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RD Salary Satisfaction Survey

The following survey was conducted by Dr. Jo (Joanne V. Lichten, PhD) during June-July 2006 using SurveyMonkey.com. To be permitted to answer each of the following questions, respondents had to first answer “yes” to “Are you a registered dietitian?” and “Are you currently employed in the field of dietetics?”

JOB SATISFACTION

If I had to do it all over again, I'd still become a dietitian.

		Response Percent	Response Total
True		63.3%	348
False		36.7%	202
		Total Respondents (skipped this question)	15

When others ask my opinion about entering the field of dietetics, I say:

		Response Percent	Response Total
Great! There are so much opportunities in dietetics.		47.5%	261
Don't! it doesn't pay well.		23.3%	128
Other		29.3%	161
		Total Respondents (skipped this question)	15

Here's what I think about my job most of the time.

		Response Percent	Response Total
I love it!		37.3%	205
I like it		48.2%	265
It's a job		8.2%	45
I wish I was doing something else.		6.4%	35
		Total Respondents (skipped this question)	15

FINANCIAL SATISFACTION

I am _____ with my total current salary and other financial perks (company car, bonus, stock, etc.)

	Response Percent	Response Total
very unsatisfied	17.5%	96
somewhat unsatisfied	34.3%	188
satisfied	20.1%	110
somewhat satisfied	21%	115
very satisfied	7.1%	39
Total Respondents		548
(skipped this question)		17

Compared to other people with similar years of experience and education, I feel:

	Response Percent	Response Total
Very overpaid	0.7%	4
Overpaid	3.5%	19
Comparably paid	34.3%	188
underpaid	44.7%	245
Very underpaid	16.8%	92
Total Respondents		548
(skipped this question)		17

I've seriously thought about switching careers just so I can make the money I need.

	Response Percent	Response Total
True	40.2%	220
False	59.8%	327
Total Respondents		547
(skipped this question)		18

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In addition to this Salary Satisfaction Survey, Dr. Jo surveyed 88 “Financially Successful Dietitians” - those earning in the top 10% for all dietitians (according to the 2005 American Dietetic Association (ADA) and the Commission on Dietetic Registration’s (CDR) Compensation & Benefits Survey of the Dietetics Profession). More information about this self-study program can be found at www.drjo.com.