

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

	University	Engineering
Responses	438	<b>69</b>
Initial Population	2,382	<b>337</b>
Response Rate	18.38%	<b>20.47%</b>

#### Survey Information:

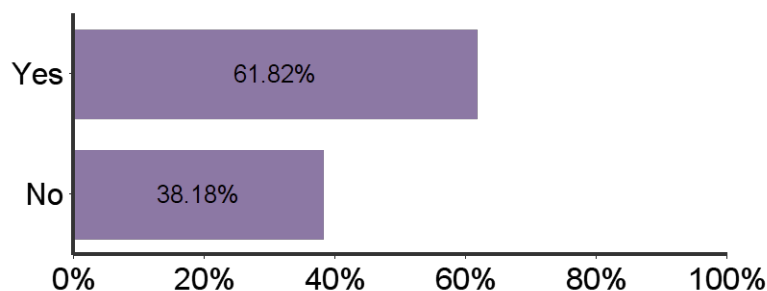
- The Alumni Survey is designed to give graduates an opportunity to reflect upon their years at K-State one year after graduation. This information is used to improve the college experience for future students by identifying strengths in our programs as well as areas that need further development. The 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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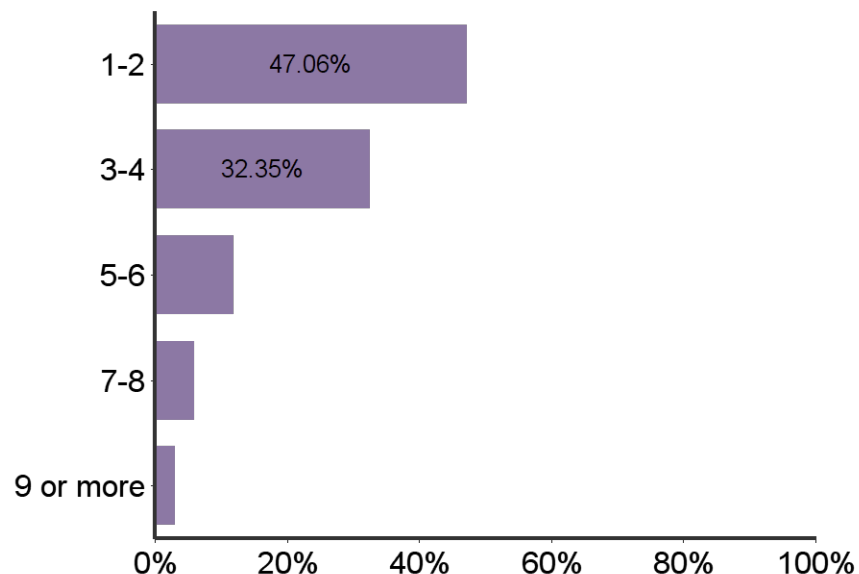
