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Responses	454
Initial Population	2419
Response Rate	18.77%

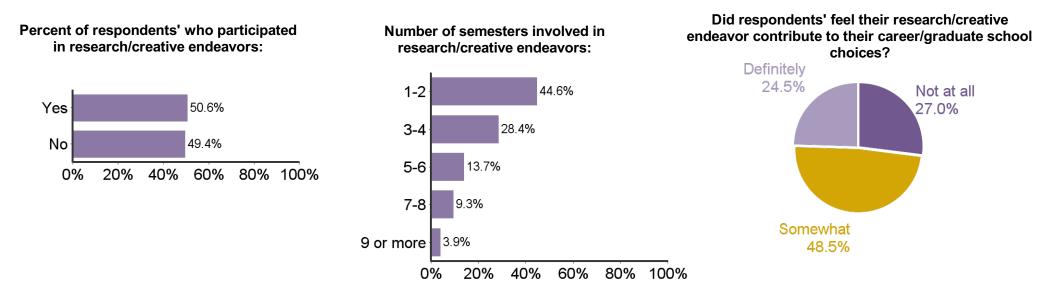
### **Survey Information:**

- The Alumni Survey is designed to give graduates an opportunity to reflect upon their years at K-State one year after graduation. This information is used to improve the college experience for future students by identifying strengths in our programs as well as areas that need further development. The survey includes questions relating to academic program satisfaction, intellectual and personal growth, student services, and preparation for a career or graduate/professional school.
- The 2016-17 survey was administered to alumni who graduated in summer 2014, fall 2014, and spring 2015. It was offered via e-mail over the period 09/19/2016-10/18/2016.

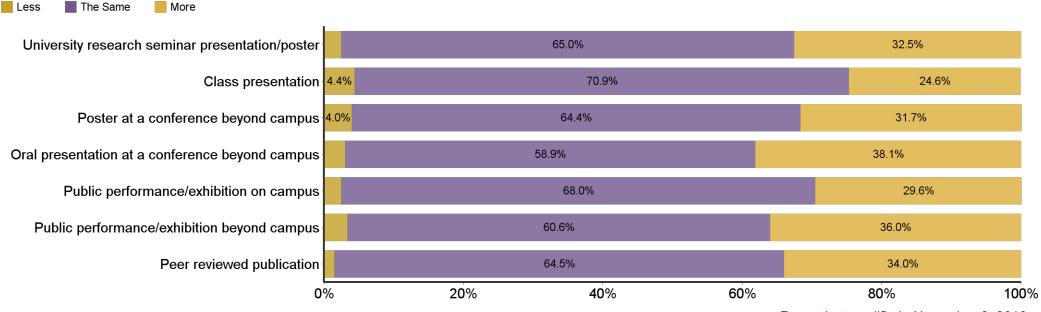
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Section Ia: 2025 - Research, Scholarly, Creative Activities, and Discovery Graphs



Reflecting upon your undergraduate experience, do you believe K-State should have provided less, the same, or more opportunities to be involved in the following?



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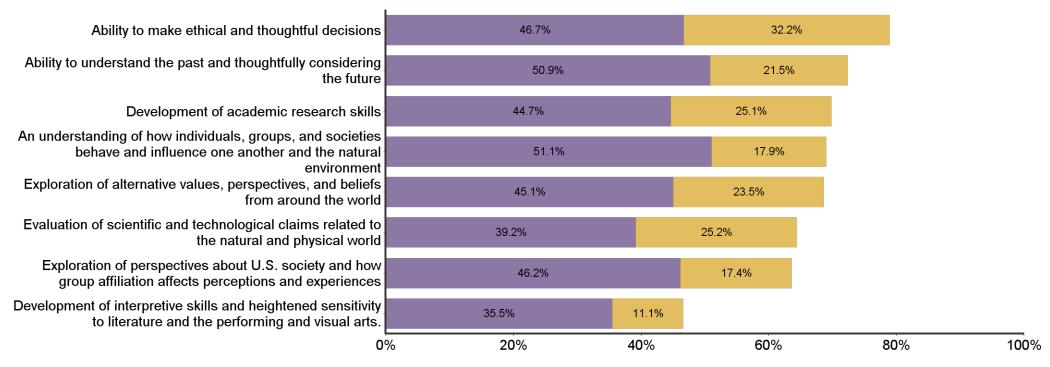
Section Ib: 2025 - Undergraduate Educational Experience Graphs

To what extent has each of the following K-State 8 (general education) areas contributed to your understanding of your profession and/or the world around (None and Little are not shown) you?



