

The Surveys





Class of 2020 surveys

- 1,121 emails
- 599 students
- 323 emails not deliverable
- **57 responses (9.5%)**

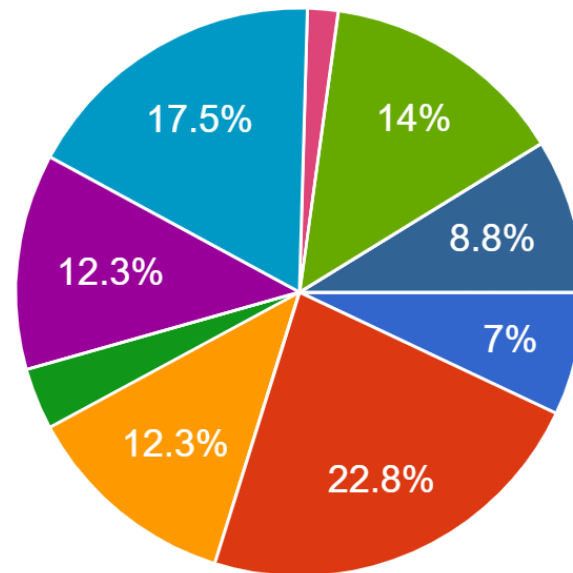
Class of 2023 surveys

- 1,174 emails
- 586 students
- 152 emails not deliverable
- **76 responses (12.9%)**
- **Out of 1,185 mailed postcards, only 71 were returned!**

Class of 2020

I graduated from:

57 responses

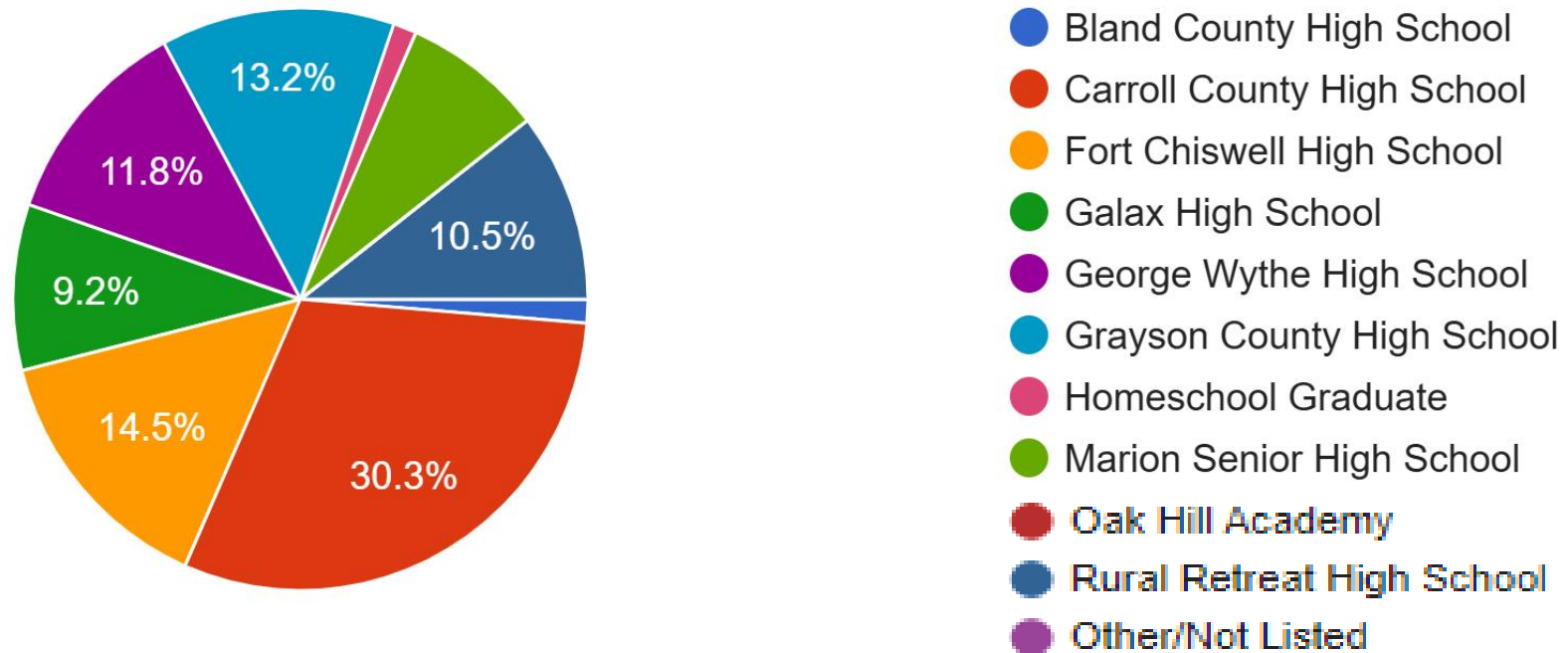


- Bland County High School
- Carroll County High School
- Fort Chiswell High School
- Galax High School
- George Wythe High School
- Grayson County High School
- Homeschool Graduate
- Marion Senior High School
- Oak Hill Academy
- Rural Retreat High School
- Other/Not Listed

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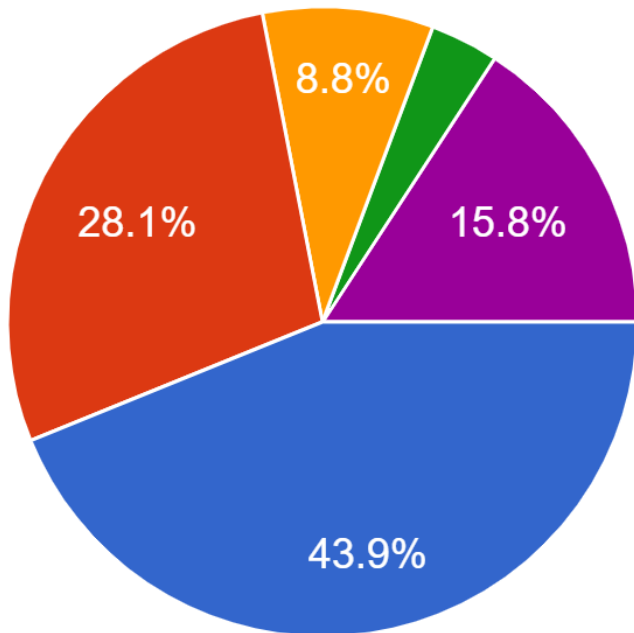
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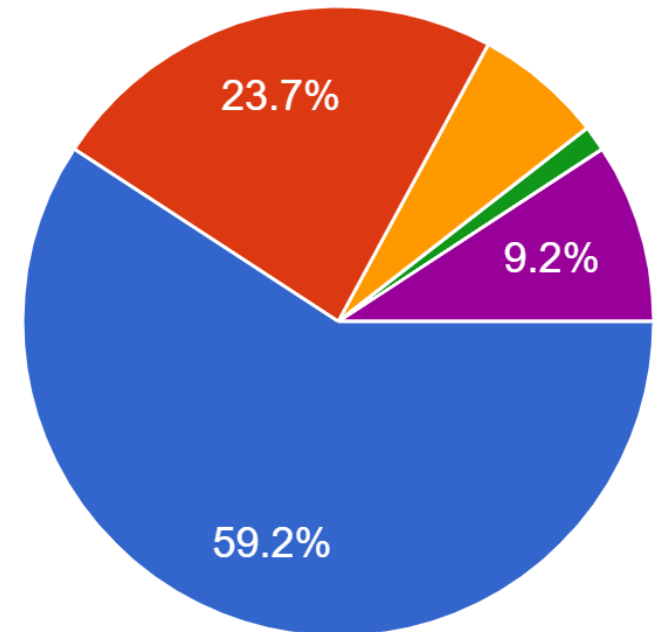
DE CREDIT ESTIMATION

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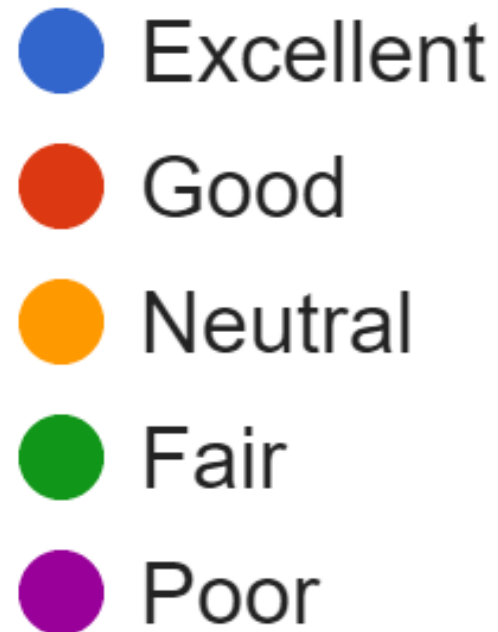
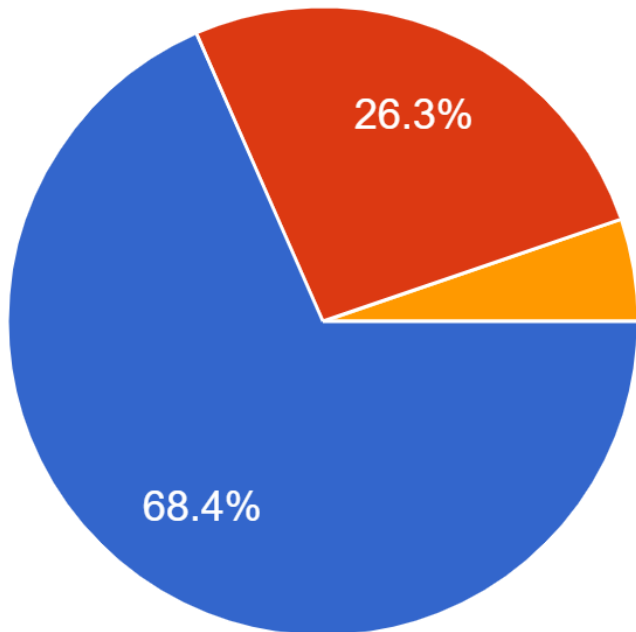
- 0-15 credits (roughly 1-5 courses)
- 16-30 credits (roughly 6-10 courses)
- 31-45 credits (roughly 11-15 courses)
- 46-60 credits (roughly 16-20 courses)
- 61+ credits and/or graduated with concurrent associate degree

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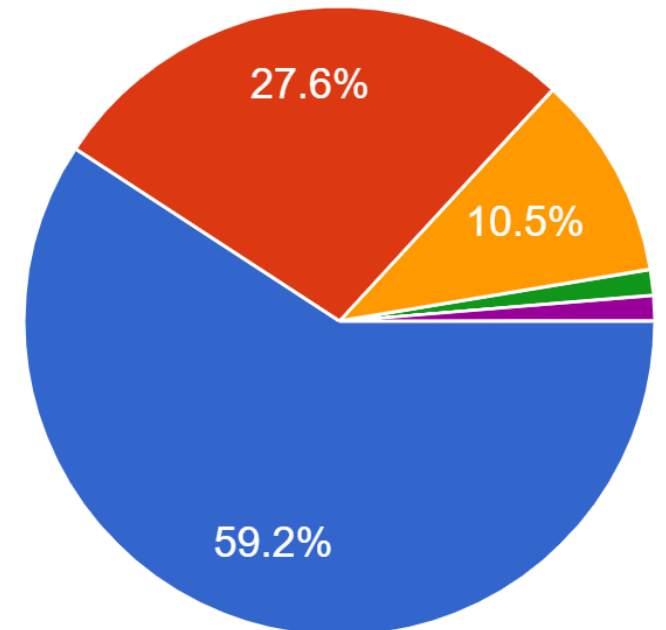


How was it?

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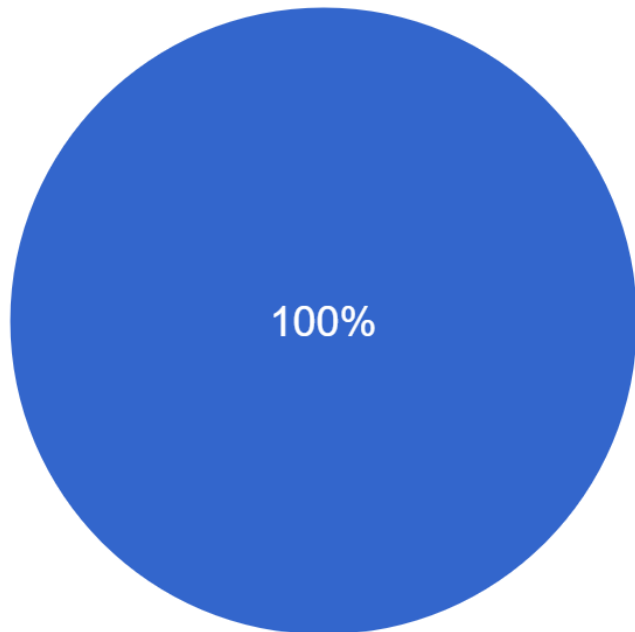


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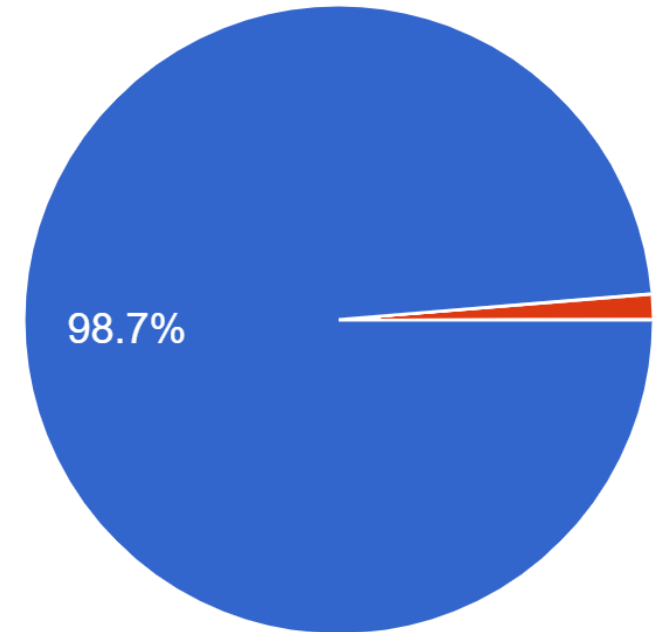


Would I recommend DE?

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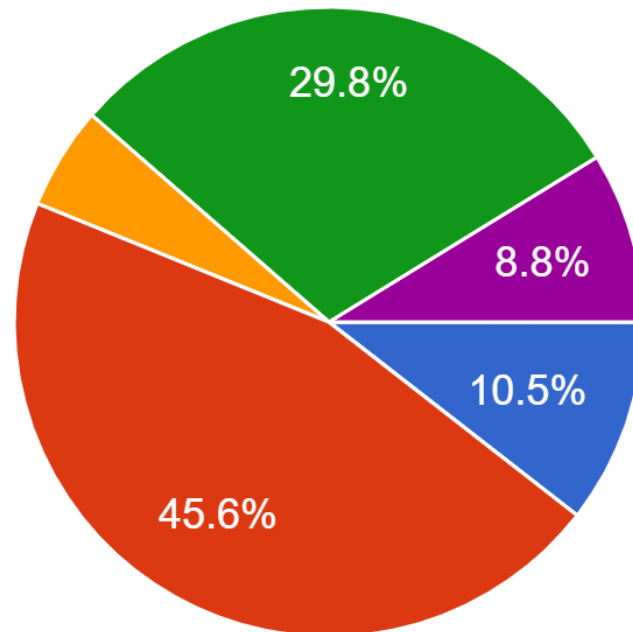
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Did you attend college after graduating? (2020)

Please describe what you did immediately after high school.

57 responses

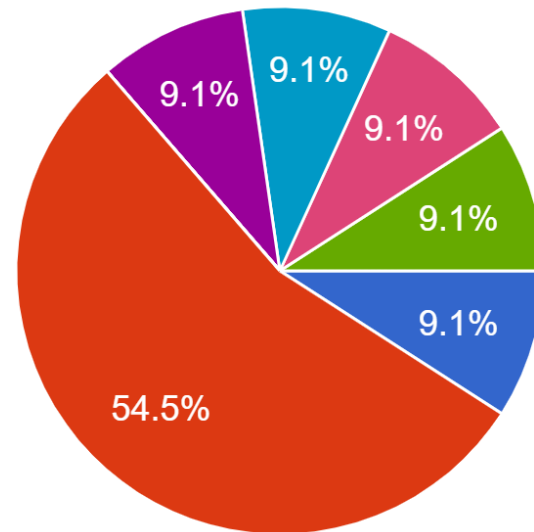










-  I did not attend college immediately following high school.
-  I attended WCC.
-  I attended another two-year community college.
-  I attended a four-year public college/university.
-  I attended a four-year private college/university.
-  I attended a four-year for-profit college...

If not, what did you do? (2020)

If you did not attend college immediately after high school, please choose from one of the following options.

11 responses

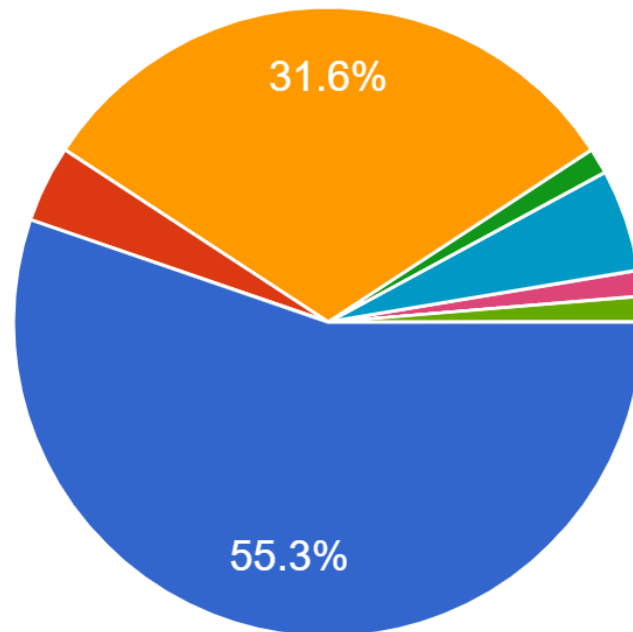


-  I served in the military or other national service.
-  I was employed part-time, full-time, or self-employed.
-  I cared for those in my home/family.
-  I was unemployed.
-  Attended WCC and worked full-time a...
-  Attended WCC
-  I took a break then went to WCC
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What are you doing now? (2023)

Please describe what you are currently doing.

76 responses



- I am attending WCC.
- I am attending another two-year community college.
- I am attending a four-year public college/university.
- I am attending a four-year private coll...
- I am attending a four-year for-profit col...
- I am not attending college.
- I graduated from college this year
- I am doing summer classes at WCC t...

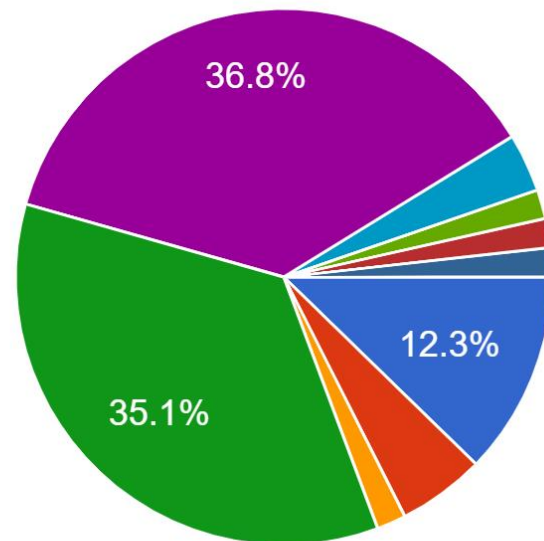
Where did you go, if not WCC? (2023)

- Radford University (8)
- Virginia Tech (3)
- Longwood (2)
- Appalachian State University, Bluefield State, E&H, ETSU, Liberty, NRCC, ODU, VHCC, VCU, University of Colorado, University of Pikeville, U.Va., U.Va.-Wise (all 1 apiece)

Highest award obtained? (2020)

Upon completion of this survey, please indicate the highest degree(s) or certificate(s) obtained:

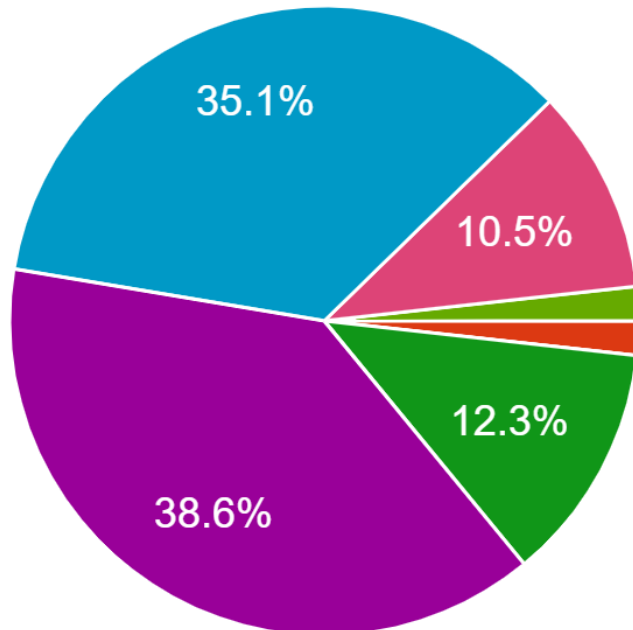
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- High School Diploma or GED
- Technical Certificate or Diploma
- Skill Certifications/Fast Forward/Short...
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree
- Certification in Phlebotomy
- Working on obtaining an associates degree in radiology.
- Obtaining bachelors degree now

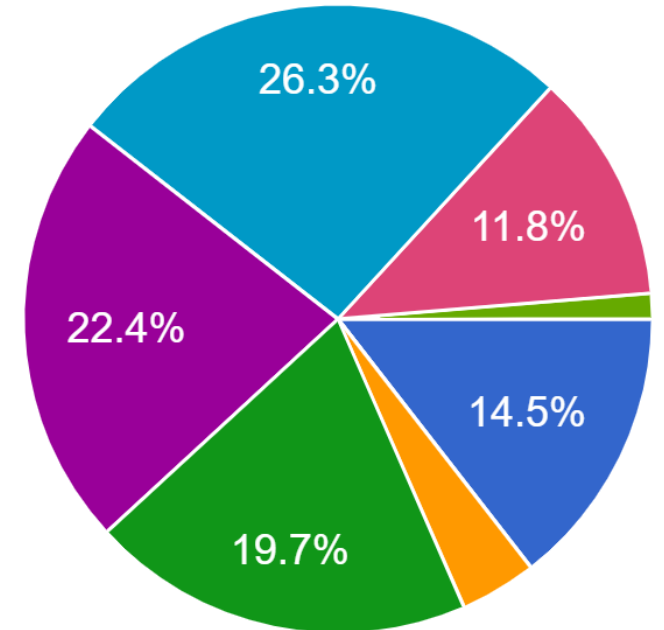
Highest award you want to obtain?

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- High School Diploma or GED
- Technical Certificate or Diploma
- Skill Certifications/Fast Forward/Short-Term Training Programs
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree

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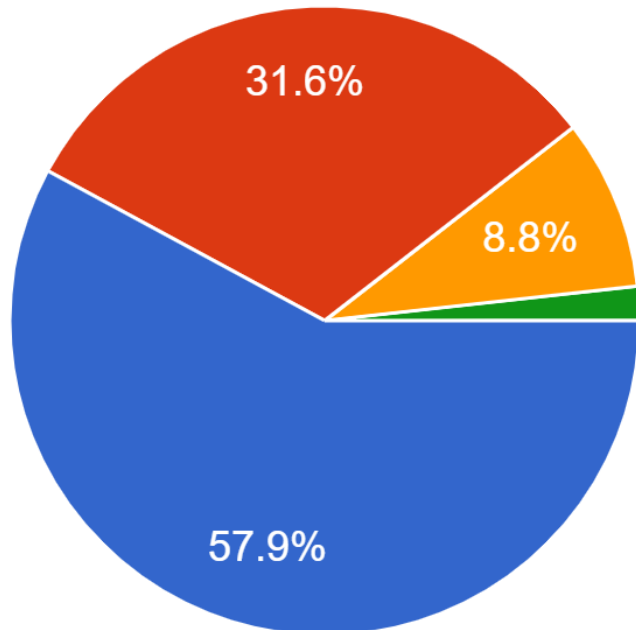


DE courses taken (2020/2023):

- Accounting (1/1)
- Agriculture/F&A Prod. (3/1)
- American or British Literature (10/8)
- A&P (13/13)
- Biology (19/19)
- Building Trades (2/1)
- Business (6/7)
- Chemistry (13/10)
- Comp Apps (15/12)
- Criminal Justice (3/10)
- Cybersecurity/IT (4/7)
- Drafting (3/6)
- Education/T4T (2/3)
- English (41/38)
- Foreign Language (3/3)
- History (25/32)
- Math (35/27)
- Medical Terminology (7/4)
- Nurse Aide/CPR (2/3)
- Practical Nursing/LPN (2/2)
- Psychology (22/28)
- Sociology (15/13)
- Vet Science (4/2)
- Other courses had one response

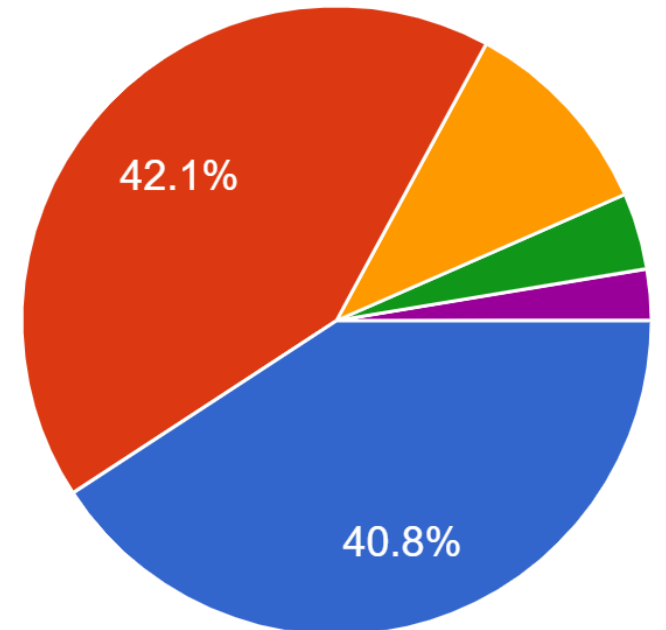
Better prepared academically?

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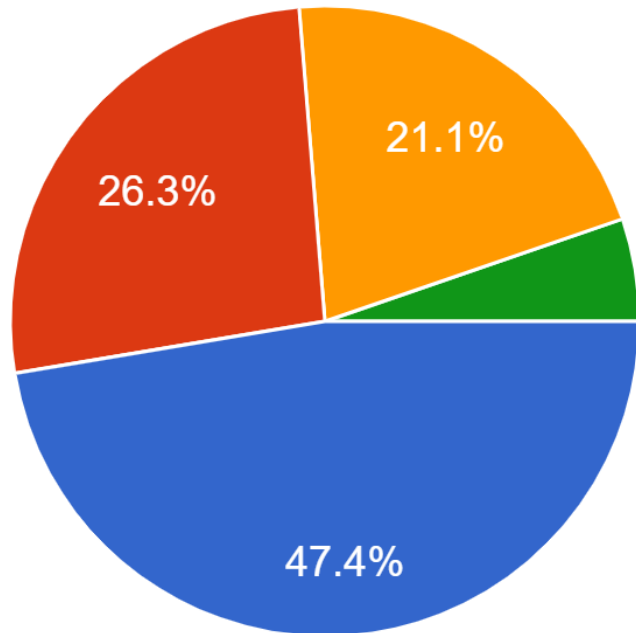
- Excellent
- Good
- Neutral
- Fair
- Poor

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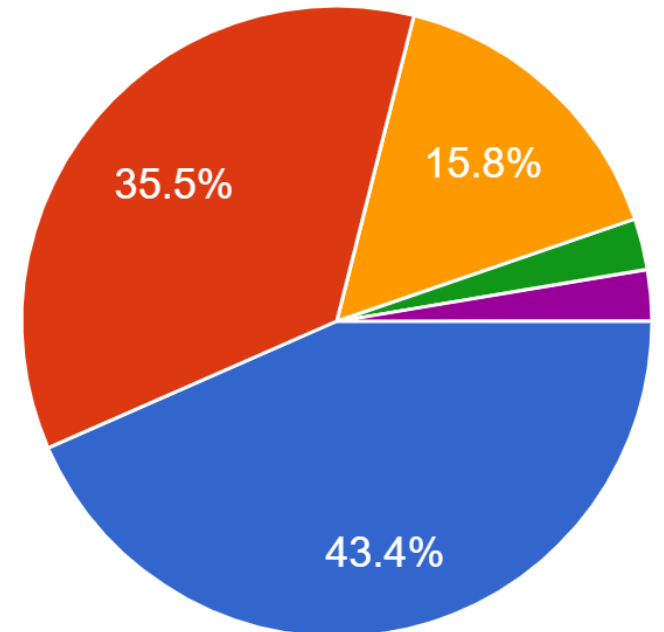
More realistic college expectations?

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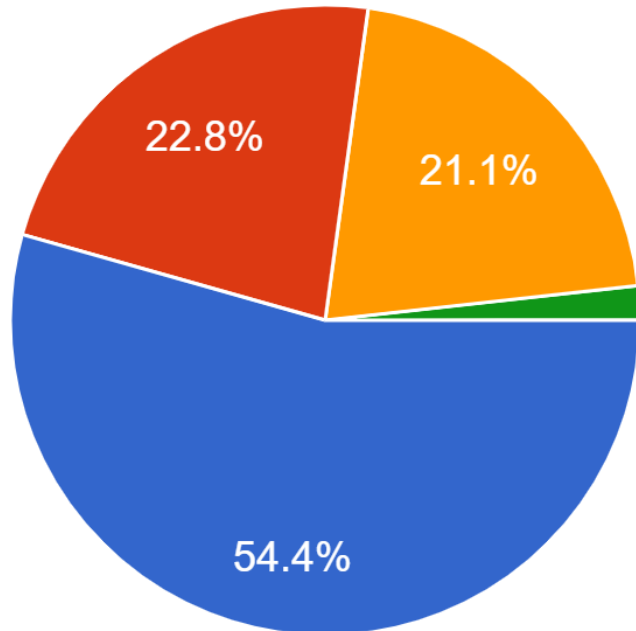
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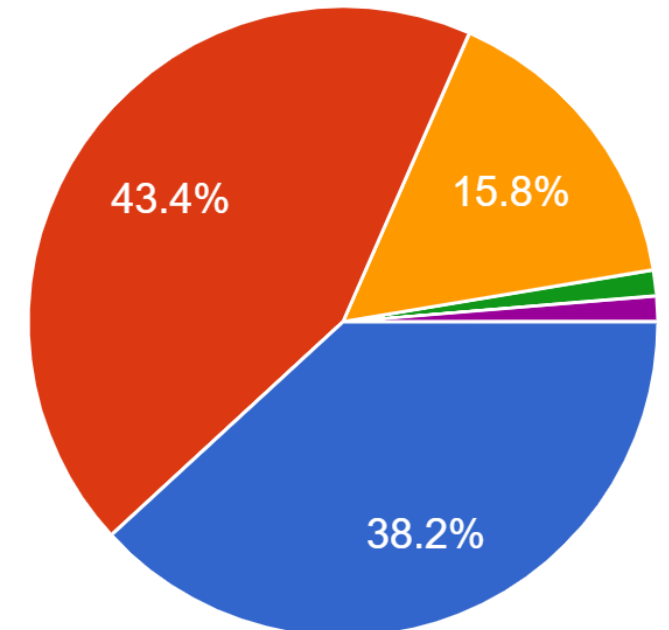
Confident in ability to succeed in college?

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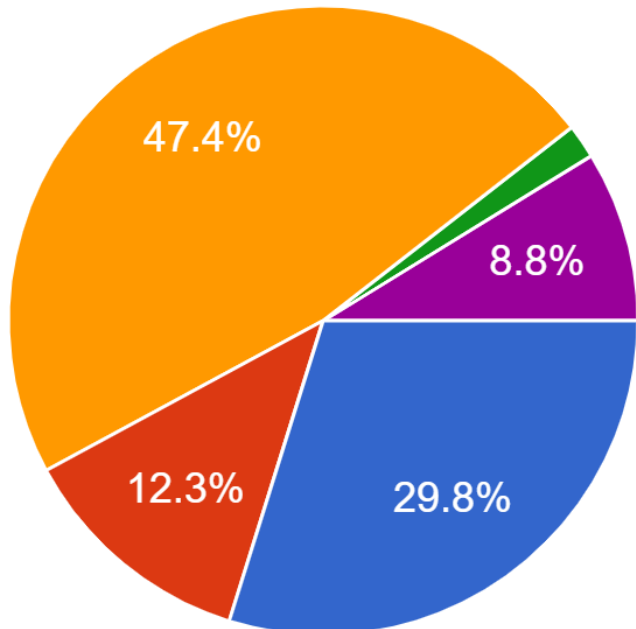
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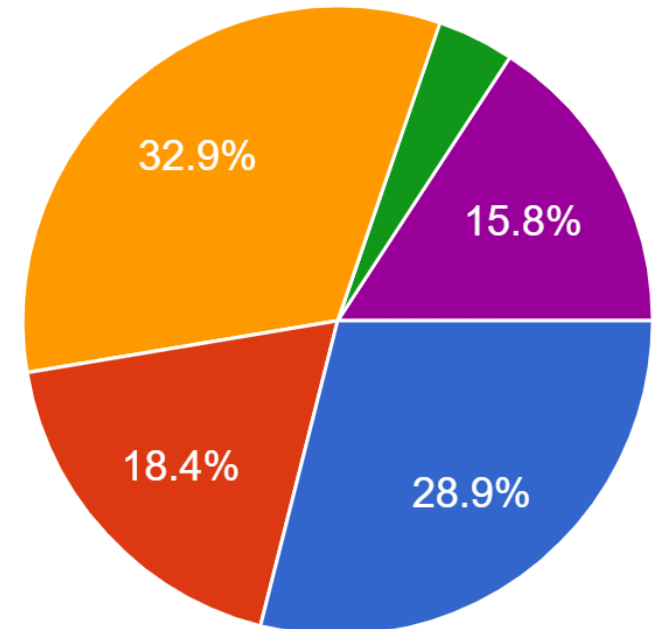
Considered enrolling in college for first time?

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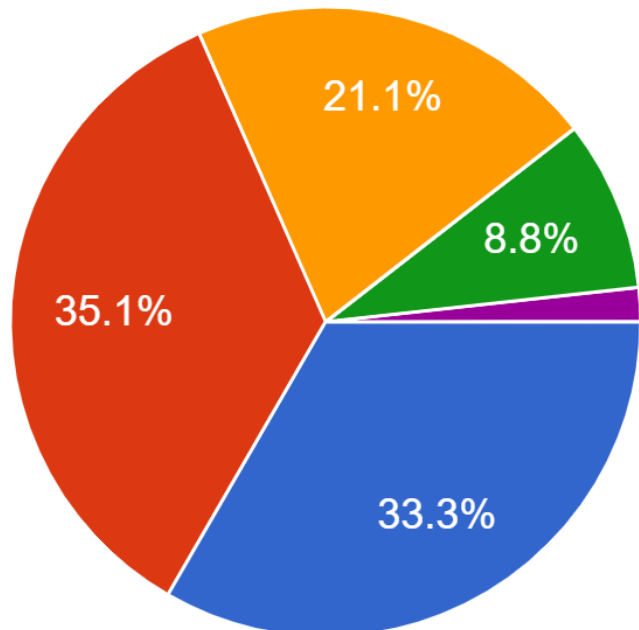
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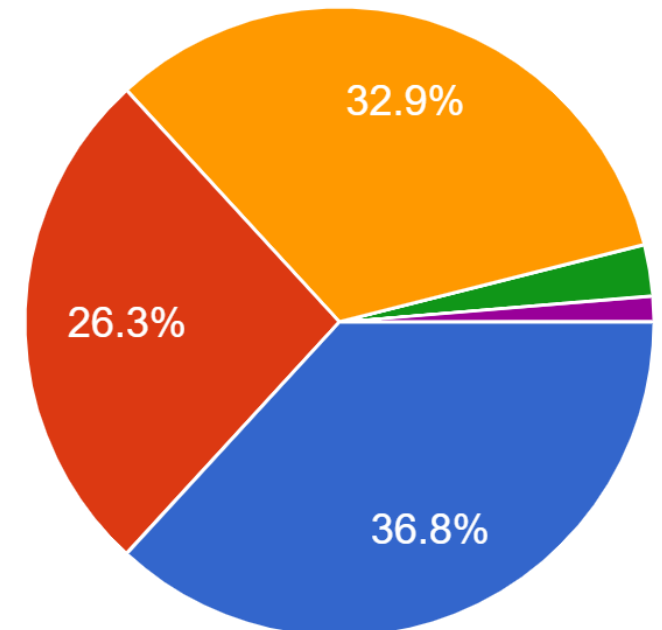
Improved my study skills?

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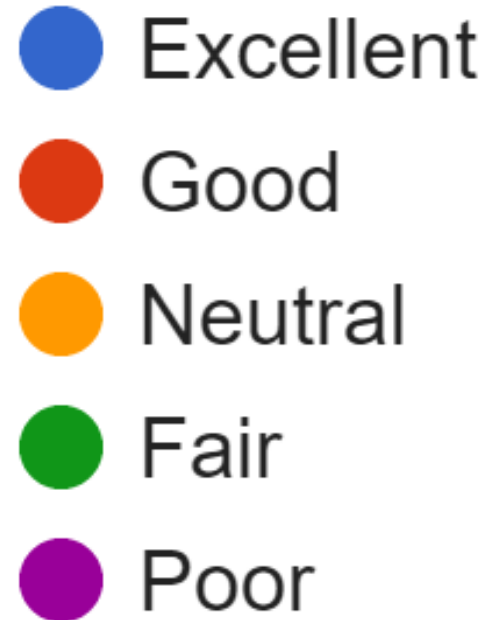
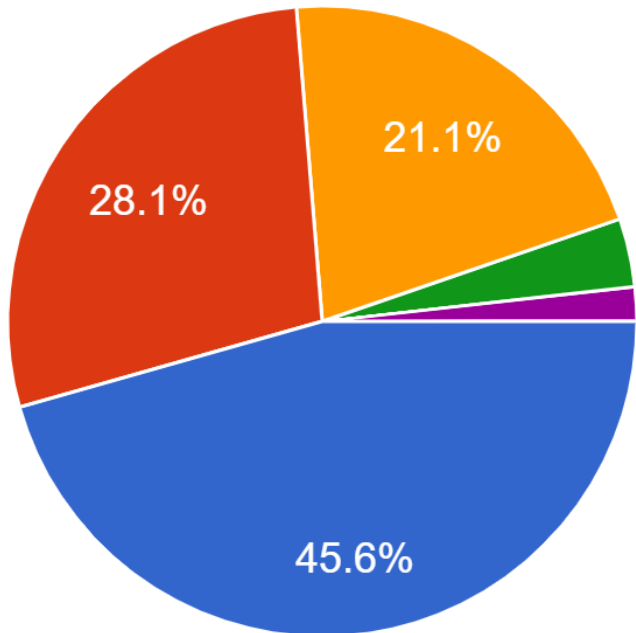
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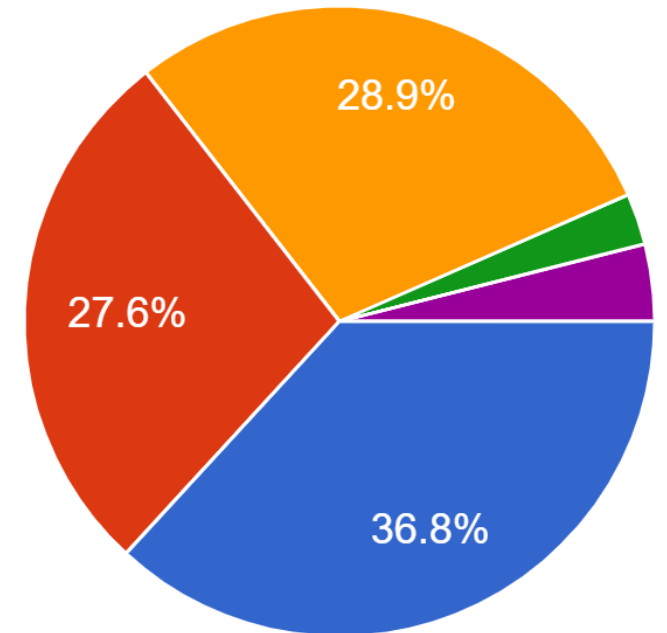


Improved my time management skills?

