

# Pathways Into Graduate School and Beyond: Student Voices

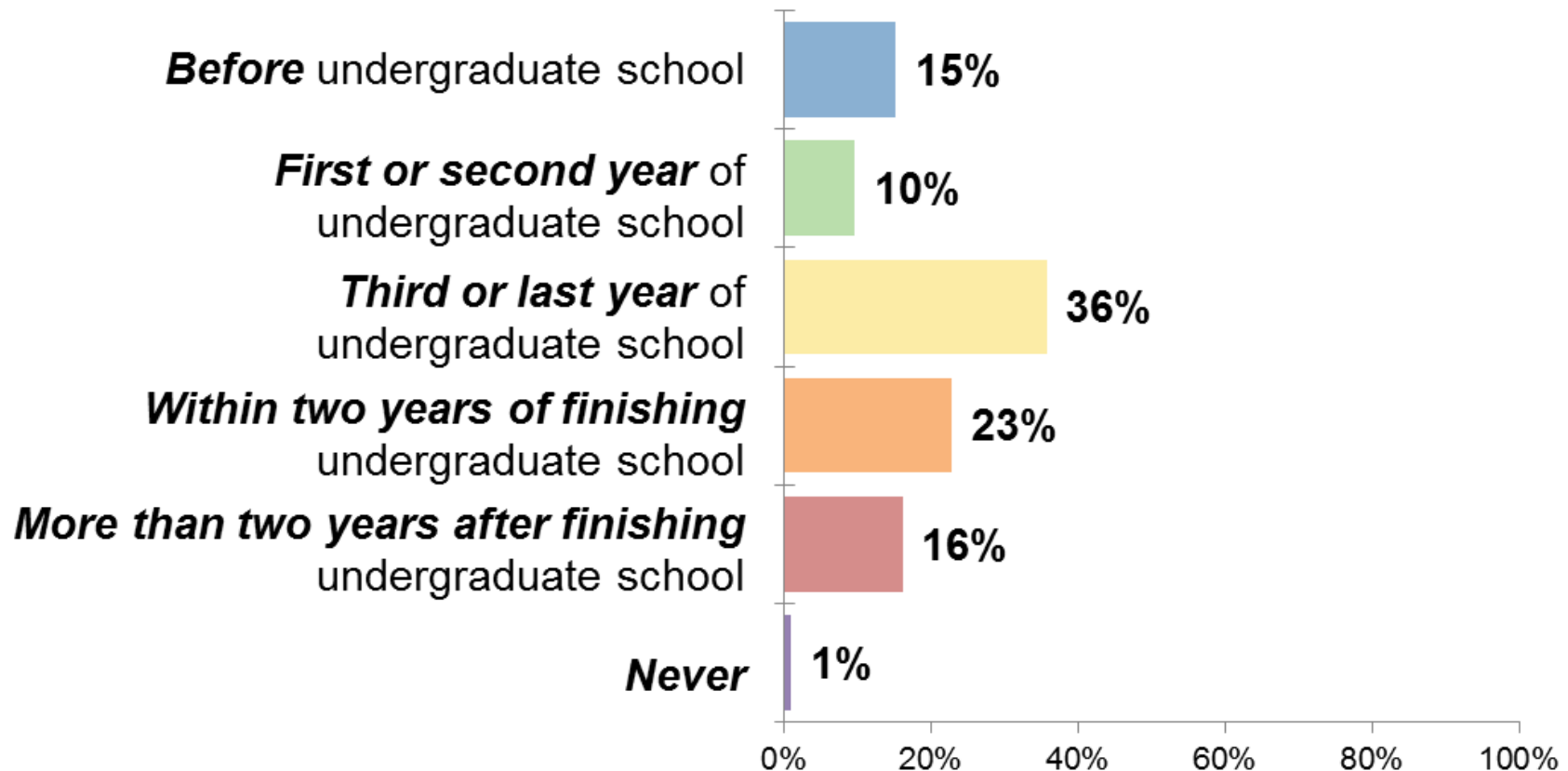
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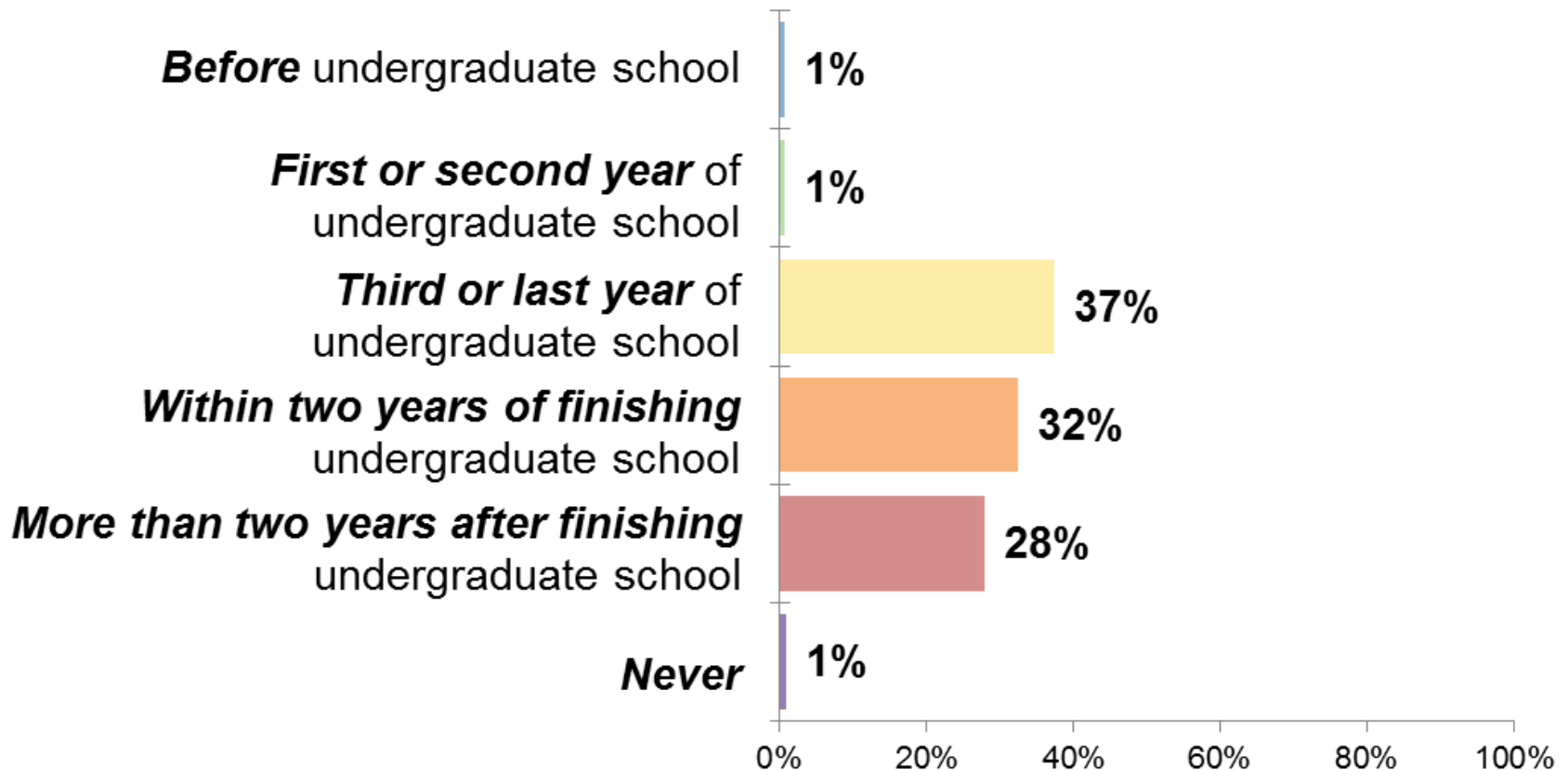
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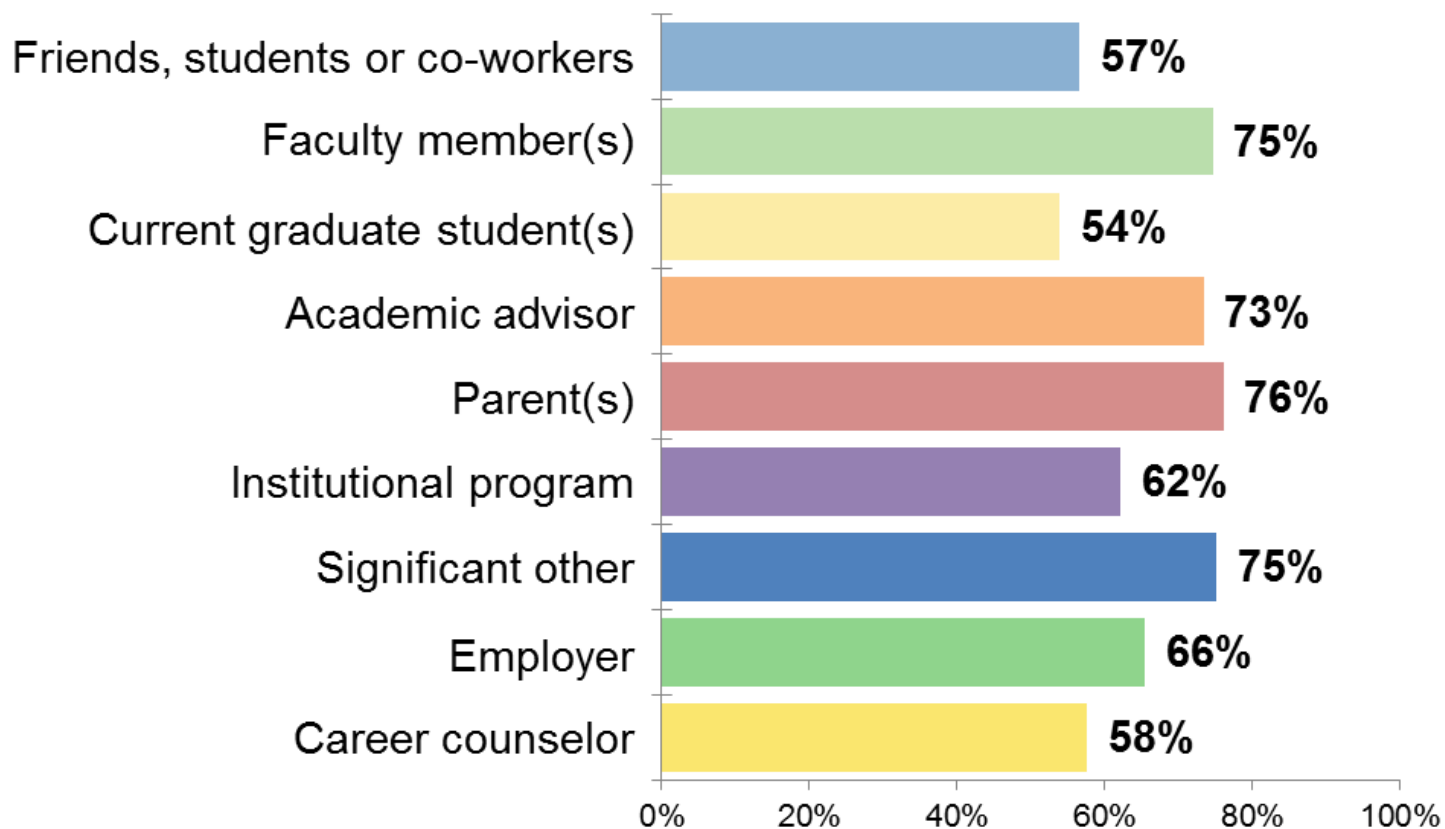
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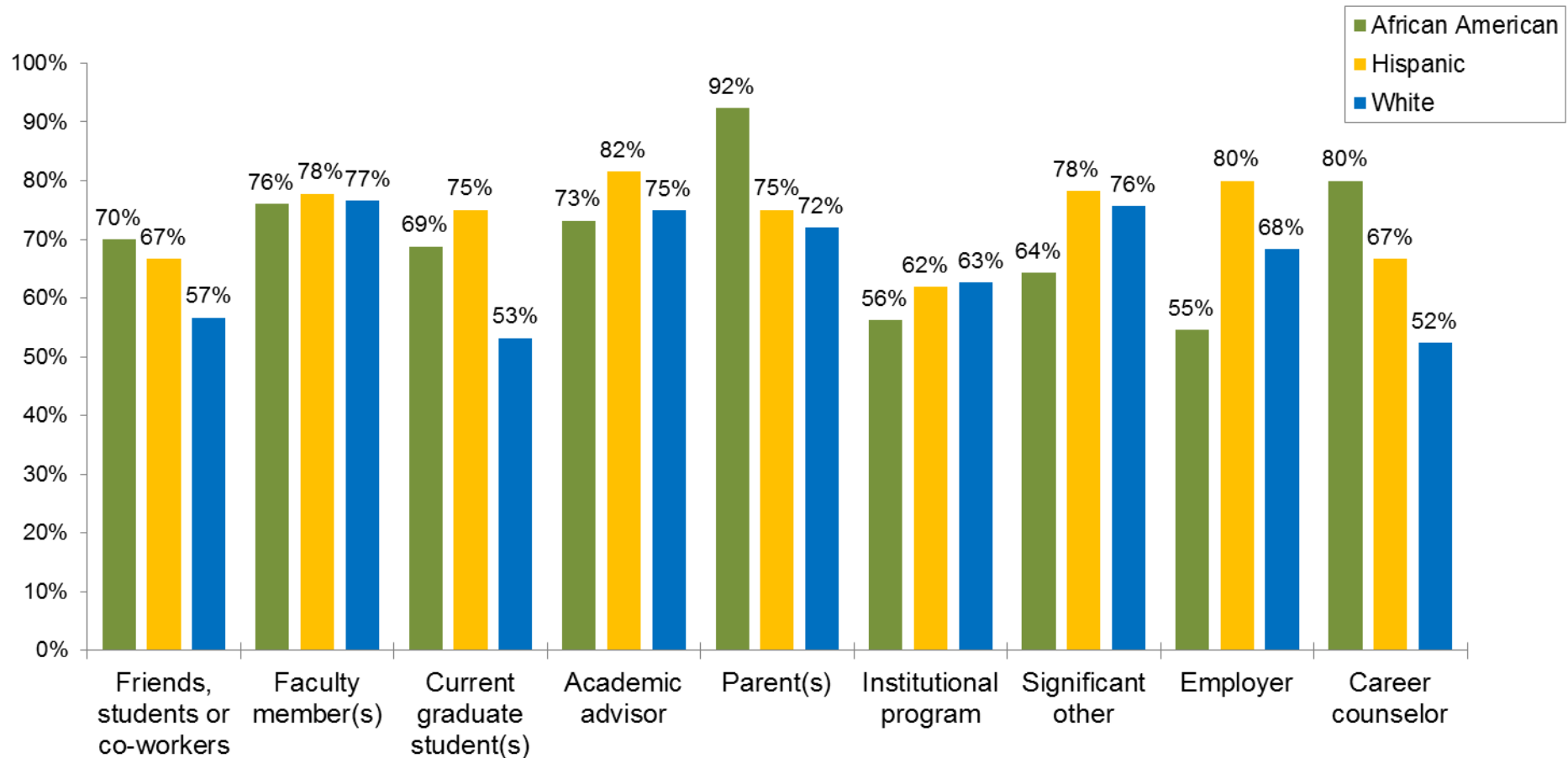
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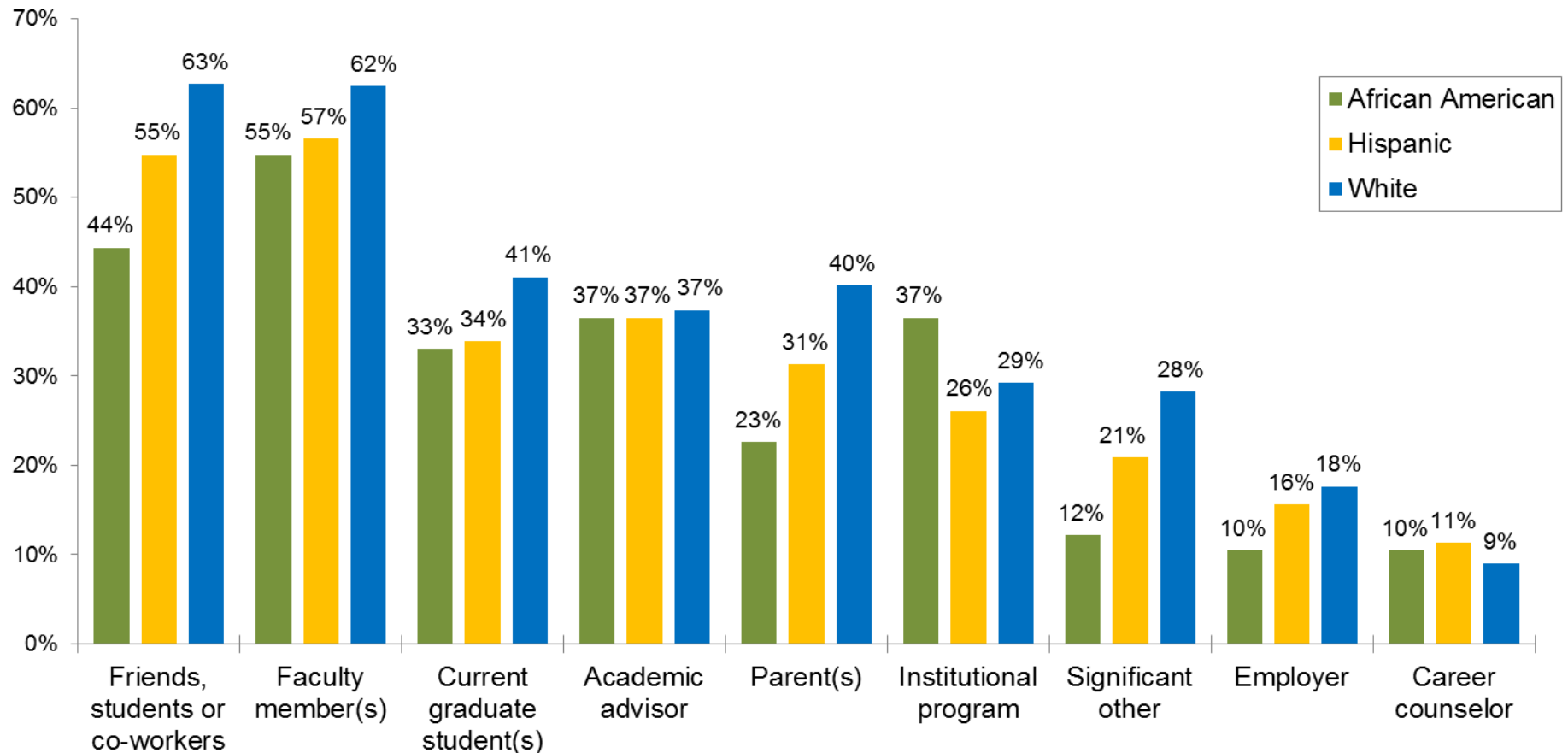
