

CIRP The Freshman Survey 2008

U of California-San Diego

3,776 Responses

Executive Summary

CIRP The Freshman Survey

- Administered to all incoming first-time, first-year college students
- Comprehensive survey that examines characteristics and expectations of incoming students upon entering college
- First part of a longitudinal assessment program
 - Freshman Survey → Your First College Year → College Senior Survey

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- 43rd year
- Over 13 million students
- Over 1,900 schools
- Largest and longest running study of higher education

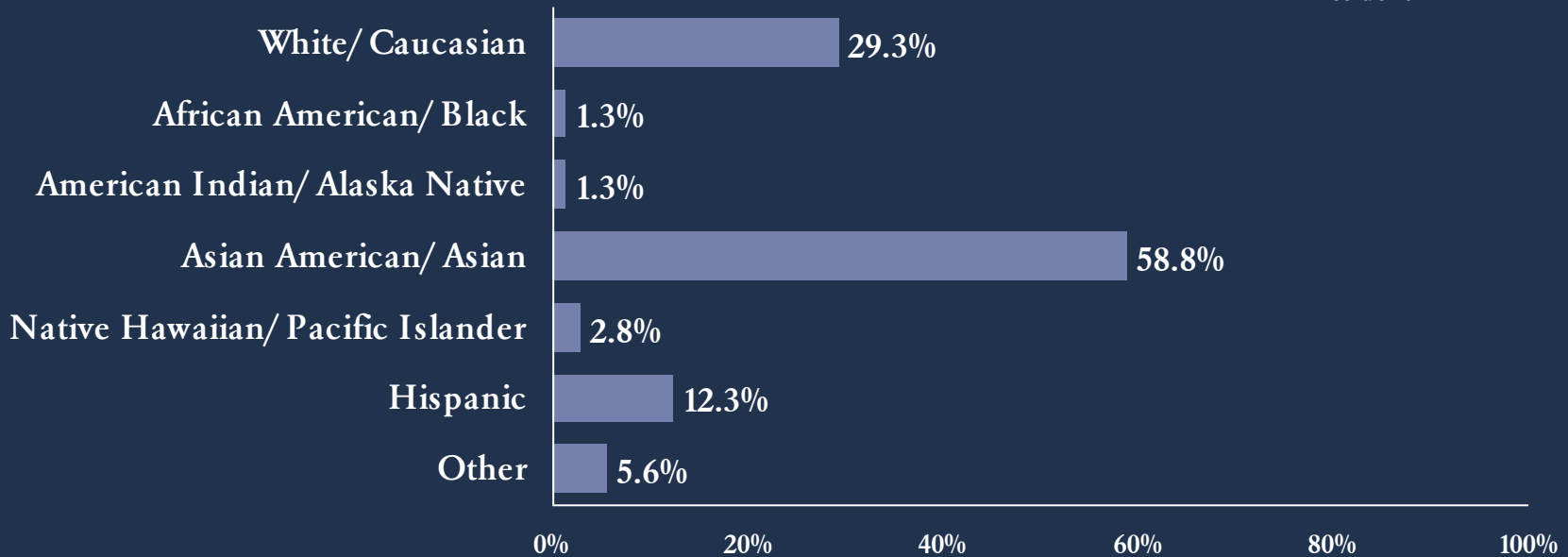
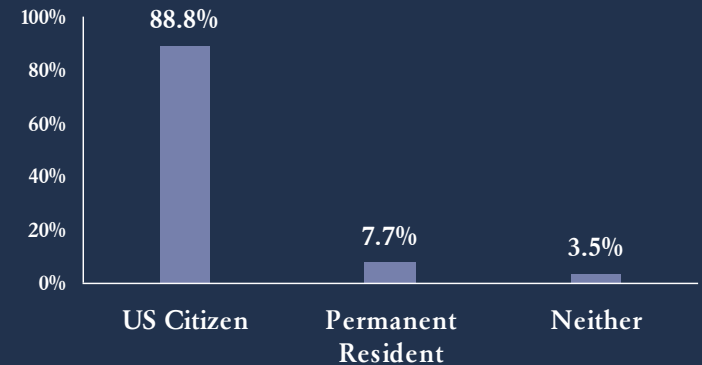
Presentation Summary

- Demographics
- Finances
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- Degree Aspirations
- Expectations

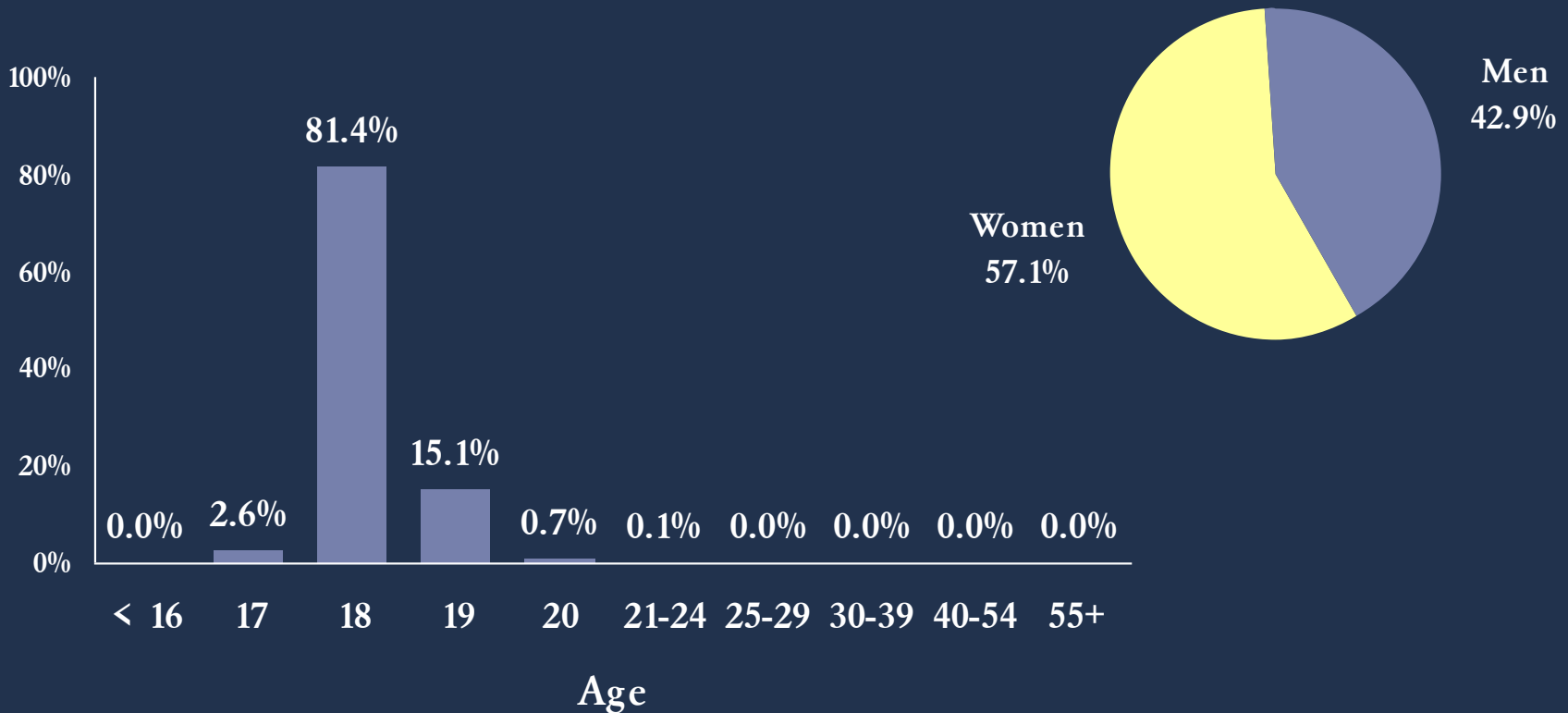
Demographics

Native English Speakers: 64.3%

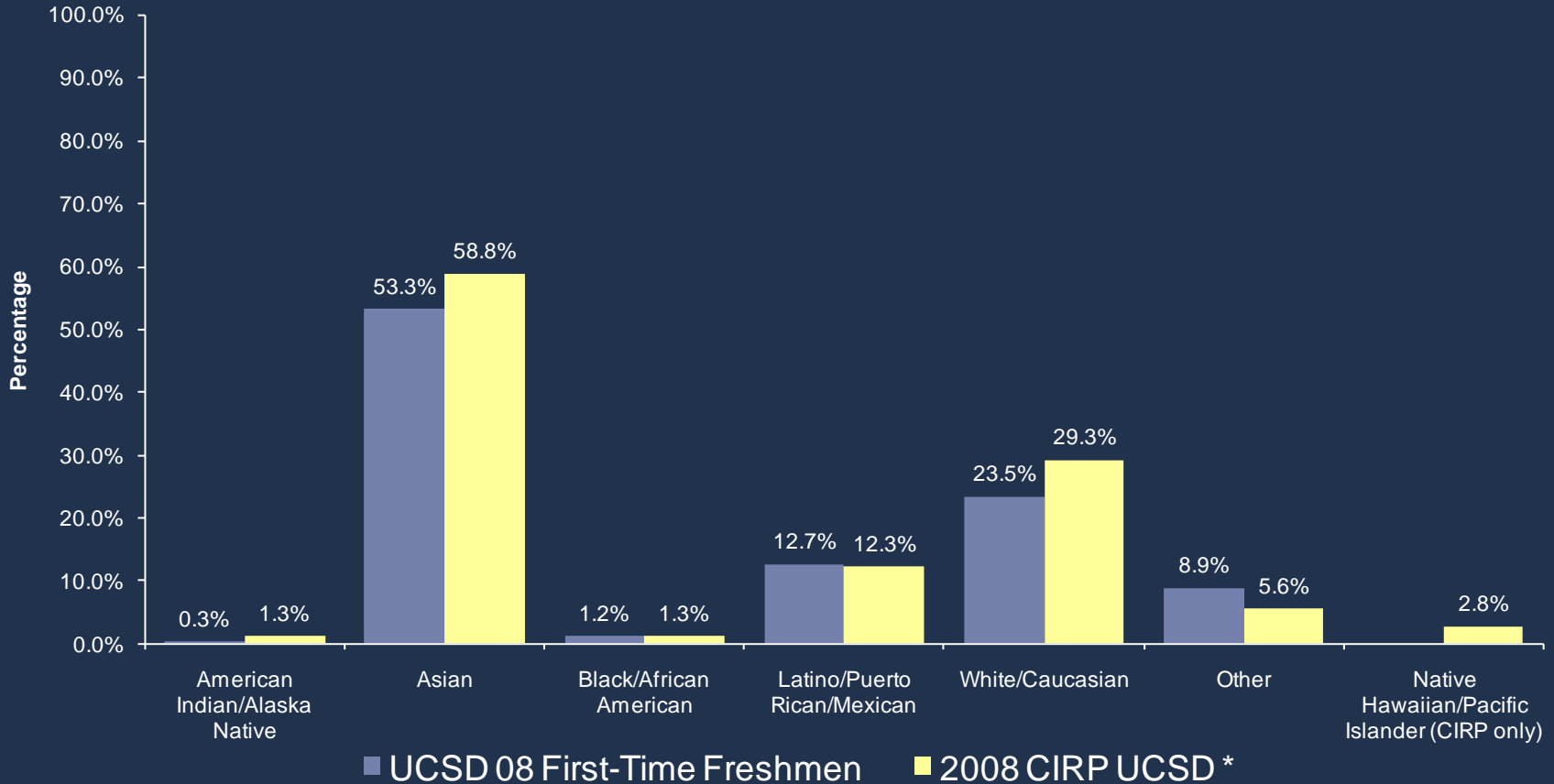
First-Generation: 24.1%



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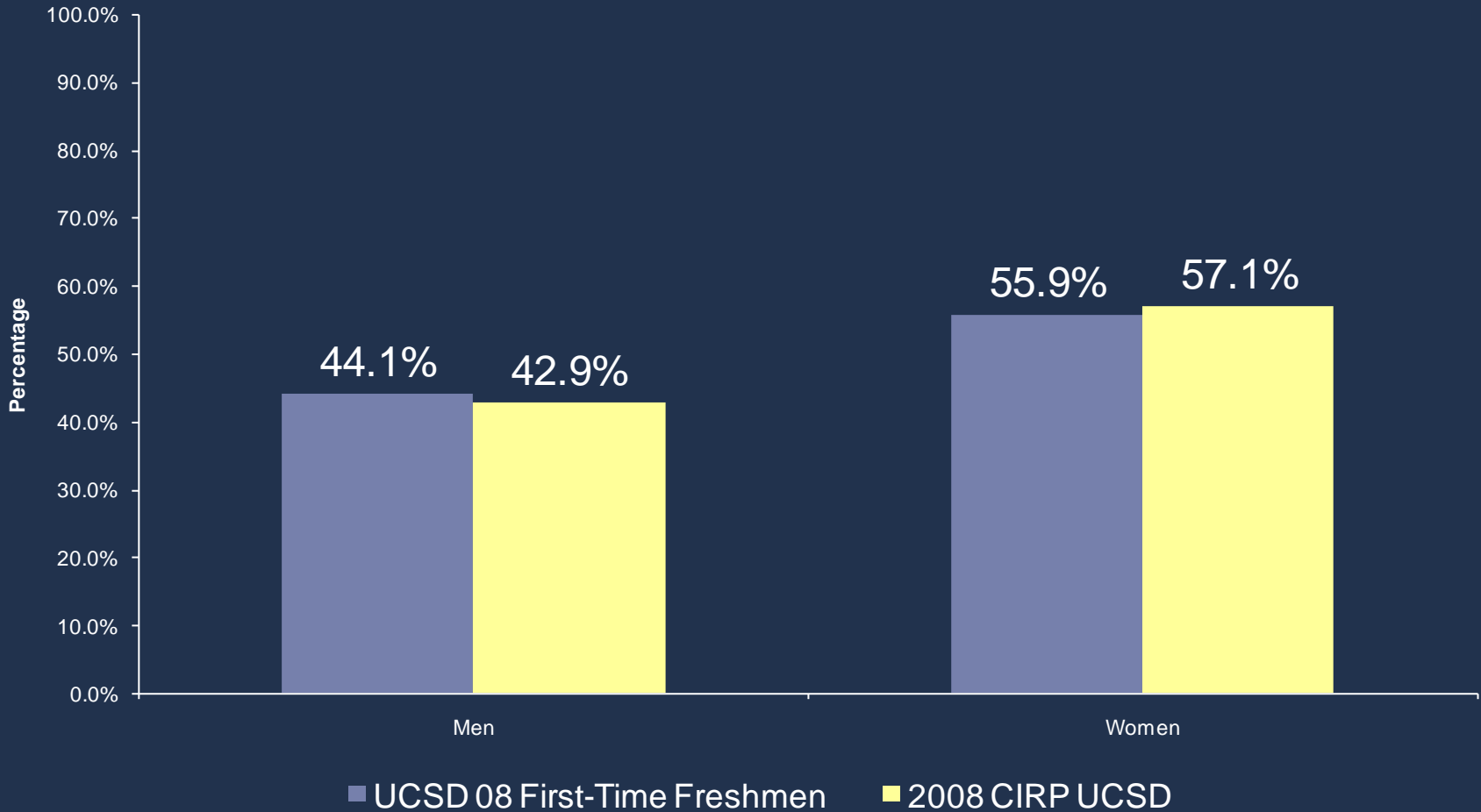


