

	University
Responses	523
Initial Population	2430
Response Rate	21.52%

### **Survey Information:**

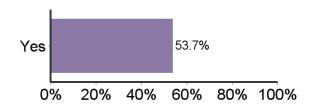
- The Alumni Survey is designed to give graduates an opportunity to reflect upon their years at K-State one year after graduation. This information is used to improve the college experience for future students by identifying strengths in our programs as well as areas that need further development. The survey includes questions relating to academic program satisfaction, intellectual and personal growth, student services, and preparation for a career or graduate/professional school.
- The 2015-16 survey was administered to alumni who graduated in summer 2013, fall 2013, and spring 2014. It was offered via e-mail over the period 10/22/2015-12/01/2015.

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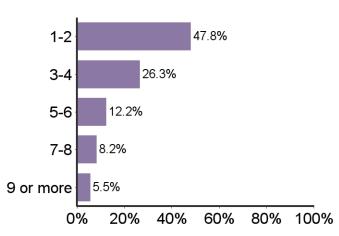


Section Ia: 2025 - Research, Scholarly, Creative Activities, and Discovery Graphs

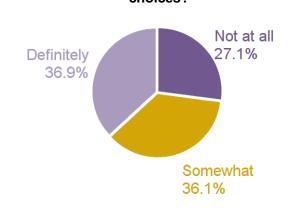
#### Percent of respondents' who participated in research/creative endeavors:



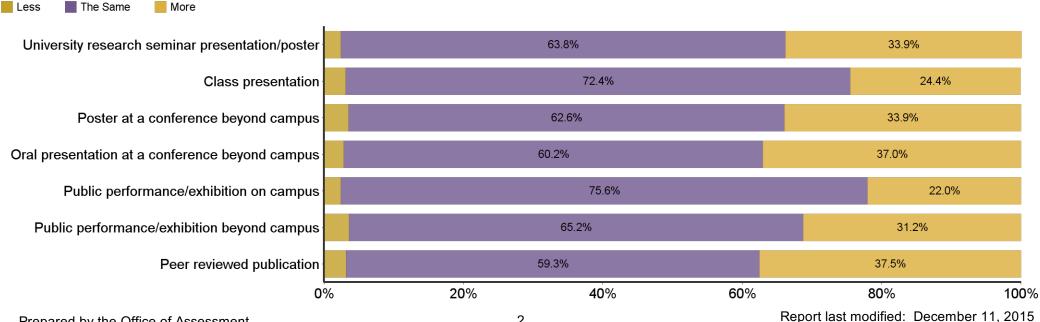
#### Number of semesters involved in research/creative endeavors:



#### Did respondents feel their research/creative endeavor contribute to their career/graduate school choices?



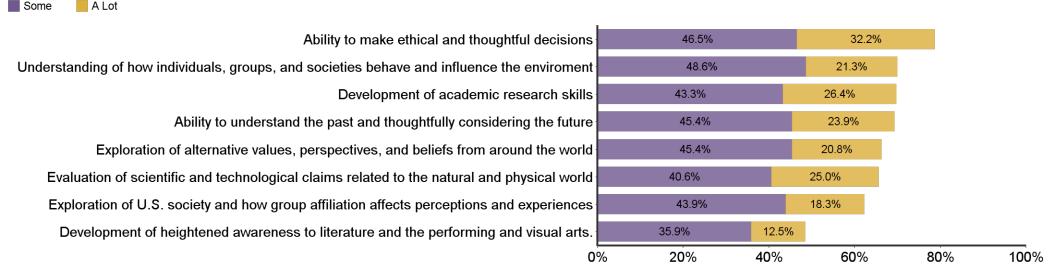
Reflecting upon your undergraduate experience, do you believe K-State should have provided less, the same, or more opportunities to be involved in the following?