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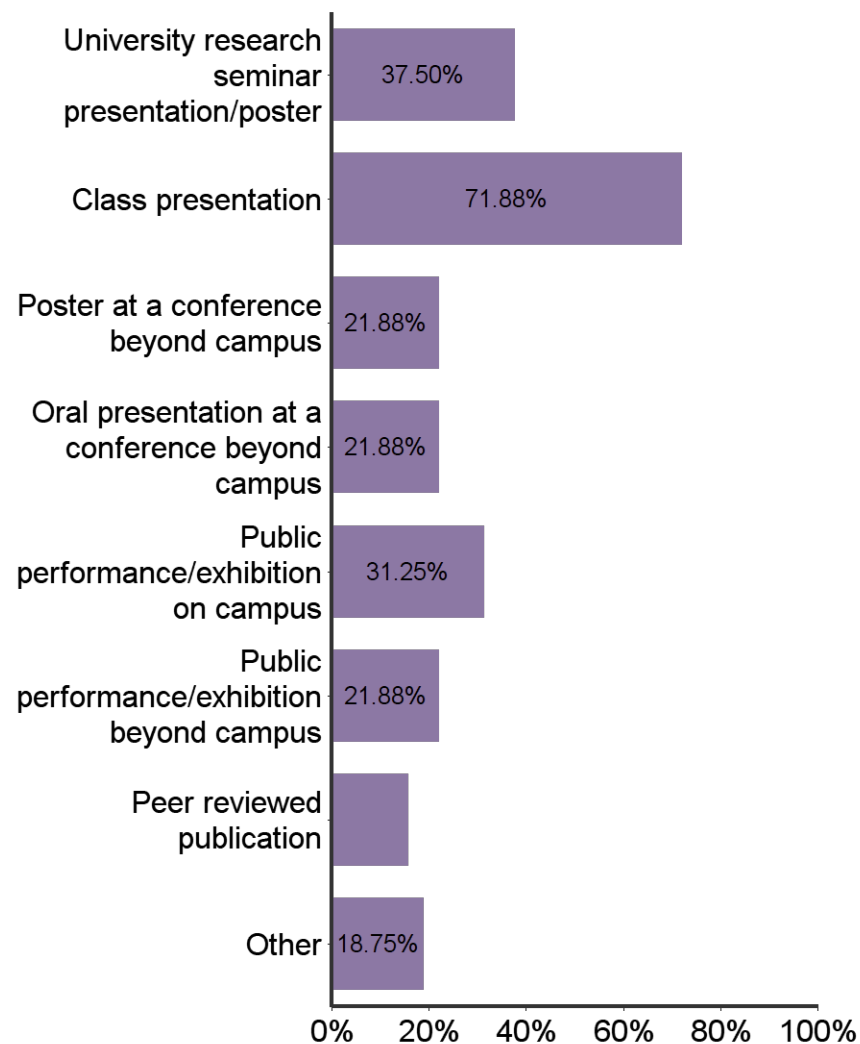
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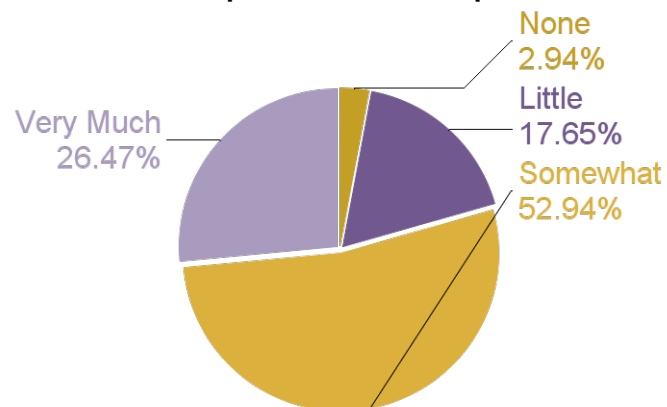
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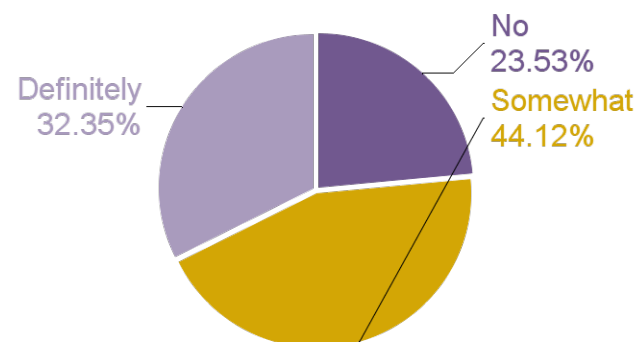
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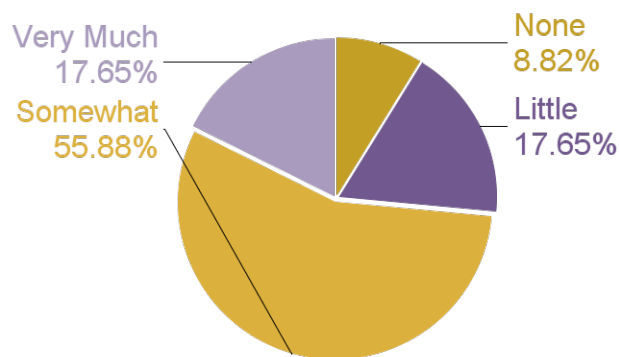
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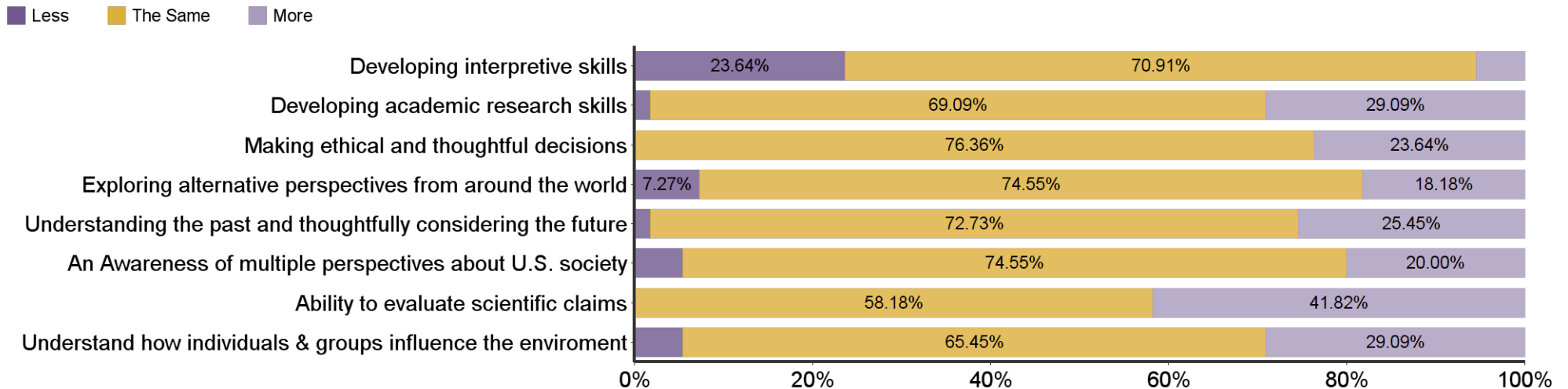
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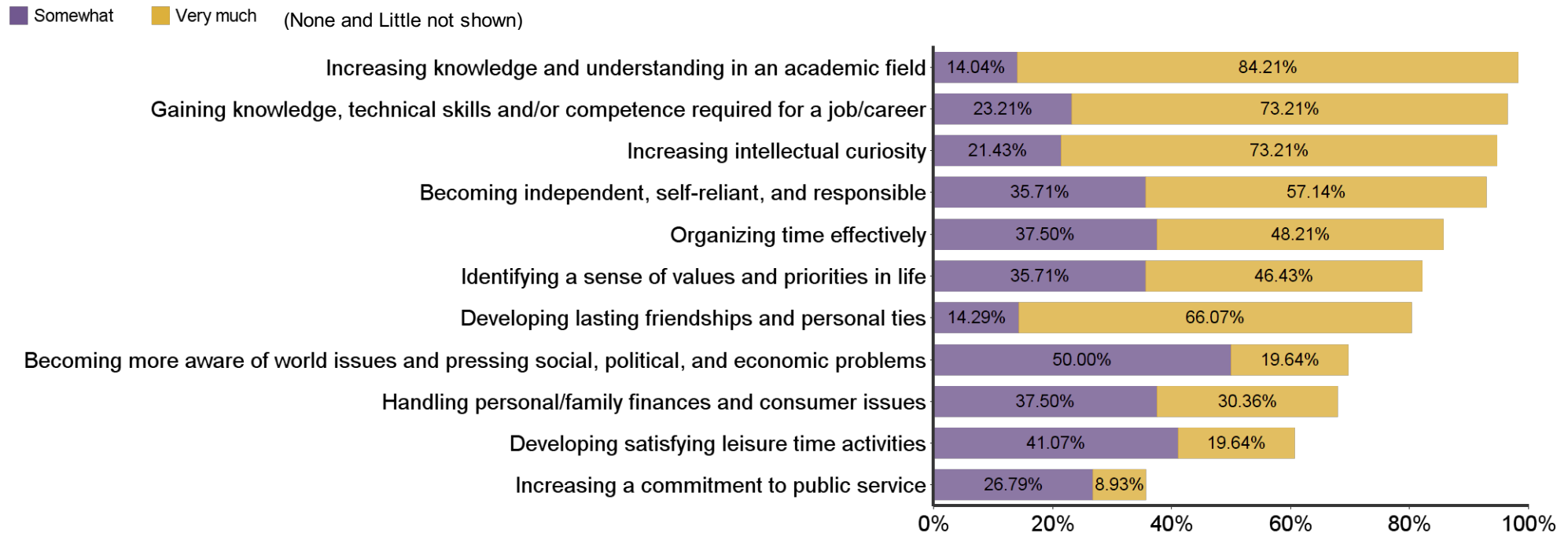
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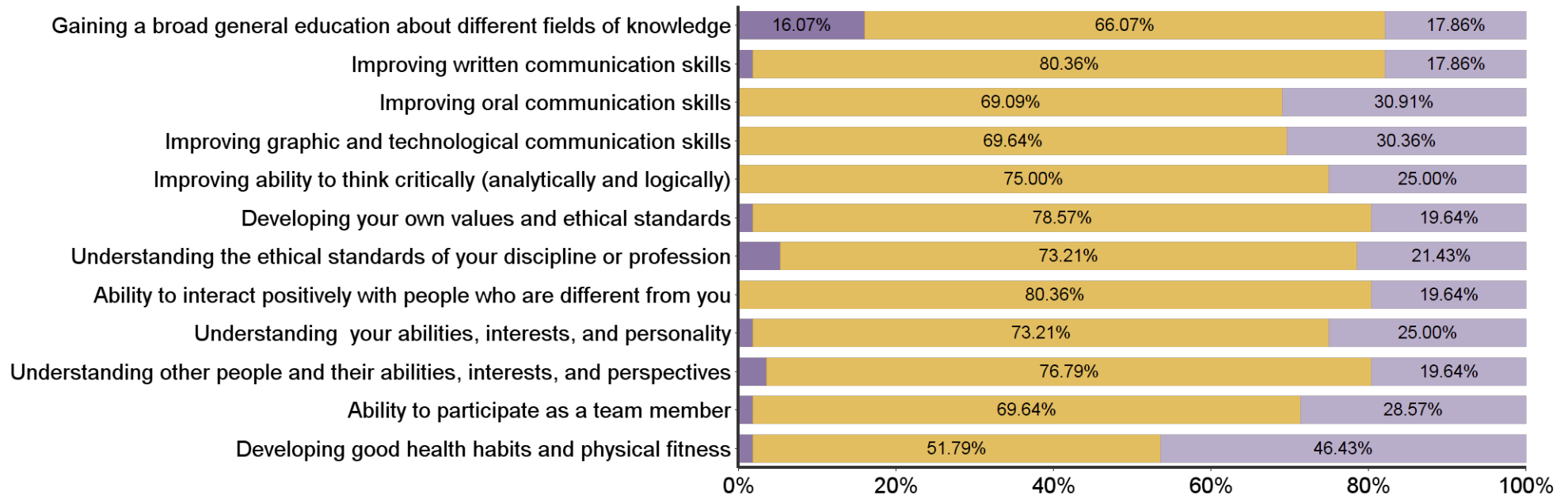


