

**2007 ONE-YEAR ALUMNI SURVEY  
UNIVERSITY SUMMARY REPORT**

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## **ABOUT THE 2007 ONE-YEAR ALUMNI SURVEY**

- Surveys were sent electronically to alumni who graduated in December 2005, May 2006, and August 2006 for whom e-mail addresses were provided by the Alumni Association.
- The Office of Assessment obtained e-mail addresses for 1,405 graduates; 172 were undeliverable.
- The overall response rate was 50% (618 out of 1,233).
- We applied two new approaches to the survey process in 2007: 1) we asked the Dean of each college to write the introductory letter (in the past it was a letter from Provost Nellis), and 2) we promoted the Alumni surveys with articles in the @K-State electronic alumni newsletter. There were articles published in the September and October e-newsletter about last year's results, and inviting participation in the 2007 surveys. For comparison, the overall response rate in 2006 was 33% (474 out of 1,429)
- This report consists of frequencies on each question from the 2007 One-Year Alumni survey.

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## INTRODUCTION

**TABLE 1**  
**Demographic Information**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	264	42.7
Female	347	56.1
I prefer not to respond	7	1.1
Total	618	100.0
<b>Are you a U.S. citizen?</b>		
Yes	606	98.1
No	5	0.8
I prefer not to respond	7	1.1
Total	618	100.0
<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	0.5
Black, Non-Hispanic	11	1.8
Hispanic./Spanish/Latin American	10	1.6
Mexican/Mexican American	3	0.5
White/Non-Hispanic	557	90.1
Multiracial	5	0.8
Other	4	0.6
No Response	24	3.9
Total	618	100.0
<b>Age</b>		
Under 24	173	28.0
24	250	40.5
25	94	15.2
26-30	73	11.8
Over 30	28	4.5
Total	618	100.0

**TABLE 2**  
**Alumni's Major(s)**

<b>What was your undergraduate major?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
College of Agriculture	32	5.2
College of Architecture	77	12.5
College of Arts & Sciences	192	31.1
College of Business	52	8.4
College of Education	75	12.1
College of Engineering	89	14.4
College of Human Ecology	81	13.1
College of Technology & Aviation	20	3.2
Total	618	100.0
<b>What was your second major (if applicable)?</b>		
College of Agriculture	7	11.3
College of Architecture	0	0.0
College of Arts & Sciences	31	50.0
College of Business	12	19.4
College of Education	1	1.6
College of Engineering	1	1.6
College of Human Ecology	9	14.5
College of Technology & Aviation	1	1.6
Total	62	100.0

**TABLE 3**  
**Alumni Who Transferred Credits**

<b>Did you transfer credit to K-State from another college or university?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	429	70.2
No	182	29.8
Total	611	100.0

**TABLE 4**  
**Type of Institution Transferred From & Number of Credits Transferred**

	<b>1-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>31-40</b>	<b>41-60</b>	<b>61 +</b>
A two year college	198	51	22	29	19
Another Kansas 4 year public university	50	10	3	2	1
An out-of-state 4 year public university	29	5	4	1	8
A private 4 year college or university	27	12	4	1	2
Other	50	6	3	0	2

**TABLE 5**  
**Graduated with an undergraduate certificate and/or minor(s)**

<b>Did you graduate with an undergraduate certificate or minor(s)?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	332	53.7
No	286	46.3
Total	618	100.0



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**TABLE 6**  
**Satisfaction with K-State**

<b>If you could start over, would you still choose to:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Attend K-State?		
Definitely No	5	0.8
Probably No	5	1.8
Uncertain	31	5.1
Probably Yes	101	16.6
Definitely Yes	463	76.0
Does Not Apply	4	0.7
Total	609	100.0
Graduate with same first major?		
Definitely No	31	5.1
Probably No	49	8.0
Uncertain	79	13.0
Probably Yes	148	24.3
Definitely Yes	297	48.8
Does Not Apply	5	0.8
Total	609	100.0
Graduate with same second major?		
Definitely No	11	1.8
Probably No	18	3.0
Uncertain	41	6.7
Probably Yes	38	6.2
Definitely Yes	54	8.9
Does Not Apply	447	73.4
Total	609	100.0