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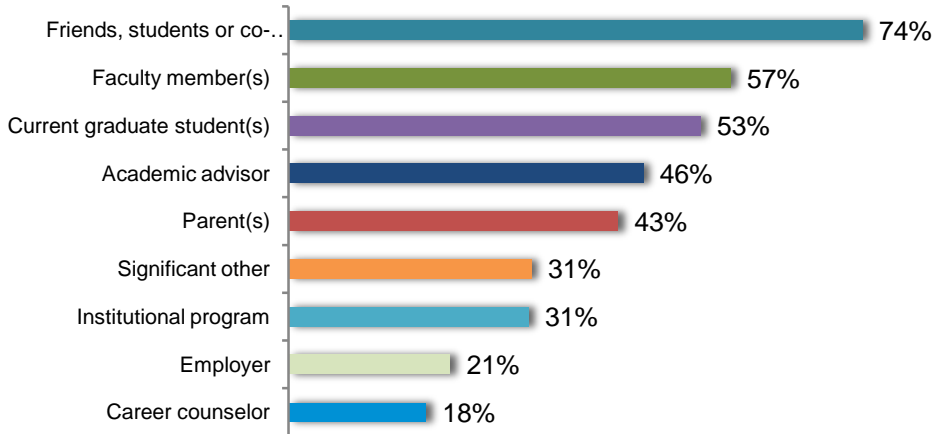
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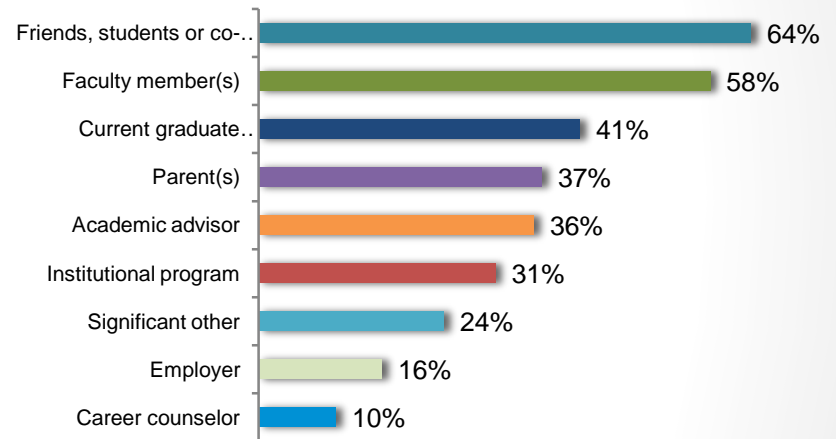
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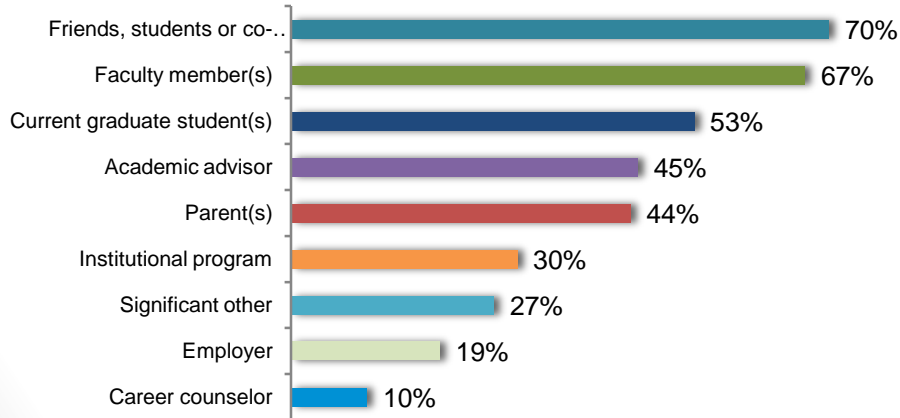
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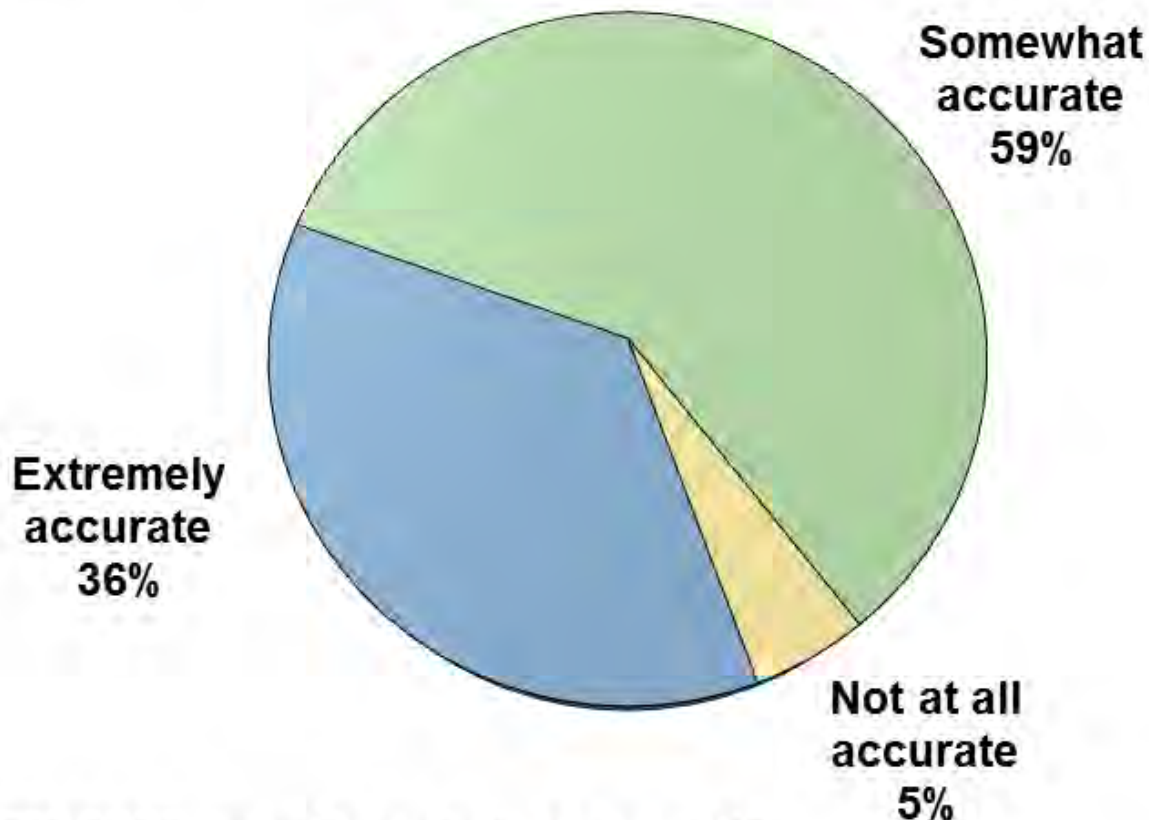
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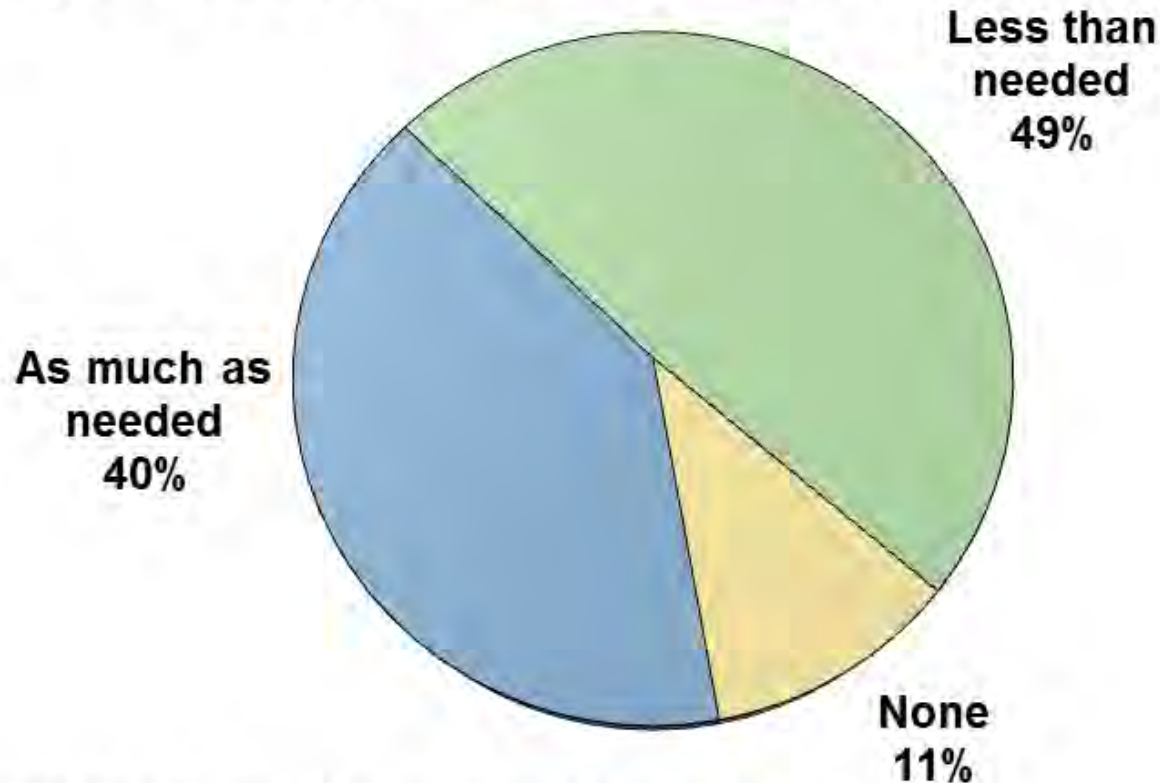


