



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

Results from Senior Exit Surveys  
Completed by Graduating Students in the  
Educational Options Program (EOP) 2018-2019

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# Educational Options Program (EOP)

- Formerly known as Twilight School
- EOP offers a second chance to adult students who have dropped out and/or who were unsuccessful in a traditional full-day high school setting
- EOP is the only free, accredited high school diploma-granting option for adults in Philadelphia who have “aged out” of the system
- For additional information, see <https://www.philasd.org/alternative/our-schools/>
- There are three EOP centers which run on an annual calendar of three trimesters
  - Benjamin Franklin High School EOP
  - Northeast High School EOP
  - South Philadelphia High School EOP

# Overview: Survey Content and Purpose

- The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires each District to administer an exit survey to seniors. The primary purpose is to capture students' intentions after high school—specifically, whether they are planning to obtain additional education, employment, or to pursue other activities
- This is the second year that SDP's Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) has administered an EOP-specific Exit Survey to capture the unique experiences of EOP students and to accommodate the different graduation timeline
- Survey administration details include:
  - Hosted in Survey Monkey
  - Opened in January 2019; administered twice during the school year in accordance with EOP's trimester graduation schedule (survey was not open during first trimester in 2018-19 school year)
  - School counselors had primary responsibility for ensuring that students completed the survey
  - All students who were expected to graduate were asked to take the survey

