



The University of Texas-Pan American

Southern Methodist University - Game Notes (01/24/06)

2005-06 Schedule / Results

Overall Record: 5-14
Home: 3-4 Away: 1-9 Neutral: 1-1

Date	Opponent	Time / Result
Nov. 5	Monterrey Tech (Exhibition)	W, 78-57
Nov. 12	Univ. Regiomontana (Exhibition)	W, 102-54
Nov. 18	Sul Ross State University	W, 87-72
Nov. 20	• University of Illinois	L, 71-59
Nov. 22	• Wichita State University	L, 97-66
Nov. 25	• Texas Southern University	W, 60-57
Nov. 26	• Kent State University	L, 82-70
Nov. 29	University of Texas	L, 82-54
Dec. 3	Air Force Academy	L, 81-68
Dec. 6	University of Texas at San Antonio	L, 101-81
Dec. 10	Texas Tech University	L, 103-50
Dec. 15	Texas State University	L, 58-57
Dec. 20	Stephen F. Austin University	L, 71-52
Dec. 22	Wright State University	L, 63-53
Dec. 28	Oregon State University	L, 78-54
Dec. 30	University of Arkansas	L, 66-38
Jan. 7	Tulsa University	L, 70-66
Jan. 10	Monterrey Tech	W, 66-43
Jan. 14	University of Northern Colorado	W, 74-63
Jan. 16	Texas State University	W, 79-62
Jan. 21	IPFW	L, 61-56
Jan. 24	Southern Methodist University	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Utah Valley State College	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Texas A&M - International	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	St. Edward's (TX) College	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Utah Valley State College	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	South Dakota State University	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	University of North Texas	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	Texas A&M - Corpus Christi	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	South Dakota State University	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Texas A&M - Corpus Christi	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	IPFW	7:30 p.m.

• - South Padre Island Invitational at South Padre Island, TX
 All games at the UTPA Fieldhouse in **bold**

Record vs. Conferences

0-1 vs. Big Ten Conference
 0-2 vs. Big 12 Conference
 0-1 vs. Conference USA
 0-0 vs. Heartland Conference
 0-1 vs. Horizon League
 1-1 vs. Independent Schools
 0-1 vs. Mid-American Conference
 0-1 vs. Missouri Valley Conference
 0-1 vs. Mountain West Conference
 0-0 vs. Ohio Valley Conference
 0-1 vs. PAC - 10 Conference
 0-1 vs. Southeastern Conference
 1-3 vs. Southland Conference
 1-0 vs. Southwestern Athletic Conference
 0-0 vs. Sun Belt Conference

UTPA Men's Basketball Quick Facts

The University of Texas-Pan American

Location: Edinburg, TX
Founded: 1927
Enrollment: 19,576
President: Dr. Blandina Cardenas
Director of Athletics: Scott Street
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Independent
Nickname: Broncs
Mascot: Bucky the Bronc
Colors: Forest Green, Orange and White

Coaching Information

Head Coach: Robert Davenport
Alma Mater: Oklahoma Baptist (1988)
Record at UTPA / Years: 12-16 / 2
Assistant Coach: Spencer Wright
Alma Mater: Oklahoma Baptist (1995)
Assistant Coach: Brian Dolan
Alma Mater: William Jewell College (1998)
Assistant Coach: Greg Wright
Alma Mater: Texas A&M (1993)
Graduate Manager: Jay Collins
Alma Mater: Southern Utah (2003)
Basketball Phone: (956) 384-5089
Basketball Fax: (956) 316-7102

Team Information

2004-05 Record: 12-16
Starters Returning / Lost: 0 / 5
Lettermen Returning / Lost: 4 / 7
Top Returning Players:
 • Derrick East (SR/G - 12.9 ppg., 126 assists)
 • Zach Trader (SR/F - 10.1 ppg., 160 rebounds)
 • Dexter Shankle (SR/F - 8.3 ppg., 63 3-Pt. FGM)
 • Danny Puente (SR/G - 6.9 ppg., 95 rebounds)