**TABLE 7**  
**Choice of Applying to K-State**

<b>When you applied to K-State, it was your:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
First Choice	507	83.3
Second Choice	71	11.7
Third Choice	9	1.5
Not one of top three choices	22	3.6
Total	609	100.0

**TABLE 8**  
**Features of Advising**

<b>After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at K-State:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Access to academic advising</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	18	3.0
Dissatisfied	55	9.0
Neutral	124	20.4
Satisfied	260	42.7
Very Satisfied	152	25.0
Total	609	100.0
<b>Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	25	4.1
Dissatisfied	74	12.2
Neutral	136	22.3
Satisfied	226	37.1
Very Satisfied	148	24.3
Total	609	100.0
<b>Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	44	7.2
Dissatisfied	118	19.4
Neutral	153	25.1
Satisfied	192	31.5
Very Satisfied	102	16.7
Total	609	100.0

**TABLE 9**  
**Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State**

<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field</b>		
None	2	0.3
Little	15	2.6
Somewhat	200	34.1
Very Much	369	63.0
<b>Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career</b>		
None	3	0.5
Little	53	9.0
Somewhat	219	37.4
Very Much	311	53.1
<b>Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams</b>		
None	8	1.4
Little	60	10.2
Somewhat	257	43.9
Very Much	261	44.5

**TABLE 9 (cont.)**  
**Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State**

<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person		
None	6	1.0
Little	46	7.8
Somewhat	237	40.4
Very Much	297	50.7
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible		
None	8	1.4
Little	39	6.7
Somewhat	184	31.4
Very Much	355	60.6
Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)		
None	6	1.0
Little	58	9.9
Somewhat	239	40.8
Very Much	283	48.3
Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member		
None	41	7.0
Little	114	19.5
Somewhat	243	41.5
Very Much	188	32.1
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems		
None	26	4.4
Little	146	24.9
Somewhat	238	40.6
Very Much	176	30.0
Thinking critically, problem-solving		
None	5	0.9
Little	44	7.5
Somewhat	230	39.2
Very Much	307	52.4
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life		
None	21	3.6
Little	94	16.0
Somewhat	231	39.4
Very Much	240	41.0

**TABLE 9 (cont.)**  
**Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State**

<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Developing lasting friendships and personal ties</b>		
None	13	2.2
Little	50	8.5
Somewhat	142	24.2
Very Much	381	65.0
<b>Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues</b>		
None	48	8.2
Little	141	24.1
Somewhat	252	43.0
Very Much	145	24.7
<b>Increasing your intellectual curiosity</b>		
None	7	1.2
Little	62	10.6
Somewhat	262	44.7
Very Much	255	43.5
<b>Caring for your mental/physical health</b>		
None	39	6.7
Little	129	22.0
Somewhat	255	43.5
Very Much	163	27.8
<b>Organizing time effectively</b>		
None	7	1.2
Little	67	11.4
Somewhat	259	44.2
Very Much	253	43.2
<b>Increasing a commitment to public service</b>		
None	47	8.0
Little	169	28.8
Somewhat	209	35.7
Very Much	161	27.5
<b>Developing satisfying leisure time activities</b>		
None	33	5.6
Little	122	20.8
Somewhat	242	41.3
Very Much	189	32.3

**TABLE 9 (cont.)**  
**Contribution of Growth from Experiences at K-State**

<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view		
None	12	2.0
Little	98	16.7
Somewhat	269	45.9
Very Much	207	35.3
Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds		
None	29	4.9
Little	107	18.3
Somewhat	227	38.7
Very Much	223	38.1
Locating and evaluating information sources		
None	9	1.5
Little	66	11.3
Somewhat	280	47.8
Very Much	231	39.4

