

*Results of the Entering Student Survey
Fall 2007*

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1. How did you learn about A&M-Texarkana?

| | Responses | | Percent of Cases |
|--|-----------|---------|------------------|
| | N | Percent | |
| From people at my high school | 17 | 7.2% | 12.9% |
| From relatives or friends | 66 | 27.8% | 50.0% |
| From a representative of the university | 20 | 8.4% | 15.2% |
| From a college placement or other information service | 6 | 2.5% | 4.5% |
| From a college catalogue | 15 | 6.3% | 11.4% |
| From material I received in the mail | 23 | 9.7% | 17.4% |
| From material I read in a newspaper or magazine | 9 | 3.8% | 6.8% |
| From a radio or TV advertisement | 6 | 2.5% | 4.5% |
| From an information display (education fair, convention, etc.) | 13 | 5.5% | 9.8% |
| From a billboard | 1 | .4% | .8% |
| From people at the college from which I am transferring | 61 | 25.7% | 46.2% |
| Total | 237 | 100.0% | 179.5% |

2. What image do you have of A&M-Texarkana?

| | Responses | | Percent of Cases |
|---|-----------|---------|------------------|
| | N | Percent | |
| A teacher training school | 43 | 13.0% | 32.1% |
| An intellectually demanding school | 26 | 7.9% | 19.4% |
| An inexpensive place to get an education | 36 | 10.9% | 26.9% |
| A general liberal arts school | 7 | 2.1% | 5.2% |
| A school with a faculty of high quality | 41 | 12.4% | 30.6% |
| A school with strong student services (counseling, aid, etc.) | 33 | 10.0% | 24.6% |
| A school with a reputation for excellence in my field | 47 | 14.2% | 35.1% |
| A non-demanding place to get an education | 11 | 3.3% | 8.2% |
| A school with a promising future | 66 | 19.9% | 49.3% |
| Have no clear image | 21 | 6.3% | 15.7% |
| Total | 331 | 100.0% | 247.0% |

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3) Compare A&M-Texarkana's printed materials to other schools'.

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Unknown - didn't receive similar material from other schools | 56 | 41.5 | 42.4 | 42.4 |
| | A&M-Texarkana materials were about the same | 46 | 34.1 | 34.8 | 77.3 |
| | A&M-Texarkana materials were better than others | 30 | 22.2 | 22.7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 132 | 97.8 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 3 | 2.2 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

4) At how many other colleges did you apply for admissions this year?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | None | 100 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
| | One | 26 | 19.3 | 19.3 | 93.3 |
| | Two | 9 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 135 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

5) Besides A&M-Texarkana, at how many colleges were you accepted this year?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | None | 107 | 79.3 | 79.9 | 79.9 |
| | One | 19 | 14.1 | 14.2 | 94.0 |
| | Two | 7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 99.3 |
| | Three | 1 | .7 | .7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

6) Was A&M-Texarkana your first choice?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | No | 13 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| | Yes | 121 | 89.6 | 90.3 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 | | |
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7. Factors that may have influenced your decision to attend here.

| | Responses | | Percent of Cases |
|---|------------|---------------|------------------|
| | N | Percent | |
| Academic reputation of A&M-Texarkana | 52 | 10.2% | 38.8% |
| Academic programs | 64 | 12.5% | 47.8% |
| Academic scholarship | 21 | 4.1% | 15.7% |
| Advice of a current or former A&M-Texarkana student | 42 | 8.2% | 31.3% |
| Affiliation with The Texas A&M University System | 26 | 5.1% | 19.4% |
| Availability of financial aid | 27 | 5.3% | 20.1% |
| Campus visit or tour | 6 | 1.2% | 4.5% |
| Close to home | 112 | 22.0% | 83.6% |
| Counselor's or teacher's advice | 21 | 4.1% | 15.7% |
| Institution's social reputation | 8 | 1.6% | 6.0% |
| Range and availability of student services | 12 | 2.4% | 9.0% |
| Reasonable costs | 57 | 11.2% | 42.5% |
| Relative's advice | 10 | 2.0% | 7.5% |
| Reputation of this university in the job market | 14 | 2.7% | 10.4% |
| Reputation of graduates in other graduate schools. | 3 | .6% | 2.2% |
| Size and availability of classes | 35 | 6.9% | 26.1% |
| Total | 510 | 100.0% | 380.6% |

