

One year later: Bachelor's degree recipients, the class of 2004-05
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Background

The survey was conducted by an independent survey company. Each participant was contacted by phone and asked a series of interview questions. A total of 133 EOU graduates provided responses out of a possible pool of 489 Bachelor's degree recipients, a 27% sampling rate. Of those surveyed, 95 were female, and 36 were male, 33 started at EOU as new freshmen, 53 as transfers, 13 as dual enrolled and 27 were returning students. Most (76%) were primarily full time students. Of the 53 transfers, just over half (28) transferred from Oregon colleges and 47 (88%) came from public schools.

Fast facts:

- ❑ Of the students starting at EOU as Freshmen, only one (3%) was not extremely or somewhat satisfied with the overall quality of instruction.
- ❑ Transfer students, 92.4% were either somewhat or extremely satisfied.
- ❑ Overall 93.2 % were somewhat or extremely satisfied with EOU instruction quality – a very high rating.
- ❑ 40.6% responded that their job is very closely related to their major
- ❑ 29.7% responded that their job is related somewhat closely to their major.
- ❑ Of those not working in their field 16 of 30 majored in Humanities and Fine Art
- ❑ The median income of our grads is \$13,500 while the mean is \$25,774.
- ❑ Two are making \$100,000 or more while 12 are making less than \$5,000 per year.
- ❑ When they applied to Eastern our graduates were living in 29 different counties and 29% were from out of state.
- ❑ 31 of the 133 (23%) were living in Baker, Union, Umatilla or Wallowa counties.
- ❑ Our grads are working in 23 counties with the largest portion working in Union (15) and Umatilla (8) counties.
- ❑ 36 of our graduates are working outside Oregon, 11 in Washington, 7 in California and 18 somewhere else.
- ❑ Overall, our graduates are returning to where they came from to work and are not moving to the more urban areas of the state and are therefore helping to strengthen Oregon's rural communities.
- ❑ Of the 36 (27.1%) who indicated they were continuing in school, 32 are attending graduate programs, 1 is in a professional program, 1 is pursuing a post bac certificate and 1 is just taking additional classes. 12 of these students started as new freshmen at EOU while 13 were transfers.
- ❑ 17 of those continuing on are attending college in Oregon while 19 are in some other state.
- ❑ 86.5% of our graduates were satisfied with the availability of courses.
- ❑ 89.5% were satisfied with the accessibility to faculty.
- ❑ 79.7% were satisfied or very satisfied with academic advising.
- ❑ Only 1 respondent was very dissatisfied with library resources
- ❑ 61.4% of our graduates have incurred some debt to complete their degree.

- Of the students who have debt, 92% have student loans.
- Of all graduates 52% received a Pell grant.

Conclusions:

Overall the University is doing well as reported by our graduates. There is no area of general weakness and several areas of strength including faculty access and the availability of courses.

Our graduates are coming from across Oregon with about a third from out of state, reflecting our incoming class quite well. Our graduates are then returning to work in rural areas, reflecting where they came from and strengthening rural Oregon communities..