For graduate students only, the GPA was 3.645, and for undergraduate students only the GPA was 2.949.

Separating the students based on sex, the overall GPA for female graduating students was 3.099, while the GPA for male graduating students was 2.934.

Of the 78 graduating students, 22 did not indicate first generation status. Students indicating first-generation status amounted to 40, while those who indicated not being first generation amounted to 16. Separating the students who provided the status based on first and non-first generation status, the overall GPA for non-first generation students was 3.140, while the GPA for first generation students was 3.038.

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

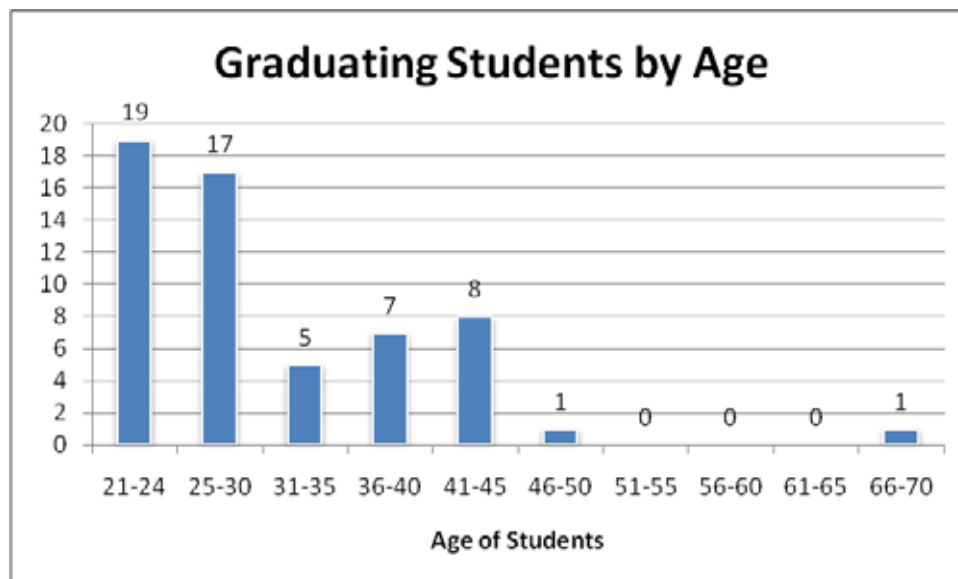


Chart 2 provides the return rate based on gender.

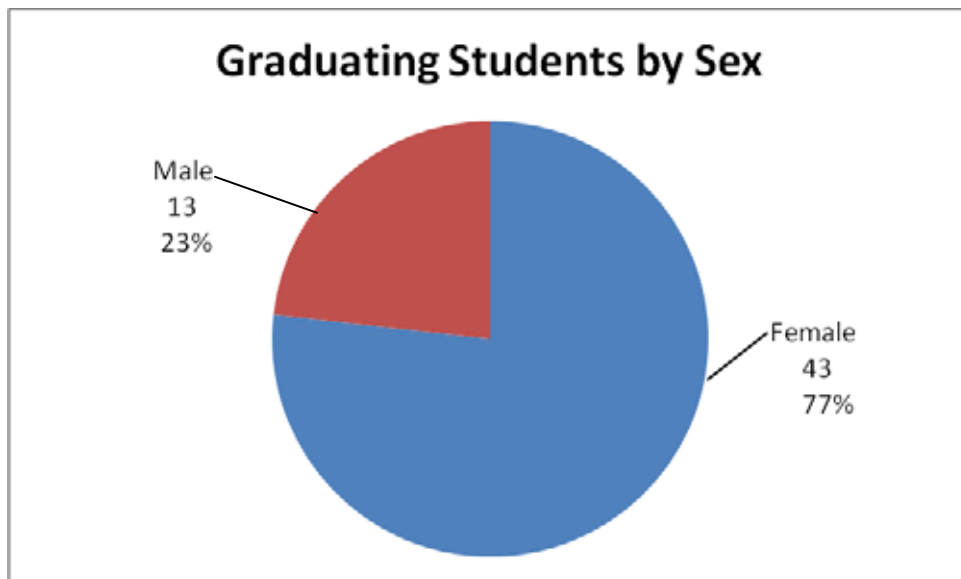
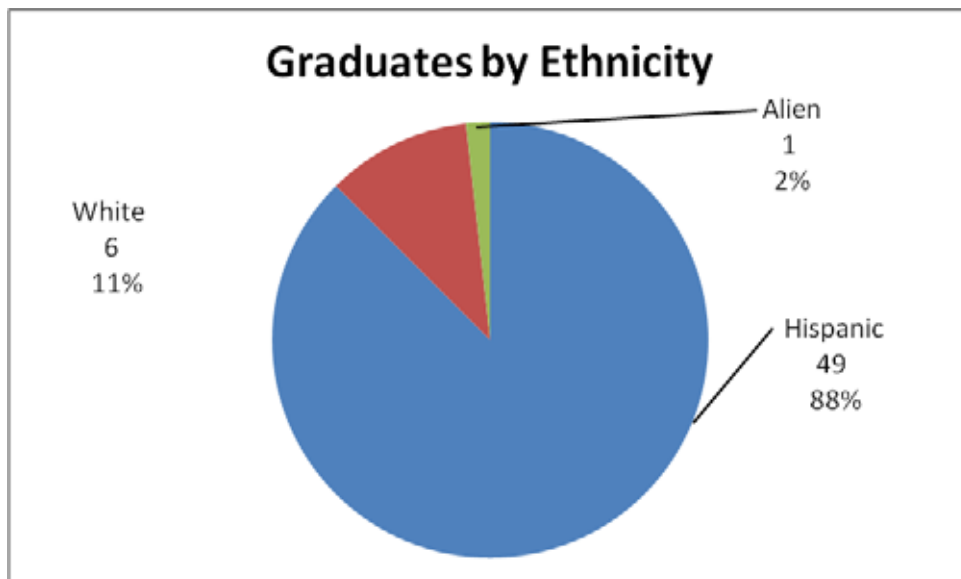


Chart 3 provides the return rate based on ethnicity.