**Amount respondents felt the Kansas State Universtiy contributed to growth in each area:**

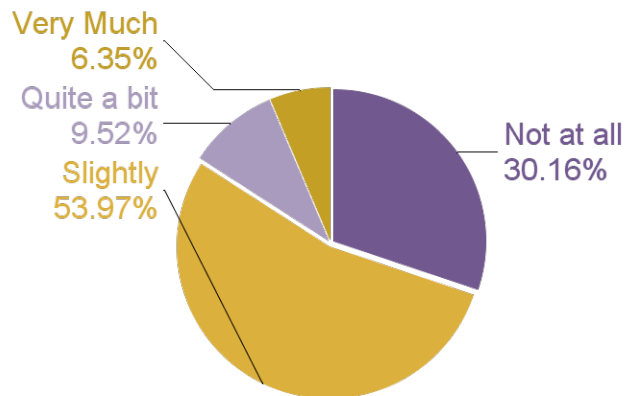


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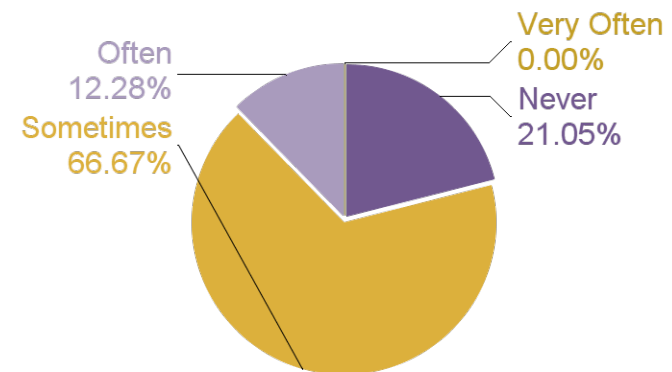
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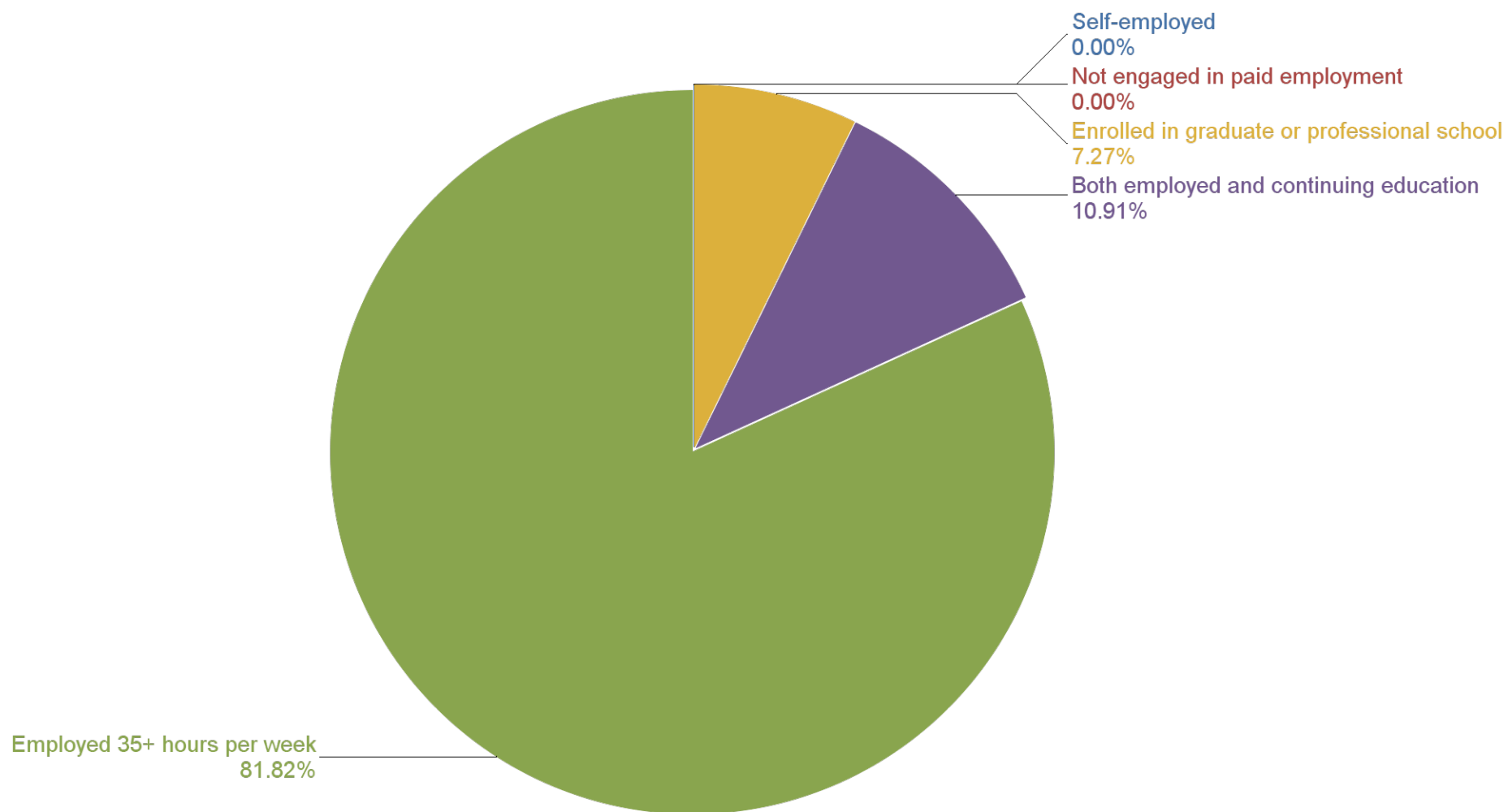
