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How America Completes College 2023

Topline Findings

Full Annotated Questionnaire

Washington DC, July 5, 2023

S1. What is your current education status

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Attending a 2- or 4-year college | 65% | 93% | - |
| Attending a technical school or other post-high school career institution | * | 1% | - |
| Started a two-year college, a four-year college or university, or some other type of post-high school but withdrew | 29% | - | 100% |
| Graduated from a two-year college, a four-year college or university, or some other type of post-high school in the 2022-2023 school year | 5% | 7% | - |

S2. Institution Type

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Yes, a technical school | 2% | 2% | 3% |
| Yes, other post-high school career institution | 1% | * | 2% |
| Yes, a two-year institution | 22% | 24% | 18% |
| Yes, a four-year institution | 75% | 74% | 77% |
| No, but I plan to attend in the future | - | - | - |
| No, I have not attended any post-high school institution | - | - | - |

S6. [Asked to current students only] In the 2022-2023 school year, were you a college...?

| | Total Current students (N=1,029) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Freshman | 27% |
| Sophomore | 42% |
| Junior | 22% |
| Senior | 8% |
| 5th year or higher | * |





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S7. **[Asked to current students only]** Are you planning on returning to school in the fall for the 2023-2024 school year?

| | Total Current students (N=1029.0) |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Yes | 91% |
| No | 4% |
| I already graduated | 3% |
| Not sure yet | 1% |

S8. **[Asked to current students planning to return to school]** When are you scheduled to complete your program or graduate?

| | Total Current students (N=978) |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| May/June 2023 | 5% |
| December 2023 | 3% |
| May/June 2024 | 22% |
| December 2024 | 5% |
| May/June 2025 | 32% |
| December 2025 | 4% |
| May/June 2026 | 29% |

S9. **[Asked to non-completers only]** What was the last school year you attended college?

| | Total Non-completers (N=427) |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 2012-13 | 1% |
| 2013-14 | 1% |
| 2014-15 | 2% |
| 2015-16 | 1% |
| 2016-17 | 3% |
| 2017-18 | 3% |
| 2018-19 | 2% |
| 2019-20 | 7% |
| 2020-21 | 20% |
| 2021-22 | 34% |
| 2022-23 | 29% |

S10. **[Asked to non-completers only]** When did you withdraw from college?

| | Total Non-completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| During or after my first semester | 9% |
| During or after my first year | 26% |
| During or after my second year | 34% |
| During or after my third year | 16% |
| During or after my fourth year or more | 6% |
| Just shy of graduation (less than one year/semester of graduation) | 8% |





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S11. **[Asked to non-completers only]** Do you plan to go back and complete your college education?

| | Total Non-completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Definitely, in the next year | 31% |
| Definitely, in the next 5 years | 14% |
| Definitely, at some point | 27% |
| Maybe, in the future | 24% |
| No, don't plan to go back | 3% |

S12. Degree Type

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Bachelor's degree | 80% | 82% | 75% |
| Associate's degree | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Certificate in a technical or vocational field | 2% | * | 8% |

S13. **[Asked to current students earning Bachelors or Associates degree]** Are you on track to earn your degree in 2/4 years or less?

| | Total Current students (N=1,023) |
|--------------|---|
| Yes | 78% |
| No | 16% |
| I'm not sure | 6% |

S14A. **[Asked to current students earning Bachelors and not on track]** How many years do you expect it to take you to earn your Bachelor's degree?

| | Total Current students (N=162) |
|-------------------|---|
| 4.5 years | 45% |
| 5 years | 38% |
| 5.5 years | 5% |
| 6 years | 3% |
| More than 6 years | 2% |
| I'm not sure | 7% |

S14B. **[Asked to current students earning Associates and not on track]** How many years do you expect it to take you to earn your Associate's degree?

| | Total Current students (N=12) |
|-------------------|--|
| 2.5 years | 56% |
| 3 years | 4% |
| 3.5 years | 6% |
| 4 years | 1% |
| More than 4 years | 2% |
| I'm not sure | 32% |



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S15. Living arrangements

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| With parents or other relatives | 26% | 28% | 21% |
| On campus with roommates | 29% | 26% | 36% |
| On campus alone | 8% | 9% | 8% |
| Off campus in apartment/house with roommates/housemates | 27% | 29% | 21% |
| Off campus in apartment/house alone | 10% | 8% | 14% |

S16. Which of the following best describes your college attendance in the 2022-2023 school year?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Only online classes | 5% | 5% | 6% |
| Only in-person classes | 51% | 55% | 43% |
| A hybrid schedule (part in-person, part online) | 43% | 40% | 51% |

Q1. [Summary - Top 2 Box] Thinking generally about college and higher education, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| College is an investment in my future | 91% | 94% | 82% |
| Higher education will lead to a better job | 82% | 84% | 76% |
| College is a privileged experience | 77% | 76% | 77% |
| College just isn't right for everyone | 74% | 81% | 56% |
| A college degree is important to being successful in life | 59% | 57% | 64% |

a) College is an investment in my future

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 91% | 94% | 82% |
| Strongly agree | 58% | 66% | 39% |
| Somewhat agree | 32% | 28% | 43% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 5% | 3% | 10% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 4% | 3% | 7% |
| Somewhat disagree | 2% | 1% | 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 2% | 1% | 3% |



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Q1. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. Thinking generally about college and higher education, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. (*continued*)

b) A college degree is important to being successful in life

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 59% | 57% | 64% |
| Strongly agree | 24% | 21% | 30% |
| Somewhat agree | 36% | 36% | 35% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 20% | 21% | 16% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 21% | 22% | 19% |
| Somewhat disagree | 13% | 14% | 11% |
| Strongly disagree | 8% | 8% | 8% |

c) College just isn't right for everyone

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 74% | 81% | 56% |
| Strongly agree | 43% | 49% | 30% |
| Somewhat agree | 30% | 32% | 26% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12% | 12% | 13% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 14% | 7% | 31% |
| Somewhat disagree | 9% | 5% | 19% |
| Strongly disagree | 5% | 2% | 12% |

d) College is a privileged experience

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 77% | 76% | 77% |
| Strongly agree | 39% | 38% | 40% |
| Somewhat agree | 38% | 38% | 37% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 13% | 13% | 13% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 10% | 10% | 9% |
| Somewhat disagree | 6% | 7% | 5% |
| Strongly disagree | 4% | 4% | 4% |





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Q1. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. Thinking generally about college and higher education, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. (*continued*)

e) Higher education will lead to a better job

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 82% | 84% | 76% |
| Strongly agree | 39% | 42% | 32% |
| Somewhat agree | 42% | 42% | 44% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 11% | 10% | 14% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 7% | 6% | 9% |
| Somewhat disagree | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Strongly disagree | 3% | 2% | 4% |

Q2. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about college and reasons you may have decided to attend.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| A college degree opens up opportunities that wouldn't be available otherwise | 86% | 88% | 80% |
| Meeting the right people at college will help to find a job in the future | 84% | 86% | 79% |
| Attending college will help me obtain my dream job | 81% | 84% | 75% |
| Going to college was always something expected in my family | 80% | 80% | 78% |
| I wanted to attend college because I would earn more money with a college degree | 78% | 78% | 80% |
| The social and intellectual experience of college is equally or more important to the possibility of increased earning potential | 70% | 71% | 68% |
| College is more of a social experience than a learning opportunity | 37% | 30% | 55% |

a) A college degree opens up opportunities that wouldn't be available otherwise

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 86% | 88% | 80% |
| Strongly agree | 47% | 51% | 36% |
| Somewhat agree | 39% | 37% | 43% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 10% | 8% | 14% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 5% | 4% | 6% |
| Somewhat disagree | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 1% | 1% | 2% |



