







TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY




MAY 2014 GRADUATE SURVEY RESPONSES

Findings as of December, 2014

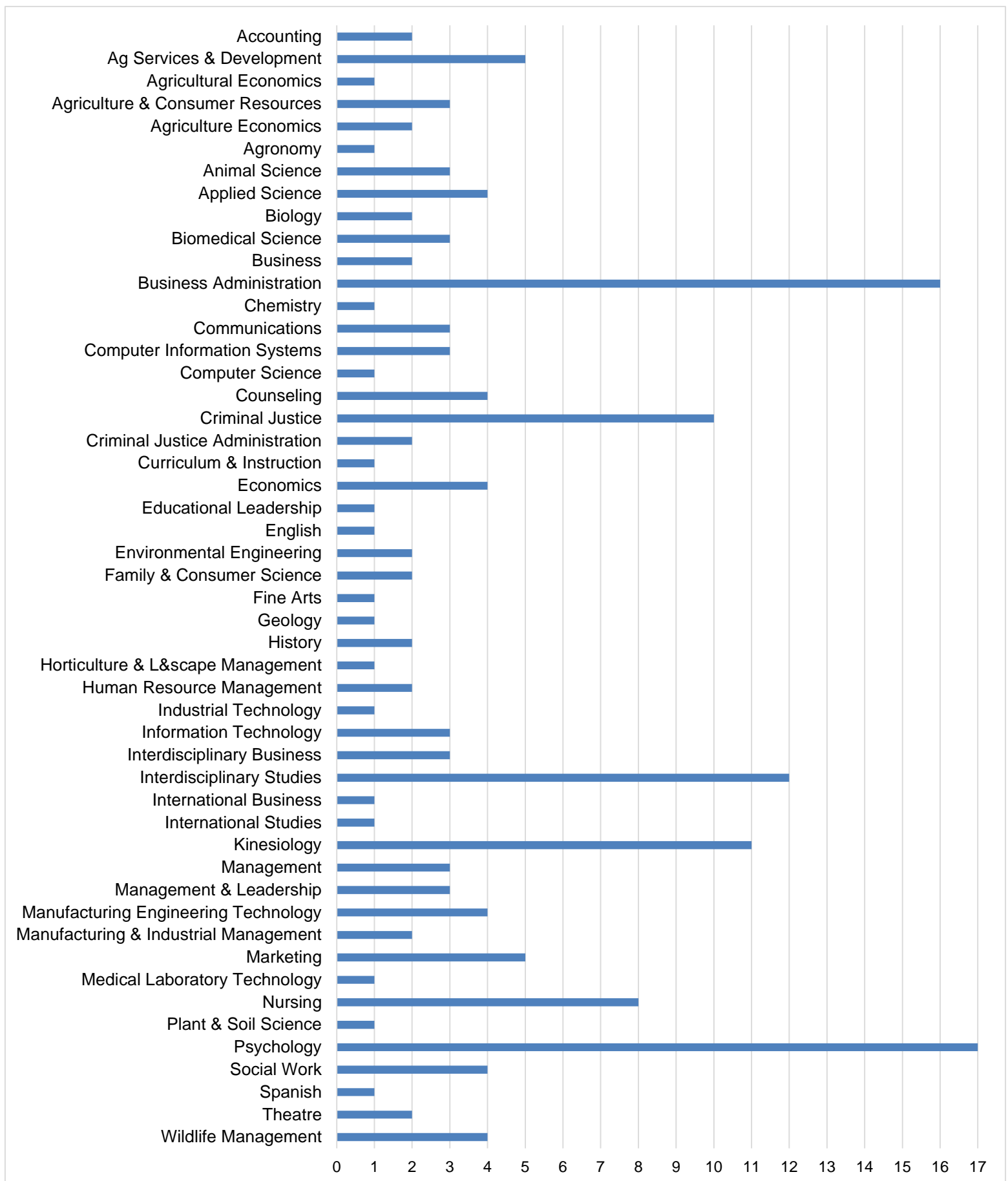
From which college did you graduate?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences		24	13.3%
Business		52	28.7%
Education		47	26.0%
Liberal and Fine Arts		22	12.2%
Science and Technology		36	19.9%
Total		181	100.0%

Which degree did you most recently receive from Tarleton?

