



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
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Results from Senior Exit Surveys
Completed by Students in Alternative Education Schools
Graduating on a Non-Traditional Timeline 2019-2020

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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
- 2019-2020 is the first year that SDP's Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) administered an Alt-Ed specific Senior Exit Survey to capture the unique experiences of alternative education students graduating on a non-traditional timeline.
- Survey administration details include:
 - Hosted in SurveyMonkey
 - Opened in October 2019; closed when the [SDP Senior Exit Survey](#), which is given to 12th graders expected to graduate on a traditional timeline, opened (May 6, 2020)
 - Alternative education students who were expected to graduate on a non-traditional timeline were identified by counselors at their school and were provided a link to take the survey.
 - Counselors had the primary responsibility of ensuring that students completed the survey.

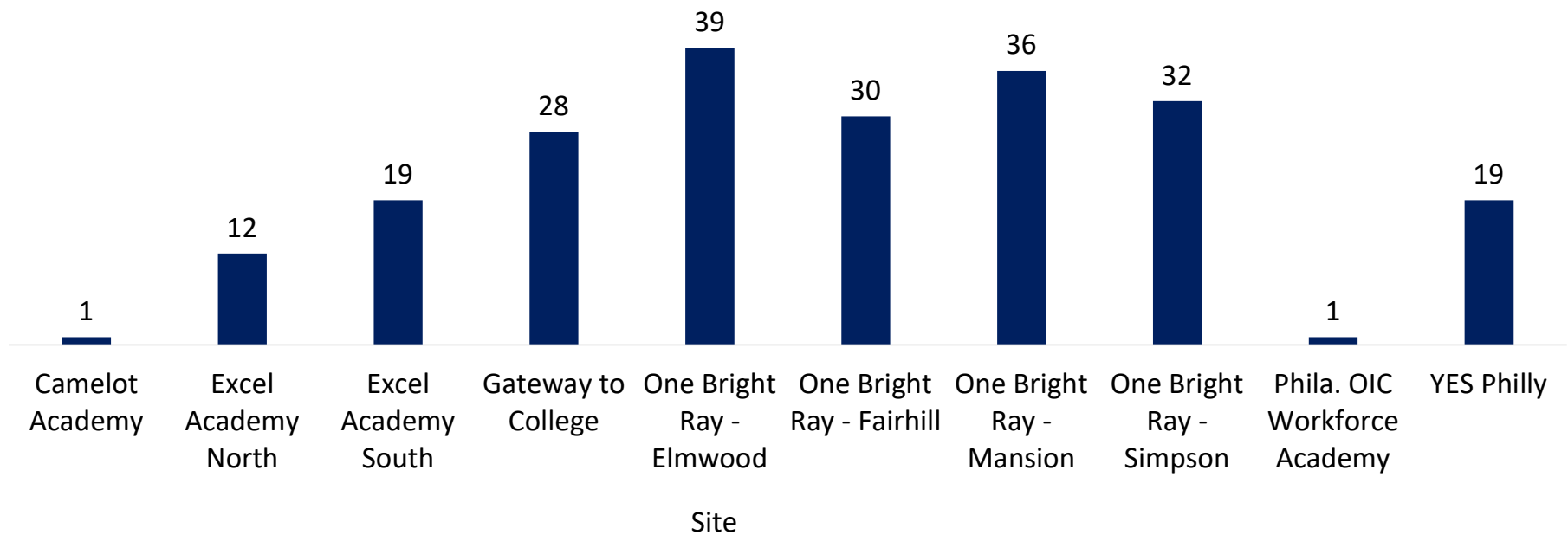
Overview: Alternative Education Student Responses

Students received a link to the Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey if their school/counselor identified them as someone graduating on a non-traditional timeline. Student responses were included in this analysis if they met the following criteria:

- Student had valid Student ID number
- Student indicated in the survey that they intended to graduate in the enrollment cycle that the survey was taken
- All Alternative Education students (regardless of graduation date) were eligible to take the SDP Senior Exit Survey if they were enrolled as a 12th grader on May 6, 2020
 - The Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey closed when the SDP Senior Exit Survey opened
 - If there were instances where students met the eligibility criteria for both the Alt-Ed Senior Exit Survey AND SDP Senior Exit Survey, responses were retained in both files.