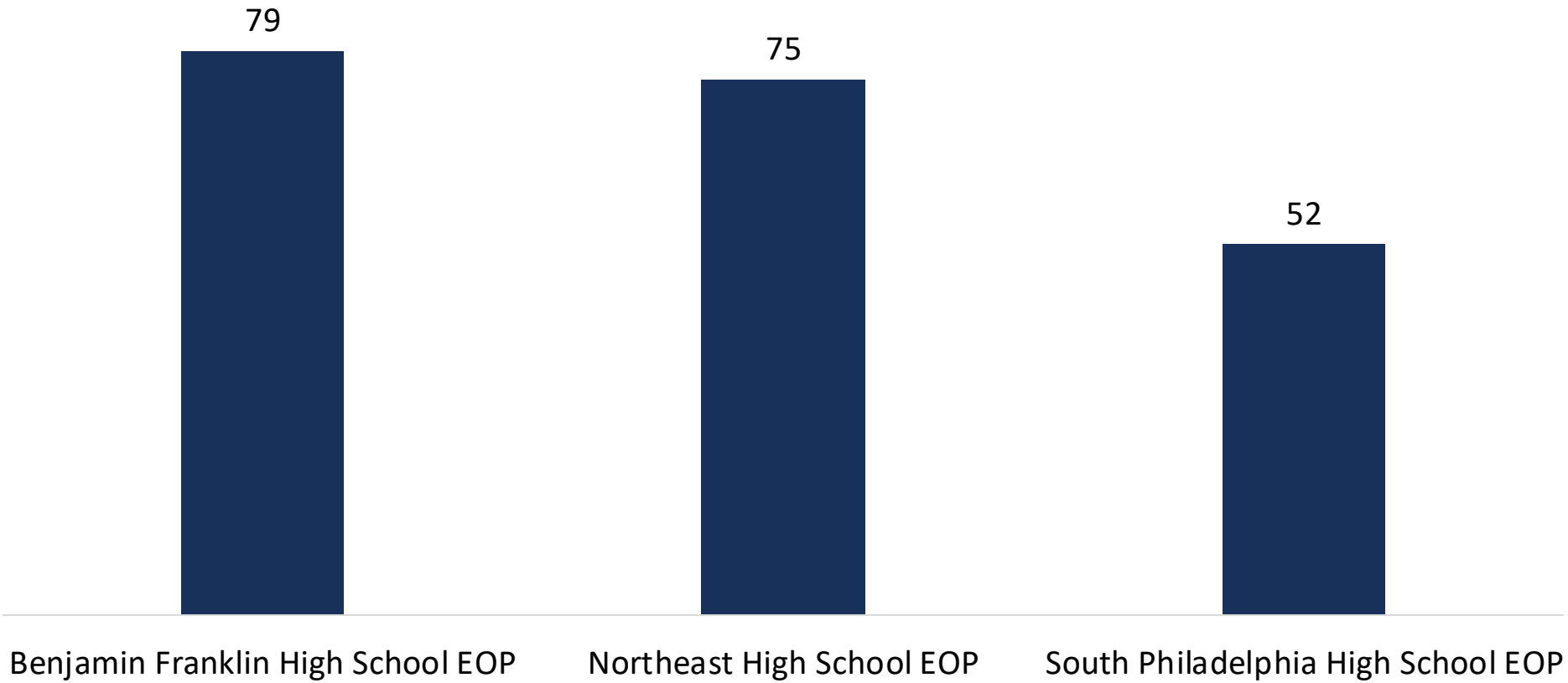
# Overview: EOP Student Responses

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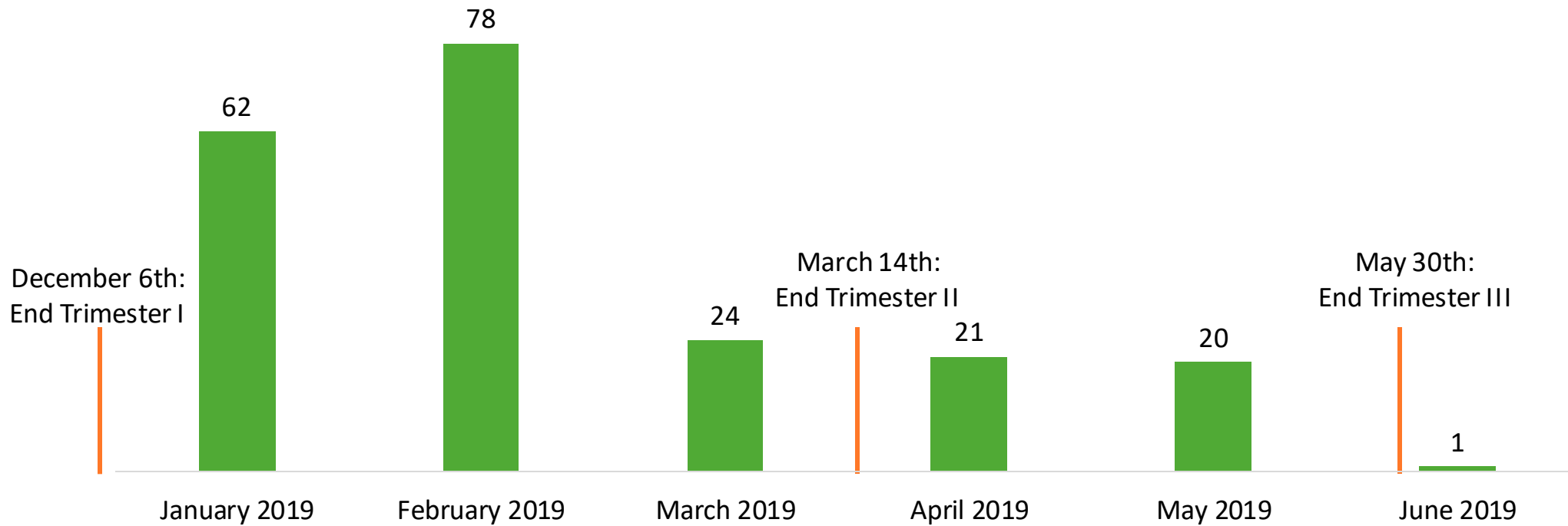
- Student had valid Student ID Number
- Student attended EOP School at any point during 2018-19 School Year
- Survey was submitted within any EOP trimester
- Student indicated that they intended to graduate after the trimester the survey was taken
- In cases of duplicate responses, the student response from the most recent trimester was retained. If there were multiple responses from the same student within the same trimester, the most complete record from that trimester was retained.

# Number of Responses by EOP Site, 2018-19

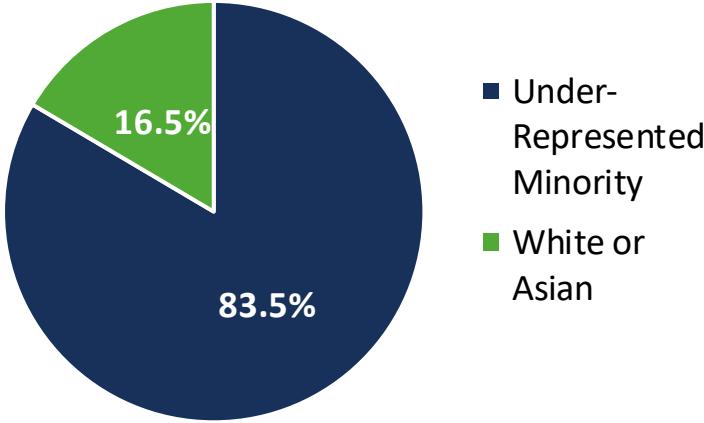
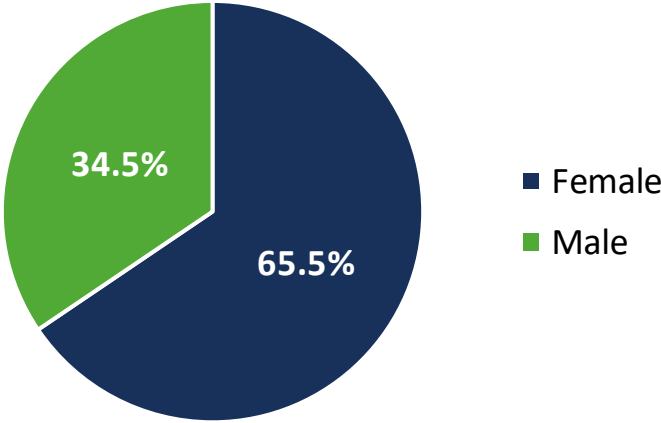
*A total of 206 EOP students completed the survey*



