Graduating Student Survey: Item Frequency Report

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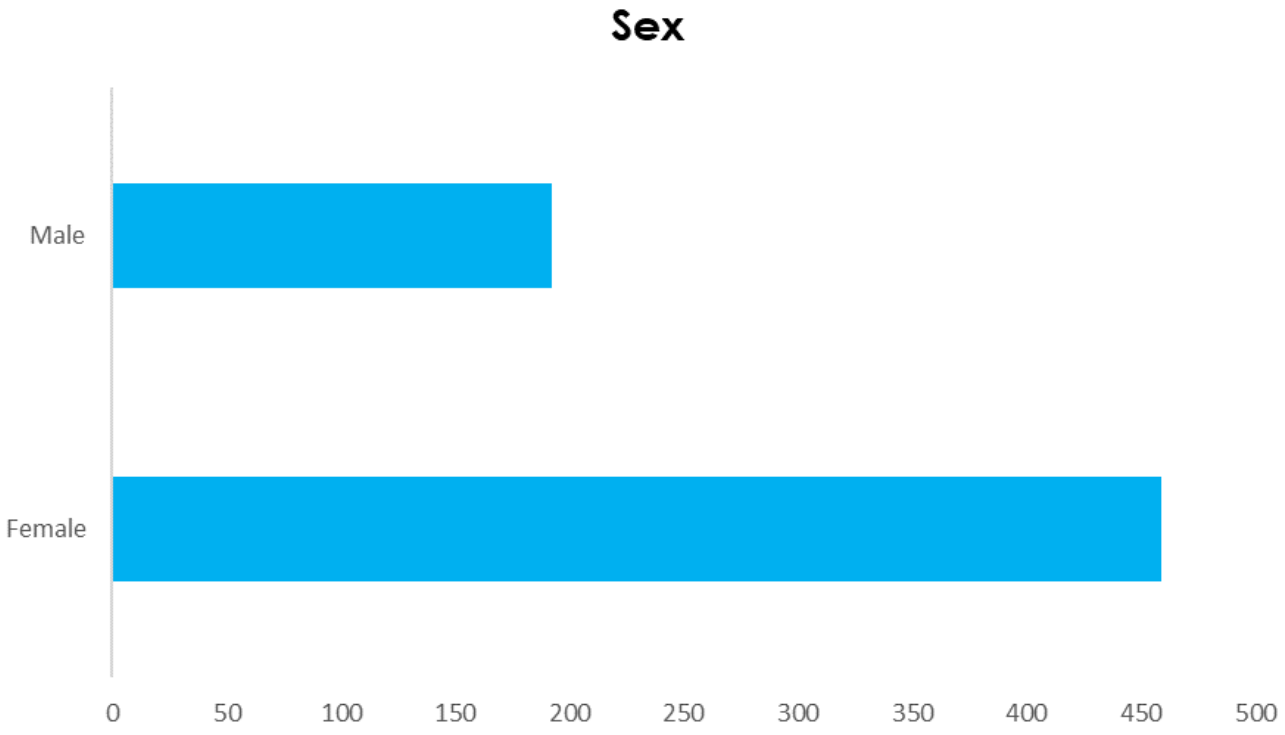
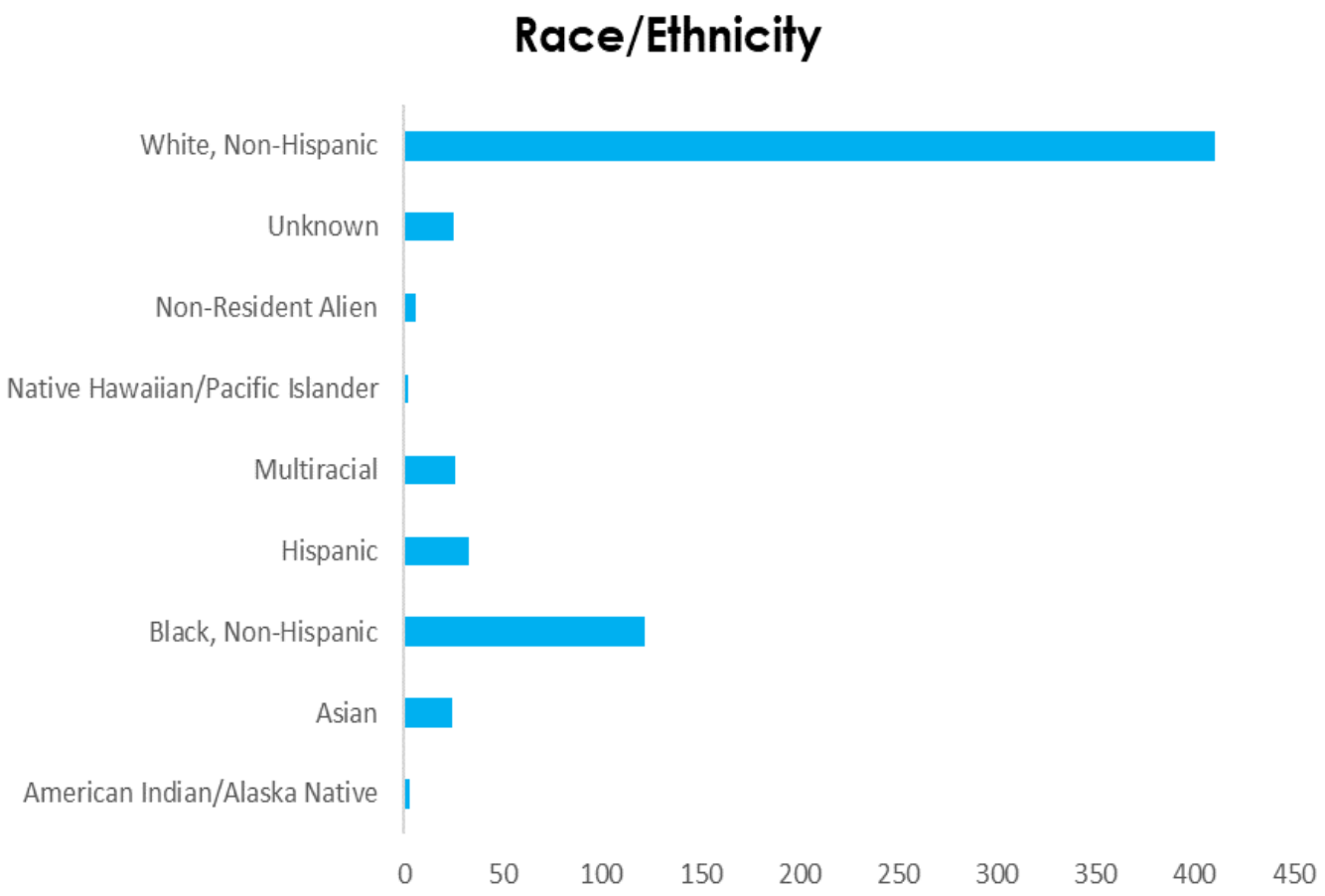
The sample consisted of students who were graduating in Spring 20212. 659 survey responses were received. Each item from the Graduating Student Survey will be presented below. The total number of respondents (represented by N) and percentage of response types for each option are included. N/A responses were excluded from the analyses, so some items will not represent the full count of respondents.



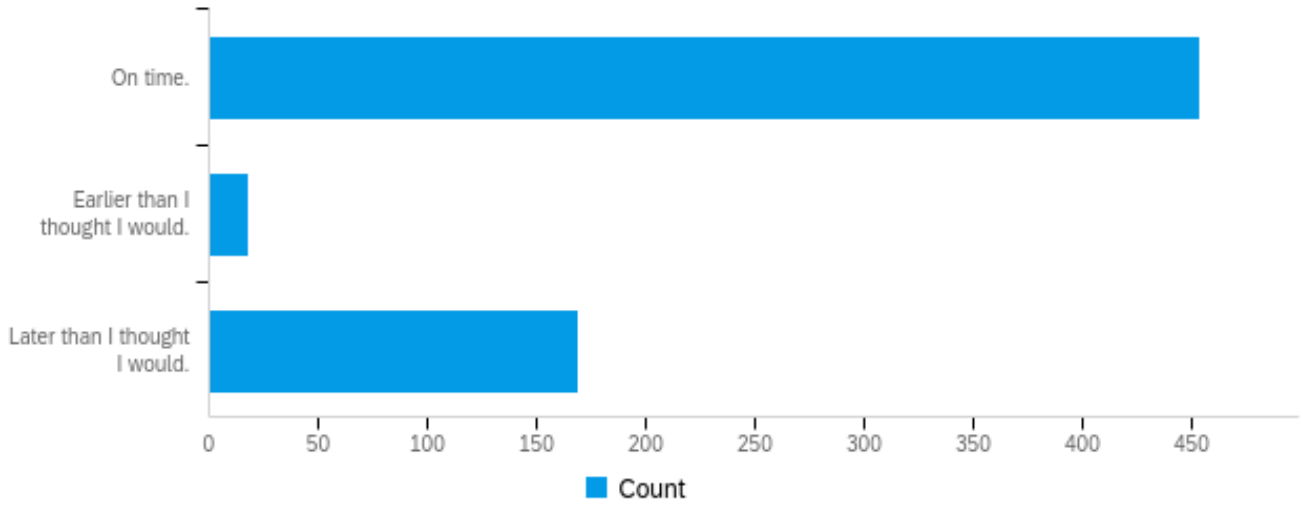
Sex	N	%
Female	459	70.51%
Male	192	29.49%
Total	651	100%



Race/Ethnicity	N	%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	0.46%
Asian	24	3.69%
Black, Non-Hispanic	122	18.74%
Hispanic	33	5.07%
Multiracial	26	3.99%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0.31%
Non-Resident Alien	6	0.92%
Unknown	25	3.84%
White, Non-Hispanic	410	62.98%
Total	651	100%

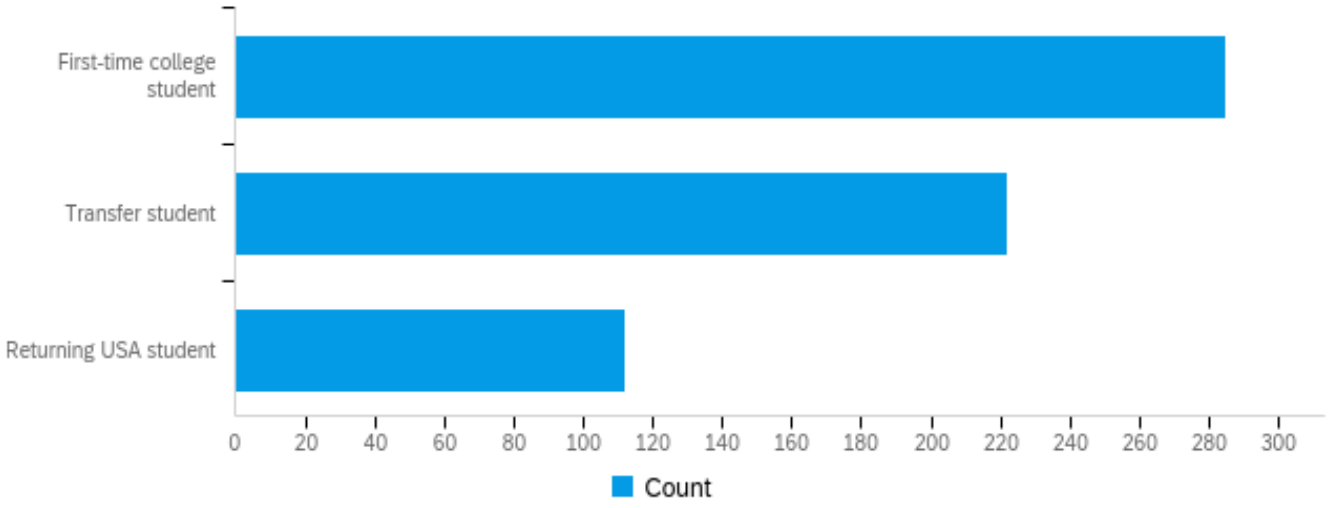
General Items about Participants

You are graduating:



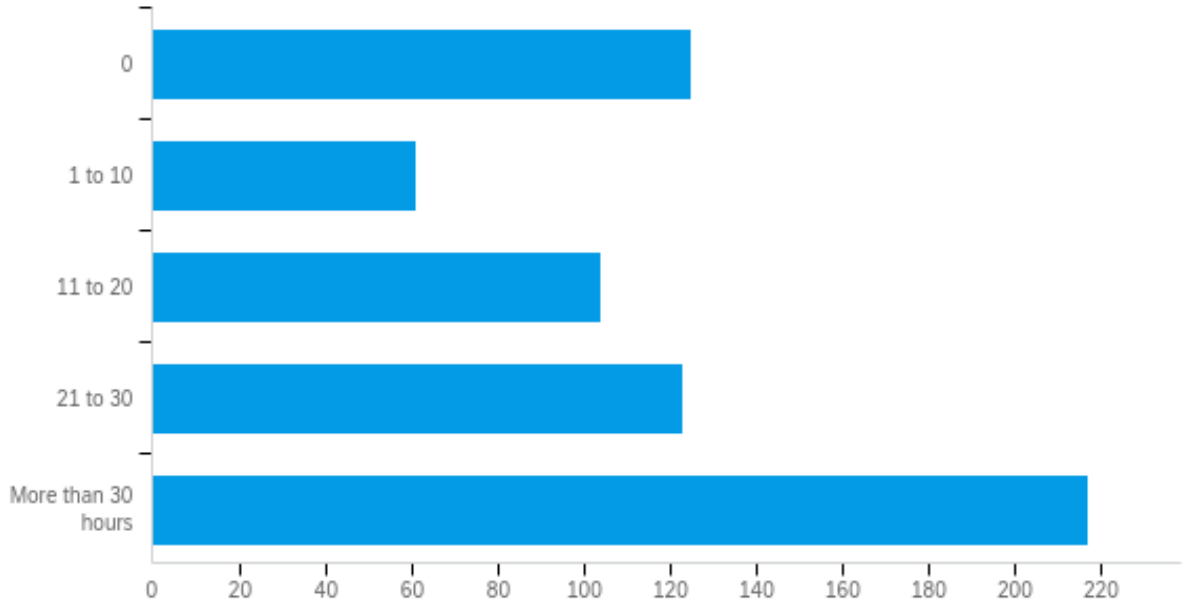
#	Answer	N	%
1	On time.	454	70.83%
2	Earlier than I thought I would.	18	2.81%
3	Later than I thought I would.	169	26.37%
	Total	641	100%

For this degree, what was your status when you entered USA?