**TABLE 10**  
**More or Less Emphasis**

<b>Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same or more) emphasis should have been placed on:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Written communications skills		
Less	14	2.4
Same	380	65.4
More	187	32.2
Oral communications skills		
Less	6	1.0
Same	300	51.6
More	275	47.3
Mathematical skills		
Less	31	5.3
Same	448	77.1
More	102	17.6
Computer skills		
Less	14	2.4
Same	311	53.5
More	256	44.1

**TABLE 10 (cont.)  
More or Less Emphasis**

<b>Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same or more) emphasis should have been placed on:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Problem-solving skills</b>		
Less	5	0.9
Same	358	61.6
More	218	37.5
<b>Learning to think and reason</b>		
Less	3	0.5
Same	361	62.1
More	217	37.3
<b>Understanding and relating to people</b>		
Less	11	1.9
Same	362	62.3
More	208	35.8
<b>Background in natural sciences (e.g. chemistry, biology, physics)</b>		
Less	107	18.4
Same	400	68.8
More	74	12.7
<b>Background in social sciences (e.g. economics, sociology, psychology)</b>		
Less	57	9.8
Same	391	67.3
More	133	22.9
<b>Background in humanities and fine arts (e.g. art, music, history)</b>		
Less	86	14.8
Same	376	64.7
More	119	20.5
<b>Theory courses related to my major</b>		
Less	66	11.4
Same	357	61.4
More	158	27.2
<b>Application courses related to my major(s)</b>		
Less	10	1.7
Same	233	40.1
More	338	58.2

**TABLE 11**  
**Quality of Life Enhancement**

<b>How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your K-State undergraduate experience?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
None	4	0.7
Little	13	2.2
Somewhat	200	34.4
Very Much	364	62.7

**TABLE 12**  
**Present Residence**

<b>Present residence:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Arizona	9	1.5
Arkansas	1	0.2
California	17	2.8
Colorado	21	3.4
Connecticut	2	0.3
Florida	11	1.8
Georgia	4	0.7
Idaho	1	0.2
Illinois	10	1.6
Indiana	3	0.5
Iowa	3	0.5
Kansas	345	56.5
Kentucky	1	0.2
Louisiana	2	0.3
Maine	1	0.2
Maryland	2	0.3
Massachusetts	3	0.5
Michigan	4	0.7
Minnesota	5	0.8
Missouri	49	8.0
Montana	2	0.3
Nebraska	8	1.3
Nevada	3	0.5
New Mexico	1	0.2
New York	9	1.5
North Carolina	2	0.3
Ohio	5	0.8
Oklahoma	14	2.3
Oregon	2	0.3
Pennsylvania	1	0.2
Rhode Island	1	0.2
South Carolina	1	0.2
Tennessee	3	0.5
Texas	49	8.0

**TABLE 12 (cont.)  
Present Residence**

<b>Present residence:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Utah	2	0.3
Virginia	8	1.3
Washington	4	0.7
Washington, D.C.	1	0.2
West Virginia	1	0.2
Total	611	100.0



## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES

**TABLE 13**  
**Current Activities**

<b>Please fill in the one statement that best describes your current activities</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Not engaged in paid employment	12	2.1
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	87	15.0
Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education	69	11.9
Employed 35 hours per week or more	402	69.2
Self-employed	11	1.9

*(Base for Questions 17-20: Those who are currently not employed)*

**TABLE 14**  
**Primary Reason Not Employed**

<b>Indicate the primary reason you are not employed</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
I have chosen not to be employed	1	10.0
I was laid off by my employer	0	0.0
I quit a job to seek other employment	1	10.0
I chose to confine my job search to a specific city or region	0	0.0
My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same geographic region with someone else	2	20.0
I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation	2	20.0
Having/Expecting a child changed my employment plans	4	40.0
Other	0	0.0
Total	10	100.0