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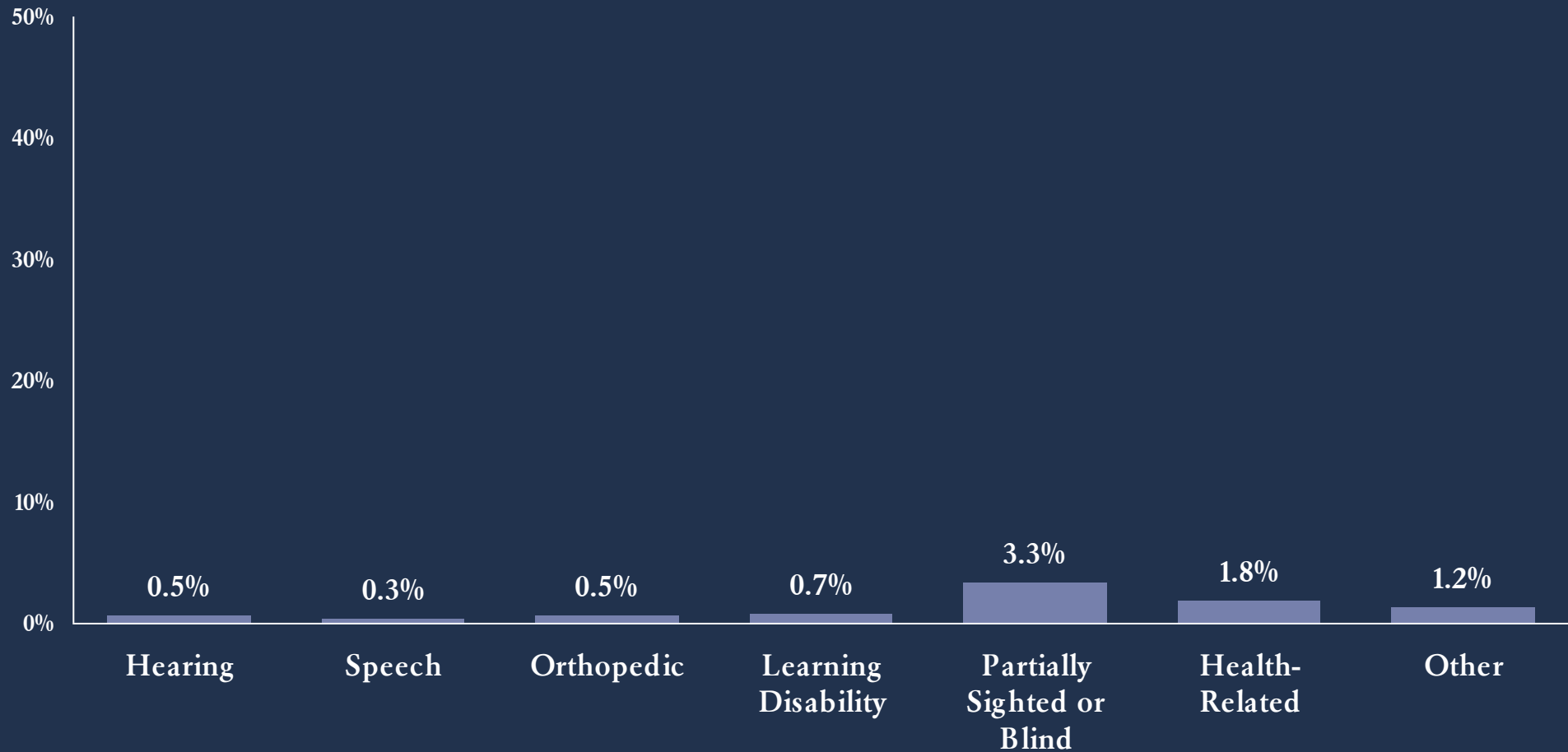


* CIRP Race/Ethnicity: Percentage will add to more than 100% if any student marked more than one race/ethnicity.

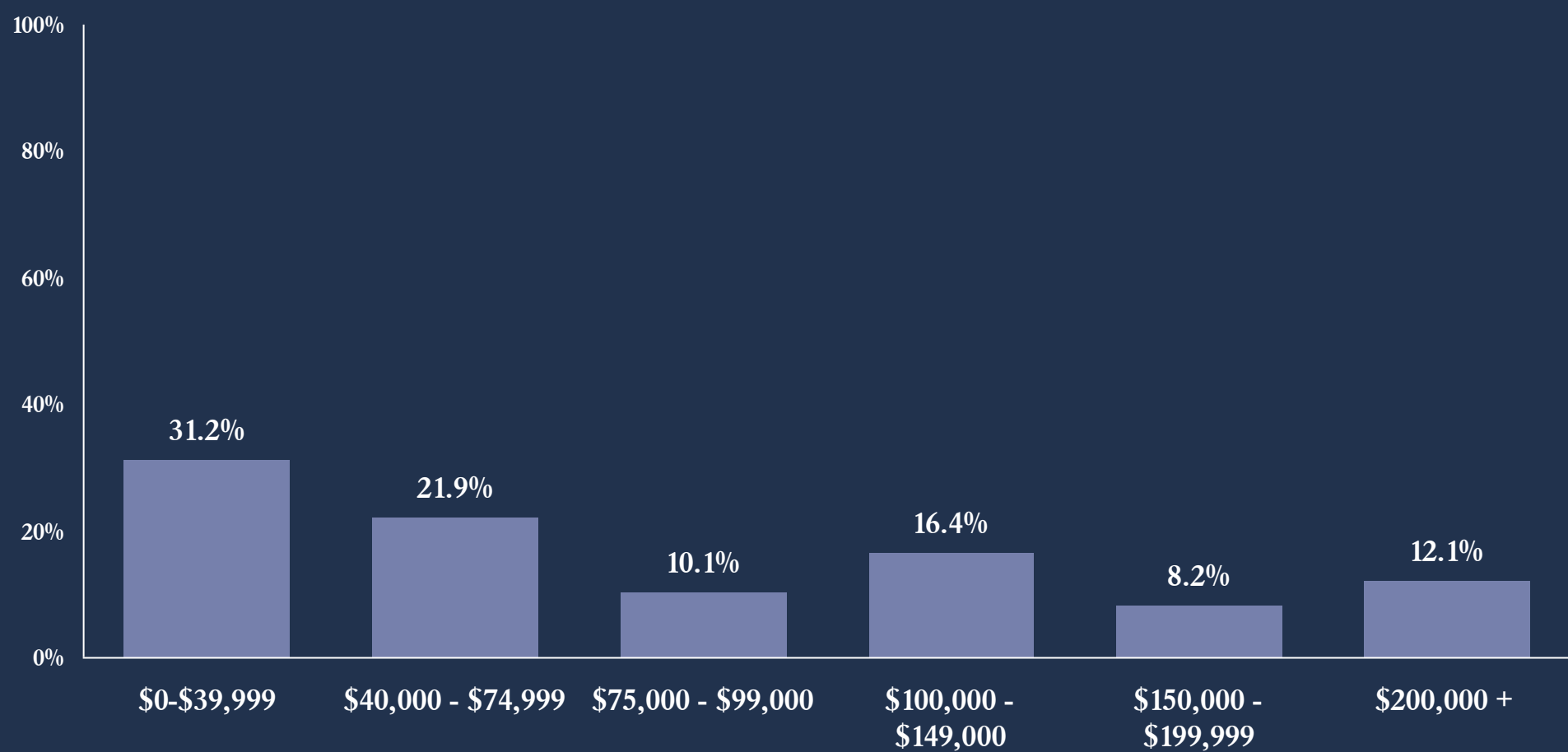
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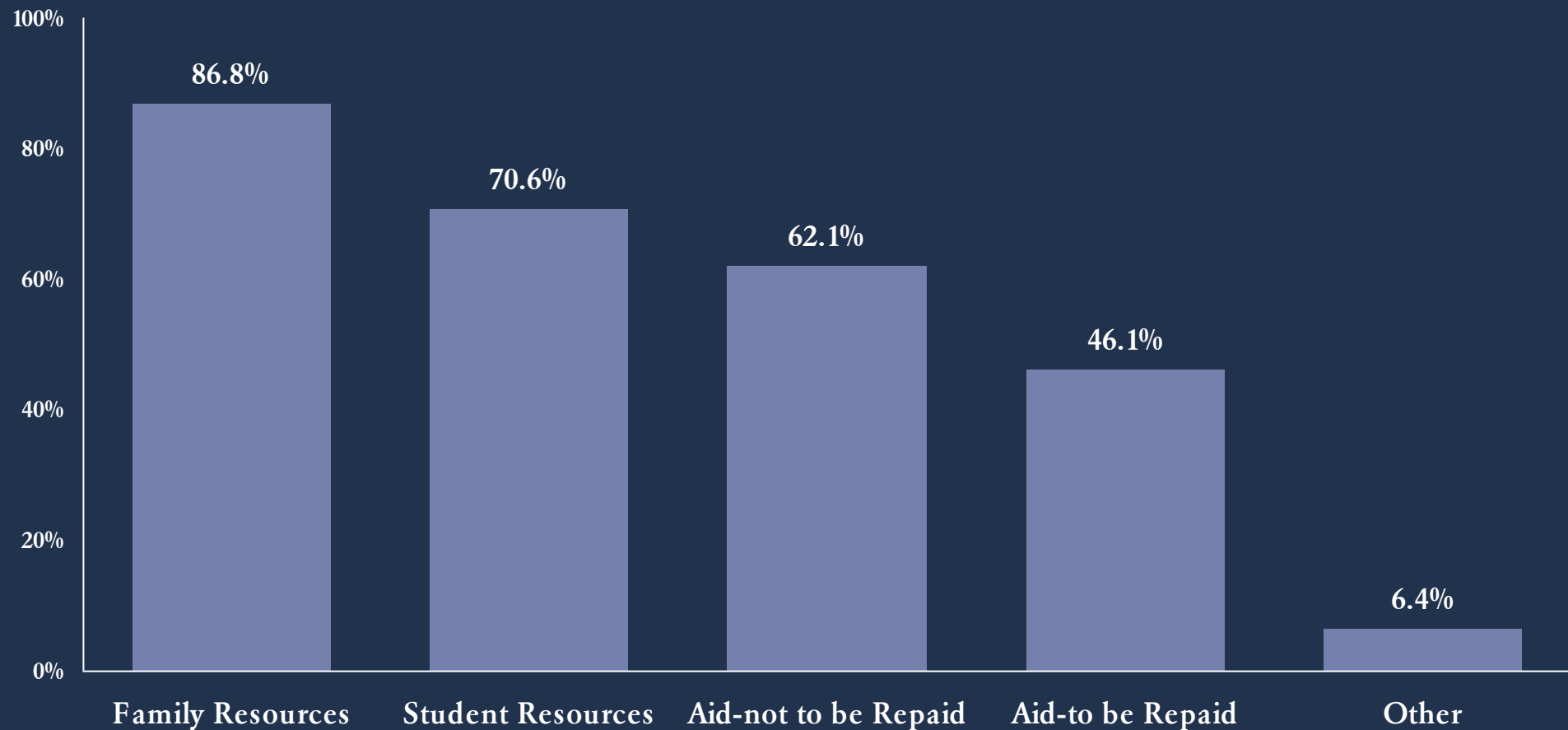
Demographics Disabilities