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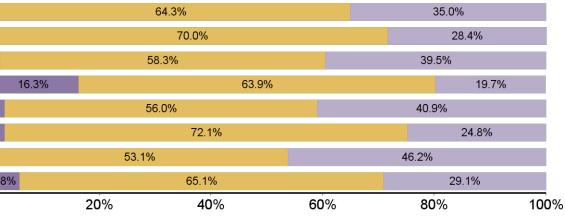
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Looking back, do you believe K-State should have placed less, the same, or more emphasis on the following undergraduate learning outcomes?

📕 Less 🛛 📕 The Same 🖉 More

	Improving oral communication skills
	Professional and ethical standards
	Improving graphic and technological communication skills
	Gaining a broad general education about different fields of knowledge
	Working with people that have other abilities, interests, and perspectives
	Improving written communication skills
	Improving ability to think critically (analytically and logically)
5.8%	Developing personal values
%	0



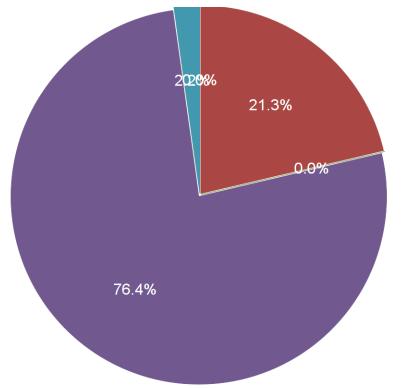
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**2016 University Report** Section II: Current Activities Graphs



### **Respondents' Current Activities:**



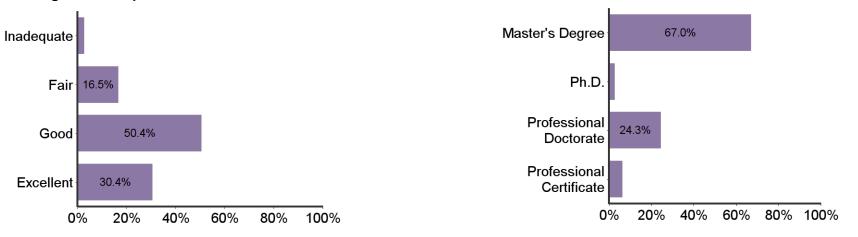


Section IIa: Current Activities -Continuing Education Graphs

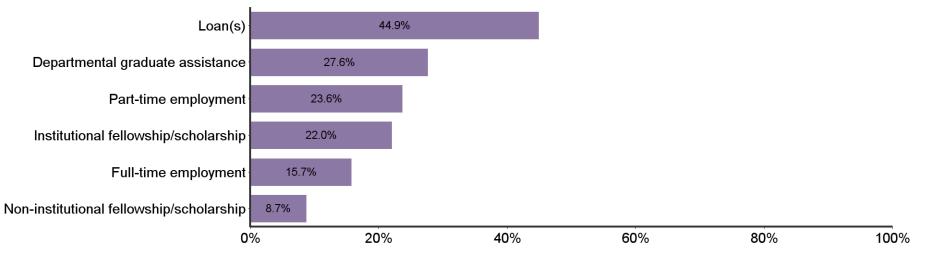
### **116** respondent(s) reported that they were continuing their education