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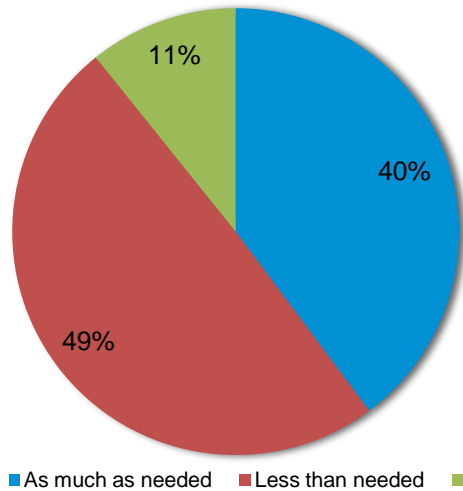
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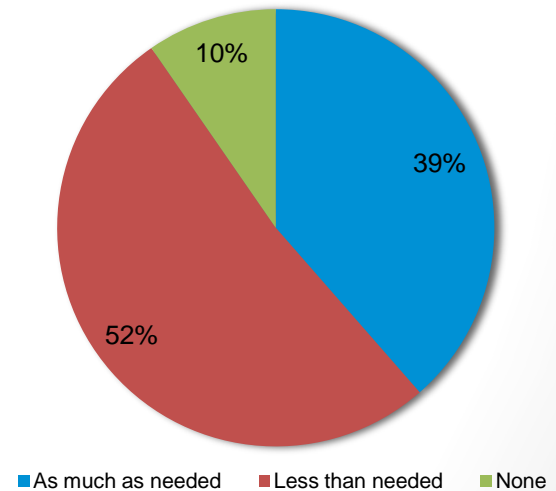
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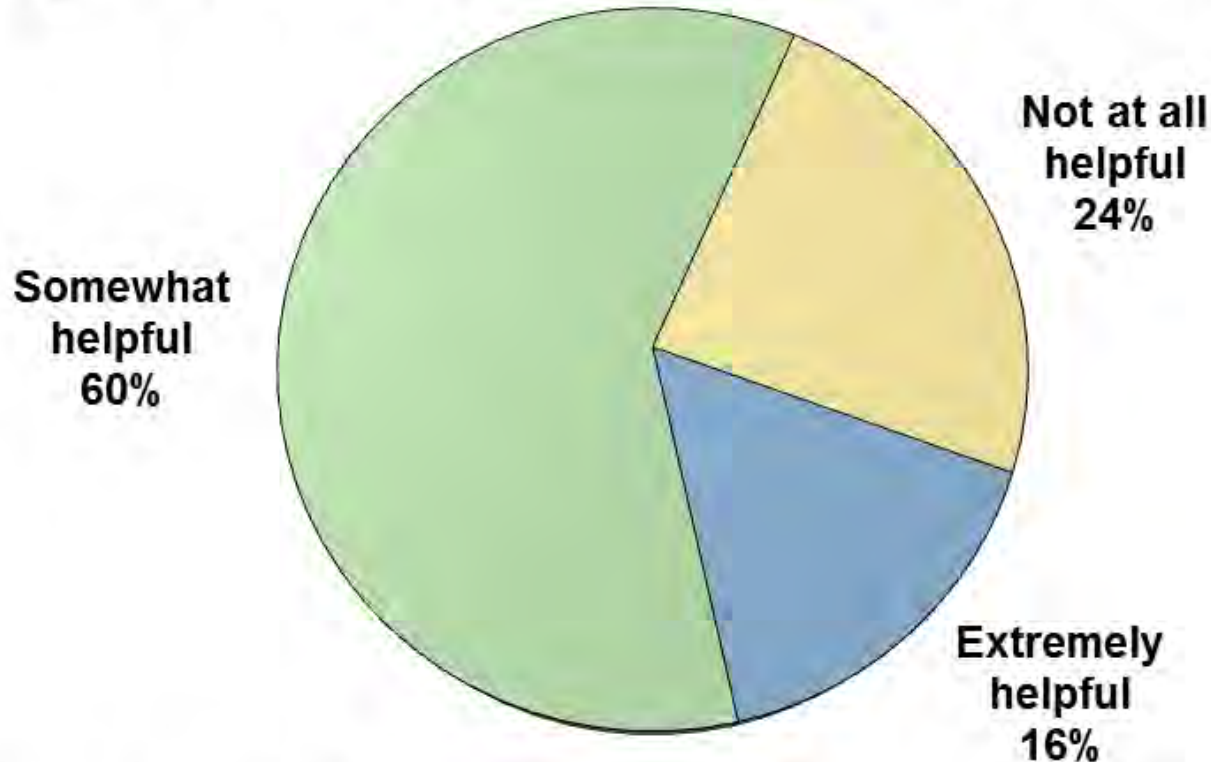
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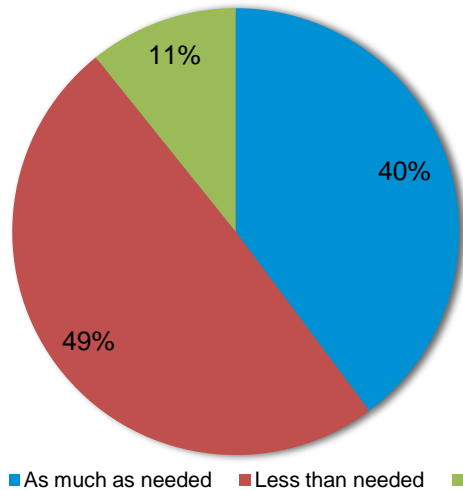
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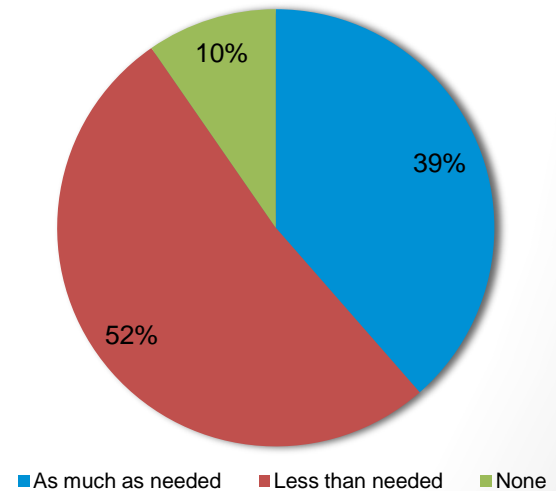
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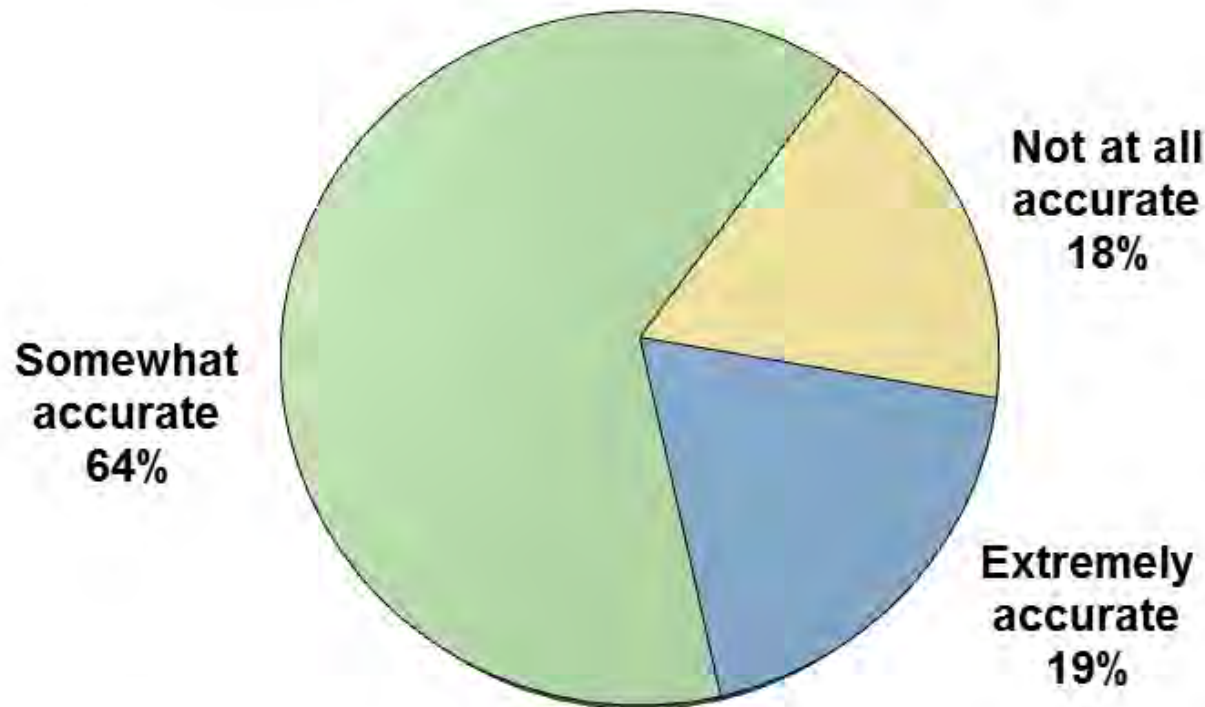
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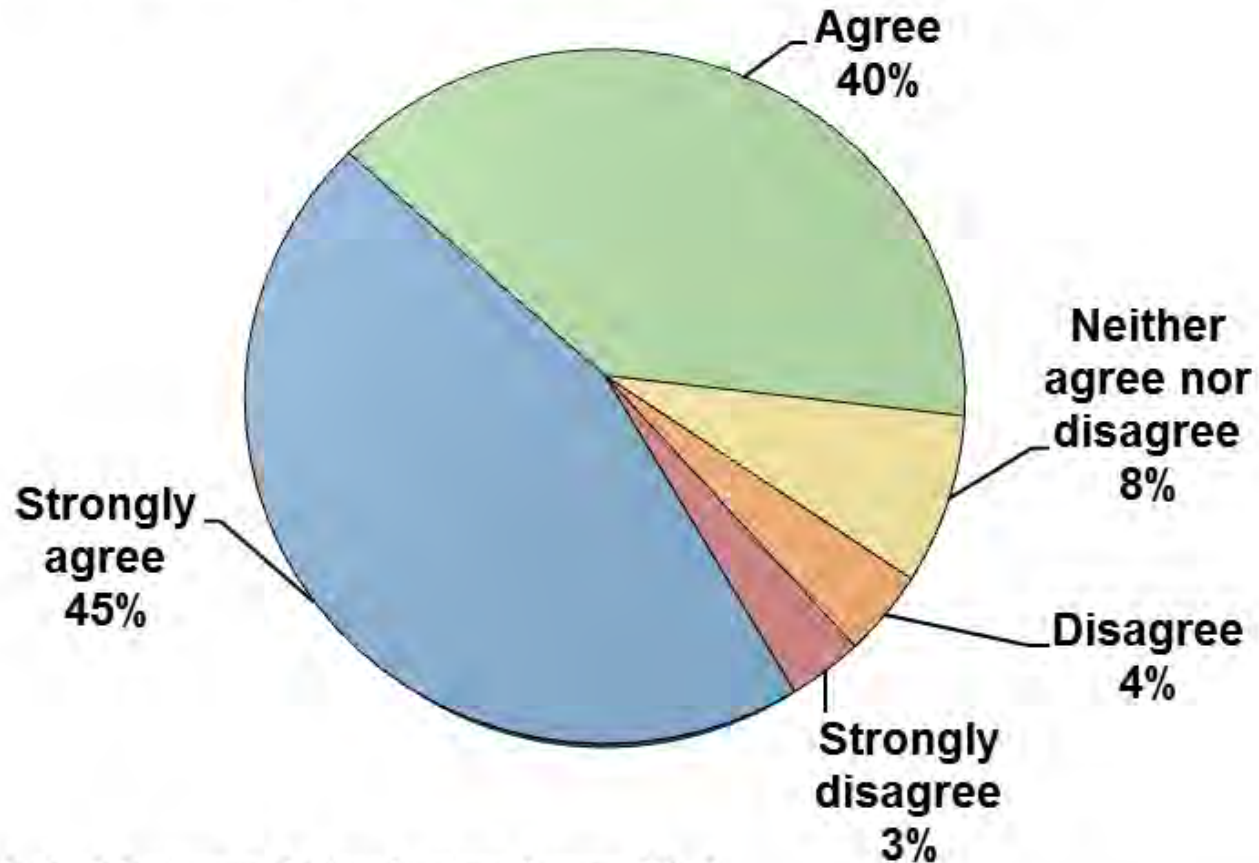
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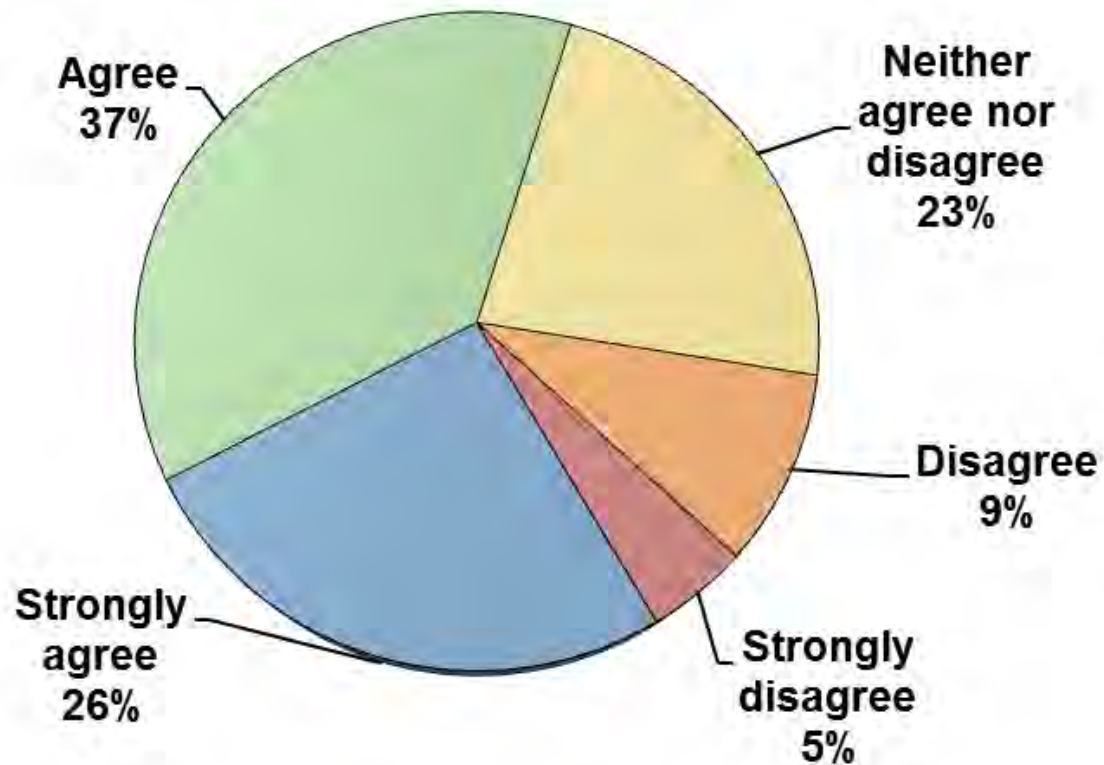