# Student Responses By Month



# Respondent Characteristics



**206**

completed responses from 3 EOP sites

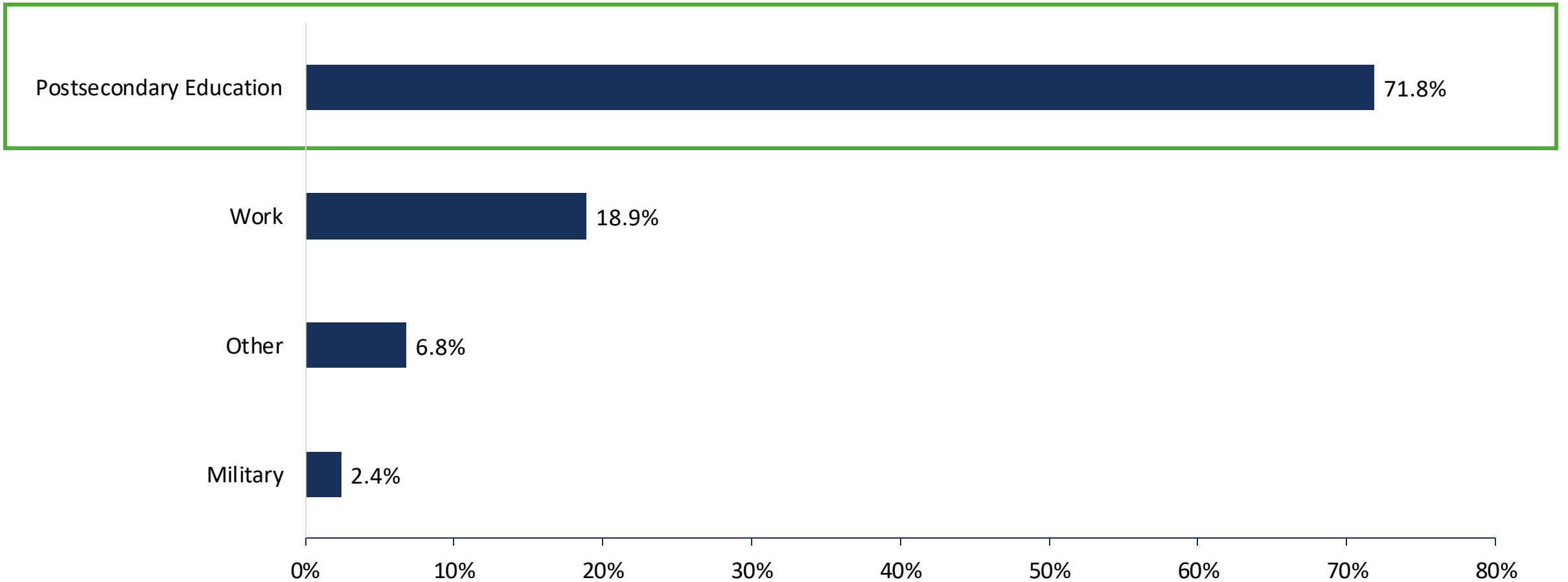
Includes responses from students with 12<sup>th</sup> grade status (in any trimester)

Average age: 28 years

Median age: 22 years

Age range: 17 to 72 years

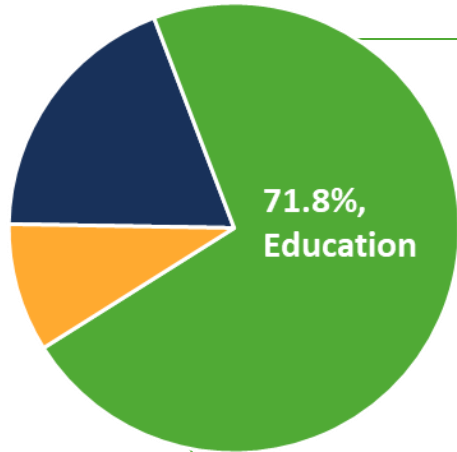
# Student Intent After High School Graduation