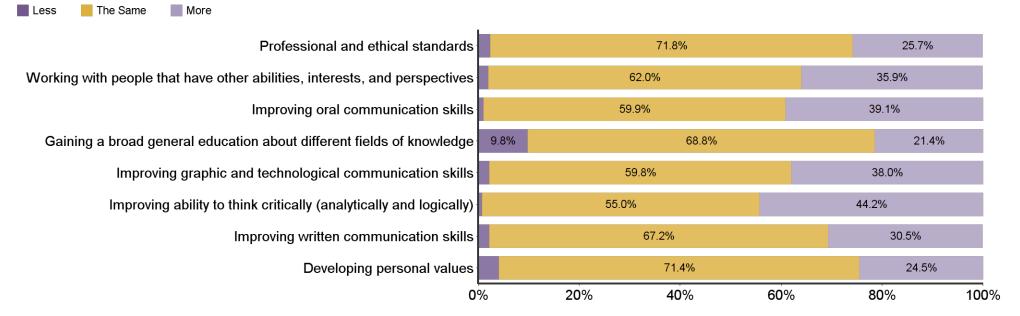


Section Ib: 2025 - Undergraduate Educational Experience Graphs

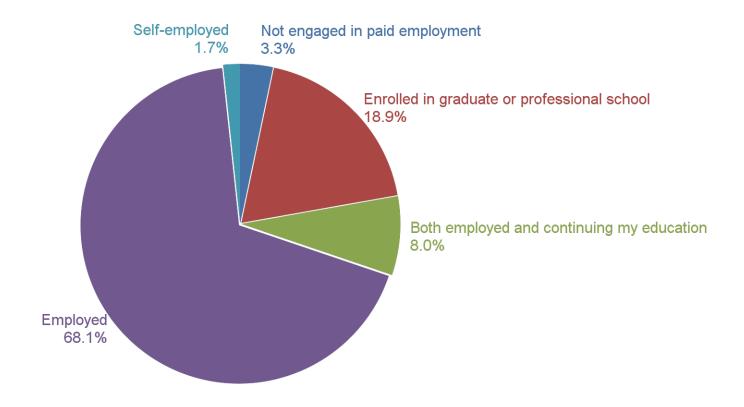
To what extent has each of the following K-State 8 (general education) areas contributed to your understanding of your profession and/or the world around you?



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



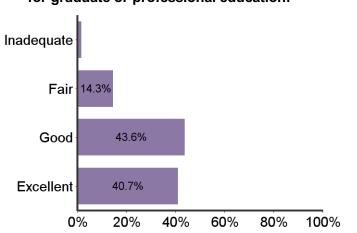
#### **Respondents' Current Activities:**



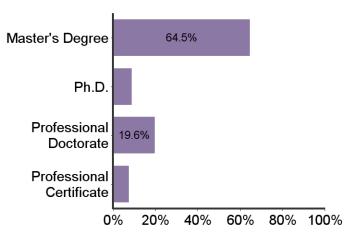
Section IIa: Current Activities -Continuing Education Graphs

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

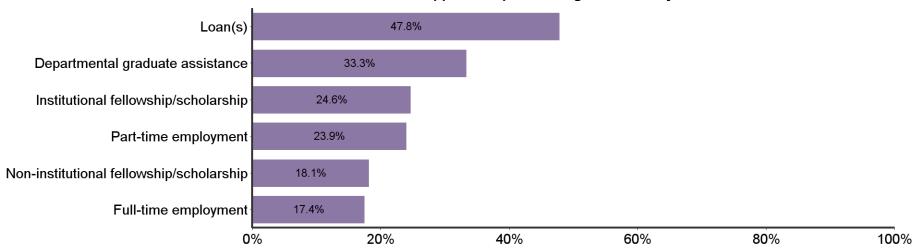
# Respondents' rating of quality of their undergraduate preparation for graduate or professional education:



### Degree respondents are currently pursuing:



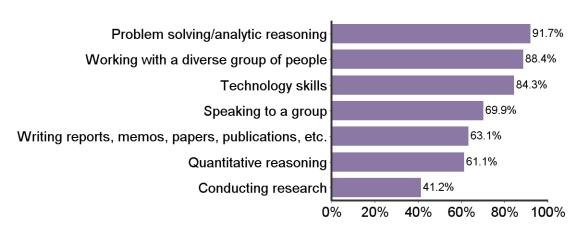
#### Financial assisstance that supports respondents' graduate study:



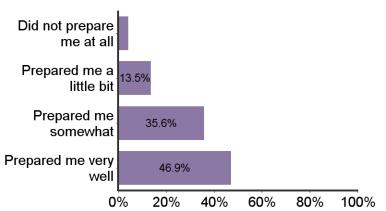
Section IIb: Current Activities - Employed Graphs

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

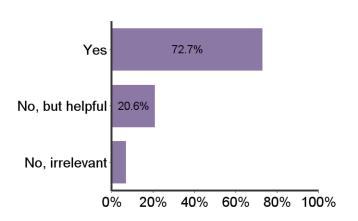
#### Skills current job requires:



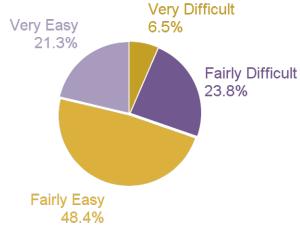
# Degree to which respondents felt K-State prepared them for their present job:



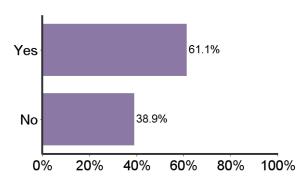
#### Bachelor degree required for current position:



#### Degree of difficulty in finding employment:



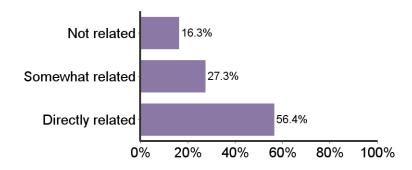
# Minor/secondary major gave respondents an advantage when seeking employment:



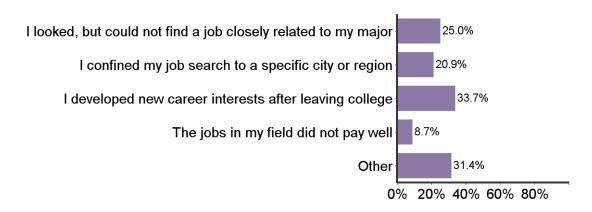


Section IIb: Current Activities - Employed Graphs

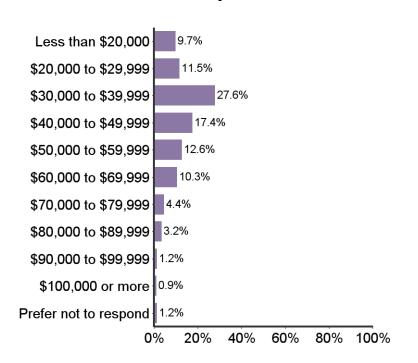
# Job related to respondents undergraduate field of study:



# Principle reason respondents job was not related or only somewhat related to major:



#### **Current salary before taxes:**



#### Satisfaction with aspects of current position:



Responses by Gender		
	Percent	Count
Female	54.9%	287
Male	45.1%	236
Total	100.0%	523

Responses by Citizenship Status		
	Percent	Count
Citizen	97.3%	509
Non-Citizen	2.7%	14
Total	100.0%	523

Responses by College		
	Percent	Count
Agriculture	15.3%	80
Arts and Sciences	28.3%	148
Business Administration	12.6%	66
Education	7.5%	39
Engineering	17.4%	91
Human Ecology	16.4%	86
Technology and Aviation	2.5%	13
Total	100.0%	523

Responses by Ethnicity/Race		
	Percent	Count
	0.2%	1
American Indian	1.1%	6
Asian	2.9%	15
Black	1.7%	9
Hispanic	4.4%	23
Mexican American	0.2%	1
Multi-Racial	2.5%	13
Prefer not to respond	1.3%	7
White	85.7%	448
Total	100.0%	523



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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	1.0%	5
Probably No	3.6%	18
Uncertain	6.7%	34
Probably Yes	22.3%	113
Definitely Yes	66.4%	336
Total	100.0%	506

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

	Percent	Count
None	1.8%	9
Little	6.7%	34
Somewhat	30.5%	154
Very Much	61.0%	308
Total	100.0%	505

## Would you recommend Kansas State University to a potential student?

	Percent	Count	
Definitely No	0.8%	4	
Probably No	0.8%	4	
Uncertain	2.6%	13	
Probably Yes	21.1%	107	
Definitely Yes	74.7%	378	
Total	100.0%	506	

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

	Percent	Count
Not at all	12.5%	63
Slightly	35.2%	178
Quite a bit	33.8%	171
Very Much	18.6%	94
Total	100.0%	506

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

	Percent	Count
None	35.4%	177
Less than \$10,000	8.2%	41
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9.4%	47
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16.4%	82
\$30,000 to \$39,999	11.6%	58
\$40,000 or more	15.4%	77
Prefer not to respond	3.6%	18
Total	100.0%	500