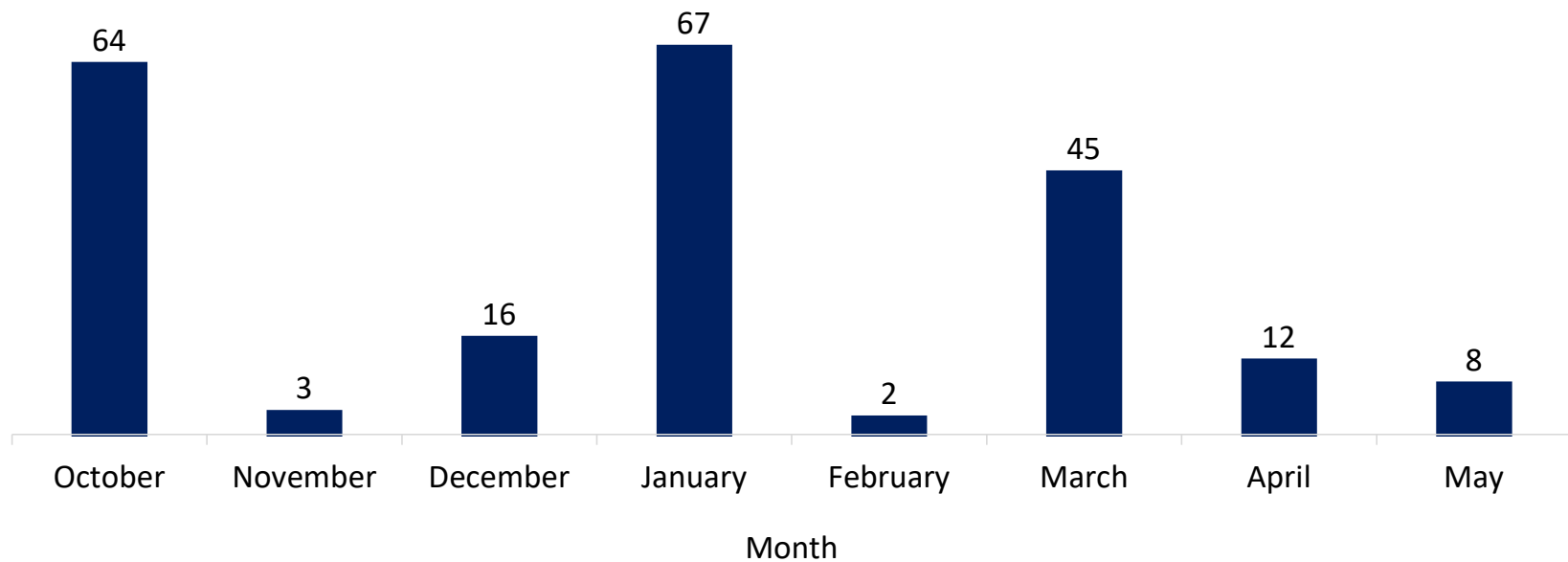
Number of Responses by School, 2019-2020

A total of 217 Alt-Ed students completed the Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey from 10 Alternative Education Schools

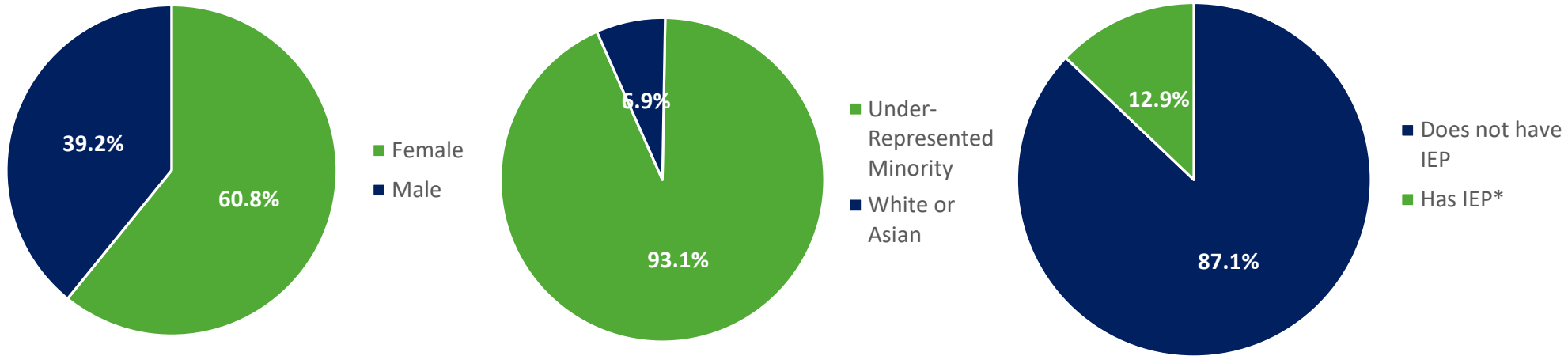


Student Responses by Month, 2019-2020

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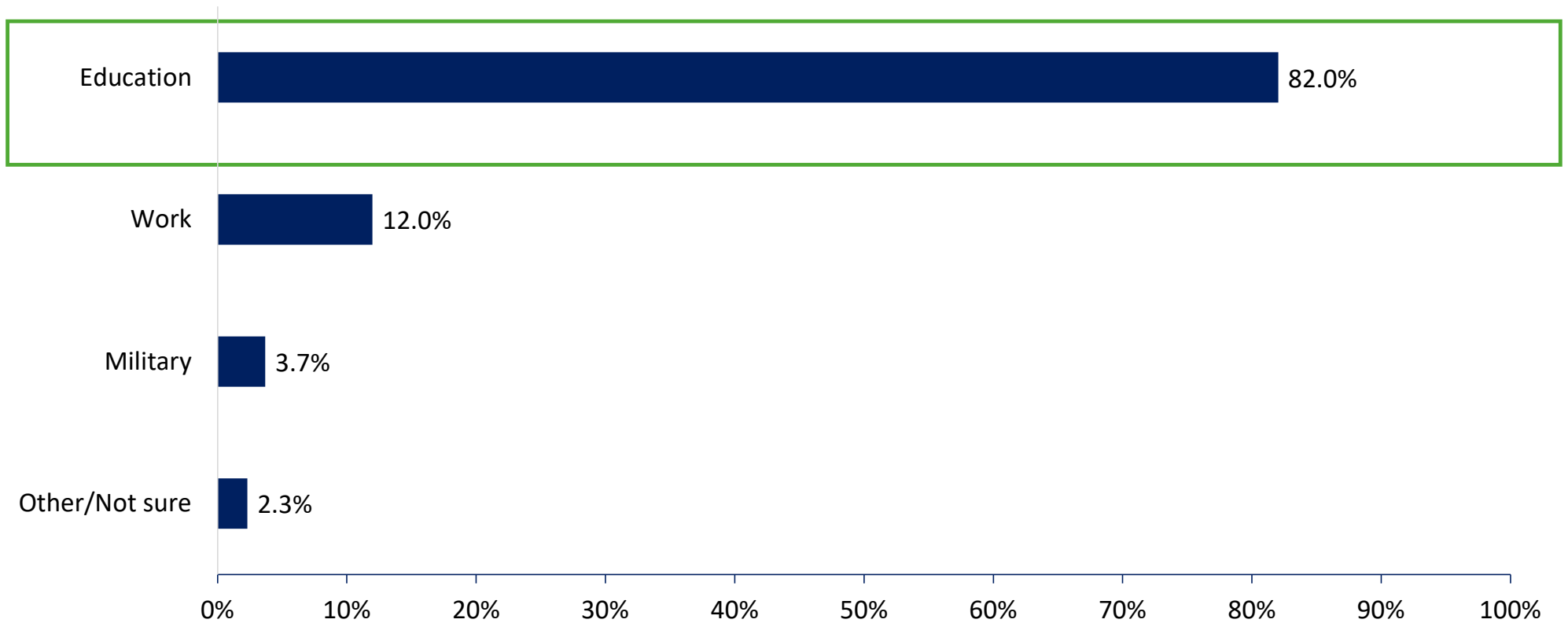
Respondent Characteristics