# Respondents' rating of quality of their undergraduate preparation for graduate or professional education:

### Degree respondents' are currently pursuing:



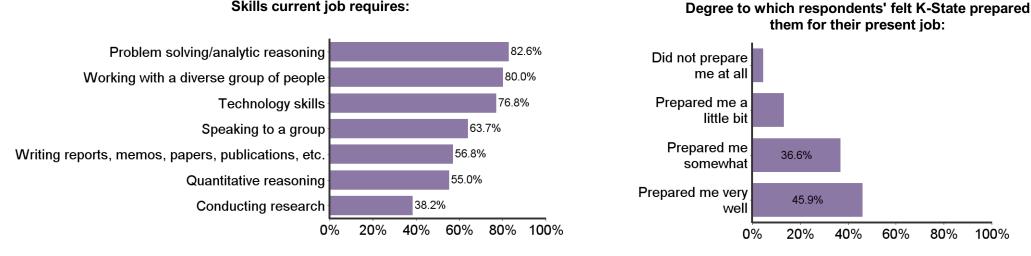
### Financial assisstance that supports respondents' graduate study:



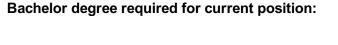


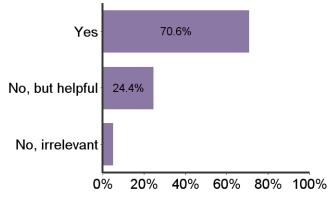
Section IIb: Current Activities -**Employed Graphs** 

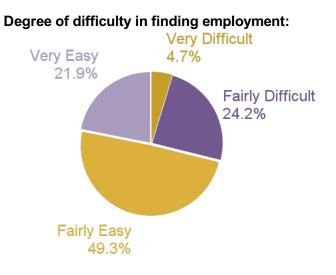
**308** respondent(s) reported that they were engaged in full time employment



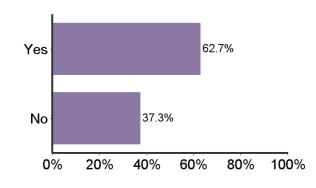
### Skills current job requires:





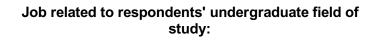


### Minor/secondary major gave respondents an advantage when seeking employment:





2016 University Report Section IIb: Current Activities -Employed Graphs



29.7%

40%

11.9%

20%

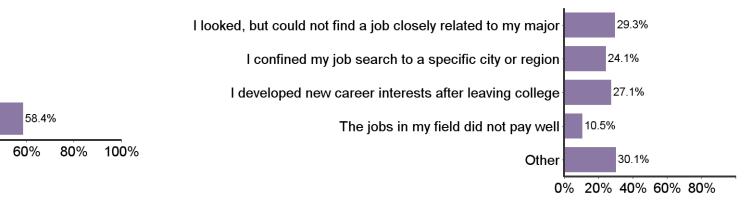
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Somewhat related

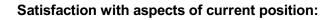
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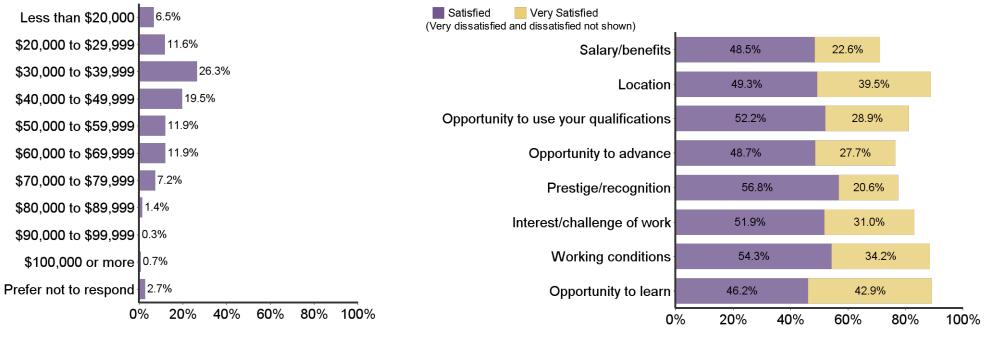
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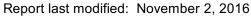


Current salary before taxes:





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Education	3.7%	
Engineering	16.1%	
Human Ecology	14.8%	
Technology and Aviation	1.1%	