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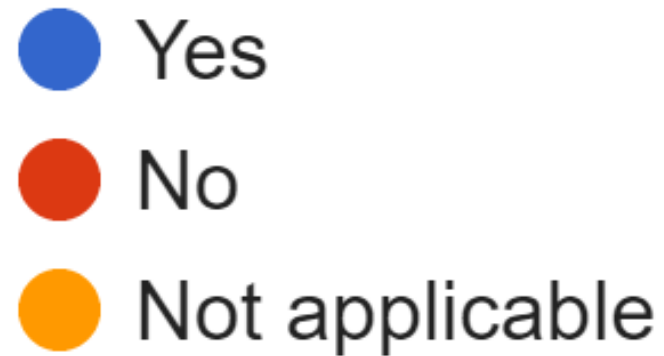
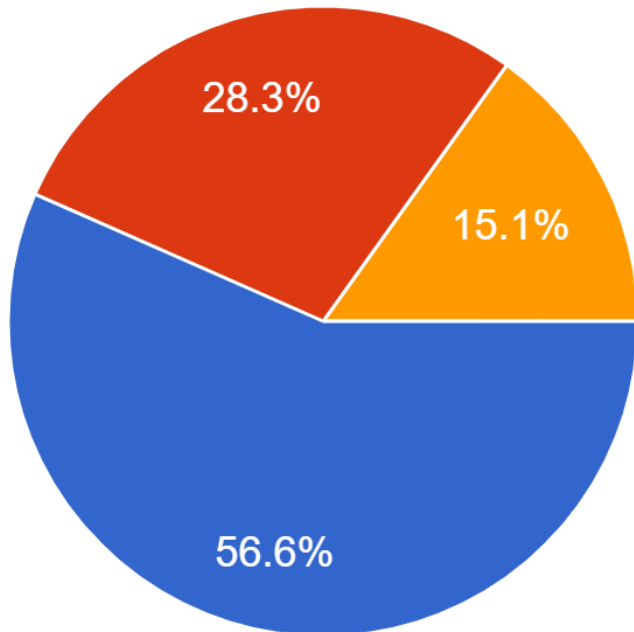


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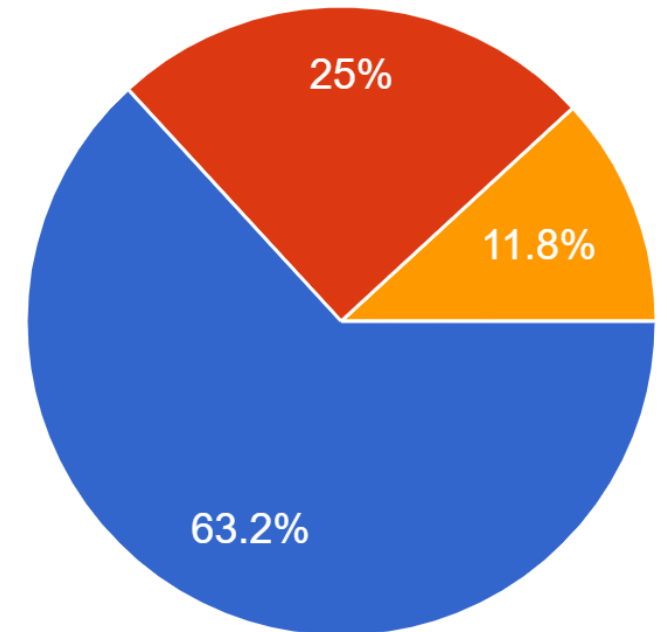


Were WCC DE courses as rigorous as courses with current/recent institution?

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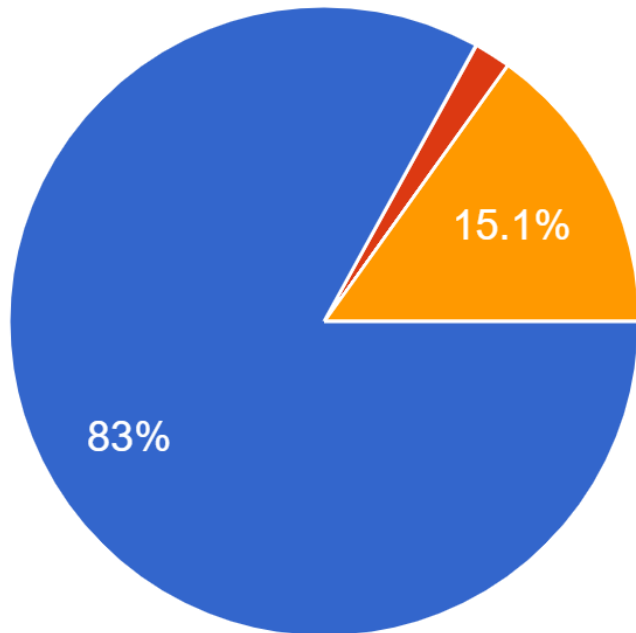


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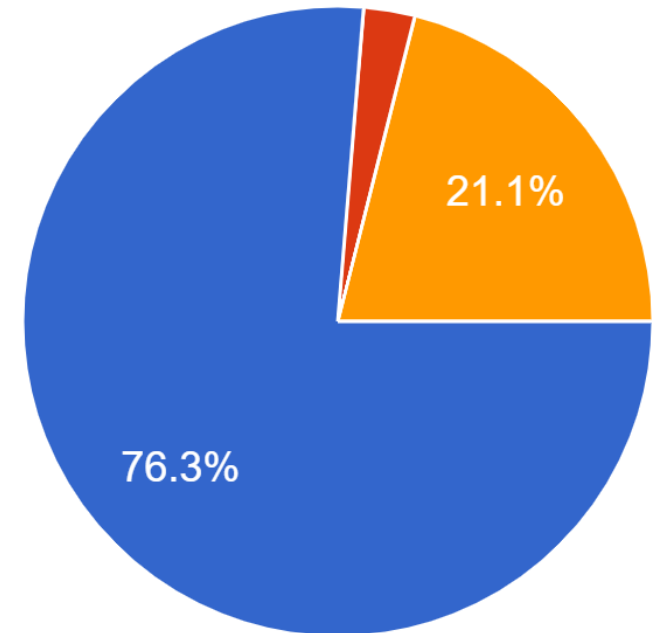
Attempted to transfer some or all of DE credits to current/recent school?

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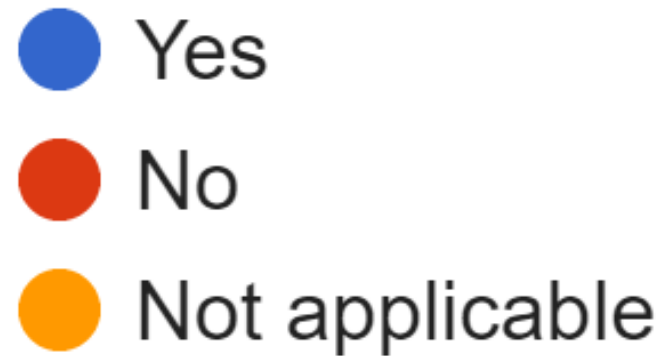
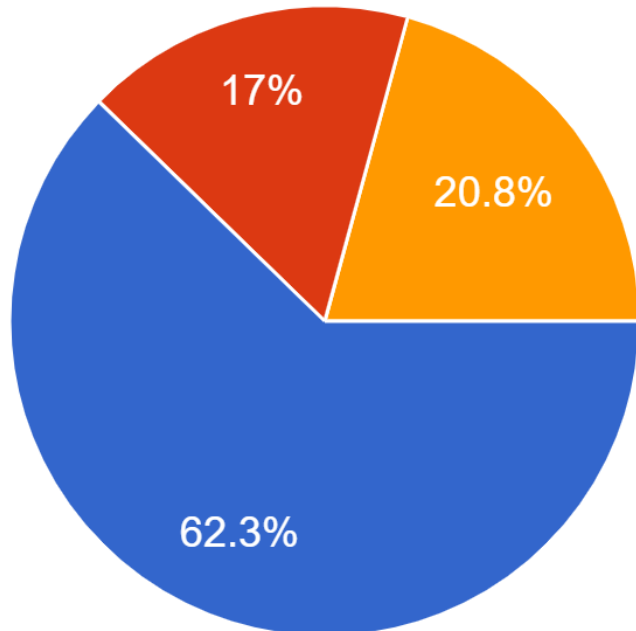
- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

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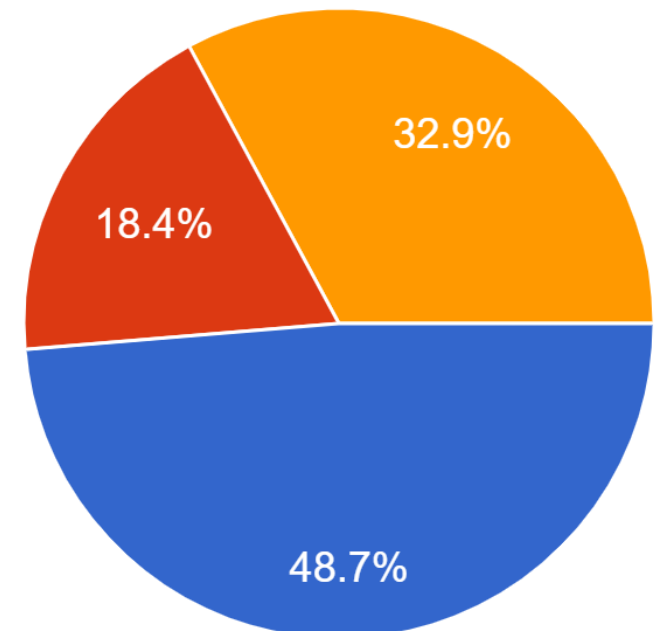


Reduced student loans and/or tuition?

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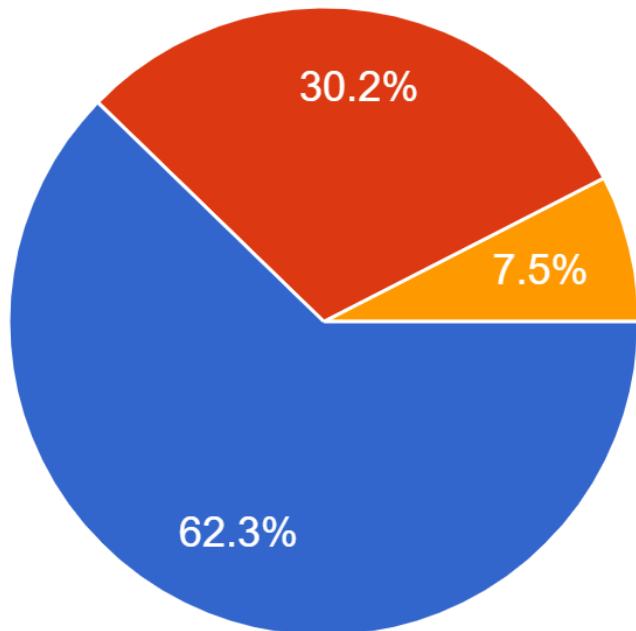



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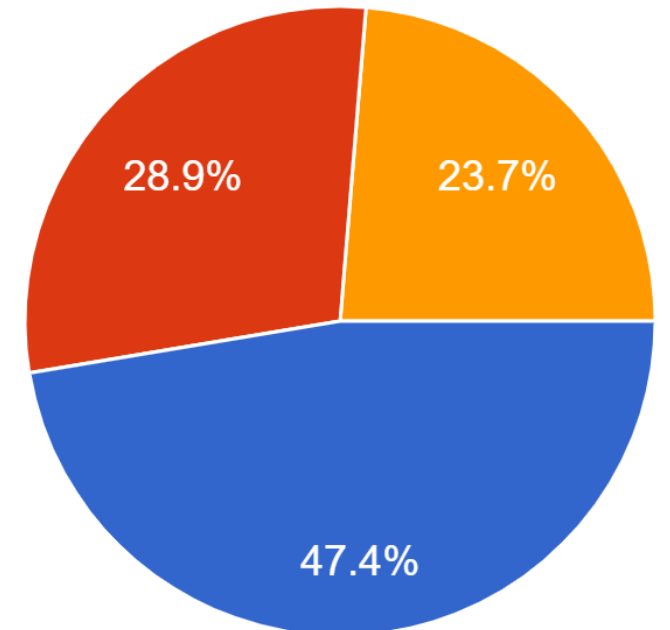
Qualified for federal financial aid?

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-  Yes
-  No
-  Not sure

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Did the credits do the following? (2020/2023)

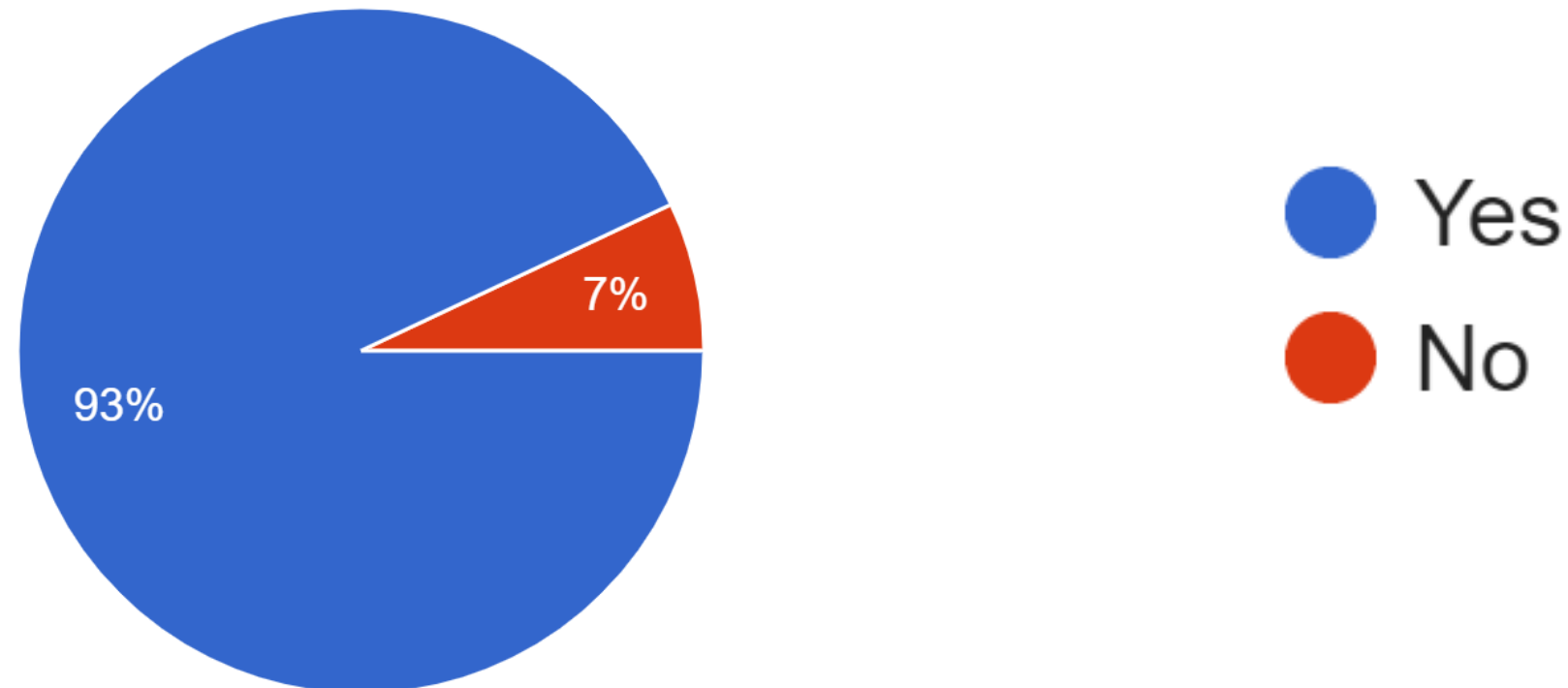
- **Enabled me to enroll in a more advanced course**
 - 2020 – 26 students said yes (49.1%)
 - 2023 – 30 students said yes (39.5%)
- **Exempted me from a required course**
 - 2020 – 38 students said yes (71.7%)
 - 2023 – 40 students said yes (52.6%)
- **Counted as credit towards my college degree completion**
 - 2020 – 45 students said yes (84.9%)
 - 2023 – 58 students said yes (76.3%)
- **Allowed me to take on more options as part of experience**
 - 2020 – 23 students said yes (43.4%)
 - 2023 – 19 students said yes (25%)
- **Not applicable** (2020 – 6 students, 11.3%; 2023 – 14 students, 18.4%)