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Q2. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about college and reasons you may have decided to attend. (*continued*)

b) College is more of a social experience than a learning opportunity

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 37% | 30% | 55% |
| Strongly agree | 12% | 9% | 20% |
| Somewhat agree | 25% | 21% | 35% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 26% | 26% | 24% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 37% | 44% | 21% |
| Somewhat disagree | 26% | 30% | 16% |
| Strongly disagree | 11% | 14% | 5% |

c) I wanted to attend college because I would earn more money with a college degree

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 78% | 78% | 80% |
| Strongly agree | 43% | 44% | 39% |
| Somewhat agree | 36% | 33% | 41% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 14% | 14% | 12% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 8% | 8% | 8% |
| Somewhat disagree | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| Strongly disagree | 3% | 3% | 3% |

d) The social and intellectual experience of college is equally or more important to the possibility of increased earning potential

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 70% | 71% | 68% |
| Strongly agree | 31% | 31% | 31% |
| Somewhat agree | 39% | 40% | 37% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 10% | 10% | 12% |
| Somewhat disagree | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| Strongly disagree | 3% | 3% | 4% |





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Q2. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about college and reasons you may have decided to attend. (*continued*)

e) Meeting the right people at college will help to find a job in the future

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 84% | 86% | 79% |
| Strongly agree | 41% | 44% | 34% |
| Somewhat agree | 43% | 42% | 45% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 13% | 12% | 15% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 4% | 3% | 6% |
| Somewhat disagree | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| Strongly disagree | 1% | 1% | 2% |

f) Going to college was always something expected in my family

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 80% | 80% | 78% |
| Strongly agree | 50% | 54% | 41% |
| Somewhat agree | 29% | 26% | 38% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12% | 11% | 14% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 9% | 9% | 8% |
| Somewhat disagree | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| Strongly disagree | 4% | 4% | 3% |

g) Attending college will help me obtain my dream job

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 81% | 84% | 75% |
| Strongly agree | 49% | 54% | 37% |
| Somewhat agree | 33% | 30% | 38% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 11% | 10% | 14% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 7% | 6% | 11% |
| Somewhat disagree | 4% | 4% | 6% |
| Strongly disagree | 3% | 3% | 4% |





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Q3. When did you decide to go to college?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| It seems like I've always known | 53% | 64% | 28% |
| Sometime in elementary school | 3% | 2% | 3% |
| In junior high / middle school | 6% | 7% | 5% |
| Freshman year of high school | 5% | 3% | 9% |
| Sophomore year of high school | 4% | 2% | 9% |
| Junior year of high school | 7% | 4% | 12% |
| Senior year of high school | 9% | 5% | 18% |
| After I left high school | 10% | 9% | 14% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 2% |

Q4. When did you start your undergraduate education?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Right after finishing high school | 82% | 86% | 72% |
| About a year after finishing high school | 10% | 6% | 19% |
| More than a year after finishing high school | 8% | 8% | 9% |

Q5. When you were in high school, how committed were you to attending college?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 92% | 91% | 93% |
| Very committed | 66% | 71% | 55% |
| Somewhat committed | 25% | 20% | 38% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 8% | 9% | 7% |
| Not very committed | 5% | 5% | 6% |
| Not at all committed | 3% | 4% | 1% |

Q6. Who encouraged you to attend college? Please select all that apply.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Parents | 73% | 78% | 63% |
| Family members other than parents | 43% | 48% | 30% |
| Friends | 42% | 42% | 42% |
| A teacher | 39% | 42% | 31% |
| A high school counselor or another staff member | 31% | 34% | 25% |
| A mentor or someone I look up to outside of school or family | 22% | 23% | 18% |
| A non-affiliated college counselor | 9% | 10% | 8% |
| An employer | 8% | 8% | 7% |
| Other | 5% | 4% | 5% |
| No one | 9% | 9% | 10% |



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Q7. What are some of the reasons why you chose to attend college? Please select up to 3 reasons.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| I believed it will provide better opportunities for me in the long run | 33% | 36% | 26% |
| To pursue a specific career | 32% | 31% | 33% |
| To expand my knowledge | 30% | 28% | 33% |
| The job that I want requires a college degree | 26% | 31% | 16% |
| To advance in my career | 22% | 20% | 24% |
| I believed a degree will help me earn more money | 21% | 20% | 25% |
| My family expected it of me | 21% | 21% | 21% |
| I believed a degree will lead to a good job | 20% | 17% | 25% |
| To experience the social aspect of college | 18% | 19% | 16% |
| To discover what I want to do long-term | 18% | 20% | 13% |
| To experience independence | 16% | 16% | 18% |
| I wanted to earn a degree to help support my family | 12% | 10% | 15% |
| I wanted to earn a degree to be in a position to help people less fortunate than me | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| To be the first in my family to go to college | 7% | 6% | 8% |
| Because I lost my job | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Other | 1% | 1% | 1% |

Q8. Why did you select the college/university you are attending/attended? Please select all that apply.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| The school is affordable / price of the program | 41% | 45% | 33% |
| The scholarships / aid I received for that school | 36% | 42% | 23% |
| Near home | 31% | 36% | 18% |
| In-state school | 30% | 31% | 28% |
| For the specific academic program / degree I wanted | 30% | 32% | 27% |
| Small school | 18% | 21% | 9% |
| Prestige | 18% | 17% | 20% |
| The social life | 18% | 15% | 26% |
| I have friends who go to/went to the same college / university | 17% | 16% | 19% |
| Far away from home | 12% | 13% | 12% |
| It offers online or hybrid classes | 11% | 9% | 17% |
| Large School | 10% | 9% | 14% |
| My parents went to the same college / university | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| I was recruited for my sport | 6% | 7% | 5% |
| Other | 2% | 2% | 2% |





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Q9. Did you and your parent(s) / family discuss any of the following topics before you enrolled in college?
Please select all that apply

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Scholarships | 55% | 62% | 40% |
| How much college was going to cost | 51% | 54% | 43% |
| Which schools I was interested in attending | 47% | 53% | 32% |
| Who would pay for college | 45% | 49% | 35% |
| How our family would pay for college | 40% | 45% | 28% |
| How / when to start applying to schools | 39% | 44% | 29% |
| Student loans | 36% | 37% | 34% |
| College prep or SAT/ACT prep | 33% | 38% | 22% |
| Available college savings | 32% | 31% | 36% |
| None of these | 8% | 8% | 8% |
| I don't remember | 4% | 5% | 1% |

Q10. - Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Before I enrolled, my family and I created a plan for paying for all years of college.

