

Short Stay/Early Leavers Student Outcomes 2009

SSEL Detailed Survey Results: Camosun College

Survey Background

1 Response frequencies and rates:		CAM		SYSTEM	
Gross Frame	558	100.0%	15,008	100.0%	
Respondents	163	29.2%	5,036	33.6%	

2 Institution type		CAM		SYSTEM	
Colleges and Institutes	163	100.0%	2,251	44.7%	
Research Universities	0	0.0%	1,370	27.2%	
Special Purpose/Teaching Universities	0	0.0%	1,415	28.1%	

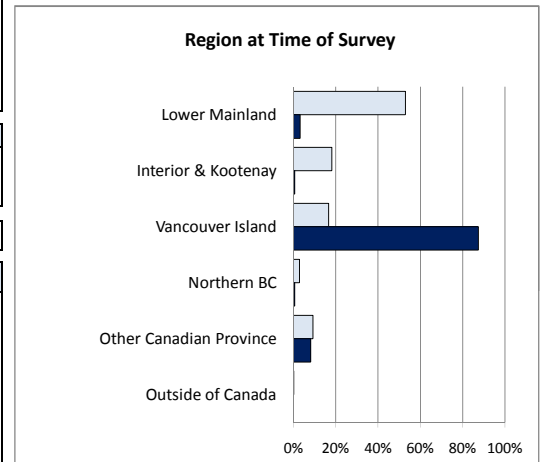
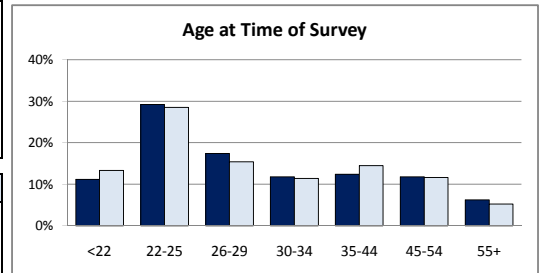
3 Type of program		CAM		SYSTEM	
Certificate	77	47.2%	1,319	26.2%	
Diploma	65	39.9%	1,297	25.8%	
Associate Degree	21	12.9%	482	9.6%	
Bachelors Degree	0	0.0%	1,547	30.7%	
Other	0	0.0%	100	2.0%	
None	0	0.0%	291	5.8%	

4 Age at time of survey		CAM		SYSTEM	
<22	18	11.2%	668	13.3%	
22-25	47	29.2%	1,434	28.5%	
26-29	28	17.4%	775	15.4%	
30-34	19	11.8%	572	11.4%	
35-44	20	12.4%	728	14.5%	
45-54	19	11.8%	583	11.6%	
55+	10	6.2%	264	5.3%	

5 Gender		CAM		SYSTEM	
Male	74	45.4%	2,023	40.2%	
Female	89	54.6%	3,005	59.8%	

6 Self-identified as Aboriginal person		CAM		SYSTEM	
	9	5.7%	355	7.1%	

7 Region at time of survey		CAM		SYSTEM	
Lower Mainland	5	3.1%	2,540	52.9%	
Interior & Kootenay	1	0.6%	872	18.2%	
Vancouver Island	139	87.4%	799	16.7%	
Northern BC	1	0.6%	137	2.9%	
Other Canadian Province	13	8.2%	440	9.2%	
Outside of Canada	0	0.0%	9	0.2%	

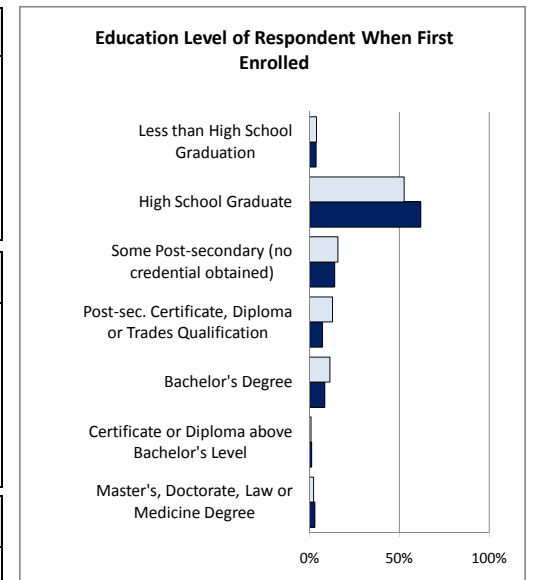


Educational Background

8 Education level of respondent when first enrolled		CAM		SYSTEM	
Less than High School Graduation	6	3.7%	201	4.0%	
High School Graduate	101	62.0%	2,653	52.7%	
Some Post-Secondary (no credential obtained)	23	14.1%	801	15.9%	
Post-sec. Certificate, Diploma, or Trades Qualification	12	7.4%	645	12.8%	
Bachelor's Degree	14	8.6%	569	11.3%	
Certificate or Diploma above Bachelor's Level	2	1.2%	44	0.9%	
Master's, Doctorate, Law or Medicine Degree	5	3.1%	118	2.3%	