**Degree to which undergraduate experiences motivated respondents to become involved in community activities:**



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

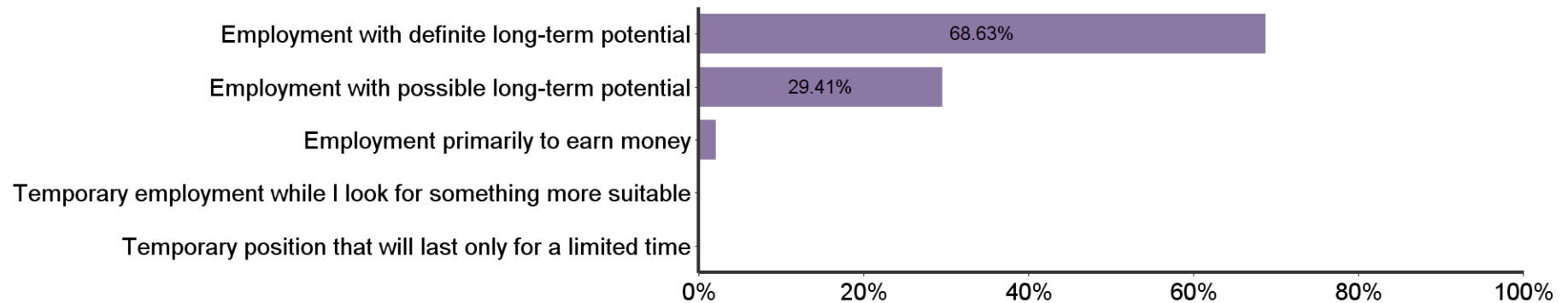


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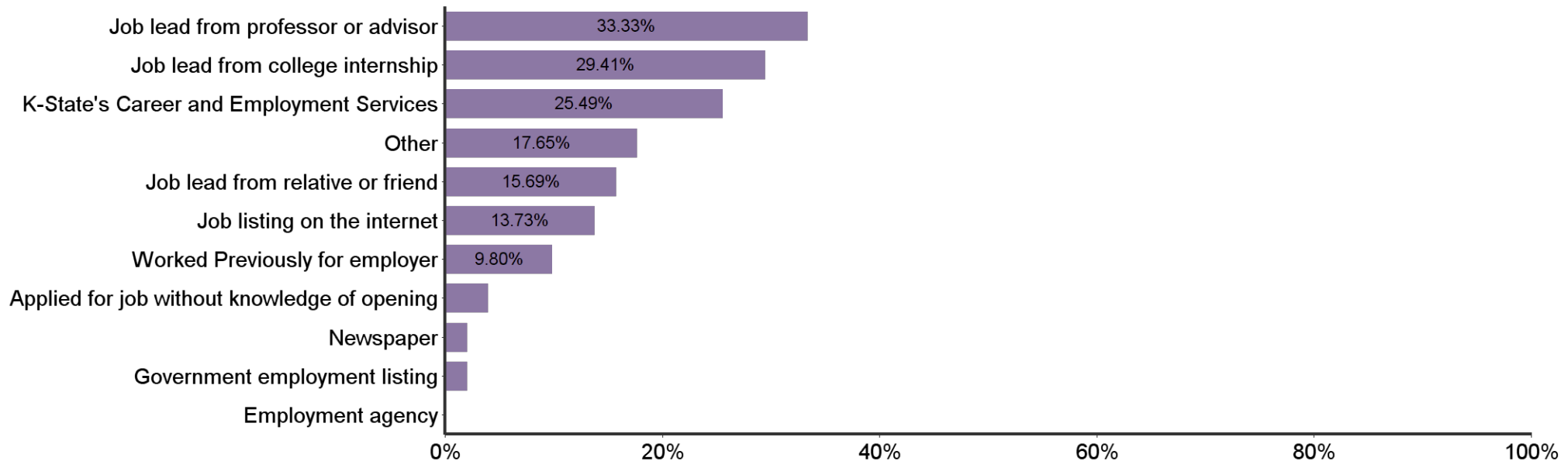


**45** respondent(s) reported that they were engaged in full time employment

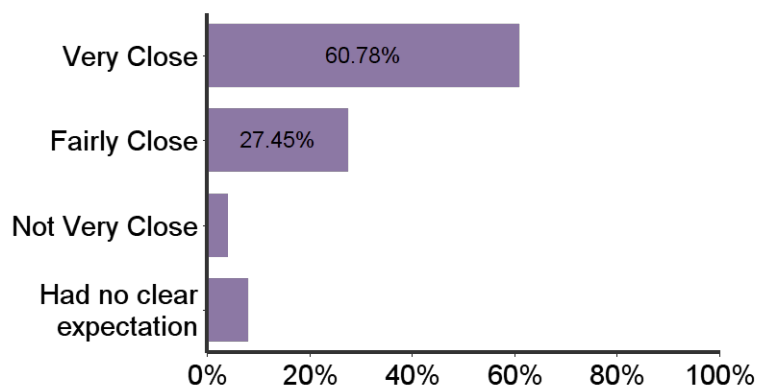
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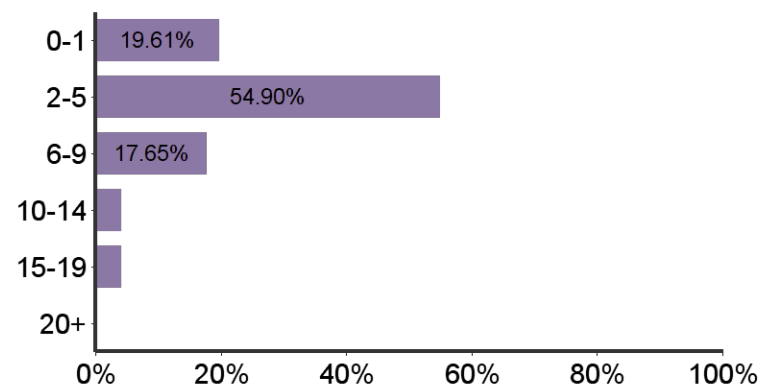
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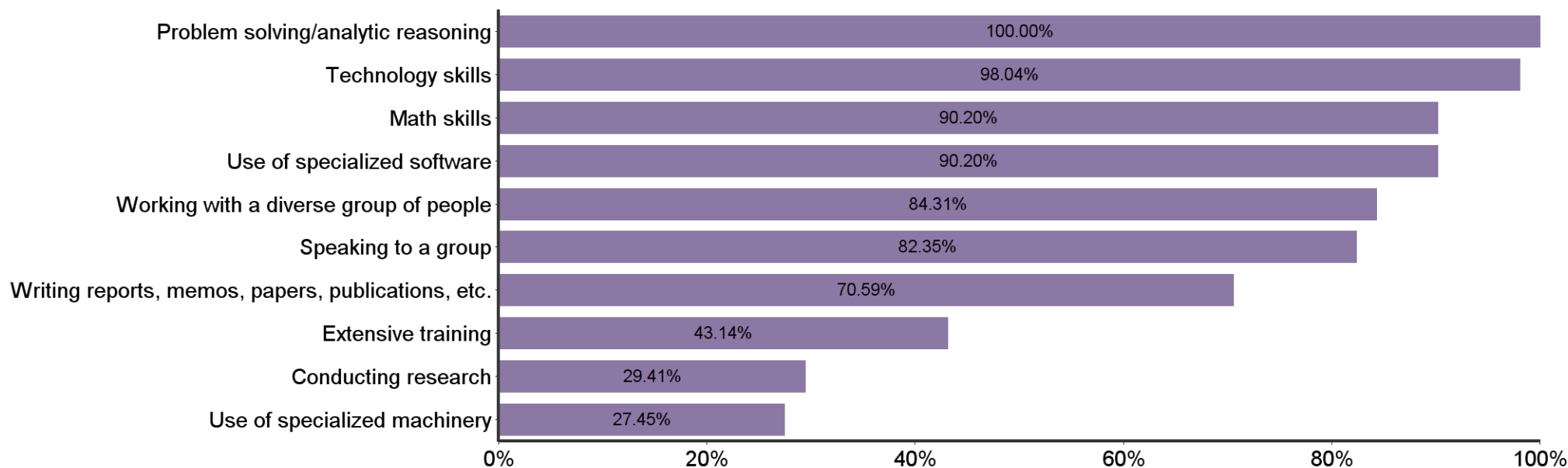
**How close respondents' current jobs are to the type of job they desired:**