** 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 23% Some high school 11%
 High school diploma/GED 57% 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 59% Some college 14% Bachelors/four year degree 11%
Graduate/Professional diploma 9% 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 34% Some high school 7%
High school diploma/GED 52% Unknown 7%

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 59% Some college 14% Bachelors/four year degree 13%
Graduate/Professional diploma 7% Unknown 5% Did not answer 2%

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 59% Probably yes 34% Uncertain 5%
Probably no 2% 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 68% Probably yes 13% Uncertain 14%
Probably no 4% Definitely no 2%

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 23% About the same 38% Worse 0%
Unable to judge 29% Did not answer 11%

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. 29%
 I plan to work in a job I recently obtained. 5%
 I am currently looking for a job. 55%
 I do not plan to work outside the home. 0%
 I have not yet formulated my employment plans. 9%
 No answer. 2%

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 59% Somewhat related 16%
 Not related at all 16% Did not answer 9%

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. 9%
 I plan to pursue a masters degree. 75%
 I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree. 5%
 I plan to pursue additional education certification(s). 9%
 B & D. 2%

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. 7%
 Next Semester. 16% Within the next year. 43%
 Not yet determined. 32% Did not answer 2%

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 **75%** Other university in Texas **18%**
 Other university outside Texas **0%** Did not answer **5%** B & C **2%**

13. Has any other member of your family graduated from SRSU?
A. Yes B. No

Response: Yes **41%** No **57%** Did not answer **2%**

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

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One year or less **4%** Two years **27%** Three years **23%**
Four years **18%** Five or more years **27%** Did not answer **2%**

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

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Yes **36%** No **63%** Did not answer **2%**

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 **16%** 4 to 5 **39%** 6 to 7 **20%**
 8 to 9 **11%** 10 or more **13%** Did not answer **2%**

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 **20%** Several times a week **48%** Once a week **18%**
 Once a month **9%** Never **2%** Did not answer **4%**

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 **4%** Once a week **16%**
 Once a month **23%** Never **55%** Did not answer **2%**

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 **41%** 1-5 **36%** 6-10 **13%**
 11-15 **0%** More than 15 **9%** Did not answer **2%**

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 Agree
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| 20. Writing effectively | Average: 4.30 |
| 21. Speaking effectively | Average: 4.38 |
| 22. Understanding written information | Average: 4.31 |
| 23. Working cooperatively in a group | Average: 4.56 |
| 24. Organizing your time effectively | Average: 4.44 |
| 25. Recognizing your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen | Average: 4.31 |
| 26. Planning and carrying out projects | Average: 4.36 |
| 27. Understanding and applying mathematics in your daily activities | Average: 4.64 |
| 28. Understanding different philosophies and cultures | Average: 4.49 |
| 29. Persisting at difficult tasks | Average: 4.47 |
| 30. Defining and solving problems | Average: 4.47 |
| 31. Recognizing assumptions and making logical inferences
and reaching correct conclusions | Average: 4.36 |
| 32. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods | Average: 4.05 |
| 33. Using computers effectively | Average: 4.36 |

Overall Average: 4.39

Section III. Housekeeping: Maintenance and housekeeping operations at SRSU Rio Grande campuses were excellent.

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| 34. Maintenance of classrooms | Average: 4.63 |
| 35. Maintenance of restrooms | Average: 4.80 |
| 36. Maintenance of grounds | Average: 4.77 |

37. Parking lots	Average: 4.71
38. Campus lighting	Average: 4.63

Overall Average: 4.71

Section IV. Service Provided: Student programs and services provided at the SRSU Rio Grande campuses were excellent.

39. Academic advising by your major advisor	Average: 4.07
40. Personal Counseling	Average: 3.96
41. Job Placement Services	Average: 3.32
42. Student Entertainment and Activities	Average: 3.77
43. Career Information and Planning	Average: 3.66
44. Financial Assistance	Average: 4.11
45. New Student Orientation	Average: 3.43
46. Veteran's Assistance	Average: 3.21
47. Student Organizations	Average: 4.02
48. Bookstore	Average: 3.41
49. Instruction – classroom performance of faculty	Average: 4.61
50. Student Government Association	Average: 3.84
51. Student Publications (Rio Grande Times, Vanguard, Road Scholar)	Average: 3.98
52. Usefulness of the Student Handbook	Average: 3.98
53. Registration process	Average: 4.11
54. Admissions and Records Office	Average: 4.18
55. Cashier's Office	Average: 4.36
56. E-mail services/Internet access	Average: 4.59
57. Tutorial Study Assistance	Average: 3.80
58. Computer Center: Overall services	Average: 4.52
59. Computer Center: Hours of operation	Average: 4.52

Overall Average: 3.97