

Student Employment Survey

Fall Semester 2008

TOTAL RESPONSE

 SAU: 143
 S-ARK: 0
 SAUT: 82

NO RESPONSE: 00

		SAU		SAUT		S-ARK		TOTAL			
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
1. How important is it for you to be employed while attending college?											
Very Important		77	54%	45	55%	-	-	122	54%		
Somewhat important		44	31%	31	38%	-	-	75	33%		
Not Important		22	15%	6	7%	-	-	28	12%		
No Response		0	0%	0	0%	-	-	0	0%		
2. Do you plan to work while enrolled in college?											
Yes		109	76%	64	78%	-	-	173	77%		
No		14	10%	8	10%	-	-	22	10%		
Unsure		20	14%	9	11%	-	-	29	13%		
No Response		0	0%	1	1%	-	-	1	0%		
3. Do you plan to work summers only?											
Yes		14	10%	6	7%	-	-	20	9%		
No		109	76%	61	74%	-	-	170	76%		
Unsure		20	14%	15	18%	-	-	35	16%		
No Response		0	0%	0	0%	-	-	0	0%		
4. Would you consider applying for a full-time position while attending college if											
the position paid more than minimum wage?		Yes		79	55%	53	65%	-	-	132	59%
		No		60	42%	28	34%	-	-	88	39%
		No Response		4	3%	1	1%	-	-	5	2%
the position offered flexible working hours?		Yes		97	68%	63	77%	-	-	160	71%
		No		42	29%	14	17%	-	-	56	25%
		No Response		4	3%	5	6%	-	-	9	4%
5. Would you consider applying for a part-time position while attending college if											
the position paid more than minimum wage?		Yes		126	88%	65	79%	-	-	191	85%
		No		14	10%	13	16%	-	-	27	12%
the position offered flexible working hours?		Yes		124	87%	66	80%	-	-	190	84%
		No		13	9%	13	16%	-	-	26	12%
6. Is part-time employment more important to you than full-time employment?											
Yes		78	55%	31	38%	-	-	109	48%		
No		65	45%	50	61%	-	-	115	51%		



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7. Are flexible hours more important to you than fixed hours?									
Yes		129	90%	67	82%	-	-	196	87%
No		14	10%	15	18%	-	-	29	13%
8. Do you believe that there are enough jobs in our region for students?									
Yes		22	15%	11	13%	-	-	33	15%
No		118	83%	71	87%	-	-	189	84%
9. Do you use or have available to you a Job Placement office?									
Yes		96	67%	40	49%	-	-	136	60%
No		42	29%	42	51%	-	-	84	37%
10. If you do not have a Job Placement office available to you, would you like to have one on your campus?									
Yes		103	72%	74	90%	-	-	177	79%
No		6	4%	4	5%	-	-	10	4%
11. I attend:									
SAU		143	100%	-	-	-	-	225	100%
SAU Tech		-	-	82	100%	-	-		
SouthArk		-	-	-	-	-	-		
		-	-	-	-	-	-		
12. I live in:									
Columbia County		93	65%	3	4%	-	-	96	43%
Ouachita County		10	7%	61	74%	-	-	71	32%
Union County		18	13%	3	4%	-	-	21	9%
Another county/parish		15	10%	12	15%	-	-	27	12%
13. How far from home or school would you be willing to drive to work (one way) for a job that offered flexible hours and/or better than minimum wages?									
5 miles		24	17%	7	9%	-	-	31	14%
15 miles		63	44%	37	45%	-	-	100	44%
30 miles		35	24%	29	35%	-	-	64	28%
45 miles		15	10%	7	9%	-	-	22	10%