9 Education level of most highly educated parent		CAM		SYSTEM	
Less than High School Graduation	12	7.8%	482	10.1%	
High School Graduate	29	19.0%	1,094	22.8%	
Some Post-Secondary (no credential obtained)	12	7.8%	384	8.0%	
Post-sec. Certificate, Diploma, or Trades Qualification	24	15.7%	893	18.7%	
Bachelor's Degree	35	22.9%	1,057	22.1%	
Certificate or Diploma above Bachelor's Level	6	3.9%	147	3.1%	
Master's, Doctorate, Law or Medicine Degree	35	22.9%	731	15.3%	

10 Took remedial courses while enrolled to strengthen skills in math, writing, or reading		CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	40	24.7%	736	14.7%	
No	122	75.3%	4,265	85.3%	



Commitment to Studies

11	When first enrolled, how clear were your reasons for enrolling?	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Very clear	99	61.1%	2,973	59.4%
	Somewhat clear	44	27.2%	1,522	30.4%
	Not very clear	17	10.5%	406	8.1%
	Not at all clear	2	1.2%	105	2.1%

12	Main educational or career goals when first enrolled *	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Complete a credential at this institution	77	48.7%	2,605	53.6%
	Prepare to transfer to another institution	22	13.9%	375	7.7%
	Qualify to enter a program in another field	12	7.6%	343	7.1%
	Improve existing job skills	29	18.4%	674	13.9%
	Learn new job skills (including for self-employment)	43	27.2%	940	19.3%
	Decide on a career/change careers	28	17.7%	1,064	21.9%
	Personal interest	20	12.7%	801	16.5%
	Improve basic skills (reading/writing or math skills)	6	3.8%	176	3.6%
	Other	0	0.0%	30	0.6%

* Percentage of respondents who cited this goal. Multiple responses were allowed.

13	Level of enthusiasm for studies during high school	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Very enthusiastic	31	19.4%	1,251	25.2%
	Somewhat enthusiastic	75	46.9%	2,279	45.9%
	Not very enthusiastic	39	24.4%	948	19.1%
	Not at all enthusiastic	15	9.4%	492	9.9%

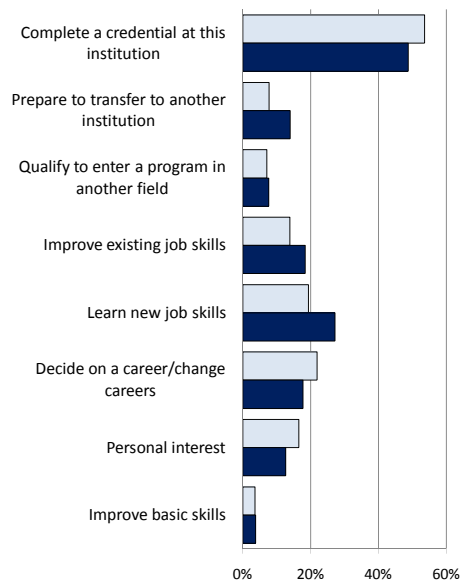
14	Level of encouragement from family and friends to become student at institution	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Strongly encouraged	67	42.7%	1,792	36.6%
	Mildly encouraged	34	21.7%	1,160	23.7%
	Neither encouraged nor discouraged	55	35.0%	1,840	37.6%
	Mildly discouraged	1	0.6%	72	1.5%
	Strongly discouraged	0	0.0%	27	0.6%

15	When first enrolled, how clear were you about which courses to take?	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Very clear	99	60.7%	2,744	54.6%
	Somewhat clear	36	22.1%	1,415	28.2%
	Not very clear	24	14.7%	650	12.9%
	Not at all clear	4	2.5%	213	4.2%

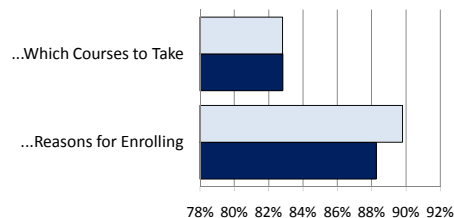
16	How enthusiastic were you about your studies when you first started at the institution?	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Very enthusiastic	94	57.7%	3,092	61.5%
	Somewhat enthusiastic	60	36.8%	1,652	32.9%
	Not very enthusiastic	7	4.3%	228	4.5%
	Not at all enthusiastic	2	1.2%	54	1.1%