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| Strongly agree | 15% | 17% | 12% |
| Somewhat agree | 27% | 22% | 39% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 18% | 18% | 18% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 40% | 44% | 32% |
| Somewhat disagree | 14% | 15% | 13% |
| Strongly disagree | 26% | 29% | 18% |

Q11. [Summary - Top 2 Box] Before attending college, how confident did you feel about each of the following?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| My ability to get into college | 86% | 88% | 80% |
| My ability to graduate from college | 82% | 85% | 76% |
| My / my family's ability to cover the cost of college | 53% | 54% | 50% |



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Q11. Before attending college, how confident did you feel about each of the following? (*continued*)

a) My ability to get into college

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 86% | 88% | 80% |
| Completely confident | 57% | 66% | 37% |
| Somewhat confident | 29% | 23% | 43% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 8% | 6% | 13% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 6% | 6% | 7% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| Completely unconfident | 2% | 2% | 2% |

b) My ability to graduate from college

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 82% | 85% | 76% |
| Completely confident | 57% | 63% | 40% |
| Somewhat confident | 26% | 21% | 36% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 11% | 9% | 14% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 7% | 6% | 10% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 4% | 3% | 7% |
| Completely unconfident | 3% | 2% | 3% |

c) My / my family's ability to cover the cost of college

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
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| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 53% | 54% | 50% |
| Completely confident | 25% | 28% | 18% |
| Somewhat confident | 28% | 26% | 32% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 17% | 16% | 21% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 30% | 31% | 28% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 16% | 15% | 16% |
| Completely unconfident | 14% | 15% | 12% |





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Q12. [Summary - Top 2 Box] Now that you are in college, how confident do you feel about each of the following?/Once you were in college, how confident did you feel about each of the following?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| My ability to graduate from college | 83% | 88% | 71% |
| My / my family's ability to cover the cost of college | 58% | 63% | 47% |

a) My ability to graduate from college

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 83% | 88% | 71% |
| Completely confident | 55% | 67% | 27% |
| Somewhat confident | 28% | 21% | 44% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 9% | 7% | 13% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 8% | 5% | 17% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 6% | 3% | 13% |
| Completely unconfident | 2% | 2% | 4% |

b) My / my family's ability to cover the cost of college

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 58% | 63% | 47% |
| Completely confident | 30% | 36% | 16% |
| Somewhat confident | 28% | 27% | 31% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 17% | 14% | 22% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 25% | 23% | 31% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 15% | 14% | 19% |
| Completely unconfident | 10% | 9% | 12% |



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Q13. [Summary - Top 2 Box] Thinking back to when you were heading to college, how prepared, if at all, did you feel...?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| For college-level course work | 83% | 85% | 77% |
| To manage my own time and workload | 77% | 79% | 72% |
| To live on my own on/off campus | 70% | 70% | 69% |
| To pay for college | 57% | 57% | 58% |

a) To live on my own on/off campus

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 70% | 70% | 69% |
| Very prepared | 36% | 39% | 30% |
| Somewhat prepared | 33% | 31% | 39% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 22% | 21% | 25% |
| Not that prepared | 15% | 14% | 18% |
| Not at all prepared | 7% | 7% | 6% |
| Does not apply to me | 8% | 9% | 6% |

b) To pay for college

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 57% | 57% | 58% |
| Very prepared | 21% | 23% | 18% |
| Somewhat prepared | 36% | 34% | 40% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 37% | 36% | 40% |
| Not that prepared | 22% | 21% | 23% |
| Not at all prepared | 16% | 15% | 17% |
| Does not apply to me | 6% | 7% | 3% |

c) For college-level course work

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 83% | 85% | 77% |
| Very prepared | 41% | 45% | 33% |
| Somewhat prepared | 42% | 41% | 44% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 16% | 14% | 21% |
| Not that prepared | 11% | 9% | 15% |
| Not at all prepared | 5% | 5% | 7% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | * | 1% |



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Q13. Thinking back to when you were heading to college, how prepared, if at all, did you feel...?
(continued)

d) To manage my own time and workload

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 77% | 79% | 72% |
| Very prepared | 37% | 38% | 32% |
| Somewhat prepared | 40% | 41% | 40% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 22% | 20% | 27% |
| Not that prepared | 16% | 15% | 19% |
| Not at all prepared | 6% | 5% | 8% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | 1% |

Q14. [Summary - Top 2 Box] Now that you are in college, how well have you adjusted to the following...?
/ Once you were in college, how well did you adjust to the following?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| To college-level course work | 88% | 92% | 78% |
| To managing my own time and workload | 83% | 88% | 71% |
| To living on my own on/off campus | 76% | 79% | 69% |
| To paying for college | 67% | 71% | 58% |

a) To living on my own on/off campus

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 76% | 79% | 69% |
| Very well | 47% | 56% | 27% |
| Somewhat well | 29% | 24% | 41% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 12% | 8% | 22% |
| Not that well | 9% | 5% | 17% |
| Not at all well | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 12% | 13% | 9% |

b) To paying for college

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 67% | 71% | 58% |
| Very well | 28% | 31% | 20% |
| Somewhat well | 39% | 40% | 38% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 24% | 20% | 36% |
| Not that well | 16% | 12% | 25% |
| Not at all well | 9% | 8% | 11% |
| Does not apply to me | 8% | 10% | 5% |





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Q14. Now that you are in college, how well have you adjusted to the following...? / Once you were in college, how well did you adjust to the following? (*continued*)

c) To college-level course work

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 88% | 92% | 78% |
| Very well | 52% | 60% | 32% |
| Somewhat well | 36% | 31% | 46% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 12% | 8% | 20% |
| Not that well | 8% | 5% | 15% |
| Not at all well | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | * | 2% |

d) To managing my own time and workload

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 83% | 88% | 71% |
| Very well | 41% | 46% | 28% |
| Somewhat well | 42% | 42% | 43% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 16% | 11% | 29% |
| Not that well | 10% | 7% | 19% |
| Not at all well | 6% | 4% | 10% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | 1% |





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Q15. When preparing for college, did you do any of the following in high school?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Toured a college campus | 51% | 55% | 39% |
| Met with my high school / guidance counselor | 48% | 51% | 40% |
| Participated in Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses | 41% | 48% | 24% |
| Joined extracurricular activities to enhance college applications | 39% | 42% | 30% |
| Talked to friends or an older sibling about what college is like | 38% | 42% | 31% |
| Participated in dual or concurrent enrollment programs that allowed me to earn college credits while still in high school | 31% | 33% | 26% |
| Talked to current college students about their school choice and experience | 31% | 32% | 28% |
| Met with a college representative about admissions or on-campus experience | 31% | 33% | 25% |
| Met with a college financial aid office representative to talk about how to pay for college | 21% | 19% | 25% |
| Met with a career counselor | 18% | 16% | 24% |
| Met with an independent college consultant | 9% | 6% | 14% |
| None of the above | 6% | 6% | 4% |





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Q16. What general subject are you studying/majoring in?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Agriculture | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Architecture and Related Services | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Biological and Biomedical Sciences | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services | 11% | 11% | 11% |
| Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs | 3% | 2% | 6% |
| Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services | 8% | 7% | 11% |
| Education | 6% | 7% | 4% |
| Engineering | 12% | 13% | 9% |
| Health Professions and Related Programs | 11% | 13% | 8% |
| Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Services | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities | 5% | 4% | 8% |
| Mathematics and Statistics | 3% | 2% | 5% |
| Physical Sciences | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| Psychology | 7% | 8% | 6% |
| Public Administration and Social Service Professions | 1% | * | 1% |
| Social Sciences | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Visual and Performing Arts | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Other (please specify) | 10% | 11% | 7% |
| Undecided | 2% | 2% | 2% |

Q17. Thinking about when you first went to college, which of the following statements best fit your career goal / major at the time?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| I knew the career/major I wanted | 43% | 40% | 52% |
| I knew the general field of work I wanted but not the exact job/major | 26% | 27% | 25% |
| I thought I knew what I wanted to do, but my interests changed | 21% | 22% | 18% |
| I didn't know what I wanted to do yet | 9% | 11% | 5% |

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Q18. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. How confident do you feel in each of the following

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Ability to enter your chosen career after you graduate | 76% | 76% | 73% |
| Overall career direction | 75% | 77% | 70% |

a) Overall career direction

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 75% | 77% | 70% |
| Completely confident | 31% | 34% | 25% |
| Somewhat confident | 44% | 44% | 45% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 14% | 12% | 18% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 11% | 11% | 12% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 9% | 9% | 8% |
| Completely unconfident | 2% | 2% | 4% |

b) Ability to enter your chosen career after you graduate

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 76% | 76% | 73% |
| Completely confident | 33% | 37% | 24% |
| Somewhat confident | 42% | 39% | 49% |
| Neither confident nor unconfident | 13% | 12% | 16% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 11% | 12% | 10% |
| Somewhat unconfident | 8% | 9% | 7% |
| Completely unconfident | 3% | 3% | 4% |

Q19. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Having a career plan or direction before you graduate college is important to being successful in your professional life

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 83% | 81% | 88% |
| Strongly agree | 33% | 32% | 36% |
| Somewhat agree | 50% | 49% | 52% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 17% | 19% | 12% |
| Somewhat disagree | 12% | 13% | 9% |
| Strongly disagree | 5% | 6% | 3% |



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Q20. [Asked if didn't know career goals going into college] How useful, if at all, were your college courses for helping you establish your career goals/major?

| | Total Sample (N=778) | Total Current students (N=588) | Total Non- completers (N=190) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 79% | 81% | 74% |
| Very useful | 27% | 29% | 21% |
| Somewhat useful | 52% | 52% | 53% |
| <i>Bottom Box (Net)</i> | 16% | 15% | 21% |
| Not very useful | 11% | 9% | 15% |
| Not at all useful | 6% | 5% | 7% |
| Not sure | 4% | 4% | 5% |

Q21. How would you rate your overall college experience?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1% | * | 1% |
| 2 | * | * | 1% |
| 3 | 3% | 2% | 4% |
| 4 | 4% | 3% | 4% |
| 5 | 8% | 9% | 7% |
| 6 | 9% | 10% | 5% |
| 7 | 18% | 17% | 22% |
| 8 | 28% | 27% | 30% |
| 9 | 16% | 14% | 18% |
| 10 | 13% | 16% | 7% |
| <i>Mean</i> | 7.47 | 7.55 | 7.27 |





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Q23. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. How easy or difficult do you find the following school/academic-related aspects of your college experience?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Registering for classes | 69% | 70% | 65% |
| Staying on track and going to classes | 62% | 65% | 55% |
| Getting academic help when needed | 58% | 60% | 53% |
| Managing online/hybrid classes | 53% | 52% | 53% |
| Finding the right major/career path | 51% | 51% | 51% |
| Balancing social life and school | 47% | 47% | 49% |
| My courses | 39% | 34% | 48% |
| Balancing extracurricular activities and school | 39% | 37% | 46% |
| Being able to meet the cost of additional expenses (textbooks, living costs, food, etc.) | 35% | 35% | 34% |
| Balancing work (paid or unpaid) and school | 32% | 32% | 32% |
| Being able to meet the cost of college tuition | 32% | 31% | 34% |
| Trying to support myself and/or my family while in school | 26% | 23% | 32% |

a) My courses

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 39% | 34% | 48% |
| Very easy | 12% | 11% | 15% |
| Easy | 26% | 23% | 33% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 31% | 32% | 28% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 30% | 33% | 23% |
| Difficult | 23% | 25% | 19% |
| Very difficult | 7% | 8% | 4% |
| Does not apply to me | * | * | * |

b) Staying on track and going to classes

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 62% | 65% | 55% |
| Very easy | 25% | 29% | 16% |
| Easy | 37% | 36% | 40% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 21% | 20% | 23% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 17% | 15% | 21% |
| Difficult | 13% | 12% | 14% |
| Very difficult | 4% | 2% | 7% |
| Does not apply to me | * | * | * |



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Q23. How easy or difficult do you find the following school/academic-related aspects of your college experience? (continued)

c) Finding the right major/career path

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 51% | 51% | 51% |
| Very easy | 22% | 23% | 18% |
| Easy | 29% | 28% | 33% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 29% | 29% | 28% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Difficult | 15% | 15% | 14% |
| Very difficult | 5% | 5% | 6% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | * | 1% |

d) Balancing work (paid or unpaid) and school

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 32% | 32% | 32% |
| Very easy | 11% | 11% | 9% |
| Easy | 21% | 20% | 23% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 22% | 22% | 20% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 36% | 34% | 42% |
| Difficult | 28% | 27% | 30% |
| Very difficult | 8% | 6% | 12% |
| Does not apply to me | 11% | 12% | 6% |

e) Balancing extracurricular activities and school

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 39% | 37% | 46% |
| Very easy | 13% | 12% | 14% |
| Easy | 26% | 24% | 32% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 27% | 29% | 23% |
| Difficult | 22% | 23% | 18% |
| Very difficult | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 9% | 9% | 7% |



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Q23. How easy or difficult do you find the following school/academic-related aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

f) Balancing social life and school

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 47% | 47% | 49% |
| Very easy | 16% | 16% | 18% |
| Easy | 31% | 31% | 31% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 24% | 23% | 26% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 27% | 29% | 25% |
| Difficult | 21% | 22% | 17% |
| Very difficult | 7% | 6% | 8% |
| Does not apply to me | 2% | 2% | 1% |

g) Registering for classes

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 69% | 70% | 65% |
| Very easy | 30% | 33% | 23% |
| Easy | 38% | 37% | 42% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 20% | 19% | 23% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 11% | 11% | 12% |
| Difficult | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| Very difficult | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | * | * | 1% |

h) Getting academic help when needed

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 58% | 60% | 53% |
| Very easy | 19% | 20% | 16% |
| Easy | 39% | 40% | 37% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 22% | 22% | 23% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 16% | 15% | 20% |
| Difficult | 13% | 12% | 14% |
| Very difficult | 4% | 3% | 6% |
| Does not apply to me | 3% | 3% | 3% |





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Q23. How easy or difficult do you find the following school/academic-related aspects of your college experience? (continued)

i) Managing online/hybrid classes

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 53% | 52% | 53% |
| Very easy | 23% | 26% | 17% |
| Easy | 29% | 26% | 36% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 20% | 18% | 23% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 12% | 10% | 17% |
| Difficult | 8% | 7% | 13% |
| Very difficult | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Does not apply to me | 15% | 19% | 7% |

j) Trying to support myself and/or my family while in school

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 26% | 23% | 32% |
| Very easy | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| Easy | 17% | 14% | 23% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 25% | 26% | 22% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 32% | 30% | 38% |
| Difficult | 22% | 20% | 26% |
| Very difficult | 10% | 10% | 12% |
| Does not apply to me | 17% | 21% | 8% |

k) Being able to meet the cost of college tuition

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 32% | 31% | 34% |
| Very easy | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| Easy | 20% | 19% | 22% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 27% | 29% | 23% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 32% | 29% | 39% |
| Difficult | 20% | 18% | 24% |
| Very difficult | 12% | 11% | 15% |
| Does not apply to me | 9% | 11% | 3% |



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Q23. How easy or difficult do you find the following school/academic-related aspects of your college experience? (continued)

l) Being able to meet the cost of additional expenses (textbooks, living costs, food, etc.)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 35% | 35% | 34% |
| Very easy | 13% | 15% | 7% |
| Easy | 23% | 21% | 27% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 27% | 27% | 25% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 33% | 31% | 39% |
| Difficult | 25% | 23% | 28% |
| Very difficult | 9% | 8% | 11% |
| Does not apply to me | 5% | 6% | 2% |

Q24. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. How easy or difficult do you find the following living or social-related aspects of your college experience?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Transiting/commuting to classes | 60% | 59% | 64% |
| Living away from home | 49% | 50% | 47% |
| Meeting new people / making friends | 49% | 46% | 58% |
| Staying healthy (e.g., eating healthy, not drinking too much, etc.) | 45% | 42% | 52% |
| Living with a roommate(s) | 43% | 41% | 48% |
| Being able to live where I want | 41% | 38% | 48% |
| Prioritizing mental health | 33% | 28% | 44% |

a) Living away from home

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 49% | 50% | 47% |
| Very easy | 22% | 25% | 17% |
| Easy | 27% | 26% | 30% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 19% | 18% | 21% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 13% | 11% | 20% |
| Difficult | 9% | 7% | 15% |
| Very difficult | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 19% | 22% | 12% |

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Q24. How easy or difficult do you find the following living or social-related aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

b) Being able to live where I want

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 41% | 38% | 48% |
| Very easy | 15% | 14% | 18% |
| Easy | 25% | 23% | 30% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 24% | 24% | 25% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 21% | 22% | 19% |
| Difficult | 15% | 16% | 12% |
| Very difficult | 6% | 5% | 7% |
| Does not apply to me | 15% | 17% | 8% |

c) Living with a roommate(s)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 43% | 41% | 48% |
| Very easy | 16% | 16% | 15% |
| Easy | 28% | 25% | 34% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 19% | 19% | 18% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 15% | 14% | 16% |
| Difficult | 9% | 8% | 10% |
| Very difficult | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Does not apply to me | 23% | 26% | 17% |

d) Meeting new people / making friends

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 49% | 46% | 58% |
| Very easy | 21% | 20% | 23% |
| Easy | 28% | 26% | 35% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 22% | 23% | 20% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 28% | 31% | 21% |
| Difficult | 17% | 19% | 12% |
| Very difficult | 11% | 12% | 9% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | * | 1% |



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Q24. How easy or difficult do you find the following living or social-related aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

e) Transiting/commuting to classes

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 60% | 59% | 64% |
| Very easy | 25% | 26% | 25% |
| Easy | 35% | 33% | 39% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 19% | 19% | 20% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 11% | 10% | 13% |
| Difficult | 7% | 6% | 9% |
| Very difficult | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Does not apply to me | 10% | 13% | 4% |

f) Staying healthy (e.g., eating healthy, not drinking too much, etc.)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 45% | 42% | 52% |
| Very easy | 17% | 16% | 18% |
| Easy | 28% | 26% | 33% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 23% | 25% | 17% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 32% | 32% | 30% |
| Difficult | 23% | 24% | 20% |
| Very difficult | 9% | 8% | 10% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | 1% |

g) Prioritizing mental health

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 33% | 28% | 44% |
| Very easy | 12% | 10% | 16% |
| Easy | 21% | 18% | 28% |
| Neither easy nor difficult | 23% | 24% | 19% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 43% | 46% | 35% |
| Difficult | 27% | 30% | 20% |
| Very difficult | 16% | 16% | 15% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | 1% |



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Q25. [Summary - Top 2 Box]. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Physical campus | 78% | 80% | 73% |
| My academic program | 78% | 82% | 67% |
| Resources to help me succeed in my courses (tutoring, writing centers, etc.) | 74% | 76% | 70% |
| The quality of courses | 73% | 74% | 72% |
| The variety of courses | 73% | 74% | 70% |
| Support from teachers or professors | 71% | 71% | 69% |
| Support from my family | 71% | 74% | 65% |
| The culture on campus | 67% | 68% | 65% |
| Career planning resources | 63% | 64% | 63% |
| Extracurricular groups | 62% | 62% | 63% |
| Resources to help me adjust to college life | 61% | 61% | 63% |
| Social support system | 60% | 59% | 61% |
| Resources to help me pick a major/career | 60% | 59% | 63% |
| The social life | 60% | 59% | 63% |
| Financial support from outside sources (other scholarships, parents, etc.) | 56% | 59% | 49% |
| Financial support from the college (scholarships, advice on how to pay, etc.) | 55% | 58% | 47% |
| Mental health resources or counseling center | 51% | 49% | 59% |
| Housing | 48% | 45% | 57% |
| Access to alumni network | 47% | 43% | 57% |

a) Social support system

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 60% | 59% | 61% |
| Excellent | 23% | 23% | 21% |
| Good | 37% | 36% | 41% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 33% | 32% | 34% |
| Fair | 24% | 23% | 25% |
| Poor | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| Did not have any | 3% | 2% | 3% |
| Does not apply to me | 5% | 6% | 2% |





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Q25. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

b) Financial support from the college (scholarships, advice on how to pay, etc.)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 55% | 58% | 47% |
| Excellent | 25% | 29% | 15% |
| Good | 30% | 30% | 32% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 38% | 33% | 47% |
| Fair | 26% | 24% | 32% |
| Poor | 11% | 10% | 15% |
| Did not have any | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Does not apply to me | 5% | 6% | 2% |

c) Financial support from outside sources (other scholarships, parents, etc.)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 56% | 59% | 49% |
| Excellent | 24% | 26% | 18% |
| Good | 32% | 33% | 30% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 32% | 28% | 43% |
| Fair | 21% | 17% | 29% |
| Poor | 11% | 10% | 14% |
| Did not have any | 7% | 8% | 7% |
| Does not apply to me | 4% | 6% | 1% |

d) Support from teachers or professors

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 71% | 71% | 69% |
| Excellent | 29% | 33% | 21% |
| Good | 41% | 38% | 48% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 27% | 25% | 30% |
| Fair | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Poor | 7% | 5% | 9% |
| Did not have any | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 2% | - |



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Q25. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

e) Resources to help me pick a major/career

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 60% | 59% | 63% |
| Excellent | 24% | 24% | 24% |
| Good | 36% | 34% | 39% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 31% | 30% | 32% |
| Fair | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| Poor | 6% | 6% | 7% |
| Did not have any | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | 7% | 8% | 3% |

f) Resources to help me succeed in my courses (tutoring, writing centers, etc.)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 74% | 76% | 70% |
| Excellent | 27% | 27% | 28% |
| Good | 47% | 49% | 42% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 21% | 19% | 27% |
| Fair | 18% | 16% | 20% |
| Poor | 4% | 3% | 6% |
| Did not have any | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | 3% | 4% | 1% |

g) Resources to help me adjust to college life

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 61% | 61% | 63% |
| Excellent | 20% | 21% | 18% |
| Good | 41% | 40% | 45% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 31% | 31% | 32% |
| Fair | 23% | 25% | 20% |
| Poor | 8% | 6% | 12% |
| Did not have any | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 4% | 5% | 1% |