Describe your undergrad experience (2020/2023):

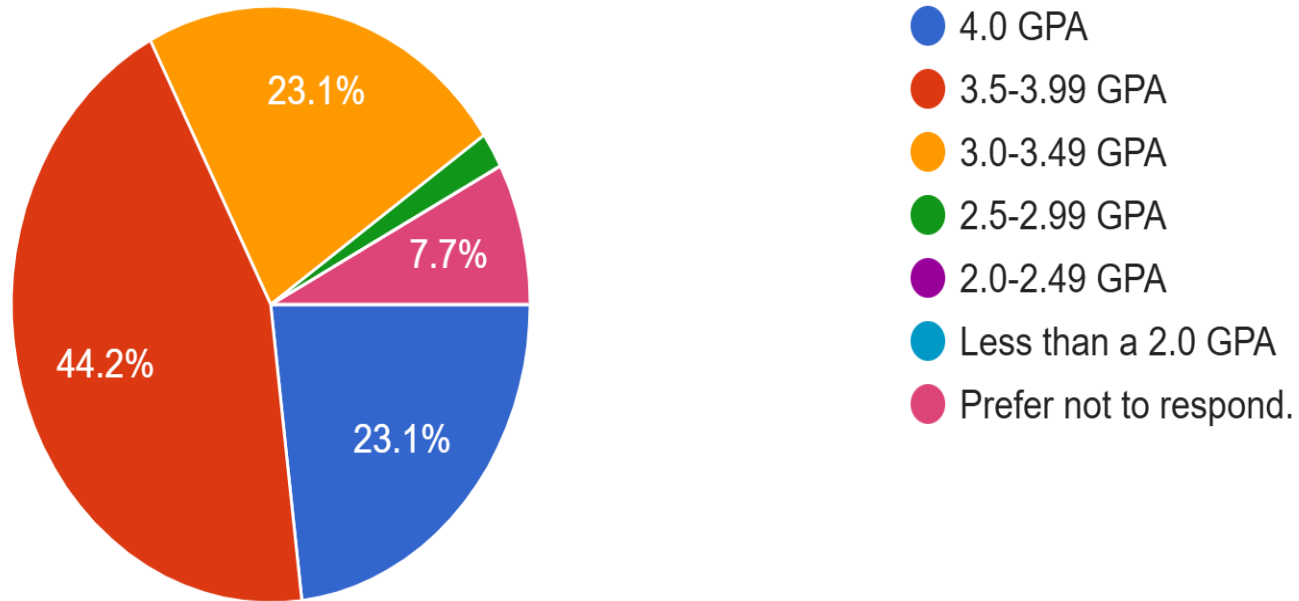
- **Completed or anticipate completing an internship**
 - 2020 – 13 students said yes (24.5%)
 - 2023 – 8 students said yes (10.5%)
- **Participated in or anticipate completing Study Abroad**
 - 2020 – 5 students said yes (9.4%)
 - 2023 – 5 students said yes (6.6%)
- **Worked or currently work part-time as a Work Study**
 - 2020 – 8 students said yes (15.1%)
 - 2023 – 7 students said yes (9.2%)
- **Completed or in process of completing/pursuing a major**
 - 2020 – 25 students said yes (47.2%)
 - 2023 – 23 students said yes (30.3%)
- **Not applicable** (2020 – 23 students, 43.34%; 2023 – 47 students, 61.8%)

Did you attend a college/university at any point following graduation?

Class of 2020



My current cumulative or final GPA (on a 4.0 scale) is/was a ...



**Class of
2020**

The Comments





Class of 2020

"I am currently at Virginia Tech with year left in Mechanical engineering. I attended both WCC and NRCC. Got an associates in engineering then transferred to VT. Dual enrollment is a wonderful thing for driven students."

"WCC definitely helped me get a headstart in college, and I was able to graduate from a four-year university one semester early. I did feel slightly unprepared by the workload in college and figuring out how to study. But I was able to graduate with a B average and receive a job offer immediately after graduating college."

"I enjoyed the flexibility of the courses, as well as the variety offered."



Class of 2020

“The dual enrollment courses offered through WCC allowed me to graduate college a year early. I'm thankful for being able to save money, but sometimes I wish that I had another year. Additionally, I do not feel as if these courses prepared me for college courses. Overall, I'm very thankful that I had the opportunity to take them. I would recommend DE over AP classes any day!”

“Excellent resource that allowed me to get a jump on college classes”

“Doing dual enrollment allowed me to jumpstart my career and I am now getting and MSW in only a year and I am only 22. I always advocate for students to try dual enrollment or community college before pursuing a university. It saved me a lot of time and money.”



Class of 2020

“Dual enrollment was very helpful in cutting down tuition costs as it saved me two years of college. However, not knowing what I wanted to do as a career, made me have to rush that decision immediately out of high school. I feel like it would have been helpful to be able to explore and visit careers and workplaces to get a good idea of what I wanted to do while still in high school. Some courses were challenging and beneficial, while other courses were only difficult to pass because the content covered in the class didn't match the quizzes or tests. I only had this experience with a history course. Overall, I had a good experience with dual enrollment.”



Class of 2020

"One of the greatest aspects of dual enrollment courses through WCC was how much money this saved me once I graduated high school. I had many prerequisites out of the way when I applied for my degree, therefore saving me money to put towards my education."

"It knocked a full year of my college experience, saving me upwards of \$20,000 in tuition, housing, and fees."

"Wcc dual enrollment allowed me to be able to skip my freshman year of college and if I had taken more classes I could've skipped two years of college which saved me a lot of money and time."

"I took a computer programming class and only received half credit for it due to the fact we got out of school because of Covid and did not get to do the other half."

"It was difficult to juggle all the classes in high school. However, completing more classes in high school would have made it easier and less expensive to finish my Nursing Degree"



Class of 2023

“My experience at WCC helped me in many significant ways to prepare for more education and life in general. Dual Enrollment courses here have also helped me network among uplifting individuals in my own community.”

“The dual enrollment courses I completed in-person were much easier for me to adapt to; however, the one digital dual enrollment course I completed was much more difficult for me. I believe not having a teacher in front of me and the ability to quickly ask a question and have it answered in real time affected my performance in the class since I am more of a hands-on and interactive learner.”

“PLEASE do a better job communicating the outcomes of taking dual enrollment, including the disadvantages.”



Class of 2023

“The state and political dual enrollment course that I took was okay. The only complaint I would have about that class is that the Pearson website we completed the class through would sometimes have trouble updating for the next chapter/unit or the website itself had problems that prevented me from doing work. However, I thought it was okay and I was able to email the teacher when a problem arose and they would try to help me solve the problem. However, my U.S History dual enrollment course worse. I had trouble hearing back from the teacher of the course, and I felt like we were given a lot of work to finish within a week. Most of the work felt like busy work, and we had to cover three units worth of materials, complete three homework assignments for the units, and take a test on the material by Friday. I struggled to complete the required work and sometimes the tests seemed to also be inaccurate. I feel that I have not retained the knowledge from this course as well as compared to other courses.”



Class of 2023

“Dual enrollment helped me a lot with Virginia Tech’s “pathways” It allowed me to start taking more major based classes instead of focusing on general education requirements for my first two years at Tech.”

“They were always super helpful!”

“I was placed in the incorrect class twice and the professor did not respond to emails or messages through Canvas. Halfway through this class I was told they had placed me in the wrong class and so they switched my classes halfway through the semester and I received a B in both sections because they were “incomplete” since they switched my class halfway through. This did affect my GPA negatively, so I was not happy with my experience with dual enrollment through WCC; however, I know that everyone’s experiences with dual enrollment through WCC has been like this.”