

## Parent & Family Pulse Poll – March 2014: Spring Break Plans

Results (260 responses)

Where is your student spending most of his/her Spring Break time?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
At home with family	58.1%	151
On a trip with friends - in state	8.5%	22
On a trip with friends - out of state	16.9%	44
On a trip with friends - out of USA	1.5%	4
On a trip with family - in state	1.5%	4
On a trip with family - out of state	7.3%	19
On a trip with family - out of USA	0.8%	2
On TTU Campus	3.8%	10
Alternative Spring Break program	1.5%	4

  

How is your student travelling to his/her Spring Break destination?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Student's own car	48.8%	127
Riding in friend's car	22.3%	58
Airline	15.0%	39
Family is picking student up	6.5%	17
Parent & Family Relations bus trip	3.8%	10
Other bus trip	3.5%	9

  

What are your biggest concerns about your student's participation in Spring Break? (Select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Transportation safety	66.4%	150
Travel to unsafe region/country	2.7%	6
Student's personal safety	34.1%	77
Alcohol use	13.3%	30
Student making poor decisions	13.7%	31
High cost of spring break travel	19.9%	45

### My student is a:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
High school student	3.1%	8
Freshman	41.5%	108
Sophomore	28.5%	74
Junior	17.7%	46
Senior	8.8%	23
Grad student	0.4%	1

***Most students spent their spring break at home with their families or travelled with friends. The most common mode of transportation was the student's own car, followed by riding with a friend. Parents and family members were most concerned about transportation safety, student's personal safety, and the high cost of travel.***

### Student travel tips:

- Make sure your student's car is in good shape for travel. Texas Tech's Transportation and Parking department hosts Free Car Clinics throughout the year where students can get their cars looked over by mechanics FREE. Visit Transportation and Parking at [www.parking.ttu.edu](http://www.parking.ttu.edu) to find out about the next Free Car Clinic.
- Talk to your student about making good choices during Spring Break, especially regarding alcohol. Overconsumption during Spring Break can put students at risk for injury or sexual assault.
- The Texas Tech Police department has tips for crime prevention, safety while traveling and sightseeing, and sexual assault prevention. Share this link with your student and talk to him or her about safety during Spring Break: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttd/cp\\_tips.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttd/cp_tips.php)
- If your off-campus student will be travelling during Spring Break, remind him or her to practice theft prevention during Spring Break—use timers for lights in the house and ask a neighbor to pick up mail and check on the property while your student is gone.
- Book travel for Spring Break well in advance to avoid higher flight costs. Texas Tech's Academic Calendars for future Spring Break dates can be found here: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/calendar/>