

**Oakland Community College**  
**Preliminary Analysis of Student Withdrawal Surveys**  
**(Calendar Year 1993)**

The Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis analyzed students' responses to the Withdrawal Survey to determine predominant reasons for withdrawal from courses. We separated data into multiple categories (such as gender, ethnicity, time of withdrawal, complete withdrawal and age) to help with the analysis. The following statements represent some of the findings from this analysis.

*Overall*

<b>Reason for Withdrawal</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Transportation Problems	637	4.8 %
Conflict with Work	4916	36.8 %
Moving from the Area	287	2.2 %
Financial Reasons	621	4.7 %
Conflict with Instructor	665	5.0 %
Medical Reasons	999	7.5 %
Child Care Problems	404	3.0 %
Registration Error	255	1.9 %
Course too Difficult	2023	15.2 %
Course too Easy	150	1.1 %
Course Scheduling Conflict	869	6.5 %
Personal Reasons	3690	27.6 %
Course is not what I Expected	1594	11.9 %
Other	1444	10.4 %

*Gender*

- The most cited reason for withdrawal for both men (43.9 %) and women (31.1 %) was "conflict with work."
- Women (16.5 %) were more likely than men (11.3%) to indicate that their "course was too difficult."
- Women were more likely to cite "medical reasons" (9.6%), "child care problems" (4.6%), and "conflict with instructor" (5.6%) when compared to men (4.9%, 1.2%, and 4.3%, respectively).
- Both men (26.6%) and women (28.6%) cited "personal reasons" for withdrawal.

*Ethnicity*

- Minority students (10.1%) were more likely to indicate "problems with transportation" than non-minority students (3.9%).
- Non-minority students (38.6%) were more likely to cite "conflict with work" than minority students (31.5%).
- Minority students were more likely to indicate both "medical reasons" (8.9%) and "child care problems" (5.9%) when compared to non-minority respondents (7.5% and 2.7%, respectively).

### *Age*

- Older students were more likely to cite “medical reasons” (13.6%) and “childcare problems” (4.6%) than younger students (5.5% and 1.5%, respectively).
- Younger students are more likely to withdraw because the “course was too difficult” (17.4%) and to indicate the “course was not what they expected” (13.7%) compared to older students (11.1% and 9.6%, respectively).

### *Time of Withdrawal*

- The responses “course too difficult” (e.g. Fall term 11.5% in September compared to 22.3% in November), “conflict with instructor” (3.4% September, 8.2% November), and “personal reasons” (23.7% September, 32.4% November) were more frequent late in the term than earlier.
- The response “conflict with work” remained constant through the term (36.4% September, 39.6% October, 36.0% November).

### *100% Withdrawal*

- “Conflict with work” is more likely to result in 100% withdrawal (41.4%) than partial withdrawal (33.7%).
- “Conflict with instructor” and “course too difficult” were more likely to result in partial withdrawal (6.2%, 19.4%) than complete withdrawal (3.3%, 9.2%).

Reasons for Withdrawal by Gender (Calendar Year 1993)

	Students gender			
	Female		Male	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Transportation problems				
No	6959	95.6%	5598	94.7%
Yes	318	4.4%	315	5.3%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Conflict with work				
No	5012	68.9%	3315	56.1%
Yes	2265	31.1%	2598	43.9%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Moving out of the area				
No	7133	98.0%	5775	97.7%
Yes	144	2.0%	138	2.3%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Financial reasons				
No	6946	95.5%	5634	95.3%
Yes	331	4.5%	279	4.7%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Conflict with instructor				
No	6873	94.4%	5659	95.7%
Yes	404	5.6%	254	4.3%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Gender (Calendar Year 1993)

	Students gender			
	Female		Male	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Medical reasons				
No	6575	90.4%	5624	95.1%
Yes	702	9.6%	289	4.9%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Child care problems				
No	6945	95.4%	5845	98.8%
Yes	332	4.6%	68	1.2%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Registration error				
No	7134	98.0%	5805	98.2%
Yes	143	2.0%	108	1.8%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Course too difficult				
No	6079	83.5%	5110	86.4%
Yes	1198	16.5%	803	13.6%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Course too easy				
No	7199	98.9%	5844	98.8%
Yes	78	1.1%	69	1.2%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Gender (Calendar Year 1993)

	Students gender			
	Female		Male	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Course scheduling conflict				
No	6787	93.3%	5548	93.8%
Yes	490	6.7%	365	6.2%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Personal reasons				
No	5198	71.4%	4341	73.4%
Yes	2079	28.6%	1572	26.6%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Course was not what I expected				
No	6360	87.4%	5246	88.7%
Yes	917	12.6%	667	11.3%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%
Other reason				
No	6398	87.9%	5367	90.8%
Yes	879	12.1%	546	9.2%
Total	7277	100.0%	5913	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Race (Calendar Year 1993)

