

*\* Responses for this report only include alumni within the college, except where noted.*

	University	Arts and Sciences
Responses	438	<b>143</b>
Initial Population	2,382	<b>773</b>
Response Rate	18.38%	<b>18.5%</b>

#### Survey Information:

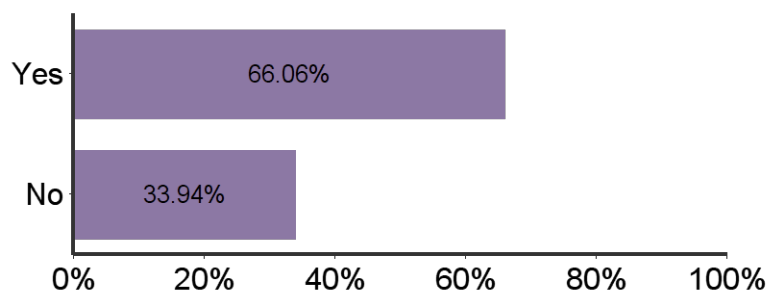
- The Alumni Survey is designed to give graduates an opportunity to reflect upon their years at K-State one year after graduation. This information is used to improve the college experience for future students by identifying strengths in our programs as well as areas that need further development. The survey includes questions relating to academic program satisfaction, intellectual and personal growth, student services, and preparation for a career or a graduate/professional school.
- The 2014-15 survey was administered to alumni who graduated one year prior. It was offered via e-mail over the period 9/17/2014-11/17/2014.

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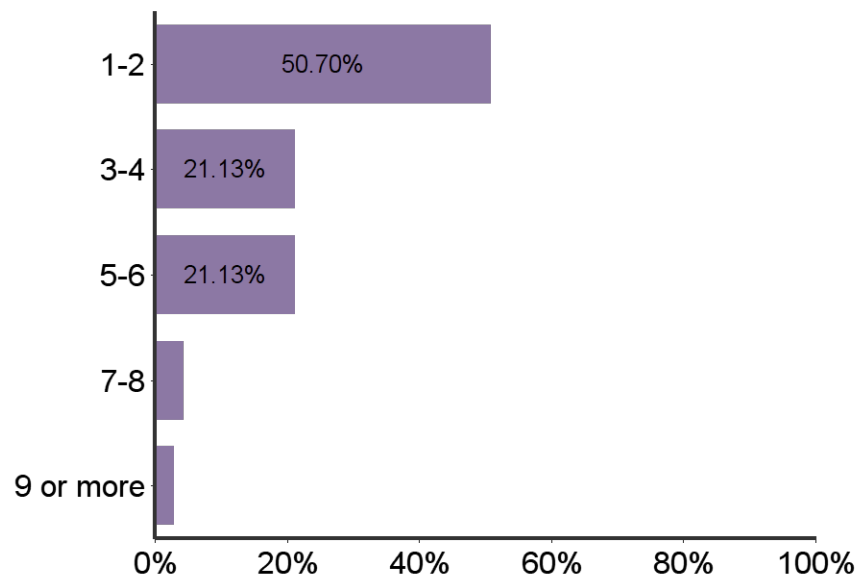
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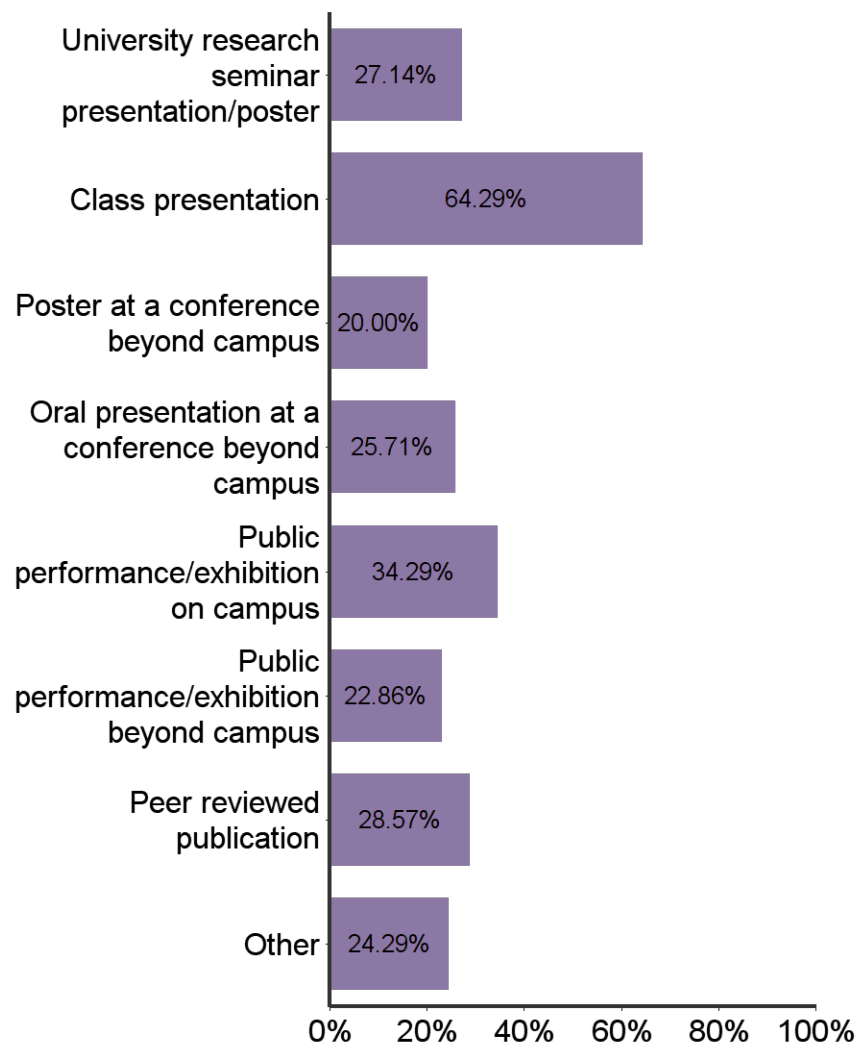
**Percent of respondents' who participated  
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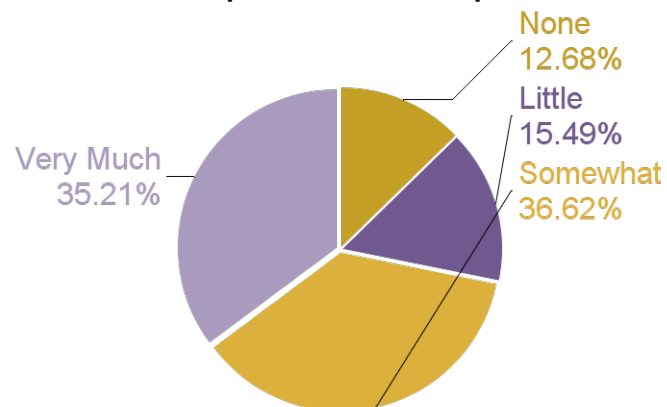
**Number of semesters involved in  
research/creative endeavors:**



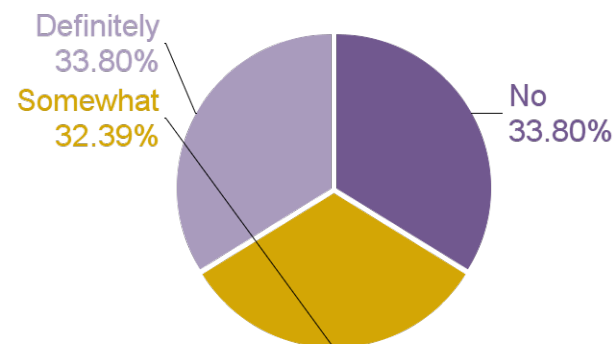
**Types of research/creative endeavors  
respondents achieved:**



