

Student Access & Computing Group Student Survey: Autumn 2001

Response frequencies and a modified item text are presented below for the Autumn 2001 survey of UW general-access computer lab users. There were 1886 responses to this on-line survey. Percentages are based on the total number of responses for each question.

Questions 1-5. On average, over the course of this quarter, how many hours per week do you spend using each of the following resources?

| | None | | Under 3 | | 3-10 | | Over 10 | |
|---------------------------------|------|------|---------|------|------|------|---------|------|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| 1. Mary Gates hall CRC | 577 | 31.3 | 746 | 40.5 | 414 | 22.5 | 104 | 5.6 |
| 2. OUGL Computing Commons | 243 | 13.1 | 573 | 30.9 | 674 | 36.4 | 364 | 19.6 |
| 3. A computer in your residence | 305 | 16.6 | 291 | 15.8 | 470 | 25.6 | 771 | 42.0 |
| 4. A departmental computer lab | 1019 | 57.0 | 446 | 24.9 | 212 | 11.9 | 112 | 6.3 |
| 5. Other | 1172 | 71.9 | 277 | 17.0 | 107 | 6.6 | 73 | 4.5 |

Question 7. What do you use the general-access labs for? Check all that apply.

| | N | % | | N | % |
|----------------------------|------|------|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Word processing (Word) | 1526 | 80.9 | Making PDFs (Acrobat Distiller) | 91 | 4.8 |
| Spreadsheets (Excel) | 578 | 30.6 | Desktop Publishing (PageMaker) | 57 | 3.0 |
| Presentations (PowerPoint) | 319 | 16.9 | Image Editing (Photoshop) | 281 | 14.9 |
| Databases (Access) | 223 | 11.8 | Vector Graphics (Illustrator) | 54 | 2.9 |
| Web Page Design | 250 | 13.3 | Scanning Images | 345 | 18.3 |
| Email | 1779 | 94.3 | Scanning Text | 118 | 6.3 |
| Statistics (SPSS) | 68 | 3.6 | Video Editing (iMovie/Final Cut Pro) | 53 | 2.8 |
| Printing (Draft) | 1206 | 63.9 | File Transfer | 536 | 28.4 |
| Printing (Color) | 313 | 16.6 | Programming (Visual Studio) | 175 | 9.3 |
| Printing (Plotter) | 65 | 3.4 | Geography (Arcview) | 35 | 1.9 |
| Browsing the Web | 1319 | 69.9 | Mathematics (Mathematica) | 86 | 4.6 |
| CD Burning | 280 | 14.8 | Watching Video | 191 | 10.1 |
| DVD Burning | 52 | 2.8 | Self-Installed Software | 164 | 8.7 |

Questions 8-12. During this quarter, what percentage of your time in the general-access computer labs have you spent on each of the following activities?

| | Fewer than 25% | | 25-50% | | About 50% | | 50-75% | | More than 75% | |
|--|----------------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|---------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| 8. Online research | 838 | 45.5 | 586 | 31.8 | 218 | 11.8 | 132 | 7.2 | 66 | 3.6 |
| 9. Completing course work/studying | 421 | 23.0 | 618 | 33.7 | 327 | 17.8 | 286 | 15.6 | 181 | 9.9 |
| 10. Communicating with peers and faculty | 887 | 49.3 | 557 | 31.0 | 171 | 9.5 | 116 | 6.5 | 67 | 3.7 |
| 11. Academic planning | 1172 | 66.2 | 371 | 21.0 | 111 | 6.3 | 59 | 3.3 | 57 | 3.2 |
| 12. Personal development | 989 | 56.6 | 409 | 23.4 | 189 | 10.8 | 87 | 5.0 | 74 | 4.2 |

Question 13. What is your preferred computer platform?

| | N | % |
|---------------|------|------|
| No preference | 223 | 12.0 |
| PC | 1470 | 79.1 |
| Mac | 165 | 8.9 |

Question 14. How often do you get to use your preferred platform?

| | N | % |
|------------------|------|------|
| Almost never | 54 | 2.9 |
| Half of the time | 273 | 14.5 |
| Almost always | 1474 | 78.2 |

Question 17. Your class level:

| | N | % |
|-----------|-----|------|
| Freshman | 277 | 14.9 |
| Sophomore | 365 | 19.6 |
| Junior | 491 | 26.4 |
| Senior | 550 | 29.6 |
| Graduate | 118 | 6.3 |
| Other | 60 | 3.2 |

Question 18. Your gender:

| | N | % |
|--------|-----|------|
| Male | 981 | 53.3 |
| Female | 859 | 46.7 |

Question 19. Have you declared a major?

| | N | % |
|-----|------|------|
| Yes | 1042 | 56.6 |
| No | 800 | 43.4 |