



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

Results from Senior Exit Surveys  
Completed by Graduating Students in the  
Educational Options Program (EOP) 2019-2020

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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 fourth 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 October 2019; administered throughout the school year in accordance with EOP's trimester graduation schedule. 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

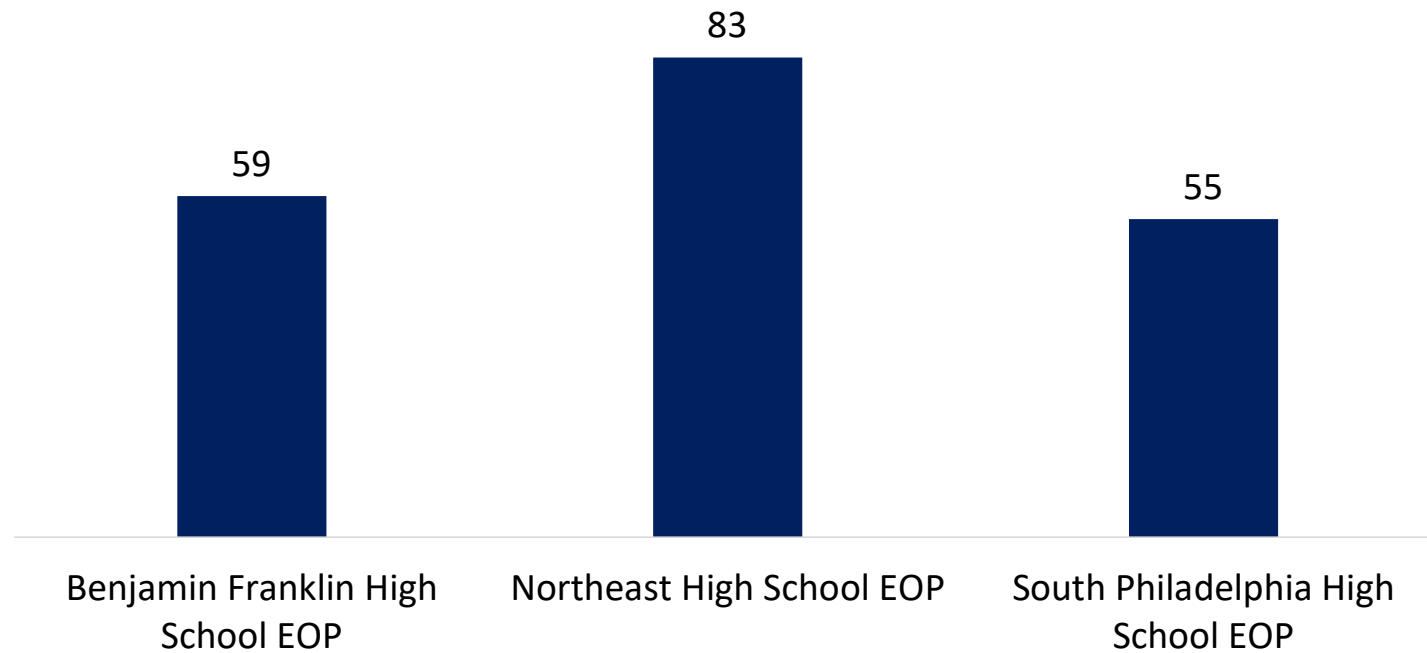
# Overview: EOP Student Responses

Student Responses were included in this analysis if they met the following criteria:

- Student had valid Student ID Number
- Student attended EOP School at any point during 2019-20 School Year
- Survey was submitted within any EOP trimester
- Student indicated in the survey that they intended to graduate after the trimester the survey was taken

# Number of Responses by EOP Site, 2019-2020

*A total of 197 EOP students completed the survey*

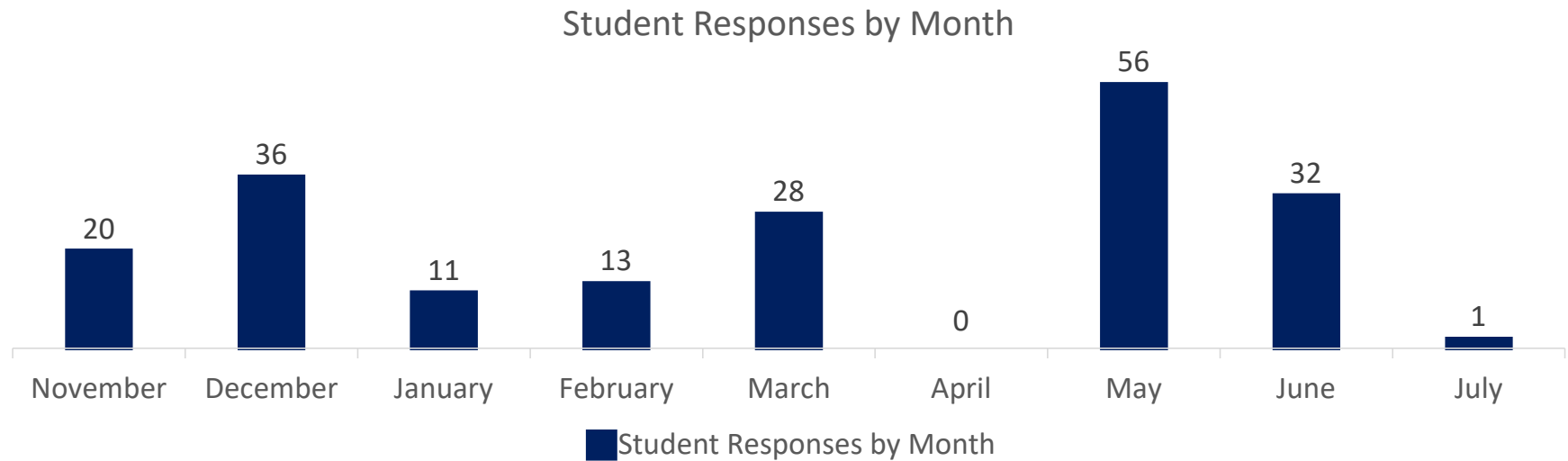


# Student Responses by Month

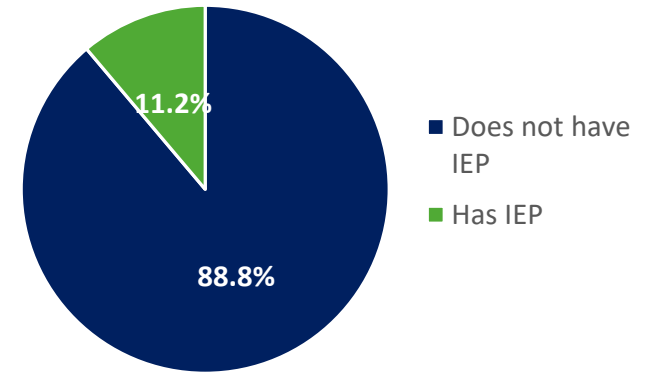
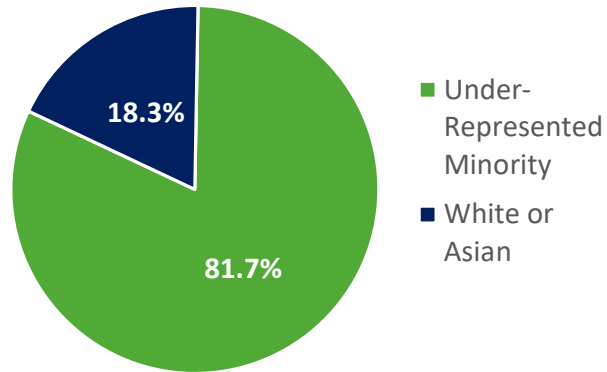
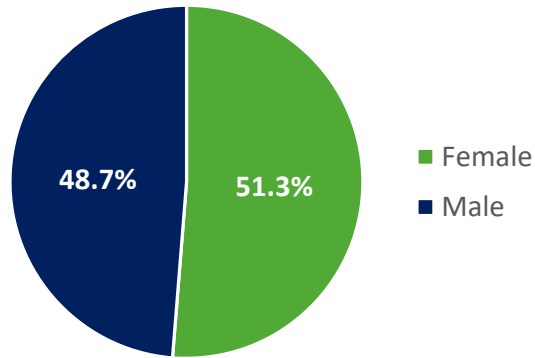
**First Cycle:** October 1, 2019 – December 12, 2019

**Second Cycle:** January 6, 2020 – March 12, 2020

**Third Cycle:** March 23, 2020 – June 4, 2020



# Respondent Characteristics



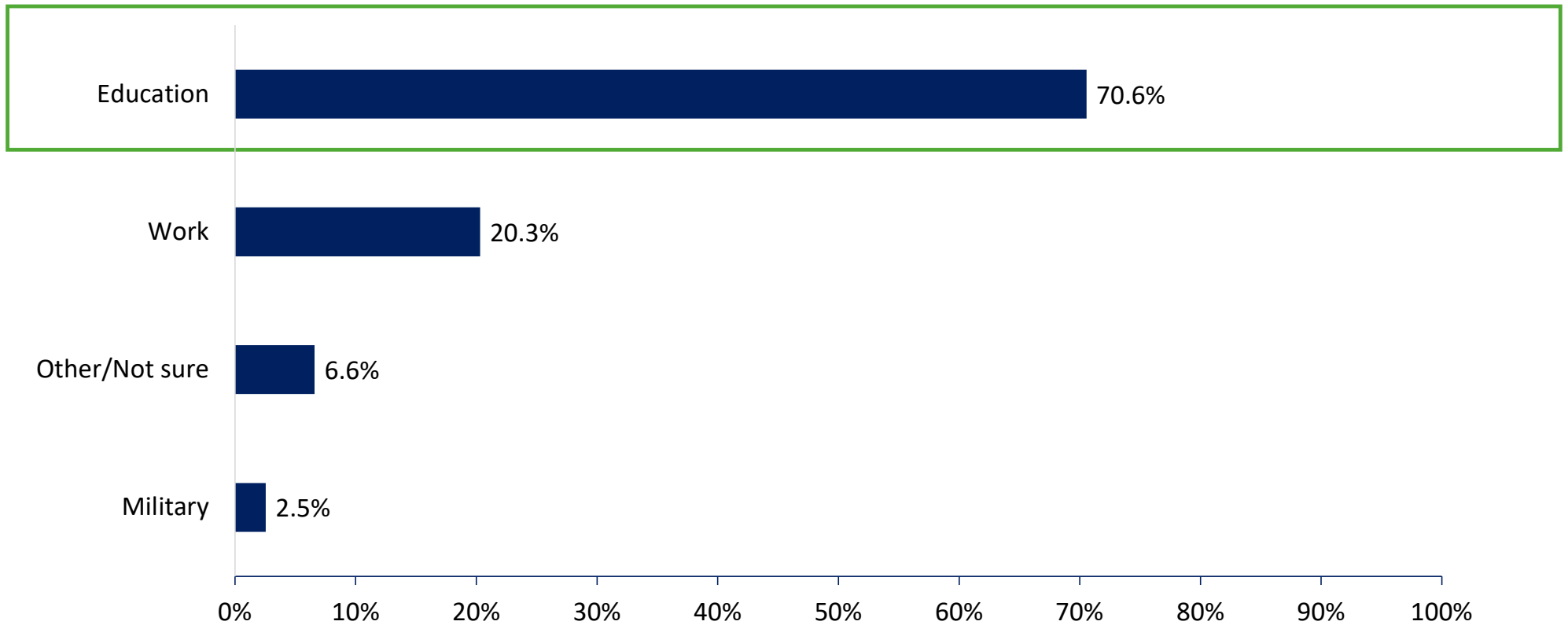
**197** completed responses from 3 EOP sites