Top Newcomers:
 • Johnathan Chatman (JR/G - Chicago, IL)
 • Cano Edwards (JR/C - Bridgeport, CT)
 • Colin Lien (JR/C - Waterloo, IA)
 • Larry Sheppard (JR/G - Baton Rouge, LA)
 • Cori Gaither (SO/F - Jacksonville, FL)
 • David Burrell (FR/G - Houston, TX)
 • Alex Robinson (FR/F - San Antonio, TX)
 • Ben Smith (FR/G - Pharr, TX)

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University of Texas-Pan American Men's Basketball

2005 - 2006 The University of Texas-Pan American Men's Basketball Roster

Numerical Roster

NO.	Name	YR	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Last School
00	Derrick East	SR	F	6-9	225	Binger, OK	Lookeba-Sickles H.S.
1	Danny Puente	SO	G	6-0	170	McAllen, TX	McAllen Memorial H.S.
2	Cori Gaither	SO	F	6-5	185	Jacksonville, FL	Southwestern C.C.
3	Larry Sheppard	JR	G	5-11	195	Baton Rouge, LA	Iowa Western C.C.
5	Johnathan Chatman	JR	G	6-2	195	Chicago, IL	Sheridan College
12	Alex Robinson	FR	F	6-5	200	San Antonio, TX	Clark H.S.
15	Dexter Shankle	SO	G	6-0	182	Katy, TX	James E. Taylor H.S.
21	Kano Edwards	JR	C	6-9	220	Bridgeport, CT	Western Nebraska C.C.
22	David Burrell	FR	G	6-3	160	Houston, TX	Phyllis Wheatley H.S.
23	Colin Lien	JR	C	6-11	240	Waterloo, IA	Southeastern C.C.
24	Ben Smith	FR	G	6-3	175	Pharr H.S.	PSJA H.S.
25	Nick Soto	FR	G	6-0	175	Edinburg, TX	Edinburg H.S.
32	Zach Trader	SO	F	6-7	225	LaPorte, TX	LaPorte H.S.
33	Ryan Buck	SO	F	6-6	200	Harlingen, TX	Harlingen South H.S.

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Class Breakdown

Seniors (1)

Derrick East (6-9 / F)

Juniors (4)

Johnathan Chatman (6-2 / G)

Kano Edwards (6-9 / C)

Colin Lien (6-11 / C)

Larry Sheppard (5-11 / G)

Sophomores (5)

Ryan Buck (6-6 / F)

Cori Gaither (6-5 / G)

Danny Puente (6-0 / G)

Dexter Shankle (6-0 / G)

Zach Trader (6-7 / F)

Freshmen (3)

David Burrell (6-3 / G)

Alex Robinson (6-5 / F)

Ben Smith (6-3 / G)

Position Breakdown

Guards (7)

Johnathan Chatman (6-2 / JR)

Larry Sheppard (5-11 / JR)

Cori Gaither (6-5 / SO)

Danny Puente (6-0 / SO)

Dexter Shankle (6-0 / SO)

David Burrell (6-3 / FR)

Ben Smith (6-3 / FR)

Forwards (4)

Derrick East (6-9 / SR)

Ryan Buck (6-6 / SO)

Zach Trader (6-7 / SO)

Alex Robinson (6-5 / FR)

Centers (2)

Kano Edwards (6-9 / JR)

Colin Lien (6-11 / JR)

Height Breakdown

6-11 Colin Lien (JR / C)

6-9 Derrick East (SR / F)

Kano Edwards (JR / C)

6-7 Zach Trader (SO / F)

6-6 Ryan Buck (SO / F)

6-5 Cori Gaither (SO / G)

Alex Robinson (FR / F)

6-3 David Burrell (FR / G)

Ben Smith (FR / G)

6-2 J. Chatman (SR / G)

6-0 Danny Puente (FR / G)

Dexter Shankle (FR / G)

5-11 Larry Sheppard (JR / G)



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2005-06 Bronc Basketball Inside the Numbers

Broncs Trends

At the UTPA Fieldhouse	3-4
On the road	1-9
On a neutral site	1-1
During the last five games	3-2
During the last 10 games	3-7
During the last 15 games	4-11
Longest Winning Streak	3
Longest Losing Streak	11