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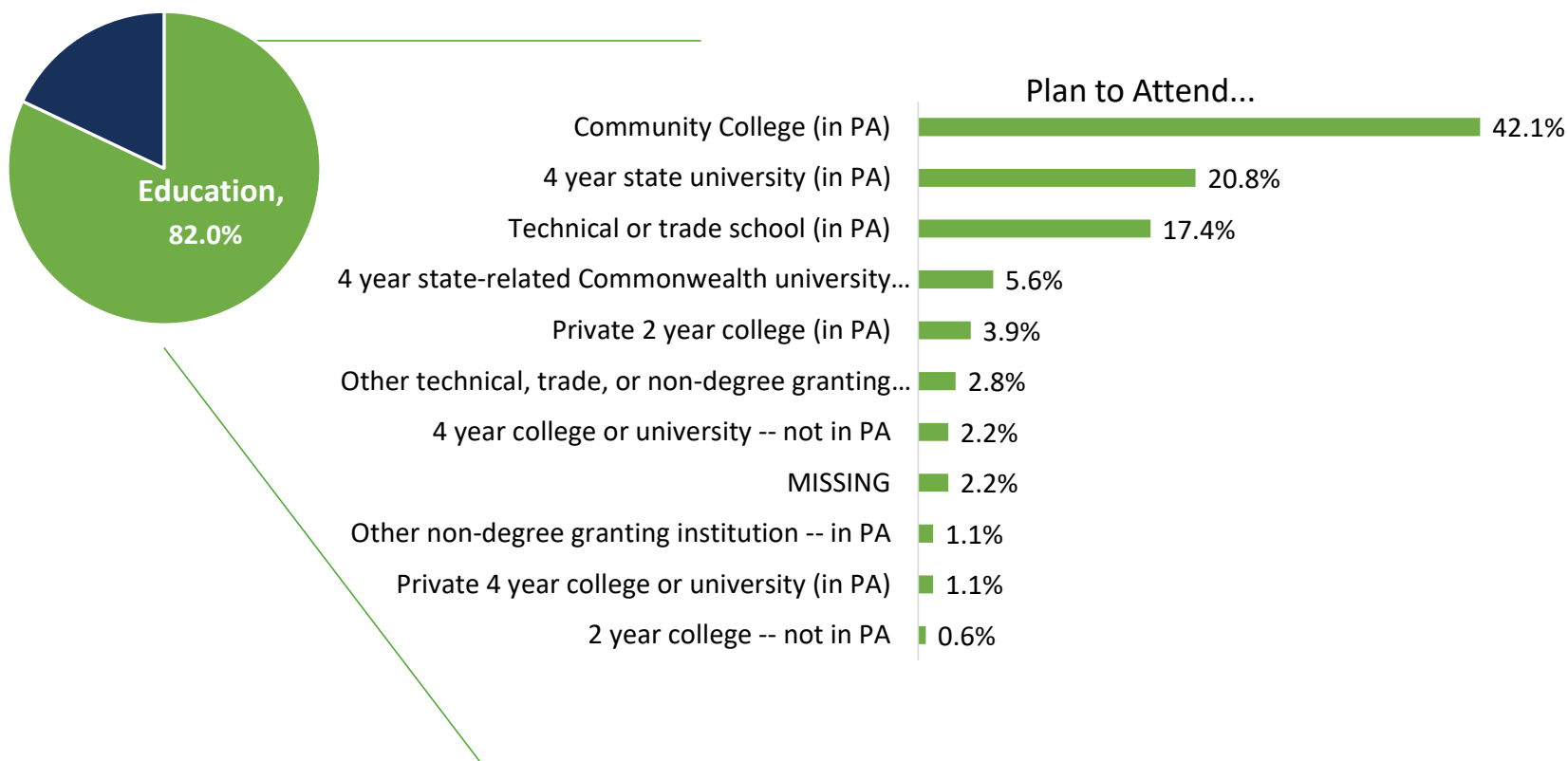
*IEP = Individualized Education Program