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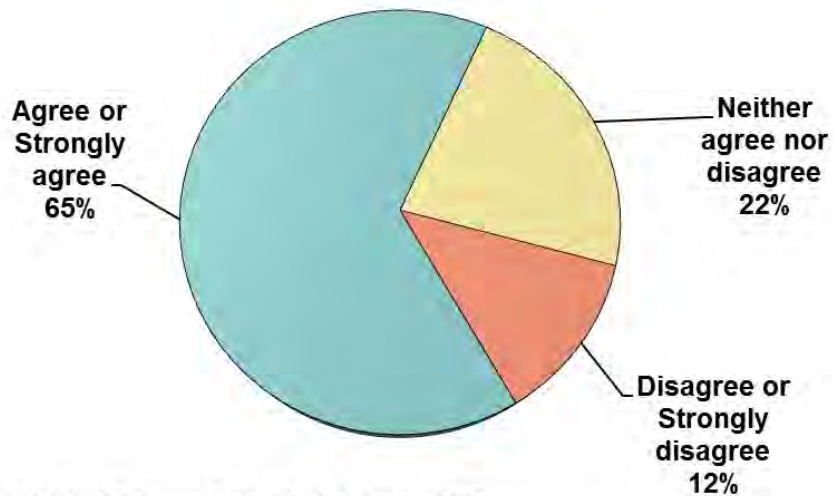
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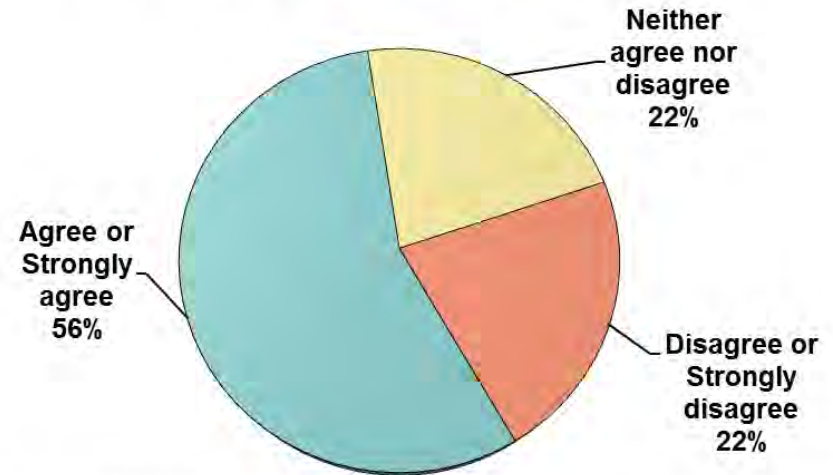
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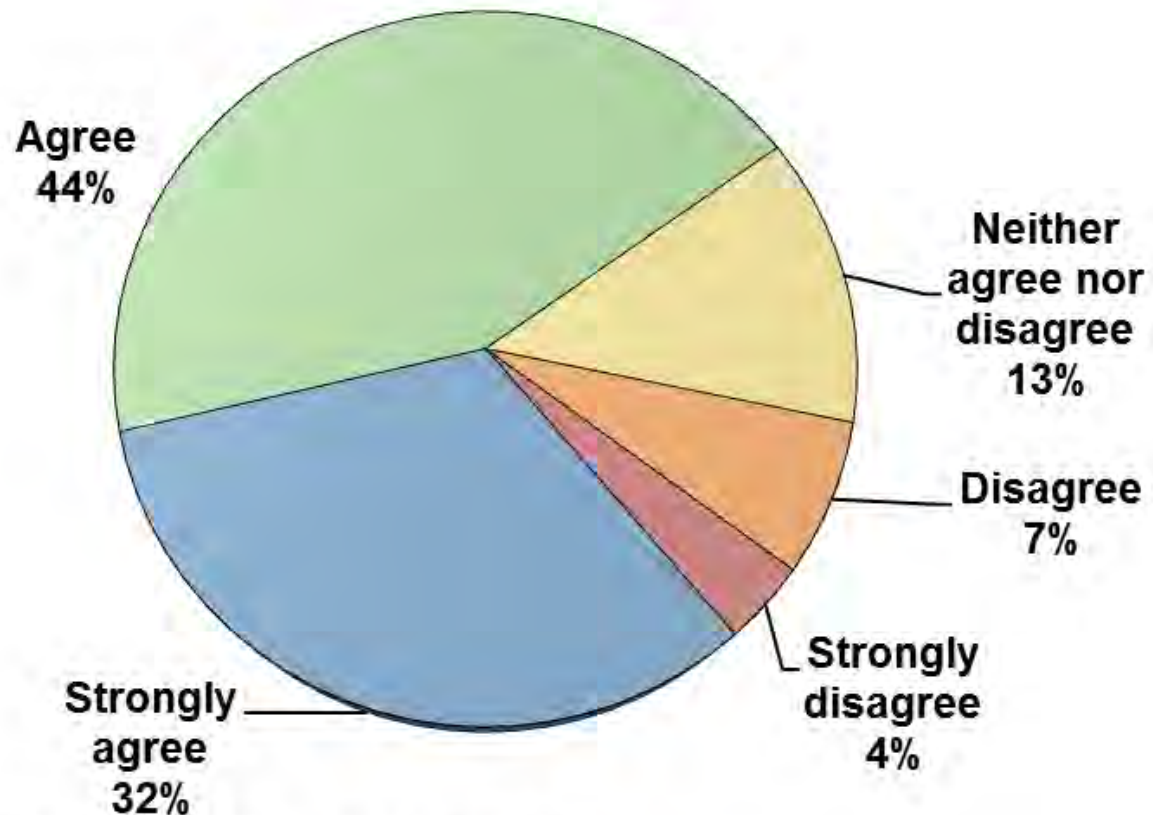
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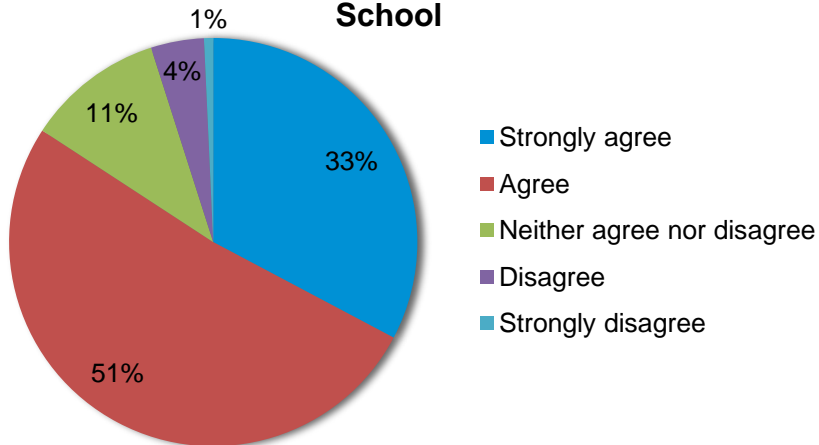
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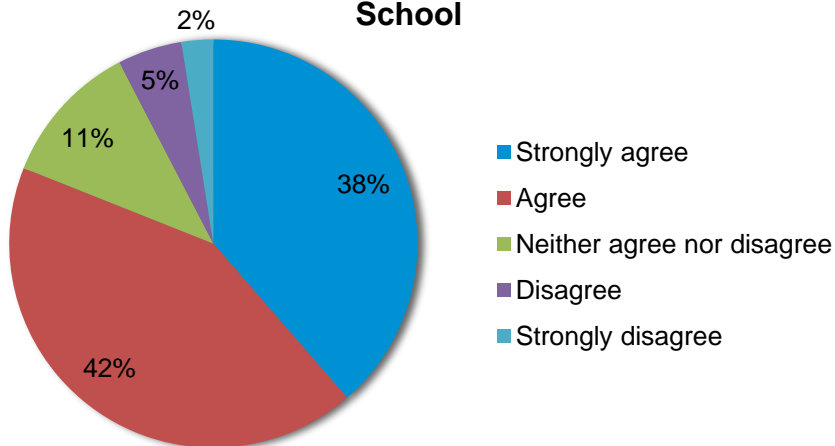
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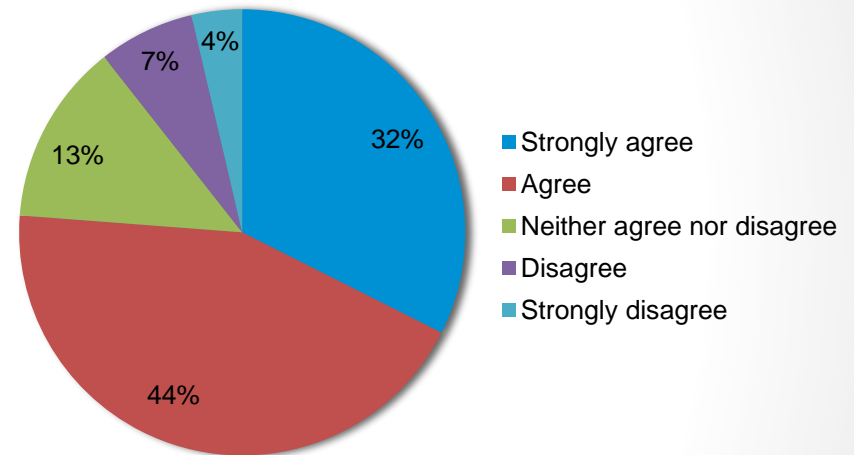
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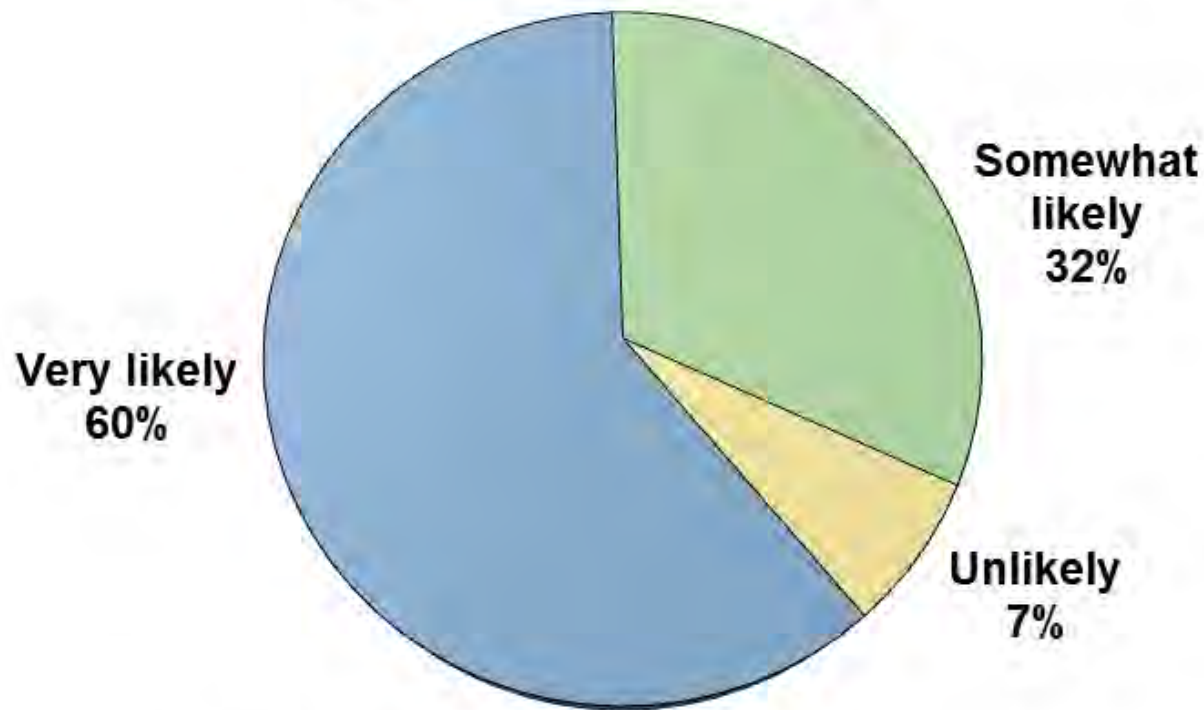


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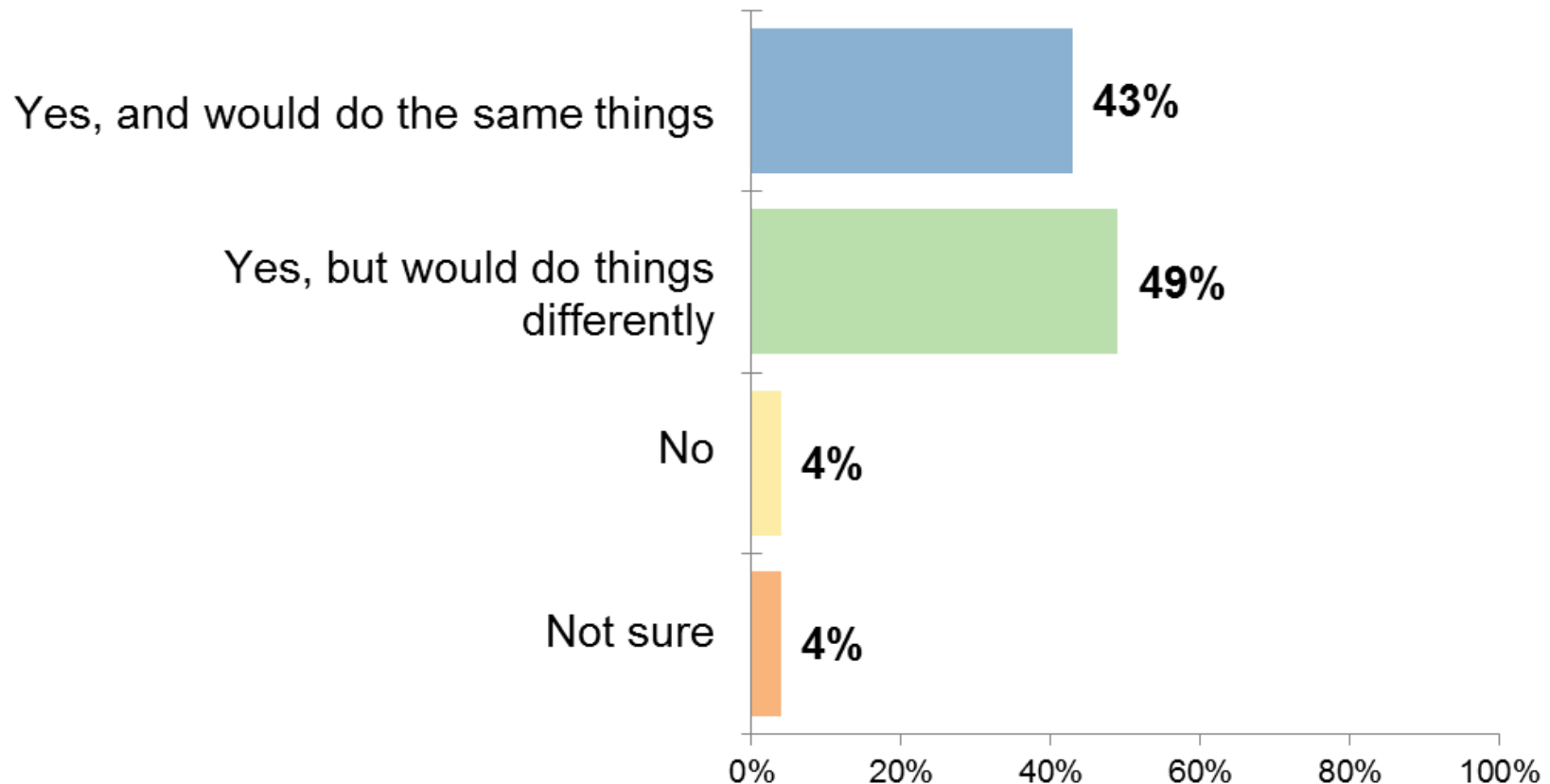
Would you recommend graduate education to others?

## How likely is it you would encourage others in your career to attend graduate school?



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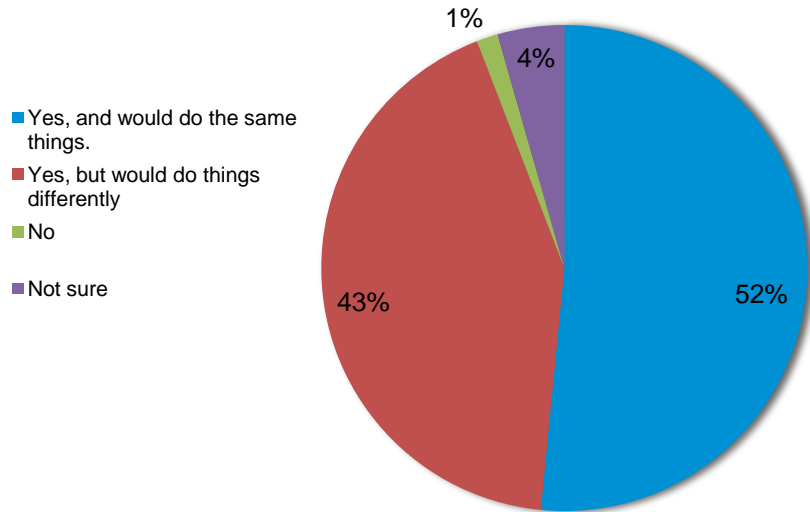
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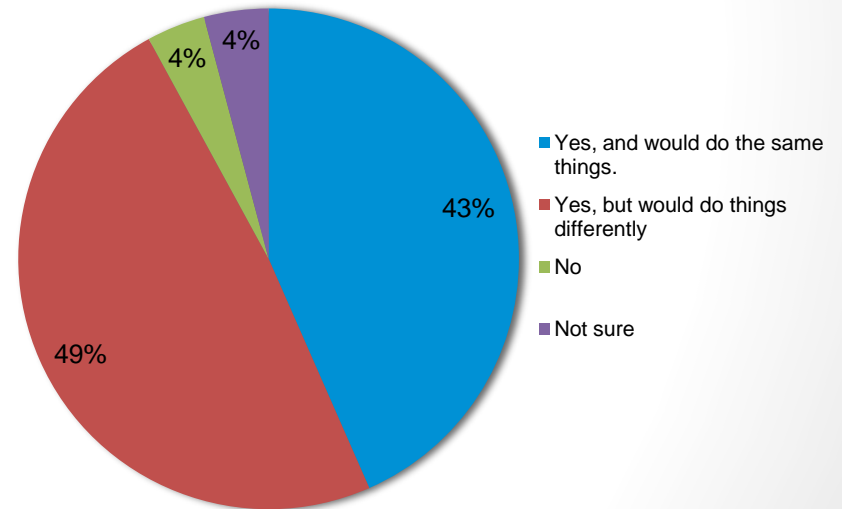
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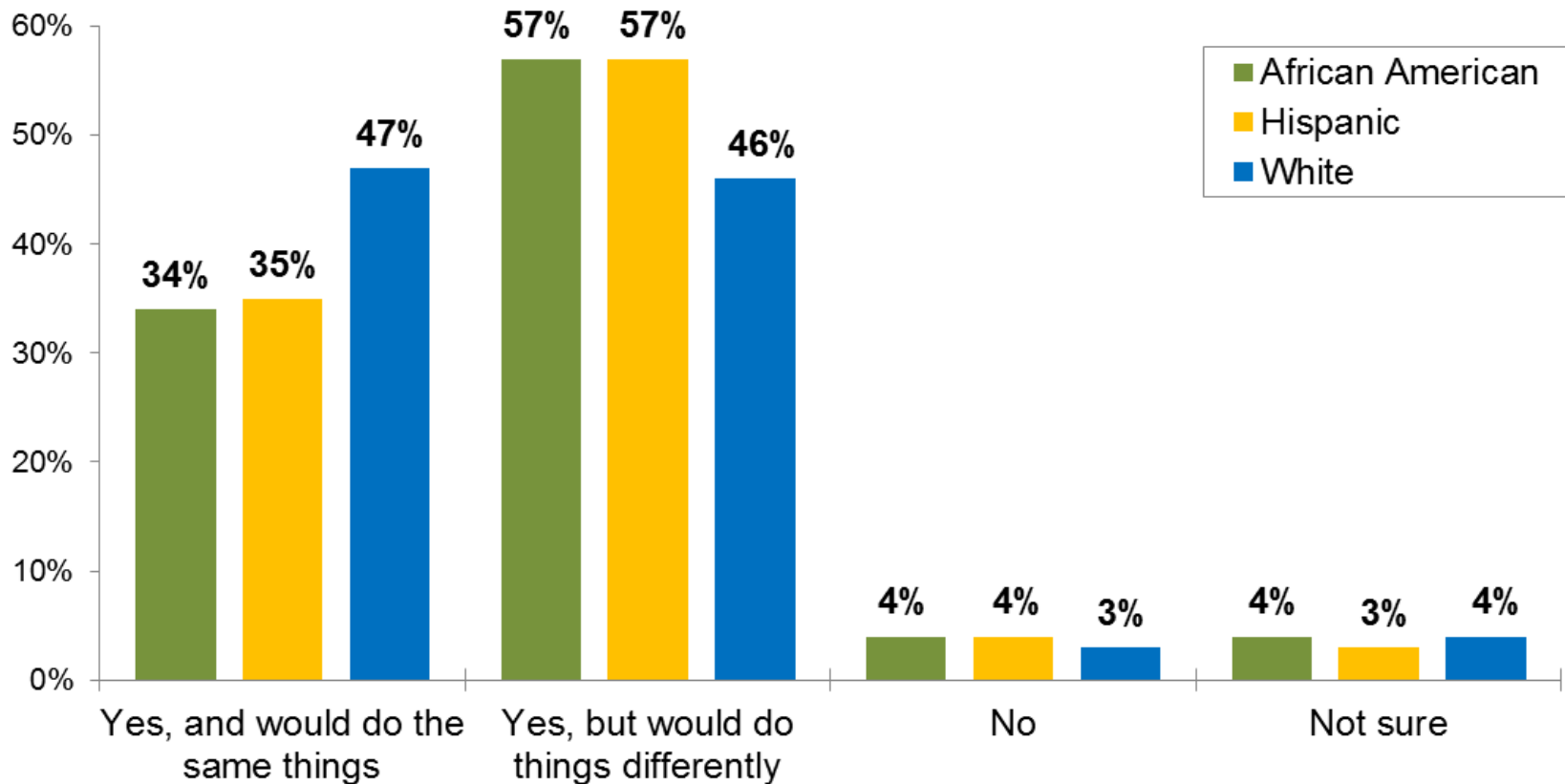


