

Somerset Community College Fall 2004 Entering Student Survey Results

**Which statement below reflects YOUR CURRENT GOALS?**

Response	Count	Percent
To take a few courses but NOT earn a Degree, Diploma or Certificate	5	2.4%
To complete an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate	117	57.1%
To complete an Associate Degree AND go on to earn a four-year Bachelor's Degree	42	20.5%
To take a few courses then TRANSFER to a University	30	14.6%
I am uncertain about completing a Degree, or Certificate	11	5.4%

**I plan to (select one):**

Response	Count	Percent
Enroll for only this semester	5	2.4%
Enroll for this semester AND the next semester	13	6.3%
Enroll every semester until I reach my goal	172	83.9%
Unsure about future enrollment	15	7.3%

**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	194	94.6%
No	11	5.4%

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

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	185	93.9%
No	12	6.1%

**While attending college, I plan to work:**

Response	Count	Percent
Not at all	26	12.7%
1 - 20 hours per week	69	33.7%
21 - 39 hours per week	84	41.0%
40 hours per week	20	9.8%
More than 40 hours per week	6	2.9%

**To increase my general knowledge and understanding of the world.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	173	84.8%
Somewhat Important	29	14.2%
Not important	2	1.0%

**To decide on a career goal.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	191	94.1%
Somewhat Important	10	4.9%
Not important	2	1.0%

**To develop or improve skills required in my current job.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	92	45.5%
Somewhat Important	57	28.2%
Not important	53	26.2%

**To help me obtain a raise or promotion.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	97	48.3%
Somewhat Important	56	27.9%

Not important	48	23.9%
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**To help me prepare for a new career.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	197	96.6%
Somewhat Important	5	2.5%
Not important	2	1.0%

**To be with others who want to learn.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	113	55.4%
Somewhat Important	80	39.2%
Not important	11	5.4%

**To increase my self confidence.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	138	68.0%
Somewhat Important	54	26.6%
Not important	11	5.4%

**To become more self reliant.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	155	78.3%
Somewhat Important	34	17.2%
Not important	9	4.5%

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

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	102	50.5%

Somewhat Important	49	24.3%
Not important	51	25.2%

**Costs less than other colleges.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	92	45.3%
Somewhat Important	85	41.9%
Not important	26	12.8%

**I could not leave the area due to family obligations.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	97	47.8%
Somewhat Important	51	25.1%
Not important	55	27.1%

**I can keep my job and still go to college.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	85	41.9%
Somewhat Important	61	30.0%
Not important	57	28.1%

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

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	19	9.5%
Somewhat Important	45	22.5%
Not important	136	68.0%

**The college offers the courses I want.**

Response	Count	Percent
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Very Important	136	67.7%
Somewhat Important	52	25.9%
Not important	13	6.5%

**The college has a reputation for good teaching/training.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	148	72.9%
Somewhat Important	39	19.2%
Not important	16	7.9%

**Classes are small and more personal.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	137	67.8%
Somewhat Important	55	27.2%
Not important	10	5.0%

**The college is close to my home.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	162	79.8%
Somewhat Important	33	16.3%
Not important	8	3.9%

**My family wanted me to come here.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	32	15.7%
Somewhat Important	67	32.8%
Not important	105	51.5%

**I can take courses at night.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	66	32.4%
Somewhat Important	76	37.3%
Not important	62	30.4%

**I can take courses on weekends.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	41	20.1%
Somewhat Important	85	41.7%
Not important	78	38.2%

**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	60	29.7%
Go to one of the state Universities	99	49.0%
Go to a private college	16	7.9%
Go to a private technical college	21	10.4%
Go to an out-of-state college or university.	6	3.0%

**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.	115	60.5%
One or both of my parents or guardians went to college but did not earn a degree.	24	12.6%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned an associate degree from a community college or junior college.	25	13.2%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned a Bachelor's degree from a college or university.	26	13.7%

**What is your total annual income?**

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	139	68.8%
\$10,000-\$14,999	26	12.9%
\$15,000-\$19,999	20	9.9%
\$20,000-\$24,999	6	3.0%
more than \$25,000	11	5.4%

**What is your total family household income?**

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	32	16.1%
\$10,000-\$14,999	31	15.6%
\$15,000-\$19,999	32	16.1%
\$20,000-\$24,999	25	12.6%
more than \$25,000	79	39.7%

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

Response	Count	Percent
with parents or grandparents	111	55.0%
with spouse	7	3.5%
with spouse and children	39	19.3%
with children	28	13.9%
other (Skip to Question 32)	17	8.4%

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

Response	Count	Percent
0	127	62.9%
1	32	15.8%
2	17	8.4%
3	19	9.4%
4 or more	7	3.5%

**How many people live in your household?**

Response	Count	Percent
0	1	0.5%
1	4	2.0%
2	41	20.3%
3	54	26.7%
4 or more	102	50.5%

**How did you first hear of Somerset Community College?**

**Which of the following media:**

Response	Count	Percent
Internet	63	31.7%
Television	8	4.0%
Radio	13	6.5%
Newspaper	31	15.6%
Brochure	84	42.2%

**Which of the following people:**

Response	Count	Percent
Faculty or staff member	21	10.5%
High school counselor or instructor	53	26.5%
Parents	22	11.0%
Friend or other relative	95	47.5%
Coworker or supervisor	9	4.5%