Student Intent After High School Graduation



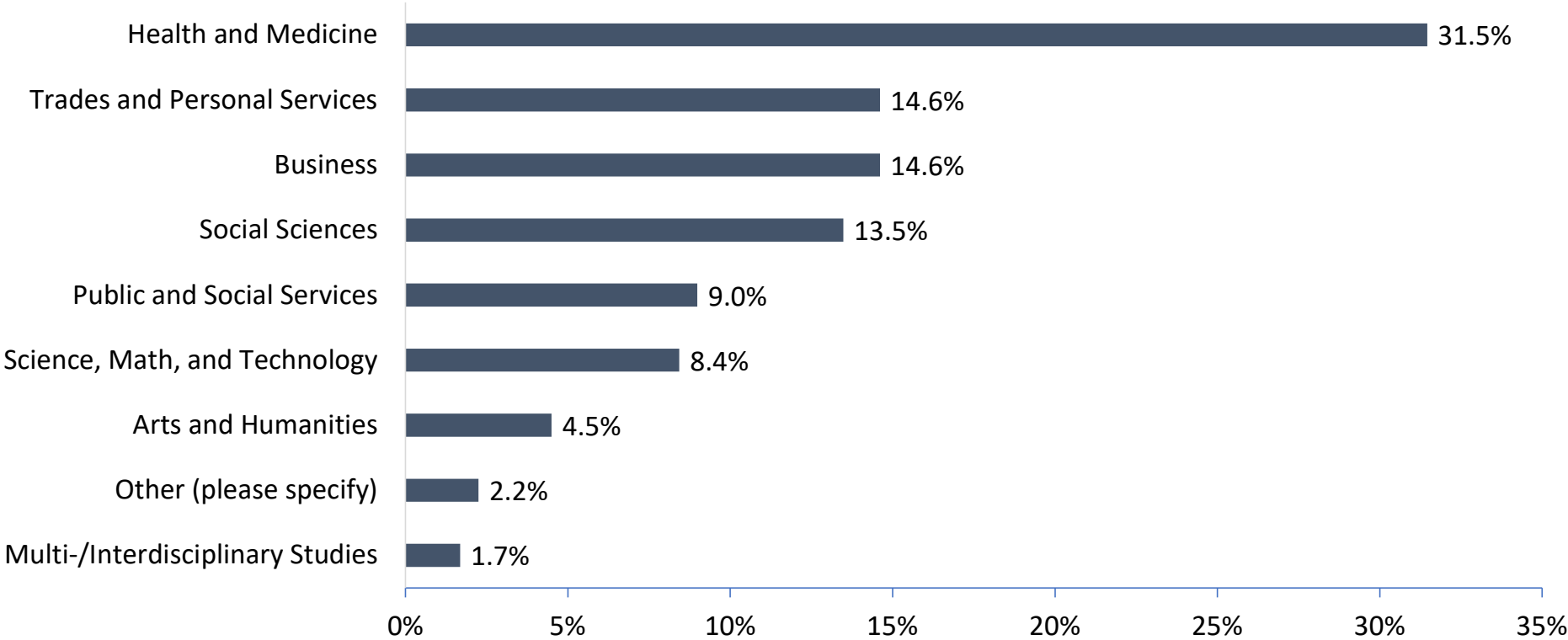
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Students Who Intend to Attend Postsecondary School within One Year



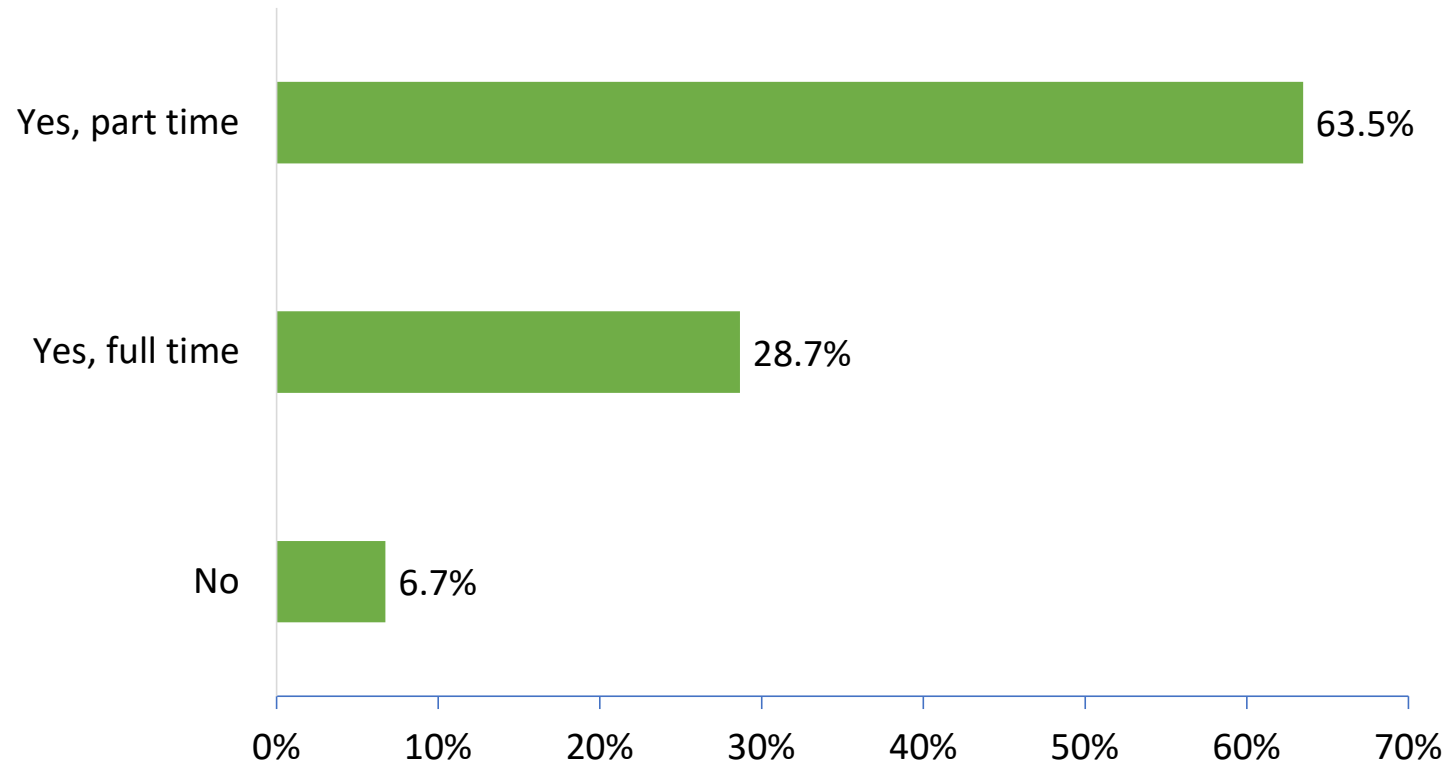
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Top Intended Majors