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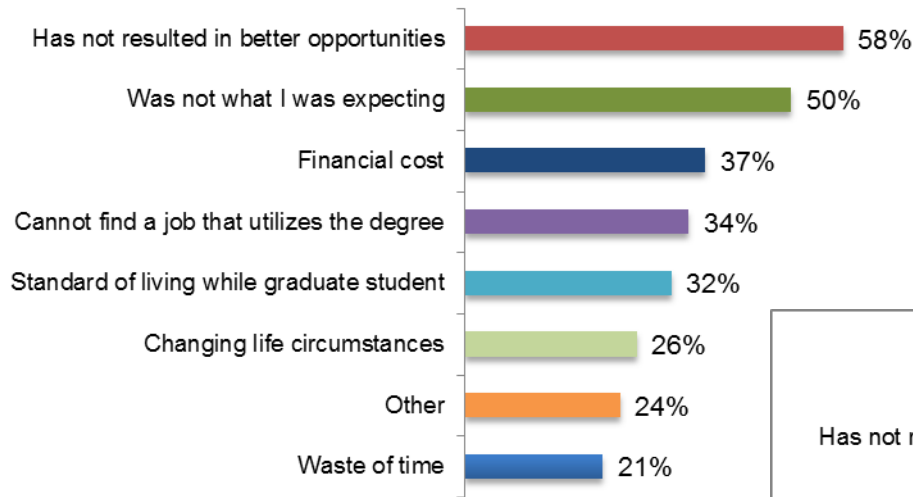
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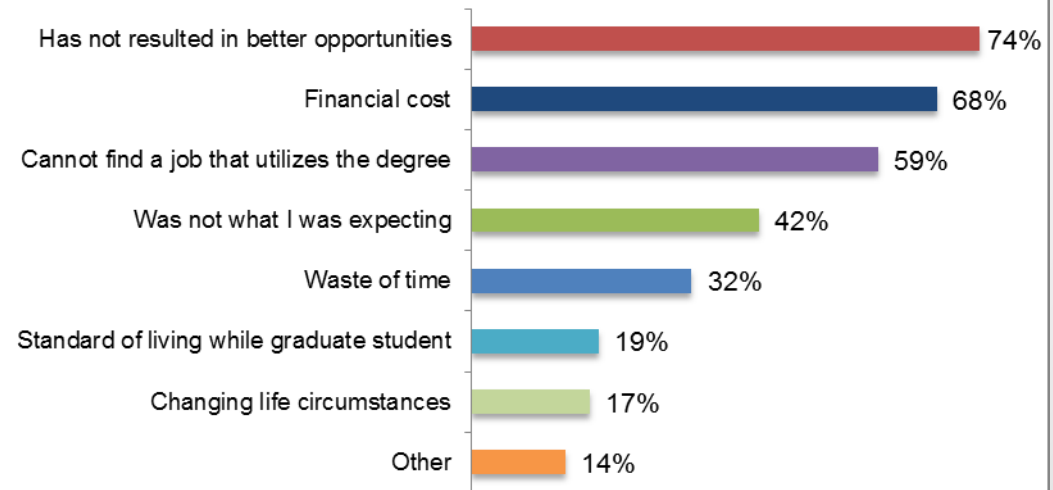
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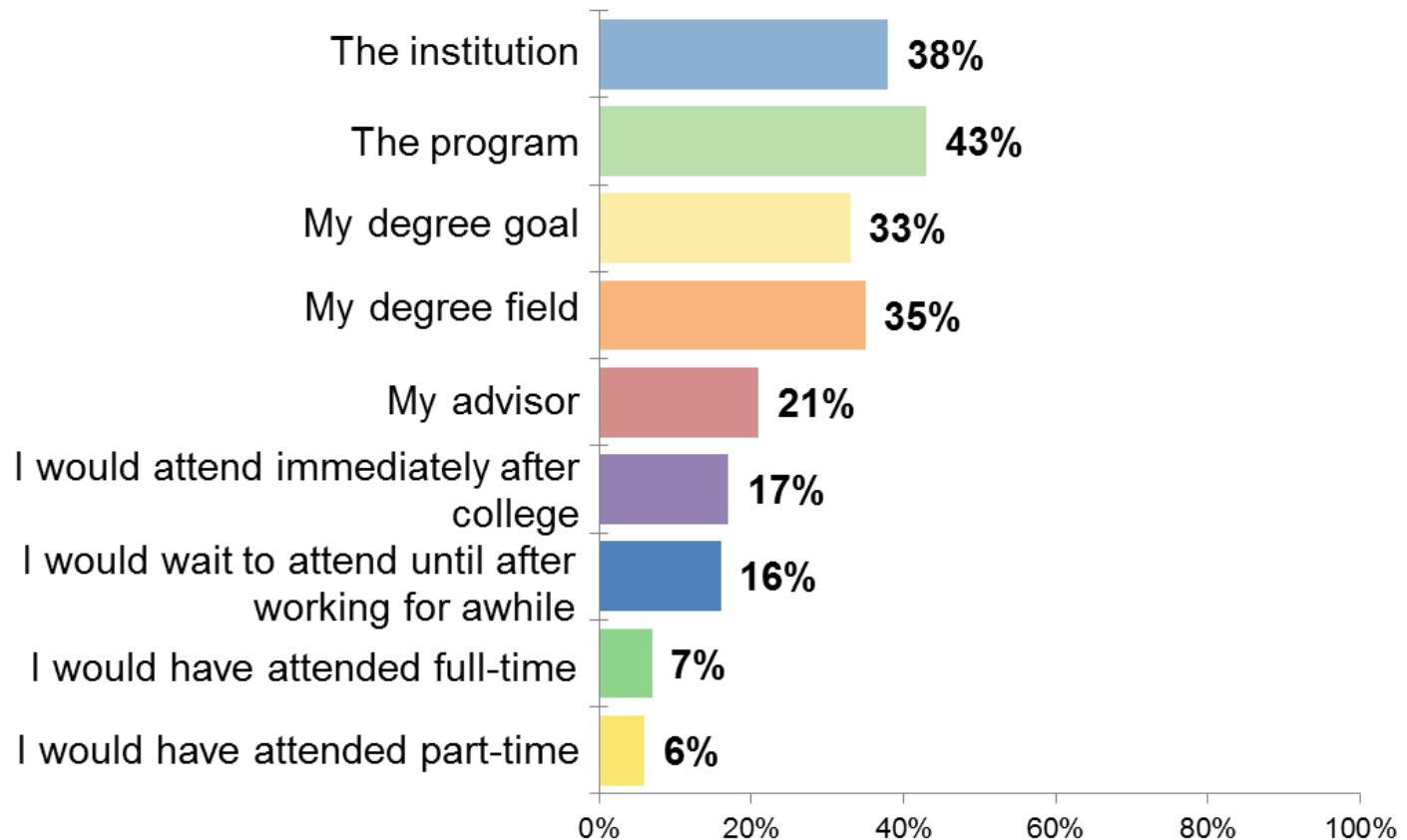
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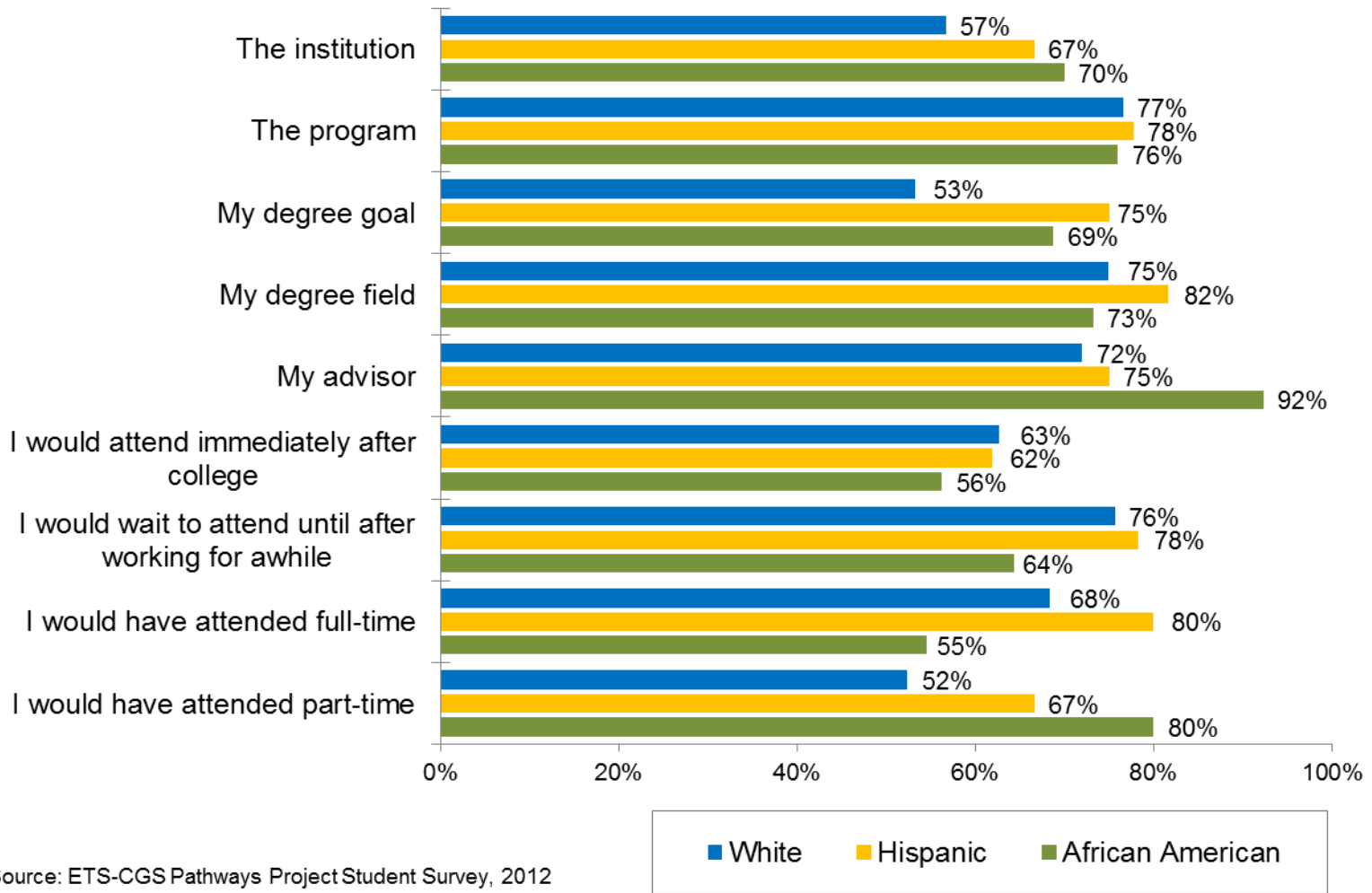