8) What is your gender?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Male | 25 | 18.5 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| | Female | 100 | 74.1 | 80.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 125 | 92.6 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 10 | 7.4 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

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9. Objectives you consider essential:

| | Responses | | Percent of Cases |
|---|------------|---------------|------------------|
| | N | Percent | |
| Becoming an authority in my field | 55 | 13.8% | 41.4% |
| A degree that provides entry into my chosen career field | 105 | 26.3% | 78.9% |
| Courses that will enable me to transfer to another university | 11 | 2.8% | 8.3% |
| Discovering my field of interest | 24 | 6.0% | 18.0% |
| Developing a meaningful philosophy of life | 16 | 4.0% | 12.0% |
| Influencing the political structure | 3 | .8% | 2.3% |
| Influencing social values | 20 | 5.0% | 15.0% |
| Improving my self-confidence | 45 | 11.3% | 33.8% |
| Developing my ability to be self-reliant | 30 | 7.5% | 22.6% |
| Developing my general skills to be adaptable in job market | 49 | 12.3% | 36.8% |
| Preparing for graduate or professional school | 41 | 10.3% | 30.8% |
| Total | 399 | 100.0% | 300.0% |

10) Race/Ethnicity

| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid American Indian/Alaskan Native | 5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 1 | .7 | .7 | 4.5 |
| Black/non-Hispanic | 22 | 16.3 | 16.4 | 20.9 |
| Hispanic | 12 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 29.9 |
| White/non-Hispanic | 94 | 69.6 | 70.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing System | 1 | .7 | | |
| Total | 135 | 100.0 | | |

11) Do you feel that you have a permanent disability?

| | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid No | 124 | 91.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
| Yes | 8 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 132 | 97.8 | 100.0 | |
| Missing System | 3 | 2.2 | | |
| Total | 135 | 100.0 | | |

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12) How many credit hours do you plan to take EACH TERM during this academic year?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 3 or less | 9 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 |
| | 4-8 | 19 | 14.1 | 14.3 | 21.1 |
| | 9-11 | 16 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 33.1 |
| | 12-14 | 72 | 53.3 | 54.1 | 87.2 |
| | 15 or more | 17 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 133 | 98.5 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 2 | 1.5 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

13) What is the highest level of education completed by your father?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|---|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | A) Did not graduate from high school | 29 | 21.5 | 21.8 | 21.8 |
| | B) High school graduate | 62 | 45.9 | 46.6 | 68.4 |
| | C) Attended college | 20 | 14.8 | 15.0 | 83.5 |
| | D) Completed two year college degree program | 10 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 91.0 |
| | E) Received a Bachelor's degree | 10 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 98.5 |
| | G) Received a graduate or professional-level degree | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 133 | 98.5 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 2 | 1.5 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

14) What is the highest level of education completed by your mother?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|---|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | A) Did not graduate from high school | 29 | 21.5 | 21.8 | 21.8 |
| | B) High school graduate | 45 | 33.3 | 33.8 | 55.6 |
| | C) Attended college | 32 | 23.7 | 24.1 | 79.7 |
| | D) Completed two year college degree program | 11 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 88.0 |
| | E) Received a Bachelor's degree | 10 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 95.5 |
| | F) Attended graduate or professional school | 1 | .7 | .8 | 96.2 |
| | G) Received a graduate or professional-level degree | 5 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 133 | 98.5 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 2 | 1.5 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

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15.) Are you a Texas resident?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | No | 33 | 24.4 | 24.6 | 24.6 |
| | Yes | 101 | 74.8 | 75.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

If "NO," what State or Country?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | | 102 | 75.6 | 75.6 | 75.6 |
| | ARKANSAS | 32 | 23.7 | 23.7 | 99.3 |
| | MONGOLIA | 1 | .7 | .7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 135 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

If "Yes," what County in Texas?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | | 47 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 34.8 |
| | AVINGER | 1 | .7 | .7 | 35.6 |
| | BOWIE | 36 | 26.7 | 26.7 | 62.2 |
| | CAMP | 7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 67.4 |
| | CASS | 5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 71.1 |
| | FRANKLIN | 3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 73.3 |
| | GREGG | 9 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 80.0 |
| | HARRISON | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 81.5 |
| | LAMAR | 1 | .7 | .7 | 82.2 |
| | MARION | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 83.7 |
| | MILLER | 1 | .7 | .7 | 84.4 |
| | MORRIS | 3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 86.7 |
| | RED RIVER | 1 | .7 | .7 | 87.4 |
| | RUSK | 3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 89.6 |
| | TITUS | 10 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 97.0 |
| | UPSHUR | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 98.5 |
| | WOOD | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 135 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