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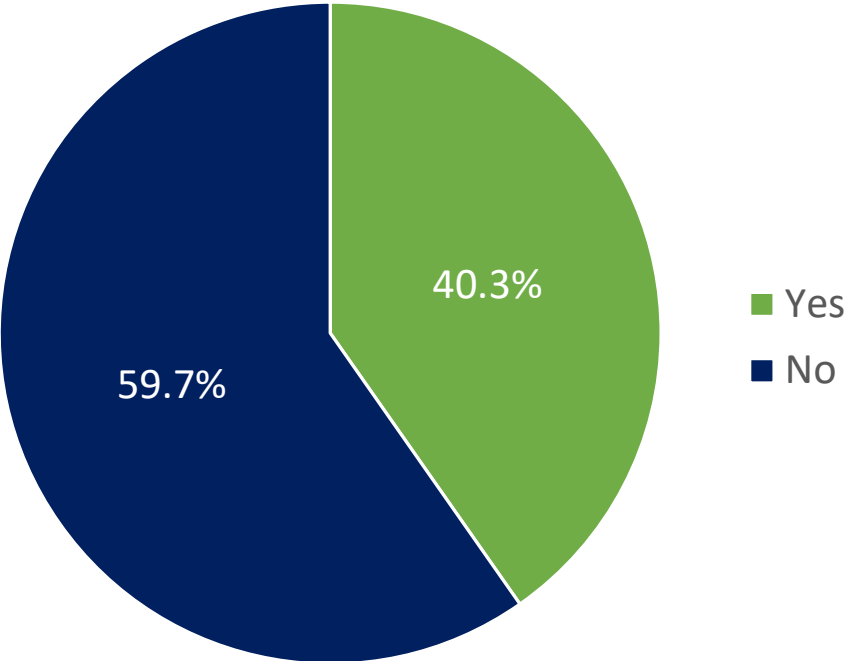
Do you plan to work while in school?



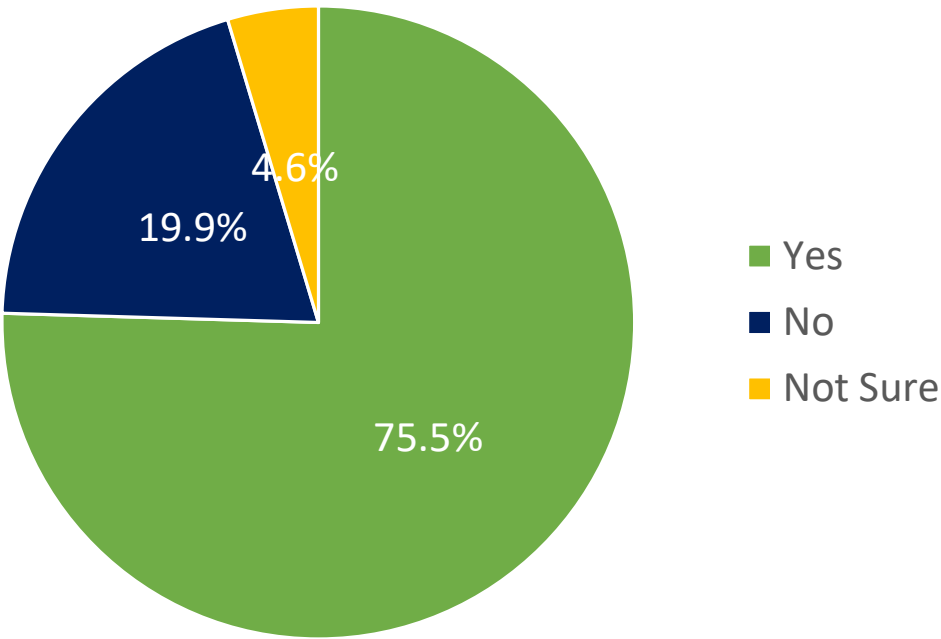
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*This number includes students who intended to pursue post-secondary education but did not provide a valid response to the question. Students with missing data are included in the denominator but are not displayed in the graph above.

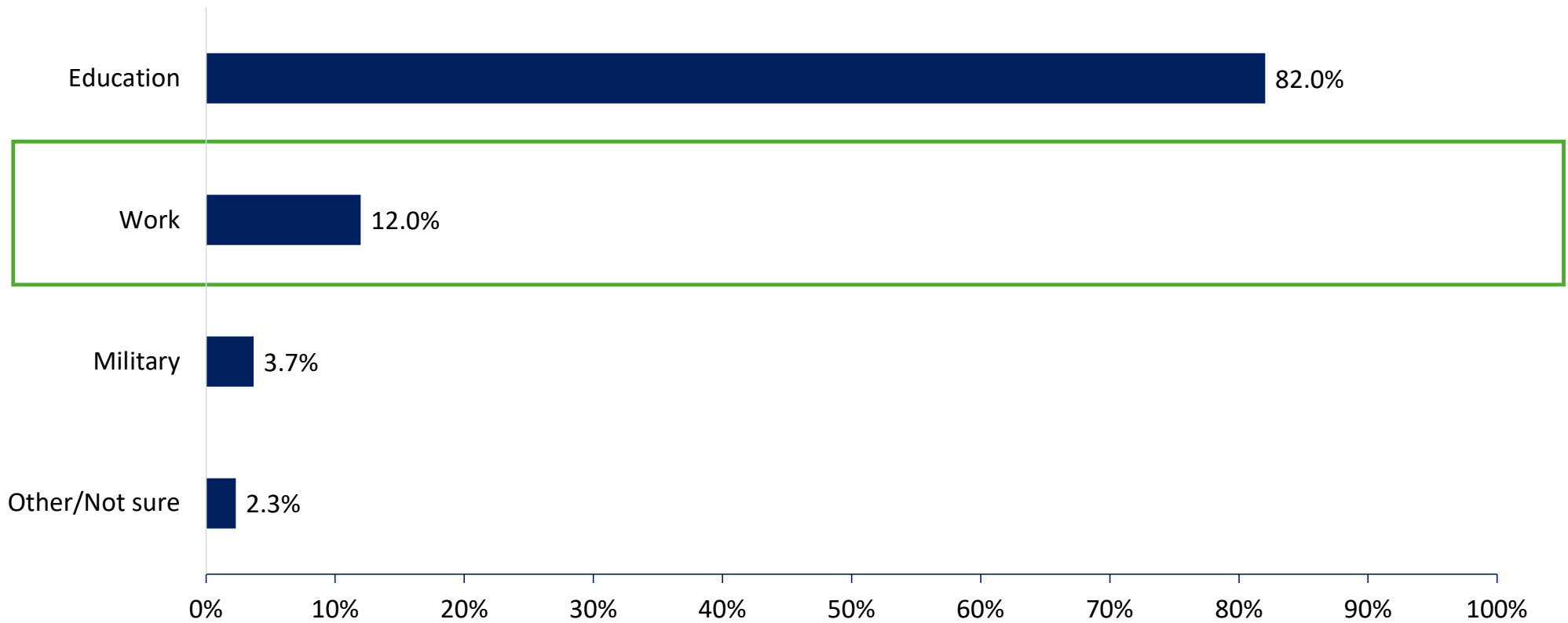
Did you apply for any college scholarships? (n=216)



Did you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? (n=216)