Average age: 23 years

Median age: 20 years

Age range: 17 to 55 years

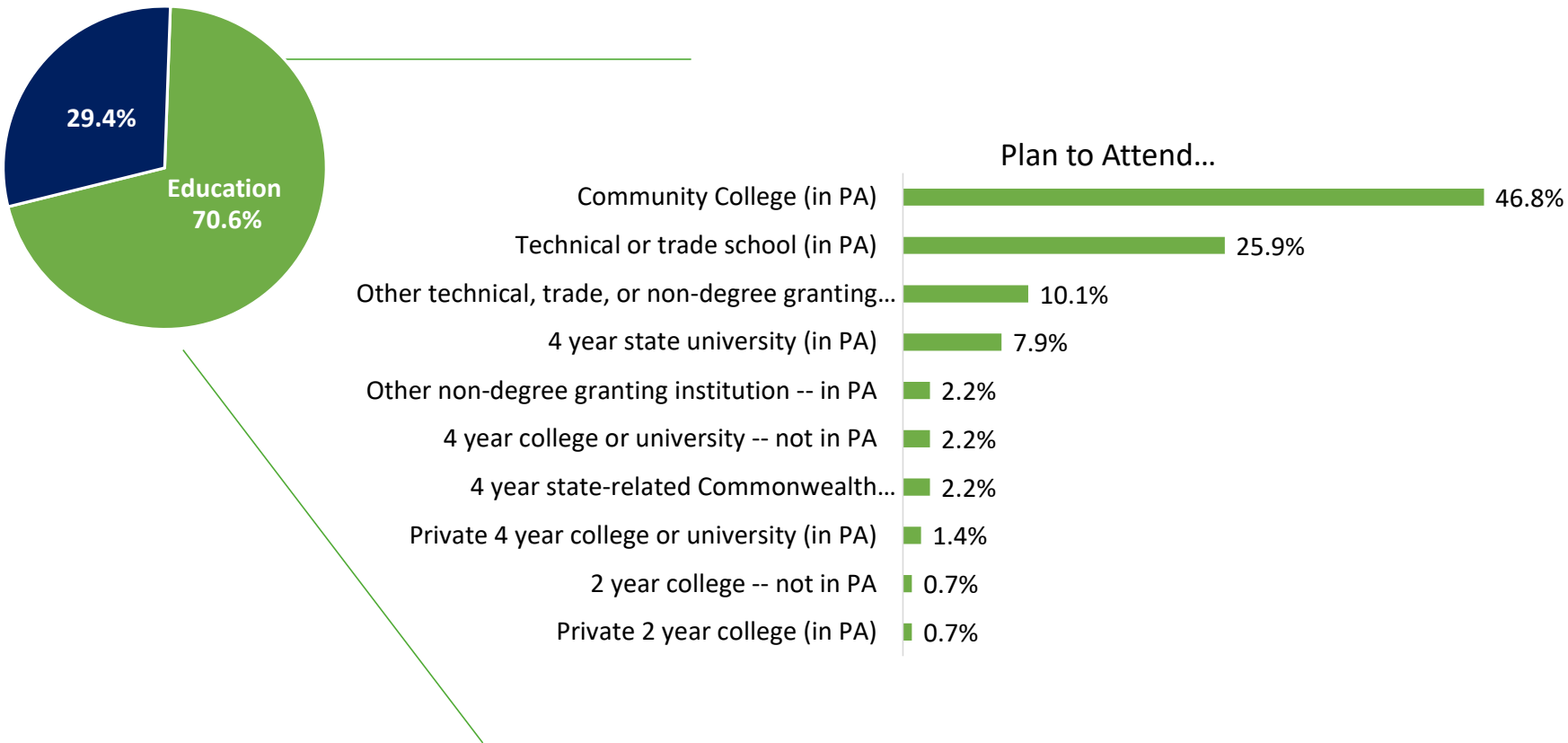
# Student Intent After High School Graduation