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

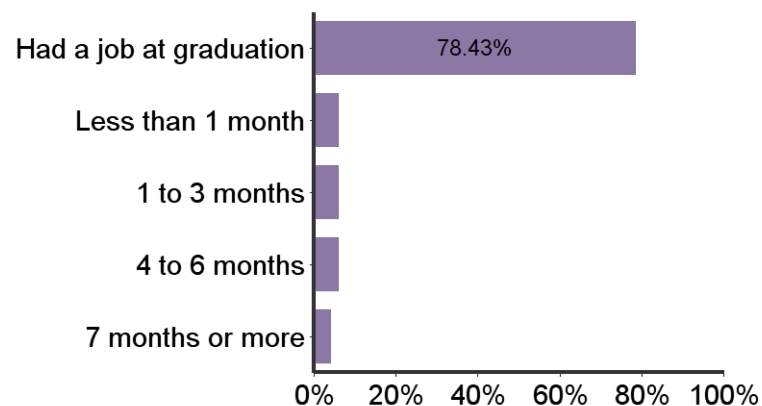


**Skills required of respondents:**

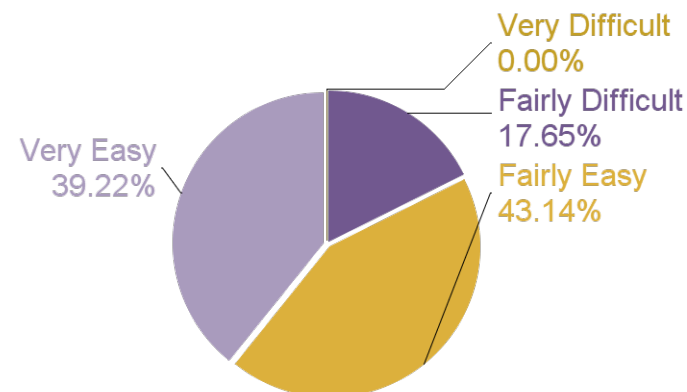




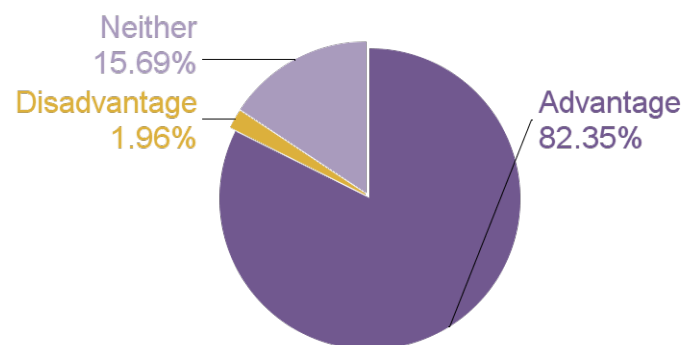
**Time taken for respondents to obtain current full-time position:**



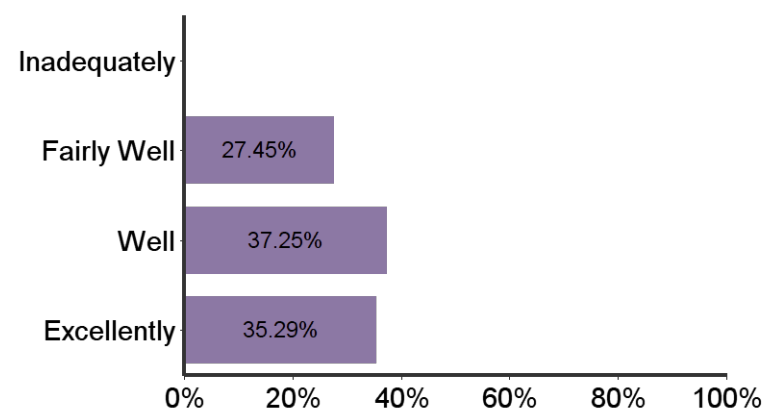
**Degree of difficulty in finding employment:**



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

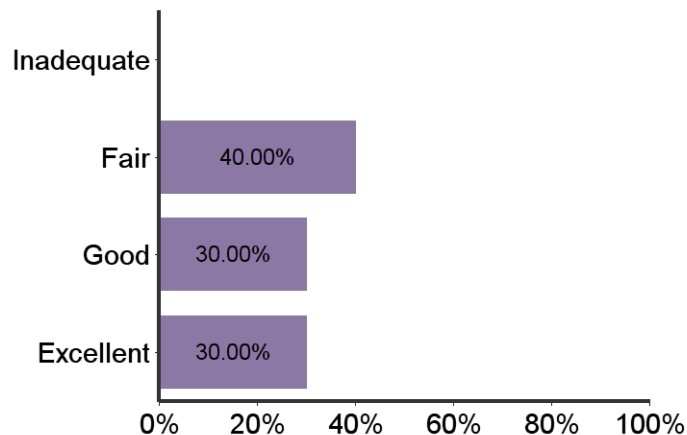


**Degree to which respondents felt prepared for their present job:**

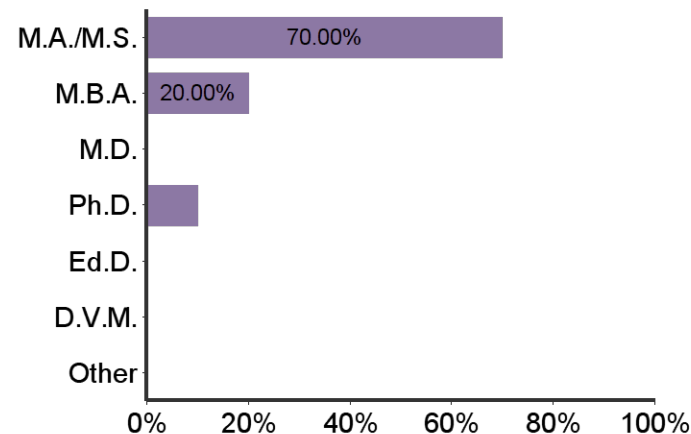


**4** respondent(s) reported that they were continuing their education and  
**6** respondent(s) reported they were both employed and continuing their education

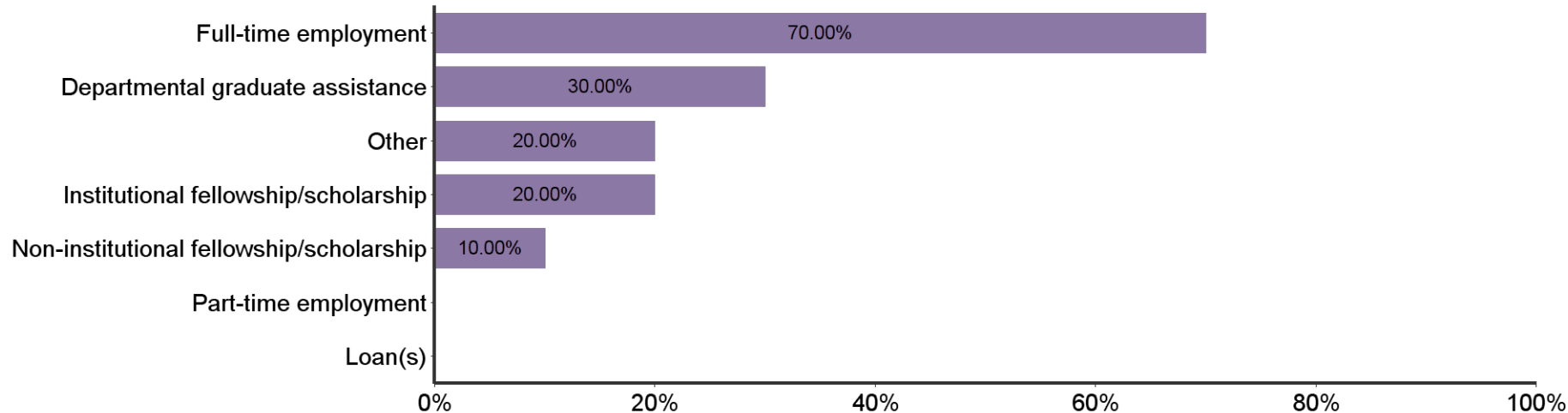
**Respondents' rating of quality of their undergraduate preparation  
for graduate or professional education:**