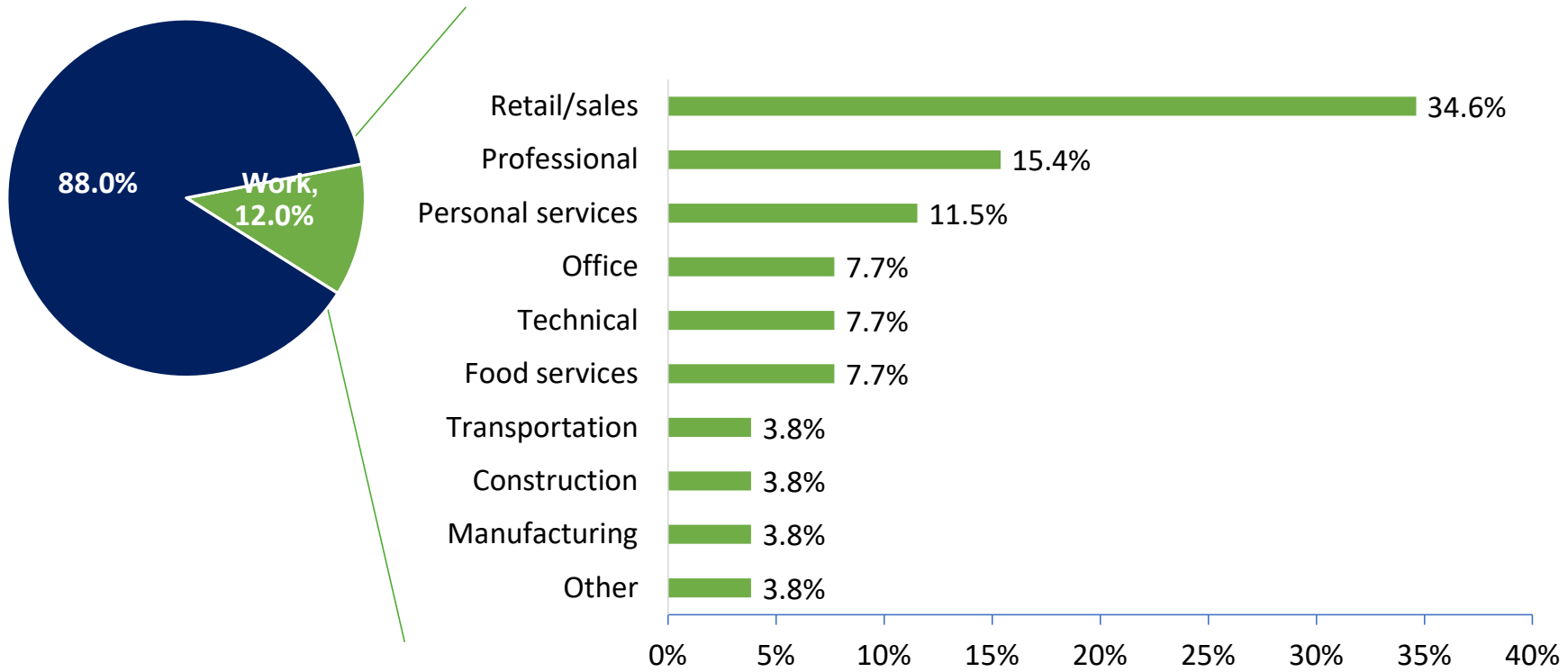


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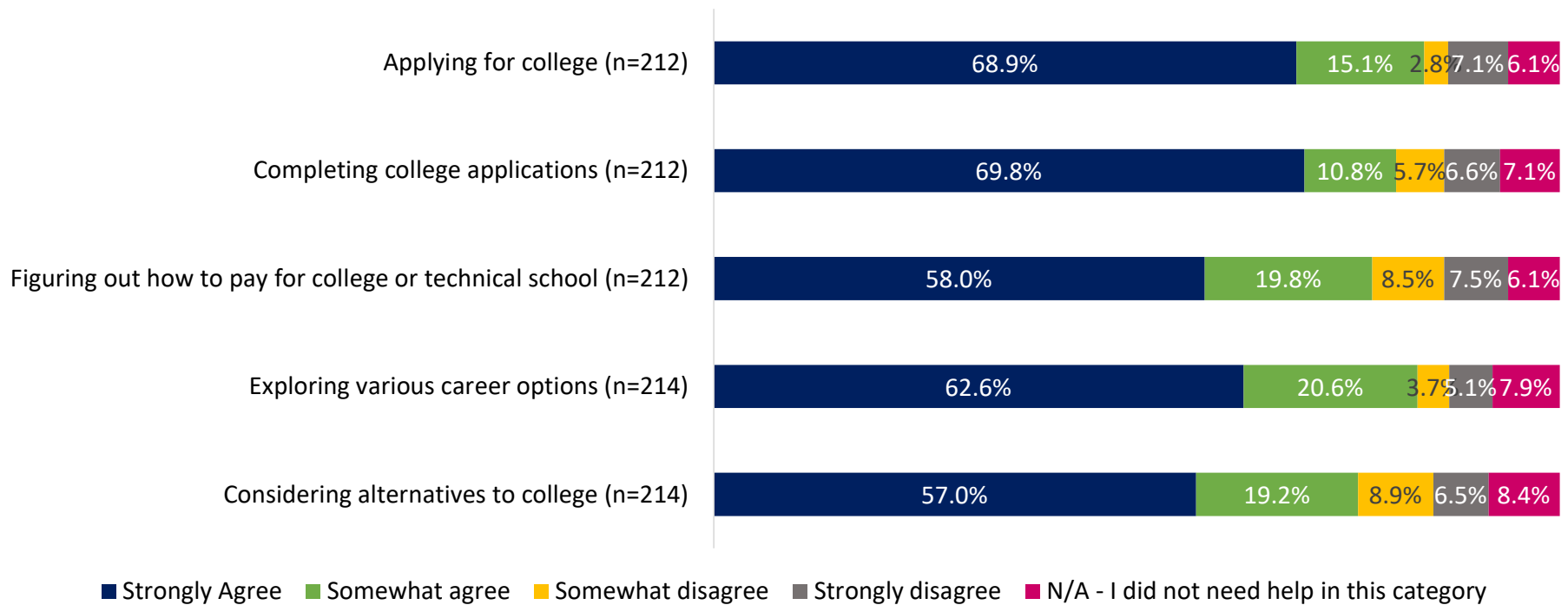
Detail: Type of Employment