17	How enthusiastic were you about your studies when you left the institution?	CAM		SYSTEM	
	Very enthusiastic	44	27.5%	1,566	31.6%
	Somewhat enthusiastic	59	36.9%	1,638	33.0%
	Not very enthusiastic	30	18.8%	1,036	20.9%
	Not at all enthusiastic	27	16.9%	717	14.5%

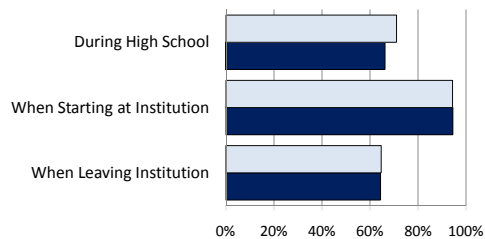
Main Educational/Career Goals When First Enrolled



When First Enrolled, Very/Somewhat Clear on...



Very or Somewhat Enthusiastic about Studies



Institution Choice

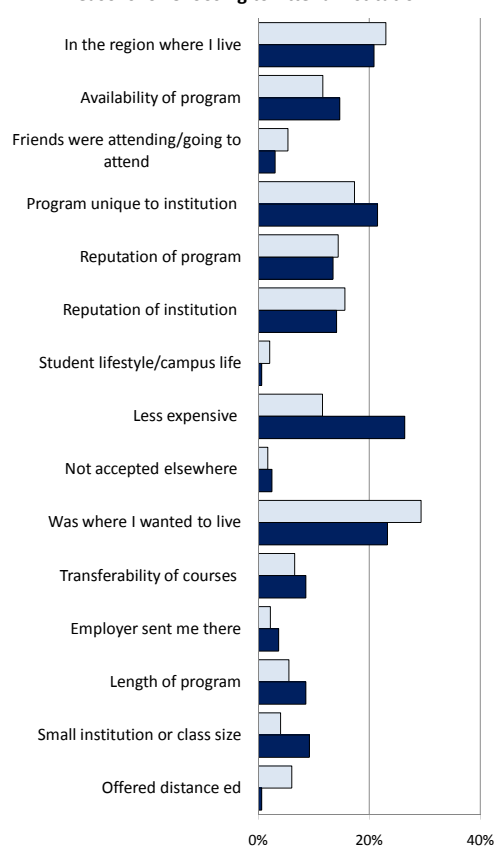
18 Relocated from home community to attend institution	CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	32	19.8%	1,226	24.8%
No	130	80.2%	3,726	75.2%

19 Institution was first choice	CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	132	84.1%	3,848	78.7%

20 Reasons for choosing to attend institution*	CAM		SYSTEM	
It is in the region where I live, so I didn't have to move	34	20.9%	1,148	23.0%
Availability of program/no waitlist/space available	24	14.7%	581	11.6%
Friends were attending, or were going to attend	5	3.1%	269	5.4%
Program unique to this institution	35	21.5%	866	17.3%
Reputation of program	22	13.5%	720	14.4%
Reputation of institution	23	14.1%	781	15.6%
Student lifestyle/campus life	1	0.6%	104	2.1%
Less expensive	43	26.4%	579	11.6%
I was not accepted elsewhere	4	2.5%	87	1.7%
Location of the institution (where I wanted to live)	38	23.3%	1,466	29.3%
Transferability of program or courses	14	8.6%	327	6.5%
Employer sent me there	6	3.7%	109	2.2%
Length of program/convenient schedule	14	8.6%	277	5.5%
Small institution or class size	15	9.2%	203	4.1%
Offered online /distance ed/ correspondence courses	1	0.6%	303	6.1%
Other	3	1.8%	88	1.8%

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Reasons for Choosing to Attend Institution



Quality of Educational Experience

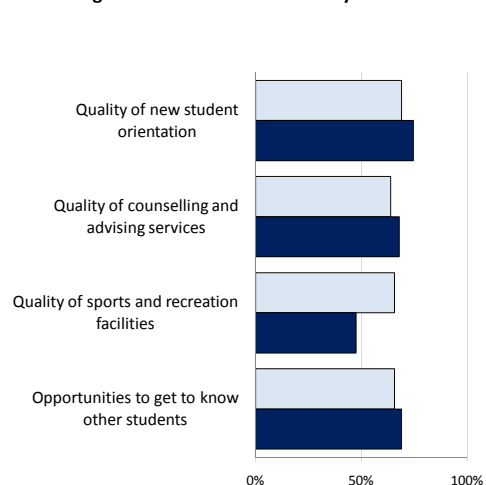
21 Quality of new student orientation	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	37	33.6%	908	26.3%
Good	45	40.9%	1,474	42.7%
Adequate	23	20.9%	766	22.2%
Poor	4	3.6%	208	6.0%
Very poor	1	0.9%	100	2.9%

