

## Results of the Entering Student Survey Spring 2006

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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	9	8.0%	9.6%
From relatives or friends	42	37.2%	44.7%
From a representative of the university	8	7.1%	8.5%
From a college placement or other information service	6	5.3%	6.4%
From a college catalogue	6	5.3%	6.4%
From material I received in the mail	5	4.4%	5.3%
From material I read in a newspaper or magazine	4	3.5%	4.3%
From a radio or TV advertisement	1	.9%	1.1%
From people at the college from which I am transferring	32	28.3%	34.0%
Total	113	100.0%	120.2%

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

	Responses		Percent of Cases
	N	Percent	
A teacher training school	14	11.1%	14.7%
An intellectually demanding school	7	5.6%	7.4%
An inexpensive place to get an education	16	12.7%	16.8%
A general liberal arts school	2	1.6%	2.1%
A school with a faculty of high quality	10	7.9%	10.5%
A school with strong student services (counseling, aid, etc.)	7	5.6%	7.4%
A school with a reputation for excellence in my field	16	12.7%	16.8%
A non-demanding place to get an education	5	4.0%	5.3%
A school with a promising future	28	22.2%	29.5%
Have no clear image	21	16.7%	22.1%
Total	126	100.0%	132.6%

### 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	38	39.6	40.0	40.0
	A&M-Texarkana materials were worse than others	3	3.1	3.2	43.2
	A&M-Texarkana materials were about the same	39	40.6	41.1	84.2
	A&M-Texarkana materials were better than others	15	15.6	15.8	100.0
	Total	95	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	1	1.0		
Total		96	100.0		

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	68	70.8	72.3	72.3
	One	21	21.9	22.3	94.7
	Two	4	4.2	4.3	98.9
	Three	1	1.0	1.1	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	70	72.9	74.5	74.5
	One	16	16.7	17.0	91.5
	Two	7	7.3	7.4	98.9
	Three	1	1.0	1.1	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	10	10.4	10.5	10.5
	Yes	85	88.5	89.5	100.0
	Total	95	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	1	1.0		
Total		96	100.0		

### If No, which describes your first choice?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Another public university in Texas	2	2.1	25.0	25.0
	A private university in Texas	1	1.0	12.5	37.5
	A public university out of Texas	3	3.1	37.5	75.0
	A private university out of Texas	2	2.1	25.0	100.0
	Total	8	8.3	100.0	
Missing	System	88	91.7		
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7. Listed are some factors that may have influenced your decision to attend here. Please mark each factor that has influenced your decision.

	Responses		Percent of Cases
	N	Percent	
Academic reputation of A&M- <i>Texarkana</i>	29	9.1%	30.5%
Academic programs	41	12.9%	43.2%
Academic scholarship	8	2.5%	8.4%
Advice of a current or former A&M- <i>Texarkana</i> student	18	5.6%	18.9%
Affiliation with The Texas A&M University System	20	6.3%	21.1%
Availability of financial aid	9	2.8%	9.5%
Campus visit or tour	2	.6%	2.1%
Close to home	82	25.7%	86.3%
Counselor's or teacher's advice	9	2.8%	9.5%
Institution's social reputation	5	1.6%	5.3%
Range and availability of student services	3	.9%	3.2%
Reasonable costs	47	14.7%	49.5%
Relative's advice	11	3.4%	11.6%
Reputation of this university in the job market	8	2.5%	8.4%
Reputation of graduates in other graduate schools.	2	.6%	2.1%
Size and availability of classes	20	6.3%	21.1%
Other factors	5	1.6%	5.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>335.8%</b>

**7. Other factors:**

- Alternative Certification English ED 8-12
- My job is here in *Texarkana*
- Will eventually have my major - Engineering
- Faculty that adhere to students (adult) continuing education
- Off campus learning at NTCC

**8) What is your gender?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	30	31.3	31.9	31.9
	Female	64	66.7	68.1	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

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### 9. Mark each objective you consider essential.

	Responses		Percent of Cases
	N	Percent	
Becoming an authority in my field	47	15.5%	50.5%
A degree that provides entry into my chosen career field	74	24.4%	79.6%
Courses that will enable me to transfer to another university	2	.7%	2.2%
Discovering my field of interest	12	4.0%	12.9%
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	9	3.0%	9.7%
Influencing the political structure	3	1.0%	3.2%
Influencing social values	19	6.3%	20.4%
Improving my self-confidence	32	10.6%	34.4%
Developing my ability to be self-reliant	24	7.9%	25.8%
Developing my general skills to be adaptable in job market	52	17.2%	55.9%
Preparing for graduate or professional school	29	9.6%	31.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>325.8%</b>

### 10) Race/Ethnicity

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	1.0	1.1	1.1
	Black/non-Hispanic	13	13.5	13.8	14.9
	Hispanic	1	1.0	1.1	16.0
	White/non-Hispanic	79	82.3	84.0	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>96</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	88	91.7	95.7	95.7
	Yes	4	4.2	4.3	100.0
	Total	92	95.8	100.0	
Missing	System	4	4.2		
<b>Total</b>		<b>96</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