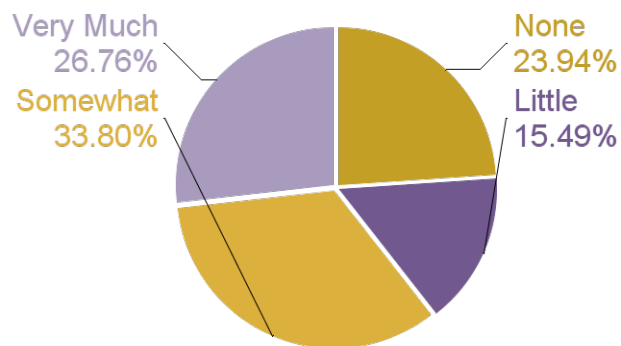
**Contribution of research/creative endeavor experience to success in respondents' current profession:**



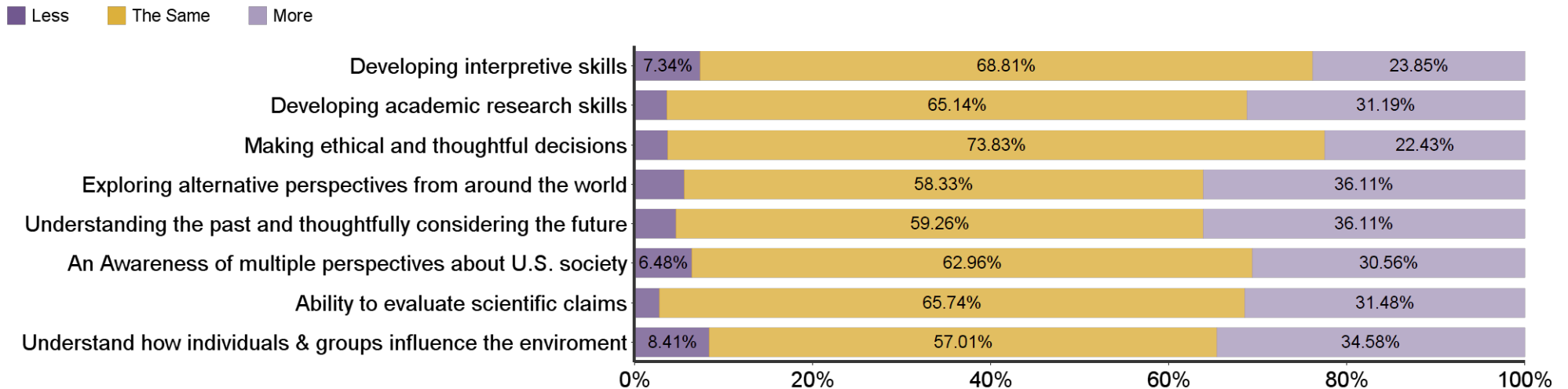
**Did respondents feel their research/creative endeavor contribute to their career choices?**



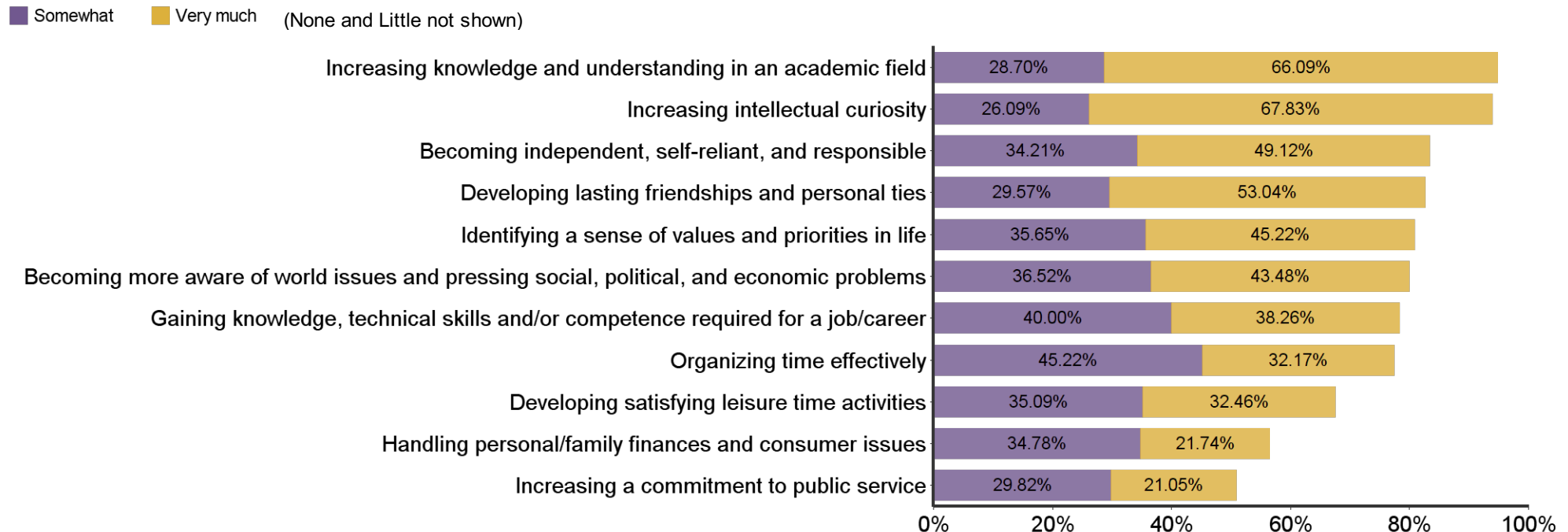
**Extent to which respondents felt their research/creative endeavor contributed to their undergraduate academic success:**