	Percent	Count	Percent
undergraduate		154	85.6%
graduate		26	14.4%
Total		180	100.0%

What was your major?



Which Tarleton location did you primarily attend?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Stephenville	<div></div>	123	68.0%
Fort Worth	<div></div>	28	15.5%
Waco	<div></div>	27	14.9%
Midlothian	<div></div>	3	1.7%
Total	<div></div>	181	100.0%

What is your gender?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Female	<div></div>	121	66.9%
Male	<div></div>	60	33.1%
Prefer not to answer		0	0.0%
Total	<div></div>	181	100.0%

Did you graduate in the time frame you expected?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	<div></div>	159	88.3%
No	<div></div>	21	11.7%
Total	<div></div>	180	100.0%

Did it take you longer than expected?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	<div></div>	18	94.7%
No	<div></div>	1	5.3%
Total	<div></div>	19	100.0%

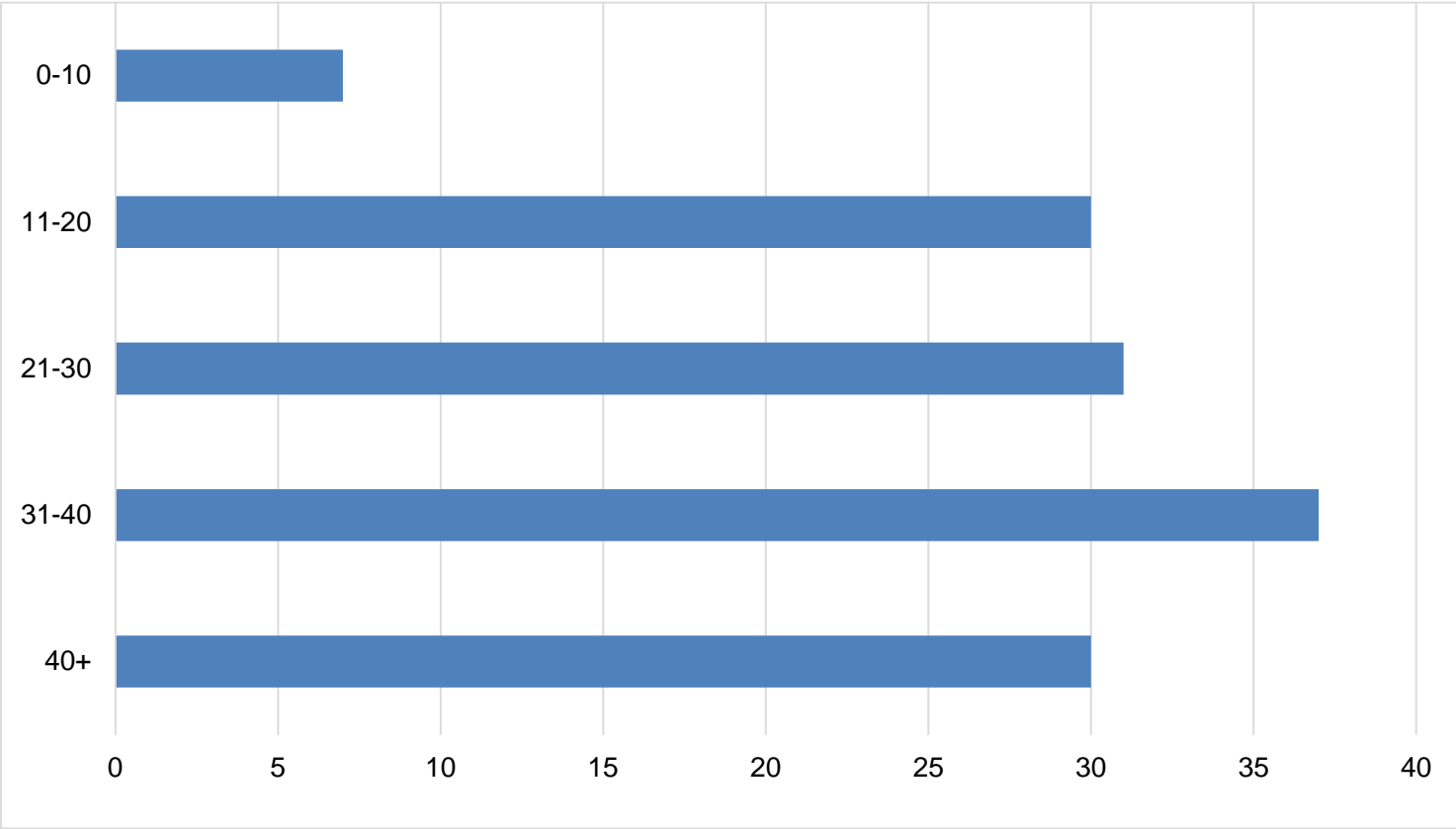
Which of the following barriers were applicable to your situation?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Financial	<div></div>	7	38.9%
Family commitments	<div></div>	3	16.7%
Academic preparedness	<div></div>	5	27.8%
Availability of courses	<div></div>	3	16.7%
Change of major	<div></div>	7	38.9%
Other	<div></div>	6	33.3%
Total	<div></div>	31	172.2%