Section IVb: Student Life Tables - Learning Outcomes

# 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:

	Less	The Same	More	Count
Gaining a broad general education about different fields of knowledge	9.8%	68.8%	21.4%	491
Improving written communication skills	2.2%	67.2%	30.5%	491
Improving oral communication skills	1.0%	59.9%	39.1%	491
Improving graphic and technological communication skills	2.2%	59.8%	38.0%	490
Improving ability to think critically (analytically and logically)	0.8%	55.0%	44.2%	489
Developing personal values	4.1%	71.4%	24.5%	490
Professional and ethical standards	2.4%	71.8%	25.7%	490
Working with people that have other abilities, interests, and perspectives	2.0%	62.0%	35.9%	490

# 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	6.3%	70.4%	23.3%
People with religious beliefs other than your own	7.5%	69.7%	22.8%
People from economic situations other than your own	3.1%	64.6%	32.4%
People of races or ethnicities other than your own	2.7%	65.1%	32.2%

Section IVb: Student Life Tables - Learning Outcomes

# 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?

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	None	Little	Some	Alot
Development of interpretive skills and heightened sensitivity to literature and the performing and visual arts.	17.8%	33.8%	35.9%	12.5%
Development of academic research skills	9.4%	20.9%	43.3%	26.4%
Ability to make ethical and thoughtful decisions	7.5%	13.9%	46.5%	32.2%
Exploration of alternative values, perspectives, and beliefs from around the world	10.3%	23.6%	45.4%	20.8%
Ability to understand the past and thoughtfully considering the future	8.7%	22.0%	45.4%	23.9%
Exploration of perspectives about U.S. society and how group affiliation affects perceptions and experiences	12.2%	25.6%	43.9%	18.3%
Evaluation of scientific and technological claims related to the natural and physical world	11.8%	22.6%	40.6%	25.0%
An understanding of how individuals, groups, and societies behave and influence one another and the natural environment	9.0%	21.1%	48.6%	21.3%

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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	53.7%	260
No	46.3%	224
Total	100.0%	484

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

	Percent	Count
1-2	47.8%	122
3-4	26.3%	67
5-6	12.2%	31
7-8	8.2%	21
9 or more	5.5%	14
Total	100.0%	255

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

	Percent	Count
Not at all	27.1%	69
Somewhat	36.1%	92
Definitely	36.9%	94
Total	100.0%	255

# 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	2.4%	63.8%	33.9%
Class presentation	3.1%	72.4%	24.4%
Poster at a conference beyond campus	3.5%	62.6%	33.9%
Oral presentation at a conference beyond campus	2.8%	60.2%	37.0%
Public performance/exhibition on campus	2.4%	75.6%	22.0%
Public performance/exhibition beyond campus	3.6%	65.2%	31.2%
Peer reviewed publication	3.2%	59.3%	37.5%



Please select one statement that best describes your current activities.			
	Percent	Count	
Employed	68.1%	356	
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	18.9%	99	
Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education	8.0%	42	
Self-employed	1.7%	9	
Not engaged in paid employment	3.3%	17	
Total	100.0%	523	



# **2015 University Report**Section Va: Current Activities -

**Continuing Education Tables** 

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	1.4%	2	
Fair	14.3%	20	
Good	43.6%	61	
Excellent	40.7%	57	
Total	100.0%	140	

What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (select all that apply)			
	Percent Count		
Departmental graduate assistance	33.3%	46	
Institutional fellowship/scholarship 24.6% 34			
Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship	18.1%	25	
Full-time employment	17.4%	24	
Part-time employment	23.9%	33	
Loan(s)	47.8%	66	



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Section Vb: Current Activities -Employed Tables

### In what field did you find full time employment?

	Percent	Count
Agriculture	9.9%	39
Animal Care	1.0%	4
Architecture	0.8%	3
Aviation	1.3%	5
Child Care	0.8%	3
Communications	1.3%	5
Computer Services	0.3%	1
Construction	2.5%	10
Education	12.2%	48
Energy	1.0%	4
Engineering	15.3%	60
Fashion/Design/Art	3.1%	12
Finance/Insurance	6.4%	25
Food Services	1.0%	4
Government	2.0%	8

In what field did you find full time employment?		
	Percent	Count
Healthcare	7.1%	28
Human Resources	1.5%	6
Legal Services	1.3%	5
Manufacturing	1.0%	4
Media	0.5%	2
Military	1.3%	5
Non-Profit	3.6%	14
Professional Services	1.0%	4
Public relations	1.8%	7
Real Estate	0.3%	1
Recreation/Fitness	0.3%	1
Religion	0.0%	0
Retail/Sales	3.3%	13
Scientific	2.0%	8
Social Services	2.0%	8
Technology	3.1%	12
Transportation	0.8%	3
Other	10.4%	41