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16) Which of these is your top concern as you enter the university?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Academic | 64 | 47.4 | 48.5 | 48.5 |
| | Childcare | 6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 53.0 |
| | Employment | 11 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 61.4 |
| | Family | 8 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 67.4 |
| | Finances | 40 | 29.6 | 30.3 | 97.7 |
| | Transportation | 3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 132 | 97.8 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 3 | 2.2 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

17) Do you expect to apply for financial aid at A&M-Texarkana?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | No | 31 | 23.0 | 23.1 | 23.1 |
| | Yes, I've applied | 86 | 63.7 | 64.2 | 87.3 |
| | Yes, but I've not yet applied | 17 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

18) Do you expect to apply for an academic scholarship?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | No | 47 | 34.8 | 35.9 | 35.9 |
| | Yes, I've applied | 52 | 38.5 | 39.7 | 75.6 |
| | Yes, but I've not yet applied | 32 | 23.7 | 24.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 131 | 97.0 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 4 | 3.0 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

19) Do you expect to be employed while attending the university?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | No | 24 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 17.8 |
| | Yes | 111 | 82.2 | 82.2 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 135 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

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If "Yes," how many hours per week?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Less than 20 hours per week | 11 | 8.1 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| | 20-25 hours per week | 20 | 14.8 | 18.9 | 29.2 |
| | 26-30 hours per week | 13 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 41.5 |
| | 31-35 hours per week | 7 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 48.1 |
| | 36 or more hours per week | 55 | 40.7 | 51.9 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 106 | 78.5 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 29 | 21.5 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

20) Please indicate the college of your studies.

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Arts & Sciences and Education | 87 | 64.4 | 64.9 | 64.9 |
| | Business | 30 | 22.2 | 22.4 | 87.3 |
| | Health and Behavioral Sciences | 16 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 99.3 |
| | Engineering and Information Sciences | 1 | .7 | .7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

21) Please indicate the level of your studies.

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Undergraduate | 129 | 95.6 | 96.3 | 96.3 |
| | Graduate | 5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 134 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 | | |
| Total | | 135 | 100.0 | | |

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22) Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following:

Academic Advising

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| | Satisfied | 57 | 52.3 | 52.3 | 55.0 |
| | Very Satisfied | 49 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 109 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Advising from Financial Aid Staff

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Very Dissatisfied | 1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| | Dissatisfied | 5 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.9 |
| | Satisfied | 57 | 55.9 | 55.9 | 61.8 |
| | Very Satisfied | 39 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 102 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Correspondence from Admissions Office

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 1 | .9 | .9 | .9 |
| | Satisfied | 58 | 53.7 | 53.7 | 54.6 |
| | Very Satisfied | 49 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 108 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Registration Procedures

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| | Satisfied | 65 | 61.9 | 61.9 | 63.8 |
| | Very Satisfied | 38 | 36.2 | 36.2 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 105 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Service from Business Office staff

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| | Satisfied | 53 | 58.9 | 58.9 | 60.0 |
| | Very Satisfied | 36 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 90 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

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Service from Degree Planning staff

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| | Satisfied | 50 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 51.0 |
| | Very Satisfied | 49 | 49.0 | 49.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 100 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Service from Financial Aid staff

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Very Dissatisfied | 1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| | Dissatisfied | 4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 5.2 |
| | Satisfied | 49 | 50.5 | 50.5 | 55.7 |
| | Very Satisfied | 43 | 44.3 | 44.3 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 97 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Service from Registrar's Office staff

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| | Satisfied | 45 | 50.6 | 50.6 | 51.7 |
| | Very Satisfied | 43 | 48.3 | 48.3 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 89 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |

Service from Student Support Service staff

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Dissatisfied | 2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| | Satisfied | 40 | 51.3 | 51.3 | 53.8 |
| | Very Satisfied | 36 | 46.2 | 46.2 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 78 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |