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# **Student Withdrawal Survey Results (Fall 2007)**

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## Method

The Withdrawal Survey was re-instituted this fall 2007 semester. As students dropped courses less and less in person, our sample size dwindled to an unreliably low number of respondents. With the advent of better web-based survey software, and the fact that nearly 95% of our students have provided Cuesta with their email addresses, in addition to the option of completing the withdrawal survey in person on paper, an email invitation was sent to roughly 3,500 students who dropped at least one course after first census. The combined response rate from the combined paper and pencil and web surveys was 17.9% (117 paper surveys and 508 web surveys = 625 total surveys.)

## Results

**(Q1) I am withdrawing from all of my courses:**

**Table 1: Wtithdrawal from one or all courses**

			Paper or Web Survey		Total
			Web Survey	Paper Survey	
I am withdrawing from all my courses	No	Count	340	81	421
		% within Paper or Web Survey	68.7%	69.2%	68.8%
	Yes	Count	155	36	191
		% within Paper or Web Survey	31.3%	30.8%	31.2%
Total		Count	495	117	612
		% within Paper or Web Survey	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**(Q2) Please indicate all of the reasons you are dropping the course(s):**

**Table 2: Reasons For Wtithdrawal**

			Paper or Web Survey		Total
			Web Survey	Paper Survey	
REASON FOR WITHDRAWING <sup>a</sup>	Academic Reasons	Count	148	36	184
		% within Collection_method	31.0%	32.1%	
	Work or Other Commitments	Count	172	50	222
		% within Collection_method	36.1%	44.6%	
	Personal or Medical	Count	127	36	163
		% within Collection_method	26.6%	32.1%	
	Other Reasons	Count	222	36	258
		% within Collection_method	46.5%	32.1%	
Total		Count	477	112	589

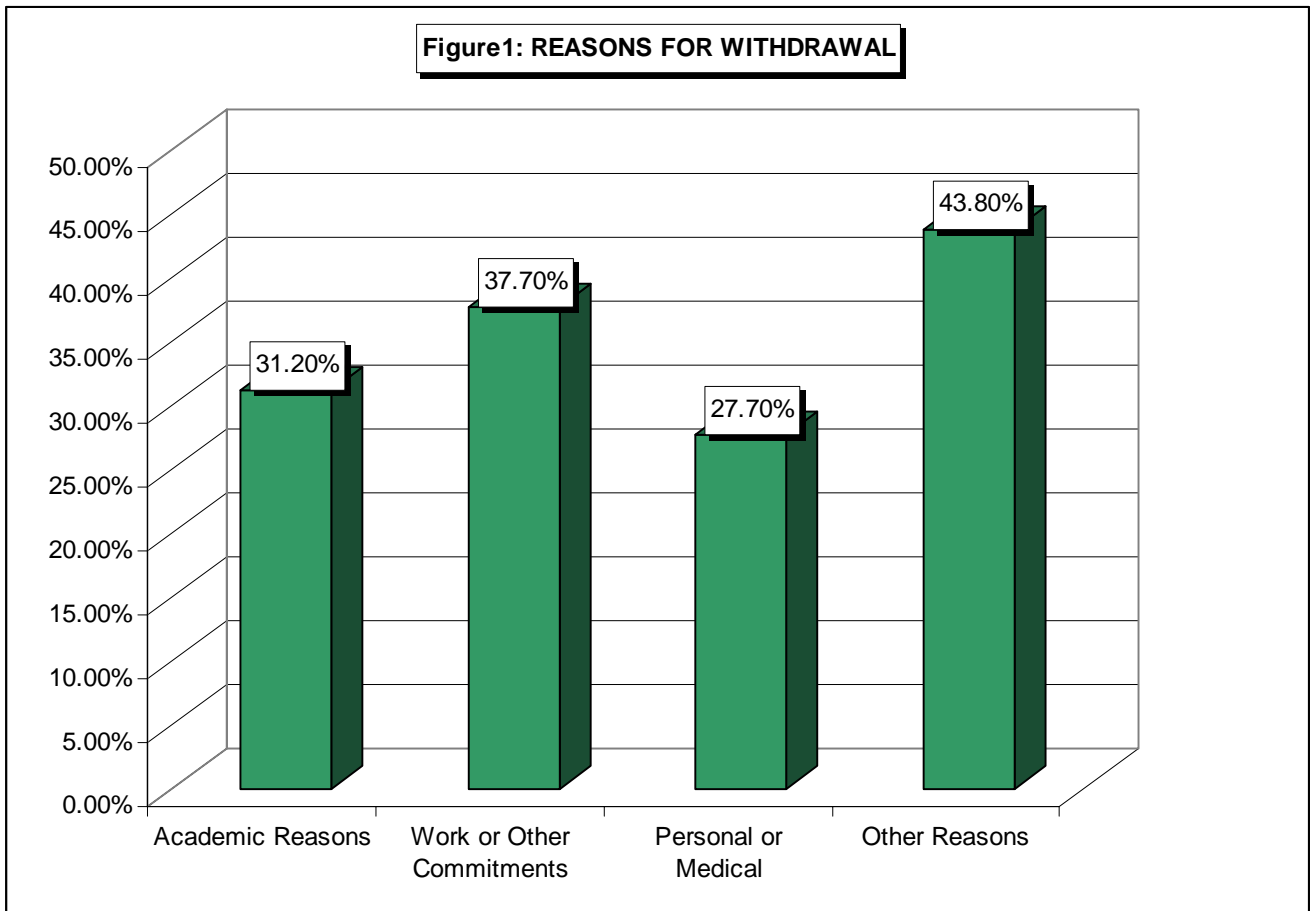
Percentages and totals are based on respondents.

a. Dichotomy group tabulated at value 1.

**Table 3: Reasons for Withdrawal (Overall)**

REASON FOR WITHDRAWING <sup>a</sup>		Responses		Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
REASON FOR WITHDRAWING <sup>a</sup>	Academic Reasons	184	22.2%	31.2%
	Work or Other Commitments	222	26.8%	37.7%
	Personal or Medical	163	19.7%	27.7%
	Other Reasons	258	31.2%	43.8%
Total		827	100.0%	140.4%

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The remainder of the report consists of the qualitative responses.