Scoreboard

Broncs - Less than 39 points	0-1
Broncs - 40 to 49 points	0-0
Broncs - 50 to 59 points	0-8
Broncs - 60 to 69 points	2-3
Broncs - 70 to 79 points	2-1
Broncs - 80 to 89 points	1-1
Broncs - 90 to 99 points	0-0
Broncs - Over 100 points	0-0

Opponents - Less than 39 points	0-0
Opponents - 40 to 49 points	0-1
Opponents - 50 to 59 points	1-1
Opponents - 60 to 69 points	3-2
Opponents - 70 to 79 points	4-1
Opponents - 80 to 89 points	3-0
Opponents - 90 to 99 points	1-0
Opponents - Over 100 points	2-0

Shooting From the Floor

Broncs - Less than 19 percent	0-0
Broncs - 20 to 29 percent	0-2
Broncs - 30 to 39 percent	1-9
Broncs - 40 to 49 percent	3-3
Broncs - Over 50 percent	1-0

Opponents - Less than 19 percent	0-0
Opponents - 20 to 29 percent	0-0
Opponents - 30 to 39 percent	1-3
Opponents - 40 to 49 percent	7-2
Opponents - Over 50 percent	6-0

Shooting From Behind the Arc

Broncs - Less than five treys	4-9
Broncs - Six to nine treys	1-5
Broncs - More than 10 treys	0-0
Broncs - Make more treys	1-2

Opponents - Less than five treys	5-3
Opponents - Six to nine treys	7-2
Opponents - More than 10 treys	2-0
Opponents - Make more treys	8-0

Game Information

· UTPA will face Southern Methodist University on Tuesday (Jan. 24) at the UTPA Fieldhouse with tip-off set for 7:30 p.m.

· Fans of the Green and Orange can hear the game live via the airwaves with the new voice of the Broncs - Alex del Barrio. The game will be aired on ESPN Radio 1240 AM. The game will also be heard over the Internet at:

<http://utpabroncs.collegesports.com/ot/txpa-internet-broadcast.html>

· The game can also be viewed over the Internet via GameTracker courtesy of College Sports Online and UTPA. To view the game, click on **Schedule/Results** on the Men's Basketball Webpage then next to **SMU** on the schedule, click on **GameTracker**.

· This will be the fourth meeting between the two programs with the Mustangs holding a 2-1 lead in the all-time series records.

In Their Last Meeting

· In their last meeting, SMU came away with a 69-59 victory at the South Padre Island Convention Center on Nov. 22, 2003.

· Justin Isham finished with a game-high 25 points for the Mustangs on 8-10 shooting, including 2-2 from behind the three-point arc and 7-9 at the free throw line. He also added four rebounds and four assists.

· Sergio Sanchez was the top scorer for the Broncs, finishing with a team-high 14 points on 4-7 shooting, including a trio of three-pointers.

· SMU held a big advantage at the charity stripe, converting on 23-35 attempts while the Broncs were 14-23 at the free throw line.

· The Broncs forced SMU to committ 26 turnovers in the game, posting 13 steals in the contest with Matt Berry finishing with a game-high six.

· Bryan Hopkins and Eric Castro each finished in double figures for the Mustangs, posting 15 and 11 points, respectively.

· It was the first time since Jan. 2, 1999, that the two programs met.

Independent Standings

	Independent			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Texas A&M - Corpus Christi	4	0	1.000	13	6	.684
North Dakota State	2	1	.667	11	9	.550
IPFW	2	1	.667	6	13	.316
South Dakota State	2	1	.667	5	12	.294
Utah Valley State	2	2	.500	8	11	.421
Texas - Pan American	1	1	.500	5	14	.263
Savannah State	1	1	.500	2	18	.100
UC - Davis	0	1	.000	5	13	.278
Longwood	0	2	.000	3	16	.158
Northern Colorado	0	4	.000	2	20	.091



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From the Free Throw Line

Broncs - Less than 49 percent	0-1
Broncs - 50 to 59 percent	1-1
Broncs - 60 to 69 percent	0-5
Broncs - 70 to 79 percent	3-4
Broncs - 80 to 89 percent	1-1
Broncs - More than 90 percent	0-0
Broncs - Make more free throws	5-6
Broncs - Attempt more free throws	5-7