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14. Please rank these job features in the order of importance to you , with #1 being the MOST important and #8 being the LEAST important.									
Job Security for at least 9 months	1	40	28%	28	34%	-	-	68	30%
	2	9	6%	6	7%	-	-	15	7%
	3	11	8%	8	10%	-	-	19	8%
	4	18	13%	12	15%	-	-	30	13%
	5	22	15%	9	11%	-	-	31	14%
	6	19	13%	4	5%	-	-	23	10%
	7	11	8%	8	10%	-	-	19	8%
	8	7	5%	4	5%	-	-	11	5%
Retirement/Benefits Plan	1	28	20%	32	39%	-	-	60	27%
	2	12	8%	8	10%	-	-	20	9%
	3	8	6%	5	6%	-	-	13	6%
	4	10	7%	7	9%	-	-	17	8%
	5	16	11%	10	12%	-	-	26	12%
	6	24	17%	6	7%	-	-	30	13%
	7	27	19%	4	5%	-	-	31	14%
	8	14	10%	8	10%	-	-	22	10%
Childcare	1	15	10%	26	32%	-	-	41	18%
	2	4	3%	3	4%	-	-	7	3%
	3	6	4%	7	9%	-	-	13	6%
	4	7	5%	5	6%	-	-	12	5%
	5	6	4%	6	7%	-	-	12	5%
	6	6	4%	8	10%	-	-	14	6%
	7	12	8%	6	7%	-	-	18	8%
	8	81	57%	19	23%	-	-	100	44%



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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Opportunities for advancement after graduation	1		55	38%	40	49%	-	-	95	42%
	2		15	10%	9	11%	-	-	24	11%
	3		14	10%	10	12%	-	-	24	11%
	4		18	13%	7	9%	-	-	25	11%
	5		14	10%	2	2%	-	-	16	7%
	6		12	8%	2	2%	-	-	14	6%
	7		5	3%	3	4%	-	-	8	4%
	8		3	2%	6	7%	-	-	9	4%
Reward Program (cash, prizes, etc.)	1		16	11%	22	27%	-	-	38	17%
	2		11	8%	5	6%	-	-	16	7%
	3		10	7%	12	15%	-	-	22	10%
	4		24	17%	8	10%	-	-	32	14%
	5		22	15%	10	12%	-	-	32	14%
	6		17	12%	4	5%	-	-	21	9%
	7		22	15%	7	9%	-	-	29	13%
	8		13	9%	12	15%	-	-	25	11%
Flexible hours	1		60	42%	39	48%	-	-	99	44%
	2		27	19%	8	10%	-	-	35	16%
	3		24	17%	8	10%	-	-	32	14%
	4		11	8%	6	7%	-	-	17	8%
	5		4	3%	9	11%	-	-	13	6%
	6		5	3%	0	0%	-	-	5	2%
	7		6	4%	3	4%	-	-	9	4%
	8		2	1%	5	6%	-	-	7	3%
High Wages	1		51	36%	36	44%	-	-	87	39%
	2		40	28%	18	22%	-	-	58	26%
	3		19	13%	9	11%	-	-	28	12%
	4		9	6%	6	7%	-	-	15	7%
	5		3	2%	5	6%	-	-	8	4%
	6		8	6%	1	1%	-	-	9	4%
	7		6	4%	4	5%	-	-	10	4%
	8		2	1%	1	1%	-	-	3	1%



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				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Career-related			1	46	32%	29	35%	-	-	75	33%
			2	20	14%	12	15%	-	-	32	14%
			3	26	18%	13	16%	-	-	39	17%
			4	14	10%	5	6%	-	-	19	8%
			5	17	12%	5	6%	-	-	22	10%
			6	5	3%	7	9%	-	-	12	5%
			7	4	3%	6	7%	-	-	10	4%
			8	5	3%	3	4%	-	-	8	4%
15. Listed below are some types of jobs or areas that college students might find employment. Please mark all choices that would interest you.											
Construction/Trades Helpers				28	20%	7	9%	-	-	35	16%
Retail Stores				77	54%	41	50%	-	-	118	52%
Secretary/Office				83	58%	46	56%	-	-	129	57%
Accounting Services				56	39%	22	27%	-	-	78	35%
Hotel/Motel Services				44	31%	31	38%	-	-	75	33%
Telephone: Information Technology				24	17%	14	17%	-	-	38	17%
Telephone: Marketing				13	9%	10	12%	-	-	23	10%
Telephone: Tech Support				15	10%	11	13%	-	-	26	12%
Telephone: Order Taking				22	15%	19	23%	-	-	41	18%
Customer Service				50	35%	35	43%	-	-	85	38%
Computer/Multi Media				44	31%	24	29%	-	-	68	30%
Grocery Store				34	24%	27	33%	-	-	61	27%
Restaurants				54	38%	23	28%	-	-	77	34%
Health Services				35	24%	33	40%	-	-	68	30%
Delivery/Driver Packing/Shipping				25	17%	20	24%	-	-	45	20%