**Degree respondents are currently pursuing:**



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



**Responses by Gender**

	Percent	Count
Female	14.5%	10
Male	85.5%	59
Total	100.0%	69

**Responses by Citizenship Status**

	Percent	Count
Citizen	97.1%	67
Non-Citizen	1.4%	1
Total	98.6%	68

**Responses by Age**

	Percent	Count
23	14.5%	10
24	20.3%	14
25	40.6%	28
26	13.0%	9
27	5.8%	4
28	4.3%	3
31	1.4%	1
Total	100.0%	69

**Responses by College**

	Percent	Count
Engineering	100.0%	69
Total	100.0%	69

**Responses by Ethnicity/Race**

	Percent	Count
White	89.9%	62
Multi-Racial	2.9%	2
Black	0.0%	0
Asian	1.4%	1
Total	94.2%	65

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

	Percent	Count
Definitely No	1.8%	1
Probably No	0.0%	0
Uncertain	0.0%	0
Probably Yes	12.3%	7
Definitely Yes	86.0%	49
Total	100.0%	57

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

	Percent	Count
Definitely No	0.0%	0
Probably No	1.8%	1
Probably Yes	7.1%	4
Definitely Yes	91.1%	51
Total	100.0%	56

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

	Percent	Count
None	1.8%	1
Little	0.0%	0
Somewhat	16.1%	9
Very Much	82.1%	46
Total	100.0%	56

**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	1.8%	0.0%	14.0%	84.2%	57
Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career	1.8%	1.8%	23.2%	73.2%	56
Increasing intellectual curiosity	1.8%	3.6%	21.4%	73.2%	56
Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems	1.8%	28.6%	50.0%	19.6%	56
Organizing time effectively	1.8%	12.5%	37.5%	48.2%	56
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible	3.6%	3.6%	35.7%	57.1%	56
Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life	5.4%	12.5%	35.7%	46.4%	56
Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues	8.9%	23.2%	37.5%	30.4%	56
Increasing a commitment to public service	25.0%	39.3%	26.8%	8.9%	56
Developing satisfying leisure time activities	8.9%	30.4%	41.1%	19.6%	56
Developing lasting friendships and personal ties	1.8%	17.9%	14.3%	66.1%	56

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

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	Count
People with political opinions of than your own	3.6%	42.9%	39.3%	14.3%	56
People with religious beliefs other than your own	3.6%	41.1%	42.9%	12.5%	56
People from economic situations other than your own	5.4%	30.4%	41.1%	23.2%	56
People of races or ethnicities other than your own	3.6%	43.6%	27.3%	25.5%	55

**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	21.1%	12
Sometimes	66.7%	38
Often	12.3%	7
Very Often	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	57

**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	0.0%	7.0%	28.1%	45.6%	19.3%	57
Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study	1.8%	3.5%	28.1%	42.1%	24.6%	57
Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities	0.0%	5.3%	22.8%	45.6%	26.3%	57

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

	Percent	Count
Yes	12.3%	7
No	87.7%	50
Total	100.0%	57

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

	Percent	Count
None	35.1%	20
Less than \$10,000	14.0%	8
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5.3%	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	19.3%	11
\$30,000 to \$39,999	14.0%	8
\$40,000 or more	12.3%	7
Total	100.0%	57

**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	16.1%	66.1%	17.9%	56
Improving written communication skills	1.8%	80.4%	17.9%	56
Improving oral communication skills	0.0%	69.1%	30.9%	55
Improving graphic and technological communication skills	0.0%	69.6%	30.4%	56
Improving ability to think critically (analytically and logically)	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	56
Developing your own values and ethical standards	1.8%	78.6%	19.6%	56
Understanding the ethical standards of your discipline or profession	5.4%	73.2%	21.4%	56
Ability to interact positively with people who are different from you	0.0%	80.4%	19.6%	56
Understanding your abilities, interests, and personality	1.8%	73.2%	25.0%	56
Understanding other people and their abilities, interests, and perspectives	3.6%	76.8%	19.6%	56
Ability to participate as a team member	1.8%	69.6%	28.6%	56
Developing good health habits and physical fitness	1.8%	51.8%	46.4%	56

**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	23.6%	70.9%	5.5%	55
Developing academic research skills	1.8%	69.1%	29.1%	55
Making ethical and thoughtful decisions	0.0%	76.4%	23.6%	55
Exploring alternative perspectives from around the world	7.3%	74.5%	18.2%	55
Understanding the past and thoughtfully considering the future	1.8%	72.7%	25.5%	55
An Awareness of multiple perspectives about U.S. society	5.5%	74.5%	20.0%	55
Ability to evaluate scientific claims	0.0%	58.2%	41.8%	55
Understand how individuals & groups influence the environment	5.5%	65.5%	29.1%	55



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

	Percent	Count
Yes	61.8%	34
No	38.2%	21
Total	100.0%	55

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

	Percent	Count
No	23.5%	8
Somewhat	44.1%	15
Definitely	32.4%	11
Total	100.0%	34

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

	Percent	Count
Inadequate	0.0%	0
Fair	12.1%	4
Good	33.3%	11
Excellent	39.4%	13
Did not have a mentor	15.2%	5
Total	100.0%	33

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

	Percent	Count
1-2	47.1%	16
3-4	32.4%	11
5-6	11.8%	4
7-8	5.9%	2
9 or more	2.9%	1
Total	100.0%	34

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

	Percent	Count
None	2.9%	1
Little	17.6%	6
Somewhat	52.9%	18
Very Much	26.5%	9
Total	100.0%	34

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

	Percent	Count
None	8.8%	3
Little	17.6%	6
Somewhat	55.9%	19
Very Much	17.6%	6
Total	100.0%	34

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	37.5%	12
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	71.9%	23
Poster at a conference beyond campus	21.9%	7
Oral presentation at a conference beyond campus	21.9%	7
Public performance/exhibition on campus	31.3%	10
Public performance/exhibition beyond campus	21.9%	7
Peer reviewed publication	15.6%	5
Other	18.8%	6

