Senior Exit Survey Results

Academic Year: 2021-22

Office of Institutional Research & Planning

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Administered through the Office of Institutional Research and Planning from 05/09/22 – 07/18/22.

Target Population: All students who applied for graduation during 2022

Number of Survey Recipients: 2,754 students

Number of Survey Respondents: 733 students

Overall Survey Response Rate: 26.6%

Student Demographics

GENDER	SURVEY RECIPIENTS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS	SURVEY RESPONSE RATE (RESP/RECIP)
Female	1,622	465	28.7%
Male	1,123	264	23.5%
Non-Binary	9	4	44.4%

STEM MAJOR	SURVEY RECIPIENTS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS	SURVEY RESPONSE RATE (RESP/RECIP)
STEM	548	154	28.1%
Non-STEM	2,205	579	26.3%

RESIDENCY	SURVEY RECIPIENTS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS	SURVEY RESPONSE RATE (RESP/RECIP)
Oregon Resident	2,252	612	27.2%
Non-Resident (Domestic)	406	102	25.1%
International	95	19	20%

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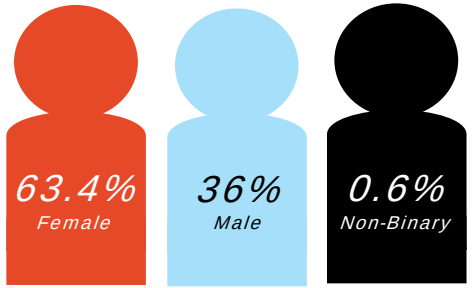

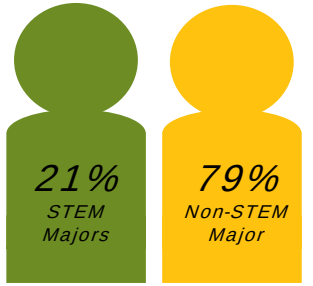

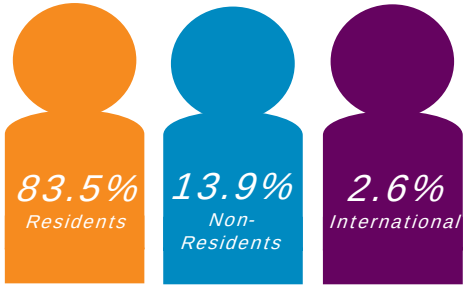

RACE/ETHNICITY	SURVEY RECIPIENTS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS	SURVEY RESPONSE RATE (RESP/RECIP)
American Indian or Alaskan Native	9	1	11.1%
Asian	284	63	22.2%
Black or African American	97	25	25.7%
Hispanic or Latino	530	117	22.1%
International	95	19	20%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	19	3	15.8%
Two or More Races	201	55	27.4%
White	1,419	426	30%
Unknown	99	24	24.2%

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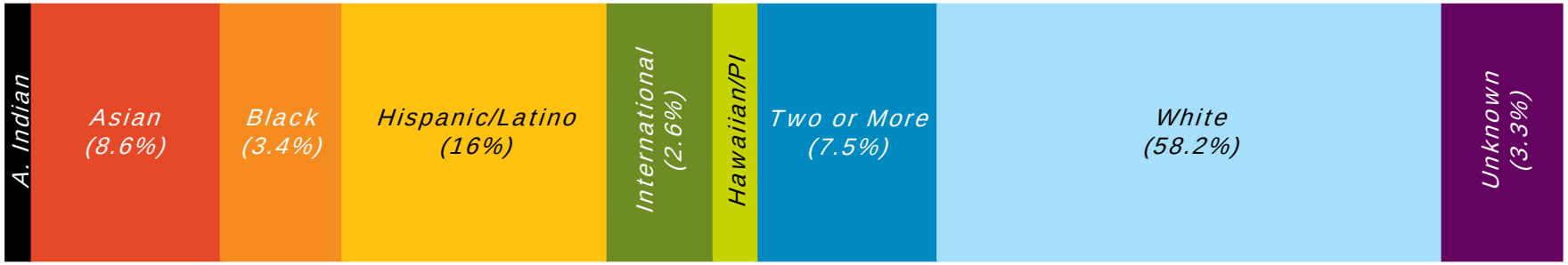

SCHOOL/COLLEGE	SURVEY RECIPIENTS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS	SURVEY RESPONSE RATE (RESP/RECIP)
College of Education (COE)	19	7	36.8%
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (COLAS)	1,106	307	27.8%
College of the Arts (COA)	246	66	26.8%
College of Urban and Public Affairs (CUPA)	232	67	28.9%
Maseeh College of Engineering/Computer Science (MCECS)	297	78	26.3%
OHSU-PSU School of Public Health (SOPH)	229	45	19.7%
School of Social Work (SSW)	123	36	29.3%
The School of Business (SOB)	499	126	25.3%
University Honors College (UHC)	1	1	100%
Undeclared	1	0	0%

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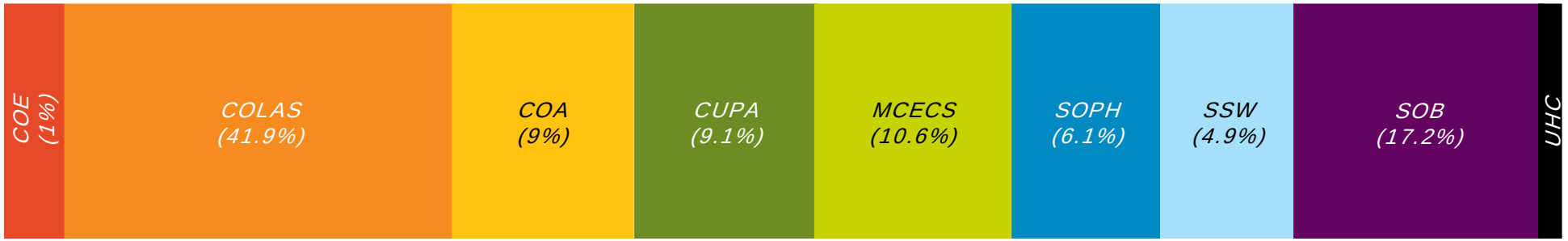

CUMULATIVE GPA RANGE	SURVEY RECIPIENTS	SURVEY RESPONDENTS	SURVEY RESPONSE RATE (RESP/RECIP)
< 1.90	4	0	0%
1.90 – 2.50	73	13	17.8%
2.51 – 3.00	341	65	19.1%
3.01 – 3.50	844	200	23.7%
3.51 – 4.00	1,490	455	30.5%

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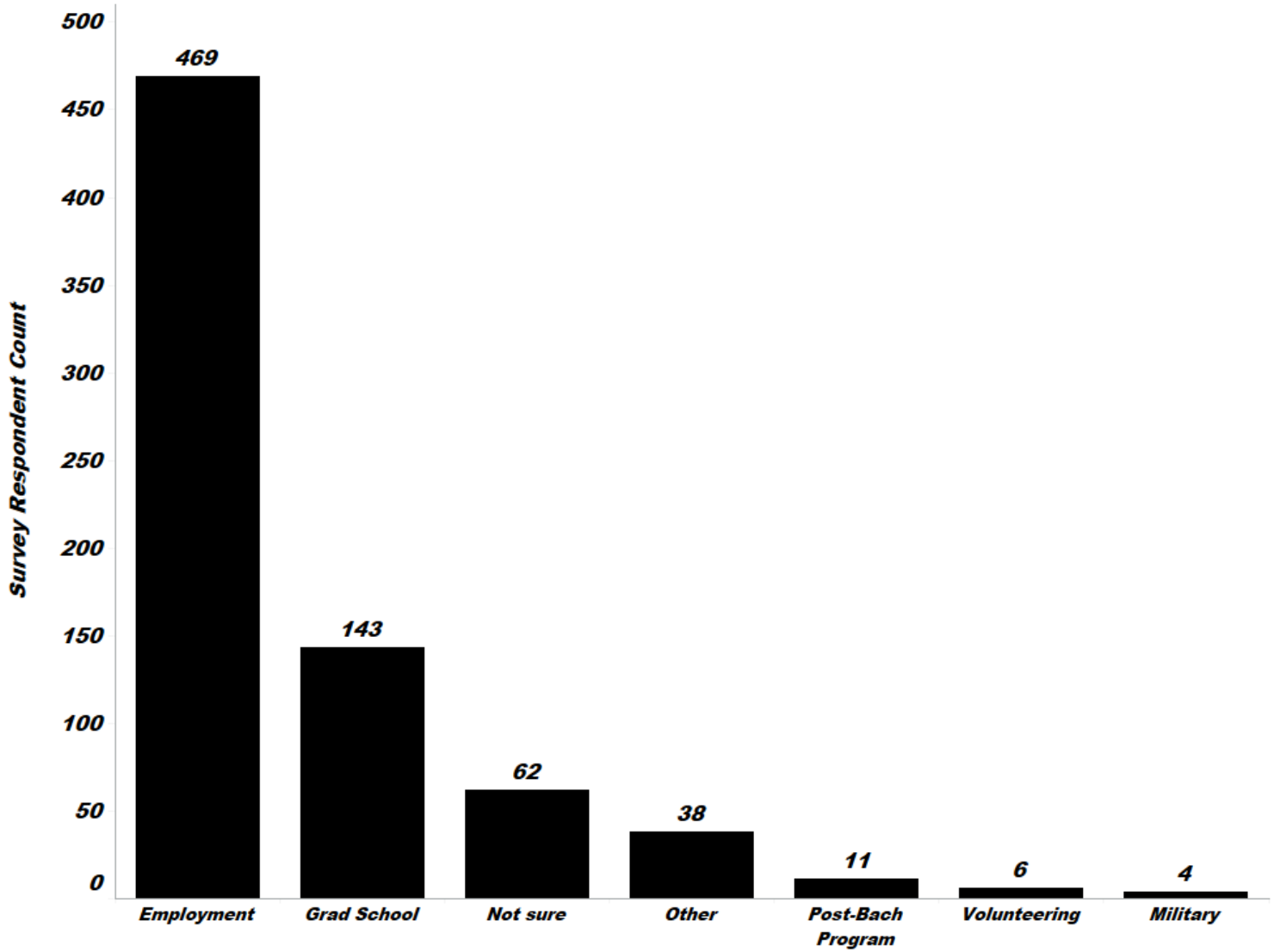
Survey Questions

Question 1:
What will be your MAIN activity after graduating from PSU?



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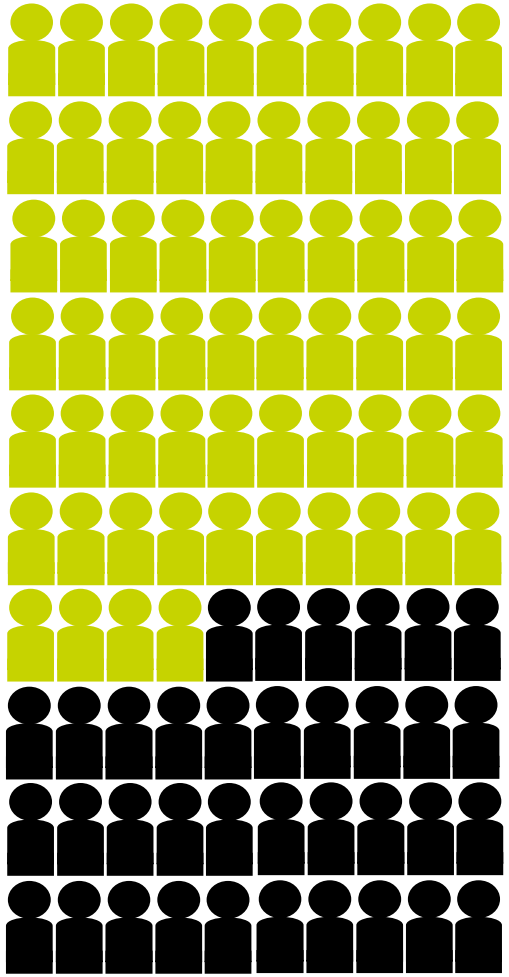

64% of students plan to be employed after graduation.

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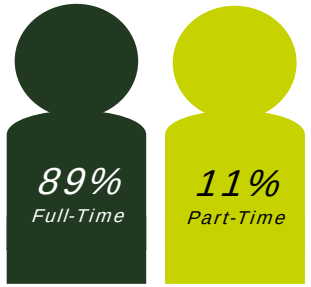

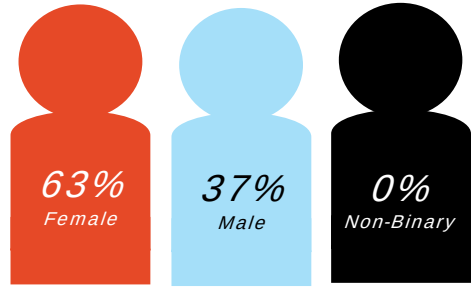

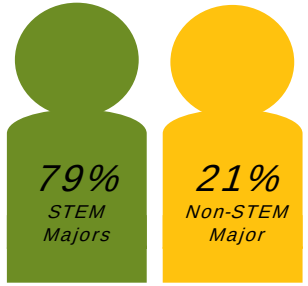

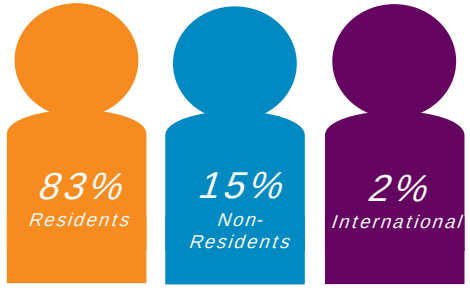

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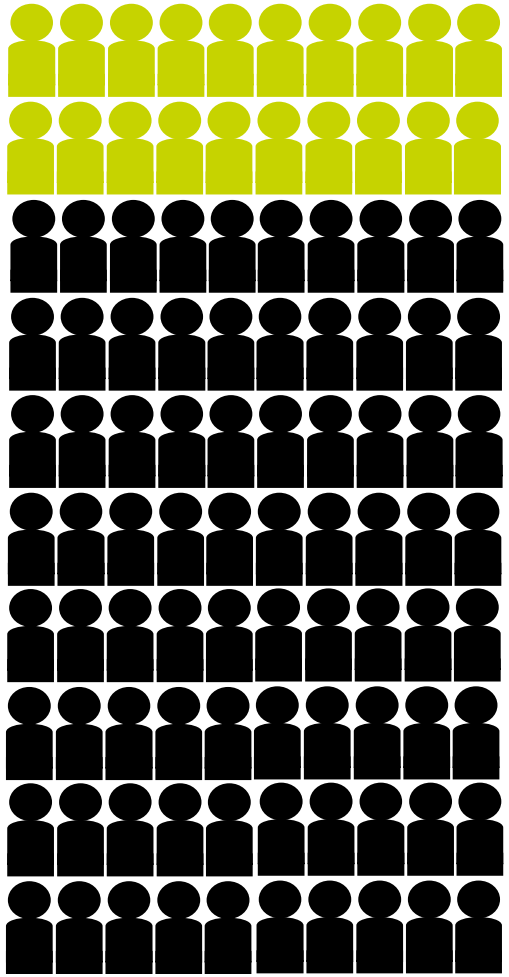

20% of students plan to enroll in a graduate/professional program after graduation.

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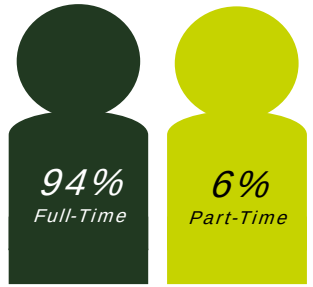

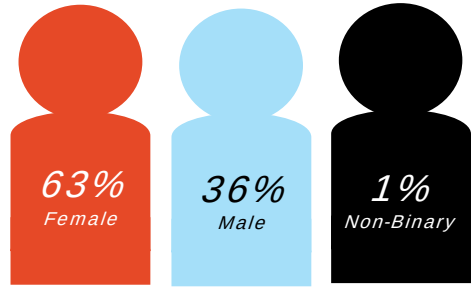

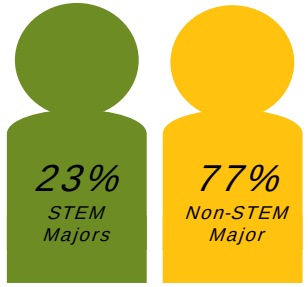

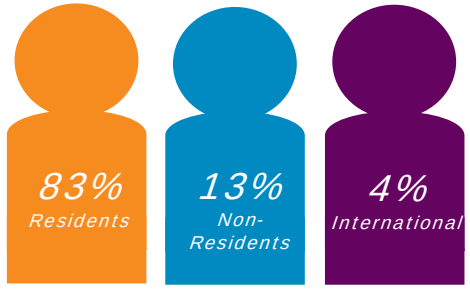

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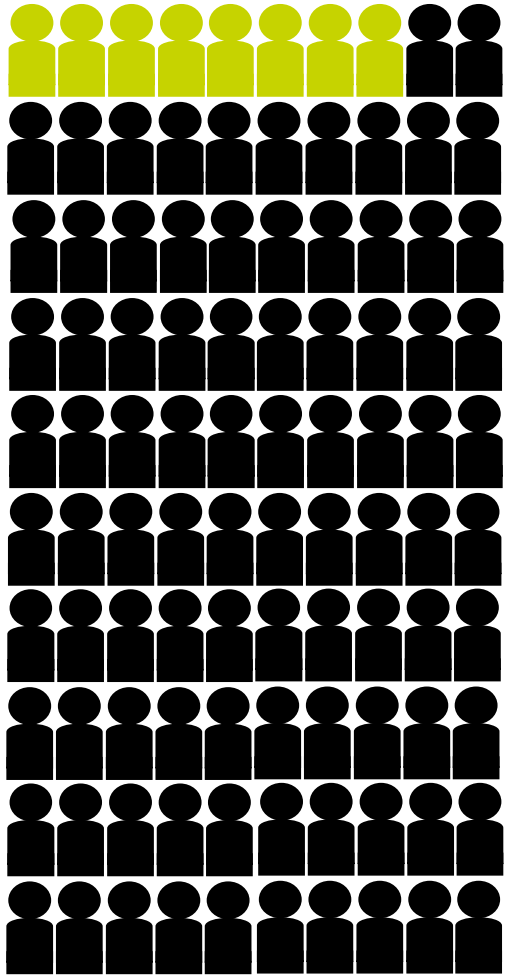

8.5% of students were undecided about what they plan to do after graduation.

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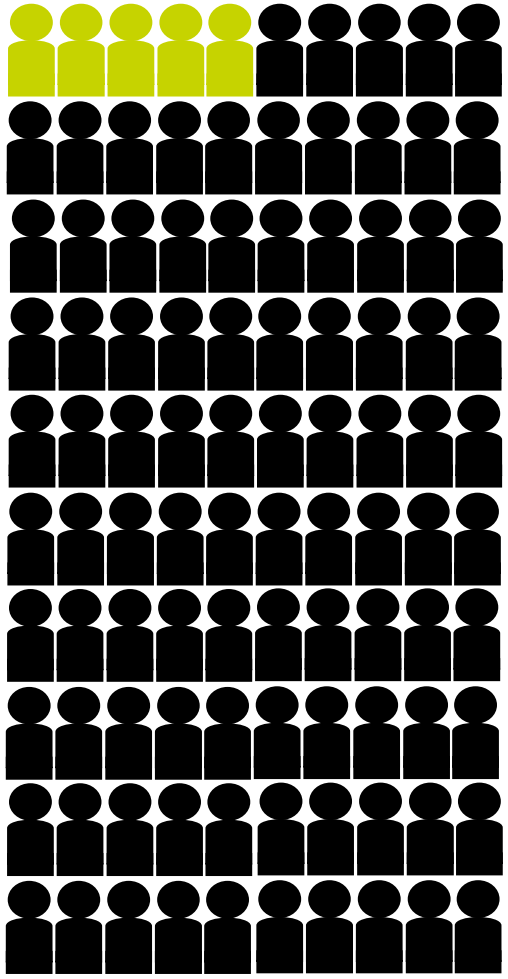


5.2% of students have other plans not listed after graduation.

OTHER :

"Gap year to have fun and figure out what's next" – 2021-22 S.E.S. Respondent

"Building my small business" – 2021-22 S.E.S. Respondent

"Travel" – 2021-22 S.E.S. Respondent

"Continuing motherhood" – 2021-22 S.E.S. Respondent

"Resting" – 2021-22 S.E.S. Respondent

THOSE WHO ARE OR PLAN TO BE EMPLOYED

After graduation...

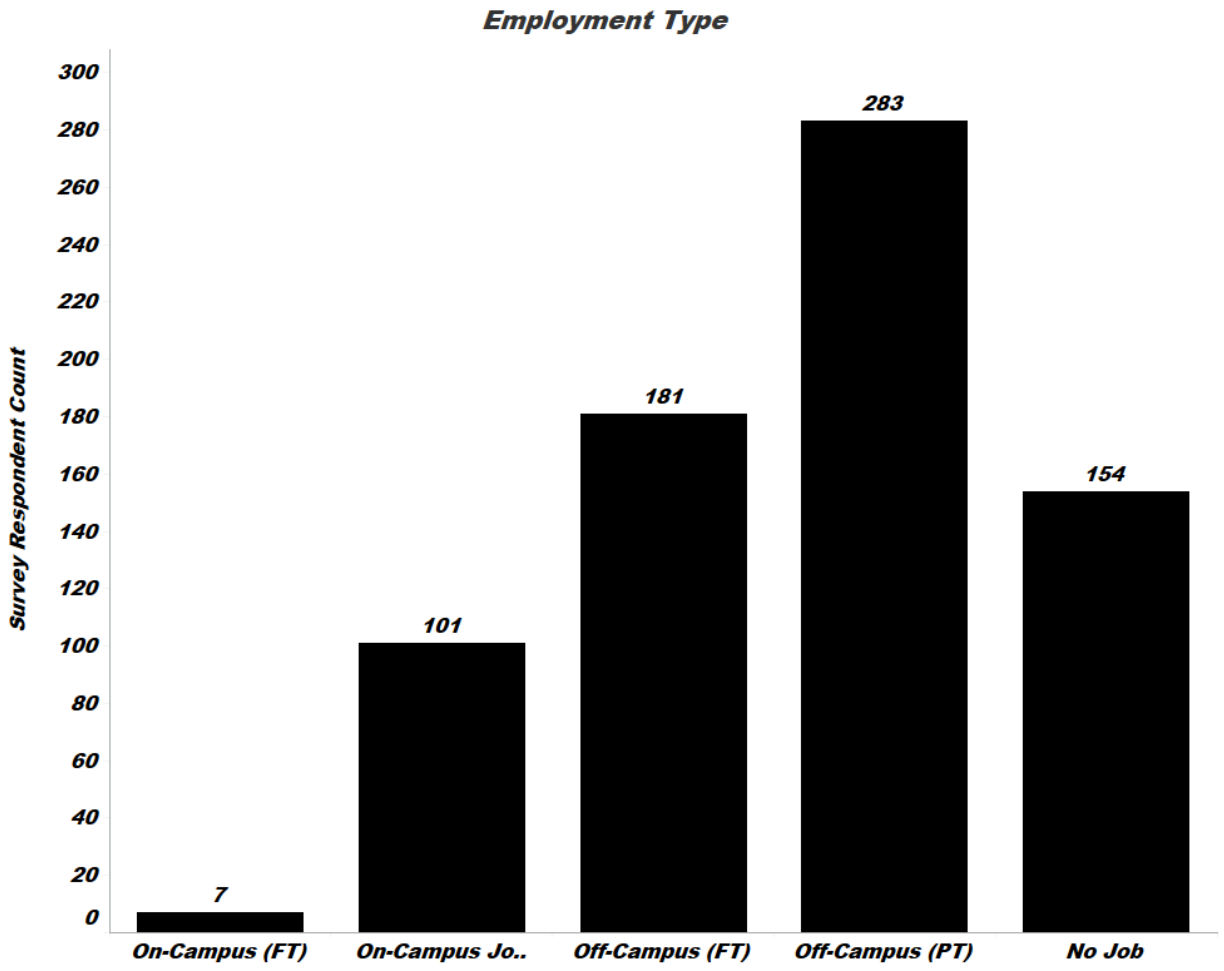
9% of students are considering one or more jobs offers.

23% of students plan to remain in their current positions.

24% of students plan to accept a new position.

45% of students plan to start searching for a new position.

Question 2:
While you were enrolled at PSU, were you employed for pay (FT = 40 hrs/week)?



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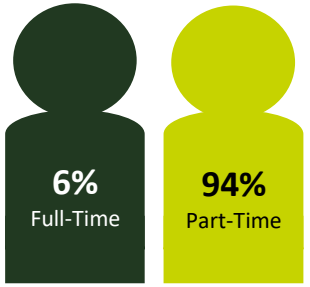

19% of students worked on-campus while enrolled at PSU.

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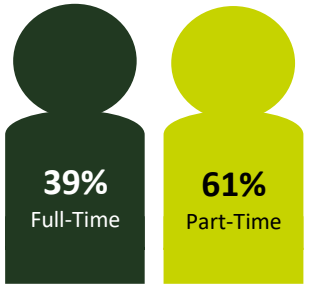


81% of students worked off-campus while enrolled at PSU.

21% of students did not work while at PSU

Question 3:
If you plan to continue your education, which of the following best describes your status?

14% of students expect to be accepted into a graduate/professional program.

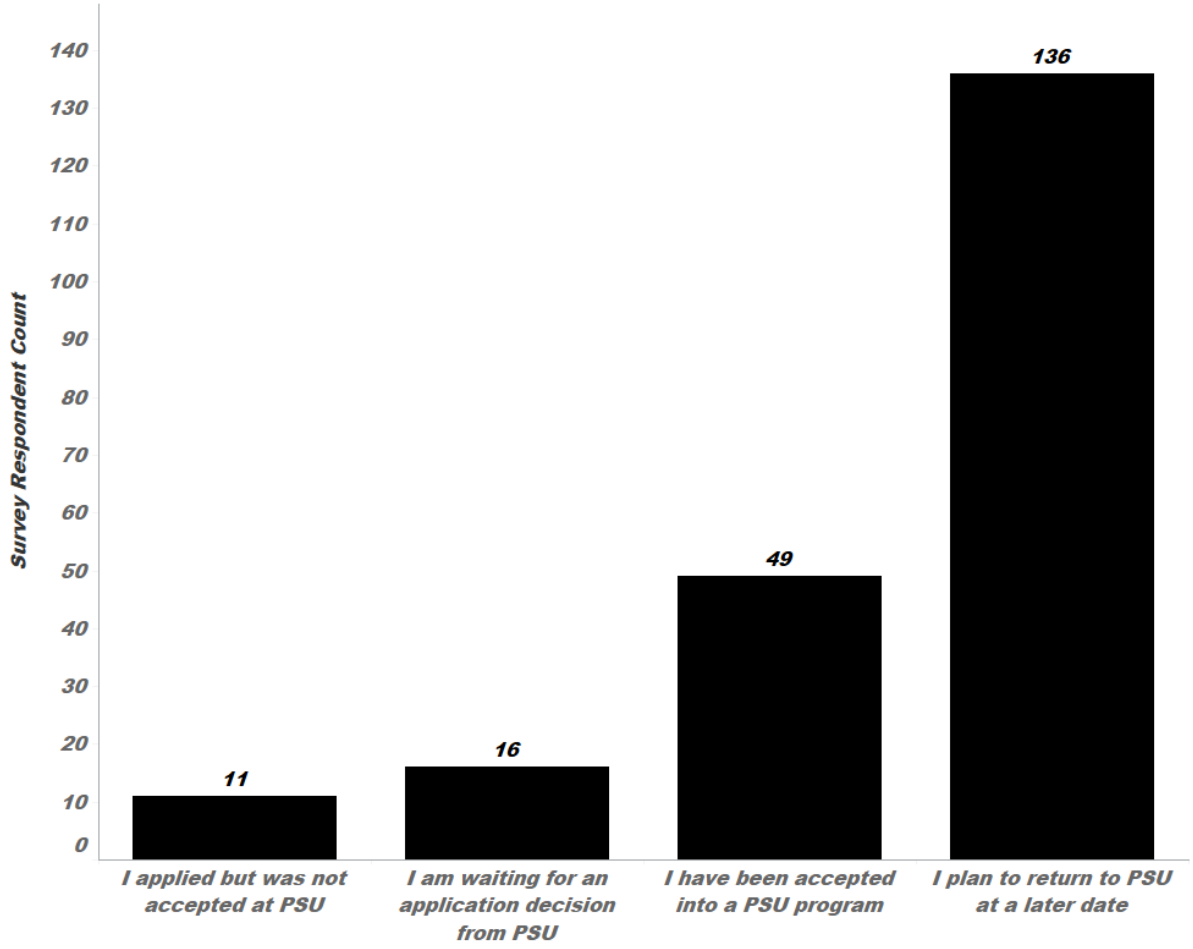
4% have applied for grad school and are still waiting on a decision.

3% plan to attend a post-baccalaureate program.

46% plan to attend grad/professional school at a later date.

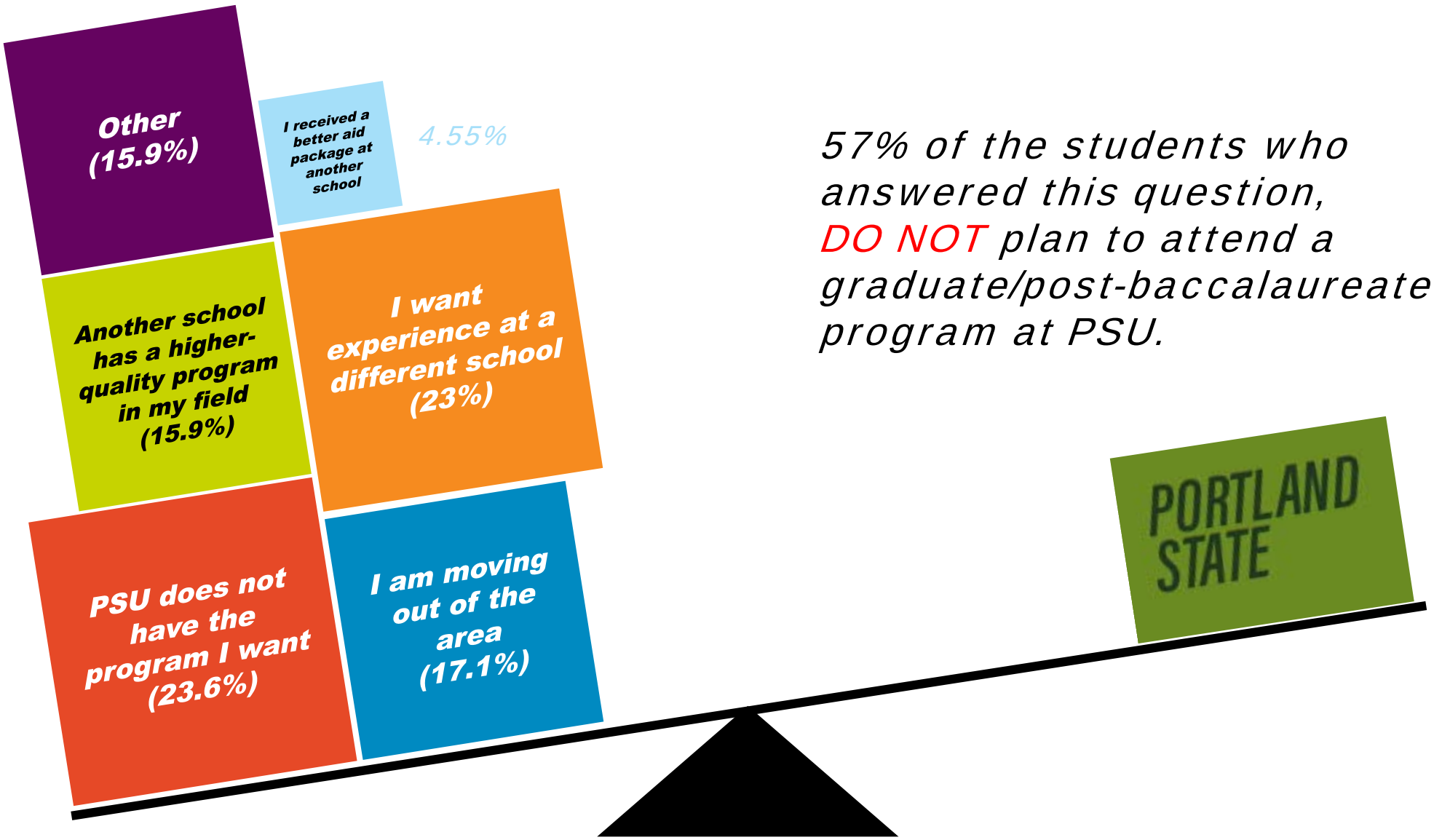
32% have no plans to continue their education.

FUTURE INTEREST IN A PSU GRADUATE PROGRAM?