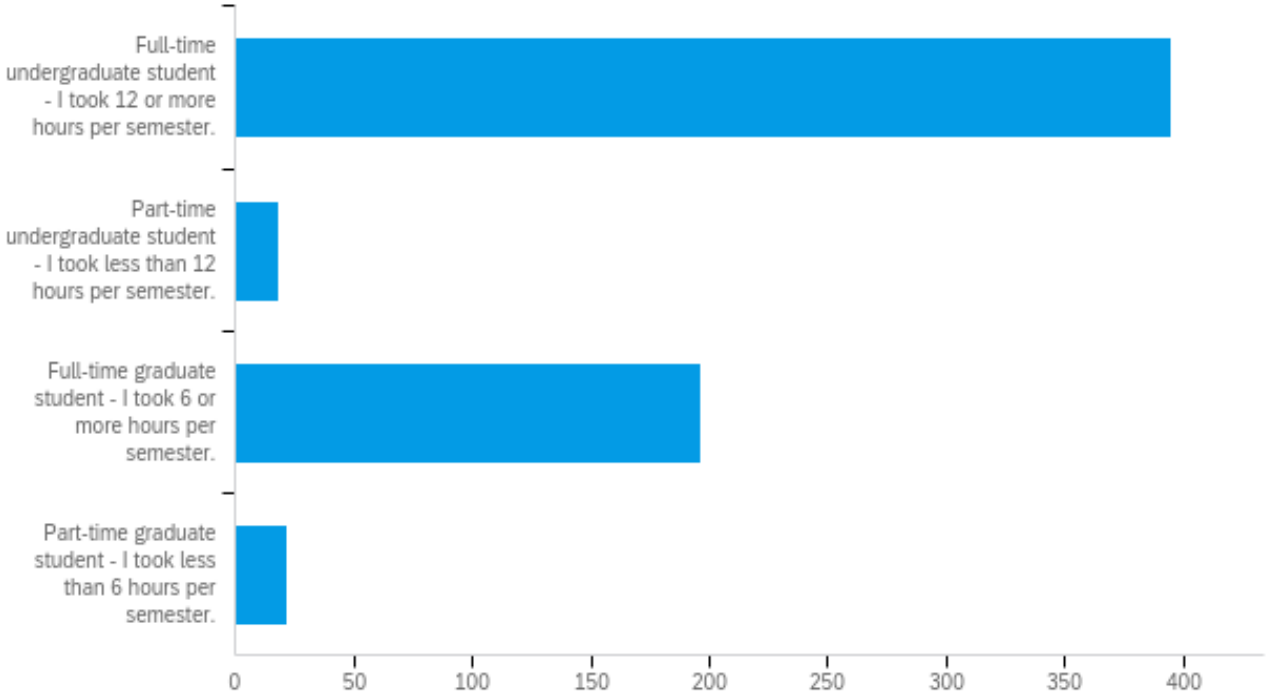
#	Answer	N	%
1	First-time college student	285	46.04%
2	Transfer student	222	35.86%
3	Returning USA student	112	18.09%
	Total	619	100%

How many hours a week do you work for pay (on & off campus)?



#	Answer	N	%
1	0	125	19.84%
2	1 to 10	61	9.68%
3	11 to 20	104	16.51%
4	21 to 30	123	19.52%
5	More than 30 hours	217	34.44%
	Total	630	100%

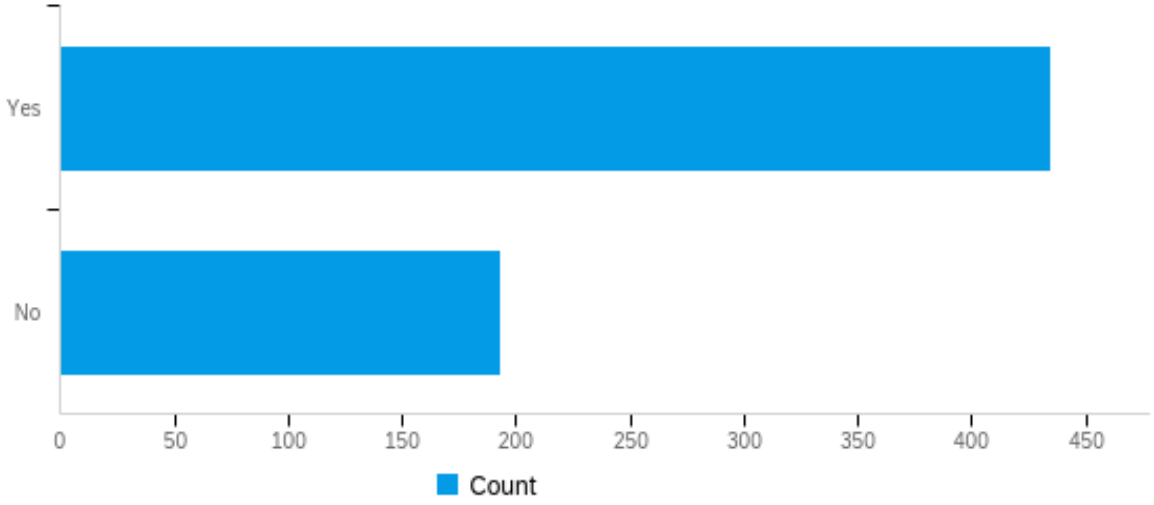
While attending USA, on average, were you a:



#	Answer	N	%
1	Full-time undergraduate student - I took 12 or more hours per semester.	395	62.60%
2	Part-time undergraduate student - I took less than 12 hours per semester.	18	2.85%
3	Full-time graduate student - I took 6 or more hours per semester.	196	31.06%
4	Part-time graduate student - I took less than 6 hours per semester.	22	3.49%
	Total	631	100%

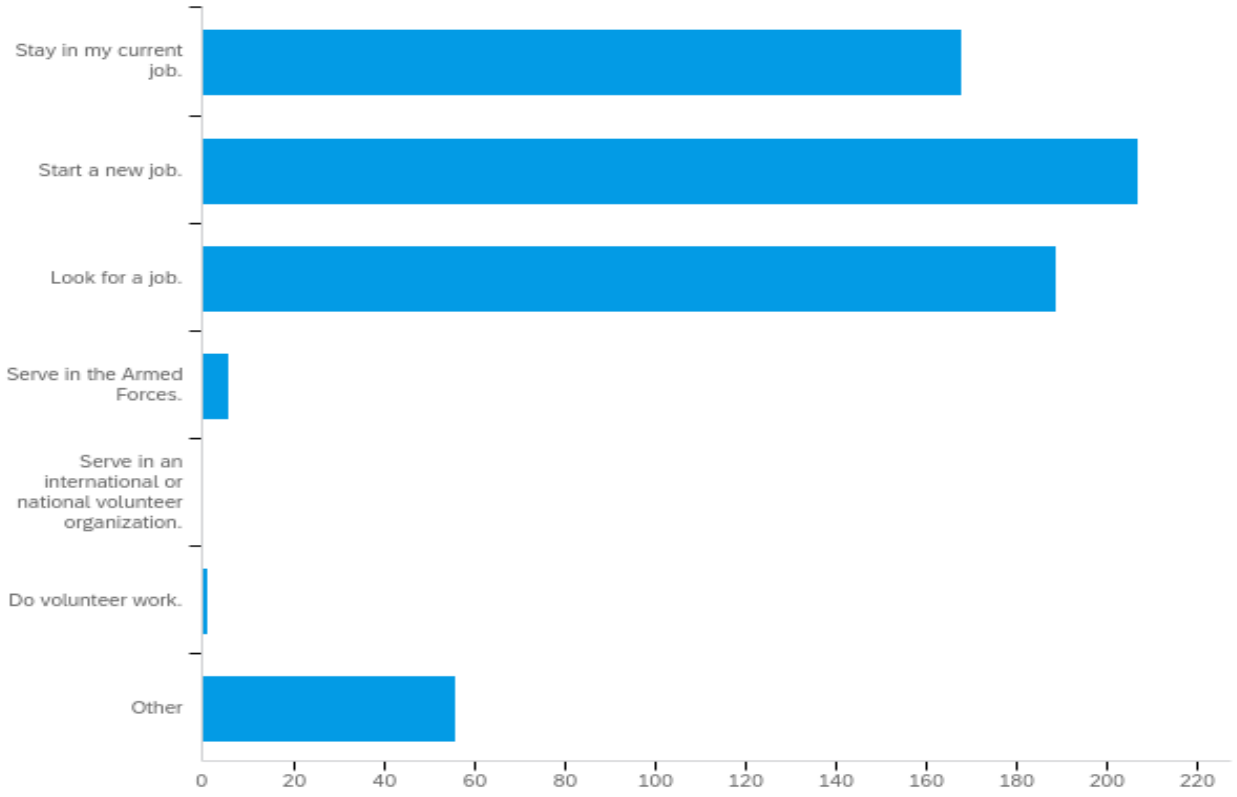
Employment Plans After Graduation

Are you currently employed?



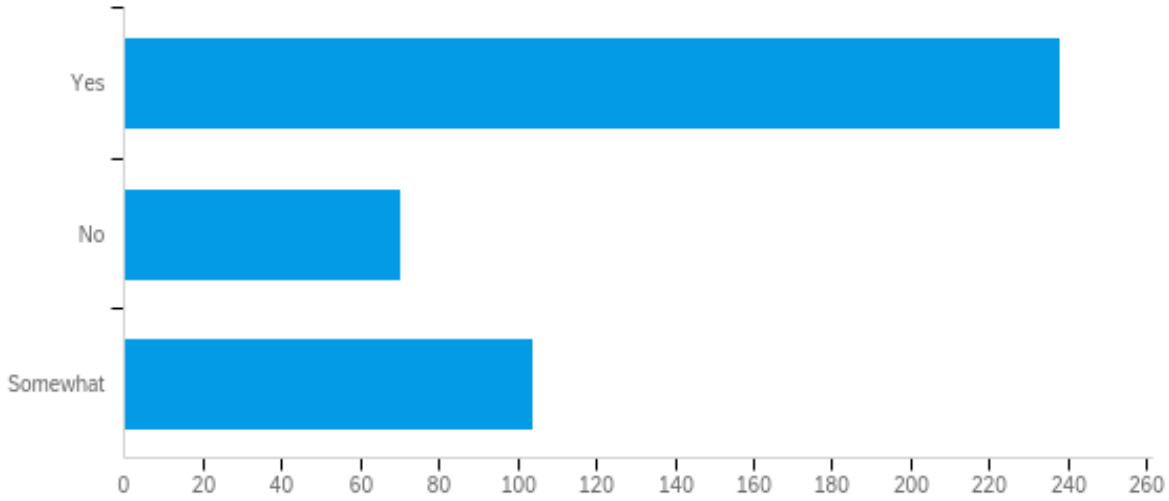
Answer	N	%
Yes	435	69.27%
No	193	30.73%
Total	628	100%

After graduation, which of the following will be your primary activity related to employment?