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Q25. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

h) Mental health resources or counseling center

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 51% | 49% | 59% |
| Excellent | 20% | 21% | 18% |
| Good | 32% | 28% | 41% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 33% | 34% | 31% |
| Fair | 22% | 23% | 20% |
| Poor | 11% | 11% | 11% |
| Did not have any | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 11% | 14% | 5% |

i) Career planning resources

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 63% | 64% | 63% |
| Excellent | 21% | 21% | 22% |
| Good | 42% | 43% | 40% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 28% | 27% | 31% |
| Fair | 22% | 21% | 24% |
| Poor | 6% | 6% | 8% |
| Did not have any | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Does not apply to me | 5% | 7% | 2% |

j) Access to alumni network

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 47% | 43% | 57% |
| Excellent | 19% | 18% | 21% |
| Good | 28% | 25% | 36% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 30% | 30% | 29% |
| Fair | 22% | 23% | 21% |
| Poor | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| Did not have any | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| Does not apply to me | 17% | 21% | 7% |



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Q25. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience? (*continued*)

k) The social life

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 60% | 59% | 63% |
| Excellent | 24% | 25% | 23% |
| Good | 36% | 34% | 41% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 33% | 34% | 31% |
| Fair | 23% | 24% | 22% |
| Poor | 10% | 10% | 9% |
| Did not have any | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Does not apply to me | 3% | 3% | 1% |

l) Extracurricular groups

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 62% | 62% | 63% |
| Excellent | 26% | 26% | 25% |
| Good | 37% | 36% | 38% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 22% | 21% | 26% |
| Fair | 18% | 17% | 21% |
| Poor | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Did not have any | 5% | 6% | 3% |
| Does not apply to me | 10% | 11% | 8% |

m) The culture on campus

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 67% | 68% | 65% |
| Excellent | 29% | 30% | 26% |
| Good | 38% | 38% | 40% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 28% | 27% | 29% |
| Fair | 21% | 21% | 22% |
| Poor | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| Did not have any | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | 3% | 4% | 3% |



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Q25. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience? (continued)

n) Physical campus

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 78% | 80% | 73% |
| Excellent | 38% | 41% | 30% |
| Good | 40% | 39% | 43% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 17% | 15% | 22% |
| Fair | 14% | 12% | 19% |
| Poor | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Did not have any | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | 3% | 3% | 3% |

o) Housing

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 48% | 45% | 57% |
| Excellent | 15% | 14% | 17% |
| Good | 33% | 31% | 40% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 34% | 35% | 30% |
| Fair | 24% | 25% | 23% |
| Poor | 9% | 11% | 7% |
| Did not have any | 3% | 2% | 4% |
| Does not apply to me | 15% | 18% | 9% |

p) The quality of courses

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 73% | 74% | 72% |
| Excellent | 27% | 29% | 22% |
| Good | 46% | 45% | 50% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 24% | 24% | 26% |
| Fair | 21% | 21% | 19% |
| Poor | 4% | 3% | 7% |
| Did not have any | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | 1% |





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Q25. How would you rate the following aspects of your college experience? (continued)

q) The variety of courses

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 73% | 74% | 70% |
| Excellent | 31% | 33% | 28% |
| Good | 41% | 41% | 42% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 26% | 25% | 28% |
| Fair | 21% | 21% | 23% |
| Poor | 4% | 4% | 5% |
| Did not have any | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | * |

r) Support from my family

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 71% | 74% | 65% |
| Excellent | 40% | 45% | 27% |
| Good | 32% | 29% | 38% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 23% | 20% | 31% |
| Fair | 17% | 16% | 21% |
| Poor | 6% | 5% | 10% |
| Did not have any | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Does not apply to me | 2% | 3% | 1% |

s) My academic program

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 78% | 82% | 67% |
| Excellent | 35% | 38% | 26% |
| Good | 43% | 44% | 41% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 20% | 15% | 31% |
| Fair | 16% | 13% | 25% |
| Poor | 3% | 2% | 6% |
| Did not have any | 2% | 1% | 2% |
| Does not apply to me | 1% | 1% | * |



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Q26. Regarding academics and courses, which of the following, if any, are you experiencing? Please select all that apply. /Regarding academics and courses, which of the following, if any, did you experience while in college?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Difficulty managing my course workload | 37% | 34% | 44% |
| The classes I want aren't available | 26% | 27% | 21% |
| I had to withdraw from a course | 24% | 20% | 32% |
| I didn't know what to expect for college-level courses | 20% | 18% | 24% |
| Courses are too hard | 18% | 16% | 22% |
| Difficulty registering for the classes needed to complete for my major or minor | 17% | 18% | 15% |
| Difficulty getting in touch with the professor | 16% | 14% | 19% |
| Courses are not challenging enough | 8% | 8% | 8% |
| I had to enroll in a remedial/developmental course | 8% | 5% | 15% |
| None of the above | 20% | 23% | 14% |

Q27. [Asked if experiencing academic challenges in Q26] Have you found resources at your school to help you with any of your academic challenges?

| | Total Sample (N=1,153) | Total Current students (N=793) | Total Non- completers (N=360) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Yes | 64% | 65% | 62% |
| No | 18% | 14% | 25% |
| Have not looked | 18% | 21% | 13% |

Q28. Thinking of the social aspect of college, which of the following, if any, are you experiencing? Please select all that apply.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Trouble making connections | 29% | 31% | 26% |
| Feeling like I belong | 27% | 27% | 25% |
| Happiness to be away from home | 26% | 25% | 27% |
| No time to be social | 21% | 22% | 17% |
| Feeling overwhelmed by the adjustment to college social life | 21% | 20% | 25% |
| Homesickness | 18% | 17% | 19% |
| Culture shock | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| A lack of racial, ethnic, or cultural diversity | 12% | 11% | 14% |
| Discrimination or racism | 9% | 6% | 16% |
| Fear for my physical safety while on campus | 8% | 6% | 13% |
| Discrimination based on my sexual or gender identity | 7% | 5% | 9% |
| None of the above | 19% | 22% | 11% |



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Q29. Have you done any of the following while in college?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Talked with an academic advisor | 55% | 65% | 33% |
| Attended on-campus activities | 54% | 59% | 40% |
| Attended a professor's office hours | 43% | 50% | 25% |
| Attended sporting events | 39% | 42% | 31% |
| Talked with someone at the career center | 24% | 26% | 19% |
| Joined an academic organization on campus | 24% | 26% | 17% |
| Joined a sports team or club | 23% | 24% | 22% |
| Used school resources to help adjust to college or meet other students | 18% | 20% | 15% |
| Networked with alumni | 16% | 17% | 14% |
| Joined a community service organization on campus | 15% | 16% | 13% |
| Joined a religious organization on campus | 12% | 10% | 16% |
| Joined a social fraternity or sorority | 11% | 10% | 13% |
| Joined a multicultural organization on campus | 10% | 9% | 11% |
| Joined an LGBTQ+ organization on campus | 8% | 7% | 11% |
| Joined a political organization on campus | 7% | 6% | 9% |
| None of the above | 11% | 11% | 9% |

Q30. Are you working while attending college?/ Did you work while attending college?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| I work on campus | 24% | 26% | 21% |
| I work off campus | 45% | 44% | 47% |
| I work an unpaid internship | 4% | 3% | 6% |
| I have worked during previous semesters of college but am not currently working | 9% | 12% | - |
| I don't work while attending college | 26% | 23% | 34% |

Q31. [Asked if working/worked while in college] On average, how many hours a week do/did you work while attending college?

| | Total Sample (N=1,027) | Total Current students (N=741) | Total Non- completers (N=286) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Less than 10 hours a week | 23% | 24% | 18% |
| 10 to 19 hours a week | 41% | 39% | 47% |
| 20 to 35 hours a week | 24% | 25% | 23% |
| More than 35 hours a week | 10% | 10% | 11% |
| Don't remember | 2% | 2% | 1% |