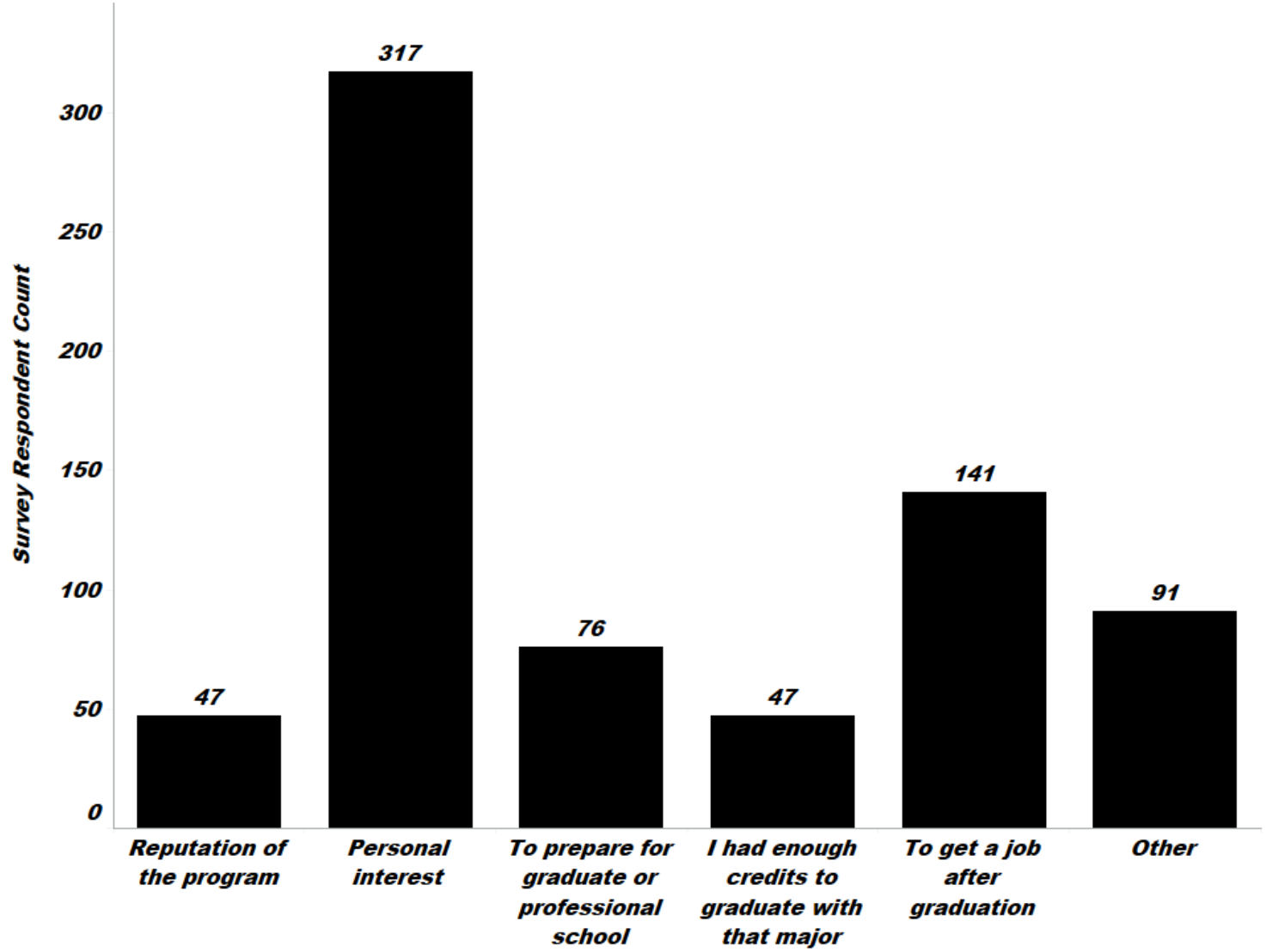
Of the 43% of students who answered this question...

- *5% applied but were not accepted into PSU*
- *8% have submitted an application but are still waiting on a decision from PSU*
- *23% have been accepted into a PSU grad program*
- *64% plan to return to PSU at a later date*

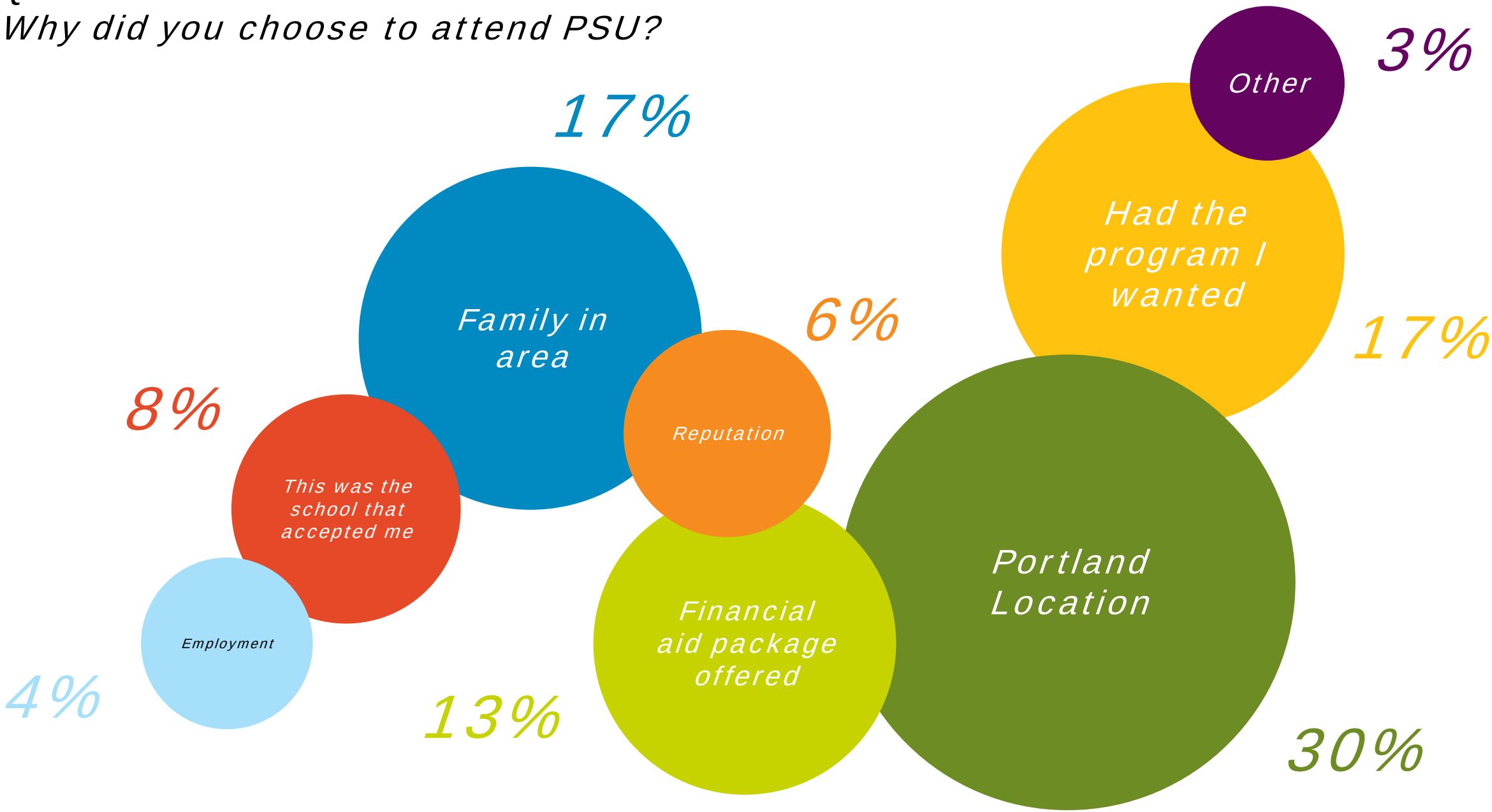


57% of the students who answered this question, DO NOT plan to attend a graduate/post-baccalaureate program at PSU.

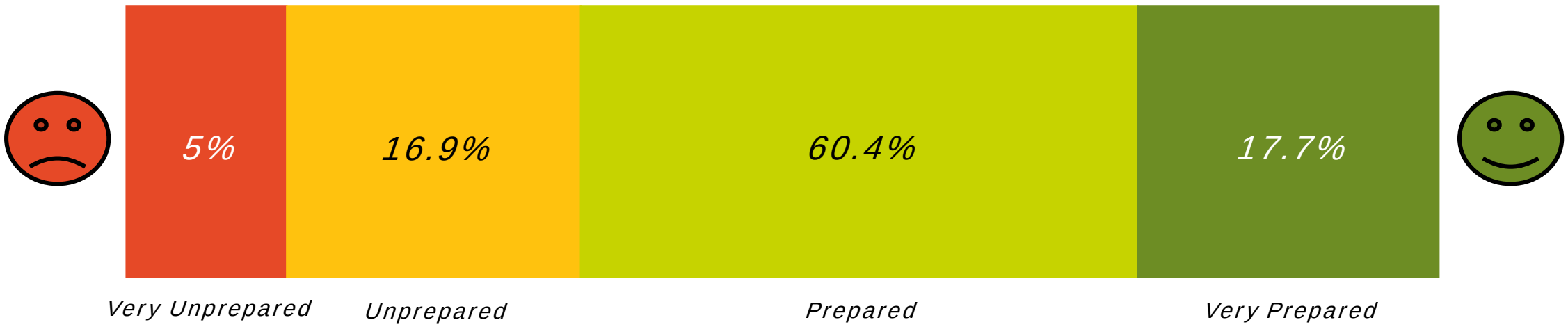
Question 4:
What was the PRIMARY reason you chose your undergraduate major or degree program at PSU?



Question 5:
Why did you choose to attend PSU?



Question 6:
How well do you feel PSU prepared you for the employment or continued study beyond your undergraduate degree??



EXPERIENCES WHILE ATTENDING PSU

Of the 763 responses...

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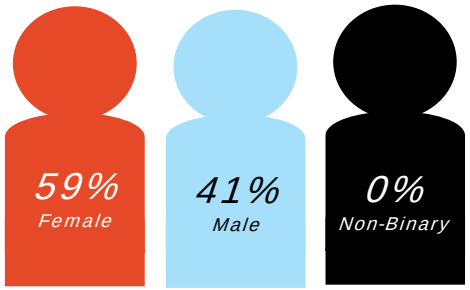
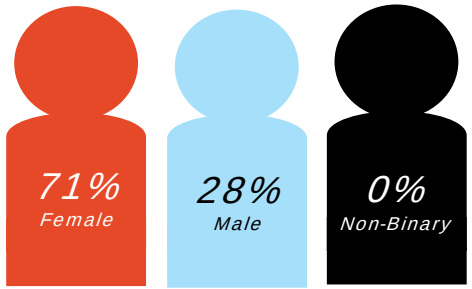
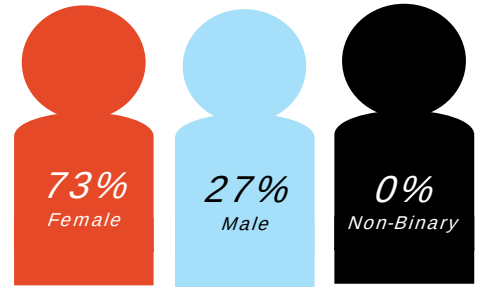


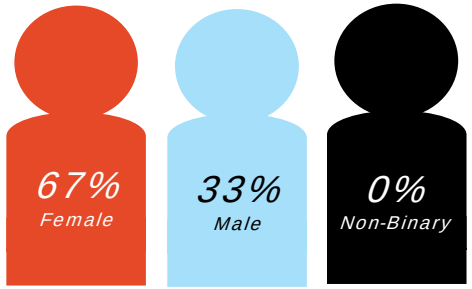
Internship (27%)



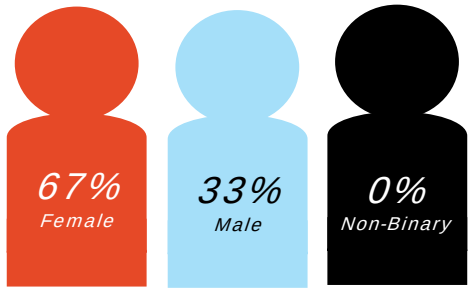
Service Learning (14%)



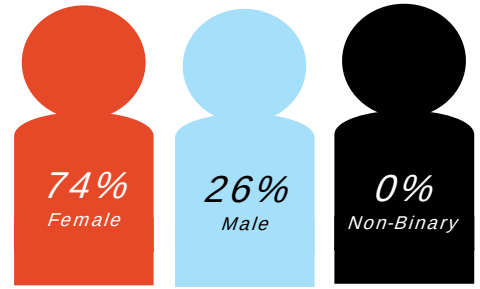
Volunteering (25%)



Std. Organizations (24%)



Living Learning (6%)



Question 8:
Please indicate which of the following you participated in, and whether you participated through your major/program, elective courses, or both.