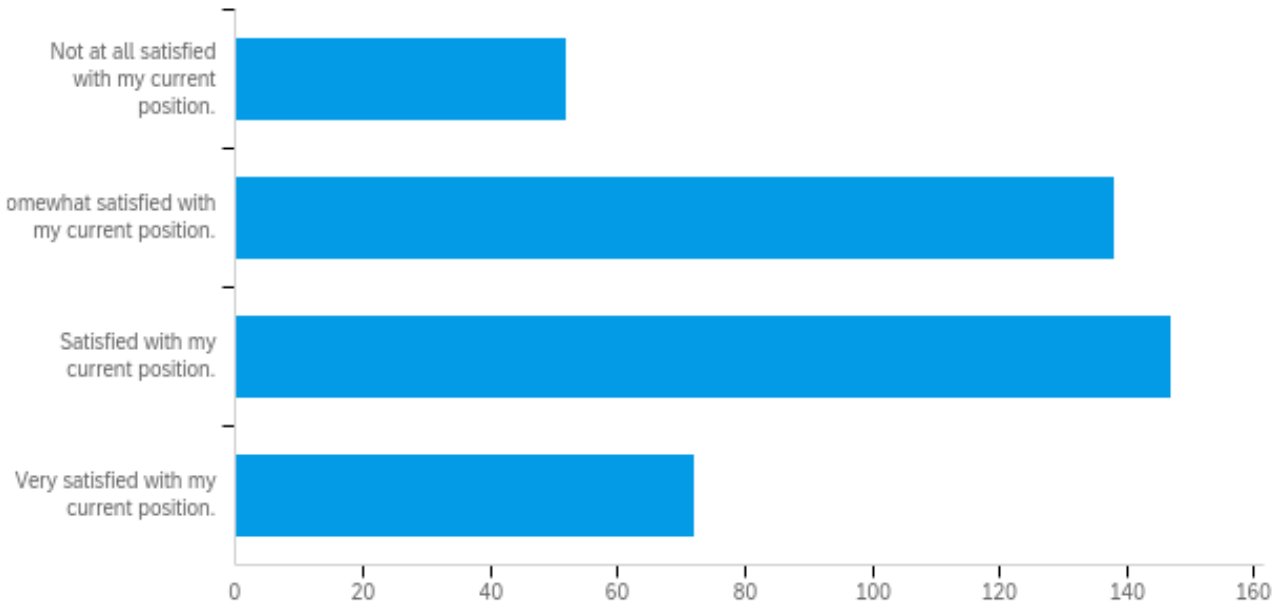
#	Answer	N	%
1	Stay in my current job.	168	26.79%
2	Start a new job.	207	33.01%
3	Look for a job.	189	30.14%
4	Serve in the Armed Forces.	6	0.96%
5	Serve in an international or national volunteer organization.	0	0.00%
6	Do volunteer work.	1	0.16%
7	Other	56	8.93%
	Total	627	100%

Did your major or field of study prepare you for your current position?



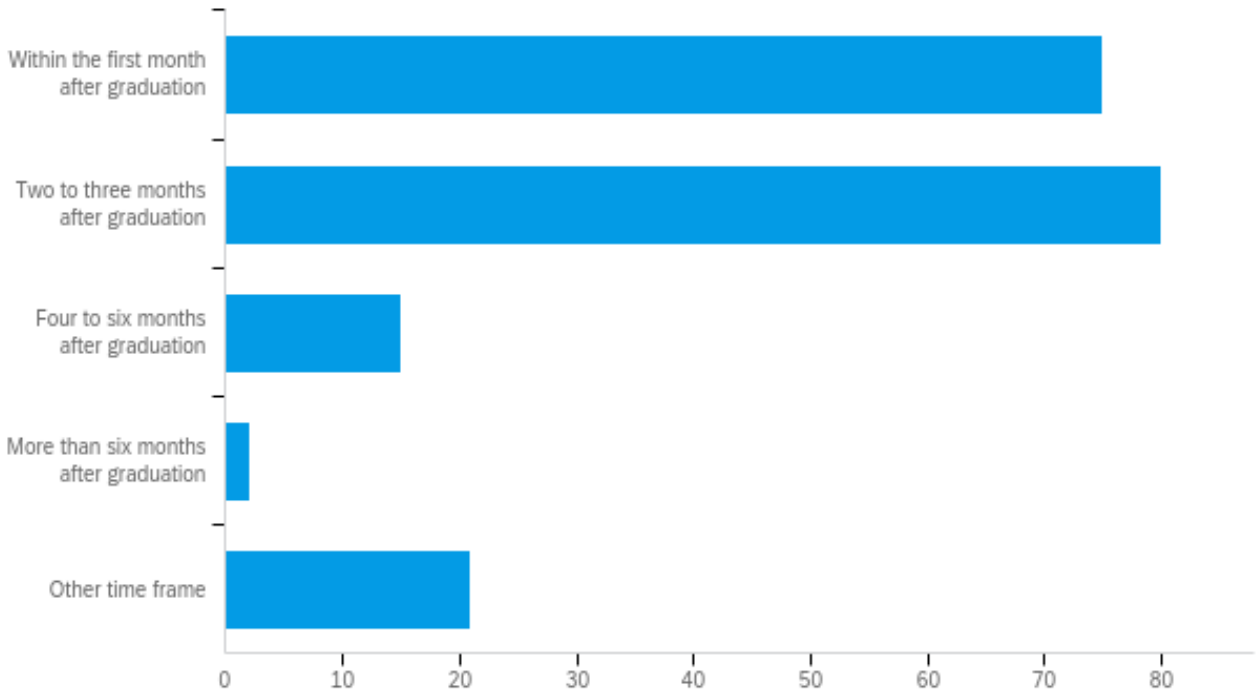
Answer	N	%
Yes	238	57.77%
No	70	16.99%
Somewhat	104	25.24%
Total	412	100%

Would you say you are:



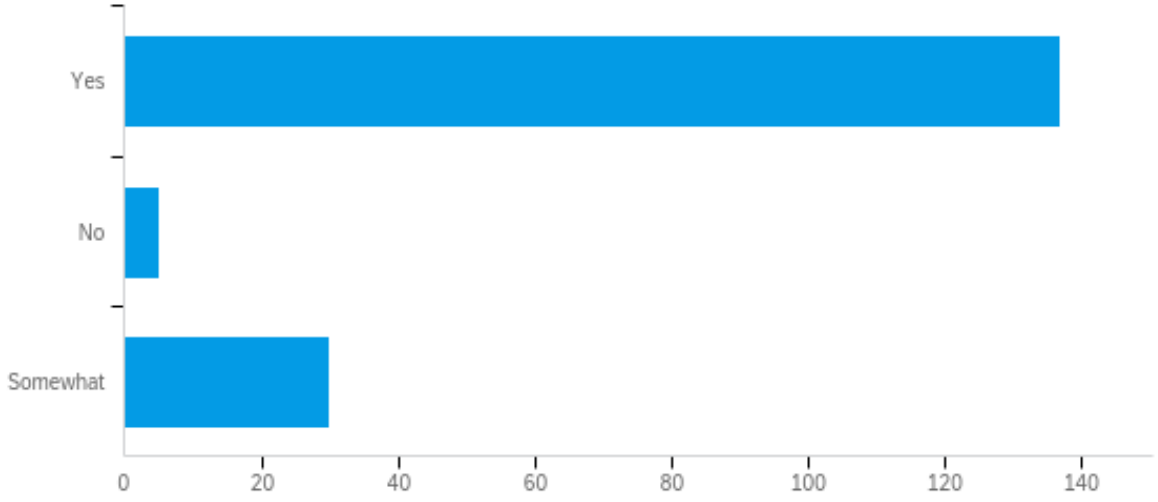
#	Answer	N	%
1	Not at all satisfied with my current position.	52	12.71%
2	Somewhat satisfied with my current position.	138	33.74%
3	Satisfied with my current position.	147	35.94%
4	Very satisfied with my current position.	72	17.60%
	Total	409	100%

What is your start date?



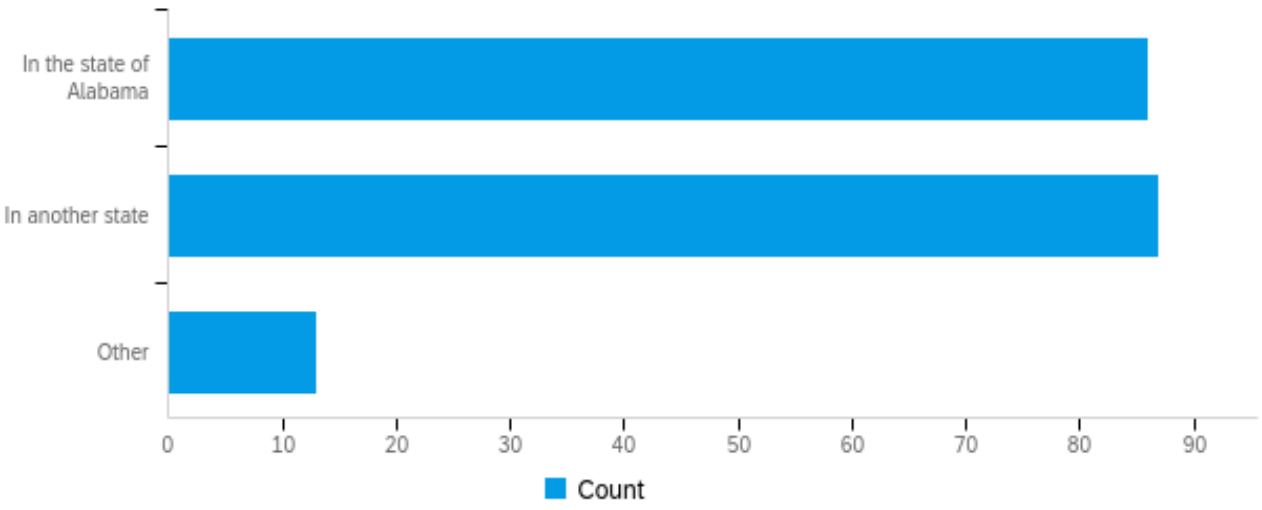
#	Answer	N	%
1	Within the first month after graduation	75	38.86%
2	Two to three months after graduation	80	41.45%
3	Four to six months after graduation	15	7.77%
4	More than six months after graduation	2	1.04%
5	Other time frame	21	10.88%
	Total	193	100%

Did your major or field of study prepare you for your new position?



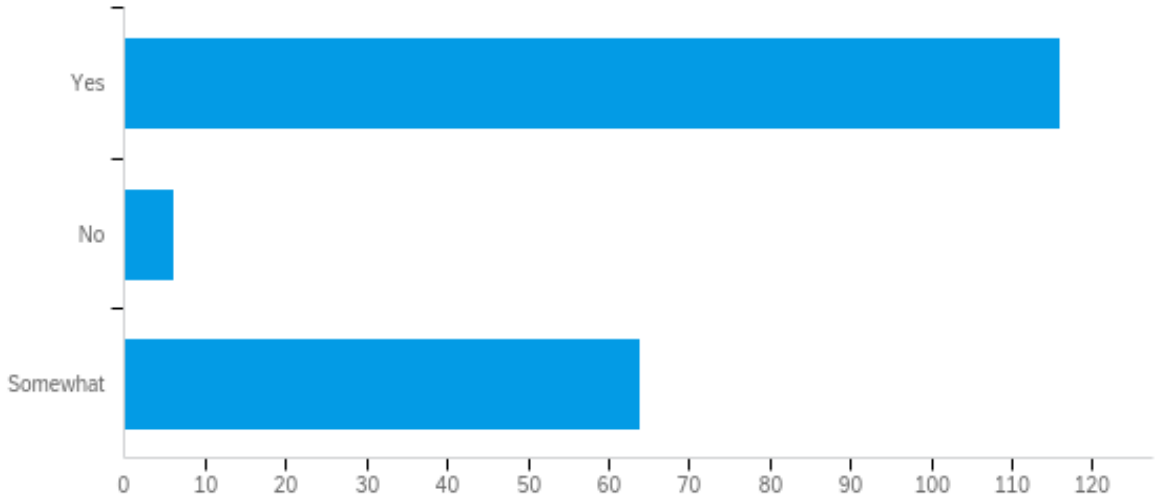
#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	137	79.65%
2	No	5	2.91%
3	Somewhat	30	17.44%
	Total	172	100%

Do you plan on working:



#	Answer	N	%
1	In the state of Alabama	86	46.24%
2	In another state	87	46.77%
3	Other	13	6.99%
	Total	186	100%

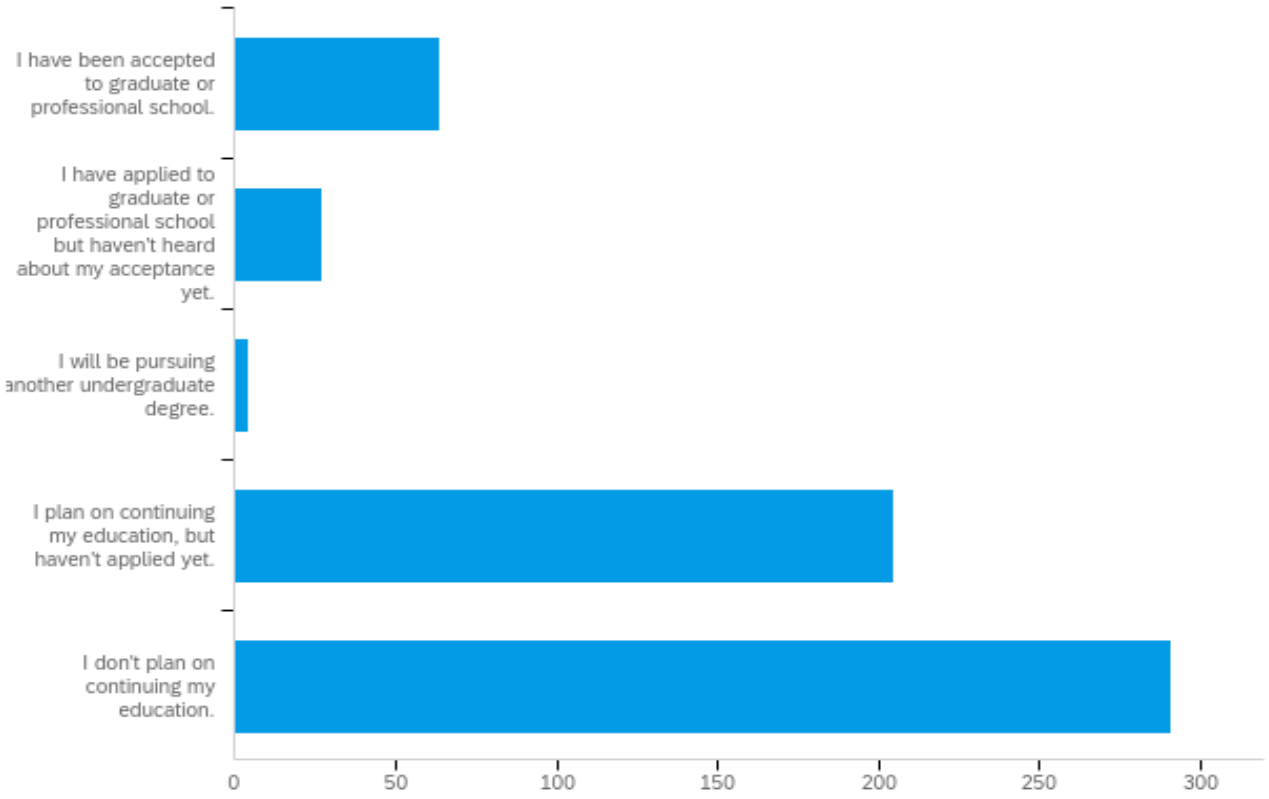
Do you believe that your major or field of study has prepared you for the type of position you will seek?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	116	62.37%
2	No	6	3.23%
3	Somewhat	64	34.41%
	Total	186	100%

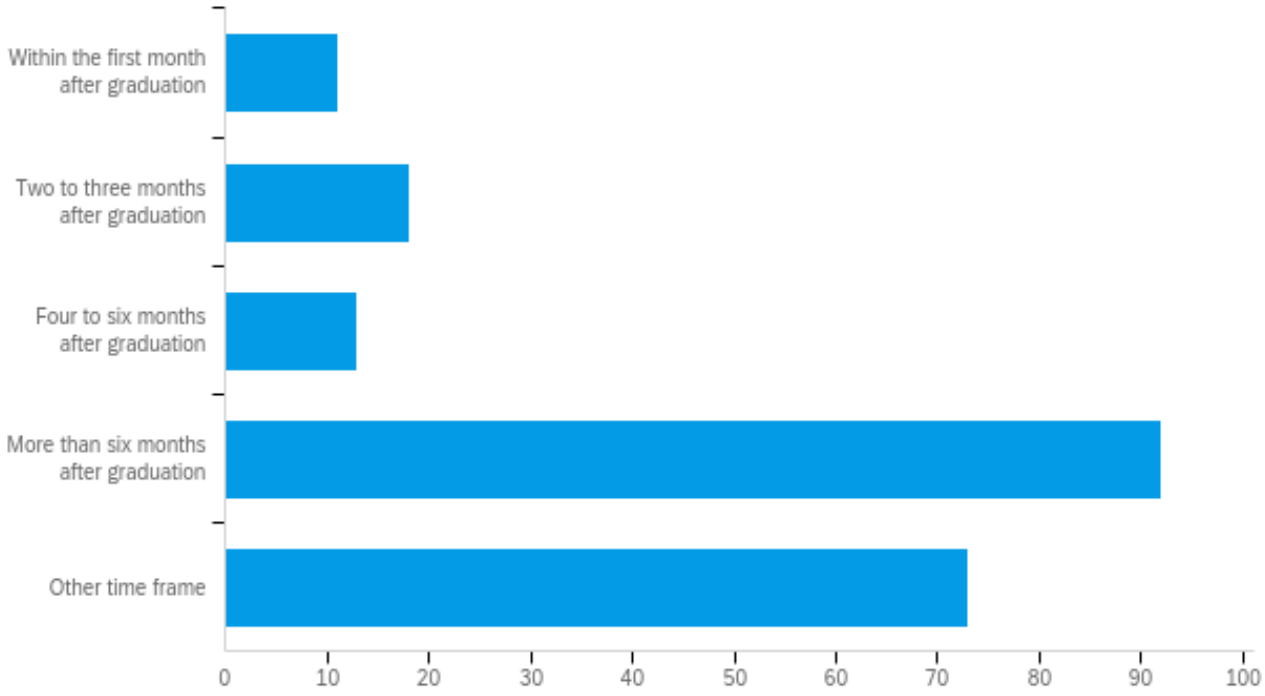
Educational Plans After Graduation

After graduation, what are your plans in regards to continuing your education within the next year?



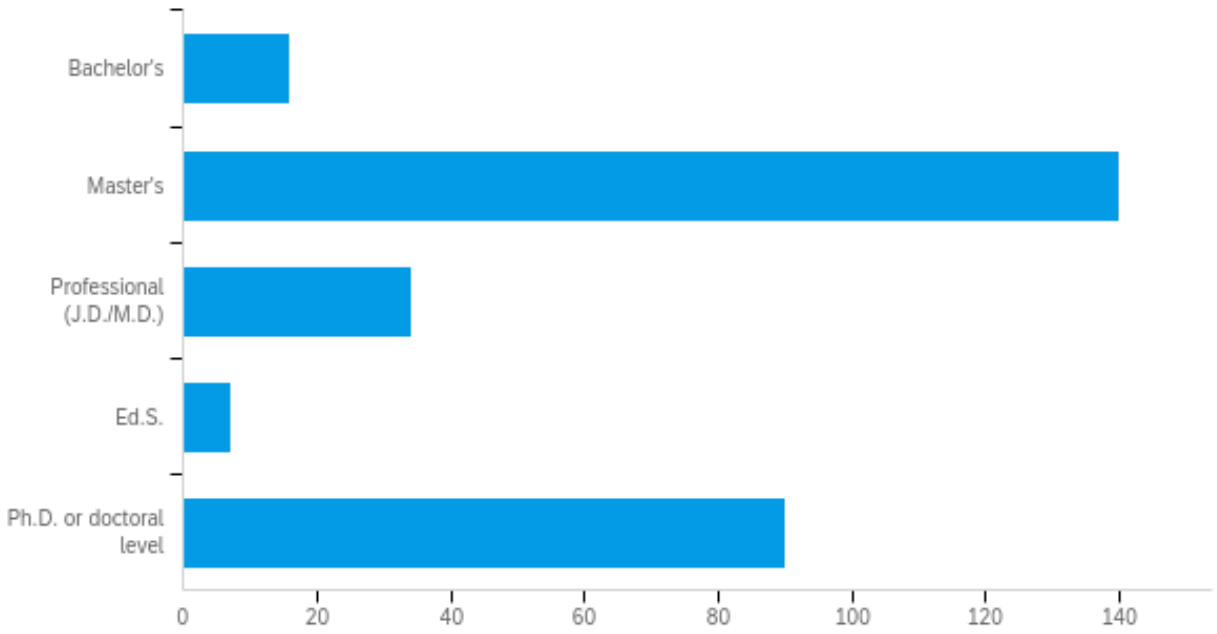
#	Answer	N	%
1	I have been accepted to graduate or professional school.	64	10.83%
2	I have applied to graduate or professional school but haven't heard about my acceptance yet.	27	4.57%
3	I will be pursuing another undergraduate degree.	4	0.68%
4	I plan on continuing my education, but haven't applied yet.	205	34.69%
5	I don't plan on continuing my education.	291	49.24%
	Total	591	100%

When do you plan to start?



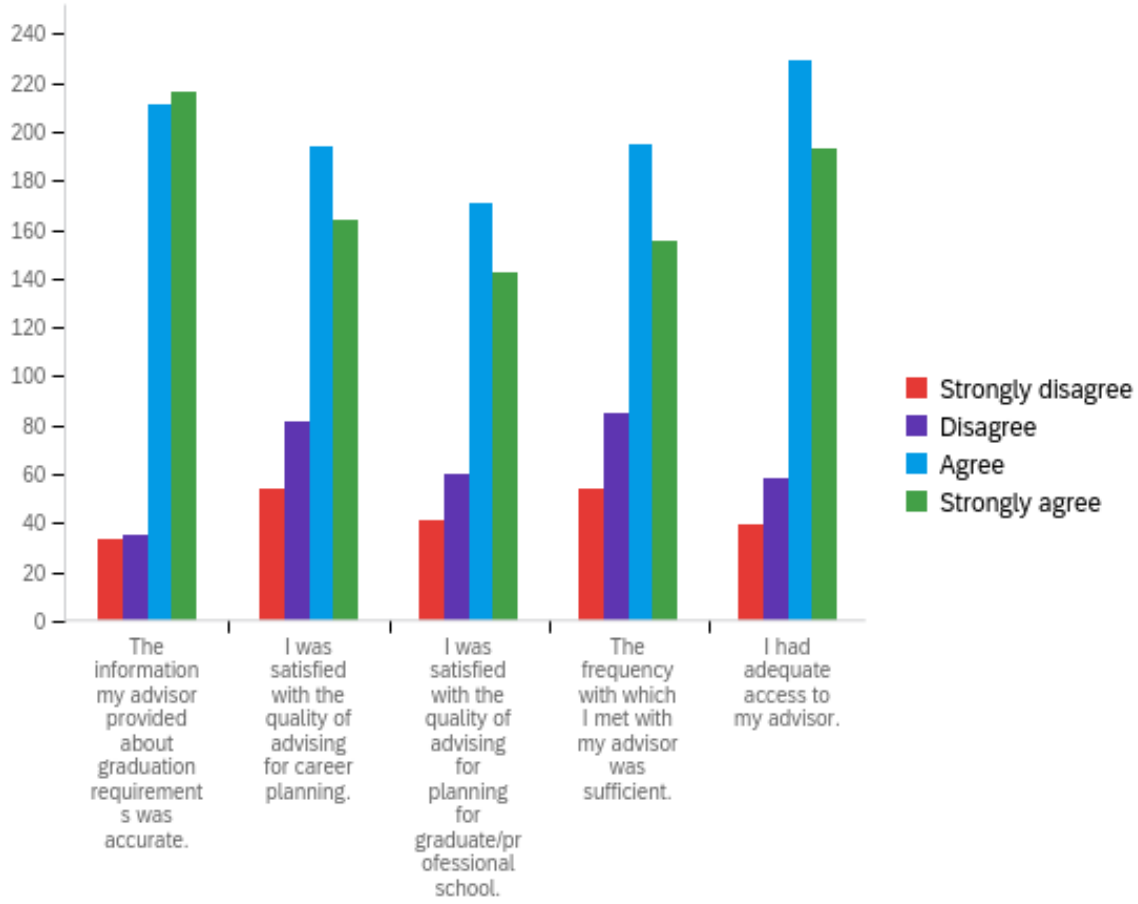
#	Answer	N	%
1	Within the first month after graduation	11	5.31%
2	Two to three months after graduation	18	8.70%
3	Four to six months after graduation	13	6.28%
4	More than six months after graduation	92	44.44%
5	Other time frame	73	35.27%
	Total	207	100%

What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?