Opponents - Less than 49 percent	1-0
Opponents - 50 to 59 percent	2-1
Opponents - 60 to 69 percent	6-1
Opponents - 70 to 79 percent	4-2
Opponents - 80 to 89 percent	1-1
Opponents - More than 90 percent	0-0
Opponents - Make more free throws	8-0
Opponents - Attempt more free throws	7-0

On the Glass

Broncs - Less than 19 rebounds	0-0
Broncs - 20 to 29 rebounds	0-3
Broncs - 30 to 39 rebounds	4-11
Broncs - 40 to 49 rebounds	0-0
Broncs - 50 to 59 rebounds	1-0
Broncs - Over 60 rebounds	0-0
Broncs - Record more total boards	4-4
Broncs - Record more off. boards	4-7
Broncs - Record more def. boards	4-5

Opponents - Less than 19 rebounds	0-0
Opponents - 20 to 29 rebounds	3-2
Opponents - 30 to 39 rebounds	5-2
Opponents - 40 to 49 rebounds	5-1
Opponents - 50 to 59 rebounds	0-0
Opponents - Over 60 rebounds	0-0
Opponents - Record more Total boards	9-1
Opponents - Record more Off. Boards	6-1
Opponents - Record more Def. Boards	9-1

Dishing Out the Rock

Broncs - Less than five assists	0-2
Broncs - Six to nine assists	1-7
Broncs - 10 to 14 assists	2-2
Broncs - More than 15 assists	4-1
Opponents - Less than five assists	0-0
Opponents - Six to nine assists	0-1
Opponents - 10 to 14 assists	6-3
Opponents - More than 15 assists	8-1

In Their Last Game

· The Broncs snapped a three-game winning streak as they dropped a 61-56 decision to Independent-foe IPFW at the UTPA Fieldhouse on Saturday (Jan. 21) and watched as their record fell to 5-14 on the season.

· With the loss to IPFW, the Broncs evened their record to 1-1 against Independent opponents this season.

· **Kano Edwards** was the only Bronc to finish in double figures as he scored a team-high 12 points on 6-12 shooting to go along with seven rebounds and a career-high three blocked shots in 28 minutes of action.

· **Scott DeWitt** finished with a game-high 18 points on 6-11 shooting, including a quartet of three-pointers, and grabbed eight caroms.

· **Brad Pompey** finished with 17 points and eight rebounds in 33 minutes of action while **Tyler Best** added 12 points, five rebounds and three assists in 32 minutes of work.

· **Colin Lien** nearly missed a double-double (points-rebounds) as he finished with nine points and 11 rebounds. It was the third straight game that he has almost collected a double-double in those categories.

· The Broncs held an advantage over the Mastodons in almost every single statistical category except three-pointers made (6-5), free throws made (9-7) and free throw attempts (14-9).

· The Mastodons posted a shooting percentage of 53.6 percent (15-28) in the first half and finished the game at 45.1 percent (23-51). The Broncs finished the game at 34.9 percent (22-63), including 35.7 percent (5-14) from behind the three-point arc.

· The Broncs forced IPFW to committ 15 turnovers in the game, resulting in a 20-9 advantage in points off of turnovers for the game. UTPA had seven steals in the game compared to two for IPFW.

· **Dexter Shankle** finished with nine points, three assists and two steals in 38 minutes of action while **Zach Trader** added eight points on three rebounds in 19 minutes of action.

· It was the first time that the Broncs have dropped a decision to IPFW at the UTPA Fieldhouse since the two programs began playing one another.