22 Quality of counselling and advising services	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	26	23.9%	953	26.8%
Good	48	44.0%	1,314	37.0%
Adequate	20	18.3%	798	22.5%
Poor	11	10.1%	315	8.9%
Very poor	4	3.7%	172	4.8%

23 Quality of sports and recreation facilities	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	7	11.5%	444	22.7%
Good	22	36.1%	840	43.0%
Adequate	19	31.1%	415	21.2%
Poor	11	18.0%	170	8.7%
Very poor	2	3.3%	86	4.4%

24 Opportunities to get to know other students	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	49	37.1%	1,119	27.0%
Good	42	31.8%	1,599	38.6%
Adequate	30	22.7%	974	23.5%
Poor	11	8.3%	333	8.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%	116	2.8%

Rating the Institution: Good or Very Good



Quality of Educational Experience (cont'd)

25 Availability of instructors for course help outside of class	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	55	36.4%	1,547	33.1%
Good	55	36.4%	1,812	38.8%
Adequate	29	19.2%	910	19.5%
Poor	9	6.0%	289	6.2%
Very poor	3	2.0%	117	2.5%

26 Helpfulness of instructors outside of class	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	59	39.6%	1,602	34.6%
Good	58	38.9%	1,782	38.5%
Adequate	19	12.8%	871	18.8%
Poor	10	6.7%	253	5.5%
Very poor	3	2.0%	117	2.5%

27 Quality of instruction	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	50	31.1%	1,667	33.8%
Good	72	44.7%	2,120	43.0%
Adequate	29	18.0%	834	16.9%
Poor	8	5.0%	215	4.4%
Very poor	2	1.2%	98	2.0%

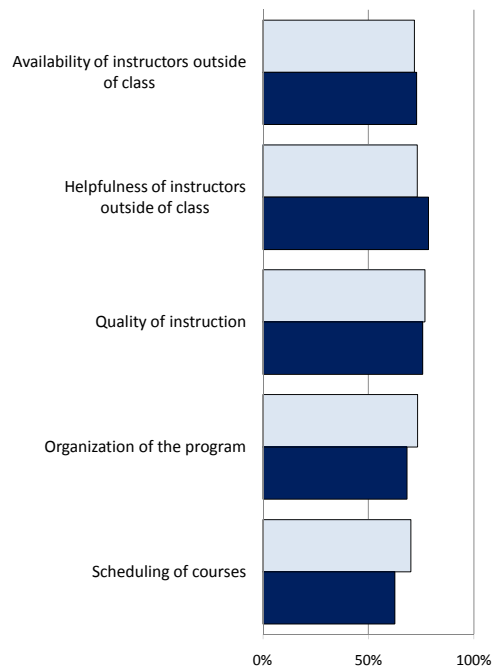
28 Organization of the program	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	44	27.8%	1,380	28.2%
Good	64	40.5%	2,201	45.0%
Adequate	31	19.6%	921	18.8%
Poor	16	10.1%	258	5.3%
Very poor	3	1.9%	127	2.6%

29 Scheduling of courses	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very good	38	23.8%	1,165	23.9%
Good	62	38.8%	2,251	46.2%
Adequate	41	25.6%	1,026	21.1%
Poor	15	9.4%	310	6.4%
Very poor	4	2.5%	117	2.4%

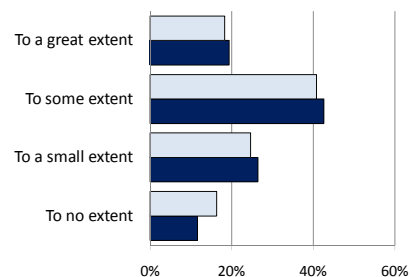
30 Percentage of courses that were entirely online or by distance	CAM		SYSTEM	
0% of courses	140	90.9%	3,707	75.9%
1% - 24% of courses	11	7.1%	499	10.2%
25% - 49% of courses	1	0.6%	104	2.1%
50% - 74% of courses	0	0.0%	75	1.5%
75% - 99% of courses	0	0.0%	66	1.4%
100% of courses	2	1.3%	433	8.9%