Did you work (on or off campus) during your enrollment at Tarleton?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	<div></div>	135	74.6%
No	<div></div>	46	25.4%
Total	<div></div>	181	100.0%












How many hours per week?











Did you have an internship?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes - Required for my degree		58	32.0%
Yes - Not required for my degree		15	8.3%
No		108	59.7%
Total		181	100.0%

Since leaving Tarleton, which statements are applicable to you (check all that apply)

	Percent	Count	Percent
I am pursuing additional undergraduate study		8	4.4%
I am pursuing graduate study		54	29.8%
I found employment in an area related to my degree.		99	54.7%
I am employed in an area unrelated to my degree.		36	19.9%
I started or assumed ownership of a business.		6	3.3%
I am still searching for employment.		31	17.1%
I have started or am raising a family		26	14.4%
I am serving in the military		1	0.6%
I am pursuing volunteer service		11	6.1%
Other		16	8.8%
Total		288	159.1%

When did you obtain your first career related position?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Before graduation.		38	32.8%
One month after graduation.		23	19.8%
Two months after graduation.		11	9.5%
Three months after graduation.		18	15.5%
Remaining with the same employer as during my undergraduate education.		15	12.9%
Remaining with the same employer as during my graduate education.		2	1.7%
Other		9	7.8%
Total		116	100.0%

Total number of years employed at current business:

	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than 1 year	<div></div>	96	68.6%
1 to 5 years	<div></div>	27	19.3%
6 to 10 years	<div></div>	13	9.3%
11 to 15 years	<div></div>	1	0.7%
16 to 20 years	<div></div>	1	0.7%
20 to 25 years	<div></div>	1	0.7%
More than 25 years	<div></div>	1	0.7%
Total	<div></div>	140	100.0%

Approximate salary earned per year:

	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$20,000	<div></div>	30	21.6%
\$20,000 - \$29,000	<div></div>	17	12.2%
\$30,000 - \$39,000	<div></div>	33	23.7%
\$40,000 - \$49,000	<div></div>	37	26.6%
\$50,000 - \$59,000	<div></div>	9	6.5%
\$60,000 and over	<div></div>	13	9.4%
Total	<div></div>	139	100.0%