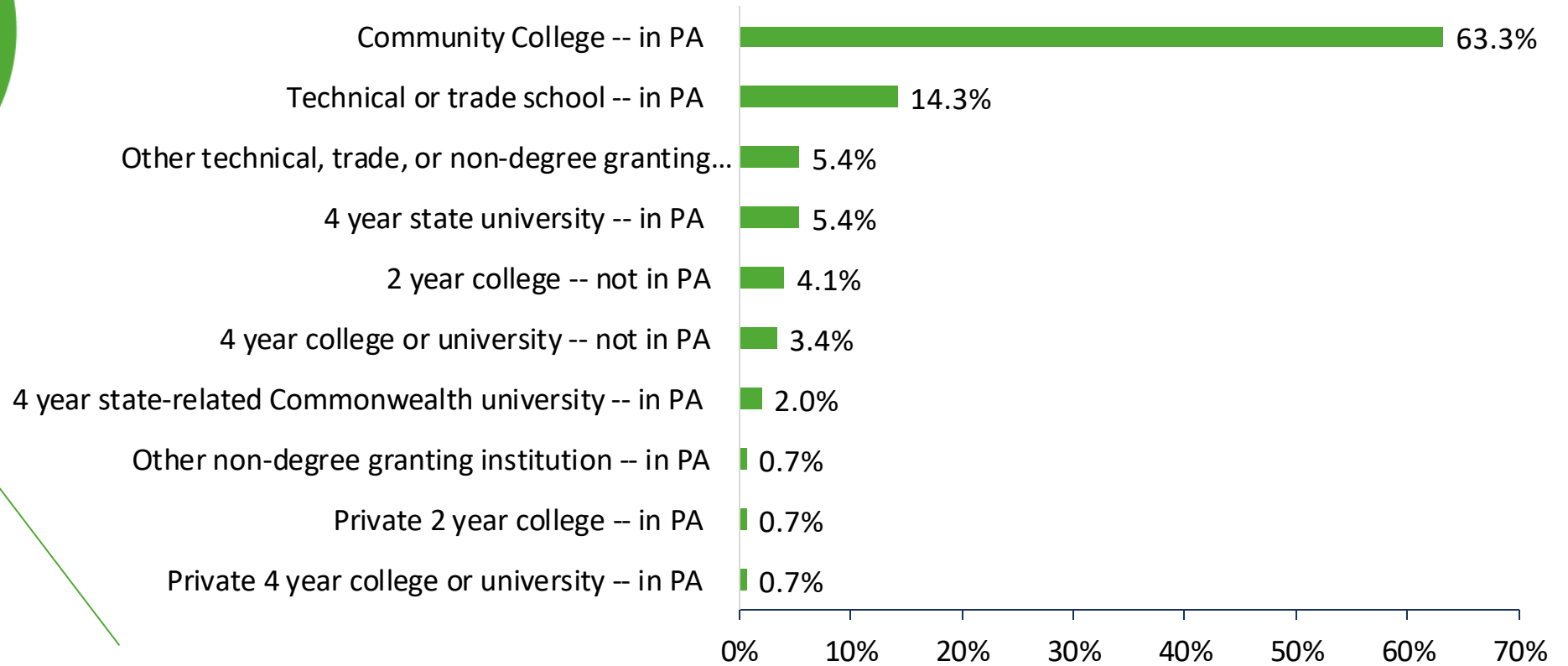
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# Students Who Intend to Attend Postsecondary School within One Year

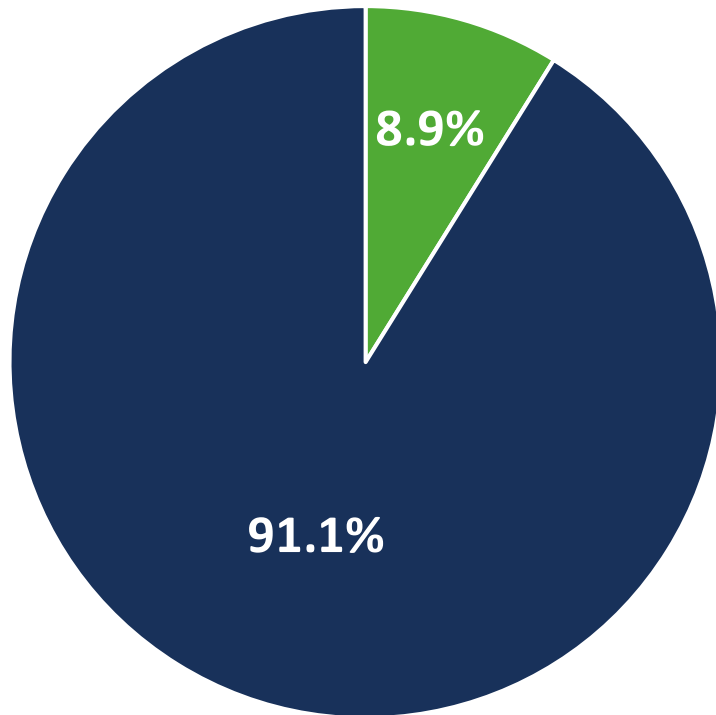


Which of the following best describes your plans for education after high school?



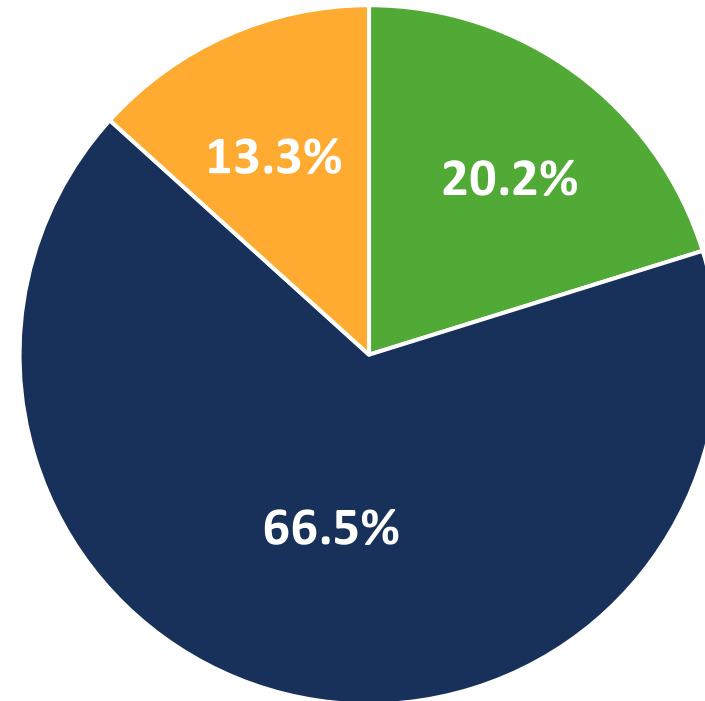
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### Did you apply for any college scholarships? (n=203)