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Q32. Did you transfer schools?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|-----|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Yes | 14% | 15% | 12% |
| No | 86% | 85% | 88% |

Q33. [Asked if transferred schools] Why did you change schools?

| | Total Sample (N=178) | Total Current students (N=136) | Total Non- completers (N=42*) |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| The cost | 23% | 21% | 30% |
| I wanted to attend a larger school | 15% | 16% | 11% |
| The school wasn't a good cultural fit for me | 15% | 16% | 14% |
| I started at a different school to reduce cost before finishing at current school | 15% | 19% | 6% |
| I transferred to my state school to save money | 14% | 10% | 28% |
| Poor academic performance | 14% | 15% | 12% |
| The school didn't have the degree program I wanted | 12% | 12% | 13% |
| I had a hard time adjusting socially | 11% | 9% | 16% |
| I was homesick and wanted to be closer to home | 10% | 11% | 10% |
| I wanted to attend a smaller school | 10% | 8% | 14% |
| I wanted to go to a school further away from home | 9% | 8% | 12% |
| Courses were too difficult | 6% | 8% | 3% |
| Courses weren't challenging enough | 5% | 4% | 7% |
| Disruptive or problematic behavior | 4% | 2% | 11% |
| I was waitlisted/delayed getting into the first school I wanted | 3% | 4% | 1% |
| Other | 23% | 26% | 16% |

*CAUTION: Small base size





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Q34. **[Asked if transferred schools]** Has transferring schools impacted your college experience in any of the following ways? / Did transferring schools impact your college experience in any of the following ways?

| | Total Sample (N=178) | Total Current students (N=136) | Total Non- completers (N=42*) |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Had to retake coursework/credits did not transfer to my new school | 27% | 21% | 46% |
| Got behind academically compared to other students in my year/ my major | 24% | 21% | 34% |
| I changed majors or minors | 22% | 19% | 32% |
| I changed my career goals | 21% | 19% | 27% |
| I am not on track to graduate in on time because of transferring | 17% | 14% | 26% |
| None of the above | 39% | 47% | 14% |

*CAUTION: Small base size

Q35. Looking back, do you feel changing schools was beneficial to your overall college experience?

| | Total Sample (N=178) | Total Current students (N=136) | Total Non- completers (N=42*) |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Yes | 70% | 74% | 57% |
| No | 11% | 9% | 17% |
| Not sure | 19% | 17% | 27% |

*CAUTION: Small base size

Q36. **[Asked to current students only]** You mentioned you expect it will take you more than 2/4 years to graduate. Why do you expect it to take more time to earn your current degree?

| | Total Current students (N=174) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Needed to repeat classes | 36% |
| Mental health made it difficult to stay on track | 30% |
| Financial reasons | 25% |
| Needed to take fewer classes per semester | 24% |
| Changed majors | 23% |
| Poor academic performance | 17% |
| Needed to take a break from school | 16% |
| Experienced a major life change or event | 14% |
| Physical health made it difficult to stay on track | 12% |
| Transferred schools | 10% |
| The classes I needed to take weren't available | 10% |
| Wanted to learn more / take more classes | 9% |
| My work conflicted with my academics | 6% |
| Couldn't decide on a major | 3% |
| Other | 18% |
| Not sure | 5% |



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Q37. [Asked to current students only] Have you ever considered taking a break or not finishing college

| | Total Current students (N=1,029) |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Yes | 34% |
| No | 66% |

Q37. [Asked to current students only] Have you ever been in a situation where you were almost dismissed from school - Have you ever?

| | Total Current students (N=1,029) |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Yes | 11% |
| No | 89% |





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Q38. [Asked to current students who have considered leaving college] How seriously did you consider leaving college?

| | Total Current students (N=338) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 57% |
| Very seriously | 16% |
| Somewhat seriously | 41% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 44% |
| Not very seriously | 38% |
| Not at all seriously | 6% |

Q39. [Asked to current students who have considered leaving college or non-completers] Why are you considering/did you consider taking a break or not finishing college?

| | Total Sample (N=765) | Total Current students (N=338) | Total Non-completers (N=427) |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mental health issues | 31% | 42% | 22% |
| The cost overall | 30% | 37% | 25% |
| Loss of motivation / change in focus | 30% | 42% | 21% |
| Change in financial situation | 24% | 21% | 26% |
| Poor academic performance | 18% | 22% | 15% |
| Unable to balance work and school | 18% | 23% | 13% |
| Did not feel worth it to continue | 16% | 23% | 10% |
| Not sure what major or career path to choose | 13% | 20% | 8% |
| Traumatic personal event | 13% | 11% | 15% |
| Courses are too difficult | 12% | 14% | 10% |
| Change in family situation (had a baby, got married, divorce, death, etc.) | 12% | 10% | 14% |
| Feeling like I am not getting valuable skills for the future | 9% | 13% | 6% |
| Physical health issues | 9% | 7% | 11% |
| COVID-19 | 9% | 13% | 6% |
| The school isn't a good cultural fit for me | 7% | 10% | 5% |
| Loss of scholarship | 7% | 8% | 7% |
| Homesickness | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Difficulty living on my own | 6% | 6% | 7% |
| Too difficult to commute / didn't have transportation | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Classmates/friends | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| Professors/Staff | 5% | 8% | 3% |
| Experienced discrimination | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| Extracurricular commitments distracted from schoolwork | 4% | 3% | 4% |
| Disruptive or problematic behavior | 3% | 1% | 4% |
| The school doesn't have the degree program I want | 2% | 1% | 3% |
| Courses are not challenging enough | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Other | 5% | 4% | 6% |

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Q40. [Asked to current students who have considered leaving college or non-completers] What resources would help you stay in college?/ What resources would have helped you decide to stay in college, if any? Please select all that apply

| | Total Sample (N=765) | Total Current students (N=338) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Additional financial resources | 39% | 38% | 41% |
| More mental health resources/support | 25% | 30% | 20% |
| Friends/social organizations | 23% | 29% | 18% |
| Better/more flexible class scheduling | 23% | 28% | 20% |
| Online/hybrid classes | 19% | 19% | 19% |
| Additional support from academic or career advisors | 17% | 20% | 14% |
| Additional academic resources | 15% | 9% | 19% |
| Additional employment resources | 15% | 11% | 18% |
| Additional support from professors | 15% | 14% | 16% |
| Extracurricular activities | 14% | 14% | 14% |
| Better commute or transportation support | 11% | 11% | 10% |
| More representation of people like me | 8% | 7% | 9% |
| Other | 4% | 5% | 3% |
| Nothing | 9% | 8% | 9% |

Q41. [Asked to current students who were nearly dismissed] What was the reason you were nearly dismissed?.

| | Total Current students (N=106) |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Poor academic performance | 56% |
| Financial (e.g., not being able to pay tuition or fees) | 16% |
| Family commitments distracted from schoolwork | 11% |
| Coursework was too hard | 9% |
| Loss of scholarship | 8% |
| Work commitments distracted from schoolwork | 5% |
| Disruptive or problematic behavior | 4% |
| Extracurricular commitments distracted from schoolwork | 3% |
| Social aspect of college distracted from schoolwork | 2% |
| Other | 15% |

Q42. [Asked to current students only] After graduation, how quickly do you expect to get a job in your chosen field?

| | Total Current students (N=1,029) |
|---|--|
| Expect to have a job lined up before I graduate | 33% |
| Within 3 months of graduating | 17% |
| Within 6 months of graduating | 13% |
| Within a year of graduating | 14% |
| More than a year after graduating | 8% |
| I don't have an expectation | 16% |