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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	12	12.5	12.8	12.8
	4-8	20	20.8	21.3	34.0
	9-11	17	17.7	18.1	52.1
	12-14	32	33.3	34.0	86.2
	15 or more	13	13.5	13.8	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	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	22	22.9	23.7	23.7
	B) High school graduate	30	31.3	32.3	55.9
	C) Attended college	22	22.9	23.7	79.6
	D) Completed two year college degree program	2	2.1	2.2	81.7
	E) Received a Bachelor's degree	8	8.3	8.6	90.3
	F) Attended graduate or professional school	3	3.1	3.2	93.5
	G) Received a graduate or professional-level degree	6	6.3	6.5	100.0
	Total	93	96.9	100.0	
Missing	System	3	3.1		
Total		96	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	12	12.5	12.9	12.9
	B) High school graduate	31	32.3	33.3	46.2
	C) Attended college	20	20.8	21.5	67.7
	D) Completed two year college degree program	6	6.3	6.5	74.2
	E) Received a Bachelor's degree	14	14.6	15.1	89.2
	F) Attended graduate or professional school	3	3.1	3.2	92.5
	G) Received a graduate or professional-level degree	7	7.3	7.5	100.0
	Total	93	96.9	100.0	
Missing	System	3	3.1		
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### 15. Are you a Texas resident?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	33	34.4	35.1	35.1
	Yes	61	63.5	64.9	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

### 15. If No, what state, country?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		63	65.6	65.6	65.6
	Arkansas	31	32.3	32.3	97.9
	California	1	1.0	1.0	99.0
	Oklahoma	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	96	100.0	100.0	

### If Yes, which county?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid		41	42.7	42.7	42.7
	Bowie	37	38.5	38.5	81.3
	Camp	3	3.1	3.1	84.4
	Cass	7	7.3	7.3	91.7
	Morris	1	1.0	1.0	92.7
	Red River	1	1.0	1.0	93.8
	Titus	5	5.2	5.2	99.0
	Wood	1	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	96	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Academic	48	50.0	51.6	51.6
	Childcare	2	2.1	2.2	53.8
	Employment	7	7.3	7.5	61.3
	Family	7	7.3	7.5	68.8
	Finances	28	29.2	30.1	98.9
	Transportation	1	1.0	1.1	100.0
	Total	93	96.9	100.0	
	Missing	System	3	3.1	
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### 17) Do you expect to apply for financial aid at A&M-Texarkana?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	33	34.4	35.1	35.1
	Yes, I've applied	32	33.3	34.0	69.1
	Yes, but I've not yet applied	29	30.2	30.9	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	38	39.6	40.4	40.4
	Yes, I've applied	26	27.1	27.7	68.1
	Yes, but I've not yet applied	30	31.3	31.9	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	17	17.7	18.1	18.1
	Yes	77	80.2	81.9	100.0
	Total	94	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	2.1		
Total		96	100.0		

### 19. If yes, how many hours per week?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than 20	7	7.3	9.6	9.6
	20-25	12	12.5	16.4	26.0
	26-30	10	10.4	13.7	39.7
	31-35	4	4.2	5.5	45.2
	36 or more	40	41.7	54.8	100.0
	Total	73	76.0	100.0	
Missing	System	23	24.0		
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### 20) Please indicate the college of your studies.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Arts & Sciences and Education	45	46.9	48.4	48.4
	Business	28	29.2	30.1	78.5
	Health and Behavioral Sciences	18	18.8	19.4	97.8
	Engineering and Information Sciences	2	2.1	2.2	100.0
	Total	93	96.9	100.0	
Missing	System	3	3.1		
Total		96	100.0		

### 21) Please indicate the level of your studies.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Undergraduate	66	68.8	72.5	72.5
	Graduate	25	26.0	27.5	100.0
	Total	91	94.8	100.0	
Missing	System	5	5.2		
Total		96	100.0		

### 22a) Academic Advising

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Dissatisfied	1	1.3	1.3	2.5
	Satisfied	46	58.2	58.2	60.8
	Very Satisfied	31	39.2	39.2	100.0
	Total	79	100.0	100.0	

### 22b) Advising from Financial Aid Staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.7	1.7	1.7
	Dissatisfied	4	6.9	6.9	8.6
	Satisfied	32	55.2	55.2	63.8
	Very Satisfied	21	36.2	36.2	100.0
	Total	58	100.0	100.0	

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### 22c) Correspondence from Admissions Office

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Dissatisfied	3	3.7	3.7	4.9
	Satisfied	43	53.1	53.1	58.0
	Very Satisfied	34	42.0	42.0	100.0
	Total	81	100.0	100.0	

### 22d) Registration Procedures

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Dissatisfied	5	6.3	6.3	7.5
	Satisfied	41	51.3	51.3	58.8
	Very Satisfied	33	41.3	41.3	100.0
	Total	80	100.0	100.0	

### 22e) Service from Business Office staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Satisfied	40	62.5	62.5	62.5
	Very Satisfied	24	37.5	37.5	100.0
	Total	64	100.0	100.0	

### 22f) Service from Degree Planning staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.4	1.4	1.4
	Dissatisfied	3	4.1	4.1	5.4
	Satisfied	38	51.4	51.4	56.8
	Very Satisfied	32	43.2	43.2	100.0
	Total	74	100.0	100.0	

### 22g) Service from Financial Aid staff

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.7	1.7	1.7
	Dissatisfied	3	5.0	5.0	6.7
	Satisfied	34	56.7	56.7	63.3
	Very Satisfied	22	36.7	36.7	100.0
	Total	60	100.0	100.0	

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**22h) Service from Registrar's Office staff**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Dissatisfied	1	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Satisfied	37	54.4	54.4	55.9
	Very Satisfied	30	44.1	44.1	100.0
	Total	68	100.0	100.0	

**22i) Service from Student Support Service staff**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Dissatisfied	1	1.8	1.8	1.8
	Satisfied	29	52.7	52.7	54.5
	Very Satisfied	25	45.5	45.5	100.0
	Total	55	100.0	100.0	