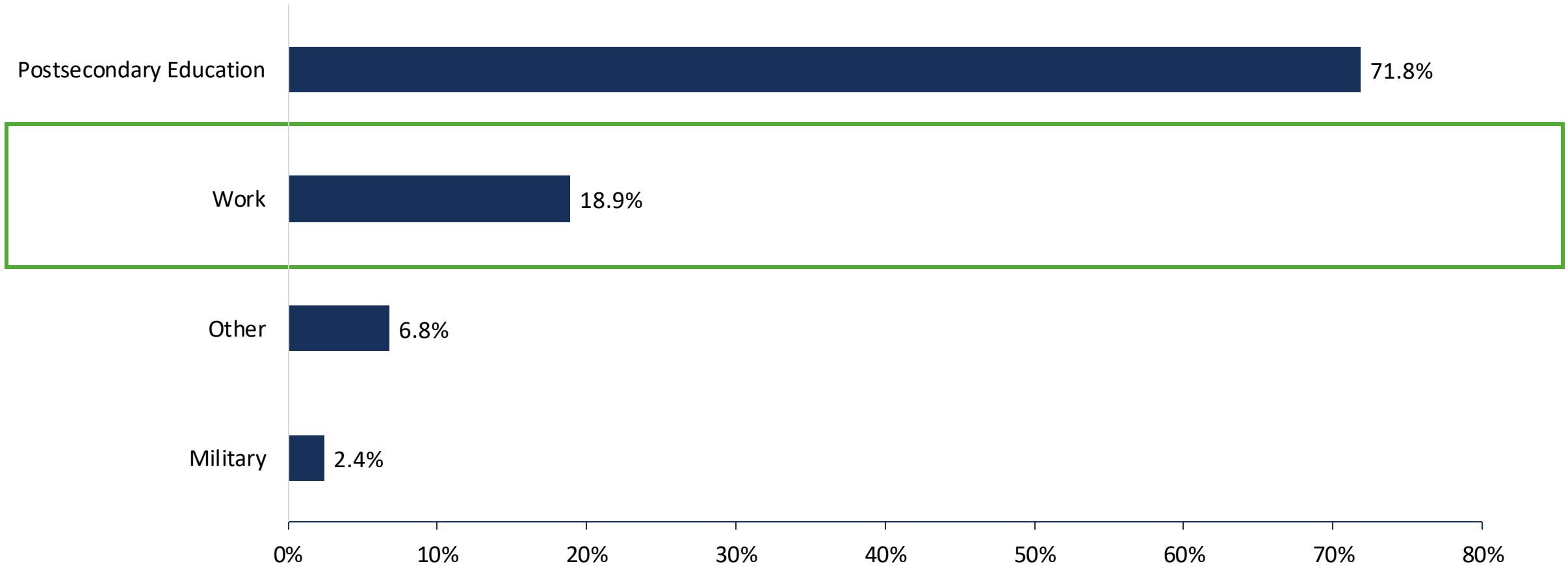
- Yes
- No

### Did you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? (n=203)



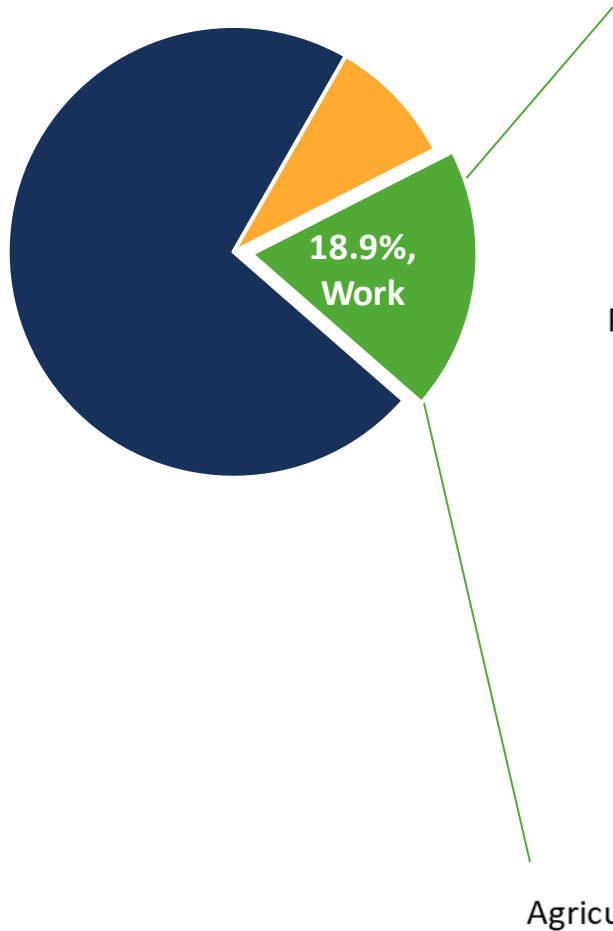
- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