**Emphasis repondents felt should have been placed on the following K-State 8 (general education) areas:**

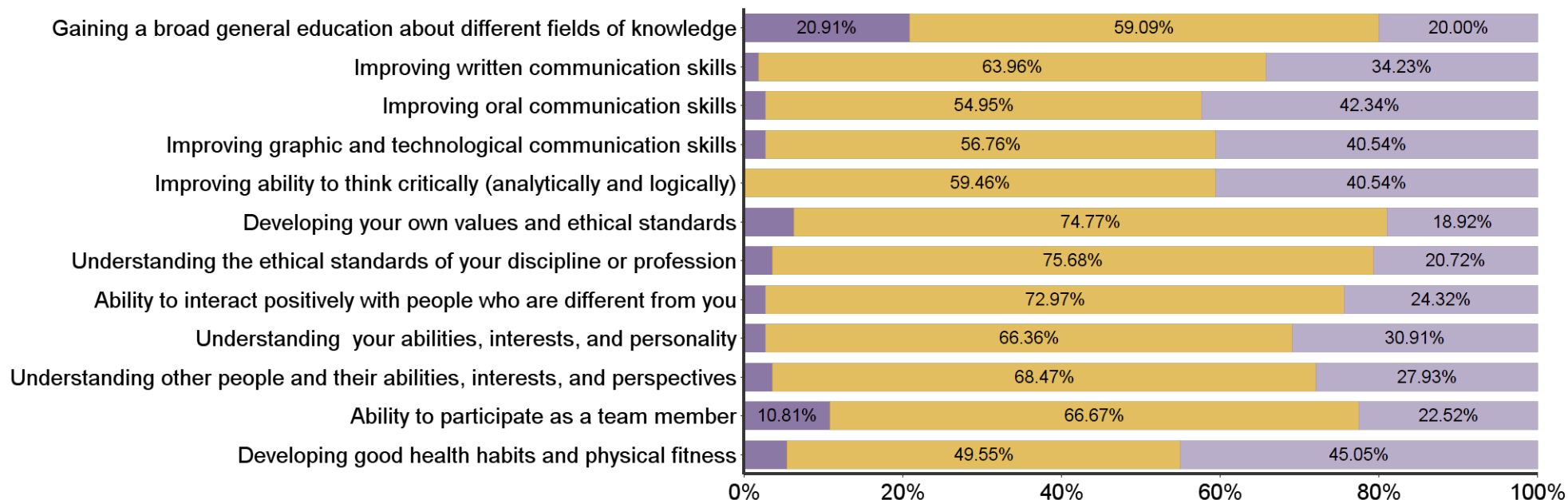


**Amount respondents felt the Kansas State Universtiy contributed to growth in each area:**

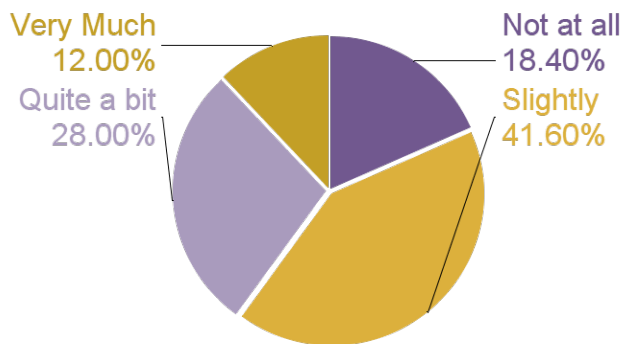


**Emphasis respondents felt should have been placed on the following undergraduate learning outcomes:**

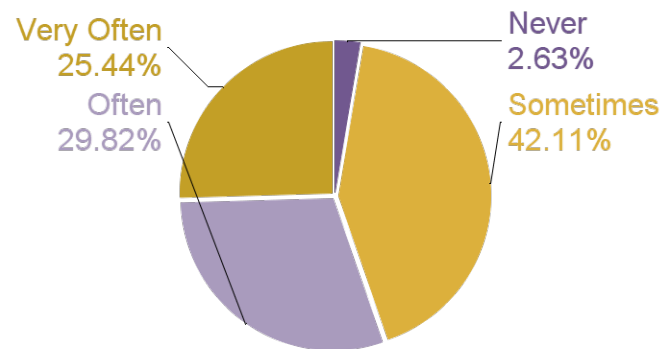
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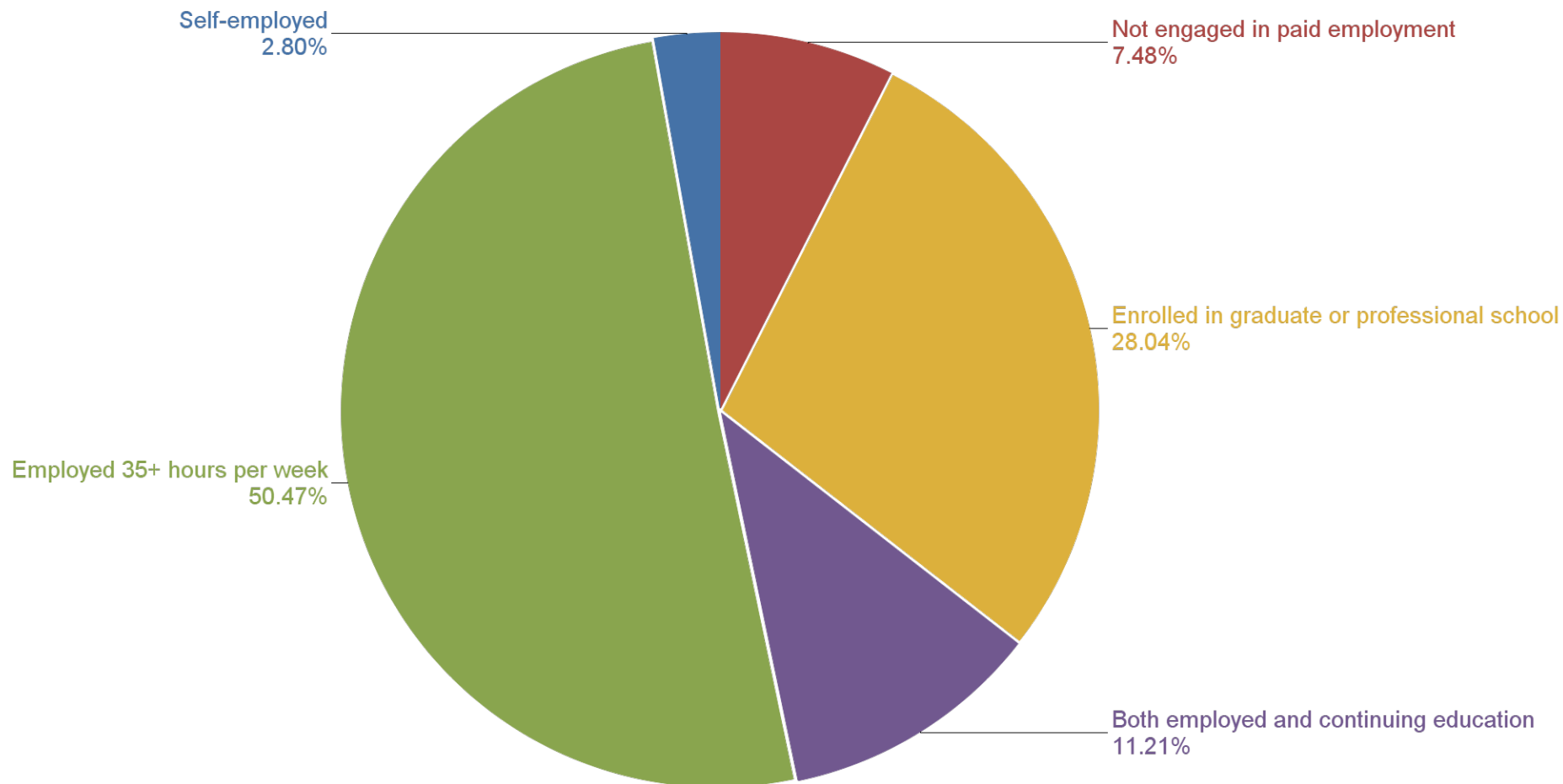
**Degree to which undergraduate experiences motivated respondents to become involved in community activities:**