Finances Family Income

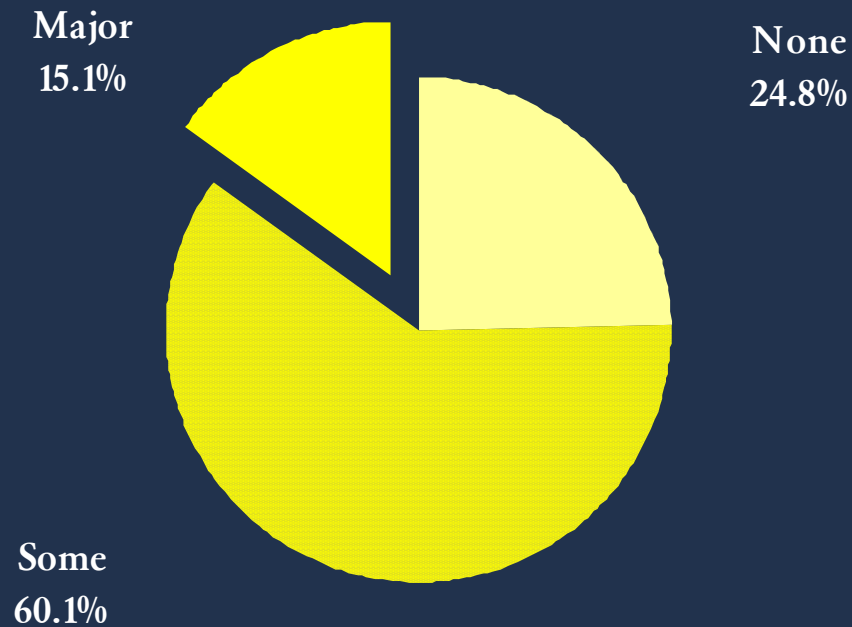


Finances Source for College Expenses

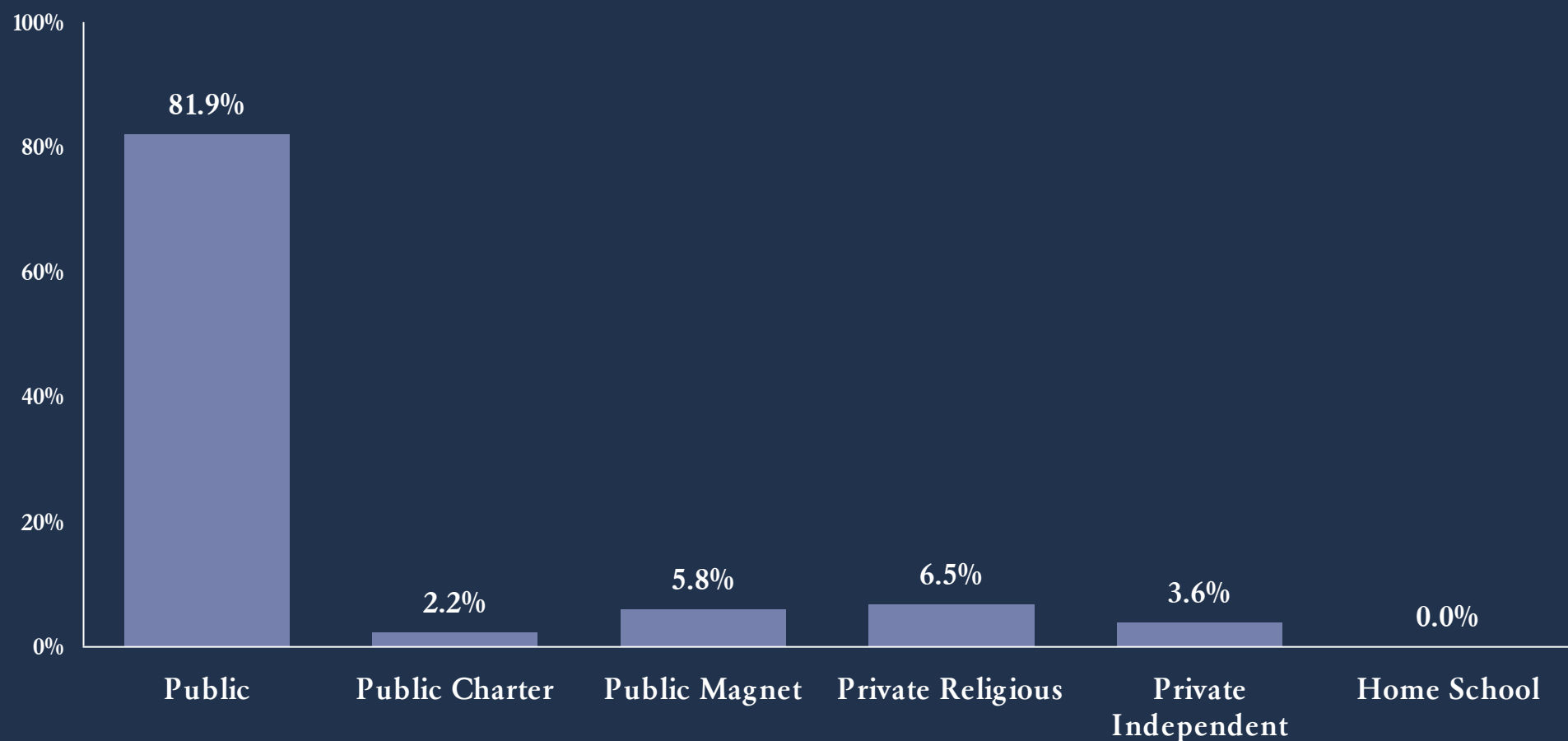


Finances

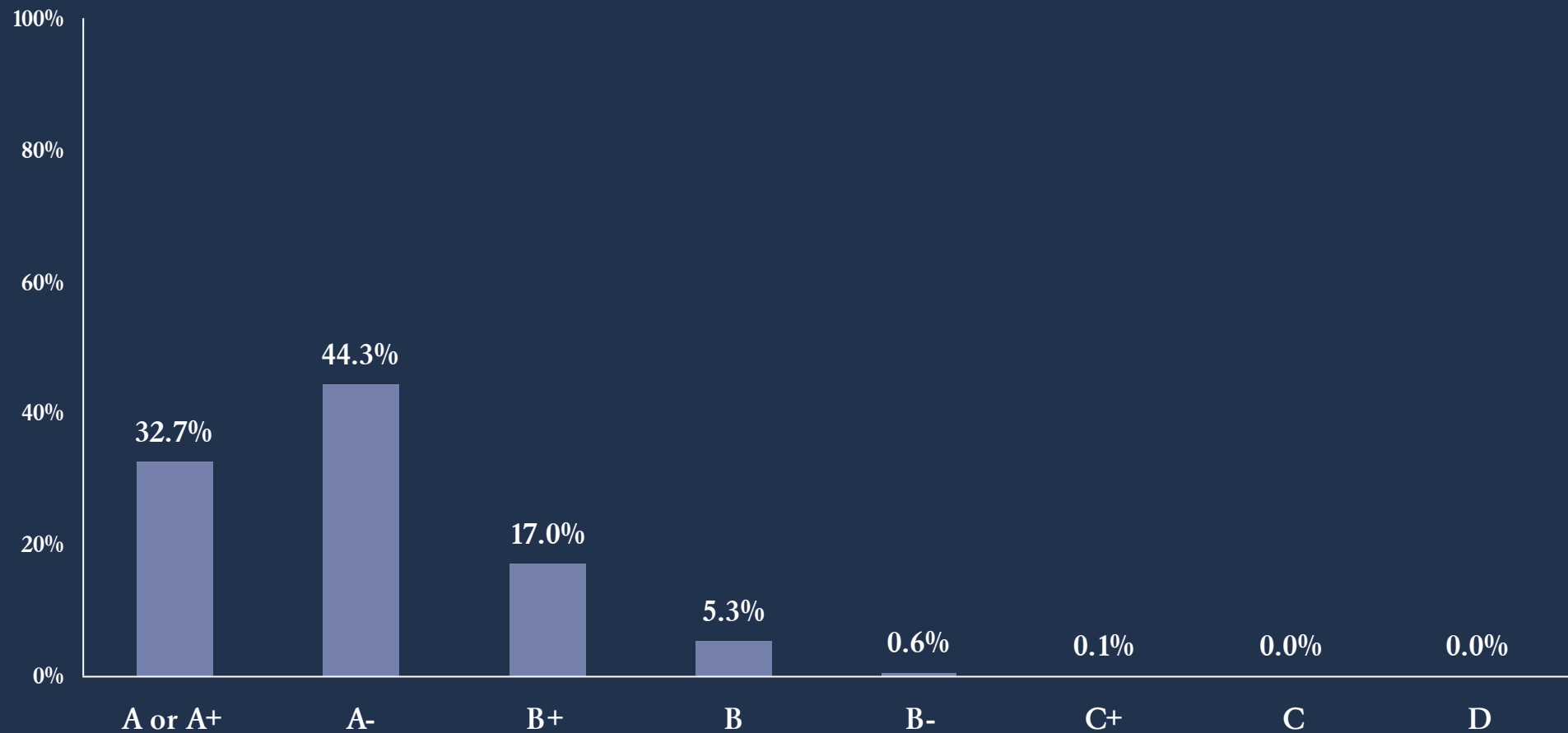
Level of Concern About Ability to Finance College Education



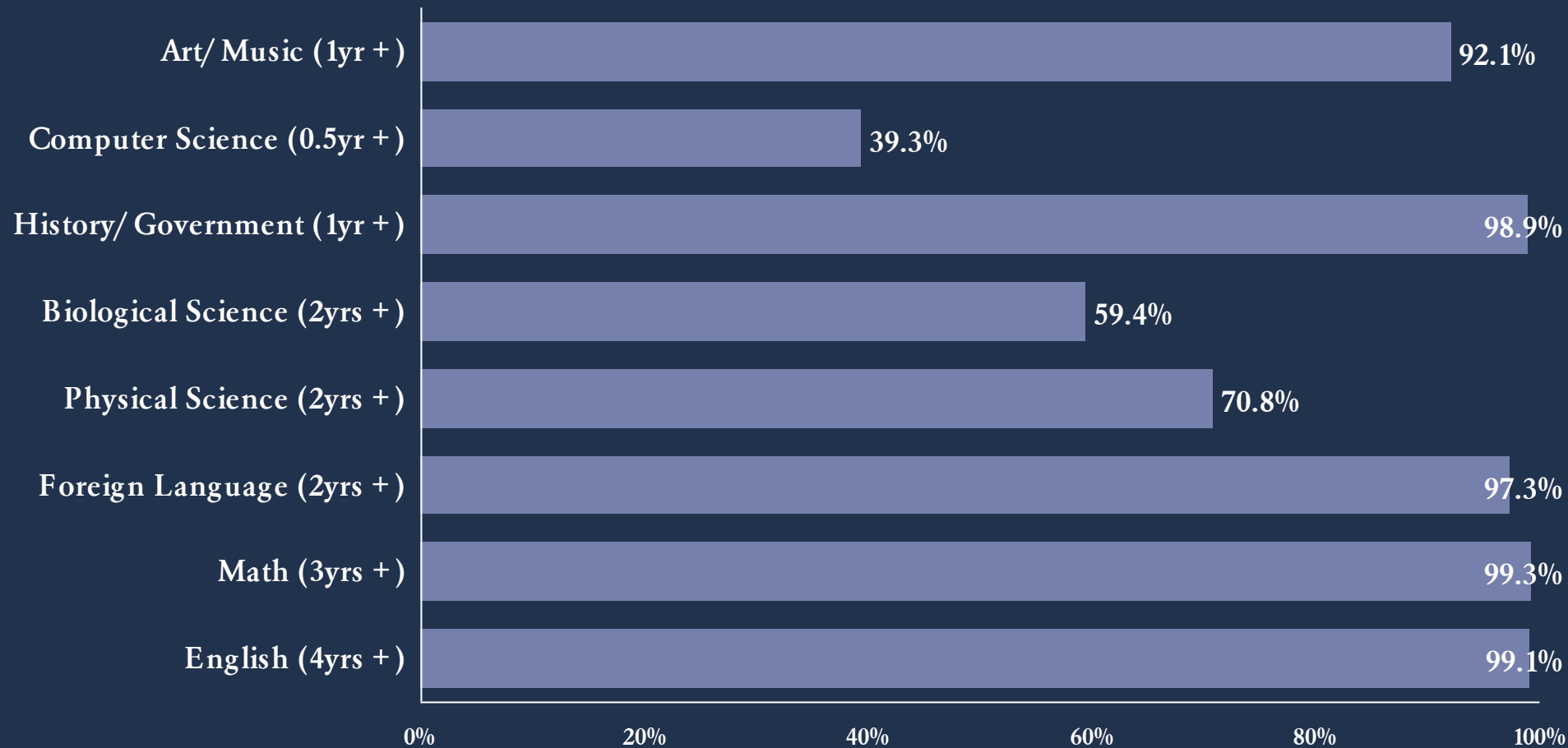
High School Type of High School Attended



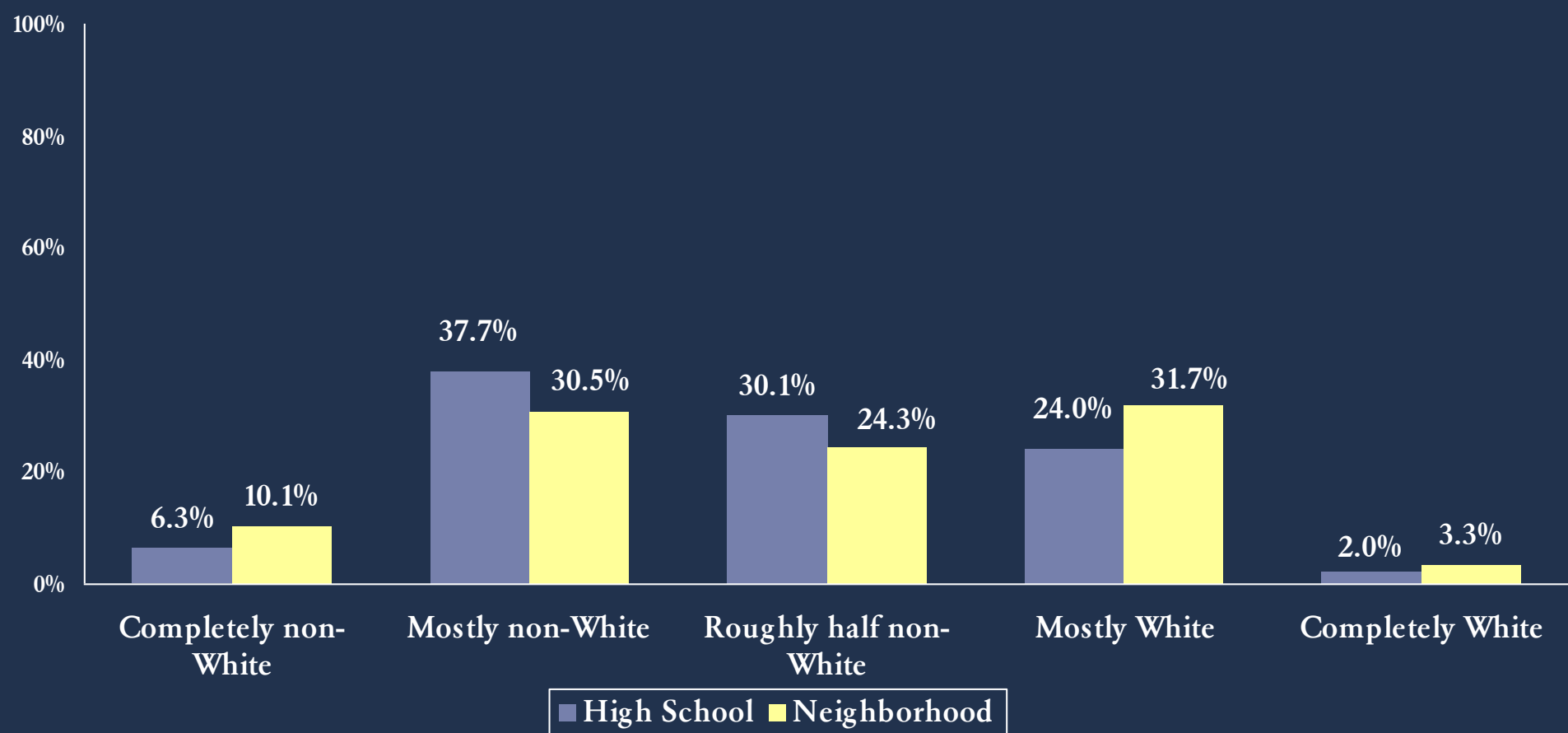
High School Average Grade in High School