**2015 University Report** Section Vb: Current Activities -

Section Vb: Current Activities - Employed Tables

Does your job require: (mark all that apply)			
	Percent	Count	
Technology skills	84.3%	334	
Conducting research	41.2%	163	
Quantitative reasoning	61.1%	242	
Problem solving/analytic reasoning	91.7%	363	
Speaking to a group	69.9%	277	
Working with a diverse group of people	88.4%	350	
Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc.	63.1%	250	

Did your minor or secondary major give you an advantage when applying for a job?				
	Percent	Count		
Yes	61.1%	127		
No 38.9% 81				
Total	100.0%	208		

How difficult was it for you to find employment?			
	Percent	Count	
Very Difficult	6.5%	26	
Fairly Difficult	23.8%	95	
Fairly Easy 48.4% 193			
Very Easy	21.3%	85	
Total	100.0%	399	

Is a Bachelor's degree required for your current position?			
Percent Count			
Yes	72.7%	290	
No, but helpful	20.6%	82	
No, irrelevant	6.8%	27	
Total	100.0%	399	



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Section Vb: Current Activities -Employed Tables

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

	Percent	Count	
Not related	16.3%	65	
Somewhat related	27.3%	109	
Directly related	56.4%	225	
Total	100.0%	399	

# 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	25.0%	43
I confined my job search to a specific city or region	20.9%	36
I developed new career interests after leaving college	33.7%	58
The jobs in my field did not pay well	8.7%	15
Other	31.4%	54

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

	Percent	Count
Did not prepare me at all	4.0%	16
Prepared me a little bit	13.5%	54
Prepared me somewhat	35.6%	142
Prepared me very well	46.9%	187
Total	100.0%	399

What is your current annual salary, before taxes?		
	Percent	Count
Less than \$20,000	9.7%	33
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11.5%	39
\$30,000 to \$39,999	27.6%	94
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17.4%	59
\$50,000 to \$59,999	12.6%	43
\$60,000 to \$69,999	10.3%	35
\$70,000 to \$79,999	4.4%	15
\$80,000 to \$89,999	3.2%	11
\$90,000 to \$99,999	1.2%	4
\$100,000 or more	0.9%	3
Prefer not to respond	1.2%	4
Total	100.0%	340

Section Vb: Current Activities - Employed Tables

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present position:					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Count
Salary/benefits	5.6%	19.0%	52.2%	23.3%	395
Location	2.3%	13.5%	48.3%	35.9%	393
Opportunity to use your qualifications	4.6%	13.7%	49.9%	31.9%	395
Opportunity to advance	5.9%	20.1%	44.8%	29.3%	393
Prestige/recognition	6.3%	15.9%	57.1%	20.7%	396
Interest/challenge of work	4.3%	12.7%	52.7%	30.4%	395
Working conditions	1.5%	8.6%	51.8%	38.1%	396
Opportunity to learn	3.0%	7.6%	44.1%	45.3%	395



Section Vc: Current Activities - Unemployed Tables

#### Indicate the primary reason you are not employed.

	Percent	Count
I have chosen not to be employed	0.0%	0
I was laid off by my employer	12.5%	2
I quit a job to seek other employment	12.5%	2
I chose to confine my job search to a specific city or region	12.5%	2
My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same geographic region with someone else	6.3%	1
I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation	12.5%	2
Having/Expecting a child changed my employment plans	25.0%	4
Other	18.8%	3
Total	100.0%	16

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

	Percent	Count
Yes, it has been helpful	6.3%	1
Yes, but it has not been helpful	18.8%	3
No, I didn't register with the office	62.5%	10
No, I registered with the office, but didn't seek further assistance	12.5%	2
Total	100.0%	16

#### Do you plan to seek paid employment? Percent Count Yes, within 12 months 75.0% 12 Yes, in 1 to 5 years 2 12.5% Yes, in more than 5 years 2 12.5% No 0.0% 0 100.0% Total 16

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

	Percent	Count
Serious Problem	25.0%	4
Minor Problem	43.8%	7
No Problem, My Choice	31.3%	5
Total	100.0%	16