Please select one statement that best describes your current activities.		
	Percent	Count
Not engaged in paid employment	0.0%	0
Enrolled in graduate or professional school	7.3%	4
Both employed and continuing education	10.9%	6
Employed 35+ hours per week	81.8%	45
Self-employed	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	55

Is this your first job after graduation?		
	Percent	Count
Yes	96.1%	49
No	3.9%	2
Total	100.0%	51

Did your minor or secondary major give you an advantage when applying for a job?		
	Percent	Count
Yes	45.0%	9
No	55.0%	11
Did not graduate with a minor or secondary major	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	20

Does your job require: (mark all that apply)		
	Percent	Count
Technology skills	98.0%	50
Conducting research	29.4%	15
Extensive training	43.1%	22
Math skills	90.2%	46
Problem solving/analytic reasoning	100.0%	51
Speaking to a group	82.4%	42
Use of specialized machinery	27.5%	14
Use of specialized software	90.2%	46
Working with a diverse group of people	84.3%	43
Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc.	70.6%	36

How did you learn of this job?		
	Percent	Count
Job lead from professor or advisor	33.3%	17
Job lead from relative or friend	15.7%	8
Job lead from college internship	29.4%	15
Government employment listing	2.0%	1
Employment agency	0.0%	0
Job listing on the internet	13.7%	7
Newspaper	2.0%	1
Worked Previously for employer	9.8%	5
Applied for job without knowledge of opening	3.9%	2
K-State's Career and Employment Services	25.5%	13
Other	17.6%	9

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

	Percent	Count
More than one year prior to graduation	58.0%	29
Nine months to one year prior to graduation	12.0%	6
Six to eight months prior to graduation	14.0%	7
Three to five months prior to graduation	16.0%	8
One to two months prior to graduation	0.0%	0
At graduation time	0.0%	0
One month after graduation	0.0%	0
More than one month after graduation	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	50

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

	Percent	Count
Very Difficult	0.0%	0
Fairly Difficult	17.6%	9
Fairly Easy	43.1%	22
Very Easy	39.2%	20
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
Had a job at graduation	78.4%	40
Less than 1 month	5.9%	3
1 to 3 months	5.9%	3
4 to 6 months	5.9%	3
7 months or more	3.9%	2
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
0-1	19.6%	10
2-5	54.9%	28
6-9	17.6%	9
10-14	3.9%	2
15-19	3.9%	2
20+	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
Not related	2.0%	1
Somewhat related	5.9%	3
Directly related	92.2%	47
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
Inadequately	0.0%	0
Fairly Well	27.5%	14
Well	37.3%	19
Excellent	35.3%	18
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
Advantage	82.4%	42
Disadvantage	2.0%	1
Neither	15.7%	8
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
Less than \$20,000	0.0%	0
\$20,000 to \$29,999	0.0%	0
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2.0%	1
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8.0%	4
\$50,000 to \$59,999	46.0%	23
\$60,000 to \$69,999	22.0%	11
\$70,000 to \$79,999	12.0%	6
\$80,000 to \$89,999	4.0%	2
\$90,000 to \$99,999	6.0%	3
\$100,000 or more	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	50

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

	Percent	Count
Employment with definite long-term potential	68.6%	35
Employment with possible long-term potential	29.4%	15
Employment primarily to earn money	2.0%	1
Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable	0.0%	0
Temporary position that will last only for a limited time	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Count
Salary/benefits	2.0%	3.9%	13.7%	41.2%	39.2%	51
Location	0.0%	11.8%	13.7%	39.2%	35.3%	51
Opportunity to use your qualifications	2.0%	2.0%	8.0%	46.0%	42.0%	50
Opportunity to advance	2.0%	5.9%	15.7%	37.3%	39.2%	51
Prestige/recognition	2.0%	5.9%	25.5%	39.2%	27.5%	51
Interest/challenge of work	2.0%	11.8%	2.0%	39.2%	45.1%	51
Working conditions	2.0%	3.9%	9.8%	33.3%	51.0%	51
Opportunity to learn	2.0%	2.0%	11.8%	23.5%	60.8%	51

Is your position challenging?

	Percent	Count
Yes	92.2%	47
No	7.8%	4
Total	100.0%	51

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

	Percent	Count
Yes	86.3%	44
No, but helpful	13.7%	7
No, irrelevant	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	51

What degree are you currently pursuing?		
	Percent	Count
M.A./M.S.	70.0%	7
M.B.A.	20.0%	2
M.D.	0.0%	0
Ph.D.	10.0%	1
Ed.D.	0.0%	0
D.V.M.	0.0%	0
Other	0.0%	0
Total	100.0%	10

What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (select all that apply)		
	Percent	Count
Departmental graduate assistance	30.0%	3
Institutional fellowship/scholarship	20.0%	2
Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship	10.0%	1
Full-time employment	70.0%	7
Part-time employment	0.0%	0
Loan(s)	0.0%	0
Other	20.0%	2

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	40.0%	4
Good	30.0%	3
Excellent	30.0%	3
Total	100.0%	10



**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	70.5%	21.3%	6.6%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	61
Attended concerts/recitals	41.9%	40.3%	12.9%	1.6%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	62
Attended athletic events	12.7%	19.0%	22.2%	17.5%	27.0%	1.6%	0.0%	63
Visited museums, galleries, zoos, libraries	30.6%	38.7%	25.8%	1.6%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	62
Attended lectures	66.1%	14.5%	8.1%	1.6%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	62
Performed: music, drama, art	80.6%	11.3%	0.0%	1.6%	4.8%	1.6%	0.0%	62
Traveled to new places	11.3%	25.8%	45.2%	6.5%	11.3%	0.0%	0.0%	62
Gone to the movies	11.3%	21.0%	25.8%	27.4%	14.5%	0.0%	0.0%	62

**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	73.0%	46
Yes	27.0%	17
Total	100.0%	63

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

	Percent	Count
No	95.2%	60
Yes	4.8%	3
Total	100.0%	63

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

	Percent	Count
Not at all	30.2%	19
Yes	54.0%	34
Quite a bit	9.5%	6
Very Much	6.3%	4
Total	100.0%	63