

## San Diego State University December 2008 Graduates Outcomes Survey Summary SDSU Career Services

SDSU Career Services conducted an outcomes survey of the December 2008 graduates of San Diego State University. The survey had a response rate of 54%, with 1,455 respondents participating. Below is a summary of what this most recent survey reveals. The survey was conducted online, and ran from January through March 2009. December 2008 graduates were sent an invitation and several reminder emails. This report provides basic summary data about December 2008 graduates. For additional information about this survey, please contact James J. Tarbox, Ph.D., Director of SDSU Career Services at [jtarbox@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jtarbox@mail.sdsu.edu).

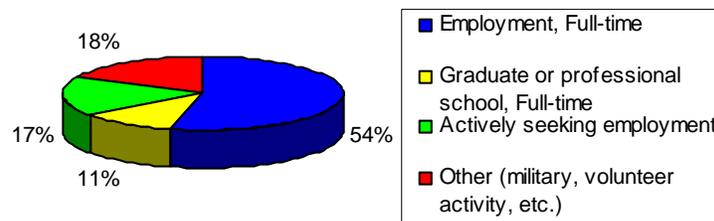
### Who responded?

The respondents were 41.7% male and 58.3% female. Nearly 75% of the respondents earned bachelor's degrees. The largest group of respondents (98.4%) were enrolled at the Main Campus.

### What are SDSU graduates doing, and how did they get there?

More than half of the respondents (54%) reported being employed full-time after graduation. Another 11% of respondents reported enrollment in graduate or professional school. Seventeen percent of respondents self-identified as actively seeking employment. The remaining 18% identified post-SDSU activities such as serving in the military, part-time work, part-time education, volunteer activities, and starting a family.

Figure 1. Post-graduation activities



Respondents identified the following as the most common methods they used to locate and learn about employment opportunities:

- a friend, faculty or relative
- an internet listing
- a part-time job, internship, or co-op

Nearly 75% of full-time employed respondents acquired their full-time job while they were a student at SDSU or shortly thereafter. The remaining 25% already possessed their job upon entering SDSU. The majority of students reported residing in San Diego (73.9%) and in other parts of California (15.0%).

### What are SDSU graduates reporting as earnings?

Respondents reported an overall median salary of \$45,000. Engineering students reported the highest salary followed by students in Health and Human Services, Business and Sciences.

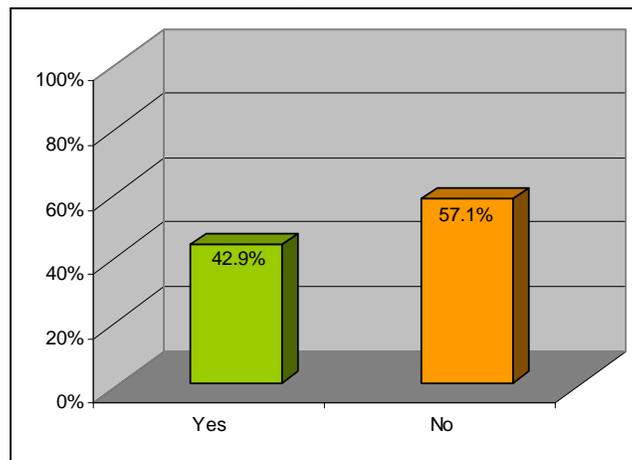
**Table 1** Median Reported Salary by College

School degree was obtained	Count	Median Salary
Arts and Letters	107	35,000
Business	167	50,000
Education	44	41,500
Engineering	67	60,000
Health and Human Services	70	59,000
Professional Studies and Fine Arts	155	35,000
Sciences	112	50,000
Total	722	45,000

### What activities did SDSU graduates report?

A majority of respondents (72.6%) possessed a part-time job or summer job while at SDSU. Forty-three percent (43%) of respondents reported completing an internship while at San Diego State University. Of those who engaged in an internship or co-op, 26.8% were offered and accepted permanent employment; 14.6% were offered employment but did not accept the offer.

Figure 2. Completed an Internship



### Conclusion

SDSU Career Services will survey spring 2009 graduates in the summer of 2009.