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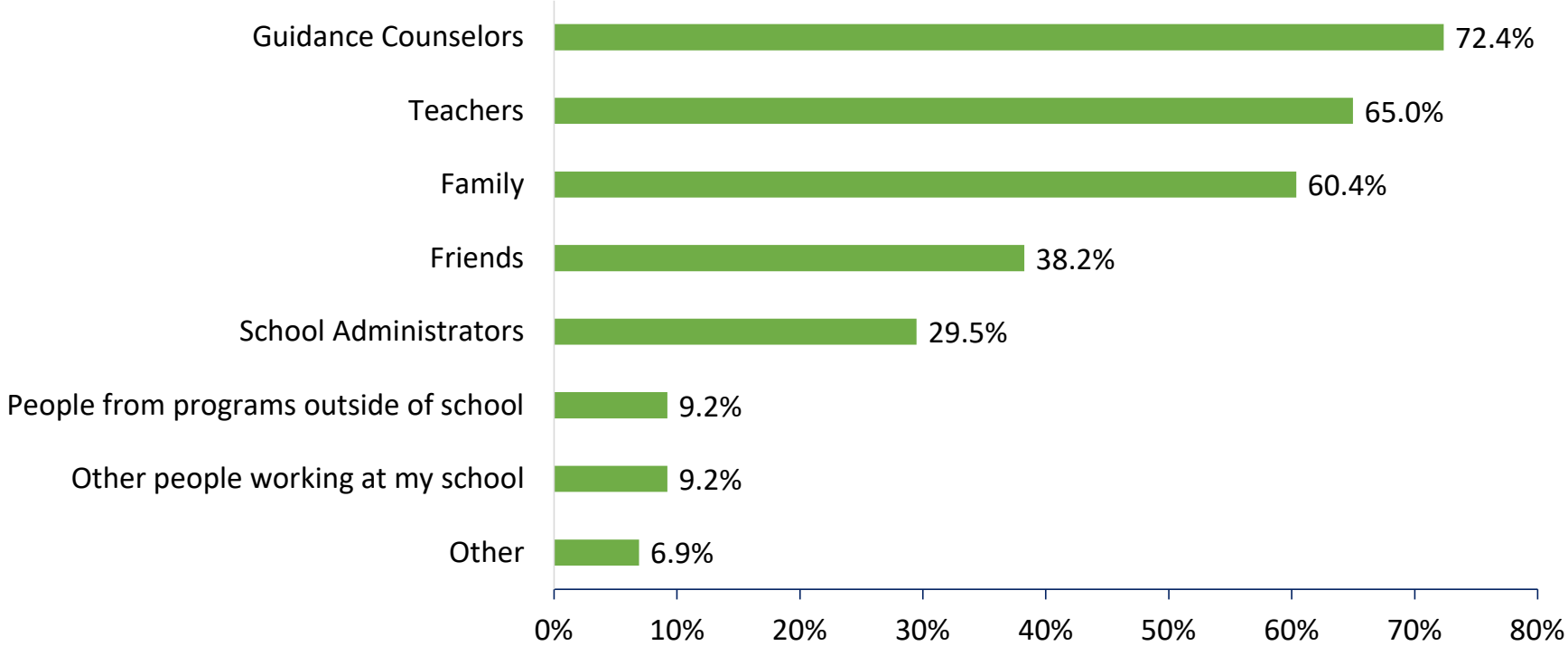
Student Responses to Survey Question:

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)



n = 217

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?

“How to transition from [dual-enrollment] to full-time”

“I would have liked someone helping fill out applications. I understand they are self explanatory however, I did have a few questions when I was filling them out.”

“More help in Spanish”

“Information on work and [post-secondary] opportunities.”

“No additional support, all the support I received was all the support I needed to get me here.”

Selected Student Responses to Survey Question:

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your high school experience?

“I loved my school and the resources they gave me”

“I learned lots during my senior presentation about my choice of career, that helped me with my future goals.”

“My high school experience is amazing. When I got here they made me feel very welcome. [There were] some ups and downs but nothing [too] outrageous”

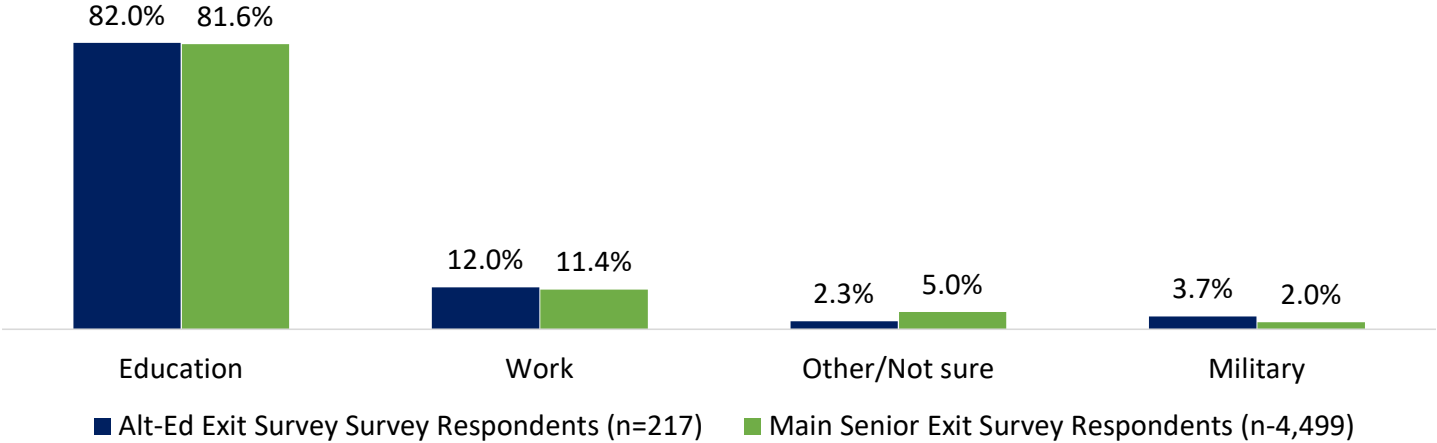
“I felt extremely loved at this school. Although there were times that I wanted to quit, they pushed me to keep going”

“I loved attending college classes full time to earn high school credits.”

How do Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey respondents compare with traditional District Seniors?

Intent Category: Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey Respondents vs. District Seniors

Alternative Education students who completed the Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey intended education at similar rates compared to traditional District Seniors.



- Traditional District Seniors are also surveyed on similar questions during the Spring of their 12th grade year. In 2019-20, 52.9% responded to the Senior Exit Survey.
- Alt-Ed students who completed the Alternative Education Senior Exit Survey intended education at similar rates compared to traditional District Seniors who responded to the Senior Exit Survey.
- For additional information, see [2019-2020 SDP Senior Exit Survey Results](#) Slide deck.