

Spring 2004 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	2	1.0%
To complete an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate	118	59.6%
To complete an Associate Degree AND go on to earn a four-year Bachelor's Degree	53	26.8%
To take a few courses then TRANSFER to a University	16	8.1%
I am uncertain about completing a Degree, or Certificate	9	4.5%

I plan to (select one):

Response	Count	Percent
Enroll for only this semester	2	1.0%
Enroll for this semester AND the next semester	12	6.1%
Enroll every semester until I reach my goal	174	87.9%
Unsure about future enrollment	10	5.1%

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	174	87.9%
No	24	12.1%

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

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	156	81.3%
No	36	18.8%

While attending college, I plan to work:

Response	Count	Percent
Not at all	42	21.3%
1 - 20 hours per week	57	28.9%
21 - 39 hours per week	68	34.5%
40 hours per week	27	13.7%
More than 40 hours per week	3	1.5%

To increase my general knowledge and understanding of the world.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	148	75.1%
Somewhat Important	49	24.9%
Not important	0	0.0%

To decide on a career goal.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	175	88.8%
Somewhat Important	16	8.1%
Not important	6	3.0%

To develop or improve skills required in my current job.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	100	50.5%
Somewhat Important	49	24.7%
Not important	49	24.7%

To help me obtain a raise or promotion.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	101	51.0%
Somewhat Important	49	24.7%

Not important	48	24.2%
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To help me prepare for a new career.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	183	92.9%
Somewhat Important	13	6.6%
Not important	1	0.5%

To be with others who want to learn.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	111	56.1%
Somewhat Important	81	40.9%
Not important	6	3.0%

To increase my self confidence.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	147	75.4%
Somewhat Important	43	22.1%
Not important	5	2.6%

To become more self reliant.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	162	82.2%
Somewhat Important	33	16.8%
Not important	2	1.0%

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

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	84	42.4%

Somewhat Important	58	29.3%
Not important	56	28.3%

Costs less than other colleges.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	90	45.5%
Somewhat Important	81	40.9%
Not important	27	13.6%

I could not leave the area due to family obligations.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	87	43.9%
Somewhat Important	55	27.8%
Not important	56	28.3%

I can keep my job and still go to college.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	92	46.9%
Somewhat Important	49	25.0%
Not important	55	28.1%

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

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	21	10.6%
Somewhat Important	26	13.1%
Not important	151	76.3%

The college offers the courses I want.

Response	Count	Percent
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Very Important	158	79.8%
Somewhat Important	38	19.2%
Not important	2	1.0%

The college has a reputation for good teaching/training.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	146	73.7%
Somewhat Important	49	24.7%
Not important	3	1.5%

Classes are small and more personal.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	151	76.3%
Somewhat Important	39	19.7%
Not important	8	4.0%

The college is close to my home.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	163	82.3%
Somewhat Important	33	16.7%
Not important	2	1.0%

My family wanted me to come here.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	34	17.3%
Somewhat Important	61	31.0%
Not important	102	51.8%

I can take courses at night.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	58	29.4%
Somewhat Important	88	44.7%
Not important	51	25.9%

I can take courses on weekends.

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	43	21.8%
Somewhat Important	88	44.7%
Not important	66	33.5%

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	80	40.6%
Go to one of the state Universities	80	40.6%
Go to a private college	10	5.1%
Go to a private technical college	16	8.1%
Go to an out-of-state college or university.	11	5.6%

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.	123	66.8%
One or both of my parents or guardians went to college but did not earn a degree.	27	14.7%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned an associate degree from a community college or junior college.	22	12.0%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned a Bachelor's degree from a college or university.	18	9.8%

What is your total annual income?

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	112	58.9%
\$10,000-\$14,999	34	17.9%
\$15,000-\$19,999	20	10.5%
\$20,000-\$24,999	11	5.8%
more than \$25,000	13	6.8%

What is your total family household income?

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	53	28.3%
\$10,000-\$14,999	35	18.7%
\$15,000-\$19,999	29	15.5%
\$20,000-\$24,999	24	12.8%
more than \$25,000	46	24.6%

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

Response	Count	Percent
with parents or grandparents	73	37.6%
with spouse	11	5.7%
with spouse and children	51	26.3%
with children	35	18.0%
other (Skip to Question 32)	24	12.4%

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

Response	Count	Percent
0	96	50.0%
1	32	16.7%
2	32	16.7%
3	15	7.8%
4 or more	17	8.9%

How many people live in your household?

Response	Count	Percent
0	8	4.1%
1	13	6.6%
2	39	19.9%
3	51	26.0%
4 or more	85	43.4%

Which of the following media:

Response	Count	Percent
Internet	32	17.5%
Television	4	2.2%
Radio	11	6.0%
Newspaper	38	20.8%
Brochure	98	53.6%

Which of the following people:

Response	Count	Percent
Faculty or staff member	15	7.9%
High school counselor or instructor	43	22.5%
Parents	17	8.9%
Friend or other relative	106	55.5%
Coworker or supervisor	10	5.2%