**How often did your courses include diverse perspectives in activities, assignments, and discussions?**

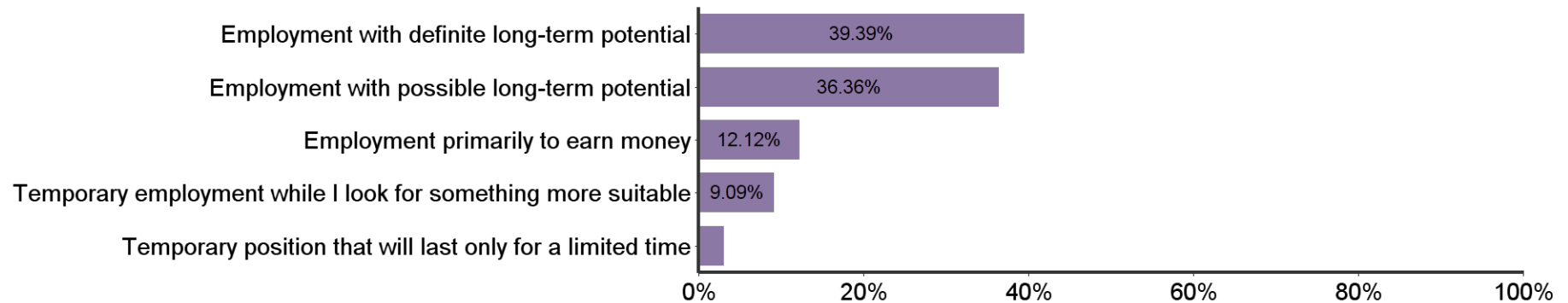


**Respondents' Current Activities:**

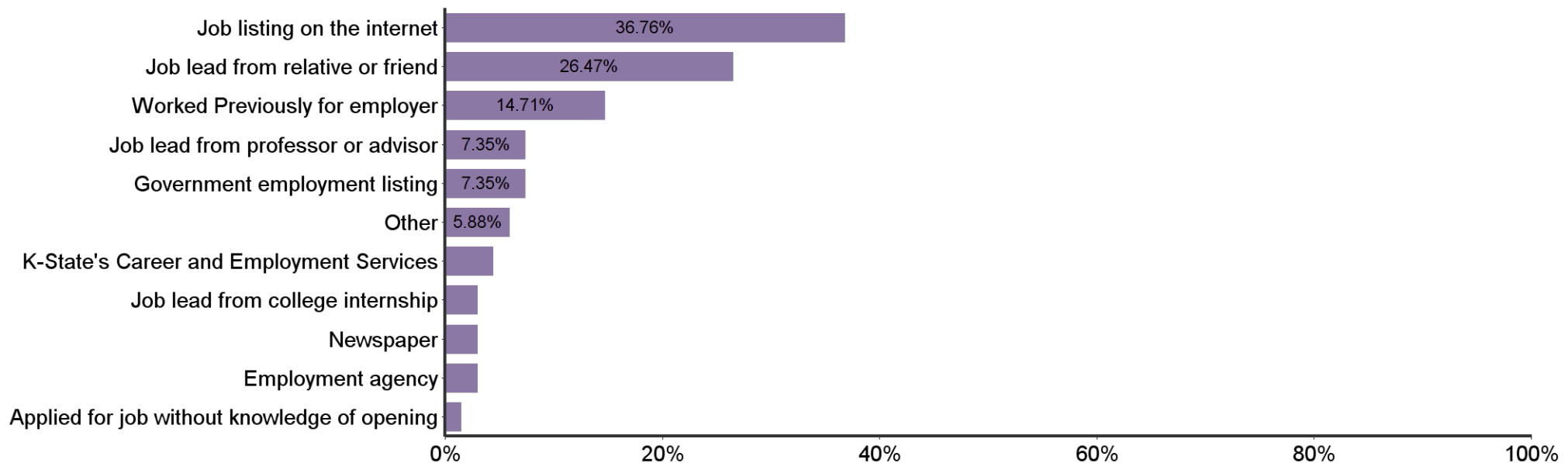


**54** respondent(s) reported that they were engaged in full time employment

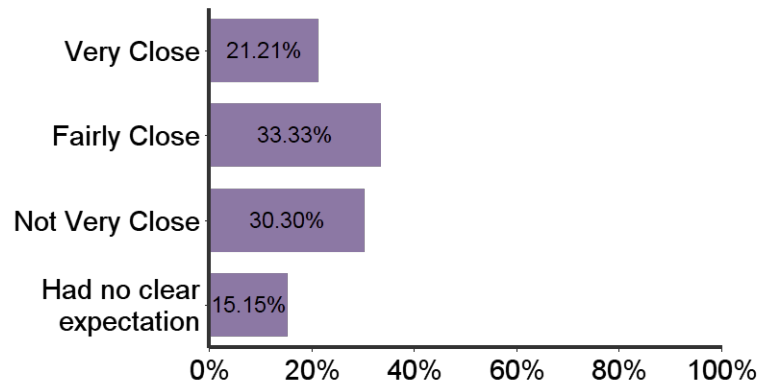
**Current position of respondents:**



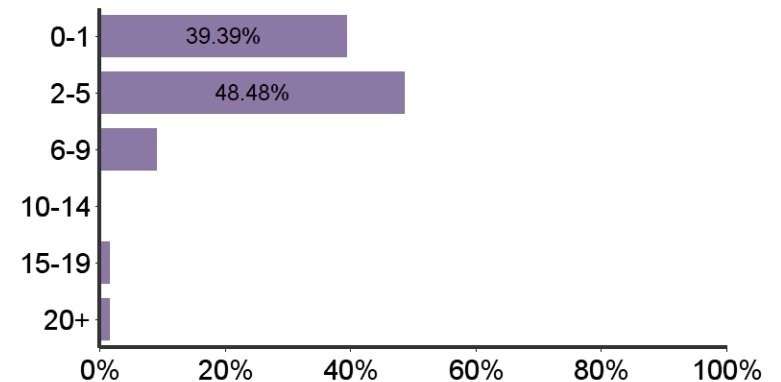
**Respondents learned of job by:**



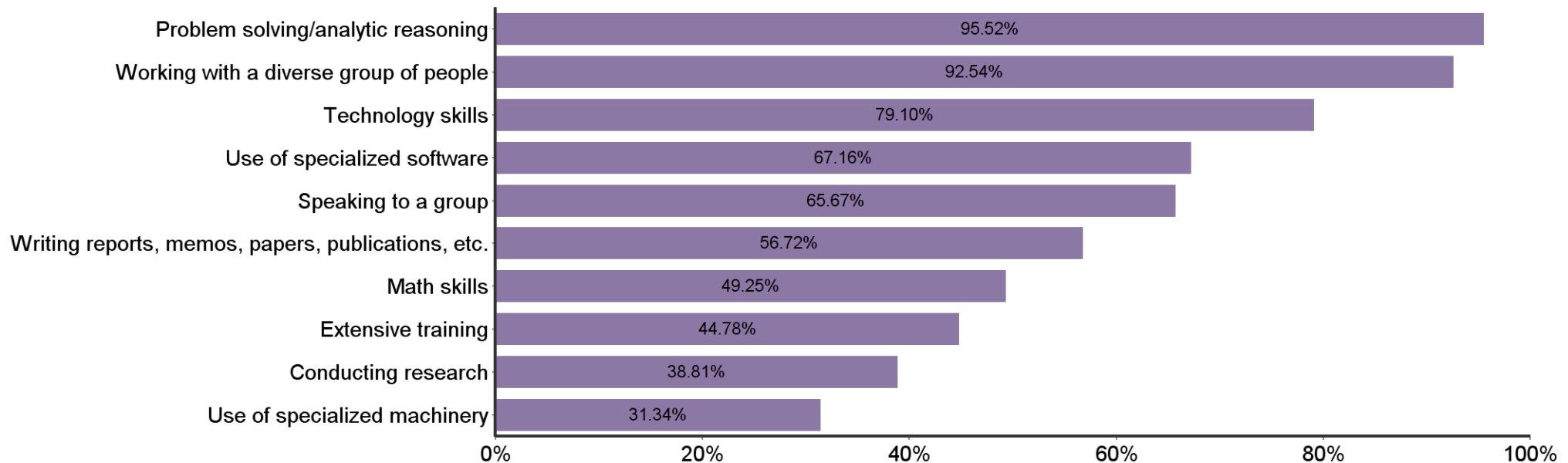
**How close respondents' current jobs are to the type of job they desired:**



**Number of job interviews had before accepting current position:**

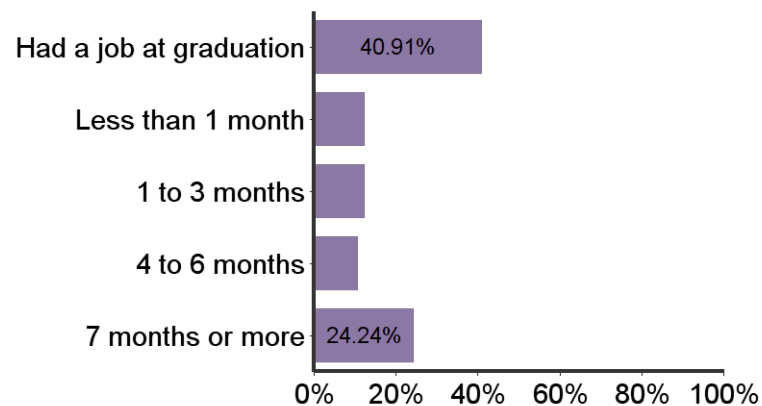


**Skills required of respondents:**

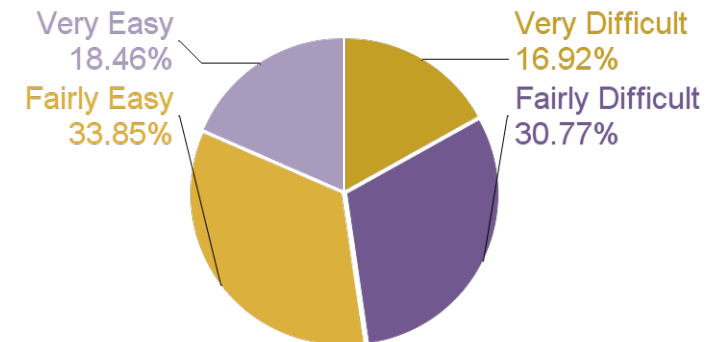




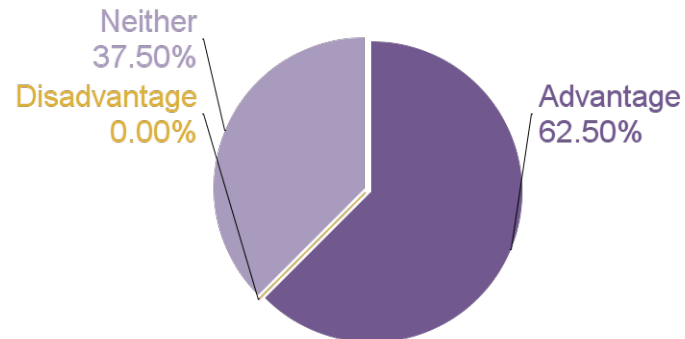
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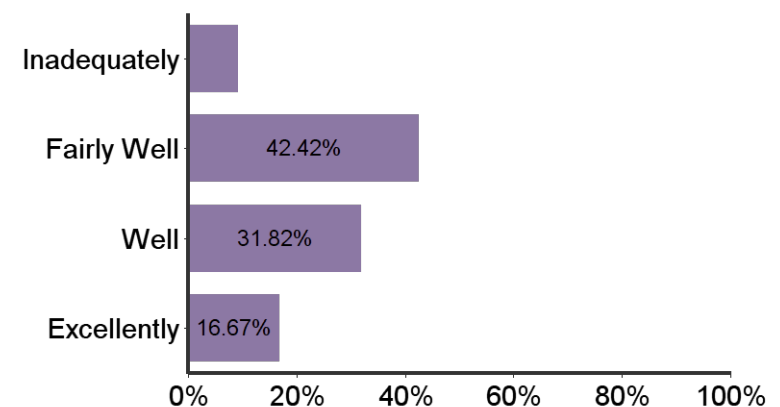
**Degree of difficulty in finding employment:**



**Respondents felt that their K-State experience gave them a/an:**

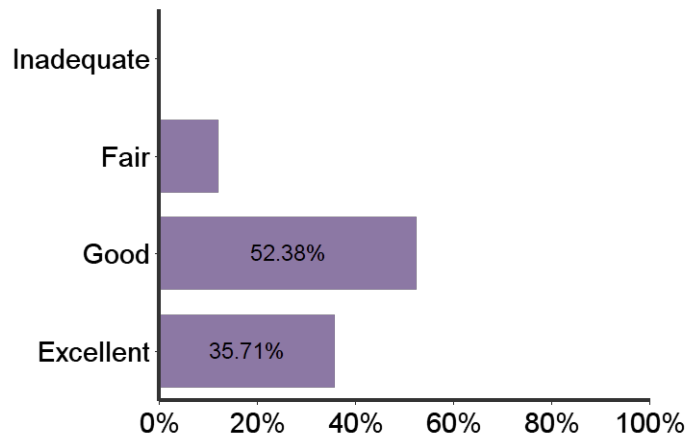


**Degree to which respondents felt prepared for their present job:**

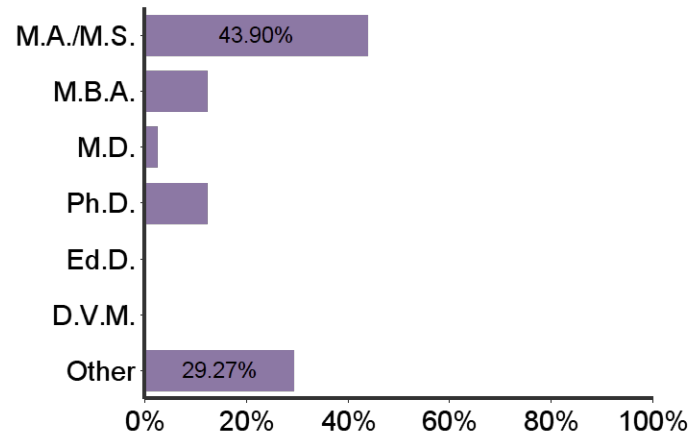


**30** respondent(s) reported that they were continuing their education and  
**12** respondent(s) reported they were both employed and continuing their education

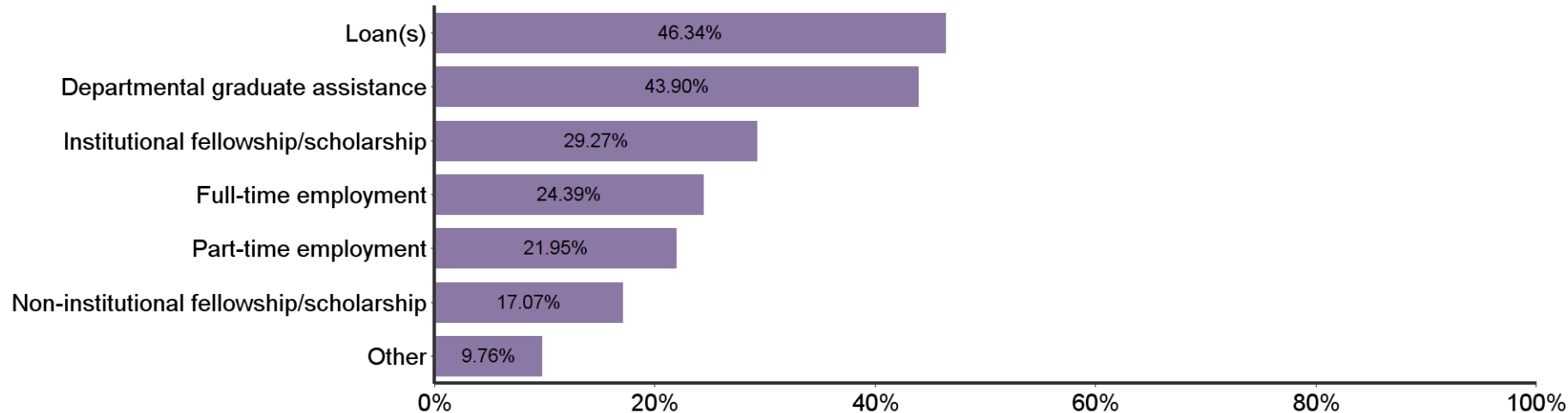
**Respondents' rating of quality of their undergraduate preparation  
for graduate or professional education:**



**Degree respondents are currently pursuing:**

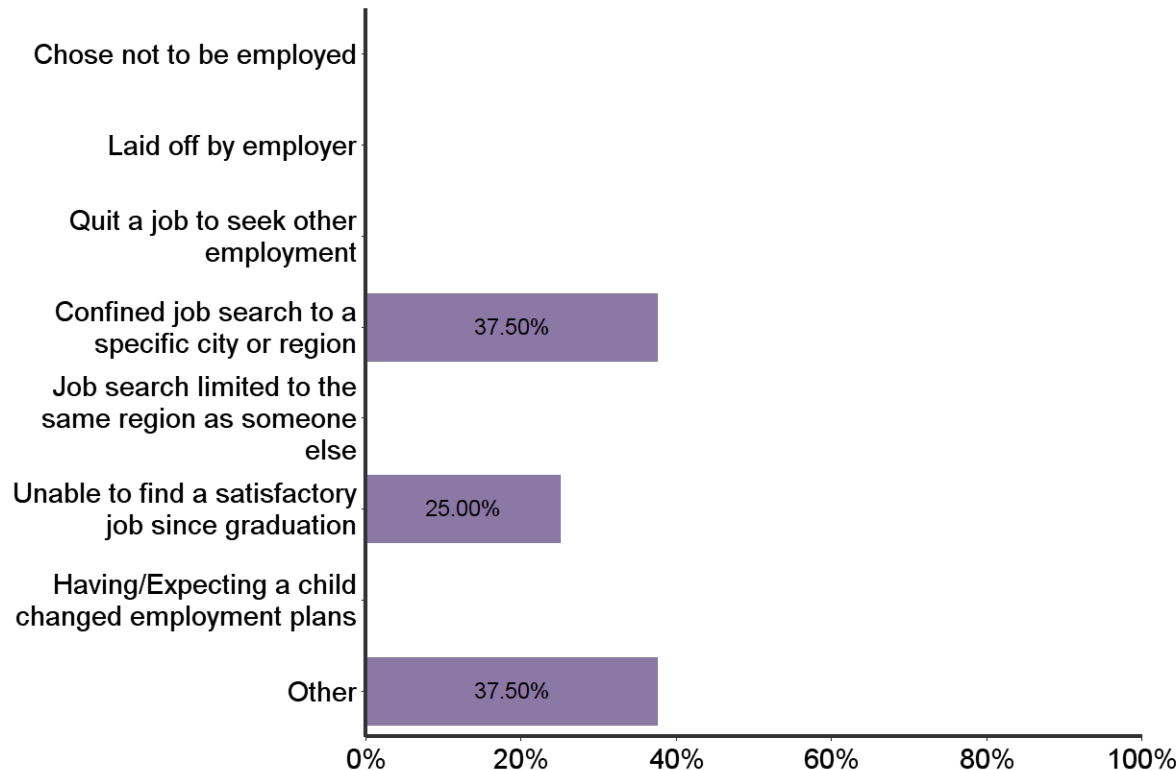


**Financial assistance that supports respondents' graduate study:**

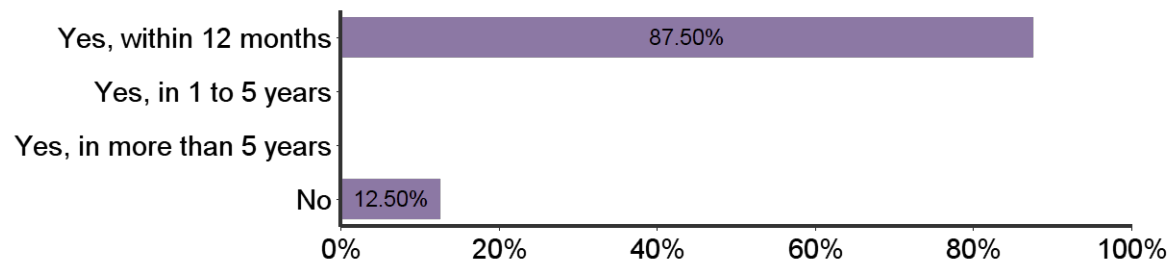


8 respondent(s) reported that they were not engaged in paid employment

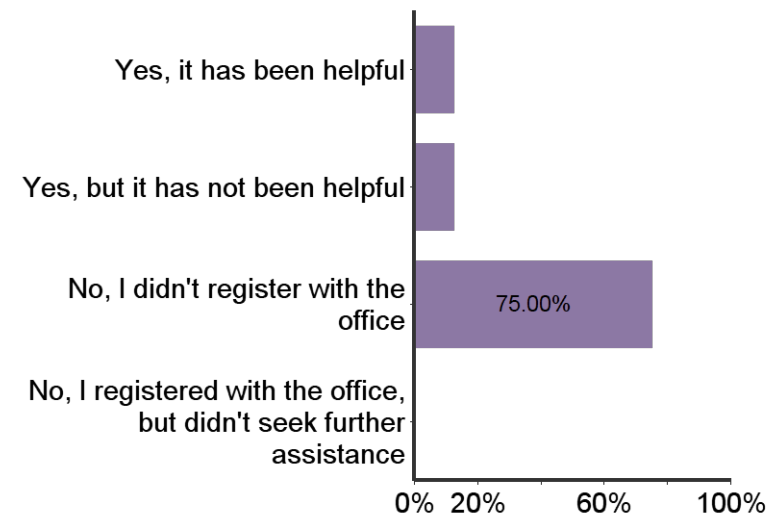
**Primary reason that they were not employed:**



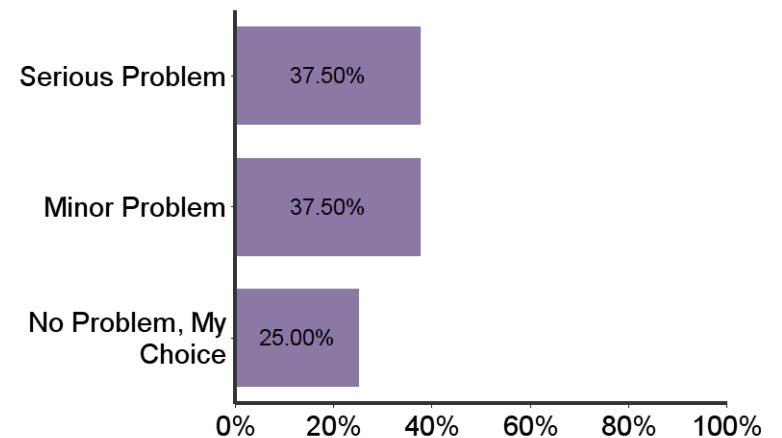
**Respondents planning to seek paid employment:**



**Have respondents sought job placement assistance from the Office of Career and Employment Services?**



**Respondents' description of not being employed:**



**Responses by Gender**

	Percent	Count
Female	59.4%	85
Male	40.6%	58
Total	100.0%	143

**Responses by Citizenship Status**

	Percent	Count
Citizen	98.6%	141
Non-Citizen	1.4%	2
Total	100.0%	143

**Responses by Age**

	Percent	Count
22	1.4%	2
23	25.9%	37
24	33.6%	48
25	15.4%	22
26	7.0%	10
27	1.4%	2
28	2.8%	4
29	3.5%	5
30	2.1%	3
31	0.7%	1
33	2.8%	4
35	0.7%	1
38	0.7%	1
41	0.7%	1
42	0.7%	1
52	0.7%	1
Total	100.0%	143

**Responses by College**

	Percent	Count
Arts and Sciences	100.0%	143
Total	100.0%	143

**Responses by Ethnicity/Race**

	Percent	Count
White	83.2%	119
Multi-Racial	4.2%	6
Black	6.3%	9
Asian	0.7%	1
Total	94.4%	135

**If you could start over, would you still choose to attend Kansas State University?**

	Percent	Count
Definitely No	0.0%	0
Probably No	4.4%	5
Uncertain	6.2%	7
Probably Yes	19.5%	22
Definitely Yes	69.9%	79
Total	100.0%	113