**TABLE 15**  
**Seeking Employment and Seriousness of Unemployment**

	N	Percentage
<b>Have you sought job placement assistance from K-State's Office of Career and Employment Services?</b>		
Yes, it has been helpful	2	18.2
Yes, it has not been helpful	2	18.2
No, I didn't register with the office	5	45.5
No, I registered with the office but didn't seek further assistance	2	18.2
Total	11	100.0
<b>Do you plan to seek paid employment</b>		
Yes, within 12 months	8	72.7
Yes, in 1 to 5 years	1	9.1
Yes, in more than 5 years	0	0.0
No	2	18.2
Total	11	100.0
<b>How would you describe your current status of not being employed?</b>		
Serious problem	4	36.4
Minor problem	2	18.2
No problem, my choice	5	45.5
Total	11	100.0

*(Base for Questions 27-42: Those who are currently employed)*

**TABLE 16**  
**Alumni who Benefited from a Certificate and/or Minor(s)**

<b>Did your certificate or minor(s) give you an advantage when applying for jobs?</b>	N	Percentage
Yes	209	63.5
No	120	36.5
Total	329	100.0

**TABLE 17**  
**Type of Organization Alumni's are Employed**

In what type of organization did you find full-time employment?	N	Percentage
Agriculture	16	3.3
Animal care	6	1.3
Architecture	69	14.4
Aviation	3	0.6
Child care	2	0.4
Communications	6	1.3
Computer services	5	1.0
Construction	14	2.9
Education	97	20.2
Energy	15	3.1
Engineering	9	1.9
Fashion/Design/Art	6	1.3
Finance/Insurance	25	5.2
Food services	5	1.0
Government	17	3.5
Healthcare	26	5.4
Human resources	3	0.6
Legal services	3	0.6
Manufacturing	19	4.0
Media	11	2.3
Military	10	2.1
Non-profit	20	4.2
Professional services	34	7.1
Public relations	4	0.8
Real-estate	4	0.8
Recreation/Fitness	2	0.4
Religion	3	0.6
Retail/Sales	17	3.5
Social services	12	2.5
Technology	13	2.7
Transportation	1	0.4
Non-response	3	0.6
Total	480	100.0

**TABLE 18**  
**Job Skill Requirements**

What types of skills does your job require (check all that apply)	N
A computer	466
Conducting research	246
Extensive training	235
Math skills	301
Problem solving/Analytical reasoning	427
Speaking to a group	349
Use of specialized machinery	102
Use of specialized software	361
Working with a diverse group of people	425
Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc.	334

**Table 19**  
**First Job after Graduation**

<b>Is this your first job after graduation?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	344	71.7
No	136	28.3
Total	470	100.0

**TABLE 20**  
**Sources of Finding Job**

<b>How did you learn of this job?</b>	<b>N</b>
Job lead from professor or advisor	30
Job lead from relative or friend	103
Job lead from college internship	48
Government employment listing	11
Employment agency	16
Job listing on the internet	117
Newspaper	19
Worked previously for employer	42
Applied for job without knowledge of opening	24
K-State's Career and Employment Services	64
Other	92

**TABLE 21**  
**Job Relationship to Major**

<b>How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Major 1</b>		
Not Related	71	14.8
Somewhat Related	103	21.5
Directly Related	306	63.8
Total	480	100.0
<b>Major 2</b>		
Not Related	32	39.0
Somewhat Related	26	31.7
Directly Related	24	29.3
Total	82	100.0

**TABLE 22**  
**Job not Related to Major**

<b>If you indicated that your job is not related or only somewhat related to your major, what is the principle reason? (Multiple responses. Base: Among those whose job is not related or only somewhat related to major).</b>	<b>N</b>
I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major	31
My major had no direct connection with specific employment opportunities	34
I confined my job search to a specific city or region	34
My job search was limited due to a need to match my career interests with someone else's	3
I developed new career interests after leaving college	28
The jobs in my field did not pay well	22
The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement	6
I found an exceptional opportunity in an unrelated field	49
Other	34