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		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
16. My Degree or Certificate Program									
	Associates Degree	7	5%	54	66%	-	-	61	27%
	Technical Certificate	1	1%	6	7%	-	-	7	3%
	Certificate of Proficiency	1	1%	2	2%	-	-	3	1%
	Baccalaureate Degree	109	76%	11	13%	-	-	120	53%
	Graduate Degree	14	10%	2	2%	-	-	16	7%
	N/A or other	6	4%	6	7%	-	-	12	5%
17. My anticipated graduation date:									
	Within one year	64	45%	19	23%	-	-	83	37%
	Within two years	39	27%	40	49%	-	-	79	35%
	Within three years	5	3%	8	10%	-	-	13	6%
	Within four years	21	15%	7	9%	-	-	28	12%
	Uncertain	8	6%	5	6%	-	-	13	6%
	N/A	-	-	2	2%	-	-	2	1%



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							TOTAL	
							#	%
1. How important is it for you to be employed while attending college?								
							Very Important	122 54.22%
							Somewhat Important	75 33.33%
							Not Important	28 12.44%
							No Response	0 0.00%
2. Do you plan to work while enrolled in college?								
							Yes	173 76.89%
							No	22 9.78%
							Unsure	29 12.89%
							No Response	1 0.44%
3. Do you plan to work summers only?								
							Yes	20 8.89%
							No	170 75.56%
							Unsure	35 15.56%
							No Response	0 0.00%



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4. Would you consider applying for a full-time position while attending college if:							
	the position paid more than minimum wage?				Yes	132	58.67%
					No	88	39.11%
					No Response	5	2.22%
	the position offered flexible working hours?				Yes	160	71.11%
					No	56	24.89%
					No Response	9	4.00%

5. Would you consider applying for a part-time position while attending college if:							
	the position paid more than minimum wage?				Yes	191	84.89%
					No	27	12.00%
					No Response	7	3.11%
	the position offered flexible working hours?				Yes	190	84.44%
					No	26	11.56%
					No Response	9	4.00%

6. Is part-time employment more important to you than full-time employment?							
					Yes	109	48.44%
					No	115	51.11%
					No Response	1	0.44%



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7. Are flexible hours more important to you than fixed hours?								
						Yes	196	87.11%
						No	29	12.89%
						No Response	0	0.00%
8. Do you believe that there are enough jobs in our region for students?								
						Yes	33	14.67%
						No	189	84.00%
						No Response	3	1.33%
9. Do you use or have available to you a Job Placement office?								
						Yes	136	60.44%
						No	84	37.33%
						No Response	5	2.22%
10. If you do not have a Job Placement office available to you, would you like to have one on your campus?								
						Yes	177	78.67%
						No	10	4.44%
						No Response	38	16.89%



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11. I attend:									
							SAU	143	63.56%
							SAU Tech	82	36.44%
							SouthArk	0	0.00%
							No Response	0	0.00%

12. I live in:									
							Columbia County	96	42.67%
							Ouachita County	71	31.56%
							Union County	21	9.33%
							Another county/parish	27	12.00%
							No Response	10	4.44%

13. How far from home or school would you be willing to drive to work (one-way)									
for a job that offered flexible hours and/or better than minimum wages?									
							5 miles	31	13.78%
							15 miles	100	44.44%
							30 miles	64	28.44%
							45 miles	22	9.78%
							No Response	8	3.56%