31 Respondents felt a sense of belonging while at institution...	CAM		SYSTEM	
To a great extent	30	19.4%	881	18.2%
To some extent	66	42.6%	1,971	40.8%
To a small extent	41	26.5%	1,191	24.7%
To no extent	18	11.6%	788	16.3%

Rating the Program: Good or Very Good

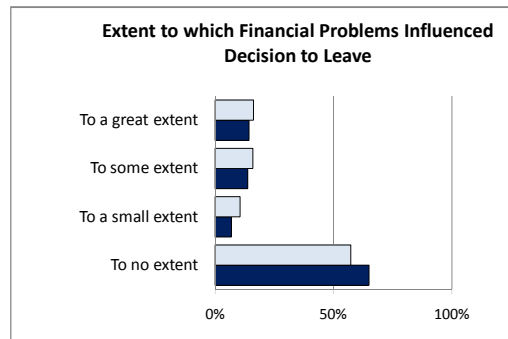


Respondent Felt Sense of Belonging while at Institution



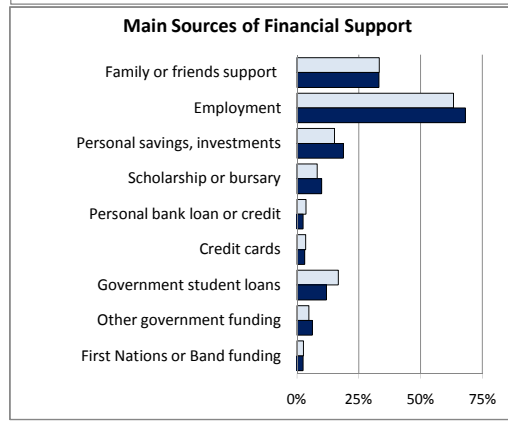
Student Financial Assistance

32 Extent to which financial problems influenced decision to leave institution	CAM		SYSTEM	
To a great extent	23	14.4%	803	16.2%
To some extent	22	13.8%	792	15.9%
To a small extent	11	6.9%	523	10.5%
To no extent	104	65.0%	2,849	57.4%



33 Government student loans	CAM		SYSTEM	
Received gov't student loans while attending institution	27	16.9%	1,147	22.9%
While attending, had gov't student loans to repay from previous studies	8	14.5%	378	17.5%
When leaving, total amount of gov't student loan debt*	\$10,000		\$11,000	

* Median

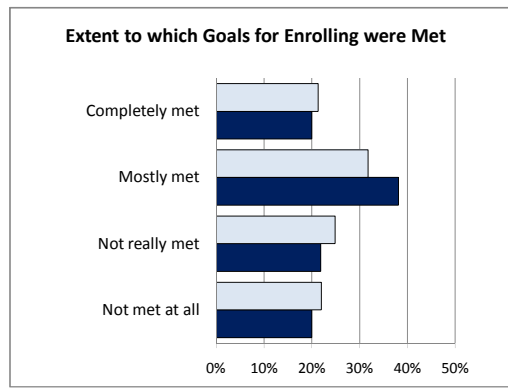


34 Main sources of financial support while studying *	CAM		SYSTEM	
Family or friends support	53	33.1%	1,663	33.3%
Employment	109	68.1%	3,164	63.3%
Personal savings, investments, RESPs	30	18.8%	759	15.2%
Scholarship or bursary (government or non-government)	16	10.0%	410	8.2%
Personal bank loan or line of credit	4	2.5%	182	3.6%
Credit cards	5	3.1%	178	3.6%
Government student loans	19	11.9%	833	16.7%
Other government funding	10	6.3%	240	4.8%
First Nations or Band funding	4	2.5%	131	2.6%
Other	0	0.0%	6	0.1%

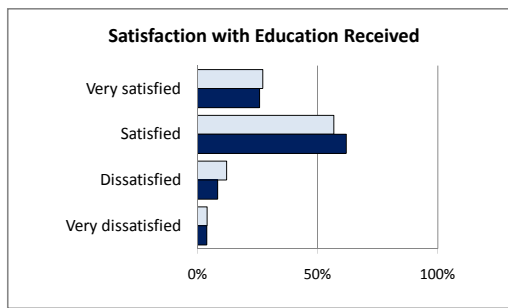
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Educational Outcomes

35 Extent to which goals for enrolling were met	CAM		SYSTEM	
Completely met	32	20.0%	1,049	21.3%
Mostly met	61	38.1%	1,564	31.8%
Not really met	35	21.9%	1,223	24.9%
Not met at all	32	20.0%	1,083	22.0%