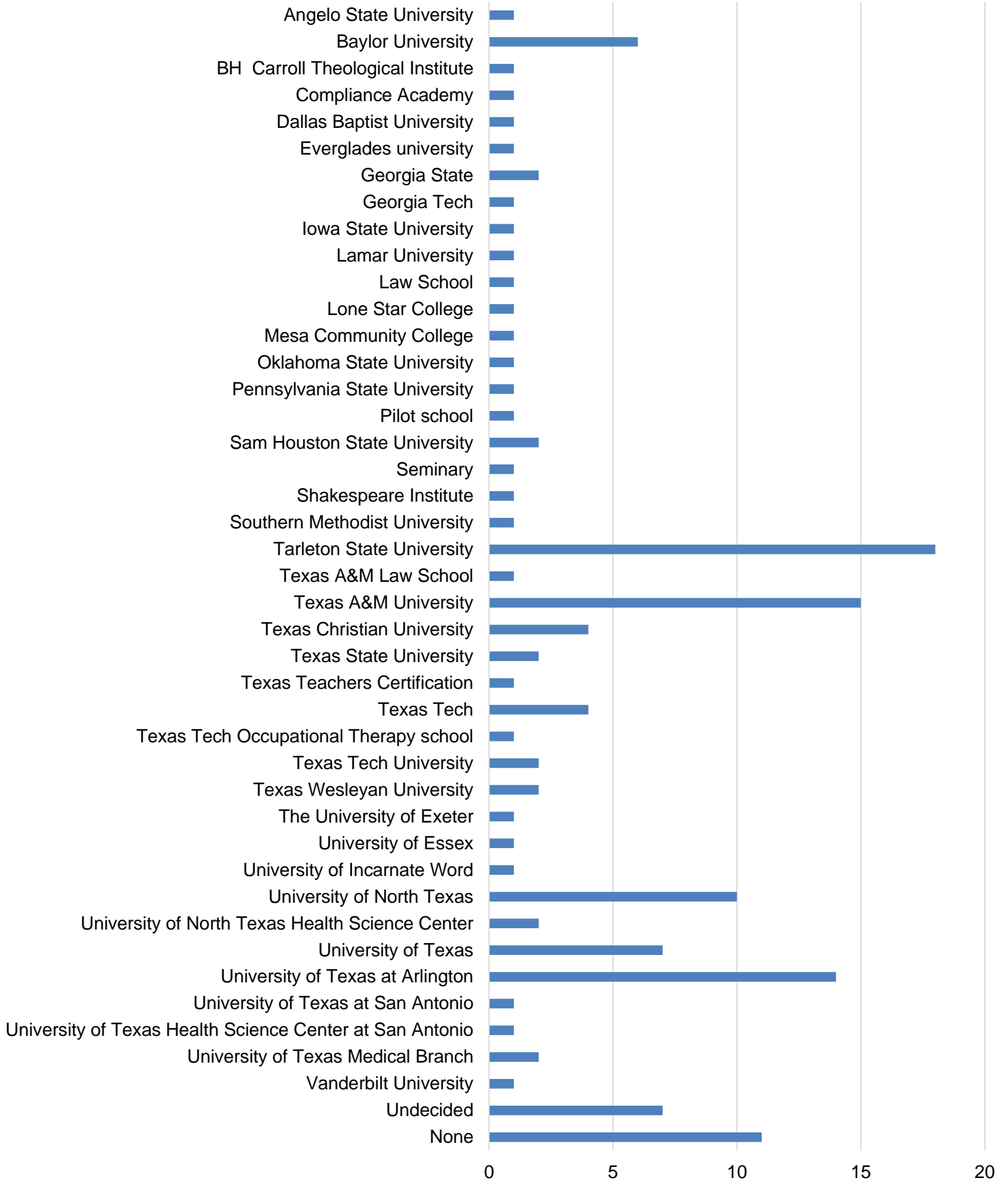
After Graduation, did you remain within a 50 mile radius of Stephenville?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	<div></div>	55	30.4%
No (If no, Why?)	<div></div>	126	69.6%
Total	<div></div>	181	100.0%

Do you intend to pursue another degree, license, or certification?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	<div></div>	130	71.8%
No	<div></div>	51	28.2%
Total	<div></div>	181	100.0%

What other schools or universities are you considering?












Did you apply to a professional school (i.e. law, medical, veterinary, etc)?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	9	7.0%
No	<div><div></div></div>	119	93.0%
Total	<div><div></div></div>	128	100.0%




Did you get accepted to the professional School?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Yes - (What school)	<div><div></div></div>	6	75.0%
No	<div><div></div></div>	2	25.0%
Total	<div><div></div></div>	8	100.0%

How much debt did you incur to finance your Tarleton education?

	Percent	Count	Percent
0-\$2,499		74	40.9%
\$2,500-\$4,999		3	1.7%
\$5,000-\$9,999		11	6.1%
\$10,000-\$14,999		10	5.5%
\$15,000-\$19,999		13	7.2%
\$20,000-\$24,999		19	10.5%
\$25,000-\$29,000		13	7.2%
\$30,000 or more		38	21.0%
Total		181	100.0%

Would you refer a friend or family member to Tarleton State University based on your experience?

Value		Percent	Count	Percent
1	Yes		162	90.0%
2	No		18	10.0%
-	Total		180	100.0%

What would you change about your Tarleton experience?

Be more physically active.

Communication between campuses.

I wish it was more well known.

I would have asked more questions. I did not know what questions to ask as an older student making career change. Need more resources for older students, if you want them.