High School Coursework: Total Number of Years Study



High School Racial Composition: High School and Neighborhood

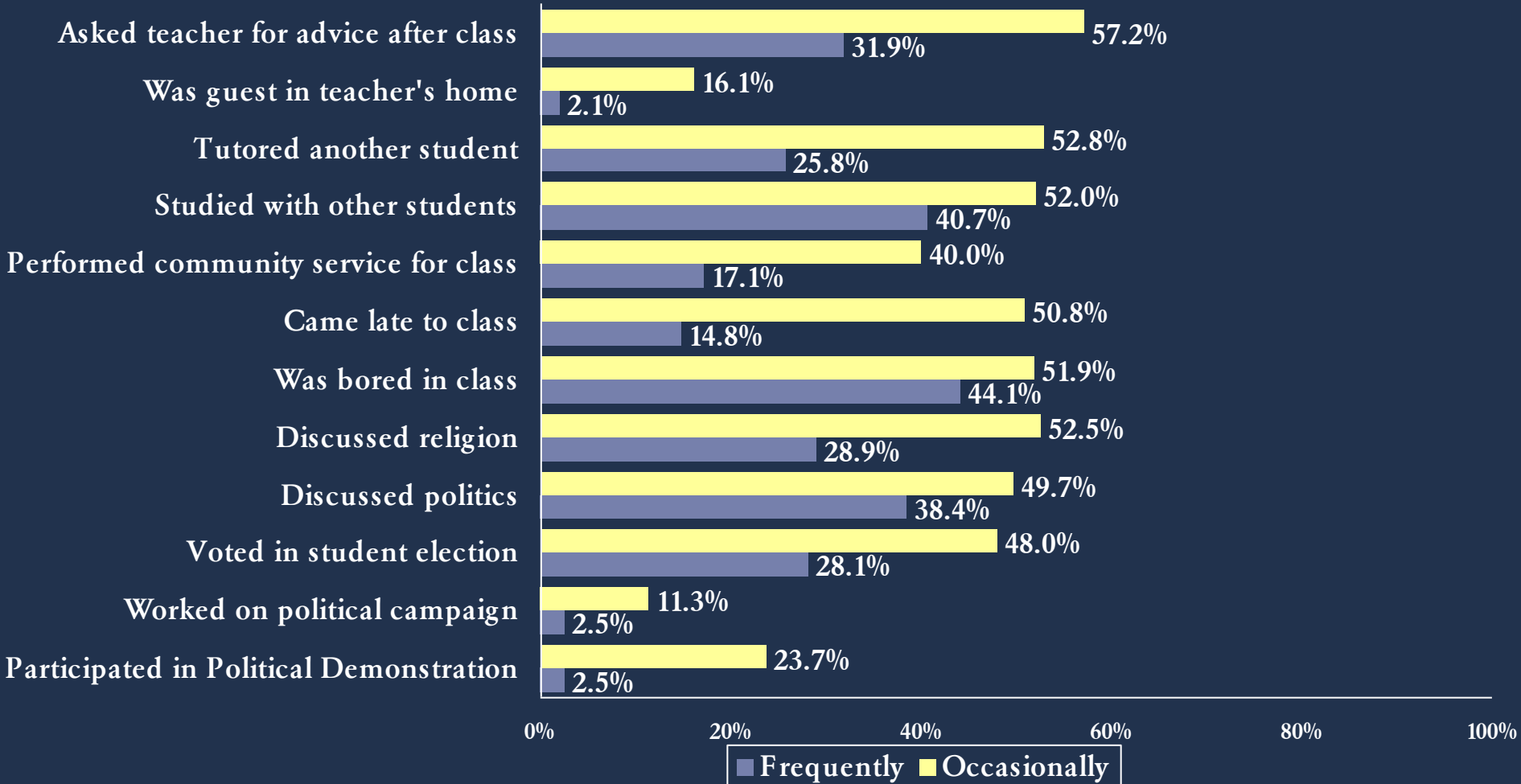




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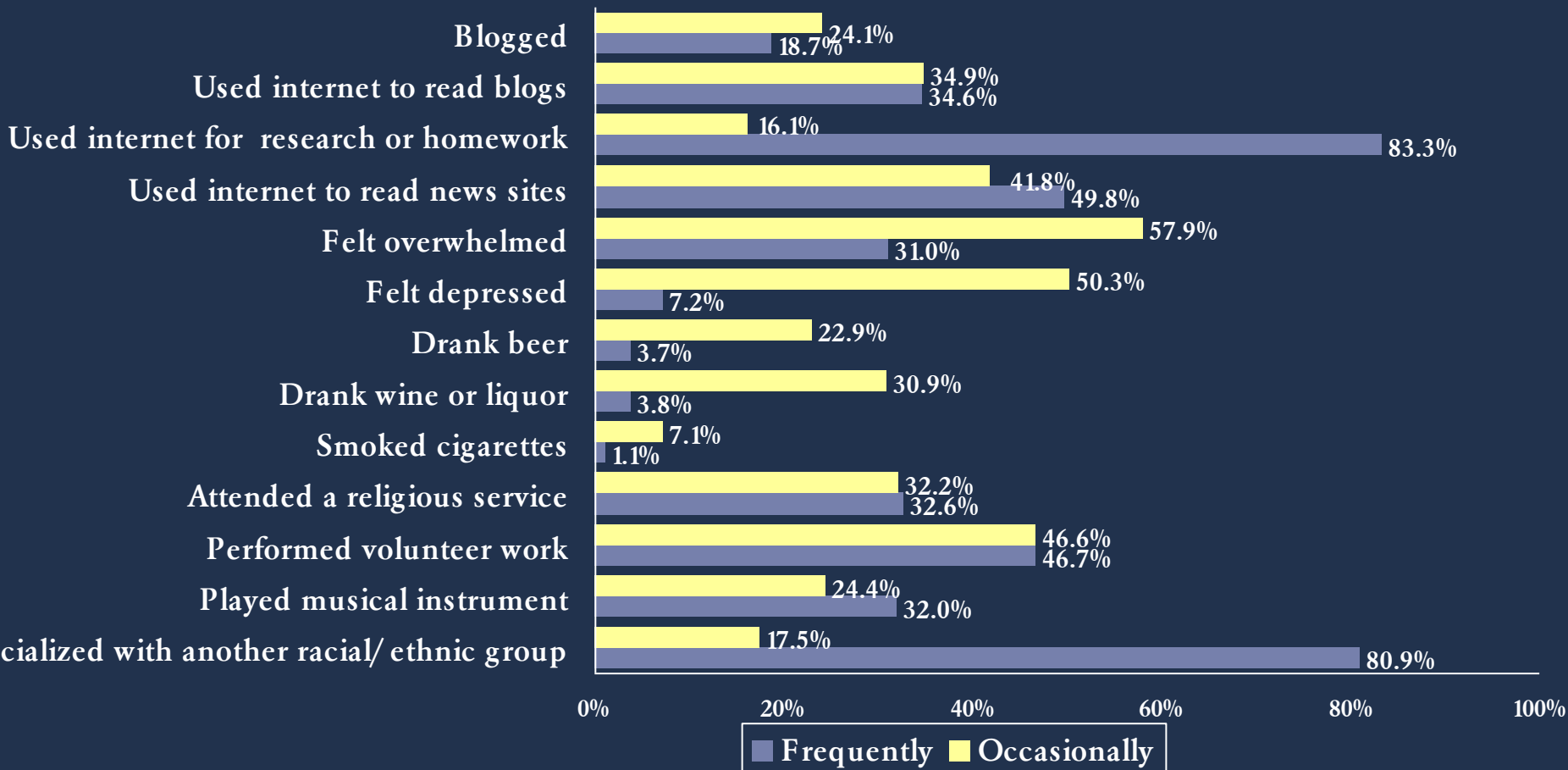
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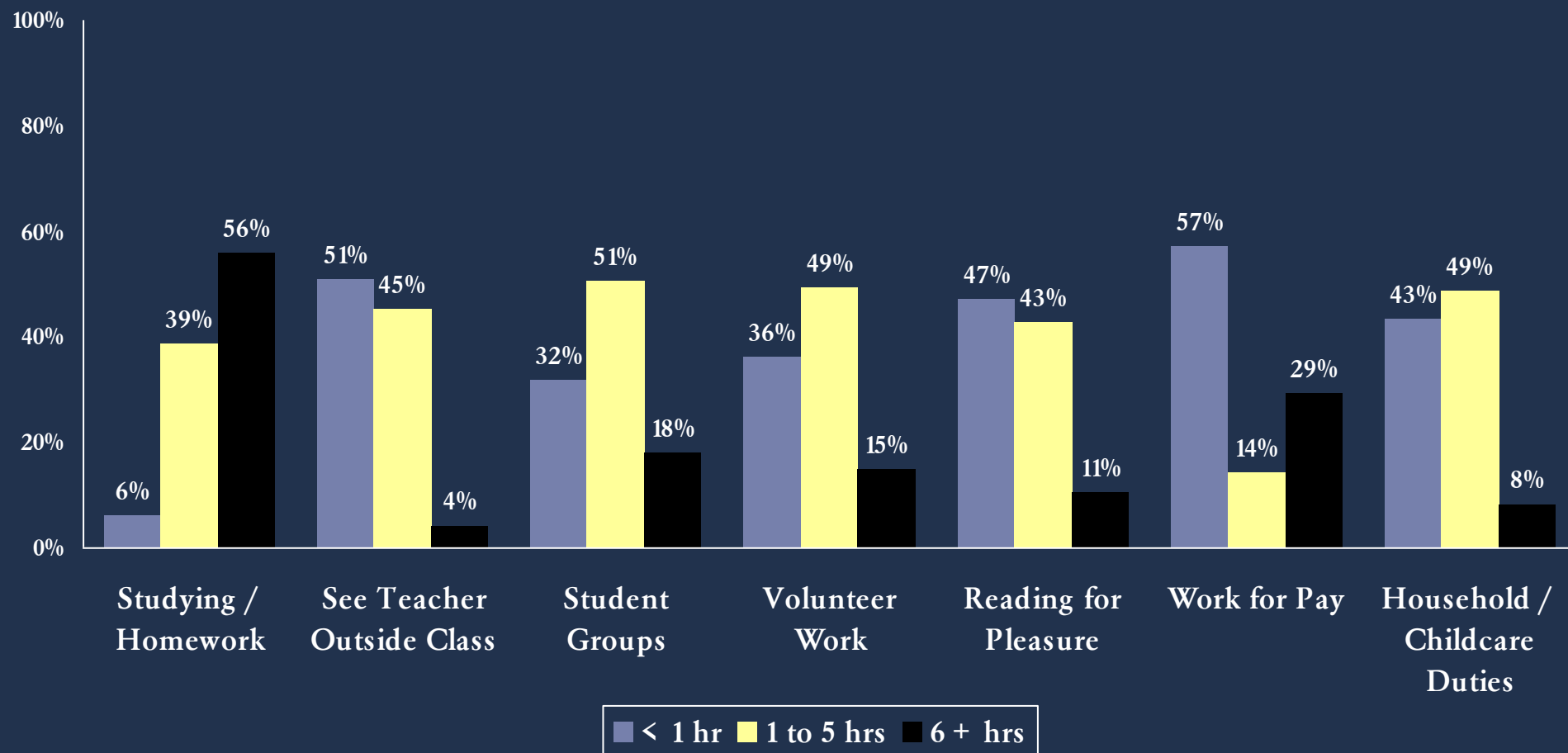
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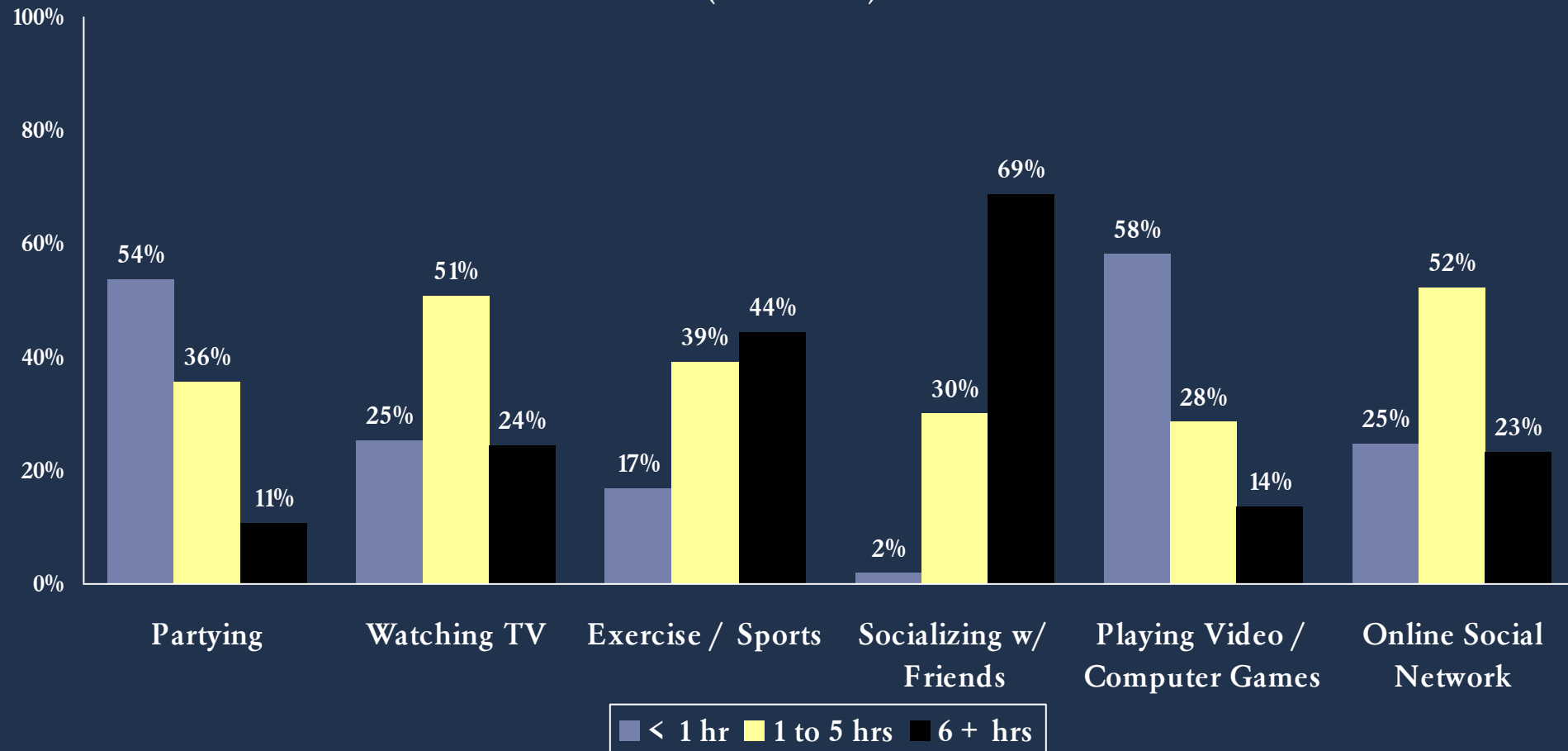
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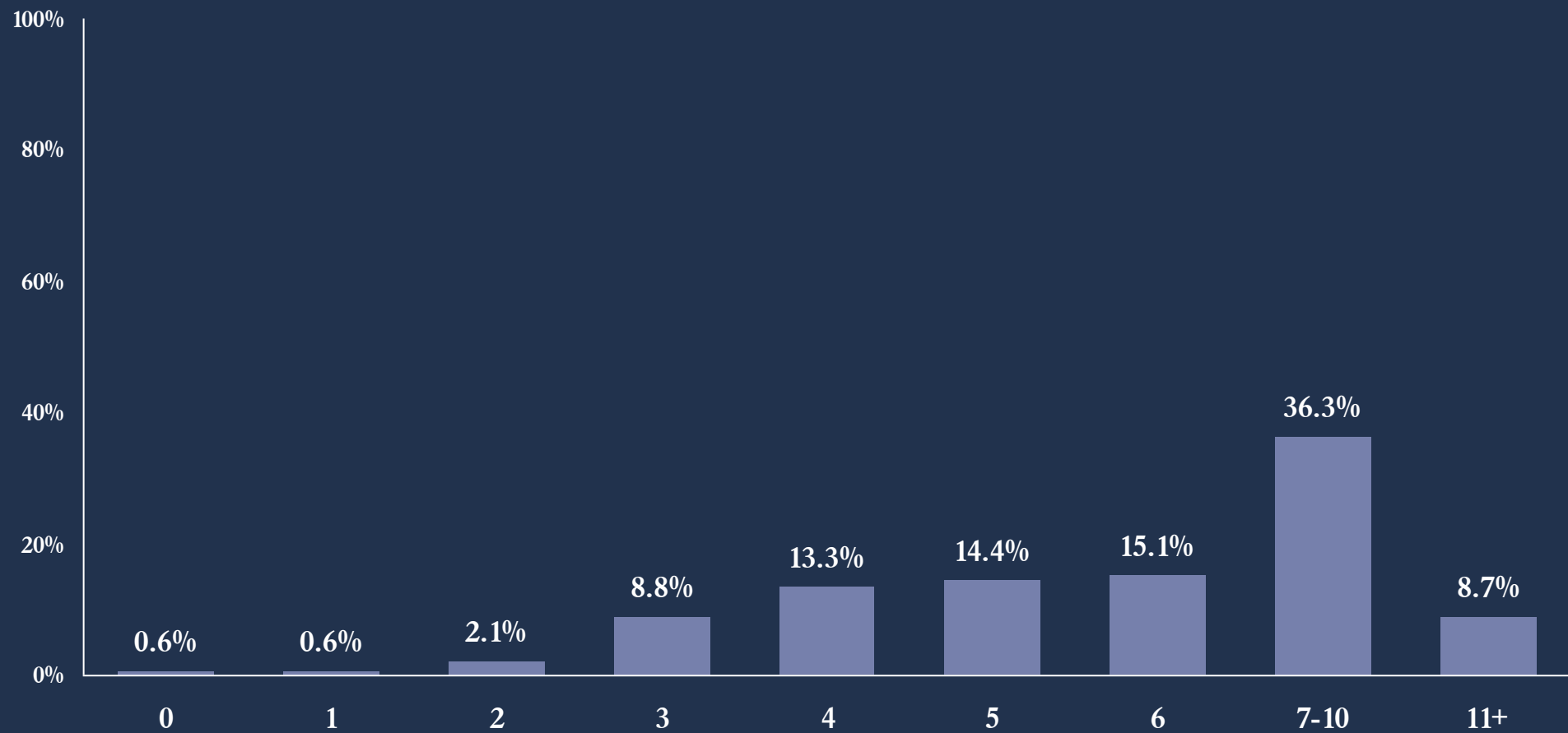
High School Behavior: How Students Spend Time