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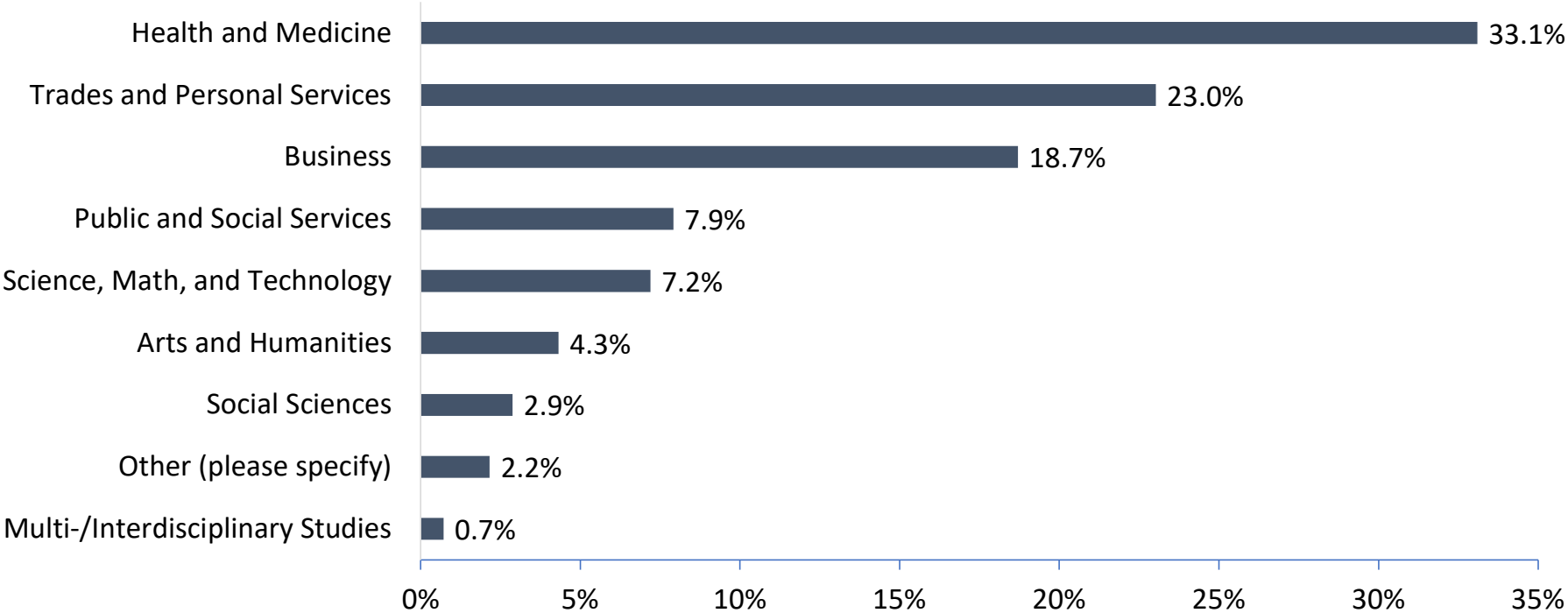


# Students Who Intend to Attend Postsecondary School within One Year



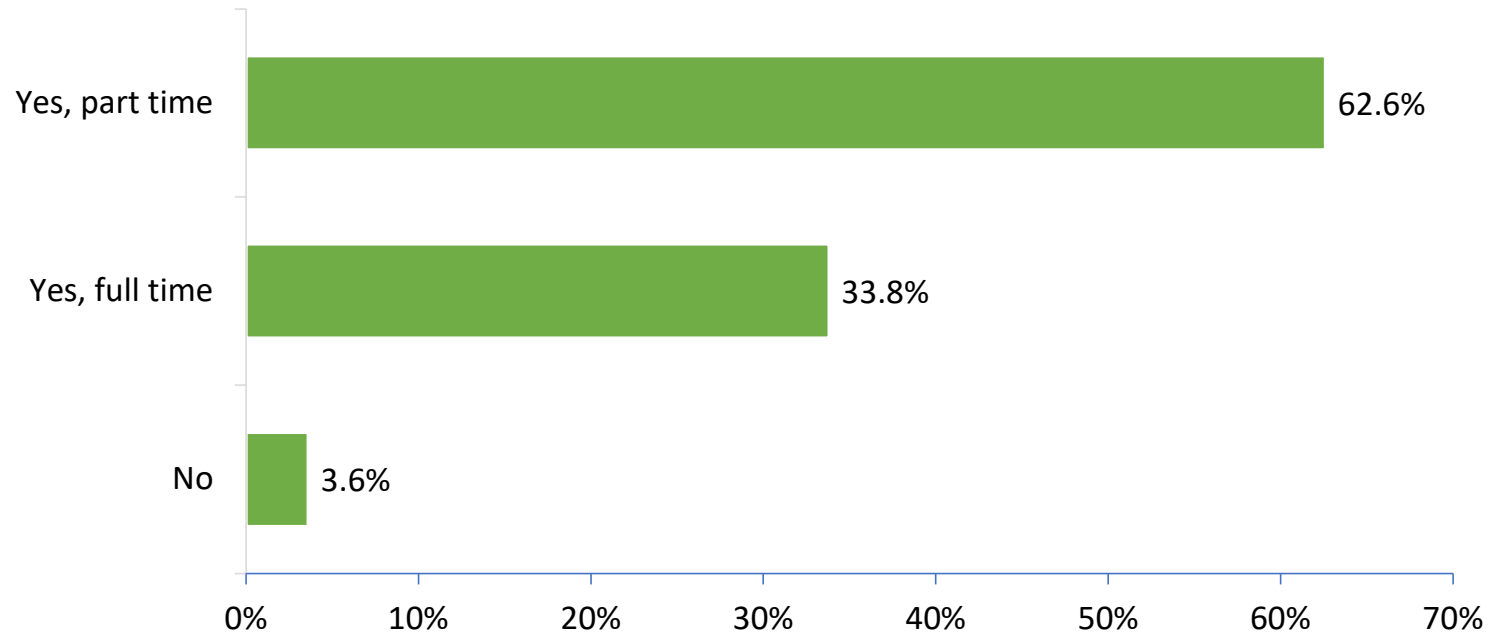
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# Top Intended Majors