**Would you recommend Kansas State University to a potential student?**

	Percent	Count
Definitely No	0.9%	1
Probably No	1.8%	2
Probably Yes	26.5%	30
Definitely Yes	70.8%	80
Total	100.0%	113

**How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your Kansas State University undergraduate experience?**

	Percent	Count
None	1.8%	2
Little	9.7%	11
Somewhat	29.2%	33
Very Much	59.3%	67
Total	100.0%	113

**With a year to reflect, how much did your Kansas State University college experience contribute to your growth in each of the following areas?**

	None	Little	Somewhat	Very Much	Count
Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field	1.7%	3.5%	28.7%	66.1%	115
Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career	3.5%	18.3%	40.0%	38.3%	115
Increasing intellectual curiosity	0.9%	5.2%	26.1%	67.8%	115
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems	2.6%	17.4%	36.5%	43.5%	115
Organizing time effectively	5.2%	17.4%	45.2%	32.2%	115
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible	3.5%	13.2%	34.2%	49.1%	114
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life	6.1%	13.0%	35.7%	45.2%	115
Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues	11.3%	32.2%	34.8%	21.7%	115
Increasing a commitment to public service	15.8%	33.3%	29.8%	21.1%	114
Developing satisfying leisure time activities	9.6%	22.8%	35.1%	32.5%	114
Developing lasting friendships and personal ties	7.0%	10.4%	29.6%	53.0%	115

**In your undergraduate experience, how often have you had discussions with people from the following groups?**

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	Count
People with political opinions other than your own	5.2%	31.3%	40.0%	23.5%	115
People with religious beliefs other than your own	3.5%	39.1%	36.5%	20.9%	115
People from economic situations other than your own	2.6%	33.0%	42.6%	21.7%	115
People of races or ethnicities other than your own	4.4%	39.5%	26.3%	29.8%	114

**How often did your courses include diverse perspectives (political views, religious beliefs, racial/ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, etc.) in activities, assignments, and discussions?**

	Percent	Count
Never	2.6%	3
Sometimes	42.1%	48
Often	29.8%	34
Very Often	25.4%	29
Total	100.0%	114

**After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at Kansas State University?**

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Count
Access to academic advising	3.6%	8.1%	27.0%	43.2%	18.0%	111
Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study	1.8%	14.4%	32.4%	33.3%	18.0%	111
Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities	9.9%	19.8%	31.5%	22.5%	16.2%	111

**Did poor advising require you to enroll for an additional semester (or longer) at Kansas State University?**

	Percent	Count
Yes	12.6%	14
No	87.4%	97
Total	100.0%	111

**Upon completion of your Bachelor's degree, what was the total amount of student loan debt (Stafford, etc.) you had accumulated?**

	Percent	Count
None	32.7%	36
Less than \$10,000	8.2%	9
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14.5%	16
\$20,000 to \$29,999	19.1%	21
\$30,000 to \$39,999	11.8%	13
\$40,000 or more	13.6%	15
Total	100.0%	110

**Looking back on your college experience, do you believe K-State should have placed less, the same, or more emphasis on the following undergraduate learning outcomes:**

	Less	The Same	More	Count
Gaining a broad general education about different fields of knowledge	20.9%	59.1%	20.0%	110
Improving written communication skills	1.8%	64.0%	34.2%	111
Improving oral communication skills	2.7%	55.0%	42.3%	111
Improving graphic and technological communication skills	2.7%	56.8%	40.5%	111
Improving ability to think critically (analytically and logically)	0.0%	59.5%	40.5%	111
Developing your own values and ethical standards	6.3%	74.8%	18.9%	111
Understanding the ethical standards of your discipline or profession	3.6%	75.7%	20.7%	111
Ability to interact positively with people who are different from you	2.7%	73.0%	24.3%	111
Understanding your abilities, interests, and personality	2.7%	66.4%	30.9%	110
Understanding other people and their abilities, interests, and perspectives	3.6%	68.5%	27.9%	111
Ability to participate as a team member	10.8%	66.7%	22.5%	111
Developing good health habits and physical fitness	5.4%	49.5%	45.0%	111



**Looking back on your college experience, do you believe K-State should have placed less, the same, or more emphasis on the following K-State 8 (general education) areas:**

	Less	The Same	More	Count
Developing interpretive skills	7.3%	68.8%	23.9%	109
Developing academic research skills	3.7%	65.1%	31.2%	109
Making ethical and thoughtful decisions	3.7%	73.8%	22.4%	107
Exploring alternative perspectives from around the world	5.6%	58.3%	36.1%	108
Understanding the past and thoughtfully considering the future	4.6%	59.3%	36.1%	108
An Awareness of multiple perspectives about U.S. society	6.5%	63.0%	30.6%	108
Ability to evaluate scientific claims	2.8%	65.7%	31.5%	108
Understand how individuals & groups influence the environment	8.4%	57.0%	34.6%	107

**In your undergraduate education, were you involved in a research or creative endeavor in or outside of coursework?**

	Percent	Count
Yes	66.1%	72
No	33.9%	37
Total	100.0%	109

**Did your undergraduate research/creative endeavor experience contribute to career choices?**

	Percent	Count
No	33.8%	24
Somewhat	32.4%	23
Definitely	33.8%	24
Total	100.0%	71

**How would you rate the contribution of your mentor to the success of your undergraduate research/creative endeavor?**

	Percent	Count
Inadequate	4.2%	3
Fair	8.5%	6
Good	21.1%	15
Excellent	43.7%	31
Did not have a mentor	22.5%	16
Total	100.0%	71

**How many semesters were you involved in undergraduate research/creative endeavor projects?**

	Percent	Count
1-2	50.7%	36
3-4	21.1%	15
5-6	21.1%	15
7-8	4.2%	3
9 or more	2.8%	2
Total	100.0%	71

**To what extent do you feel the undergraduate research/creative endeavor experience contributed to your undergraduate academic success?**

	Percent	Count
None	12.7%	9
Little	15.5%	11
Somewhat	36.6%	26
Very Much	35.2%	25
Total	100.0%	71

**Indicate the contribution of the undergraduate research/creative endeavor experience to success in your current profession:**

	Percent	Count
None	23.9%	17
Little	15.5%	11
Somewhat	33.8%	24
Very Much	26.8%	19
Total	100.0%	71

What types of dissemination of your undergraduate research/creative endeavor did you successfully achieve? (select all that apply)		
	Percent	Count
University research seminar presentation/poster	27.1%	19
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	64.3%	45
Poster at a conference beyond campus	20.0%	14
Oral presentation at a conference beyond campus	25.7%	18
Public performance/exhibition on campus	34.3%	24
Public performance/exhibition beyond campus	22.9%	16
Peer reviewed publication	28.6%	20
Other	24.3%	17

Please select one statement that best describes your current activities.		
	Percent	Count
Not engaged in paid employment	7.5%	8
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	28.0%	30
Both employed and continuing education	11.2%	12
Employed 35+ hours per week	50.5%	54
Self-employed	2.8%	3
Total	100.0%	107

Is this your first job after graduation?		
	Percent	Count
Yes	58.8%	40
No	41.2%	28
Total	100.0%	68

Did your minor or secondary major give you an advantage when applying for a job?		
	Percent	Count
Yes	50.0%	16
No	50.0%	16
Did not graduate with a minor or secondary major	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	32

Does your job require: (mark all that apply)		
	Percent	Count
Technology skills	79.1%	53
Conducting research	38.8%	26
Extensive training	44.8%	30
Math skills	49.3%	33
Problem solving/analytic reasoning	95.5%	64
Speaking to a group	65.7%	44
Use of specialized machinery	31.3%	21
Use of specialized software	67.2%	45
Working with a diverse group of people	92.5%	62
Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc.	56.7%	38