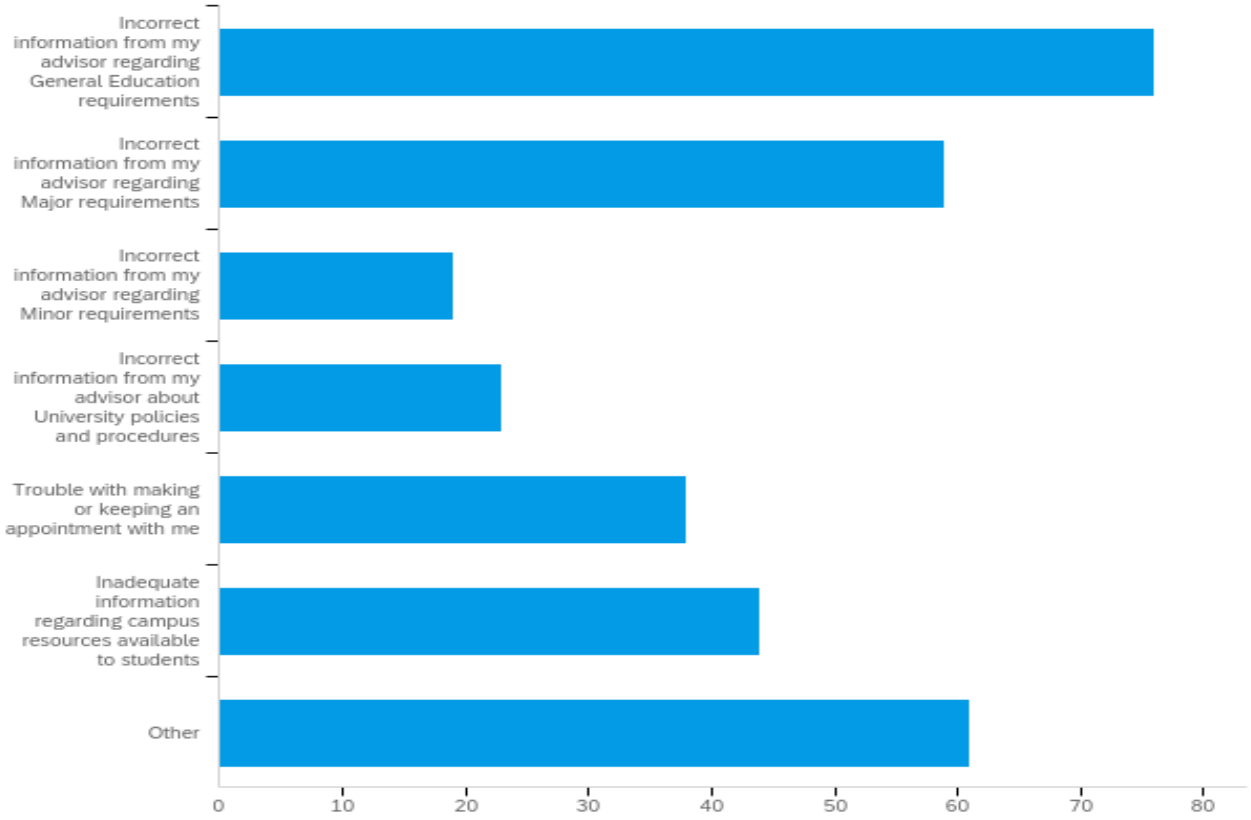
#	Answer	N	%
1	Bachelor's	16	5.57%
2	Master's	140	48.78%
3	Professional (J.D./M.D.)	34	11.85%
4	Ed.S.	7	2.44%
5	Ph.D. or doctoral level	90	31.36%
	Total	287	100%

Advising



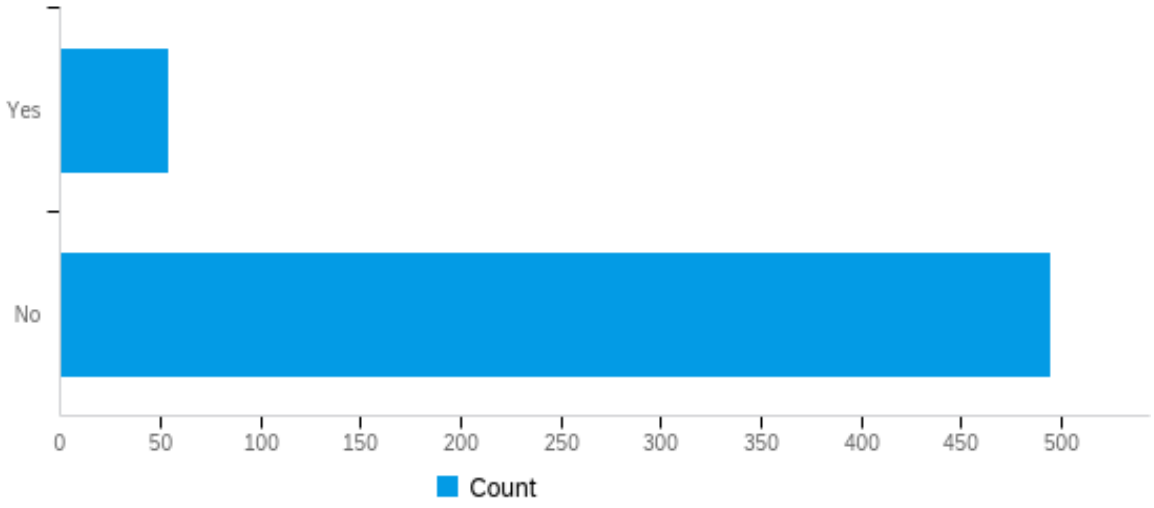
#	Question	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
1	The information my advisor provided about graduation requirements was accurate.	6.67%	7.07%	42.63%	43.64%	495
2	I was satisfied with the quality of advising for career planning.	10.95%	16.43%	39.35%	33.27%	493
3	I was satisfied with the quality of advising for planning for graduate/professional school.	9.90%	14.49%	41.30%	34.30%	414
4	The frequency with which I met with my advisor was sufficient.	11.04%	17.38%	39.88%	31.70%	489
5	I had adequate access to my advisor.	7.51%	11.18%	44.12%	37.19%	519

Did you encounter any of the following problems with your advisor (check all that apply)?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Incorrect information from my advisor regarding General Education requirements	76	23.75%
2	Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Major requirements	59	18.44%
3	Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Minor requirements	19	5.94%
4	Incorrect information from my advisor about University policies and procedures	23	7.19%
5	Trouble with making or keeping an appointment with me	38	11.88%
6	Inadequate information regarding campus resources available to students	44	13.75%
7	Other	61	19.06%
	Total	320	100%

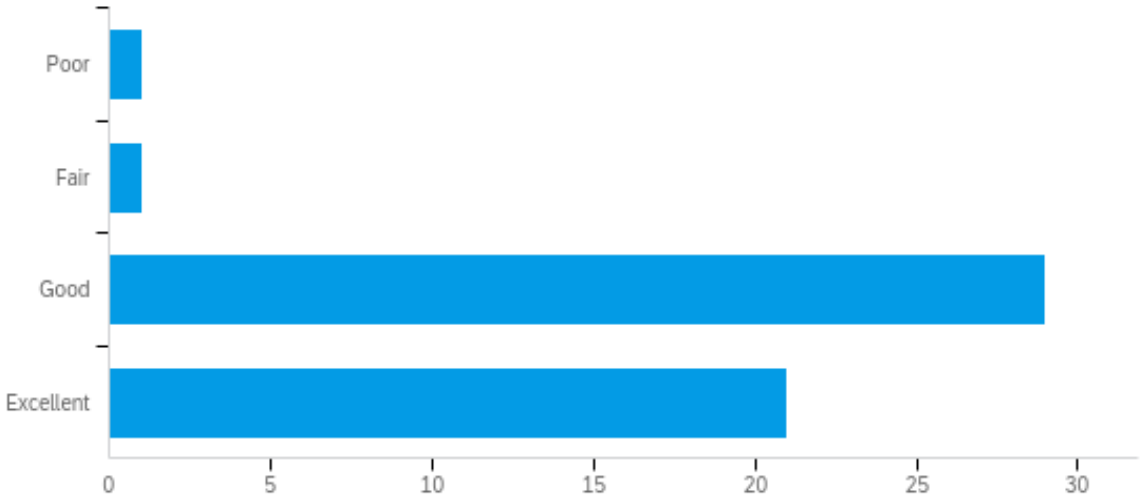
Have you visited the Office of Career Services in the past year?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Have you visited the Office of Career Services in the past year?	1.00	2.00	1.90	0.30	0.09	549

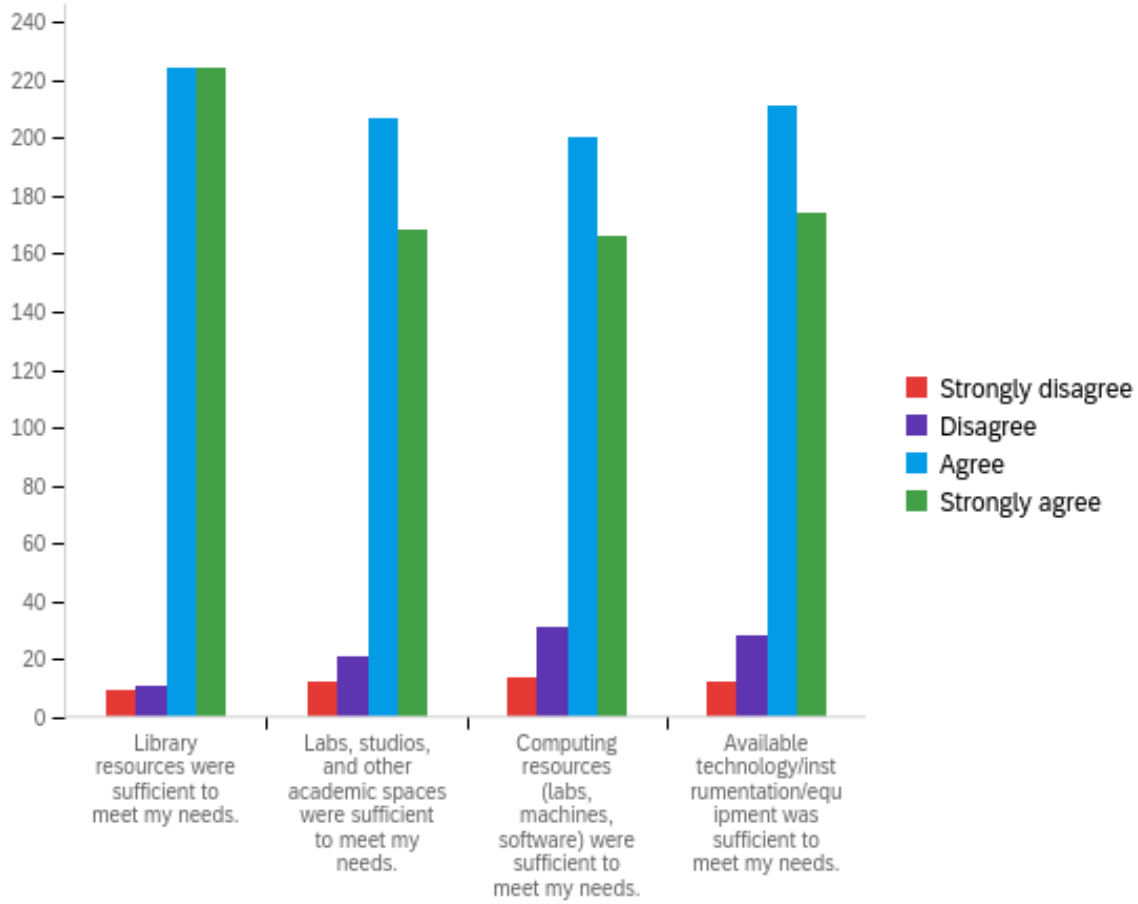
#	Answer	N	%
1	Yes	54	9.84%
2	No	495	90.16%
	Total	549	100%