**TABLE 23**  
**Job Search**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>When did you initiate your job search for a career position?</b>		
More than one year prior to graduation	77	16.0
Nine months to one year prior to graduation	60	12.5
Six to eight months prior to graduation	101	21.0
Three to five months prior to graduation	116	24.2
One to two months prior to graduation	46	9.6
At graduation time	23	4.8
One month after graduation	16	3.3
More than one month after graduation	41	8.5
Total	480	100.0
<b>How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduation?</b>		
Had job at graduation	223	46.5
Less than 1 month	50	10.4
1 to 3 months	95	19.8
4 to 6 months	36	7.5
7 or more months	76	15.8
Total	480	100.0
<b>How difficult was it for you to find employment?</b>		
Very difficult	33	6.9
Fairly Difficult	107	22.3
Somewhat Easy	213	44.4
Very Easy	127	26.5
Total	480	100.0

**TABLE 23 (cont.)  
Job Search**

	N	Percentage
<b>Approximately how many job interviews did you have before accepting your current position?</b>		
0-1	115	24.0
2-5	263	54.8
6-9	66	13.8
10-14	31	6.5
15-19	3	0.6
20+	2	0.4
Total	480	100.0
<b>How close is your job to the type of job you desired prior to graduation?</b>		
Very Close	223	46.5
Fairly Close	136	28.3
Not Very Close	84	17.5
Had no clear expectations	37	7.7
Total	480	100.0

**TABLE 24  
Preparation for Job**

	N	Percentage
<b>How do you feel that K-State prepared you for your present job?</b>		
Inadequately	20	4.2
Fairly Well	153	31.9
Well	487	39.0
Excellently	120	25.0
Total	480	100.0
<b>Compared to new employees from other colleges/universities, do you feel that your K-State academic preparation gave you an:</b>		
Advantage	313	65.2
Disadvantage	10	2.1
Neither	457	32.7
Total	480	100.0

**TABLE 25**  
**Current Employment**

	N	Percentage
<b>What is your current annual salary, before taxes?</b>		
Less than \$20,000	21	4.6
\$20,000-\$29,999	73	15.9
\$30,000-\$39,999	194	42.2
\$40,000-\$49,999	86	18.7
\$50,000-\$59,999	53	11.5
\$60,000-\$69,999	18	3.9
\$70,000-\$79,999	6	1.3
\$80,000-\$89,999	5	1.1
\$90,000-\$99,999	2	0.4
\$100,000 or more	2	0.4
Total	460	100.0
<b>Which statement best describes your current job?</b>		
Employment with definite long-term potential	226	47.1
Employment with possible long-term potential	184	38.3
Employment primarily to earn money with little or no other satisfaction or disadvantages	29	6.0
Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable	27	5.6
Temporary position that will last only for a limited time	14	2.9
Total	480	100.0

**TABLE 26**  
**Satisfaction with Present Position**

<b>Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:</b>	N	Percentage
<b>Salary/Benefits</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	12	2.5
Dissatisfied	70	14.6
Neutral	76	15.8
Satisfied	205	42.7
Very Satisfied	117	24.4
<b>Location</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	12	2.5
Dissatisfied	36	7.5
Neutral	93	19.4
Satisfied	160	33.3
Very Satisfied	179	37.3
<b>Opportunity to use your qualifications</b>		
Very Dissatisfied	13	2.7
Dissatisfied	44	9.2
Neutral	88	18.3
Satisfied	180	37.5
Very Satisfied	155	32.3