**Responses by College** 

Percent

18.9%

32.2%

13.2%

100.0%

Count

86

146

60

17

73

67

5

454

Responses by Ethnicity/Race			
	Percent	Count	
	0.2%	1	
American Indian	0.4%	2	
Asian	3.3%	15	
Black	1.8%	8	
Hispanic	5.5%	25	
Multi-Racial	2.2%	10	
Prefer not to respond	1.3%	6	
White	85.2%	387	
Total	100.0%	454	

**Responses by Citizenship Status** 

Responses by Gender			
	Percent	Count	
Female	58.4%	265	
Male	41.6%	189	
Total	100.0%	454	

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Agriculture

Total

Arts and Sciences

**Business Administration** 

	Percent	Count
Citizen	96.5%	438
Non-Citizen	3.5%	16
Total	100.0%	454



Section IVa: Student Life Tables - Attitude Toward K-State

### If you could start over, would you still choose to attend Kansas State University?

	Percent	Count
Definitely No	1.8%	8
Probably No	3.7%	16
Uncertain	5.3%	23
Probably Yes	20.6%	90
Definitely Yes	68.6%	300
Total	100.0%	437

### How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your Kansas State University undergraduate experience?

	Percent	Count
None	2.7%	12
Little	5.5%	24
Somewhat	34.9%	153
Very Much	56.8%	249
Total	100.0%	438

Would you recommend Kansas State University to a pote student?	ential

	Percent	Count
Definitely No	0.9%	4
Probably No	1.4%	6
Uncertain	4.3%	19
Probably Yes	18.0%	79
Definitely Yes	75.3%	330
Total	100.0%	438

#### To what degree did your undergraduate experiences contribute to your interest and motivation to become involved in community activities?

	Percent	Count
Not at all	11.7%	51
Slightly	40.3%	176
Quite a bit	25.4%	111
Very Much	22.7%	99
Total	100.0%	437

# Upon completion of your Bachelor's degree, what was the total amount of student loan debt (Stafford, etc.) you had accumulated?

	Percent	Count
None	38.6%	167
Less than \$10,000	7.2%	31
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9.7%	42
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11.3%	49
\$30,000 to \$39,999	13.2%	57
\$40,000 or more	15.9%	69
Prefer not to respond	4.2%	18
Total	100.0%	433



Looking back on your college experience, do you believe K-State should have placed less, the same, or more emphasis on the following undergraduate learning outcomes:				following
	Less	The Same	More	Count
Gaining a broad general education about different fields of knowledge	16.3%	63.9%	19.7%	416
Improving written communication skills	3.1%	72.1%	24.8%	416
Improving oral communication skills	0.7%	64.3%	35.0%	414
Improving graphic and technological communication skills	2.2%	58.3%	39.5%	415
Improving ability to think critically (analytically and logically)	0.7%	53.1%	46.2%	416
Developing personal values	5.8%	65.1%	29.1%	416
Professional and ethical standards	1.7%	70.0%	28.4%	416
Working with people that have other abilities, interests, and perspectives	3.1%	56.0%	40.9%	416

Reflecting upon your undergraduate experience, do you believe K-State should have provided less, the same, or more opportunities to discuss issues with the following groups?			
	Less	The Same	More
People with political opinions differnt from your own	7.0%	66.9%	26.1%
People with religious beliefs other than your own	8.7%	63.0%	28.3%
People from economic situations other than your own	4.8%	61.4%	33.8%
People of races or ethnicities other than your own	4.4%	61.0%	34.6%



To what extent has each of the following K-State 8 (general education) areas contributed to your understanding of your profession and/or the world around you?				
	None	Little	Some	Alot
Development of interpretive skills and heightened sensitivity to literature and the performing and visual arts.	17.0%	33.8%	35.5%	11.1%
Development of academic research skills	7.4%	20.9%	44.7%	25.1%
Ability to make ethical and thoughtful decisions	7.6%	13.9%	46.7%	32.2%
Exploration of alternative values, perspectives, and beliefs from around the world	9.3%	23.6%	45.1%	23.5%
Ability to understand the past and thoughtfully considering the future	6.9%	22.0%	50.9%	21.5%
Exploration of perspectives about U.S. society and how group affiliation affects perceptions and experiences	9.8%	25.6%	46.2%	17.4%
Evaluation of scientific and technological claims related to the natural and physical world	10.3%	22.6%	39.2%	25.2%
An understanding of how individuals, groups, and societies behave and influence one another and the natural environment	7.6%	21.1%	51.1%	17.9%