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Research with a faculty member	142	72	517	731
Research with a team or group of other students	346	183	298	827
In-class group projects, papers, or presentations	631	447	26	1,104
Writing assignments that required one or more drafts	601	415	28	1,044
Courses that used e-portfolios	176	115	451	742
Courses that emphasized diversity and inclusion	505	448	81	1,034
Courses involving global or international issues	416	412	117	945
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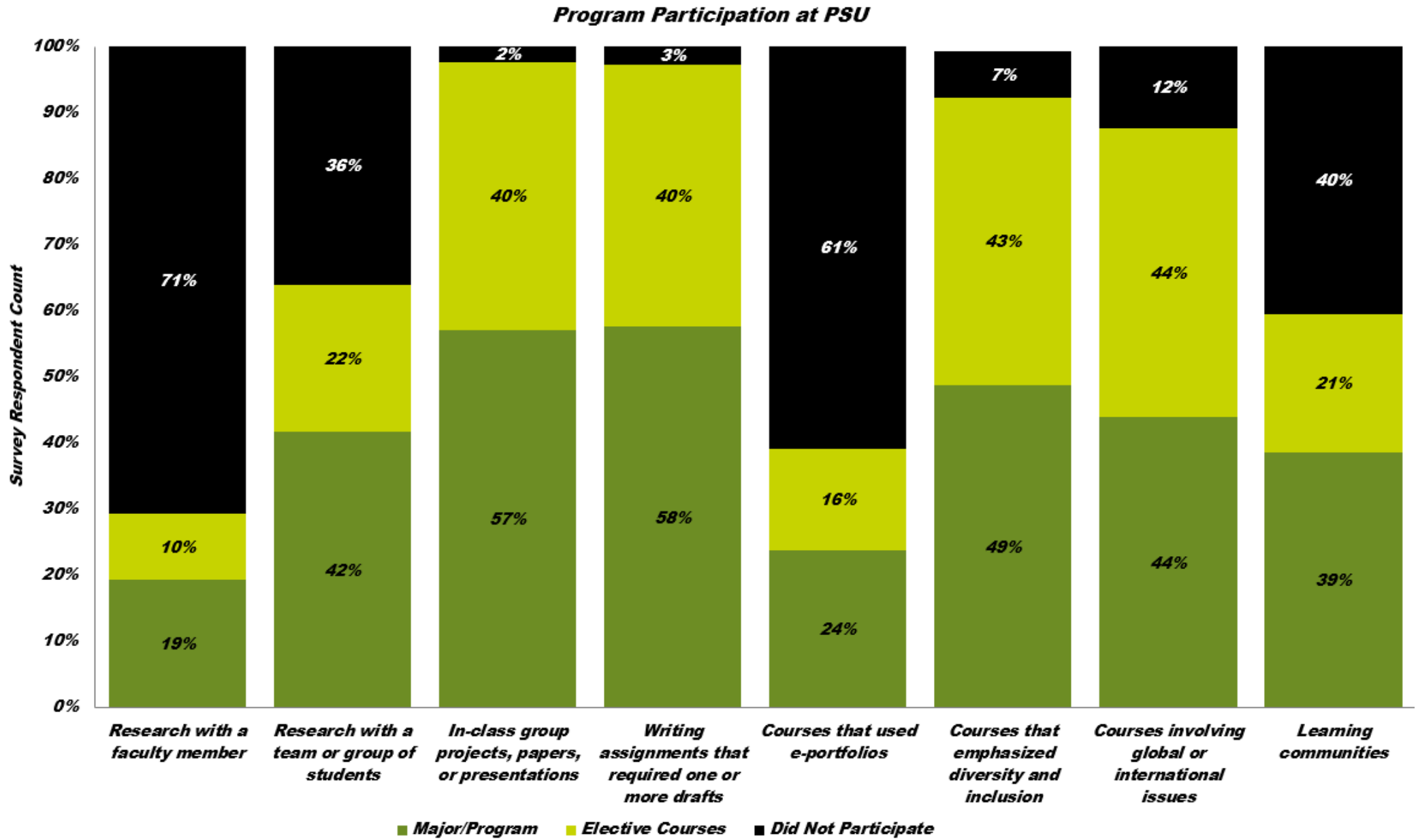
Program Participation at PSU
Survey Respondent Count
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70%
60%
50%
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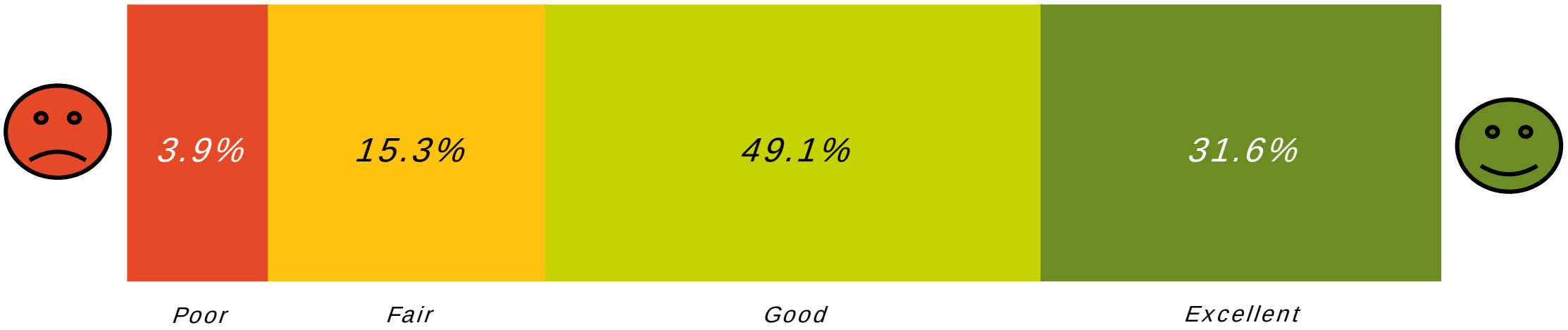
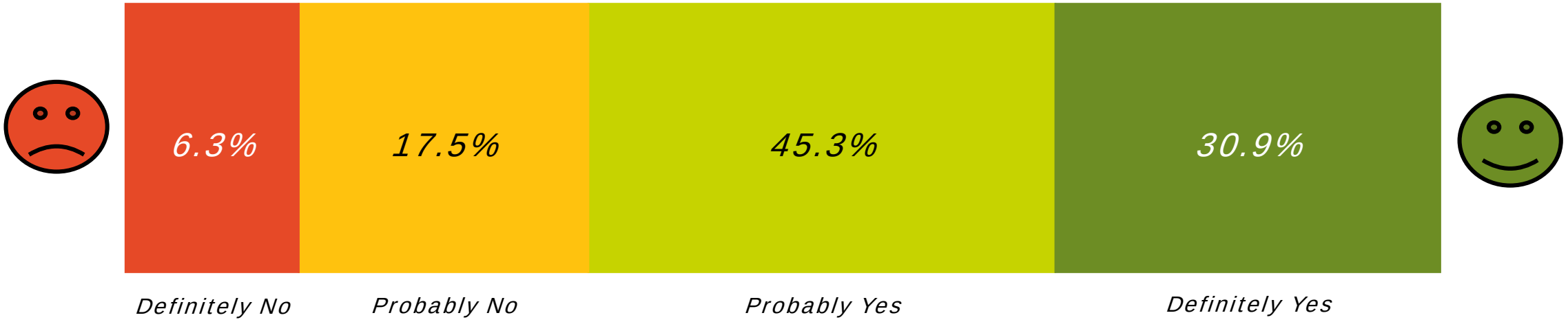
Question 9:
How would you rate your overall experience at PSU?

Question 10:
How would you rate the education you received in your major program of study?



Question 11:
If you could start over, would you attend PSU?



CONCLUSIONS

Top Activities Post Graduation:

1. *Employment*
2. *Graduate/Professional Program*

Top 4 Reasons for Choosing PSU:

1. *Portland Location*
2. *Programs Offered*
3. *Family in Area*
4. *Cost/Financial Aid*

Top 3 Student Experiences While Attending PSU:

1. *Internships, Practicums, or Co-Op Education Opportunities*
2. *Volunteer Work*
3. *Student Organizations*

CONCLUSIONS CONTINUED...

Courses with the highest participation:

- *Courses with in-class group projects, papers, presentations*
- *Courses with writing assignments that required one or more drafts*
- *Courses that emphasized diversity/inclusion*

Courses with the lowest participation:

- *Research with a faculty member*
- *Courses that used e-portfolios*

Courses appear to be taken more for major/program credit than elective.

Overall experience at PSU has been positive for most students.