Projected Starting Lineups

UTPA

Larry Sheppard (5-11 / JR)
Dexter Shankle (6-0 / SO)

Alex Robinson (6-5 / FR)
Kano Edwards (6-9 / JR)

Colin Lien (6-11 / JR)

Southern Methodist

Guards

vs. Dez Willingham (6-0 / SO)
vs. Bryan Hopkins (6-3 / SR)

Forwards

vs. Devon Pearson (6-6 / JR)
vs. Brian Morris (6-8 / FR)

Center

vs. Bamba Fall (7-1 / FR)



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Picking Your Pocket

Broncs - Less five steals	1-6
Broncs - Less six to nine steals	3-7
Broncs - Less 10 to 14 steals	1-1
Broncs - More than 15 steals	0-0

Opponents - Less five steals	2-4
Opponents - Less six to nine steals	6-1
Opponents - Less 10 to 14 steals	5-0
Opponents - More than 15 steals	1-0

Taking Care of the Ball

Broncs - Less 10 turnovers	0-1
Broncs - 11 to 15 turnovers	3-2
Broncs - 16 to 19 turnovers	2-7
Broncs - 20 to 24 turnovers	0-3
Broncs - More than 25 turnovers	0-1

Opponents - Less 10 turnovers	3-0
Opponents- 11 to 15 turnovers	5-0
Opponents- 16 to 19 turnovers	4-2
Opponents- 20 to 24 turnovers	2-2
Opponents- More than 25 turnovers	0-1

Rejections

Broncs - Less than three blocks	4-12
Broncs - four to six blocks	1-2
Broncs - seven to nine blocks	0-0
Broncs - More than 10 blocks	0-0

Opponents - Less than three blocks	10-3
Opponents - four to six blocks	2-1
Opponents - seven to nine blocks	0-1
Opponents - More than 10 blocks	2-0

Any Given Day

On Monday -	1-0
On Tuesday -	1-4
On Wednesday -	0-1
On Thursday -	0-2
On Friday -	2-1
On Saturday -	1-5
On Sunday -	0-1

Any Given Month

In November -	2-4
In December -	0-8
In January -	3-2
In February -	0-0
In March -	0-0

Bronc Bytes - News And Notes

· **Dexter Shankle** has already surpassed all of his statistical marks from his rookie campaign as he is currently leading the team, averaging 11.0 points per game compared to 2.1 points per game last season.

· Shankle has scored in double figures in 12 of 19 games during his sophomore campaign and has led the team in scoring on seven occasions. He has also surpassed career-highs in 18 statistical categories, including rebounds, assists, steals, blocks, three-point field goals made and field goals made.

· Shankle leads the squad with 12 double-digit scoring performances followed by **Colin Lien** (eight), **Kano Edwards** (seven), **Derrick East** (six) and **Johnathan Chatman** (six).

· Lien is second on the team in scoring, averaging 9.8 points per game and leads the team in shooting at 43.4 percent. He is one of six players on the squad that is shooting above 40 percent this season.

· **Zach Trader** is currently averaging 6.9 points and 3.5 rebounds per game, which have both doubled his numbers from his freshman campaign where he averaged 3.1 points and 2.1 rebounds per game.

· Trader has surpassed highs in 18 statistical categories from his freshman campaign. He has posted a quartet of double-digit games this season.

· Shankle and **Larry Sheppard** are the only two Broncs to start in all 18 games this season.

· Sheppard was named the Independent Men's Basketball Newcomer of the Week for the week of January 16th after averaging 12.5 points and 10.0 assists per game against Monterrey Tech and Northern Colorado.

· In the last four games, Sheppard has recorded 32 assists and has only committed nine turnovers. He is averaging 8.0 assists per game during that stretch.

· The Broncs only shot 34.9 percent in their 61-56 setback against IPFW and dropped their record to 1-11 against teams in which UTPA shoots below 40 percent in the game. The Mastodons shot 45.1 percent and improved the records to 13-2 when opponents shoot above 40.0 percent against the Broncs.

· Edwards has led the Broncs in scoring in three of the last four games and has recorded three double-digit scoring performances during that time. In the last four games, Edwards is averaging 16.3 points per game.

· The Broncs are 3-2 during the Month of January. Last season, the Broncs finished January with a 4-7 record.

· In the last two games, **Cori Gaither** has started to find his shooting touch as he is averaging 7.0 points per game and shooting 75.0 percent from the field.

· **Alex Robinson** is the only freshman to see action in all 19 games.