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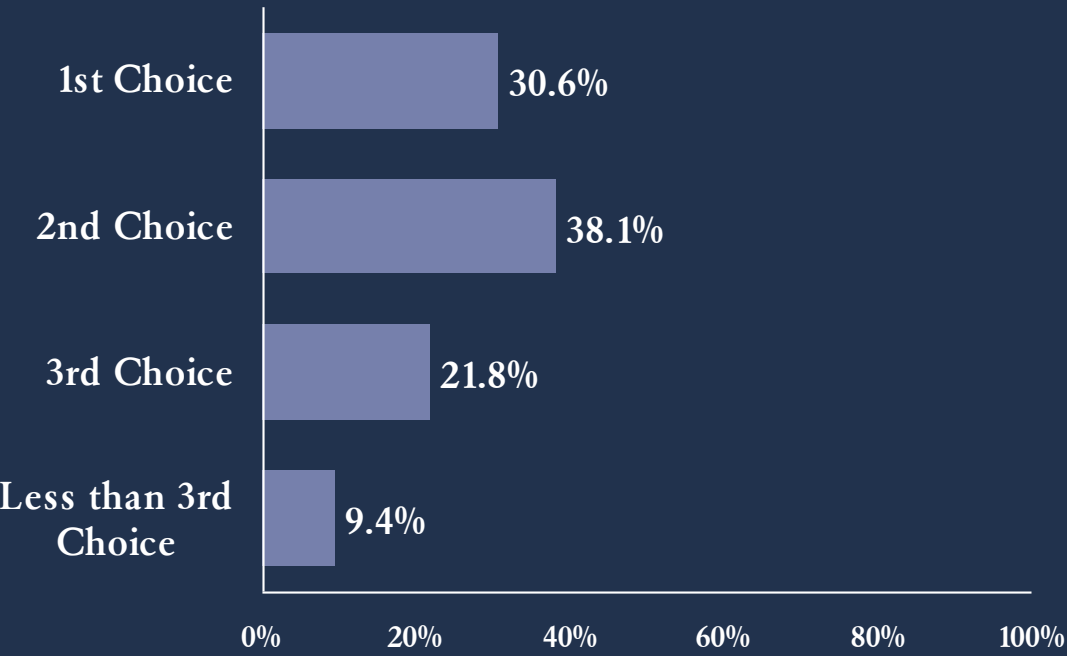