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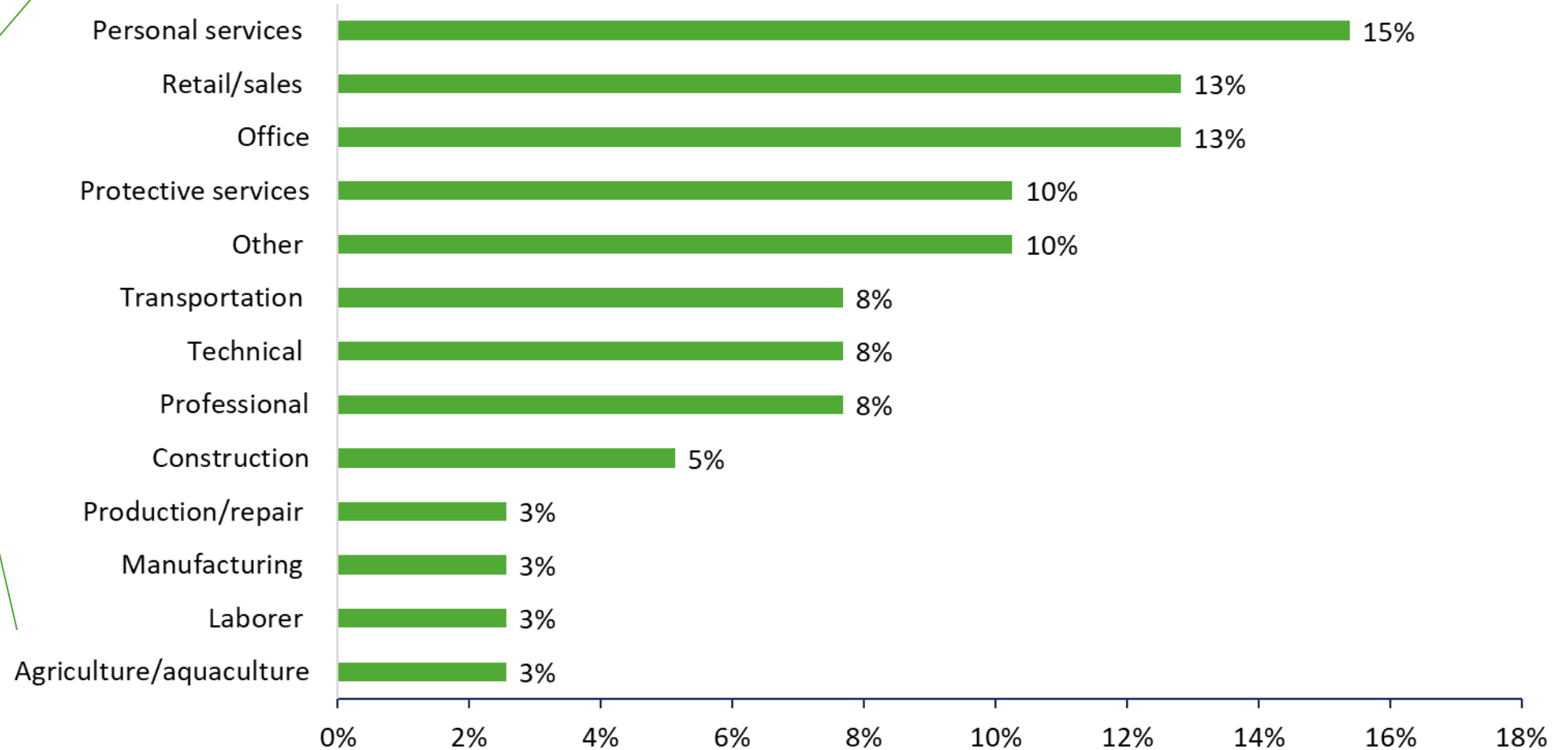


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# Detail: Type of Employment