	Students race/ethnicity			
	Minority		Non-Minority	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Transportation problems				
No	1670	89.9%	8836	96.1%
Yes	188	10.1%	357	3.9%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Conflict with work				
No	1272	68.5%	5643	61.4%
Yes	586	31.5%	3550	38.6%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Moving out of the area				
No	1830	98.5%	8987	97.8%
Yes	28	1.5%	206	2.2%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Financial reasons				
No	1770	95.3%	8768	95.4%
Yes	88	4.7%	425	4.6%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Conflict with instructor				
No	1786	96.1%	8714	94.8%
Yes	72	3.9%	479	5.2%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Race (Calendar Year 1993)

	Students race/ethnicity			
	Minority		Non-Minority	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Medical reasons				
No	1692	91.1%	8506	92.5%
Yes	166	8.9%	687	7.5%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Child care problems				
No	1749	94.1%	8943	97.3%
Yes	109	5.9%	250	2.7%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Registration error				
No	1811	97.5%	9041	98.3%
Yes	47	2.5%	152	1.7%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Course too difficult				
No	1557	83.8%	7843	85.3%
Yes	301	16.2%	1350	14.7%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Course too easy				
No	1843	99.2%	9090	98.9%
Yes	15	.8%	103	1.1%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Race (Calendar Year 1993)

	Students race/ethnicity			
	Minority		Non-Minority	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Course scheduling conflict				
No	1710	92.0%	8625	93.8%
Yes	148	8.0%	568	6.2%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Personal reasons				
No	1354	72.9%	6617	72.0%
Yes	504	27.1%	2576	28.0%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Course was not what I expected				
No	1668	89.8%	8086	88.0%
Yes	190	10.2%	1107	12.0%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%
Other reason				
No	1689	90.9%	8173	88.9%
Yes	169	9.1%	1020	11.1%
Total	1858	100.0%	9193	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Age (Calendar Year 1993)

	AGE					
	25 and under		26 to 35		36 and older	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Transportation problems						
No	7735	94.3%	3019	96.0%	1790	97.8
Yes	465	5.7%	126	4.0%	40	2.2
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Conflict with work						
No	5272	64.3%	1879	59.7%	1165	63.7
Yes	2928	35.7%	1266	40.3%	665	36.3
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Moving out of the area						
No	8022	97.8%	3072	97.7%	1802	98.5
Yes	178	2.2%	73	2.3%	28	1.5
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Financial reasons						
No	7770	94.8%	3019	96.0%	1780	97.3
Yes	430	5.2%	126	4.0%	50	2.7
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Conflict with instructor						
No	7756	94.6%	3005	95.5%	1758	96.1
Yes	444	5.4%	140	4.5%	72	3.9
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0

Reasons for Withdrawal by Age (Calendar Year 1993)

	AGE					
	25 and under		26 to 35		36 and older	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Medical reasons						
No	7747	94.5%	2860	90.9%	1582	86.4
Yes	453	5.5%	285	9.1%	248	13.6
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Child care problems						
No	8074	98.5%	2957	94.0%	1745	95.4
Yes	126	1.5%	188	6.0%	85	4.6
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Registration error						
No	8049	98.2%	3082	98.0%	1793	98.0
Yes	151	1.8%	63	2.0%	37	2.0
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Course too difficult						
No	6774	82.6%	2774	88.2%	1626	88.9
Yes	1426	17.4%	371	11.8%	204	11.1
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Course too easy						
No	8090	98.7%	3117	99.1%	1821	99.5
Yes	110	1.3%	28	.9%	9	.5
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0

Reasons for Withdrawal by Age (Calendar Year 1993)

	AGE					
	25 and under		26 to 35		36 and older	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Course scheduling conflict						
No	7657	93.4%	2943	93.6%	1720	94.0
Yes	543	6.6%	202	6.4%	110	6.0
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Personal reasons						
No	5811	70.9%	2389	76.0%	1329	72.6
Yes	2389	29.1%	756	24.0%	501	27.4
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Course was not what I expected						
No	7073	86.3%	2863	91.0%	1655	90.4
Yes	1127	13.7%	282	9.0%	175	9.6
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0
Other reason						
No	7400	90.2%	2760	87.8%	1591	86.9
Yes	800	9.8%	385	12.2%	239	13.1
Total	8200	100.0%	3145	100.0%	1830	100.0

Reasons for Withdrawal Fall 1993 Term

	Month of withdrawal		
	September	October	November
	Count Percent	Count Percent	Count Percent
Transportation problems			
No	95.9%	95.5%	95.7%
Yes	4.1%	4.5%	4.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Conflict with work			
No	63.6%	60.4%	64.0%
Yes	36.4%	39.6%	36.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Moving out of the area			
No	98.1%	97.5%	97.5%
Yes	1.9%	2.5%	2.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Financial reasons			
No	94.8%	95.1%	96.3%
Yes	5.2%	4.9%	3.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Conflict with instructor			
No	96.6%	95.1%	91.8%
Yes	3.4%	4.9%	8.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal Fall 1993 Term

	Month of withdrawal		
	September	October	November
	Count Percent	Count Percent	Count Percent
Medical reasons			
No	93.8%	91.9%	92.5%
Yes	6.3%	8.1%	7.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Child care problems			
No	96.7%	96.8%	98.1%
Yes	3.3%	3.2%	1.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Registration error			
No	97.6%	99.2%	98.9%
Yes	2.4%	.8%	1.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Course too difficult			
No	88.5%	81.7%	77.7%
Yes	11.5%	18.3%	22.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Course too easy			
No	98.4%	98.1%	99.2%
Yes	1.6%	1.9%	.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal Fall 1993 Term