Admissions Number of Applications Submitted

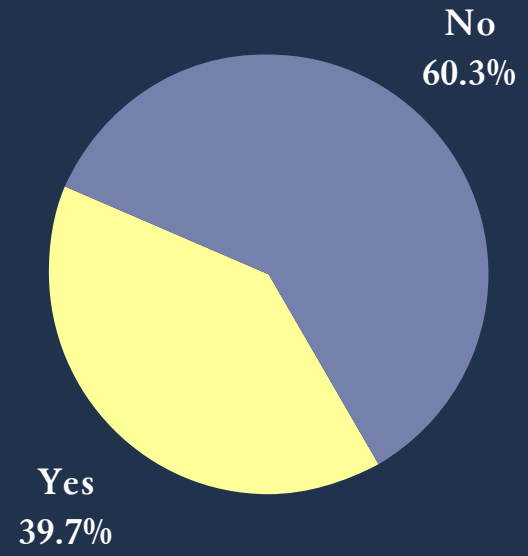


College Choice

College Attending is

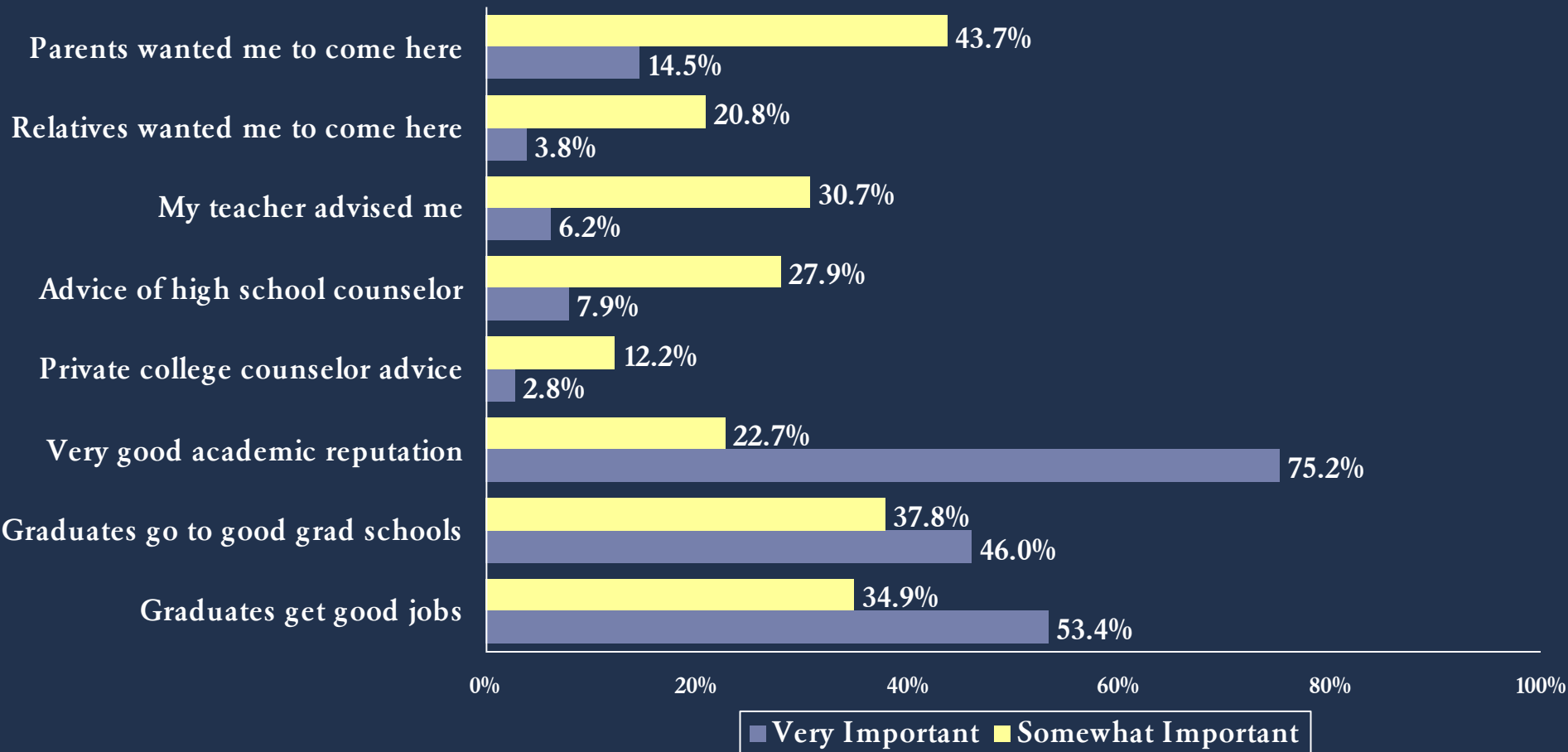


Accepted by First Choice



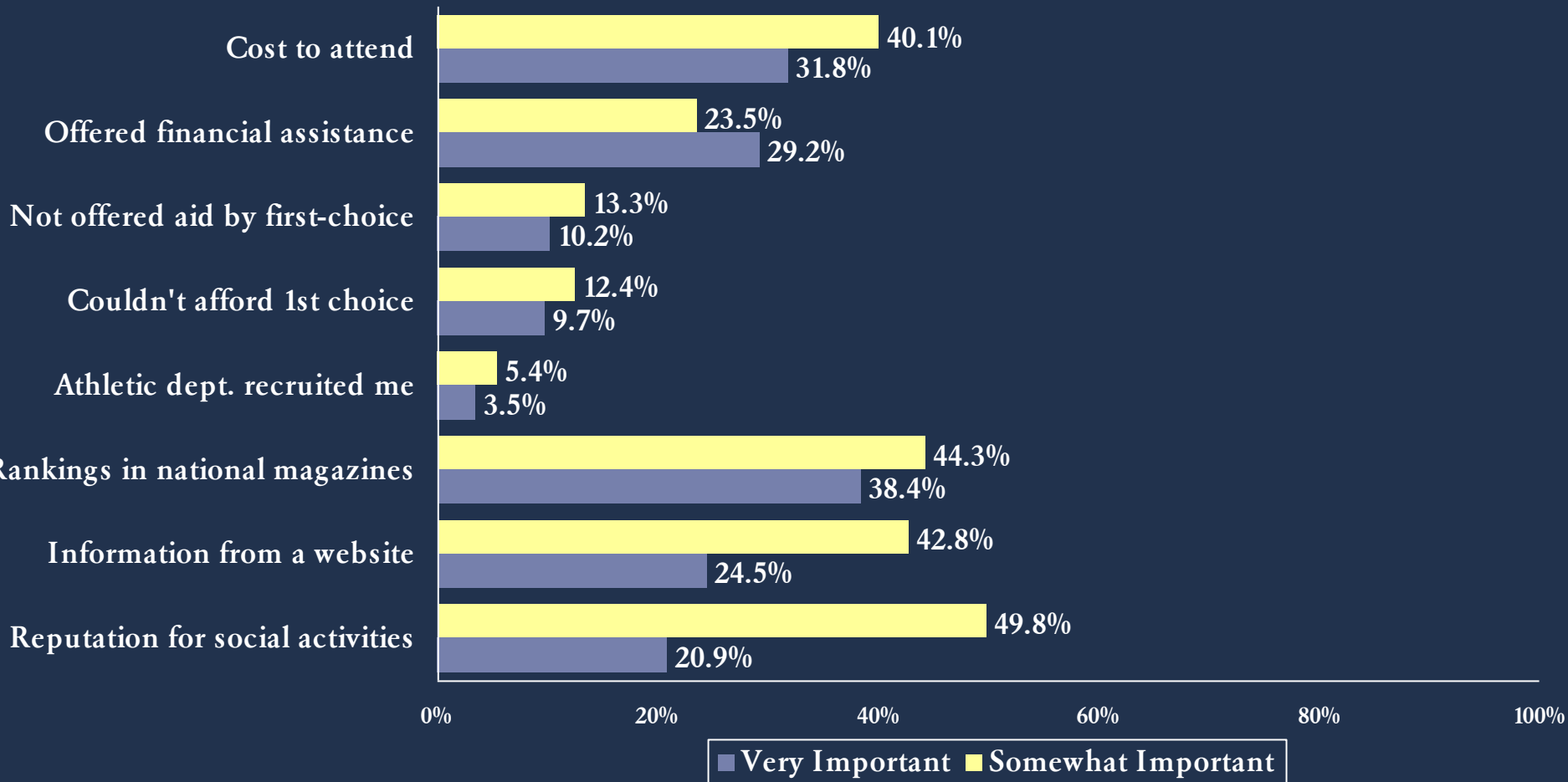
College Choice

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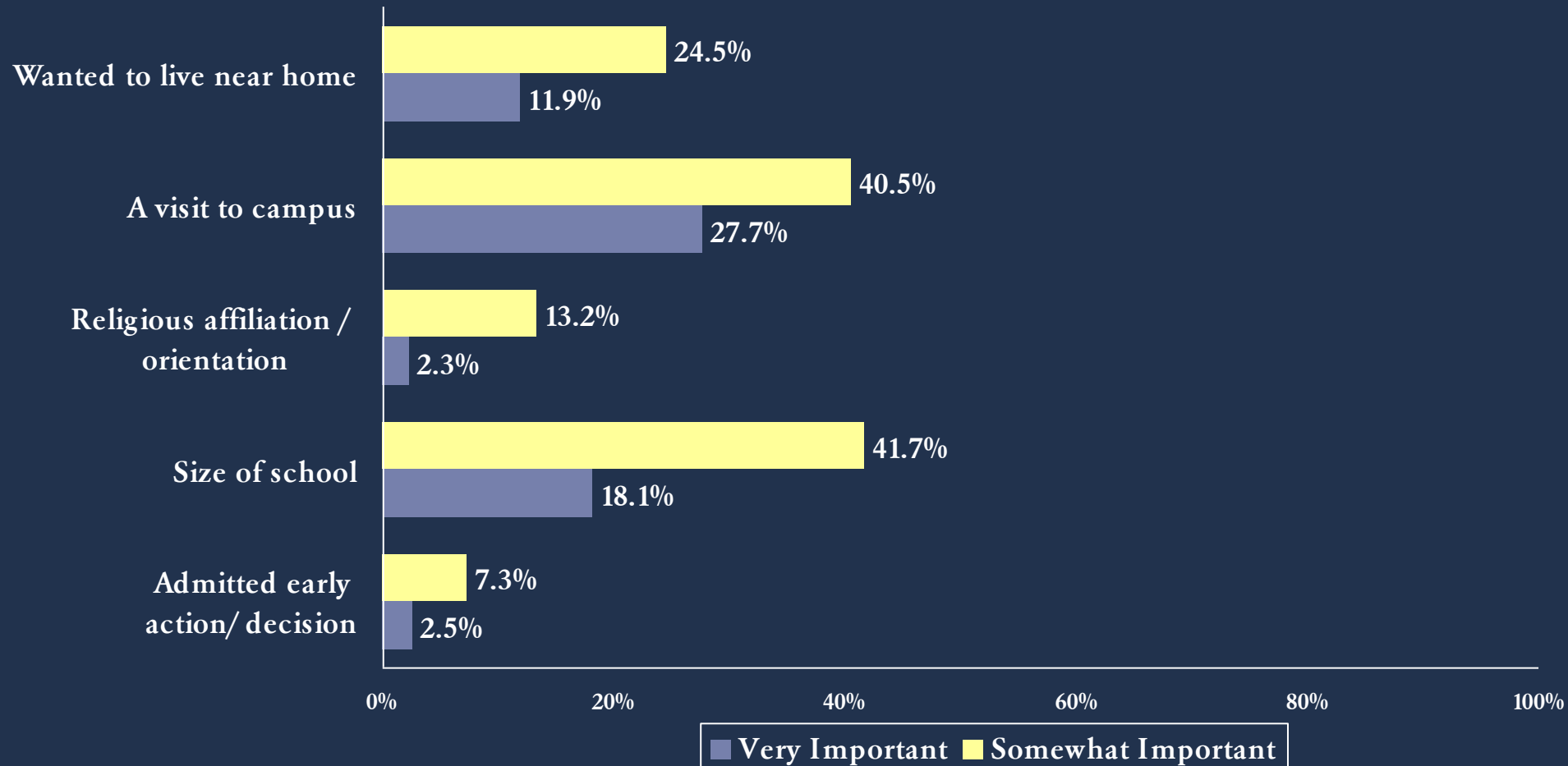
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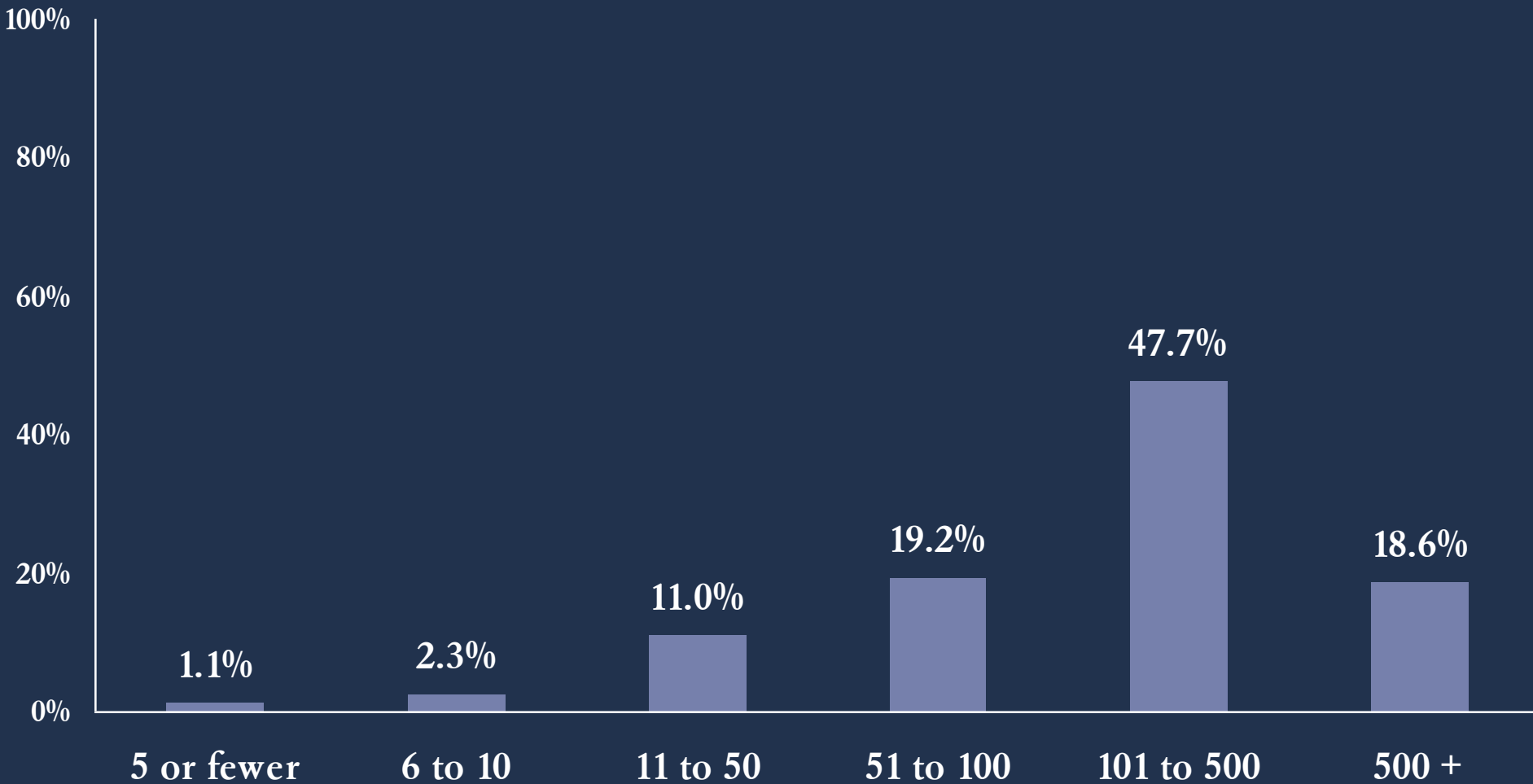
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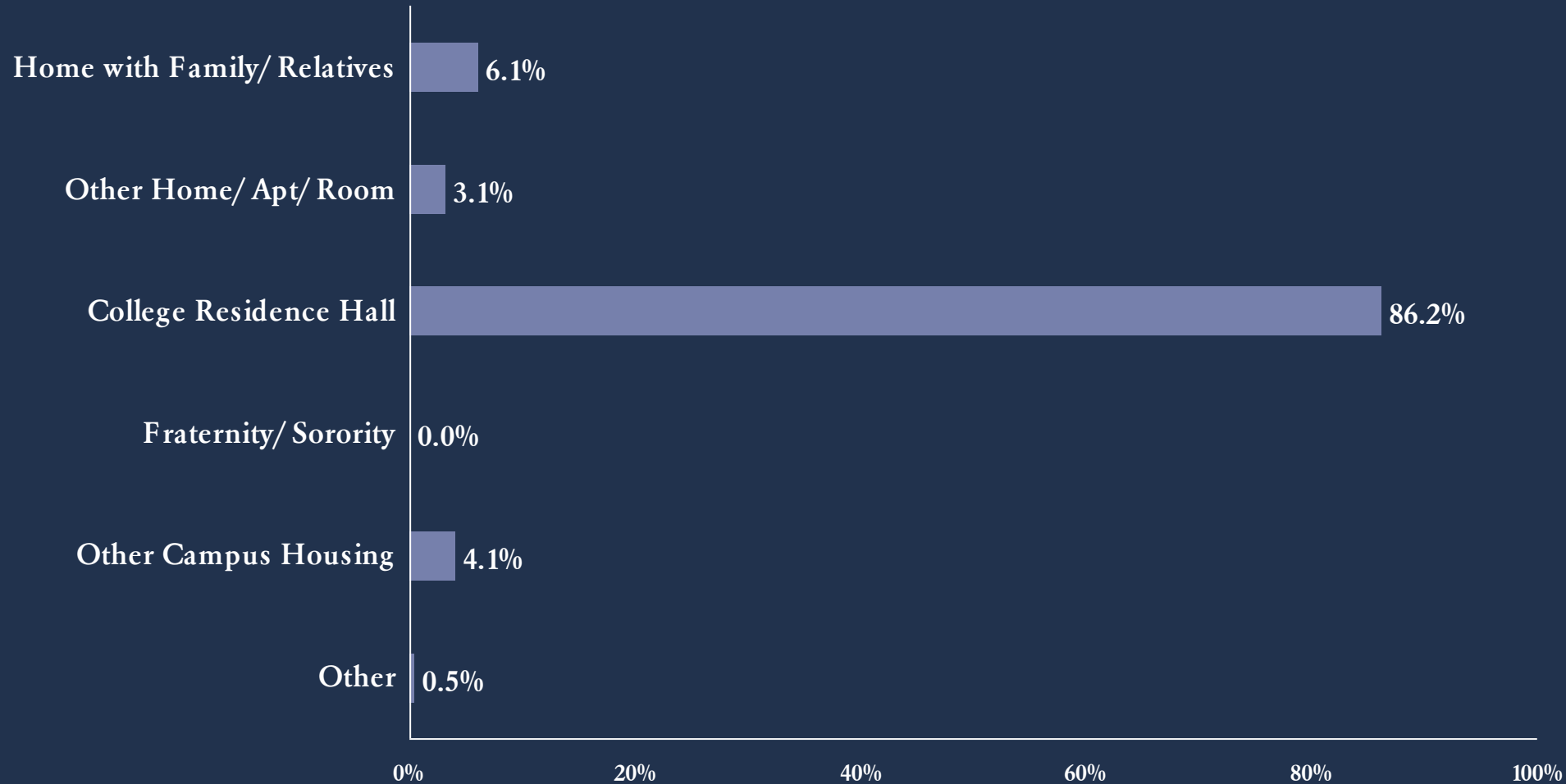


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How many miles is this college from your permanent home?



College Residential Plans

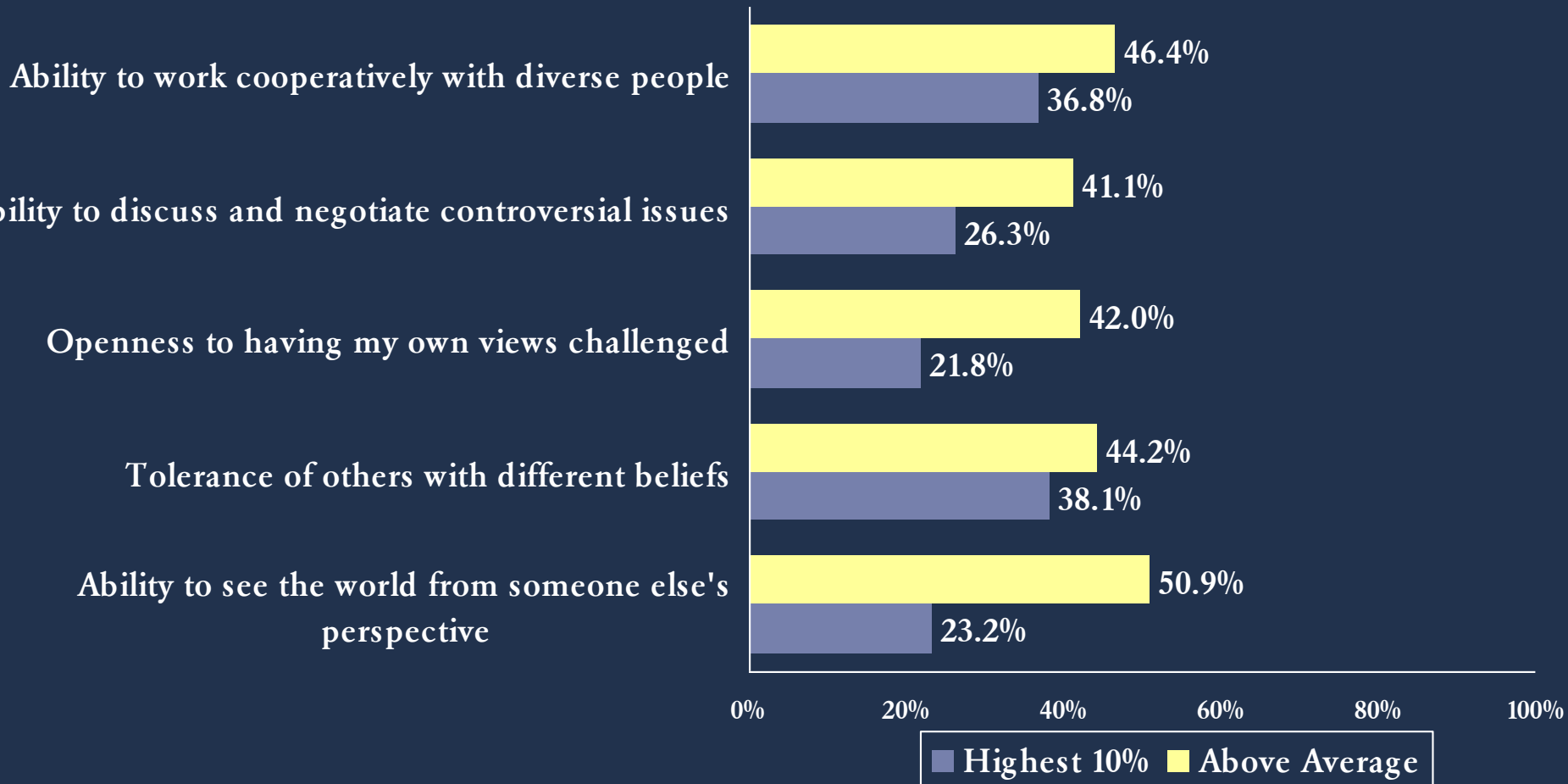


Pluralistic Orientation

- 5 new items for 2008
- Assess students' self perception of their tolerance, ability to work cooperatively, and ability to debate constructively

