



Alumni Survey Spring 2000

Alumni Survey Information

The 2000 OSU Alumni Survey was conducted (1) to identify institutional strengths and areas for improvement as indicated by recent graduates; (2) to track the career and continuing education trends of recent OSU graduates; (3) to assess achievement of learning outcomes as perceived by alumni from individual academic programs; and (4) to accomplish the State Regent's mandate for assessing student and alumni satisfaction.

Population: The target population for this survey was OSU-Stillwater baccalaureate degree recipients who graduated between May 1998 and August 1999. The total number of OSU-Stillwater alumni in the target population was 2,910, and represented 65% of the total number of baccalaureate degrees granted during that time. Only alumni from departments and colleges that elected to participate in the alumni survey were included in the target population. The survey did not attempt to reach alumni who were not living in the U.S..

Methods: The survey was administered as a telephone interview. The OSU Bureau for Social Research conducted the telephone interviews in January and February 2000.

Results: A total of 1,584 interviews were completed with OSU alumni, resulting in a response rate of 54%.

Participating Academic Units

CASNR

Ag. Communication
Ag. Economics
Animal Science
Biochemistry & Molec. Biology
Biosystems & Ag. Engineering
Horticulture
Landscape Architecture
Plant / Soil Sciences

CAS

Botany
Communication Sci. & Dis.
English
Foreign Lang. & Lit.
Geography
History
Math
Psychology
Sociology
Statistics
Zoology

CBA (all departments)

CEAT

Architecture
Architectural Engineering
Civil Engineering
Construction Mgmt. & Tech.
Electrical & Computer Eng.
Fire Protection & Safety Tech.
Industrial Engineering

CHES (all departments)

Overall Alumni Satisfaction

Satisfaction with overall educational experience at OSU:	%
Very satisfied	70.1
Somewhat satisfied	27.7
Somewhat dissatisfied	2.0
Not satisfied at all	0.2

Satisfaction with quality of instruction in major field of study:	%
Very satisfied	60.2
Somewhat satisfied	35.1
Somewhat dissatisfied	4.2
Not satisfied at all	0.6

74% of OSU alumni who participated in the survey were living in Oklahoma.

Employment Information

What % of recent graduates are employed or in graduate school?

	n	%
Employed	1,053	66.5
Graduate / Professional School	277	17.5
Employed & Graduate School	148	9.3
Neither	106	6.7

93% of employed alumni reported that their OSU education had prepared them very well or adequately for their current position.

What annual salaries do recent graduates report?

	n	%
<\$15,000	119	9.9
\$16,000 - 25,000	302	25.2
\$26,000 - 35,000	400	33.3
\$36,000 - 45,000	254	21.2
>\$45,000	106	8.8
No response	19	1.6

What types of employers do OSU alumni work for?

	%
Large corporation	40.8
Small corporation	17.7
Small business	12.7
Federal government	3.3
State government	3.8
Local government	2.2
Nonprofit organization	4.5
Educational	11.4
Self-employed	3.6

Graduate School Information

What types of degrees are pursued by alumni attending graduate or professional school?

	n	%
Masters	282	66.4
Doctoral	21	4.9
Medical (MD, DDS)	31	7.3
Law	36	8.5
Business	16	3.8
Vet School	18	4.2
Other	21	4.9

Where are OSU alumni attending graduate / professional school?

	%
Oklahoma State University	58.8
University of Oklahoma	11.1
Other OK institutions	9.2
Out-of-state institutions	20.9

94% of alumni attending graduate or professional school reported that their OSU education had prepared them very well or adequately for their continuing education..

General Educational Preparation

How do alumni perceive their OSU education prepared them with respect to various skills?

	Very well	Adequately
Ability to use a computer	44%	44%
Ability to write effectively	56%	40%
Ability to analyze and solve problems	66%	32%

How do alumni perceive their OSU education contributed to their understanding of...

	Very much	Somewhat
Diverse cultures	35%	50%
Current political & social issues	23%	60%

Responsible citizenship

37%

49%