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Q43. [Asked to non-completers only] After leaving school, how quickly were you able to get a job?

| | Total Non-completers (N=427) |
|---|---------------------------------|
| I already had a job lined up when I left school | 18% |
| Within 3 months | 33% |
| Within 6 months | 19% |
| Within a year | 13% |
| More than a year after leaving school | 5% |
| I have not been able to find a job yet | 14% |

Q44. After graduation, what salary do you expect from your first job in your chosen field? / In your first job after leaving college, what was your salary?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Unpaid internship | 3% | 2% | 7% |
| Less than \$15,000 | 9% | 2% | 27% |
| \$15,000 to \$29,999 | 16% | 8% | 36% |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 14% | 16% | 11% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 25% | 34% | 4% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 18% | 25% | 2% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 8% | 10% | 3% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| \$200,000 or more | 2% | 3% | * |
| Unemployed | 3% | - | 10% |

Q45. [Asked to non-completers only] After withdrawing from college, what actions did you take within that first year?

| | Total Non-completers (N=427) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Took the first job I could find | 40% |
| Worked on my mental health | 32% |
| Moved back in with my parents | 32% |
| Worked on my physical health | 22% |
| Found a career I wanted to progress in | 13% |
| Enrolled in online professional certificate training programs (e.g. Coursera, Udemy, Grow with Google, etc.) | 13% |
| Sought out alternative education plans (e.g. a trade or vocational school) | 8% |
| Other | 3% |
| None of the above | 7% |



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D1. What is/was the household income in the household in which you grew up? Your best estimate is fine.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Low income | 13% | 15% | 9% |
| Low-middle income | 25% | 26% | 23% |
| Middle income | 41% | 36% | 55% |
| High-middle income | 18% | 20% | 12% |
| High income | 2% | 2% | 1% |

D2. What is the highest level of education either of your parents have completed?

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 8th grade or less | 2% | 3% | 2% |
| Some high school | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| High school graduate (12) or GED | 13% | 15% | 9% |
| Some college | 14% | 11% | 20% |
| Trade/Technical/Vocational Training | 3% | 2% | 6% |
| College graduate, Associate's degree | 10% | 6% | 18% |
| College graduate, Bachelor's degree | 32% | 30% | 35% |
| Postgraduate work/degree | 19% | 25% | 6% |
| Don't know | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| Prefer not to answer | 2% | 3% | 1% |

D3. When growing up, how often did you have access to the following?

a) Enough food in the house

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 90% | 93% | 83% |
| Always | 52% | 59% | 34% |
| Most of the time | 38% | 34% | 49% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 10% | 7% | 17% |
| Not very often | 9% | 6% | 16% |
| Never | 1% | 1% | 2% |

b) Reliable transportation

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 87% | 89% | 82% |
| Always | 50% | 56% | 35% |
| Most of the time | 37% | 33% | 47% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 13% | 11% | 18% |
| Not very often | 10% | 8% | 15% |
| Never | 3% | 3% | 3% |

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D3. When growing up, how often did you have access to the following? (*continued*)

c) A safe neighborhood to play/walk-around

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 87% | 89% | 82% |
| Always | 51% | 58% | 32% |
| Most of the time | 36% | 30% | 50% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 13% | 11% | 18% |
| Not very often | 10% | 8% | 15% |
| Never | 3% | 3% | 2% |

d) Healthy food (e.g. fresh fruits and vegetables)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 85% | 87% | 81% |
| Always | 46% | 51% | 33% |
| Most of the time | 39% | 36% | 49% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 15% | 13% | 19% |
| Not very often | 13% | 12% | 15% |
| Never | 2% | 2% | 4% |

e) Quality health care

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 87% | 89% | 81% |
| Always | 52% | 59% | 33% |
| Most of the time | 35% | 30% | 47% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 13% | 11% | 19% |
| Not very often | 12% | 10% | 17% |
| Never | 2% | 1% | 3% |

f) Reliable internet

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 86% | 87% | 82% |
| Always | 46% | 51% | 32% |
| Most of the time | 40% | 36% | 50% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 14% | 13% | 18% |
| Not very often | 12% | 10% | 16% |
| Never | 3% | 3% | 1% |

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D3. When growing up, how often did you have access to the following? (*continued*)

g) Stable housing

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 89% | 90% | 84% |
| Always | 62% | 71% | 40% |
| Most of the time | 27% | 20% | 44% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 11% | 10% | 16% |
| Not very often | 9% | 8% | 13% |
| Never | 2% | 2% | 3% |

h) A safe home environment

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 88% | 89% | 84% |
| Always | 55% | 63% | 35% |
| Most of the time | 33% | 26% | 49% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 12% | 11% | 16% |
| Not very often | 9% | 8% | 12% |
| Never | 3% | 3% | 4% |

i) Quality schools/education

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 85% | 87% | 81% |
| Always | 49% | 55% | 33% |
| Most of the time | 36% | 32% | 48% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 15% | 13% | 19% |
| Not very often | 13% | 12% | 17% |
| Never | 2% | 2% | 2% |

j) Extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, clubs, theatre, etc.)

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 83% | 84% | 79% |
| Always | 49% | 57% | 31% |
| Most of the time | 34% | 28% | 48% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 17% | 16% | 21% |
| Not very often | 13% | 12% | 17% |
| Never | 4% | 4% | 4% |

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D3. When growing up, how often did you have access to the following? (*continued*)

k) Social support

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 78% | 78% | 76% |
| Always | 40% | 46% | 27% |
| Most of the time | 38% | 33% | 49% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 22% | 22% | 24% |
| Not very often | 18% | 17% | 21% |
| Never | 4% | 5% | 3% |

D4. How would you rate your...

a) Current mental health

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 53% | 50% | 59% |
| Excellent | 19% | 20% | 16% |
| Good | 34% | 30% | 43% |
| Fair | 33% | 34% | 30% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 14% | 15% | 11% |
| Poor | 11% | 12% | 8% |
| Very poor | 3% | 3% | 3% |

b) Current physical health

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Top 2 Box (Net)</i> | 65% | 66% | 63% |
| Excellent | 22% | 24% | 19% |
| Good | 43% | 42% | 44% |
| Fair | 28% | 27% | 28% |
| <i>Bottom 2 Box (Net)</i> | 7% | 6% | 8% |
| Poor | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Very poor | 1% | 1% | 2% |

D5. Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself? Please select all that apply.

| | Total Sample (N=1,456) | Total Current students (N=1,029) | Total Non- completers (N=427) |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Gay or lesbian | 7% | 8% | 3% |
| Straight | 71% | 69% | 76% |
| Bisexual | 14% | 15% | 11% |
| Cisgender | 11% | 13% | 7% |
| Transgender | 2% | 1% | 4% |
| Non-binary | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Other | 4% | 4% | 3% |



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About the Study

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Sallie Mae between June 2 and June 26, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 1,029 current college students ages 18-30 and 427 adults who started but did not complete college ages 18-30 from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii were interviewed online in English.

The sample was randomly drawn from The Generation Lab Student Panel and General Youth Panel, and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. The Student panel includes students from across the country, including those attending community colleges, HBCUs, and women-only colleges. The General youth panel is recruited to closely resemble a probability-based sample through academically-guided, advertisement-based, geographic recruitment with quota sampling. After a sample has been obtained, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population for college students and adults who have not completed college using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2021 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, race/ethnicity, and type of educational institution.

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