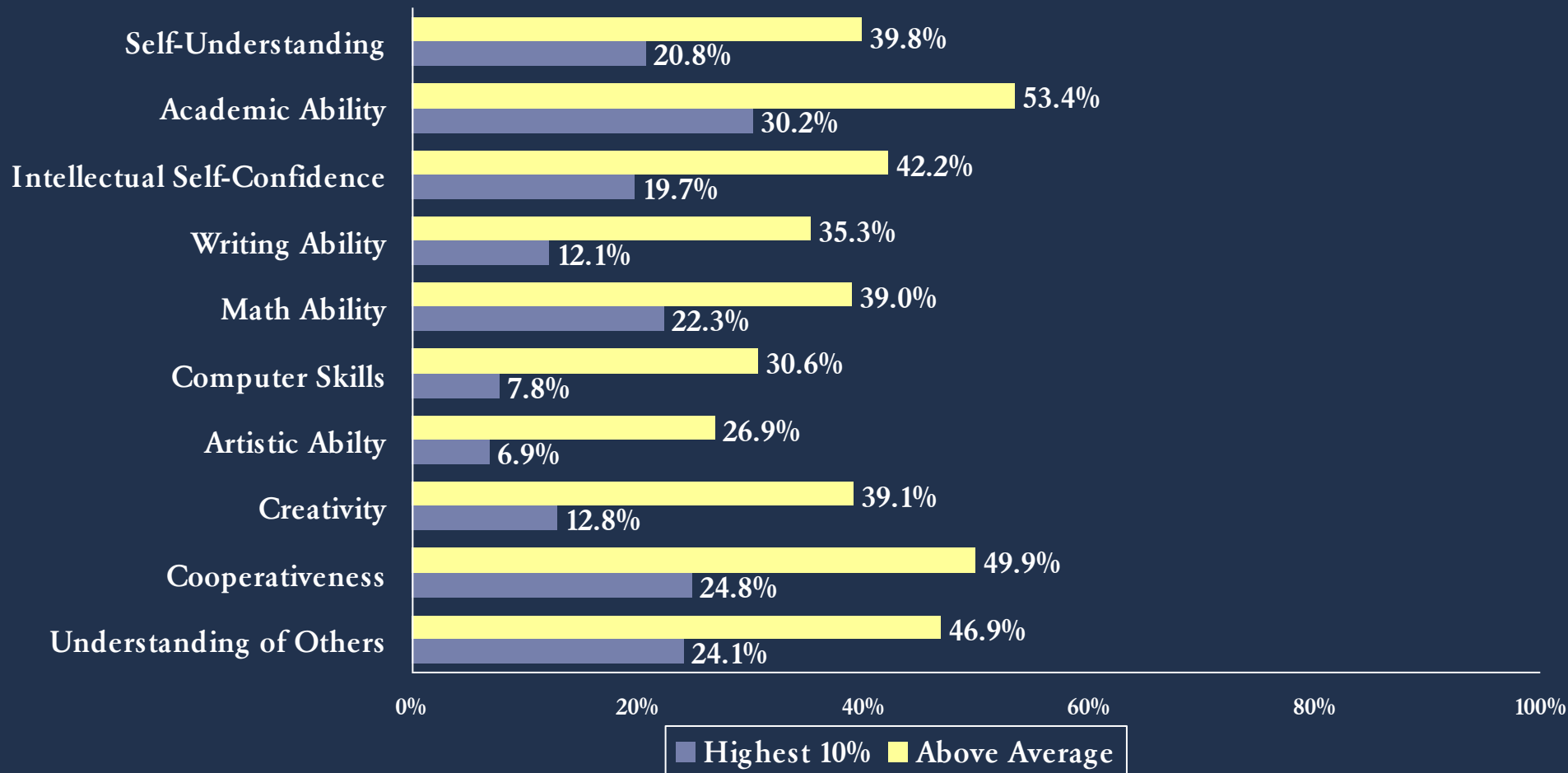
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Compared to the average person your age, rate yourself on your...



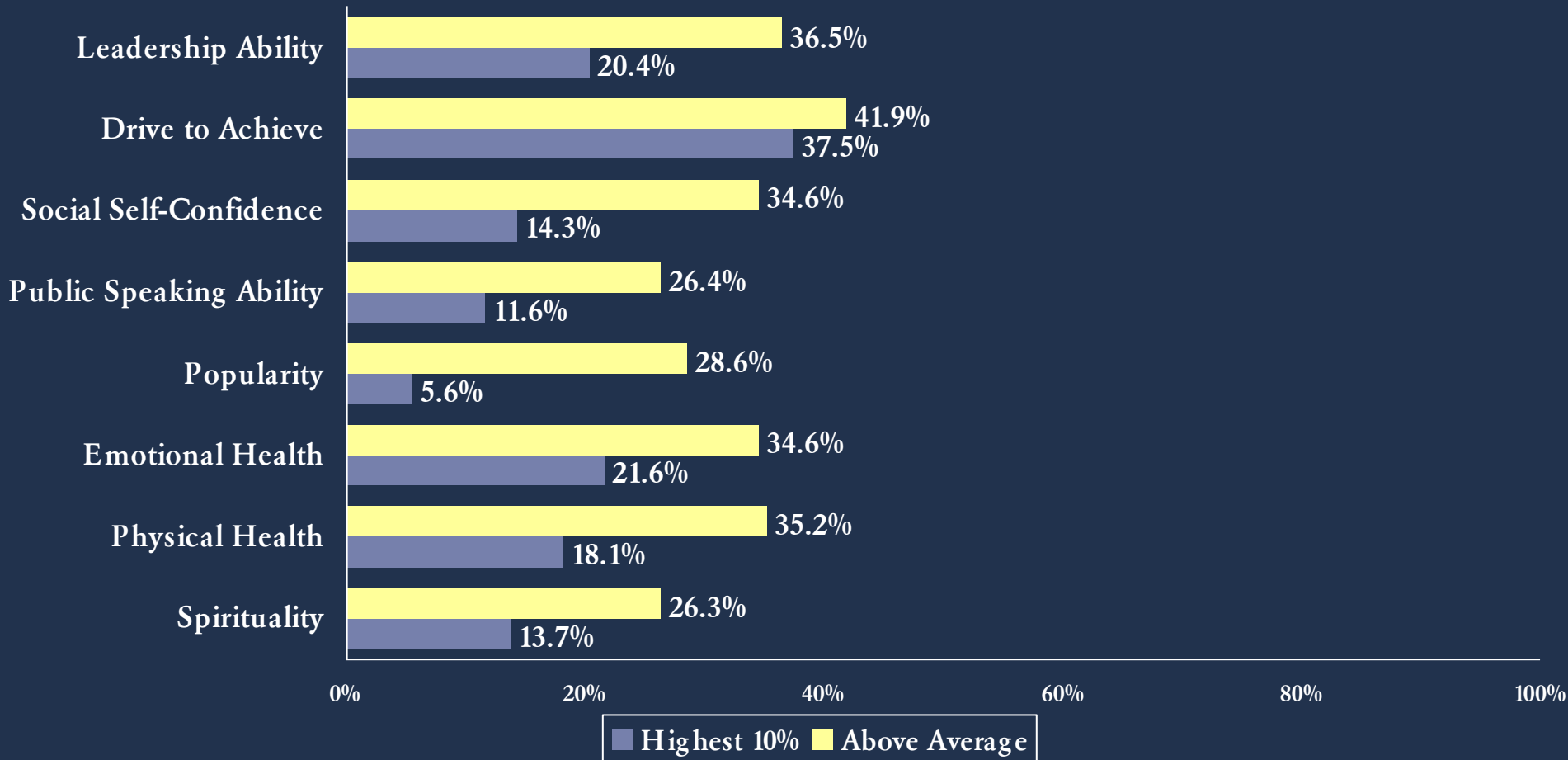
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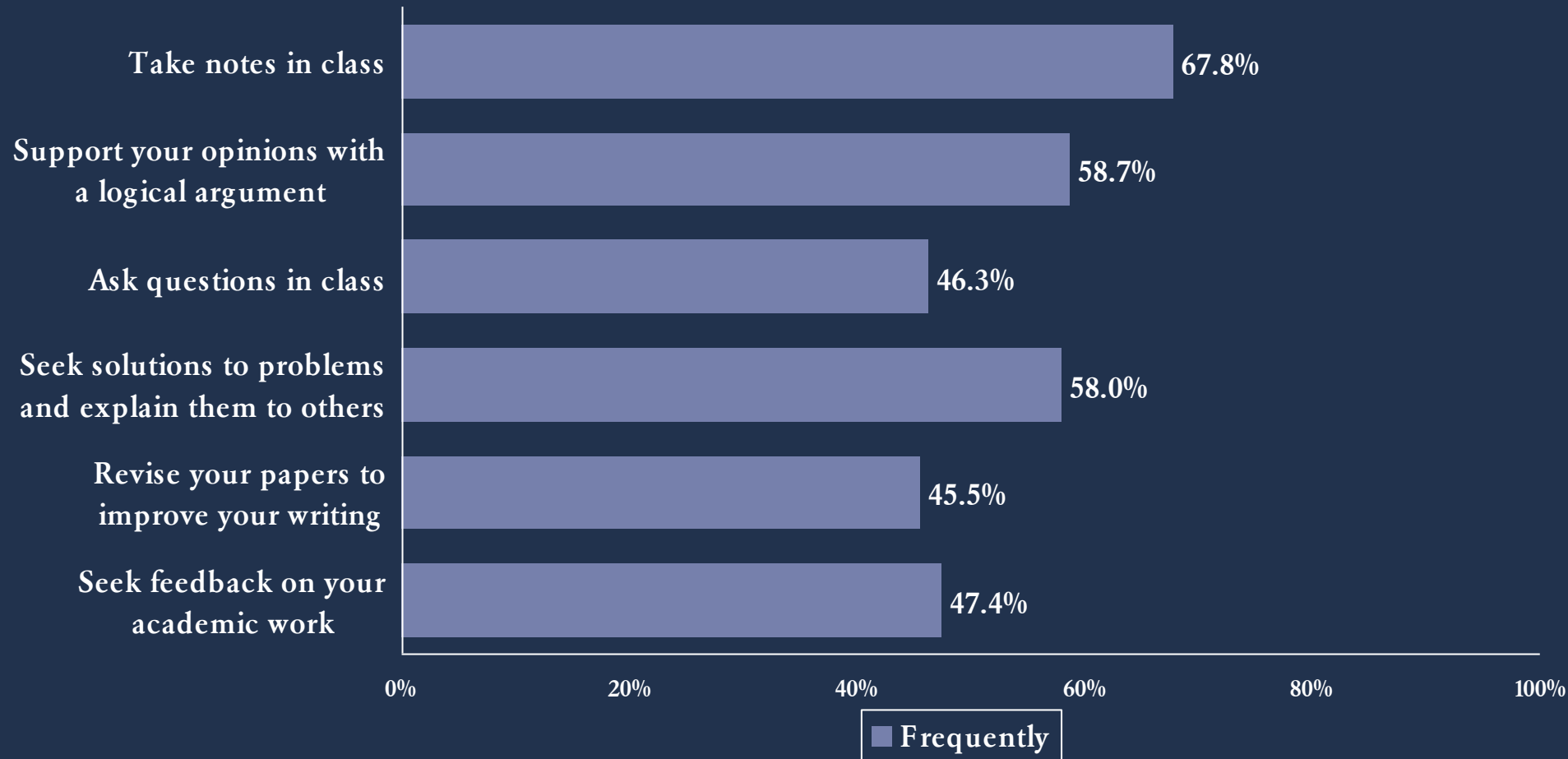


Habits of Mind

- Behaviors and traits that have been identified as contributing towards success
 - in coursework
 - foundation for life-long learning

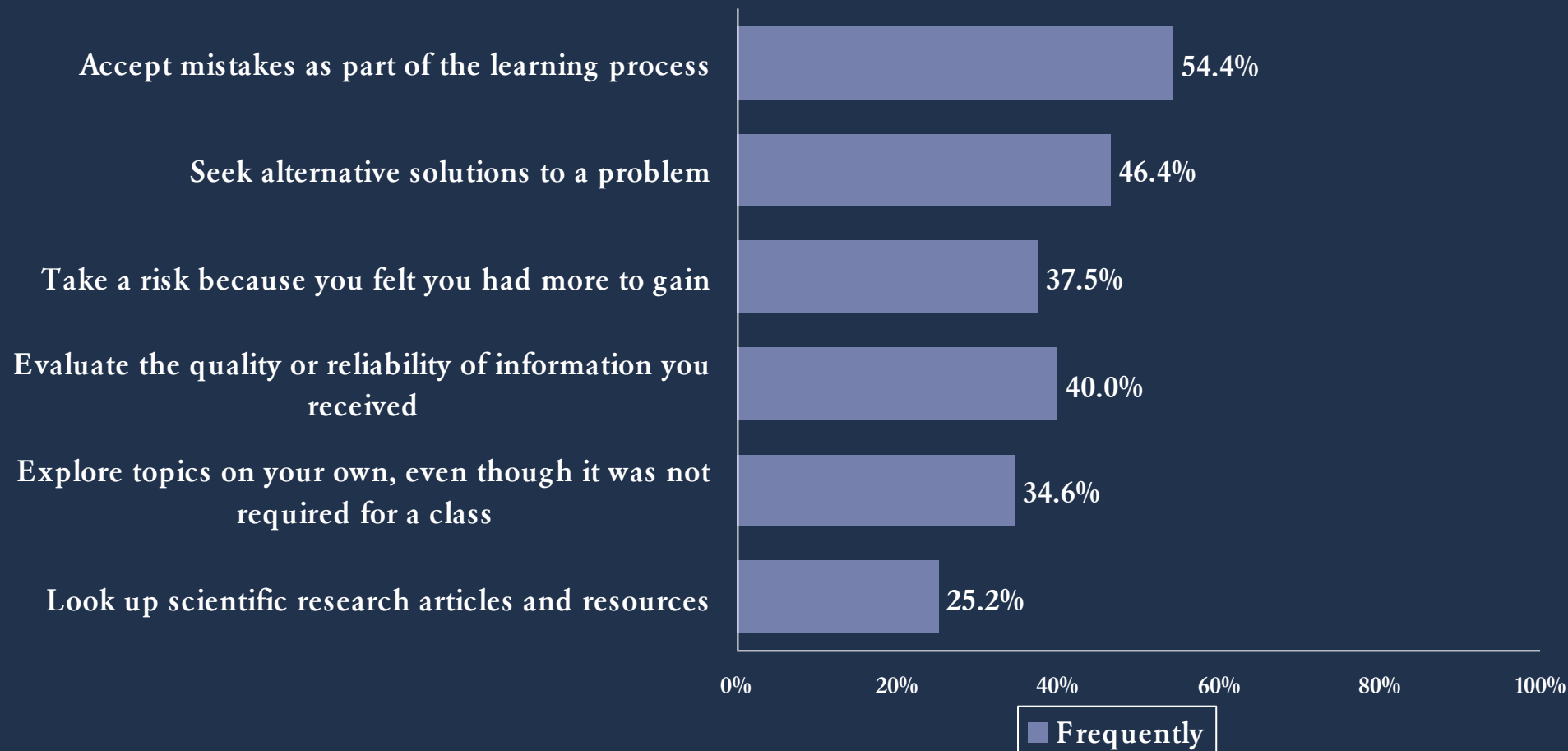
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Learning Behavior: How often in past year did you?