Career Services



#	Answer	N	%
1	Poor	1	1.92%
2	Fair	1	1.92%
3	Good	29	55.77%
4	Excellent	21	40.38%
	Total	52	100%

Academic Resources



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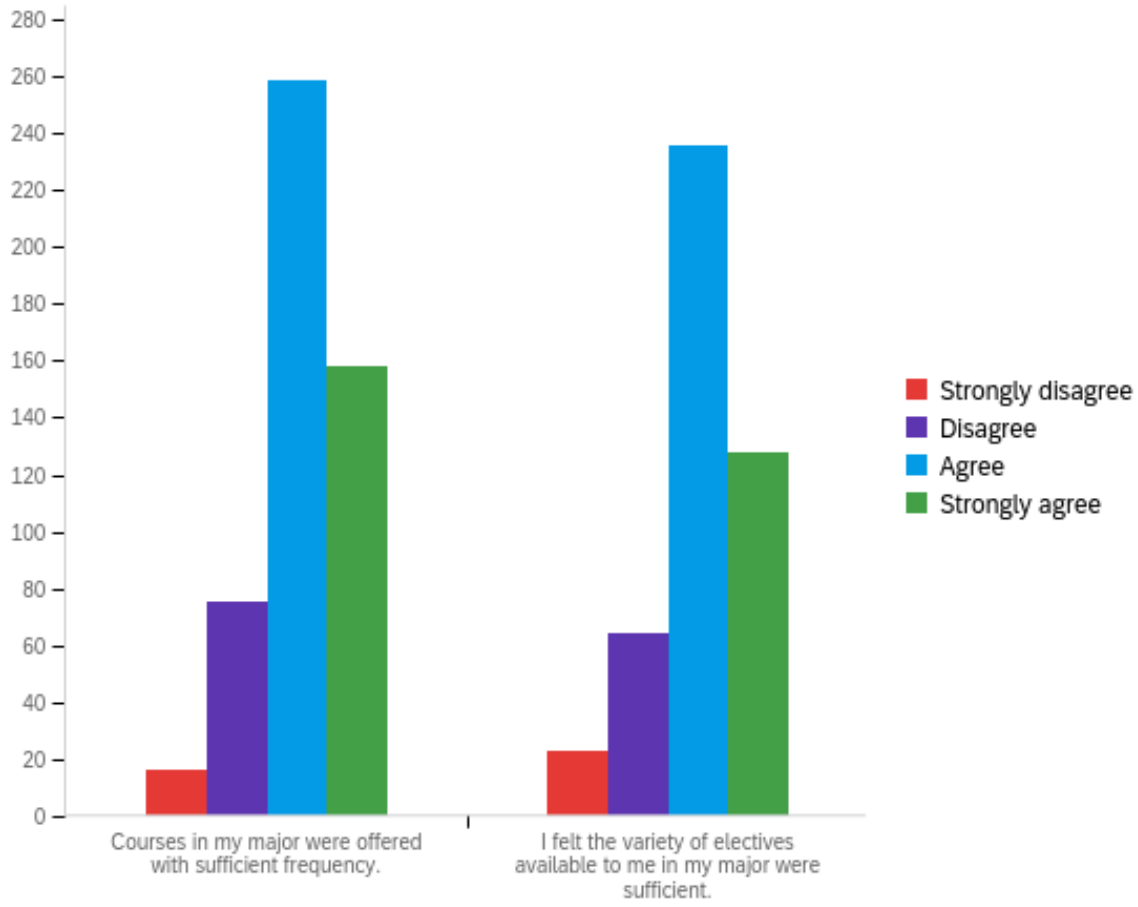
1	Library resources were sufficient to meet my needs.	1.92%	2.35%	47.86%	47.86%	468
2	Labs, studios, and other academic spaces were sufficient to meet my needs.	2.94%	5.15%	50.74%	41.18%	408
3	Computing resources (labs, machines, software) were sufficient to meet my needs.	3.41%	7.54%	48.66%	40.39%	411
4	Available technology/instrumentation/equipment was sufficient to meet my needs.	2.82%	6.59%	49.65%	40.94%	425

Course Offerings



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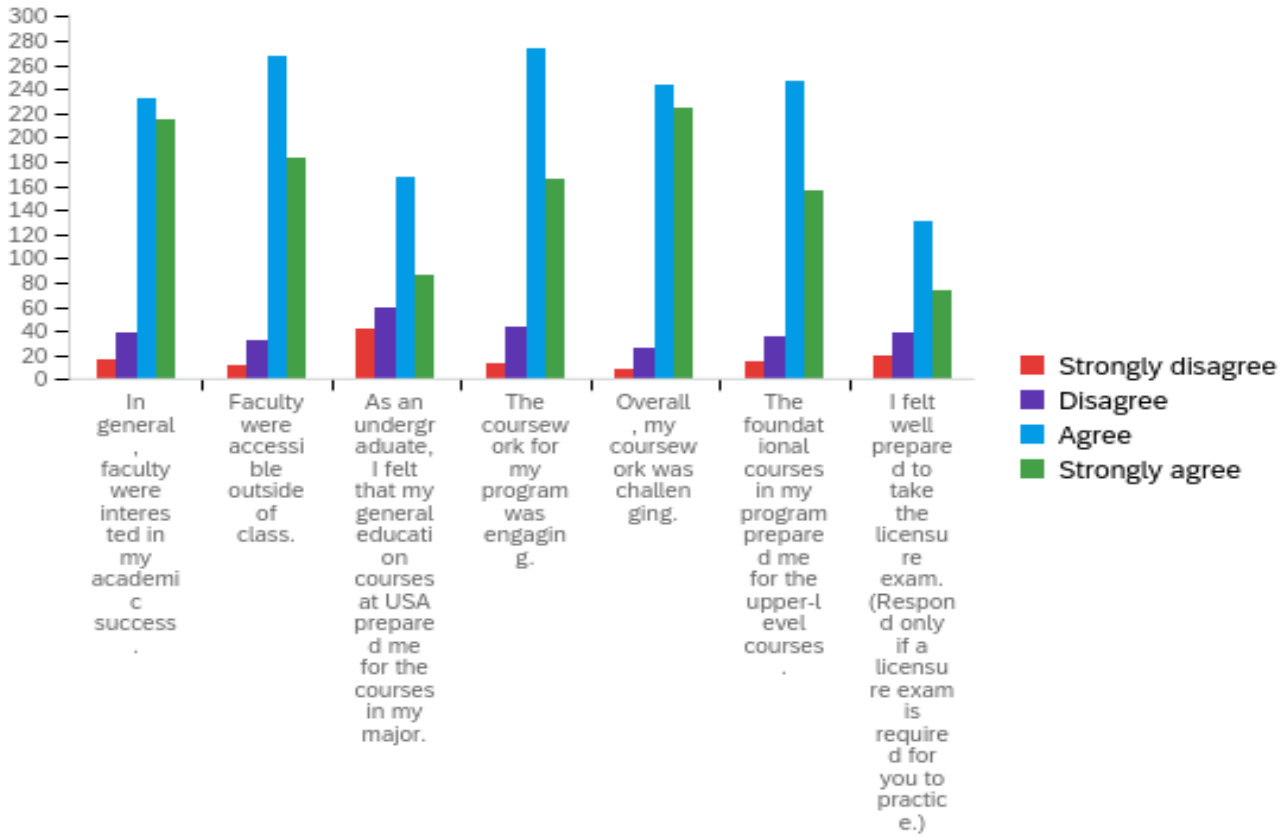
1	Courses in my major were offered with sufficient frequency.	3.15%	14.76%	50.98%	31.10%	508
2	I felt the variety of electives available to me in my major were sufficient.	5.10%	14.19%	52.33%	28.38%	451

Faculty and Course Work



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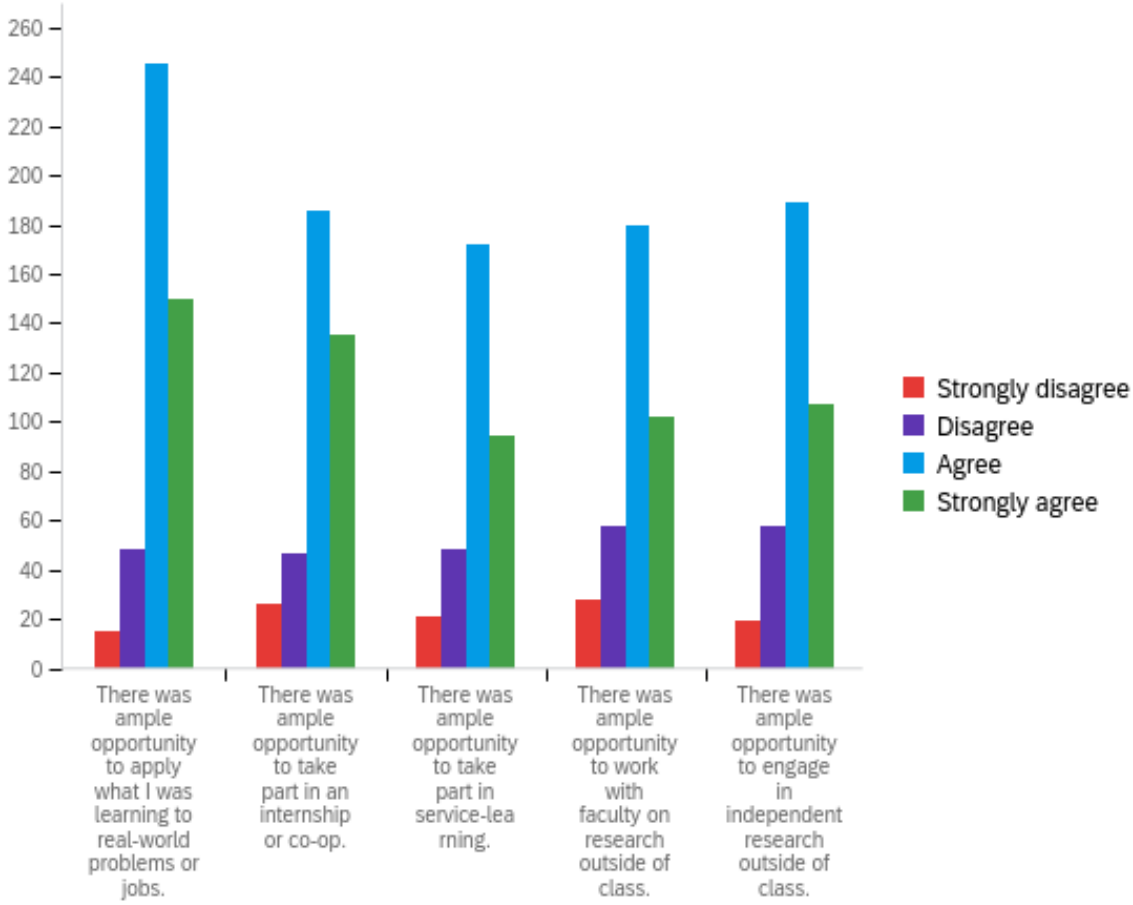
1	In general, faculty were interested in my academic success.	3.38%	7.55%	46.32%	42.74%	503
2	Faculty were accessible outside of class.	2.23%	6.49%	54.16%	37.12%	493
3	As an undergraduate, I felt that my general education courses at USA prepared me for the courses in my major.	11.86%	16.67%	47.18%	24.29%	354
4	The coursework for my program was engaging.	2.62%	8.67%	55.24%	33.47%	496
5	Overall, my coursework was challenging.	1.79%	5.17%	48.51%	44.53%	503
6	The foundational courses in my program prepared me for the upper-level courses.	3.10%	7.96%	54.42%	34.51%	452
7	I felt well prepared to take the licensure exam. (Respond only if a licensure exam is required for you to practice.)	7.60%	14.45%	49.81%	28.14%	263

Educational Opportunities



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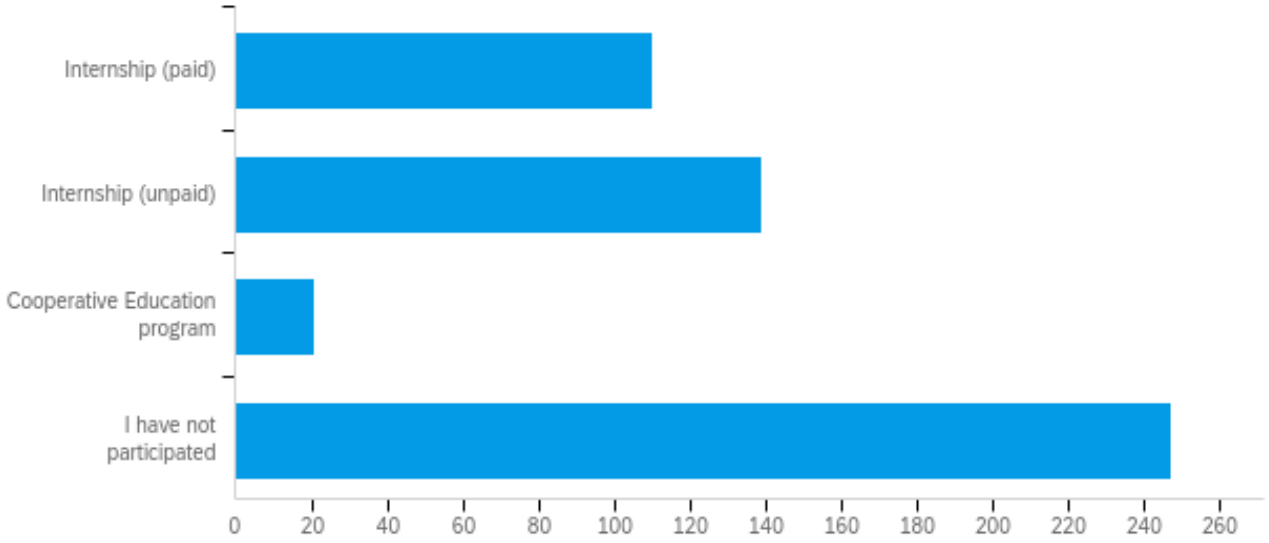
1	There was ample opportunity to apply what I was learning to real-world problems or jobs.	3.28%	10.48%	53.49%	32.75%	458
2	There was ample opportunity to take part in an internship or co-op.	6.60%	11.93%	47.21%	34.26%	394
3	There was ample opportunity to take part in service-learning.	6.27%	14.33%	51.34%	28.06%	335
4	There was ample opportunity to work with faculty on research outside of class.	7.61%	15.76%	48.91%	27.72%	368
5	There was ample opportunity to engage in independent research outside of class.	5.09%	15.55%	50.67%	28.69%	373