36 Level of difficulty of courses	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very easy	6	3.7%	149	3.0%
Easy	24	14.9%	633	12.7%
Neither difficult nor easy	71	44.1%	2,437	48.9%
Difficult	49	30.4%	1,520	30.5%
Very difficult	11	6.8%	242	4.9%



37 How satisfied are you with the education you received from the institution?	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very satisfied	40	25.8%	1,335	27.2%
Satisfied	96	61.9%	2,787	56.7%
Dissatisfied	13	8.4%	596	12.1%
Very dissatisfied	6	3.9%	196	4.0%

38 Stayed at institution as long as originally planned	CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	54	33.3%	1,712	34.2%
No	102	63.0%	3,011	60.2%
Didn't have a plan	6	3.7%	279	5.6%

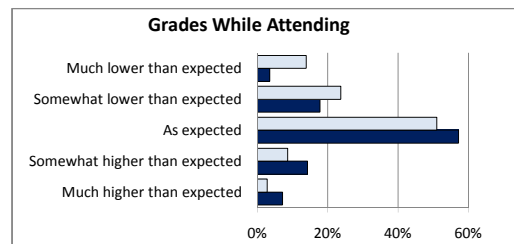
Departure

39 Grades while attending	CAM		SYSTEM	
Much higher than expected	4	7.1%	56	2.8%
Somewhat higher than expected	8	14.3%	171	8.6%
As expected	32	57.1%	1,012	51.0%
Somewhat lower than expected	10	17.9%	471	23.7%
Much lower than expected	2	3.6%	276	13.9%

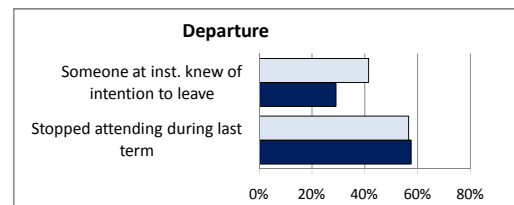
Note: Questions on this page were only asked of respondents who either did not stay at the institution as long as they originally planned or who did not meet their original goals for enrolling.

Those who stayed as long as originally planned or completely or mostly met their original goals were excluded.

40 While enrolled, stopped attending or doing coursework before the end of last term	CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	34	57.6%	1,153	56.6%
No	25	42.4%	884	43.4%

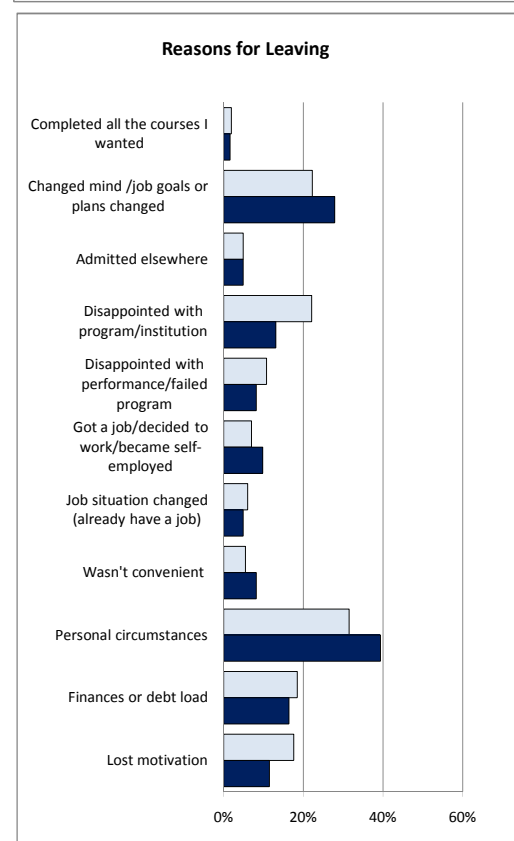


41 Someone (e.g., an instructor or administrator) at institution knew of intention to leave	CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	9	29.0%	459	41.5%
No	22	71.0%	647	58.5%



42 Main reason for leaving *	CAM		SYSTEM	
Completed all the courses I wanted	1	1.6%	39	1.9%
Changed mind /job goals or plans changed	17	27.9%	459	22.2%
Transferred to/qualified for admission elsewhere	3	4.9%	101	4.9%
Disappointed with program/institution	8	13.1%	457	22.1%
Disappointed with own performance/failed program	5	8.2%	223	10.8%
Got a job/decided to work/became self-employed	6	9.8%	145	7.0%
Job situation changed (already have a job)	3	4.9%	124	6.0%
Wasn't convenient (e.g., transportation, scheduling)	5	8.2%	113	5.5%
Personal circumstances (e.g., health, family)	24	39.3%	650	31.5%
Finances or debt load	10	16.4%	382	18.5%
Lost motivation	7	11.5%	364	17.6%
Other	0	0.0%	30	1.5%

* Percentage of respondents who gave this reason. Multiple responses were allowed.