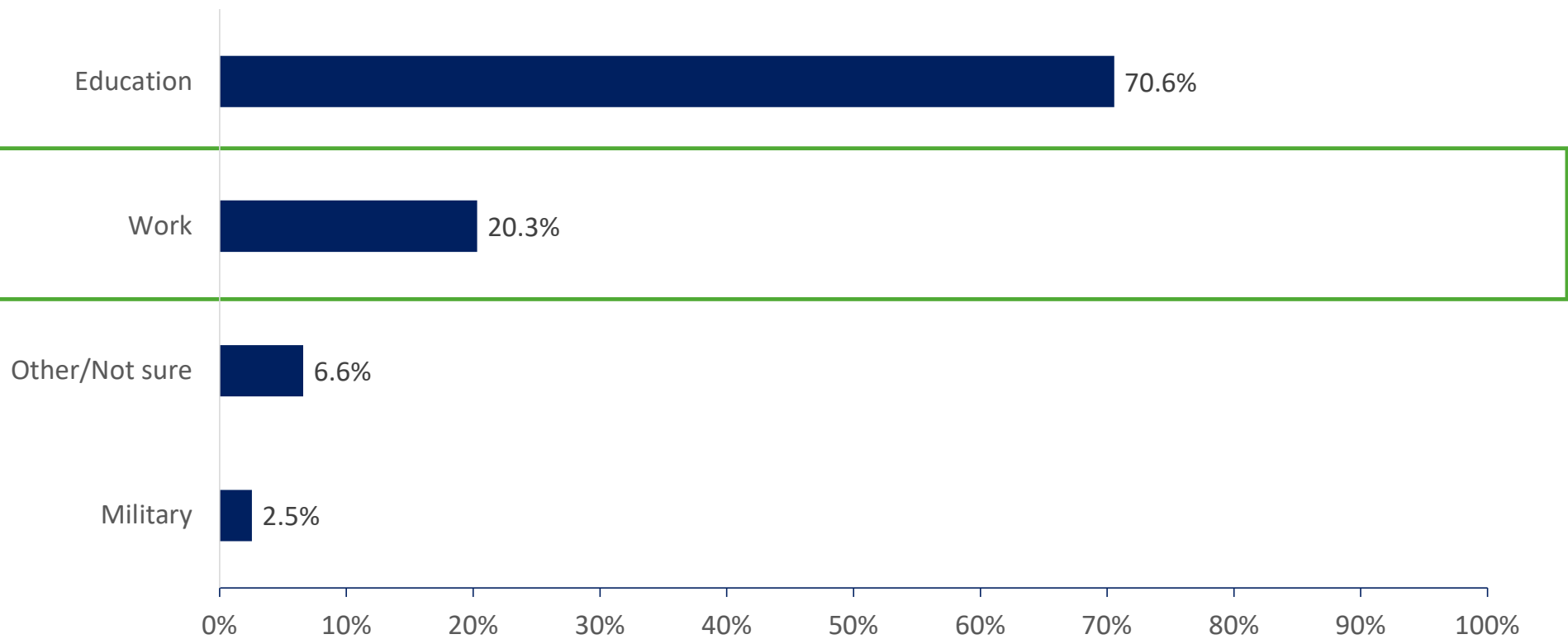
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### Do you plan to work while in school?