Section IVc: Student Life Tables - Research

#### In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a research or creative endeavor in or outside of coursework?

	Percent	Count
Yes	50.6%	209
No	49.4%	204
Total	100.0%	413

# How many semesters were you involved in undergraduate research/creative endeavor projects while at K-State?

	Percent	Count
1-2	44.6%	91
3-4	28.4%	58
5-6	13.7%	28
7-8	9.3%	19
9 or more	3.9%	8
Total	100.0%	204

## Did your undergraduate research/creative experience influence your career and/or graduate school choices?

	Percent	Count
Not at all	27.0%	55
Somewhat	48.5%	99
Definitely	24.5%	50
Total	100.0%	204

Reflecting upon your undergraduate experience, do you believe K-State should have provided less, the same, or more opportunities to be involved in the following?

	Less	The Same	More
University research seminar presentation/poster	2.5%	65.0%	32.5%
Class presentation	4.4%	70.9%	24.6%
Poster at a conference beyond campus	4.0%	64.4%	31.7%
Oral presentation at a conference beyond campus	3.0%	58.9%	38.1%
Public performance/exhibition on campus	2.5%	68.0%	29.6%
Public performance/exhibition beyond campus	3.4%	60.6%	36.0%
Peer reviewed publication	1.5%	64.5%	34.0%



Please select one statement that best describes your current activities.			
	Percent	Count	
Employed	76.4%	308	
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	21.3%	86	
Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education	0.0%	0	
Self-employed	2.2%	9	
Not engaged in paid employment	0.0%	0	
Total	100.0%	403	



What degree are you currently pursuing?			
	Percent	Count	
Professional Certificate	7.2%	10	
Master's Degree	64.5%	89	
Ph.D.	8.7%	12	
Professional Doctorate	19.6%	27	
Total	100.0%	138	

### How would you rate the quality of your Kansas State University undergraduate preparation for graduate or professional education?

	Percent	Count
Inadequate	2.6%	3
Fair	16.5%	19
Good	50.4%	58
Excellent	30.4%	35
Total	100.0%	115

**2016 University Report** Section Va: Current Activities - Continuing Education Tables

What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (select all that apply)			
	Percent	Count	
Departmental graduate assistance	27.6%	35	
Institutional fellowship/scholarship	22.0%	28	
Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship	8.7%	11	
Full-time employment	15.7%	20	
Part-time employment	23.6%	30	
Loan(s)	44.9%	57	



**2016 University Report** Section Vb: Current Activities - Employed Tables

In what field did you find full time employment?				
Percent Count				
Agriculture	13.1%	44		
Engineering	12.5%	42		
Other	9.5%	32		
Education	9.5%	32		
Healthcare	4.8%	16		
Finance/Insurance	4.8%	16		
Technology	3.9%	13		
Media	3.3%	11		
Military	2.7%	9		
Food Services	2.7%	9		
Retail/Sales	2.4%	8		
Human Resources	2.4%	8		
Construction	2.4%	8		
Fashion/Design/Art	2.1%	7		
Scientific	2.1%	7		

In what field did you find full time employment?		
	Percent	Count
Communications	2.1%	7
Government	2.1%	7
Animal Care	1.8%	6
Social Services	1.8%	6
Professional Services	1.8%	6
Energy	1.5%	5
Non-Profit	1.5%	5
Aviation	1.5%	5
Computer Services	1.2%	4
Religion	1.2%	4
Manufacturing	1.2%	4
Transportation	0.9%	3
Child Care	0.9%	3
Public relations	0.9%	3
Legal Services	0.6%	2
Real Estate	0.6%	2
Recreation/Fitness	0.3%	1
Architecture	0.3%	1