**TABLE 26 (cont.)  
Satisfaction with Present Position**

<b>Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Opportunity to advance		
Very Dissatisfied	14	2.9
Dissatisfied	34	7.1
Neutral	123	25.6
Satisfied	172	34.8
Very Satisfied	137	28.5
Prestige/Recognition		
Very Dissatisfied	19	4.0
Dissatisfied	37	7.7
Neutral	149	31.0
Satisfied	173	36.0
Very Satisfied	102	21.3
Interest/Challenge of work		
Very Dissatisfied	16	3.3
Dissatisfied	31	6.5
Neutral	71	14.8
Satisfied	197	41.0
Very Satisfied	165	34.4
Working conditions		
Very Dissatisfied	8	1.7
Dissatisfied	30	6.3
Neutral	65	13.5
Satisfied	181	37.7
Very Satisfied	196	40.8
Opportunity to learn		
Very Dissatisfied	12	2.5
Dissatisfied	20	4.2
Neutral	47	9.8
Satisfied	178	37.1
Very Satisfied	223	46.5

**TABLE 27  
Requirements for Position**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Is your position challenging?</b>		
Yes	412	85.8
No	68	14.2
<b>Is a B.A. / B.S. degree required for your current job?</b>		
Yes	349	72.7
No, but helpful	108	22.5
No, irrelevant	23	4.8



**CURRENTLY ATTENDING GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL**

*(Base for Questions 21-26: Those who are currently attending graduate/professional school)*

**TABLE 28  
Degree Seeking**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>What degree are you currently seeking?</b>		
M.A./M.S.	72	46.2
M.B.A.	13	8.3
M.D.	7	4.5
Ph.D.	4	2.6
D.V.M.	3	1.9
Other	57	36.5
Total	156	100.0
<b>What is the highest degree you are planning to complete?</b>		
M.A./M.S.	57	36.5
M.B.A.	15	9.6
M.D.	8	5.1
Ph.D.	25	16.0
Ed.D	5	3.2
D.V.M.	3	1.9
Other	43	27.6
Total	156	100.0

**TABLE 29  
Relationship to Graduate Major**

<b>How closely was your undergraduate major related to your graduate major?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Major 1</b>		
Not Related	17	11.2
Somewhat Related	55	36.2
Directly Related	80	52.6
Total	152	100.0
<b>Major 2</b>		
Not Related	5	16.1
Somewhat Related	11	35.5
Directly Related	15	48.4
Total	31	100.0

**TABLE 30**  
**First Choice for Graduate School**

<b>Was this graduate/professional program your first choice? ^</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	118	75.6
No, I was accepted but could not afford to attend my first choice	5	3.2
No, I did not apply to first choice	5	3.2
No, I was not accepted by first choice	13	8.3
No, I did not attend because I need to match my plans with someone else	2	1.3
Others	13	8.3

^Refer to the comments section in your college report for student comments.

**TABLE 31**  
**Financial Assistance**

<b>What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (Respondents were asked to “check all that apply”)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Departmental graduate assistance	41	15.4
Institutional fellowship/scholarship	26	9.7
Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship	15	5.6
Full-time employment	43	16.1
Part-time employment	33	12.4
Loan(s)	88	33.0
Other	21	7.9

**TABLE 32**  
**Preparation for Graduate School**

<b>How would you rate the quality of your K-State undergraduate preparation for graduate/professional education?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Inadequate	5	3.2
Fair	13	8.3
Good	93	59.6
Excellent	45	28.8
Total	156	100.0

**TABLE 33**  
**University Information**

	N	Percentage
<b>Did poor advising require you to enroll for an additional semester (or longer) at K-State? ^</b>		
Yes	60	10.5
No	512	89.5
Total	572	100.0
<b>Upon completion of your B.A / B.S. degree, what was your total amount of student loan debt?</b>		
None	166	29.0
Less than \$10,000	78	13.6
\$10,000 - \$19,999	132	23.1
\$20,000 - \$29,999	113	19.8
\$30,000 - \$39,999	51	8.9
\$40,000 or more	32	5.6
Total	572	100.0

^Refer to the comments section in your college report for student comments.