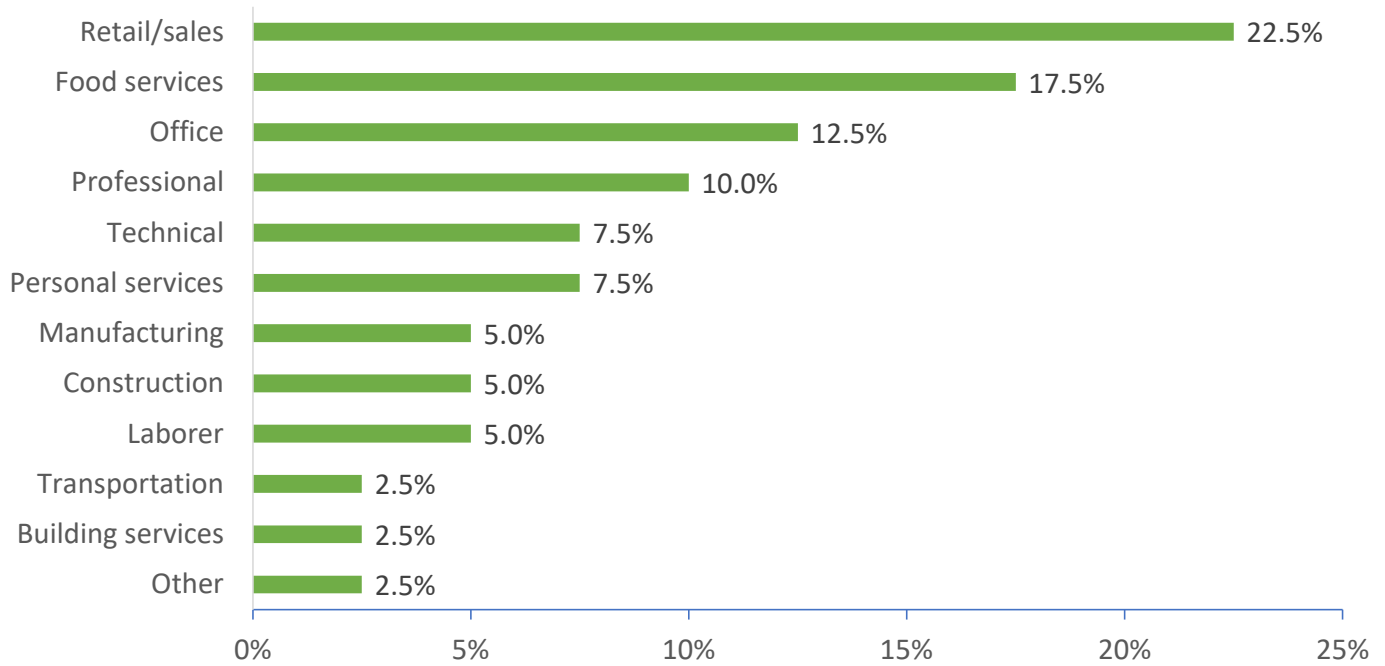
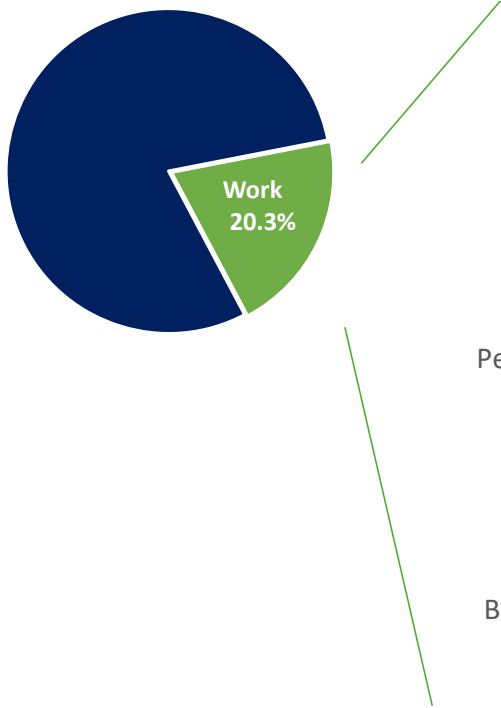
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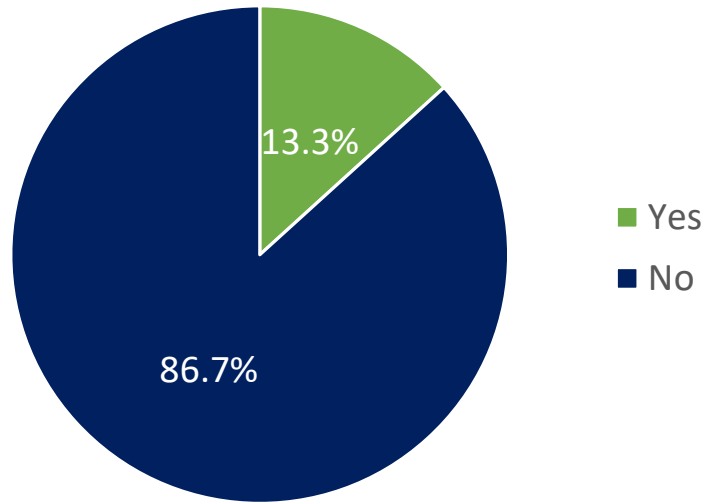
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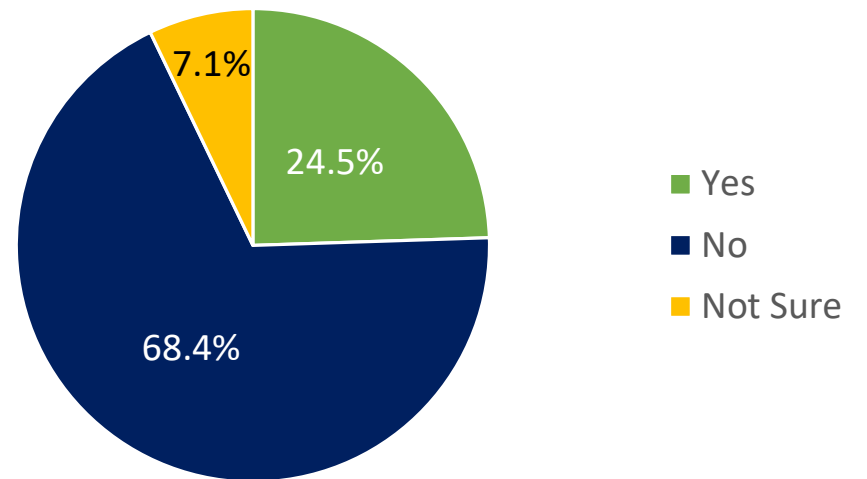


