



The University of Texas at El Paso

Survey Administration for the 2014-15 Graduating Senior Survey

Administration

The UTEP Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research, and Planning (CIERP) administers the Graduating Senior Survey (GSS) annually. Every senior who submits a degree application during the summer, fall, or spring terms of the academic year receives a flyer and emailed information about the GSS and a link to the online survey. Students who complete the survey but do not complete their degree in the semester under consideration are excluded from analysis.

Response Rate

A total of 1,275 graduating seniors (39.1% of the graduating senior population) responded to the 2014-2015 Graduating Senior Survey. This response rate was calculated after reconciling all students who responded to the survey with the number of actual graduates, as reported to IPEDS. Confidence intervals for specific questions will vary, depending on the number of respondents to individual items. On the question about post-graduation plans, 1,265 students answered the question, and the results are estimated to have a confidence interval of +/-2.1% at a 95% confidence level. (In brief, a confidence interval of +/-2.1% at a 95% confidence level means that if the survey were administered 100 times, in 95 of those times, the results will fall within +/-2.1% percentage points of the results shown in this report). The margin of error (+/-2.1%) accounts for sampling error but does not account for the potential non-response bias. In other words, if the 1,265 student respondents to this item are not representative of the sampled 3,258 students, the true results may not fall within +/-2.1% of the results shown for this question.