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2005-06 Bronc Basketball Season High Numbers

Points

Team - 87 vs. Sul Ross State (11/18/05)
Ind. - 28 - Colin Lien vs. SRSU

Field Goals Made

Team - 33 vs. Sul Ross State (11/18/05)
Ind. - 13 - Colin Lien vs. SRSU

Field Goal Attempts

Team - 71 vs. Sul Ross State (11/18/05)
Ind. - 19 - Colin Lien vs. SRSU
19 - Dexter Shankle vs. UTSA

Three-Point Field Goals Made

Team - 9 vs. Wichita State (11/22/05)
Ind. - 4 - Dexter Shankle vs. Wichita St.
4 - J. Chatman vs. Air Force

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Team - 19 vs. Wichita State (11/22/05)
Ind. - 10 - J. Chatman vs. Wichita St.

Free Throws Made

Team - 34 vs. Kent State (11/26/05)
Ind. - 11 - Dexter Shankle vs. Air Force

Free Throw Attempts

Team - 41 vs. Kent State (11/26/05)
Ind. - 14 - Dexter Shankle vs. Air Force

Offensive Rebounds

Team - 24 vs. Sul Ross State (11/18/05)
Ind. - 7 - Colin Lien vs. SRSU

Defensive Rebounds

Team - 28 vs. Texas Southern (11/25/06)
Ind. - 8 - Colin Lien vs. IPFW

Total Rebounds

Team - 52 vs. Sul Ross State (11/18/05)
Ind. - 13 - Derrick East vs. SRSU

Assists

Team - 20 vs. No. Colorado (01/14/06)
Ind. - 12 - Larry Sheppard vs. UNC

Steals

Team - 10 - Arkansas (12/30/05)
Ind. - 4 - Two players this season

Blocked Shots

Team - 4 - Three Times
Ind. - 3 - Kano Edwards vs. IPFW

Scouting the Opponent - Southern Methodist Univ.

· Southern Methodist University is 9-7 during the 2005-06 campaign under second-year head coach Jimmy Tubbs.

· The Mustangs are 7-3 at the Moody Coliseum this season, but only 2-4 on the road including 1-3 in non-conference action.

· SMU is ranked fifth in scoring offense in Conference USA, averaging 69.2 points per game. The Mustangs' defense is only allowing 65.0 points per game - which is the third lowest in the conference.

· The Mustangs are ranked second in Conference USA in blocked shots - averaging 5.0 swats per game, which is only behind Memphis at 6.85 blocks per game.

· The Mustangs have four players averaging double figures this season - Bryan Hopkins (17.3), Derrick Roberts (12.5), Dez Willingham (10.8) and Devon Pearson (10.7).

· Willingham is the only Mustang to have started all 16 games this season. SMU has six players that have appeared in all 16 games.

· Roberts is ranked 12th in Conference USA in scoring while Willingham and Pearson are ranked 24th and 27th, respectively.

· Hopkins is not ranked among the leaders in scoring in Conference USA because he has not appeared in 75.0 percent of SMU's contests.

· Hopkins converted on seven three-pointers against TCU earlier this season, which is tied for the most treys in a single-game among any player in Conference USA.

· SMU has the fifth most wins with nine among any Conference USA member - Memphis (17), UAB (14), UTEP (11) and Houston (10).

· The Mustangs have been receiving a lot of playing time from their newcomers in Willingham (16 games - 16 starts), Roberts (16 games - 14 starts), Brian Morris (16 games - 2 starts), Jon Killen (16 games) and Bamba Fall (7 games - 3 starts).

· The Mustangs have recorded four two-game winning streaks, including their last two games, this season. In the following game after three of those streaks, SMU has lost by an average of six points.

· SMU is currently 2-2 in Conference USA action, winning its last two games - both in overtime - against East Carolina and Rice.

· The Mustangs have three players who have posted 10 or more blocked shots this season in Bamba Fall (20), Donatas Rackauskas (19) and Devon Pearson (12).

· SMU has seven players shooting over 40.0 percent from the field this season, including three players over 50.0 percent - Ike Ofogbu (63.4 percent), Bamba Fall (52.4 percent) and Brian Morris (53.5 percent).