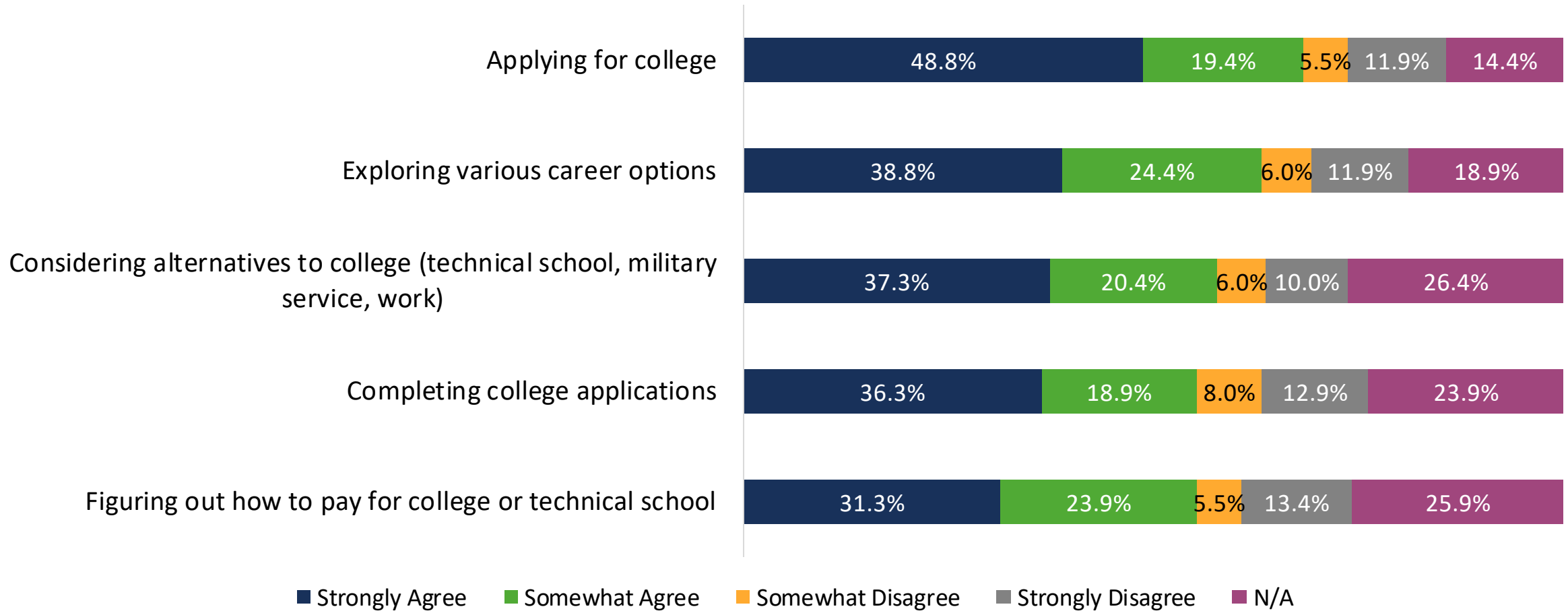
Which of the following best describes your plans for work?



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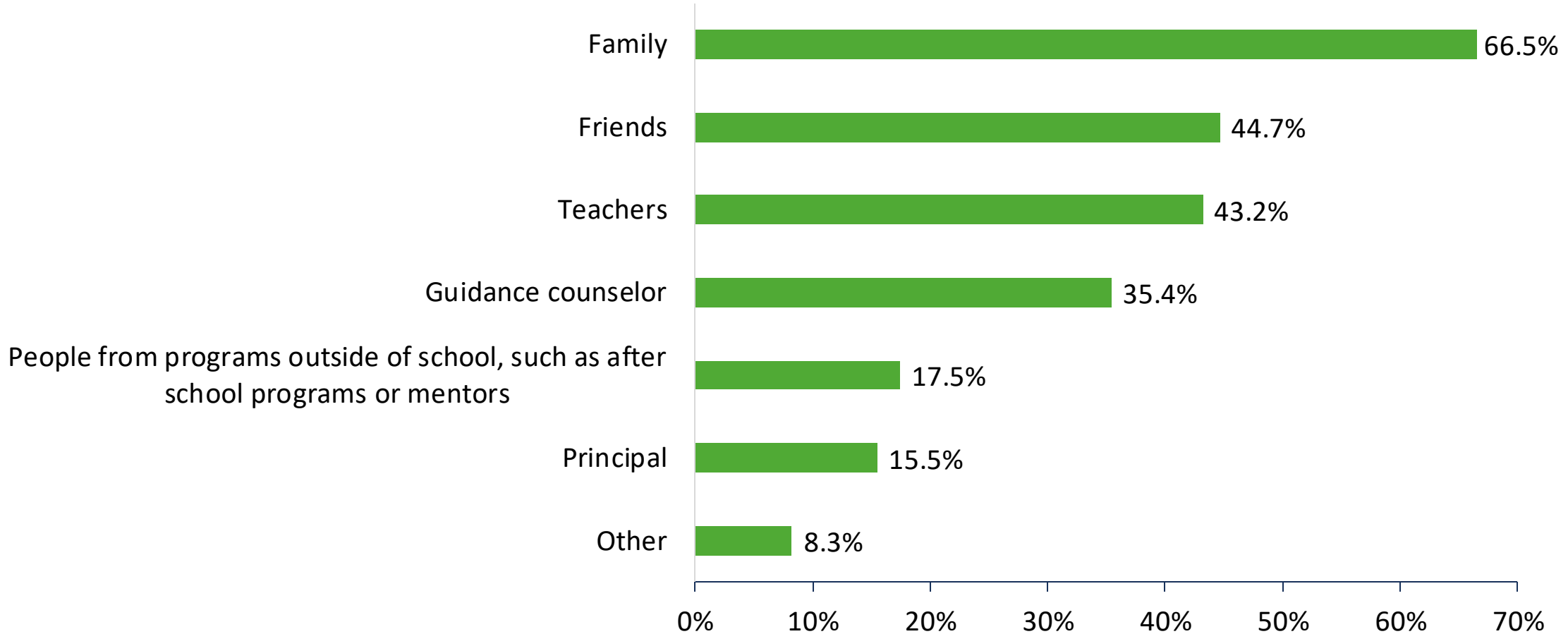
# Student Responses to Survey Question:

*Adults at my school (including counselors, teachers, support staff, and/or program staff) gave me a lot of help in...*



# Student Responses to Survey Question:

*The most important people helping me plan my life after high school were... (students could select multiple responses)*



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# Selected Student Responses to Survey Question:

*What additional support, if any, would you have liked to receive from your school while completing your high school diploma?*

Comments related to Practical Support	Comments related to Financial Planning	Comments related to Job & Career Planning
<p>“Future advice for college, help with signing up for FAFSA, for college itself.”</p> <p>“Transportation”</p> <p>“Tutoring”</p>	<p>“More scholarship and grant options resources”</p> <p>“I would’ve liked more help on how to pay for college”</p>	<p>“Being able to take SATs so from here I would’ve applied and went to my dream college.”</p> <p>“Additional recommendation letter for professional employment employees or letter of references.”</p> <p>“More information about schools and applying to colleges sooner than what we’ve received.”</p> <p>“Alternative option help besides college.”</p>

# Selected Student Responses to Survey Question:

*Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience at this EOP center?*

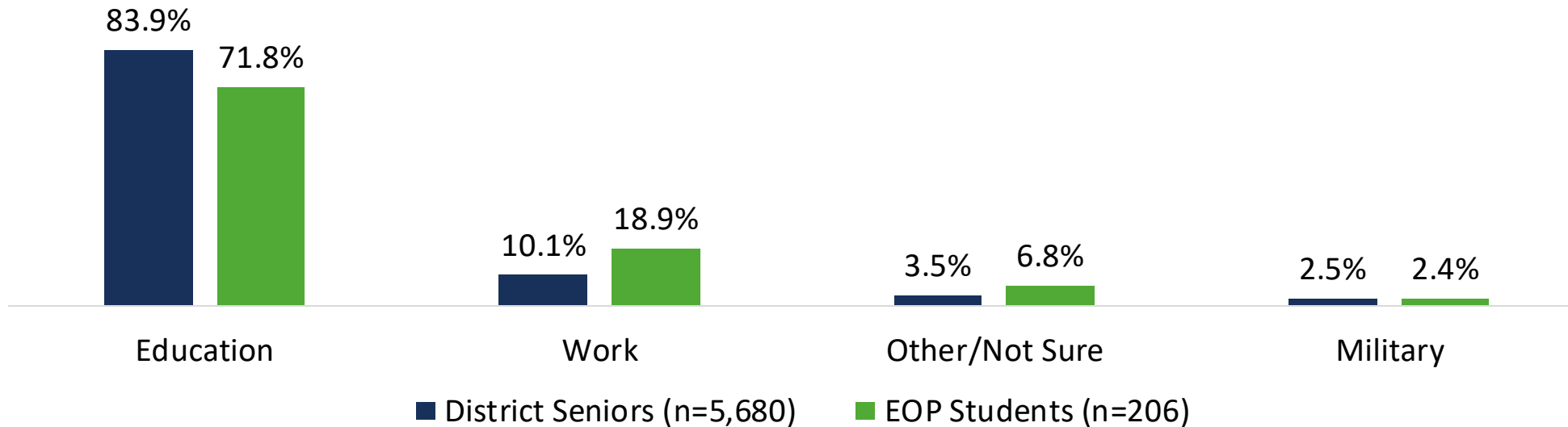
Comments about Student Experiences	Comments about EOP as a Stepping Stone
<p>“I would honestly state that the support that I received from the EOP program was beyond what I thought possible. The staff treated me with a great amount of respect and professionalism and beyond that the relationships forged with some of the teachers in the program were and are special to me.”</p> <p>“I would like to just share my complete gratitude for the assistance and the patience that the staff showed towards me personally and I would add that I am eternally grateful and that I would recommend this program to anyone who needs to complete their high school education. Thank you sincerely.”</p> <p>“The EOP program needs to be more strict on these younger students as well as some older ones. The kids are very disrespectful to the teachers and it causes us to have less time to learn.”</p>	<p>“It is never too late in life to acquire education, and education is a basic need for everyone.”</p> <p>“They helped me reach my goals.”</p> <p>“I'm glad this program is still running it gives me another chance to finish, and to move on to better things for my life.”</p>



# How do EOP students compare with traditional District Seniors?

# Intent Category: EOP Students vs. Traditional Students

*Compared to traditional District Seniors, EOP students were more likely to intend to enter the workforce, and less likely to intend to continue their education within one year.*



- Traditional District Seniors are also surveyed on similar questions during the Spring of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. In 2018-19, 68.1% responded to the Senior Exit Survey.
- Compared with traditional Seniors, EOP students were less likely to intend on postsecondary Education (71.8% over 83.9%).
- EOP Students were more likely to intend on working post-graduation (18.9% over 10.1%).
- For additional information, see [2018-2019 Senior Exit Survey Results](#) Slide deck.