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**Did you apply for any college scholarships?  
(n=196)**

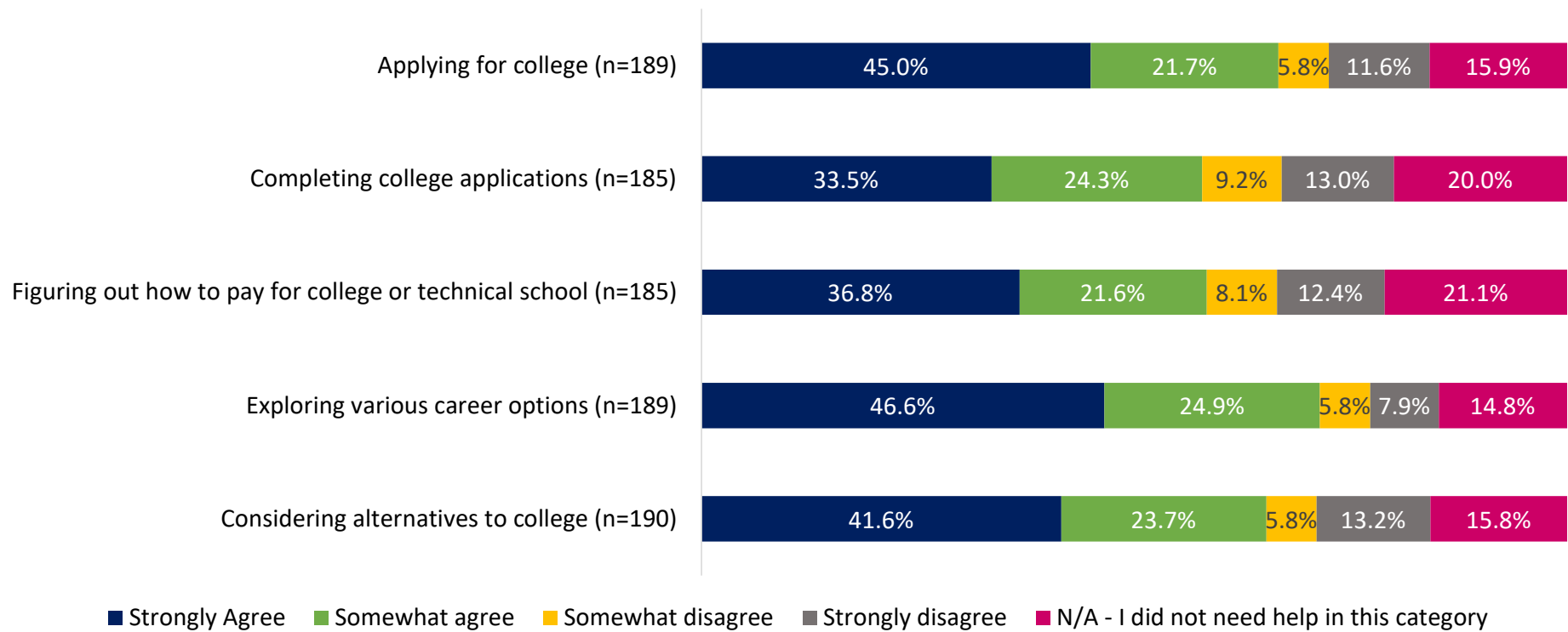


**Did you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?  
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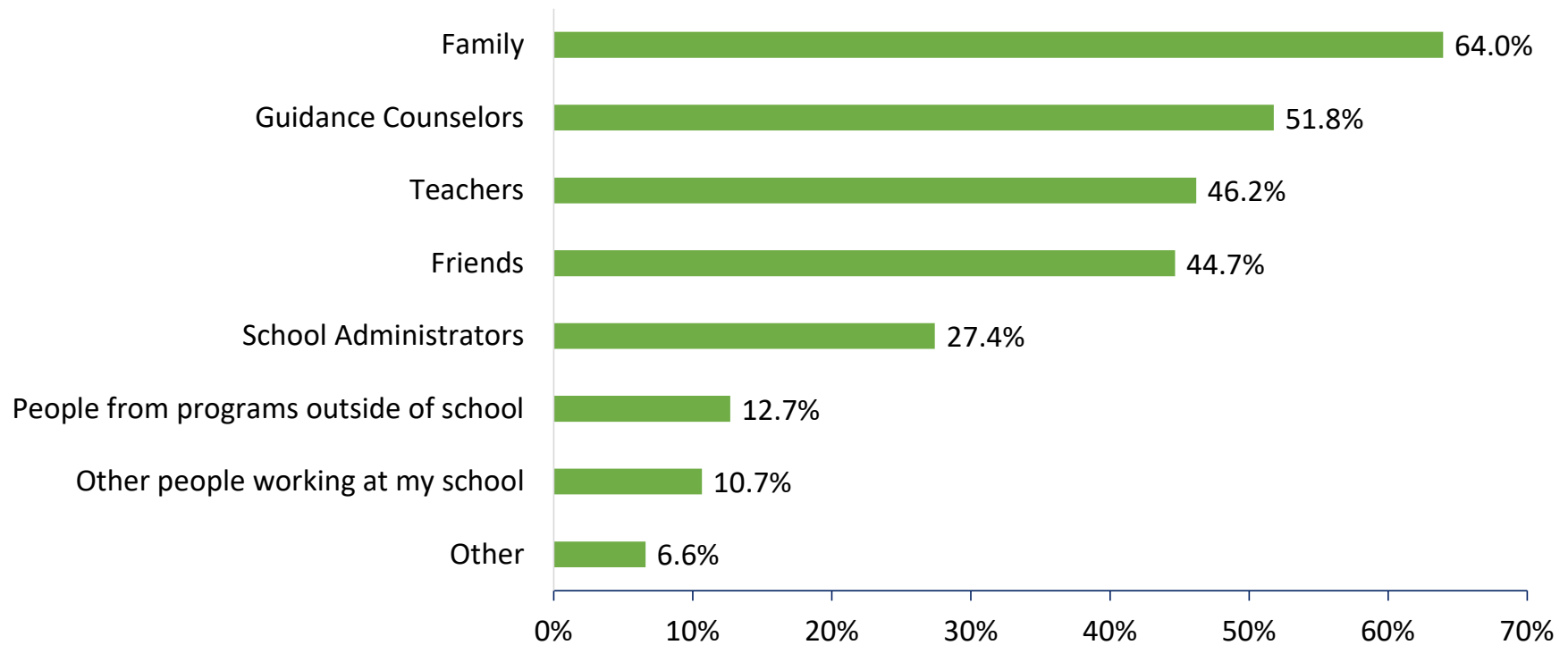
# Student Responses to Survey Question:

*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>“Help applying for college”</p> <p>“I believe the program was already very supportive and helps a lot with gaining the credits you need.”</p>	<p>“just help with paying for my training”</p> <p>“Scholarships”</p> <p>“LEARNING ABOUT FIXING MY CREDIT OR HOW TO BUY A HOME.”</p>	<p>“On how to apply for college to go to in the fall”</p> <p>“Nothing comes to mind. I received endless support from all angles.”</p>

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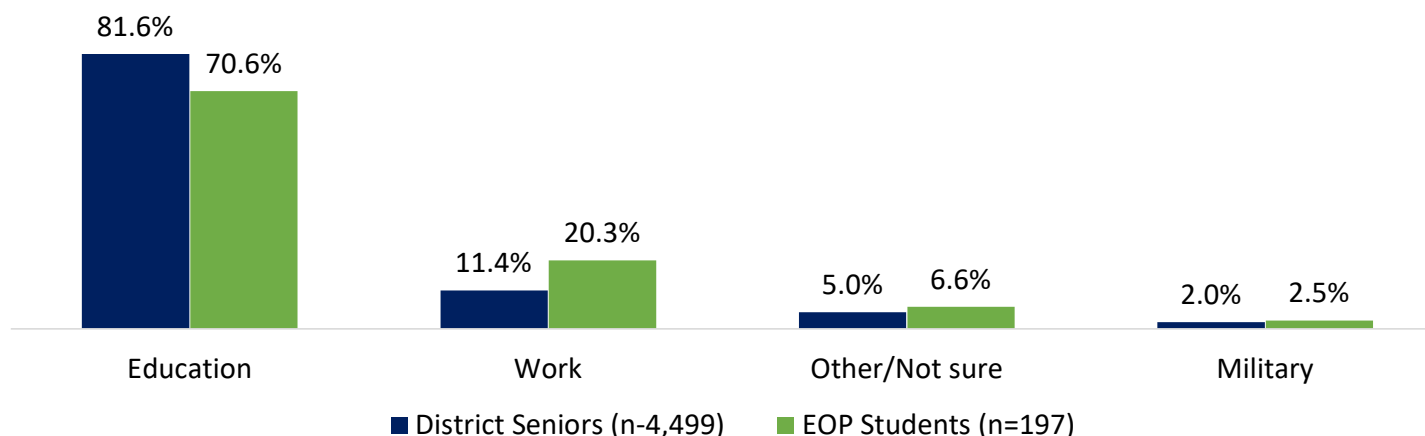
*Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience at this EOP center?*

Comments about Student Experiences	Comments about EOP as a Stepping Stone
<p>“My experience was fulfilling and also I've really got to see what type of student I was. I was most proud of myself for receiving the type of grades I got. I Thank you all for your support.”</p> <p>“[It's a] good program for anyone looking for a high school diploma. Everyone is here to get the same thing and everyone is treated the same and respected as well.”</p> <p>“I'm glad I got to be [a part] of the program, they helped me a lot and I'm proud I got through it and succeeded.”</p> <p>“I really enjoyed it there and they made it easy for me to achieve my goal.”</p> <p>“I appreciate The Counselors at my EOP Program, they genuinely wanted to see me succeed, I don't meet to many people like that on the regular.”</p>	<p>“[EOP] is a good opportunity to restart and have a fresh start in life.”</p> <p>“I think this is [an] amazing program and it really helps people advance with their high school diploma and be productive people in 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 2019-20, 52.9% responded to the Senior Exit Survey.
- Compared with traditional Seniors, EOP students were less likely to intend on postsecondary Education (70.6% over 81.6%).
- EOP Students were more likely to intend on working post-graduation (20.3% over 11.4%).
- For additional information, see [2019-2020 Senior Exit Survey Results](#) Slide deck.