How did you learn of this job?		
	Percent	Count
Job lead from professor or advisor	7.4%	5
Job lead from relative or friend	26.5%	18
Job lead from college internship	2.9%	2
Government employment listing	7.4%	5
Employment agency	2.9%	2
Job listing on the internet	36.8%	25
Newspaper	2.9%	2
Worked Previously for employer	14.7%	10
Applied for job without knowledge of opening	1.5%	1
K-State's Career and Employment Services	4.4%	3
Other	5.9%	4

**When did you initiate your job search for a career position?**

	Percent	Count
More than one year prior to graduation	18.5%	12
Nine months to one year prior to graduation	6.2%	4
Six to eight months prior to graduation	12.3%	8
Three to five months prior to graduation	16.9%	11
One to two months prior to graduation	16.9%	11
At graduation time	9.2%	6
One month after graduation	7.7%	5
More than one month after graduation	12.3%	8
Total	100.0%	65

**How difficult was it for you to find employment?**

	Percent	Count
Very Difficult	16.9%	11
Fairly Difficult	30.8%	20
Fairly Easy	33.8%	22
Very Easy	18.5%	12
Total	100.0%	65

**How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduation?**

	Percent	Count
Had a job at graduation	40.9%	27
Less than 1 month	12.1%	8
1 to 3 months	12.1%	8
4 to 6 months	10.6%	7
7 months or more	24.2%	16
Total	100.0%	66

**Approximately how many job interviews did you have before accepting your current position?**

	Percent	Count
0-1	39.4%	26
2-5	48.5%	32
6-9	9.1%	6
10-14	0.0%	0
15-19	1.5%	1
20+	1.5%	1
Total	100.0%	66

**How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?**

	Percent	Count
Not related	37.9%	25
Somewhat related	34.8%	23
Directly related	27.3%	18
Total	100.0%	66

**How well do you feel that Kansas State University prepared you for your present job?**

	Percent	Count
Inadequately	9.1%	6
Fairly Well	42.4%	28
Well	31.8%	21
Excellent	16.7%	11
Total	100.0%	66

**Compared to new employees from other colleges/universities, do you feel that your Kansas State University academic preparation gave you an:**

	Percent	Count
Advantage	62.5%	40
Disadvantage	0.0%	0
Neither	37.5%	24
Total	100.0%	64

**What is your current annual salary, before taxes?**

	Percent	Count
Less than \$20,000	18.5%	12
\$20,000 to \$29,999	18.5%	12
\$30,000 to \$39,999	29.2%	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18.5%	12
\$50,000 to \$59,999	7.7%	5
\$60,000 to \$69,999	3.1%	2
\$70,000 to \$79,999	1.5%	1
\$80,000 to \$89,999	3.1%	2
\$90,000 to \$99,999	0.0%	0
\$100,000 or more	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	65

**Which statement best describes your current position?**

	Percent	Count
Employment with definite long-term potential	39.4%	26
Employment with possible long-term potential	36.4%	24
Employment primarily to earn money	12.1%	8
Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable	9.1%	6
Temporary position that will last only for a limited time	3.0%	2
Total	100.0%	66

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present position:

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Count
Salary/benefits	9.1%	13.6%	16.7%	39.4%	21.2%	66
Location	9.1%	15.2%	13.6%	21.2%	40.9%	66
Opportunity to use your qualifications	9.1%	3.0%	25.8%	39.4%	22.7%	66
Opportunity to advance	12.1%	10.6%	24.2%	30.3%	22.7%	66
Prestige/recognition	10.6%	13.6%	31.8%	27.3%	16.7%	66
Interest/challenge of work	3.0%	12.1%	21.2%	40.9%	22.7%	66
Working conditions	9.1%	7.6%	16.7%	40.9%	25.8%	66
Opportunity to learn	10.6%	1.5%	19.7%	39.4%	28.8%	66

Is your position challenging?

	Percent	Count
Yes	75.8%	50
No	24.2%	16
Total	100.0%	66

Is a Bachelor's degree required for your current position?

	Percent	Count
Yes	53.0%	35
No, but helpful	27.3%	18
No, irrelevant	19.7%	13
Total	100.0%	66



What degree are you currently pursuing?		
	Percent	Count
M.A./M.S.	43.9%	18
M.B.A.	12.2%	5
M.D.	2.4%	1
Ph.D.	12.2%	5
Ed.D.	0.0%	0
D.V.M.	0.0%	0
Other	29.3%	12
Total	100.0%	41

What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (select all that apply)		
	Percent	Count
Departmental graduate assistance	43.9%	18
Institutional fellowship/scholarship	29.3%	12
Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship	17.1%	7
Full-time employment	24.4%	10
Part-time employment	22.0%	9
Loan(s)	46.3%	19
Other	9.8%	4

How would you rate the quality of your Kansas State University undergraduate preparation for graduate or professional education?		
	Percent	Count
Inadequate	0.0%	0
Fair	11.9%	5
Good	52.4%	22
Excellent	35.7%	15
Total	100.0%	42

**Indicate the primary reason you are not employed.**

	Percent	Count
Chose not to be employed	0.0%	0
Laid off by employer	0.0%	0
Quit a job to seek other employment	0.0%	0
Confined job search to a specific city or region	37.5%	3
Job search limited to the same region as someone else	0.0%	0
Unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation	25.0%	2
Having/Expecting a child changed employment plans	0.0%	0
Other	37.5%	3
Total	100.0%	8

**Have you sought job placement assistance from Kansas State University's Office of Career and Employment Services?**

	Percent	Count
Yes, it has been helpful	12.5%	1
Yes, but it has not been helpful	12.5%	1
No, I didn't register with the office	75.0%	6
No, I registered with the office, but didn't seek further assistance	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	8

**Do you plan to seek paid employment?**

	Percent	Count
Yes, within 12 months	87.5%	7
Yes, in 1 to 5 years	0.0%	0
Yes, in more than 5 years	0.0%	0
No	12.5%	1
Total	100.0%	8

**How would you describe your current status of not being employed?**

	Percent	Count
Serious Problem	37.5%	3
Minor Problem	37.5%	3
No Problem, My Choice	25.0%	2
Total	100.0%	8

**In the past 12 months, how often have you participated in the following activities?**

	None	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-10 times	10+ times	2-3 times a week	Daily	Count
Attended plays/dramas	52.5%	32.8%	10.7%	2.5%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	122
Attended concerts/recitals	41.1%	32.3%	16.1%	4.0%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	124
Attended athletic events	28.2%	15.3%	18.5%	12.9%	21.8%	3.2%	0.0%	124
Visited museums, galleries, zoos, libraries	23.2%	26.4%	21.6%	16.0%	10.4%	1.6%	0.8%	125
Attended lectures	47.6%	17.7%	7.3%	8.9%	4.8%	8.1%	5.6%	124
Performed: music, drama, art	76.4%	4.9%	8.1%	1.6%	3.3%	3.3%	2.4%	123
Traveled to new places	13.6%	24.0%	32.8%	16.8%	9.6%	2.4%	0.8%	125
Gone to the movies	15.2%	19.2%	31.2%	14.4%	19.2%	0.0%	0.8%	125

**Have you been a member of a volunteer group devoted to serving members of the community (e.g. scouts, League of Women Voters, hospice, 4-H, religious organizations, hospital volunteer, volunteer coach)?**

	Percent	Count
No	60.5%	75
Yes	39.5%	49
Total	100.0%	124

**Have you been a member of a community service group (e.g., Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club)?**

	Percent	Count
No	87.8%	108
Yes	12.2%	15
Total	100.0%	123

**To what degree did your undergraduate experiences contribute to your interest and motivation to become involved in community activities?**

	Percent	Count
Not at all	18.4%	23
Yes	41.6%	52
Quite a bit	28.0%	35
Very Much	12.0%	15
Total	100.0%	125