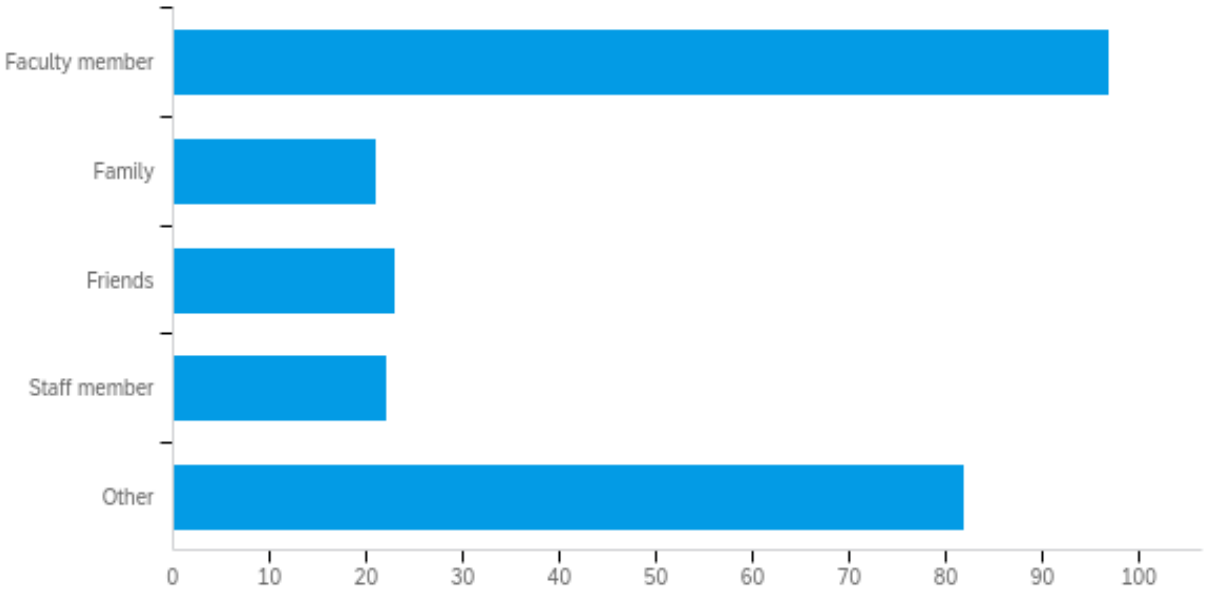
Internships and Cooperative Education 17s

Have you participated in any of the following (select all that apply):



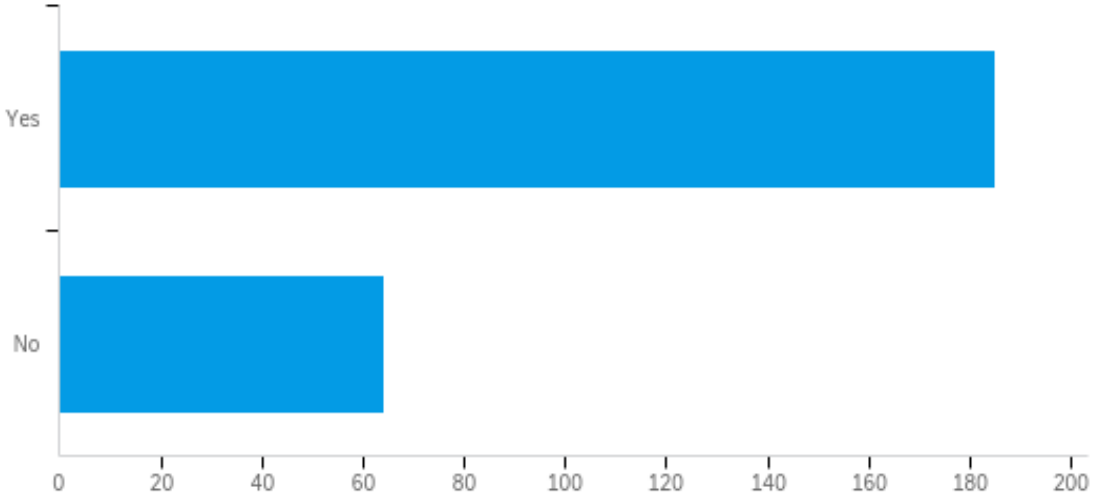
#	Answer	N	%
1	Internship (paid)	110	21.28%
2	Internship (unpaid)	139	26.89%
3	Cooperative Education program	21	4.06%
4	I have not participated	247	47.78%
	Total	517	100%

How did you find out about your internship?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Faculty member	97	39.59%
2	Family	21	8.57%
3	Friends	23	9.39%
4	Staff member	22	8.98%
5	Other	82	33.47%
	Total	245	100%

Did you receive academic credit for your internship?



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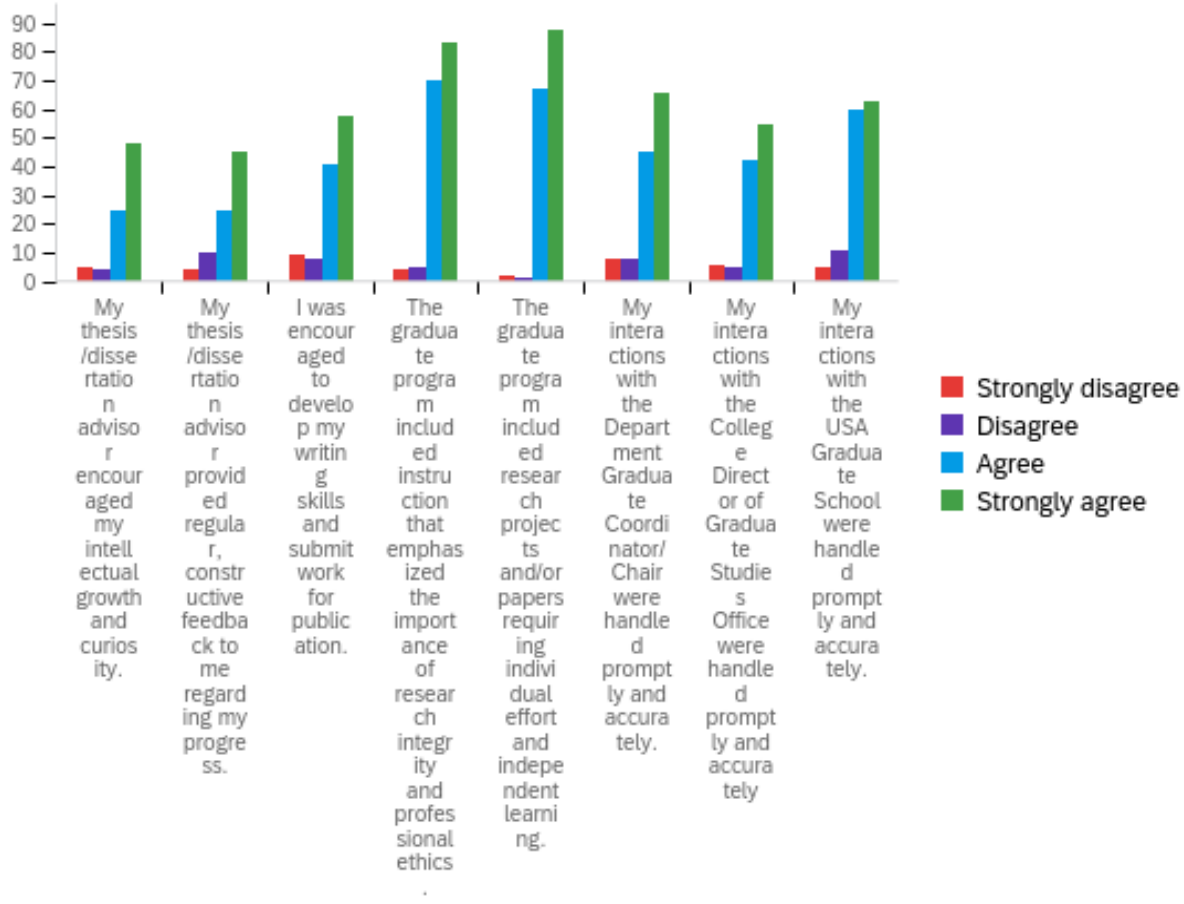
1	Yes	185	74.30%
2	No	64	25.70%
	Total	249	100%

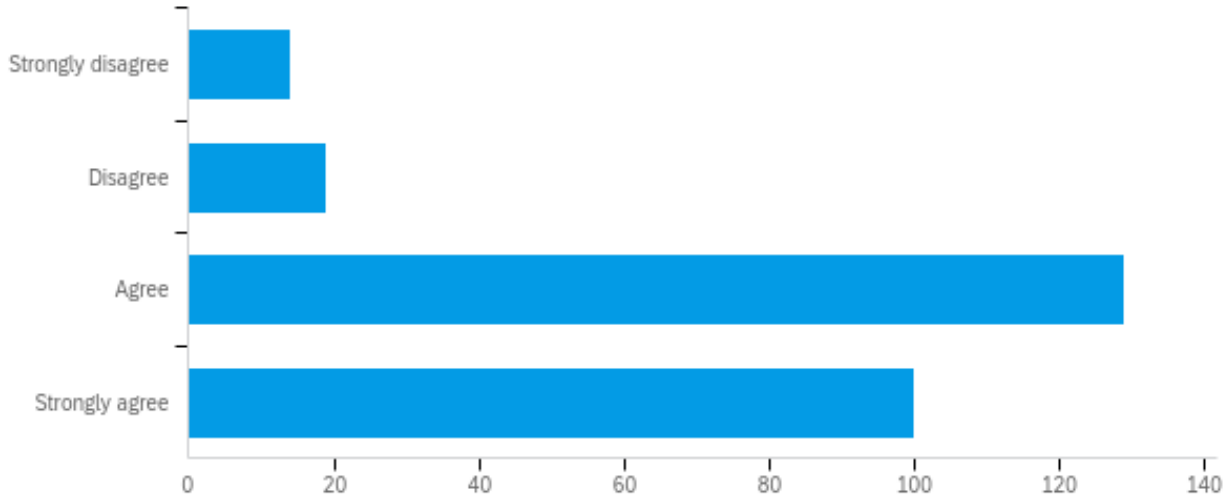
Graduate Student Experience



ITEM FREQUENCY REPORT

#	Question	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
1	My thesis/dissertation advisor encouraged my intellectual growth and curiosity.	6.10%	4.88%	30.49%	58.54%	82
2	My thesis/dissertation advisor provided regular, constructive feedback to me regarding my progress.	4.76%	11.90%	29.76%	53.57%	84
3	I was encouraged to develop my writing skills and submit work for publication.	7.76%	6.90%	35.34%	50.00%	116
4	The graduate program included instruction that emphasized the importance of research integrity and professional ethics.	2.47%	3.09%	43.21%	51.23%	162
5	The graduate program included research projects and/or papers requiring individual effort and independent learning.	1.27%	0.63%	42.41%	55.70%	158
6	My interactions with the Department Graduate Coordinator/Chair were handled promptly and accurately.	6.30%	6.30%	35.43%	51.97%	127
7	My interactions with the College Director of Graduate Studies Office were handled promptly and accurately	5.56%	4.63%	38.89%	50.93%	108
8	My interactions with the USA Graduate School were handled promptly and accurately.	3.60%	7.91%	43.17%	45.32%	139