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Does your job require: (mark all that apply)		
	Percent	Count
Technology skills	76.8%	292
Conducting research	38.2%	145
Quantitative reasoning	55.0%	209
Problem solving/analytic reasoning	82.6%	314
Speaking to a group	63.7%	242
Working with a diverse group of people	80.0%	304
Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc.	56.8%	216

Did your minor or secondary major give you an advantage when applying for a job?			
Percent Count			
Yes	62.7%	136	
No	37.3%	81	
Total	100.0%	217	

### How difficult was it for you to find employment?

	Percent	Count
Very Difficult	4.7%	16
Fairly Difficult	24.2%	83
Fairly Easy	49.3%	169
Very Easy	21.9%	75
Total	100.0%	343

### Is a Bachelor's degree required for your current position?

	Percent	Count
Yes	70.6%	243
No, but helpful	24.4%	84
No, irrelevant	4.9%	17
Total	100.0%	344



Section Vb: Current Activities - Employed Tables

How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field	of	
study?		

	Percent	Count
Not related	11.9%	41
Somewhat related	29.7%	102
Directly related	58.4%	201
Total	100.0%	344

# If you indicated that your job is not related or only somewhat related to your major, what is the principle reason?

	Percent	Count
I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major	29.3%	39
I confined my job search to a specific city or region	24.1%	32
I developed new career interests after leaving college	27.1%	36
The jobs in my field did not pay well	10.5%	14
Other	30.1%	40

# How well do you feel that Kansas State University prepared you for your present job?

	Percent	Count
Did not prepare me at all	4.4%	15
Prepared me a little bit	13.1%	45
Prepared me somewhat	36.6%	126
Prepared me very well	45.9%	158
Total	100.0%	344

### What is your current annual salary, before taxes?

	Percent	Count
Less than \$20,000	6.5%	19
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11.6%	34
\$30,000 to \$39,999	26.3%	77
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19.5%	57
\$50,000 to \$59,999	11.9%	35
\$60,000 to \$69,999	11.9%	35
\$70,000 to \$79,999	7.2%	21
\$80,000 to \$89,999	1.4%	4
\$90,000 to \$99,999	0.3%	1
\$100,000 or more	0.7%	2
Prefer not to respond	2.7%	8
Total	100.0%	293



Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present position:					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Count
Salary/benefits	5.0%	23.8%	48.5%	22.6%	340
Location	2.7%	8.6%	49.3%	39.5%	339
Opportunity to use your qualifications	3.8%	15.0%	52.2%	28.9%	339
Opportunity to advance	3.5%	20.1%	48.7%	27.7%	339
Prestige/recognition	2.6%	20.0%	56.8%	20.6%	340
Interest/challenge of work	3.2%	13.9%	51.9%	31.0%	339
Working conditions	2.4%	9.1%	54.3%	34.2%	339
Opportunity to learn	1.8%	9.1%	46.2%	42.9%	340



Section Vc: Current Activities -Unemployed Tables



I have chosen not to be employed

I quit a job to seek other employment

I chose to confine my job search to a specific

My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same

I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job

geographic region with someone else

Having/Expecting a child changed my

I was laid off by my employer

city or region

since graduation

employment plans

Other

Total

Indicate the	primary	reason	vou are	not em	nploved.

Percent

17.6%

5.9%

11.8%

11.8%

5.9%

5.9%

5.9%

35.3%

100.0%

Count

3

1

2

2

1

1

1

6

17

Have you sought job placement assistance from Kansas State	
University's Office of Career and Employment Services?	

	Percent	Count
Yes, it has been helpful	0.0%	0
Yes, but it has not been helpful	5.9%	1
No, I didn't register with the office	76.5%	13
No, I registered with the office, but didn't seek further assistance	17.6%	3
Total	100.0%	17

Do you plan to seek paid employment?			
	Percent	Count	
Yes, within 12 months	70.6%	12	
Yes, in 1 to 5 years	29.4%	5	
Yes, in more than 5 years	0.0%	0	
No	0.0%	0	
Total	100.0%	17	

#### How would you describe your current status of not being employed?

	Percent	Count
Serious Problem	17.6%	3
Minor Problem	29.4%	5
No Problem, My Choice	52.9%	9
Total	100.0%	17