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14. Please rank these job features in the order of importance to you , with # 1 being the MOST important and # 8 being the LEAST important.									
								RANK	
Job Security for at least 9 months						1	68	30.22%	5
						2	15	6.67%	
						3	19	8.44%	
						4	30	13.33%	
						5	31	13.78%	
						6	23	10.22%	
						7	19	8.44%	
						8	11	4.89%	
No Response							9	4.00%	

Retirement/Benefits Plan						1	60	26.67%	6
						2	20	8.89%	
						3	13	5.78%	
						4	17	7.56%	
						5	26	11.56%	
						6	30	13.33%	
						7	31	13.78%	
						8	22	9.78%	
No Response							6	2.67%	


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Childcare					1	41	18.22%	7
					2	7	3.11%	
					3	13	5.78%	
					4	12	5.33%	
					5	12	5.33%	
					6	14	6.22%	
					7	18	8.00%	
					8	100	44.44%	
				No Response		8	3.56%	
Opportunities for advancement after graduation					1	95	42.22%	2
					2	24	10.67%	
					3	24	10.67%	
					4	25	11.11%	
					5	16	7.11%	
					6	14	6.22%	
					7	8	3.56%	
					8	9	4.00%	
				No Response		10	4.44%	



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Reward Program (cash, prizes, etc.)					1	38	16.89%	8
					2	16	7.11%	
					3	22	9.78%	
					4	32	14.22%	
					5	32	14.22%	
					6	21	9.33%	
					7	29	12.89%	
					8	25	11.11%	
No Response						10	4.44%	
Flexible hours					1	99	44.00%	1
					2	35	15.56%	
					3	32	14.22%	
					4	17	7.56%	
					5	13	5.78%	
					6	5	2.22%	
					7	9	4.00%	
					8	7	3.11%	
No Response						8	3.56%	



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High Wages					1	87	38.67%	3
					2	58	25.78%	
					3	28	12.44%	
					4	15	6.67%	
					5	8	3.56%	
					6	9	4.00%	
					7	10	4.44%	
					8	3	1.33%	
					No Response		7	
Career-related					1	75	33.33%	4
					2	32	14.22%	
					3	39	17.33%	
					4	19	8.44%	
					5	22	9.78%	
					6	12	5.33%	
					7	10	4.44%	
					8	8	3.56%	
					No Response		8	



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15. Listed below are some types of jobs or areas that college students might find employment. Please mark all choices that would interest you.										
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					Construction/Trades Helpers		35	15.56%	13	
					Retail Stores		118	52.44%	2	
					Secretary/Office		129	57.33%	1	
					Accounting Services		78	34.67%	4	
					Hotel/Motel Services		75	33.33%	6	
					Telephone: Information Technology		38	16.89%	12	
					Telephone: Marketing		23	10.22%	15	
					Telephone: Tech Support		26	11.56%	14	
					Telephone: Order Taking		41	18.22%	11	
					Customer Service		85	37.78%	3	
					Computer/Multi Media		68	30.22%	7	
					Grocery Store		61	27.11%	9	
					Restaurants		77	34.22%	5	
					Health Services		68	30.22%	7	
					Delivery/Driver Packing/Shipping		45	20.00%	10	



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16. My Degree or Certificate Program								
					Associates Degree	61	27.11%	
					Technical Certificate	7	3.11%	
					Certificate of Proficiency	3	1.33%	
					Baccalaureate Degree	120	53.33%	
					Graduate Degree	16	7.11%	
					N/A or other	12	5.33%	
					No Response	6	2.67%	
17. My anticipated graduation date:								
					Within one year	83	36.89%	
					Within two years	79	35.11%	
					Within three years	13	5.78%	
					Within four years	28	12.44%	
					Uncertain	13	5.78%	
					N/A	2	0.89%	
					No Response	7	3.11%	