	Month of withdrawal		
	September	October	November
	Count Percent	Count Percent	Count Percent
Course scheduling conflict			
No	91.8%	94.6%	95.4%
Yes	8.2%	5.4%	4.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Personal reasons			
No	76.3%	72.5%	67.6%
Yes	23.7%	27.5%	32.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Course was not what I expected			
No	84.0%	85.8%	86.7%
Yes	16.0%	14.2%	13.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other reason			
No	88.8%	91.5%	91.9%
Yes	11.2%	8.5%	8.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal Winter 1993 Term

	Month of withdrawal		
	January	February	March
	Count Percent	Count Percent	Count Percent
Transportation problems			
No	95.3%	95.5%	93.9%
Yes	4.7%	4.5%	6.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Conflict with work			
No	63.4%	63.7%	63.6%
Yes	36.6%	36.3%	36.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Moving out of the area			
No	98.1%	97.5%	98.1%
Yes	1.9%	2.5%	1.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Financial reasons			
No	93.9%	95.7%	96.0%
Yes	6.1%	4.3%	4.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Conflict with instructor			
No	97.1%	94.0%	94.2%
Yes	2.9%	6.0%	5.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal Winter 1993 Term

	Month of withdrawal		
	January	February	March
	Count Percent	Count Percent	Count Percent
Medical reasons			
No	94.2%	91.0%	92.1%
Yes	5.8%	9.0%	7.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Child care problems			
No	97.3%	96.2%	97.3%
Yes	2.7%	3.8%	2.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Registration error			
No	96.7%	98.3%	99.1%
Yes	3.3%	1.7%	.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Course too difficult			
No	91.7%	83.5%	81.6%
Yes	8.3%	16.5%	18.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Course too easy			
No	98.5%	99.0%	99.3%
Yes	1.5%	1.0%	.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal Winter 1993 Term

	Month of withdrawal		
	January	February	March
	Count Percent	Count Percent	Count Percent
Course scheduling conflict			
No	90.9%	93.4%	95.3%
Yes	9.1%	6.6%	4.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Personal reasons			
No	78.5%	72.2%	67.1%
Yes	21.5%	27.8%	32.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Course was not what I expected			
No	89.5%	86.6%	89.0%
Yes	10.5%	13.4%	11.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other reason			
No	85.9%	86.1%	90.6%
Yes	14.1%	13.9%	9.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Type of Withdrawal (1993)

	Credits after transaction			
	100% Withdrawal		Partial Withdrawal	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Transportation problems				
No	5225	95.3%	7337	95.1%
Yes	255	4.7%	378	4.9%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Conflict with work				
No	3213	58.6%	5117	66.3%
Yes	2267	41.4%	2598	33.7%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Moving out of the area				
No	5257	95.9%	7656	99.2%
Yes	223	4.1%	59	.8%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Financial reasons				
No	5179	94.5%	7405	96.0%
Yes	301	5.5%	310	4.0%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Conflict with instructor				
No	5297	96.7%	7240	93.8%
Yes	183	3.3%	475	6.2%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Type of Withdrawal (1993)

	Credits after transaction			
	100% Withdrawal		Partial Withdrawal	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Medical reasons				
No	4940	90.1%	7264	94.2%
Yes	540	9.9%	451	5.8%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Child care problems				
No	5306	96.8%	7489	97.1%
Yes	174	3.2%	226	2.9%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Registration error				
No	5381	98.2%	7563	98.0%
Yes	99	1.8%	152	2.0%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Course too difficult				
No	4977	90.8%	6217	80.6%
Yes	503	9.2%	1498	19.4%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Course too easy				
No	5433	99.1%	7615	98.7%
Yes	47	.9%	100	1.3%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%

Reasons for Withdrawal by Type of Withdrawal (1993)

	Credits after transaction			
	100% Withdrawal		Partial Withdrawal	
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent
Course scheduling conflict				
No	5199	94.9%	7140	92.5%
Yes	281	5.1%	575	7.5%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Personal reasons				
No	3985	72.7%	5557	72.0%
Yes	1495	27.3%	2158	28.0%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Course was not what I expected				
No	5011	91.4%	6599	85.5%
Yes	469	8.6%	1116	14.5%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%
Other reason				
No	4876	89.0%	6893	89.3%
Yes	604	11.0%	822	10.7%
Total	5480	100.0%	7715	100.0%

Withdrawal Due to Transportation by Campus (1993)

	Home campus						
	Auburn Hills		Highland Lakes		Orchard Ridge		Sou
	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent	Count	Count Percent	C
Students race/ethnicity							
White	147	64.2%	70	83.3%	77	73.3%	
African-American	57	24.9%	8	9.5%	16	15.2%	
Other Minority	25	10.9%	6	7.1%	12	11.4%	
Total	229	100.0%	84	100.0%	105	100.0%	