

Somerset Community College Fall 2003 Entering Student Survey

Which statement below reflects YOUR CURRENT GOALS?

Response	Count	Percent
To take a few courses but NOT earn a Degree, Diploma or Certificate	15	1.8%
To complete an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate	441	54.2%
To complete an Associate Degree AND go on to earn a four-year Bachelor's Degree	194	23.8%
To take a few courses then TRANSFER to a University	75	9.2%
I am uncertain about completing a Degree, or Certificate	84	10.3%
No Response	5	0.6%

I plan to (select one):

Response	Count	Percent
Enroll for only this semester	21	2.6%
Enroll for this semester AND the next semester	69	8.5%
Enroll every semester until I reach my goal	598	73.5%
Unsure about future enrollment	120	14.7%
No Response	6	0.7%

Do you have access to a personal computer, either at home or at work, that you can use for school work?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	704	86.5%
No	105	12.9%
No Response	5	0.6%

If yes, do you have access to the Internet from the computer with e-mail access?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	637	78.3%
No	125	15.4%
No Response	52	6.4%

While attending college, I plan to work:

Response	Count	Percent
Not at all	141	17.3%
1 - 20 hours per week	253	31.1%
21 - 39 hours per week	255	31.3%
40 hours per week	126	15.5%
More than 40 hours per week	30	3.7%
No Response	9	1.1%

To increase my general knowledge and understanding of the world.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	636	78.1%
Somewhat Important	152	18.7%
Not important	17	2.1%
No Response	9	1.1%

To decide on a career goal.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	735	90.3%
Somewhat Important	59	7.2%
Not important	10	1.2%
No Response	10	1.2%

To develop or improve skills required in my current job.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	419	51.5%
Somewhat Important	193	23.7%
Not important	189	23.2%
No Response	13	1.6%

To help me obtain a raise or promotion.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	402	49.4%
Somewhat Important	196	24.1%
Not important	194	23.8%
No Response	22	2.7%

To help me prepare for a new career.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	724	88.9%
Somewhat Important	60	7.4%
Not important	20	2.5%
No Response	10	1.2%

To be with others who want to learn.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	451	55.4%
Somewhat Important	292	35.9%
Not important	62	7.6%
No Response	9	1.1%

To increase my self confidence.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	569	69.9%
Somewhat Important	191	23.5%
Not important	44	5.4%
No Response	10	1.2%

To become more self reliant.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	667	81.9%
Somewhat Important	113	13.9%
Not important	25	3.1%
No Response	9	1.1%

To improve my academic skills before going to a large university.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	441	54.2%
Somewhat Important	190	23.3%
Not important	174	21.4%
No Response	9	1.1%

Costs less than other colleges.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	336	41.3%
Somewhat Important	344	42.3%
Not important	124	15.2%
No Response	10	1.2%

I could not leave the area due to family obligations.

Response	Count	Percent
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Very Important	371	45.6%
Somewhat Important	221	27.1%
Not important	204	25.1%
No Response	18	2.2%

I can keep my job and still go to college.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	405	49.8%
Somewhat Important	194	23.8%
Not important	203	24.9%
No Response	12	1.5%

My grades were too low to get into another college or university.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	87	10.7%
Somewhat Important	189	23.2%
Not important	517	63.5%
No Response	21	2.6%

The college offers the courses I want.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	579	71.1%
Somewhat Important	181	22.2%
Not important	38	4.7%
No Response	16	2.0%

The college has a reputation for good teaching/training.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	586	72.0%
Somewhat Important	183	22.5%

Not important	28	3.4%
No Response	17	2.1%

Classes are small and more personal.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	524	64.4%
Somewhat Important	227	27.9%
Not important	43	5.3%
No Response	20	2.5%

The college is close to my home.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	613	75.3%
Somewhat Important	146	17.9%
Not important	39	4.8%
No Response	16	2.0%

My family wanted me to come here.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	144	17.7%
Somewhat Important	246	30.2%
Not important	402	49.4%
No Response	22	2.7%

I can take courses at night.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	272	33.4%
Somewhat Important	318	39.1%
Not important	205	25.2%
No Response	19	2.3%

I can take courses on weekends.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	209	25.7%
Somewhat Important	310	38.1%
Not important	276	33.9%
No Response	19	2.3%

If there had not been a Community or Technical College in the area, I probably would (mark one):

Response	Count	Percent
Not attend college at all	295	36.2%
Go to one of the state Universities	297	36.5%
Go to a private college	47	5.8%
Go to a private technical college	99	12.2%
Go to an out-of-state college or university.	59	7.2%
No Response	17	2.1%

Check any statement which is true for your family or parents.

Response	Count	Percent
I am the first person in my immediate family to go to college.	478	58.7%
One or both of my parents or guardians went to college but did not earn a degree.	144	17.7%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned an associate degree from a community college or junior college.	74	9.1%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned a Bachelor's degree from a college or university.	83	10.2%
No Response	58	7.1%

What is your total annual income?

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	521	64.0%
\$10,000-\$14,999	111	13.6%
\$15,000-\$19,999	62	7.6%
\$20,000-\$24,999	36	4.4%
more than \$25,000	23	2.8%
No Response	61	7.5%

What is your total family household income?

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	168	20.6%
\$10,000-\$14,999	131	16.1%
\$15,000-\$19,999	131	16.1%
\$20,000-\$24,999	107	13.1%
more than \$25,000	206	25.3%
No Response	71	8.7%

Which of the following best describes the household in which you currently reside? Are you living...

Response	Count	Percent
with parents or grandparents	259	31.8%
with spouse	48	5.9%
with spouse and children	162	19.9%
with children	95	11.7%
other (Skip to Question 32)	76	9.3%
No Response	174	21.4%

OTHER THAN YOURSELF, how many people rely on you for ALL or MOST of their financial support?

Response	Count	Percent
0	428	52.6%
1	131	16.1%
2	117	14.4%
3	63	7.7%
4 or more	48	5.9%
No Response	27	3.3%

How many people live in your household?

Response	Count	Percent
0	14	1.7%
1	28	3.4%
2	148	18.2%
3	246	30.2%
4 or more	360	44.2%
No Response	18	2.2%

Which of the following media:

Response	Count	Percent
Internet	143	17.6%
Television	26	3.2%
Radio	50	6.1%
Newspaper	144	17.7%
Brochure	372	45.7%
No Response	79	9.7%

Which of the following people:

Response	Count	Percent
Faculty or staff member	50	6.1%
High school counselor or instructor	71	8.7%
Parents	13	1.6%

Friend or other relative	24	2.9%
Coworker or supervisor	2	0.2%
No Response	654	80.3%