I would have probably gone to UNT or UTA instead - they have much better facilities, (than SW campus) with better computers, better wifi, more resources for assistance (for example having someone to assist with statistics who is actually familiar with stats for behavioral sciences and is available more than 1 hour a week), better teachers, better library facilities. People go to Tarleton SW campus because its cheap.... while a couple of teachers have been outstanding, most are sub-par.

I would teleport it to a town not so inundated with rednecks. Other than that, Tarleton is a fine school.

Less student population growth. I went here because of the smallness, and now there are at 3,000 more people enrolled this year then when I was a freshman. There are just too many people on our tiny campus.

My classroom experiences were okay. I was very disappointed in the actual diploma I received. I worked extremely hard to graduate cum laude which I achieved but the disappointment came when I received a diploma with a tacky little sticker that was to be self applied to the diploma signifying "cum laude". When I mentioned this to the school I received a reply that was pretty flippant. I have two teenage daughters who will be looking for a college to attend and I can promise I won't be giving Tarleton anymore money.

Not going.

Nothing, it was alright.

Since graduating Tarleton I have received no help. I've been needing to take one class to apply to a graduate program elsewhere and Tarleton will not accept me as a transient student for whatever reason. I am having to go out of my way and take the class from a community college 2 hours away online. Thanks for you help Tarleton.. Not.

Studied harder

Substandard teachers and facility in Fort Worth. Literally in a cheap strip mall with Denny's and planned parenthood. Old computers, wifi is terrible, they ignore our complaints about facilities or teachers that aren't responsive to emails, no ice machine or filtered water and the fountains are gross. The only reason people attend here is because it's the cheapest option. There are often not enough seats for needed classes, and some required classes are only offered once a year. Graduation ceremony is athd way in Stephenville.

The instruction at Tarleton needs to be addressed. The teachers do not respond to students emails and phone calls in a timely manner. The come unprepared to class and take it out on the students. The advisors and other staff do not know about anything related to the field that the student might need to know i.e. registration or what is current in the field of study.

The Social Work program is extremely unorganized, the full time faculty teaching at the Waco campus are unprofessional, unreliable and unorganized. I regret selecting this program although pursuing a degree at the University Center is convenient for non-traditional students who work full time.

Did you have a life-changing experience while at Tarleton, and, if so, would you briefly describe it?

After transferring schools multiple times, I finally came home to Tarleton State. I was instantly welcomed into an amazing school family! Being in a small town like Stephenville with the closest big city being an hour away, I made my own family away from home. My professors made an effort to know everyone's name, major and actually were interested in our lives. I have the highest respect for the staff at TSU and will forever Bleed Purple. I am proud to be a Texan and will suggest it to everyone I know!

Came out as gay and dated someone in the the Christian sorority. ...it's a good thing that I don't care what people think or that REALLY could have been a different kind of life changing.

Death of several family members and divorce from wife of ten years

Divorce

Engineering department is amazing.

Found my now husband there.

Graduating and getting a degree at age 51 is pretty life-changing.

Growth from a boy to a man

I accomplished one if my life goals to be first in family to obtain my bs

I found myself and who I wanted to be. Tarleton helped me grow as an individual and as a professional.

I got engaged.

I grew up in Stephenville and did not want to stay and go to Tarleton after high school but after attending another University for 3 semesters I transferred to TSU and was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed my time as a Texan. Even though I lived in Stephenville almost my entire life, the experience I had at TSU was different and new and didn't make me feel like I was still in the same old town I grew up in. I made new lifelong friendships, gained a new sense of responsibility, and just had a blast. I'm also a big sports fan and one of the best parts for me was that our athletic teams have success across the board. Made for a lot of fun and exciting moments. Overall I loved my experience and look forward to coming back for many years as an alumni.

I grew up poor and my family could not afford to send me to college. Once I was in a position to send myself to college, I did so. I graduated at age 39 and I consider that a life changing event.

I had a child my junior year

I had an out-of-body experience during a period of spiritual enlightenment/mental delusion, which was during a semester at Tarleton, but had nothing to do with my being a student. It was pure coincidence, so I'm not sure whether it applies. Other than that, no - I would say my time at Tarleton was fairly studious and free of interesting occurrences.