**TABLE 34**  
**Recommendation of K-State**

	N	Percentage
<b>Would you recommend K-State to a potential student?</b>		
Yes	563	98.8
No	7	1.2
Total	570	100.0

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN RESPONSES BY GENDER

**TABLE 35**  
**Significant Differences in Satisfaction of Advising at K-State (by Gender)**

<b>After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at K-State</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<i>Percentages</i>	
Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities*		
Very dissatisfied	5.3	8.7
Dissatisfied	12.9	24.3
Neutral	23.2	26.6
Satisfied	38.0	26.6
Very satisfied	20.5	13.9

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 36**  
**Significant Differences in Growth at K-State (by Gender)**

<b>How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<i>Percentages</i>	
Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)*		
None	2.0	0.3
Little	9.5	10.2
Somewhat	47.4	35.7
Very much	41.1	53.8
Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member*		
None	7.5	6.6
Little	24.9	15.3
Somewhat	37.9	44.1
Very much	29.6	33.9

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**TABLE 36 (cont.)**  
**Significant Differences in Growth at K-State (by Gender)**

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?	Male	Female
<i>Percentages</i>		
Thinking critically, problem-solving*		
None	1.2	0.6
Little	7.9	7.2
Somewhat	32.8	44.1
Very much	52.1	48.0
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life*		
None	4.3	3.0
Little	20.6	12.6
Somewhat	41.9	37.5
Very much	33.2	46.8
Caring for your mental/physical health*		
None	9.5	4.5
Little	24.5	20.1
Somewhat	39.5	46.5
Very much	26.5	28.8
Organizing time effectively*		
None	2.0	0.6
Little	15.8	8.1
Somewhat	44.7	43.8
Very much	37.5	47.4
Increasing a commitment to public services*		
None	12.6	4.5
Little	36.0	23.4
Somewhat	30.4	39.6
Very much	20.9	32.4
Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view*		
None	2.4	1.8
Little	20.2	14.1
Somewhat	47.8	44.4
Very much	29.6	39.6

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**TABLE 37**  
**Significant Differences in Emphasis at K-State (by Gender)**

<b>Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, same, or more) emphasis should have been placed on:</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<i>Percentages</i>	
Problem-solving skills*		
Less	1.2	0.6
Same	55.4	66.4
More	43.4	33.0
Learning to think and reason*		
Less	0.8	0.3
Same	53.8	68.5
More	45.4	31.2
Understanding and relating to people*		
Less	4.0	0.3
Same	53.8	68.8
More	42.2	30.9
Background in natural sciences (chemistry, biology, physics)*		
Less	13.9	21.8
Same	70.9	67.3
More	15.1	10.9
Background in humanities and fine arts (art, music, history)*		
Less	18.7	11.8
Same	55.8	71.5
More	25.5	16.7
Theory courses related to my major(s)*		
Less	13.5	9.7
Same	54.2	67.0
More	32.3	23.3

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 38**  
**Significant Differences in Quality of Life (by Gender)**

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your K-State undergraduate experience?*</b>		
None	1.6	0.0
Little	0.8	3.3
Somewhat	35.5	33.6
Very much	62.2	63.0

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 39**  
**Significant Differences in Current Activities (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>Please fill in the one statement that describes your current activities*</b>		
Not engaged in paid employment	0.8	3.0
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	16.3	13.9
Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education	8.0	14.8
Employed 35 hours per week or more	71.3	67.6
Self-employed	3.6	0.6

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**TABLE 40**  
**Significant Differences in Degrees (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>What degree are you currently seeking?*</b>		
M.A./M.S.	60.5	82.1
M.B.A.	18.6	8.9
M.D.	14.0	1.8
Ph.D.	7.0	1.8
D.V.M.	0.0	5.4
<b>What is the highest degree you are planning to complete?*</b>		
M.A./M.S.	31.8	62.3
M.B.A.	18.2	10.1
M.D.	15.9	1.4
Ph.D.	29.5	17.4
Ed.D	4.5	4.3
D.V.M.	0.0	4.3

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 41**  
**Significant Differences in Organization of Employment (by Gender)**