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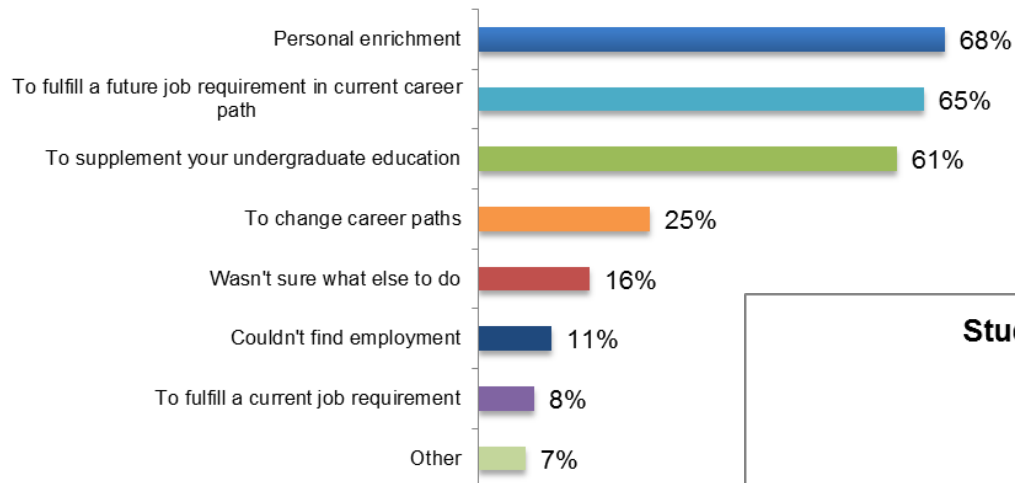
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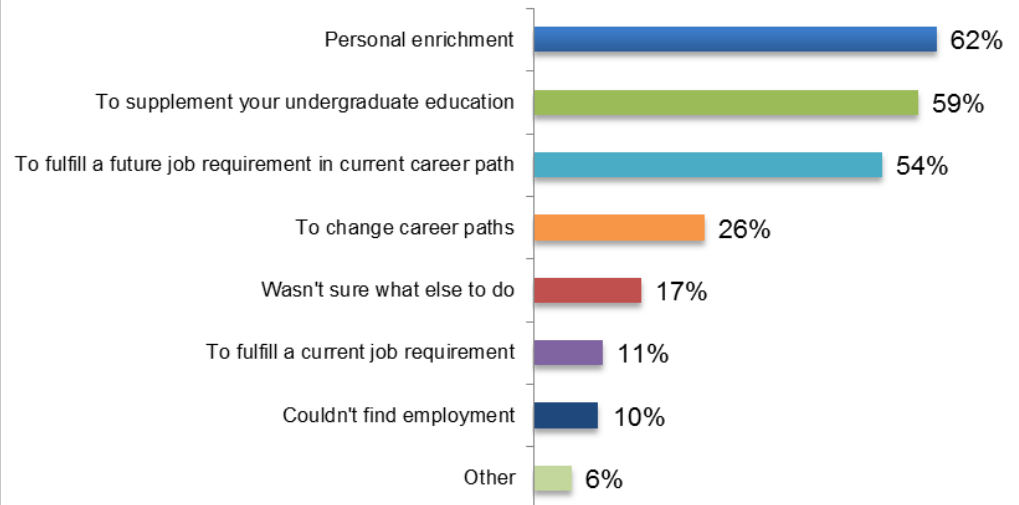


# What were your reasons for pursuing a graduate degree?

## Students Enrolled in Graduate School

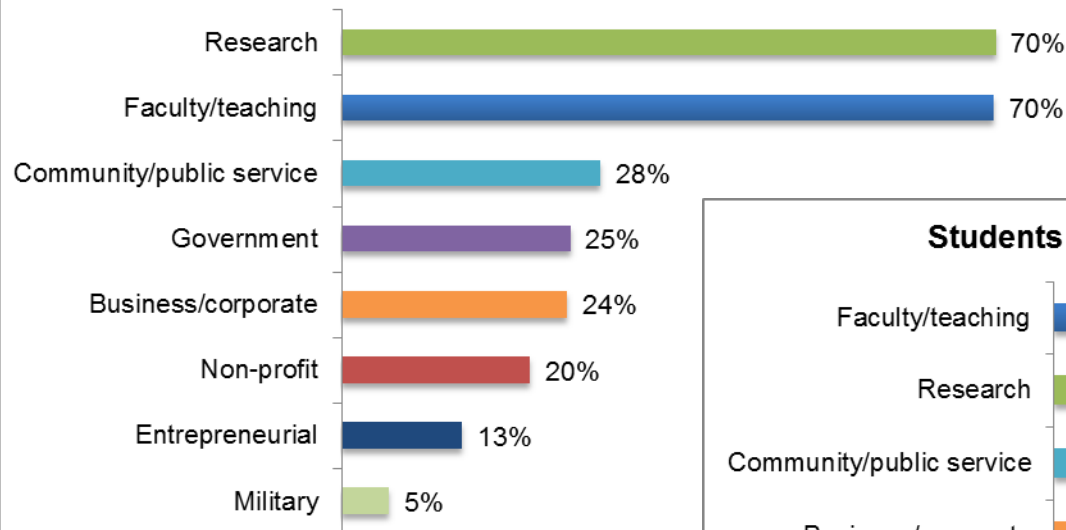


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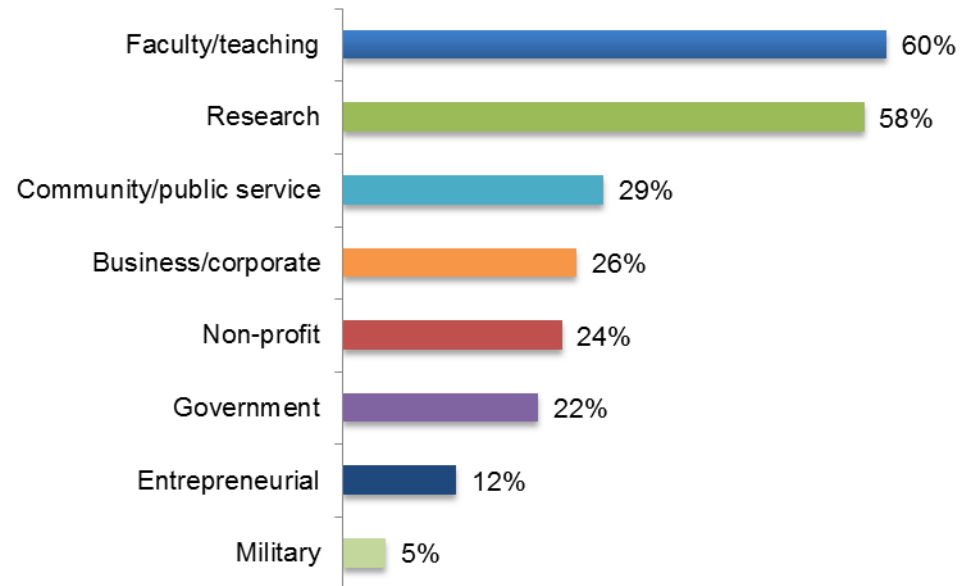


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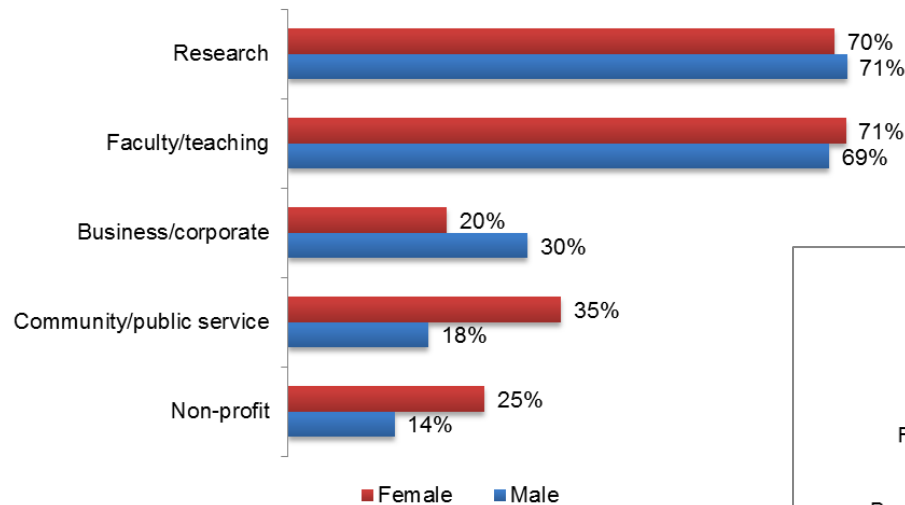


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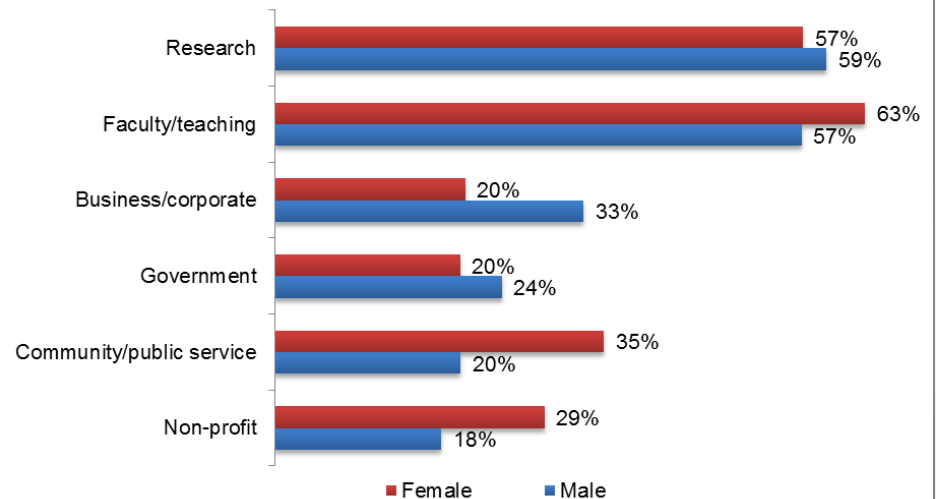


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### Students Enrolled in Graduate School by Gender



### Students Who Completed Graduate School by Gender



# Top Five Pressing Issues of 2013

## Top Five Results from the 2013 Pressing Issues Survey

Pressing Issue	Responses in 2012		Percentage of Respondents in 2013				
	Rank	Total	Total	Doctoral	Master's & Specialized	Public	Private, not-for-profit
Graduate Student Financial Support	2	50%	54%	52%	57%	59%	43%
Recruitment/Admissions/Enrollment Mgmt.	1	58%	45%	42%	48%	45%	43%
Graduate Program Financing/Budget/Economy	3	36%	33%	30%	36%	34%	30%
Student Support and Services	5	24%	16%	17%	14%	12%	27%
General Management and Administration	4	28%	16%	17%	14%	18%	11%

Source: 2013 CGS Pressing Issues Survey



# Top Pressing Issues from the Northeast

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## Comparison of the Top Five Pressing Issues from the Northeast Region

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Pressing Issue	Percentage of Respondents	
	Total	Northeast
Graduate Student Financial Support	54%	45%
Recruitment/Admissions/Enrollment Mgmt.	45%	47%
Graduate Program Financing/Budget/Economy	33%	32%
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