43 How satisfied are you with your decision to leave institution when you did?	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very satisfied	12	21.1%	542	27.4%
Satisfied	28	49.1%	719	36.4%
Dissatisfied	12	21.1%	483	24.4%
Very dissatisfied	5	8.8%	233	11.8%

44 Factors that may have increased length of stay at institution *	CAM		SYSTEM	
Greater choice of courses	23	40.4%	807	41.3%
Better quality instruction	34	41.4%	1,149	41.3%
More relevant coursework	24	45.8%	820	44.1%
Less difficult courses	34	22.4%	1,166	18.9%
More assistance from faculty and staff	27	36.7%	869	39.2%
Better equipment	32	18.6%	1,101	20.9%
Better financial support	13	30.5%	374	45.0%
More interactions or friendships with other students	45	15.0%	1,603	29.1%
More remedial courses available	22	19.7%	775	20.5%
Not having to work at a job while studying	38	55.0%	1,204	48.2%
Better access to housing	11	8.2%	405	20.4%
Better transportation to/from campus	48	19.7%	1,535	25.4%

* Percentage of respondents who cited this factor. Multiple responses were allowed.

Subsequent Education

45 Have taken further education or training since leaving institution	CAM		SYSTEM	
Yes	57	36.8%	2,020	41.0%
No	98	63.2%	2,901	59.0%

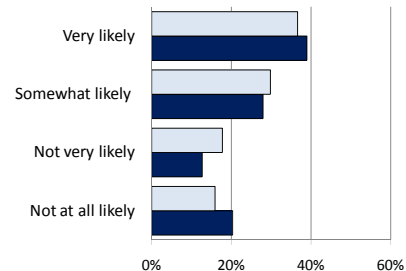
46 Taking further education or training at time of survey	CAM		SYSTEM	
No	117	76.0%	3,757	76.5%
Yes, in BC	19	12.3%	662	13.5%
Yes, outside of BC	18	11.7%	495	10.1%

47 Relatedness of further studies to studies at institution	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very related	26	40.6%	681	32.3%
Somewhat related	12	18.8%	603	28.6%
Not very related	7	10.9%	244	11.6%
Not at all related	19	29.7%	580	27.5%

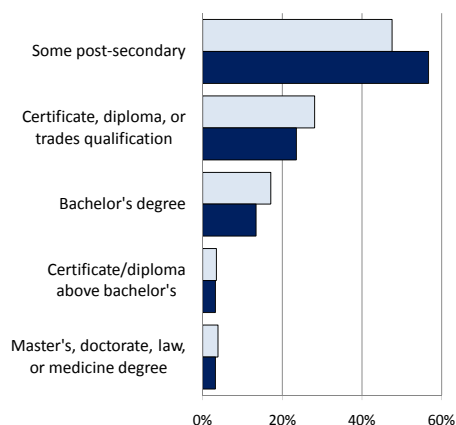
48 Likelihood of enrolling in a post-secondary institution in the next two years	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very likely	46	39.0%	1,356	36.6%
Somewhat likely	33	28.0%	1,104	29.8%
Not very likely	15	12.7%	657	17.7%
Not at all likely	24	20.3%	588	15.9%

49 Highest level of education at time of survey	CAM		SYSTEM	
Some post-secondary (no credential obtained)	89	56.7%	2,363	47.5%
Post-secondary certificate, diploma, or trades qualification	37	23.6%	1,397	28.1%
Bachelor's degree	21	13.4%	849	17.1%
Certificate or diploma above bachelor's level	5	3.2%	173	3.5%
Master's, doctorate, law, or medicine degree	5	3.2%	190	3.8%