<b>In what type of organization did you find full-time employment?*</b>	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
Agriculture	4.8	2.2
Animal care	0.0	2.2
Architecture	18.4	11.4
Aviation	1.5	0.0
Child care	0.0	0.7
Communications	1.5	1.1

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 41 (cont.)**  
**Significant Differences in Organization of Employment (by Gender)**

In what type of organization did you find full-time employment?*	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
Computer services	1.0	1.1
Construction	5.8	0.7
Education	10.1	27.8
Energy	4.3	2.2
Engineering	3.9	0.4
Fashion/Design/Art	1.5	1.1
Finance/Insurance	3.4	6.6
Food services	0.5	1.5
Government	3.9	3.3
Healthcare	2.9	7.3
Human resources	0.5	0.7
Legal services	0.5	0.7
Manufacturing	5.8	2.6
Media	3.9	1.1
Military	3.4	1.1
Non-profit	1.5	6.2
Professional services	7.7	6.6
Public relations	1.0	0.7
Real-estate	1.5	0.4
Recreation/Fitness	0.5	0.4
Religion	0.5	0.7
Retail/Sales	1.9	4.4
Social services	1.0	3.7
Technology	5.3	0.7
Transportation	0.5	0.0

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 42**  
**Significant Differences in First Job (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>Is this your first job after graduation?*</b>		
Yes	77.3	67.4
No	22.7	32.6

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)



**TABLE 43**  
**Significant Differences in Job Search (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>When did you initiate your job search for a career position?*</b>		
More than one year prior to graduation	25.1	9.2
Nine months to one year prior to graduation	16.9	9.2
Six to eight months prior to graduation	16.9	24.2
Three to five months prior to graduation	20.8	26.7
One to two months prior to graduation	5.8	12.5
At graduation time	3.9	5.5
One month after graduation	1.9	4.4
More than one month after graduation	8.7	8.4
<b>How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduation?*</b>		
Had job at graduation	54.6	40.3
Less than 1 month	11.6	9.5
1 to 3 months	19.3	20.1
4 to 6 months	4.3	9.9
7 or more months	10.1	20.1
<b>How difficult was it for you to find employment?*</b>		
Very difficult	4.3	8.8
Fairly difficult	15.0	27.8
Fairly easy	47.3	42.1
Very easy	33.3	21.2
<b>How do you feel that K-State prepared you for your present job?*</b>		
Inadequately	5.8	2.9
Fairly well	28.0	34.8
Well	35.7	41.4
Excellently	30.4	20.9

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 44**  
**Significant Differences in Salary (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>What is your current annual salary?*</b>		
Less than \$20,000	3.6	5.3
\$20,000-\$29,999	9.2	20.8
\$30,000-\$39,999	28.7	52.1
\$40,000-\$49,999	22.6	15.8
\$50,000-\$59,999	22.1	3.8
\$60,000-\$69,999	7.2	1.5
\$70,000-\$79,999	2.6	0.4
\$80,000-\$89,999	2.1	0.4
\$90,000-\$99,999	1.0	0.0
\$100,000 or more	1.0	0.0

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 45**  
**Significant Differences about Satisfaction with Job (by Gender)**

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
Opportunity to advance*		
Very Dissatisfied	1.0	4.4
Dissatisfied	4.8	8.8
Neutral	29.0	23.1
Satisfied	33.3	37.7
Very Satisfied	31.9	26.0

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 46**  
**Significant Differences in Educational Requirements for Job (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>Is a B.A. / B.S. degree required for your current job?*</b>		
Yes	77.8	68.9
No, but helpful	16.9	26.7
No, irrelevant	5.3	4.4

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**TABLE 47**  
**Significant Differences in Recommending K-State to Others (by Gender)**

	Male	Female
	<i>Percentages</i>	
<b>Would you recommend K-State to a potential student?*</b>		
Yes	97.6	99.7
No	2.4	0.3

\* Significant differences exist between female and male respondents on this item. (p<.05)

**Appendix A:**

2007 One-Year Alumni Survey