Student Organization



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1	Strongly disagree	14	5.34%
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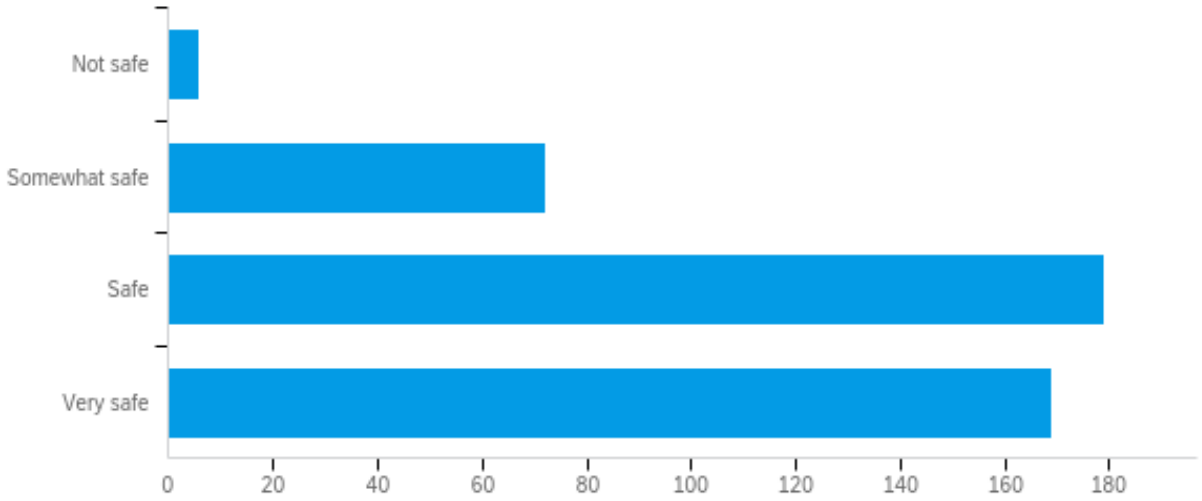
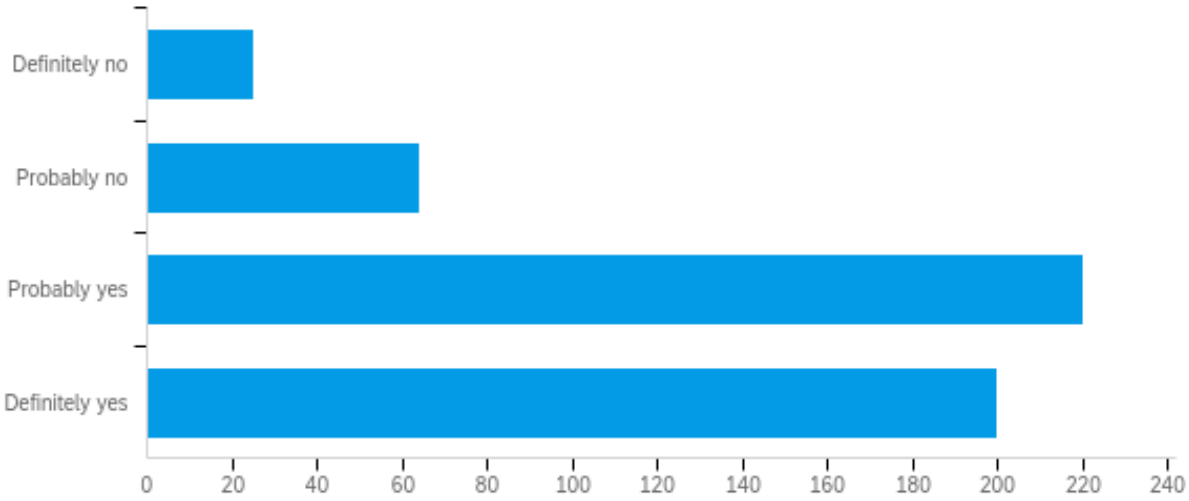
3	Agree	129	49.24%
4	Strongly agree	100	38.17%
	Total	262	100%

Safety



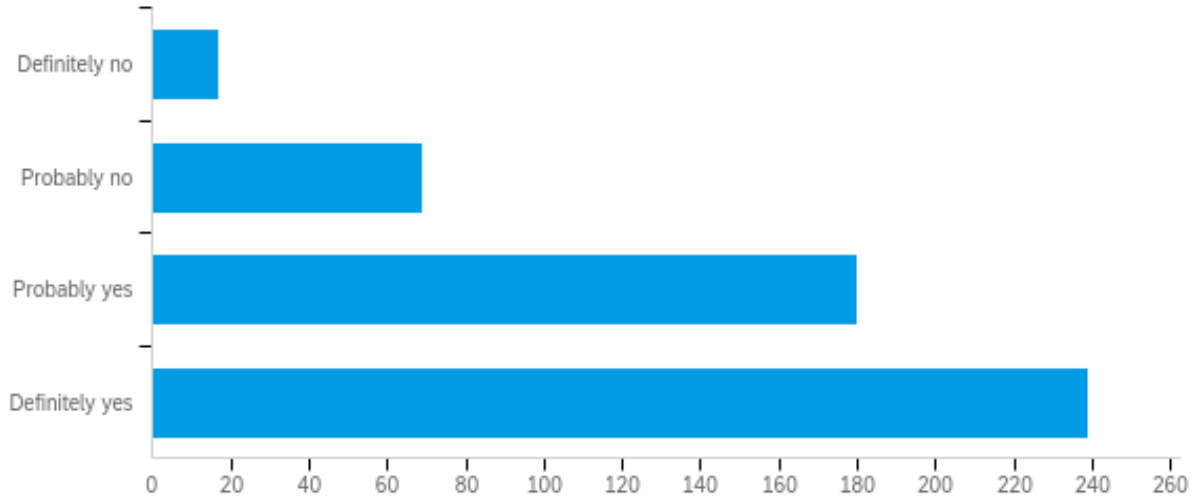
#	Answer	Count	%
1	Not safe	6	1.41%
2	Somewhat safe	72	16.90%
3	Safe	179	42.02%
4	Very safe	169	39.67%
	Total	426	100%

If you had it to do over again, would you attend USA?



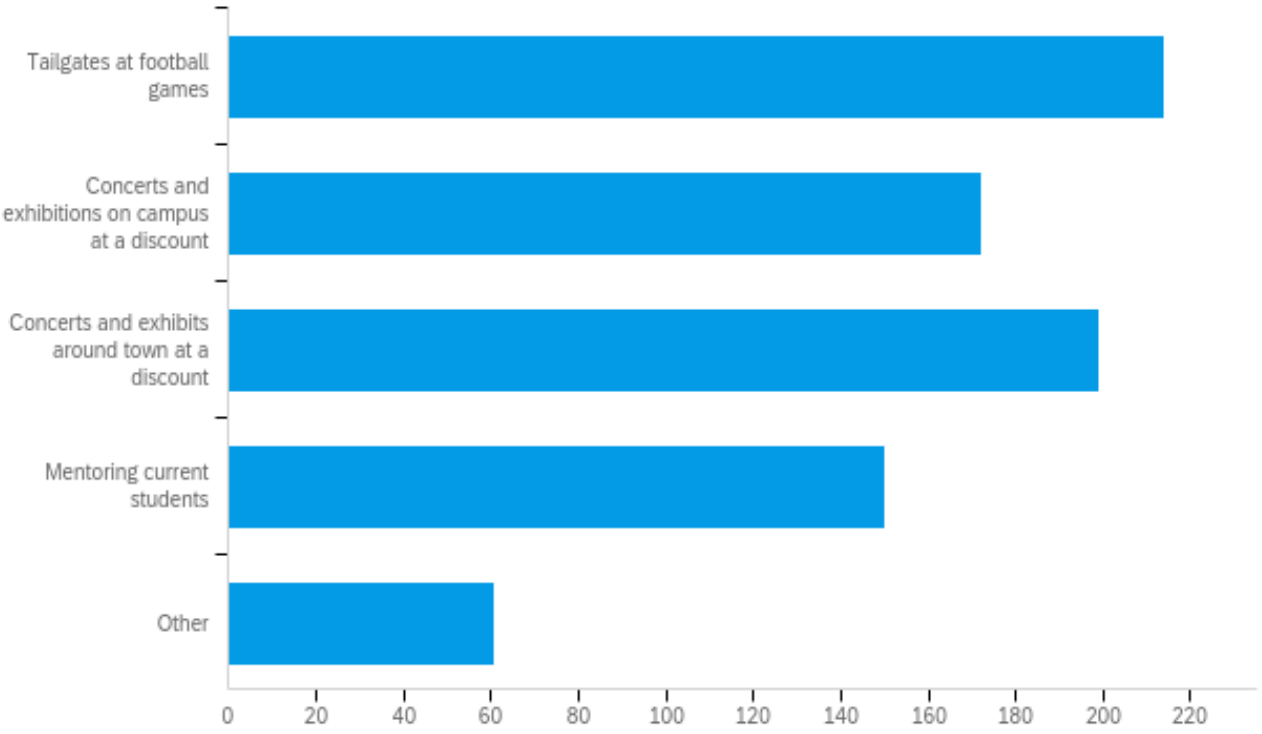
#	Answer	N	%
1	Definitely no	25	4.91%
2	Probably no	64	12.57%
3	Probably yes	220	43.22%
4	Definitely yes	200	39.29%
	Total	509	100%

If you had it to do over again, would you graduate with the same major?



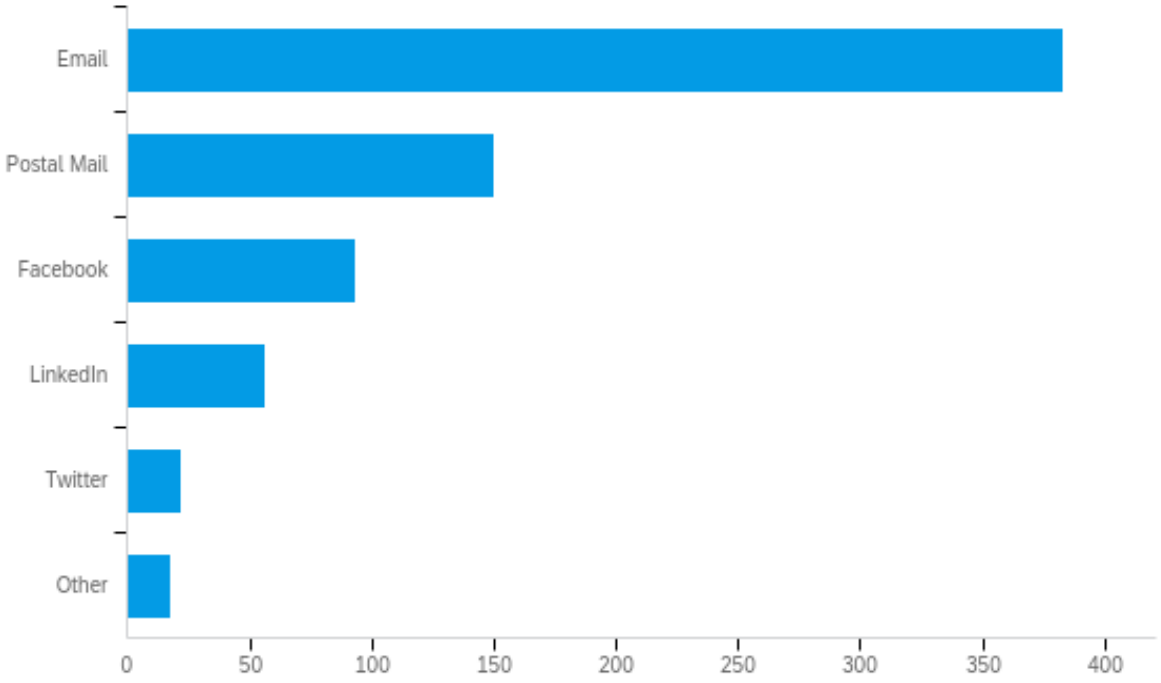
#	Answer	N	%
1	Definitely no	17	3.37%
2	Probably no	69	13.66%
3	Probably yes	180	35.64%
4	Definitely yes	239	47.33%
	Total	505	100%

As an alumnus/a, what kinds of activities would you like to participate in (select all that apply)?



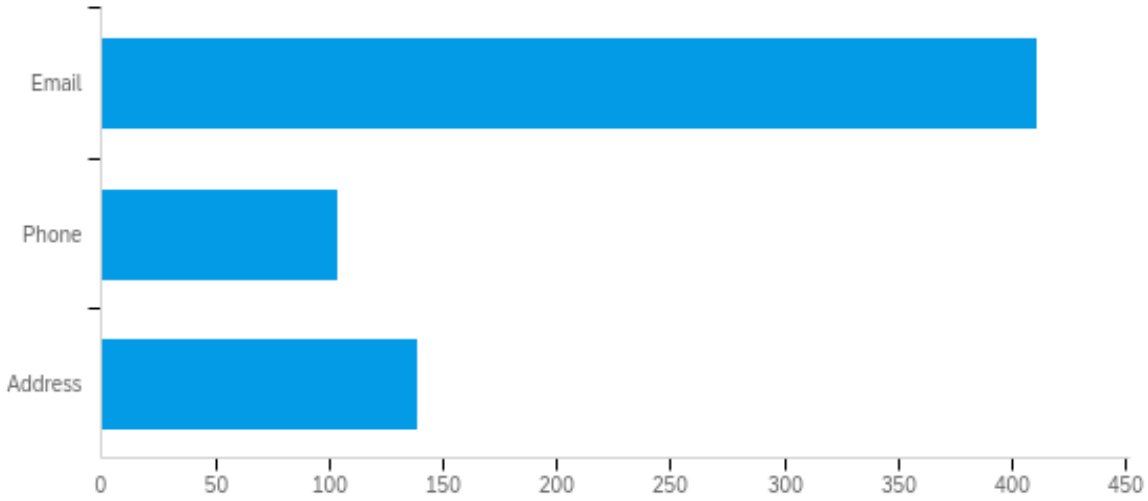
#	Answer	N	%
1	Tailgates at football games	214	26.88%
2	Concerts and exhibitions on campus at a discount	172	21.61%
3	Concerts and exhibits around town at a discount	199	25.00%
4	Mentoring current students	150	18.84%
5	Other	61	7.66%
	Total	796	100%

As an alumnus/a, how would you like the University and your college/school to keep you informed about activities and events at USA (select all that apply)?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Email	383	53.05%
2	Postal Mail	150	20.78%
3	Facebook	93	12.88%
4	LinkedIn	56	7.76%
5	Twitter	22	3.05%
6	Other	18	2.49%
	Total	722	100%

What's the best way for your college/school to keep in touch with you (select all that apply)?



#	Answer	N	%
1	Email	411	62.84%
2	Phone	104	15.90%
3	Address	139	21.25%
	Total	654	100%