Likelihood of Enrolling in Post-Secondary in the Next Two Years

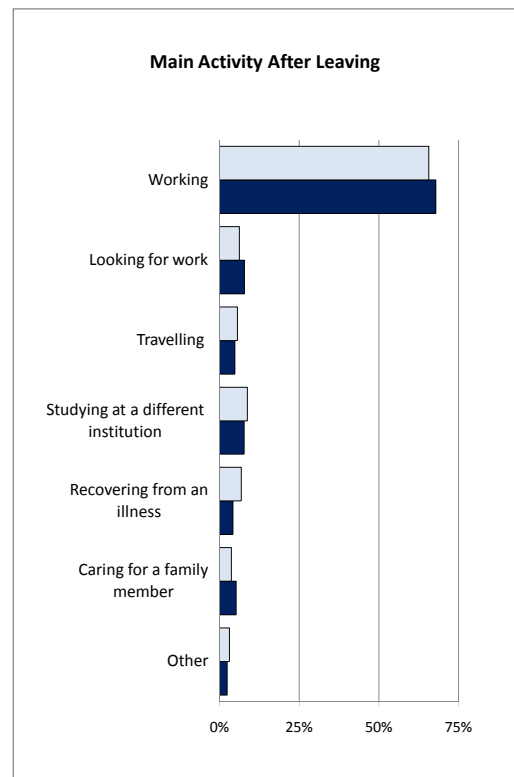


Highest Level of Education at Time of Survey



Subsequent Employment

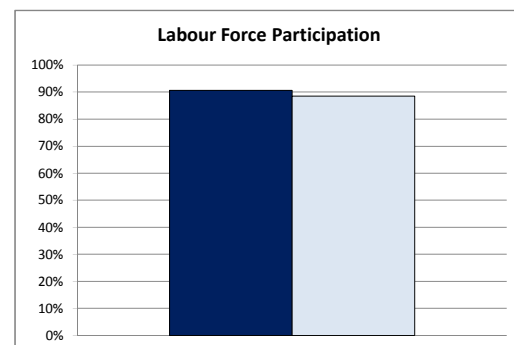
50 Main activity in first four months after leaving institution	CAM		SYSTEM	
Working	105	65.6%	3,381	67.8%
Looking for work	10	6.3%	388	7.8%
Travelling	9	5.6%	239	4.8%
Studying at a different institution	14	8.8%	385	7.7%
Recovering from an illness	11	6.9%	212	4.3%
Caring for a family member	6	3.8%	258	5.2%
Other	5	3.1%	122	2.4%



51 Of those whose main activity was "working"...	CAM		SYSTEM	
Had this employment while at institution	62	59.6%	1,976	59.2%
Obtained this employment after leaving institution	42	40.4%	1,361	40.8%

52 Relatedness of this employment to career path	CAM		SYSTEM	
Very related	42	40.8%	1,301	39.7%
Somewhat related	14	13.6%	489	14.9%
Not very related	10	9.7%	304	9.3%
Not at all related	37	35.9%	1,185	36.1%

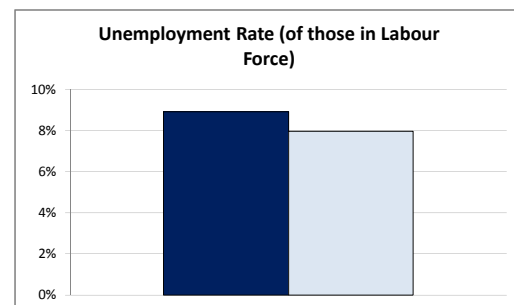
53 Labour force status	CAM		SYSTEM	
In Labour Force	146	90.7%	4,399	88.6%
Not in Labour Force	15	9.3%	568	11.4%



54 Of those not in the labour force, main reason for not seeking work	CAM		SYSTEM	
Studying	1	6.7%	161	30.1%
Poor prospect of suitable employment	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Personal circumstances (e.g., health, family)	11	73.3%	229	42.9%
Doing other things	2	13.3%	46	8.6%
Waiting for replies from employers/expecting job	0	0.0%	13	2.4%
Other	1	6.7%	85	15.9%

55 Employment *	CAM		SYSTEM	
Employed	133	82.6%	4,049	81.5%
Unemployed	13	8.9%	350	8.0%

* Employment rate is calculated as the number employed divided by the number of respondents who provided valid answers to the employment questions. Unemployment rate is the number unemployed divided by all those in the labour force.



56 Of those unemployed, main reason	CAM		SYSTEM	
Can't find a job/no jobs available	5	38.5%	148	42.7%
Salary too low in jobs available	0	0.0%	4	1.2%
Temporarily laid off/seasonal work	1	7.7%	22	6.3%
Temporarily between jobs/expecting job soon	2	15.4%	45	13.0%
Need more education/training	1	7.7%	14	4.0%
Unable to obtain required licence, trade certificate or union membership	0	0.0%	4	1.2%
Studying	1	7.7%	19	5.5%
Permanently laid off	3	23.1%	52	15.0%
Other	0	0.0%	39	11.2%