I had many life changing experiences while at Tarleton but that should happen when you move out on your own for the first time. At the end of my second year at Tarleton my father passed away and I can honestly say I would not have made it any where else. The love and outreach i experienced from my Tarleton family (students and staff) was an invaluable resource to my success in that hard time.

I have made some of the best friends in my life while at TSU. The cohort at the Southwest Metroplex Campus was amazing! Dr. xxx, Ms. xxx, Ms. xxx, Dr. xxx and Dr. xxx all taught me so much and gave me more than I can ever repay!

I loved Tarleton. Everything was great when I was there. Professors took care and they were good in their classes. I feel I learnt a lot and I would recommend Tarleton to everybody looking for a good atmosphere in both studies and social life.

I moved to Stephenville from California so I had no family to help me. The students at tarleton were the most welcoming and helpful people that I had ever met. They made me feel right at home and that helped me to love tarleton and texas as a whole.

I realized I like teaching

I received my bachelor degree in psychology and that in itself was life changing.

I sure did, my lawyer has instructed me not to discuss the details.

I worked with a professor to do undergraduate research for an upper-level math elective and for my second professional development class. I worked with professors and graduate students at Texas Christian University to provide an elective summer school for advanced to advanced-high English Language Learners. I had never considered solely working with those students, but now if I continue my degree, I would like to focus on one to assist that. I had hands on experience of classroom management in a real classroom and learned how to do research that could help students succeed.

Im a single mother of two

I'm very proud that I was able to accomplish this milestone within a reasonable time with the online classes.

Met alot of friends that I will continue to know for the rest of my life. I also grew up as a person and Tarleton purple will run in my blood forever.

Met my wife

My entire college career was life changing. I made a ton of friends that I will have for a lifetime and I definitely came out of my shell. It took a little while, but now I am a better person for it.

My graduating was a life changing experience in itself.

My husband started kidney dialysis and he also had a large tumor removed.

My whole experience at Tarleton was amazing. It has truly made me the man I am today. The faculty and staff cares about their students more than any other school I've attended, including grade school. They make you strive to be the best you can be.

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No life-changing expeiences to speak of. Just happy I finally earned my degree.

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None

None

Not really everything was fine.

Of course I did! It empowered me just to finally finish my education!

Student life was amazing, going Greek was the best decision to help me meet people and network on campus and in the community. Just an all around great place to grow as a person

Tarleton gave me the personalized undergraduate experience I was looking for to complete my goal of acceptance into Vet School and completing an undergraduate degree. I am very happy with my decision to attend Tarleton.

Tarleton is only the greatest school on the planet

Tarleton made me into the person I am today. I credit the experiences I pursued and accomplished to Tarleton. I was a TTM for two summers, was active in other campus activities as well as my sorority all four years. The people I had the opportunity to meet have forever changed my person and my life.

Teachers helped alot. Great place.

Texan Football. Texan life. As simple as that. Missing the ville everyday.

The whole college experience was life changing. Moving away from home and making completely new friends from those I group up. I joined a fraternity and numerous other clubs that helped prepare me for the real world.

Was a part of the 2013 and 2014 tarleton baseball teams. Had a great experience.

We actually did hands on things which made it easier when going into the field.

Wonderful professors as well as a great cohort. I really enjoyed having a cohort. I do feel Tarleton needs to prepare students more for the generalist test.

Yes the instructors were extremely helpful and positive. I enjoyed my time at the FW campus.

Yes, but it was not school related. During my first semester, playing softball (for Weatherford Co-Ed) I had someone slide into me and broke every bone, tore everything between my foot and leg. After two years it is still not back to normal, but I was able to complete my classes and degree with online classes.

Yes, I got divorced and my mother was hospitalized.

Yes, I had the opportunity to obtain an internship in Washington DC at the U.S. Agency for International Development, which I believe has added immense value to my education and experience.

Yes, I learned a lot more about myself, became more confident, and came out of my shell.

Yes, i learned confidence and formed extreemly valuable relationships with my professors. I have found that i have an advantage over other applicants in the fact that my major professor XXX gave me research opportunities and had me go speak at conferences in front of larger groups of people. I am much more confident.

Yes, I never intended to go to college, but God had opened a door and I took it.

Yes, it was like family. I was so glad to come to Tsu.

Yes. Did not graduate with desired degree. So I had to finish school and since you had nothing offer a senior forced to change major I got a useless degree.

Yes.\\That is all.