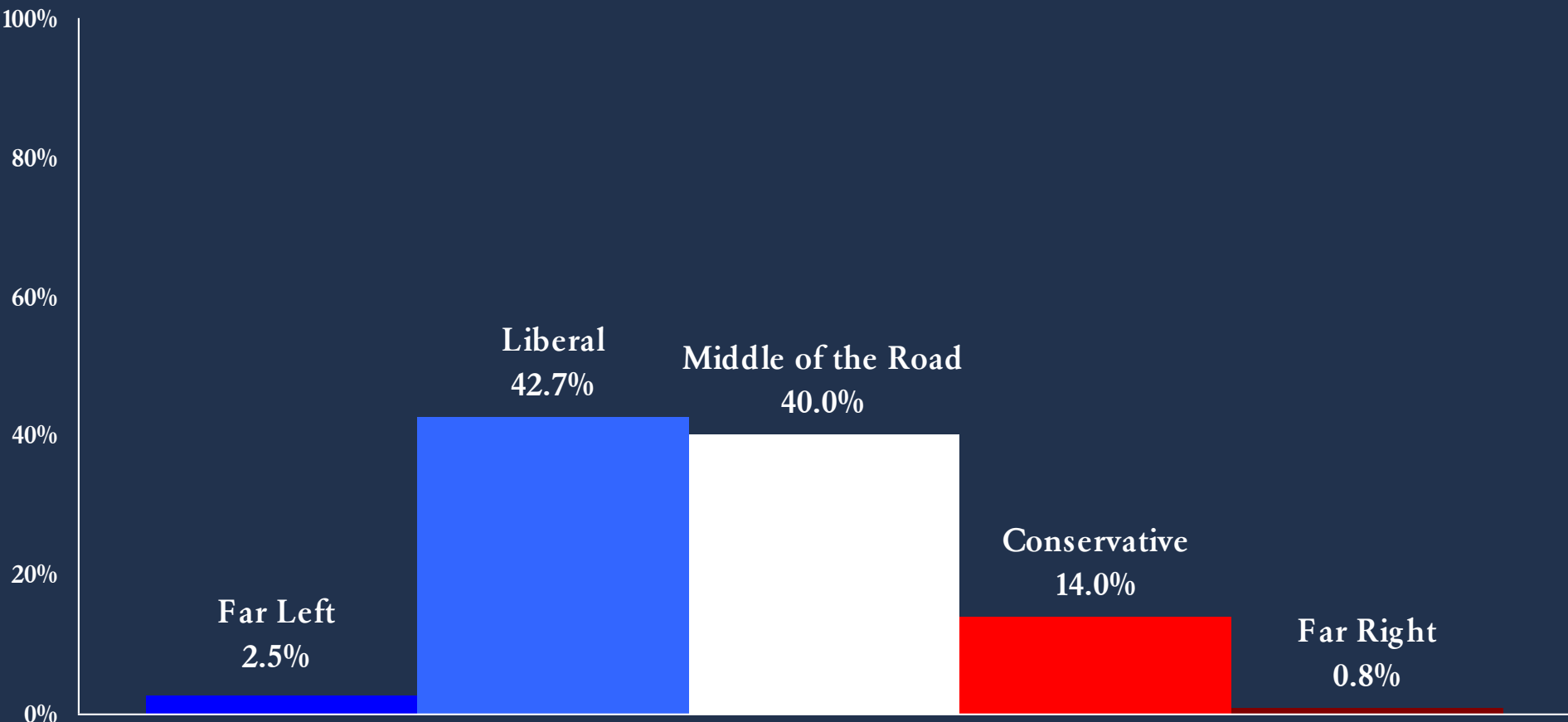
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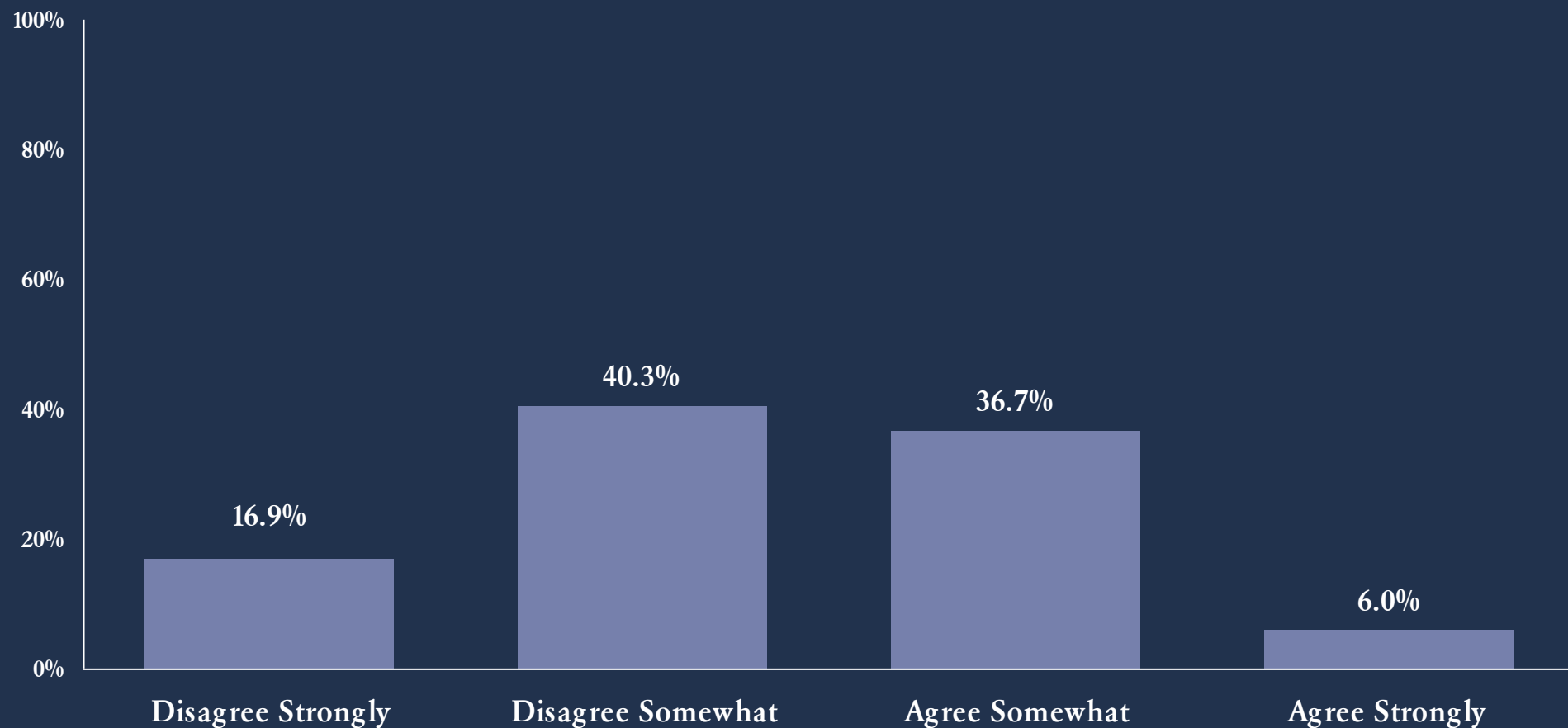
Social and Political Views

How would you characterize your political views?



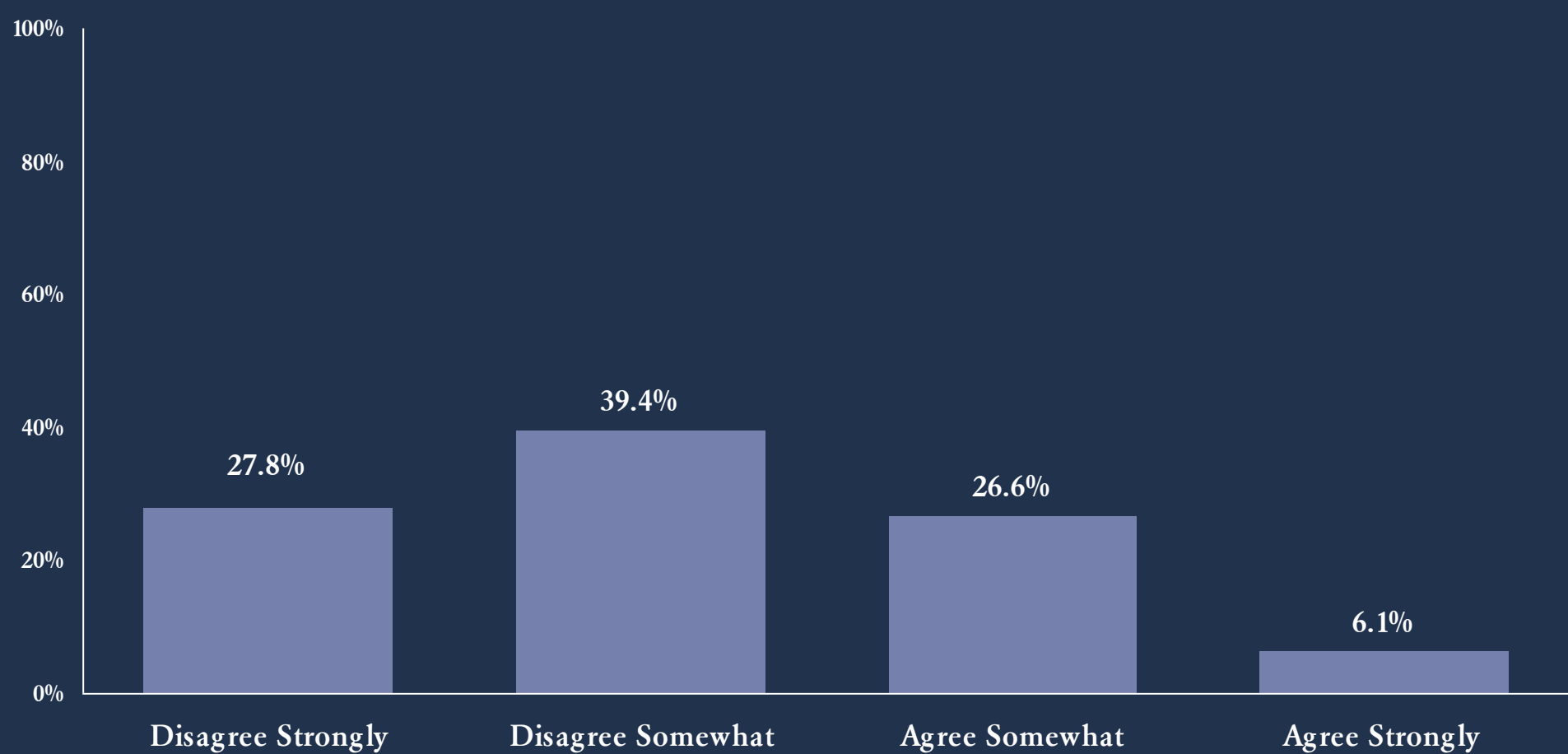
Social and Political Views

Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions



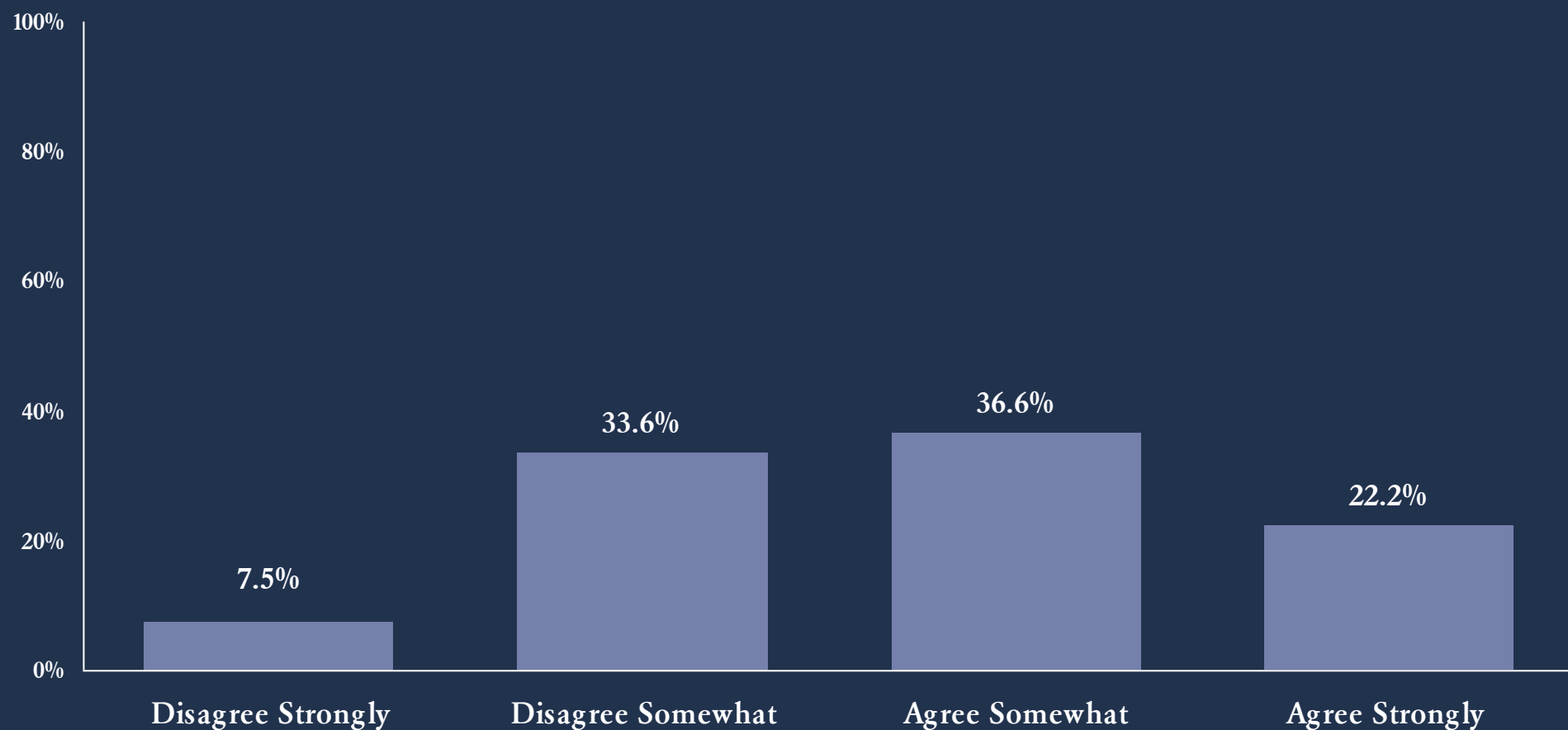
Social and Political Views

Colleges have the right to ban extreme speakers from campus



Social and Political Views

Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished



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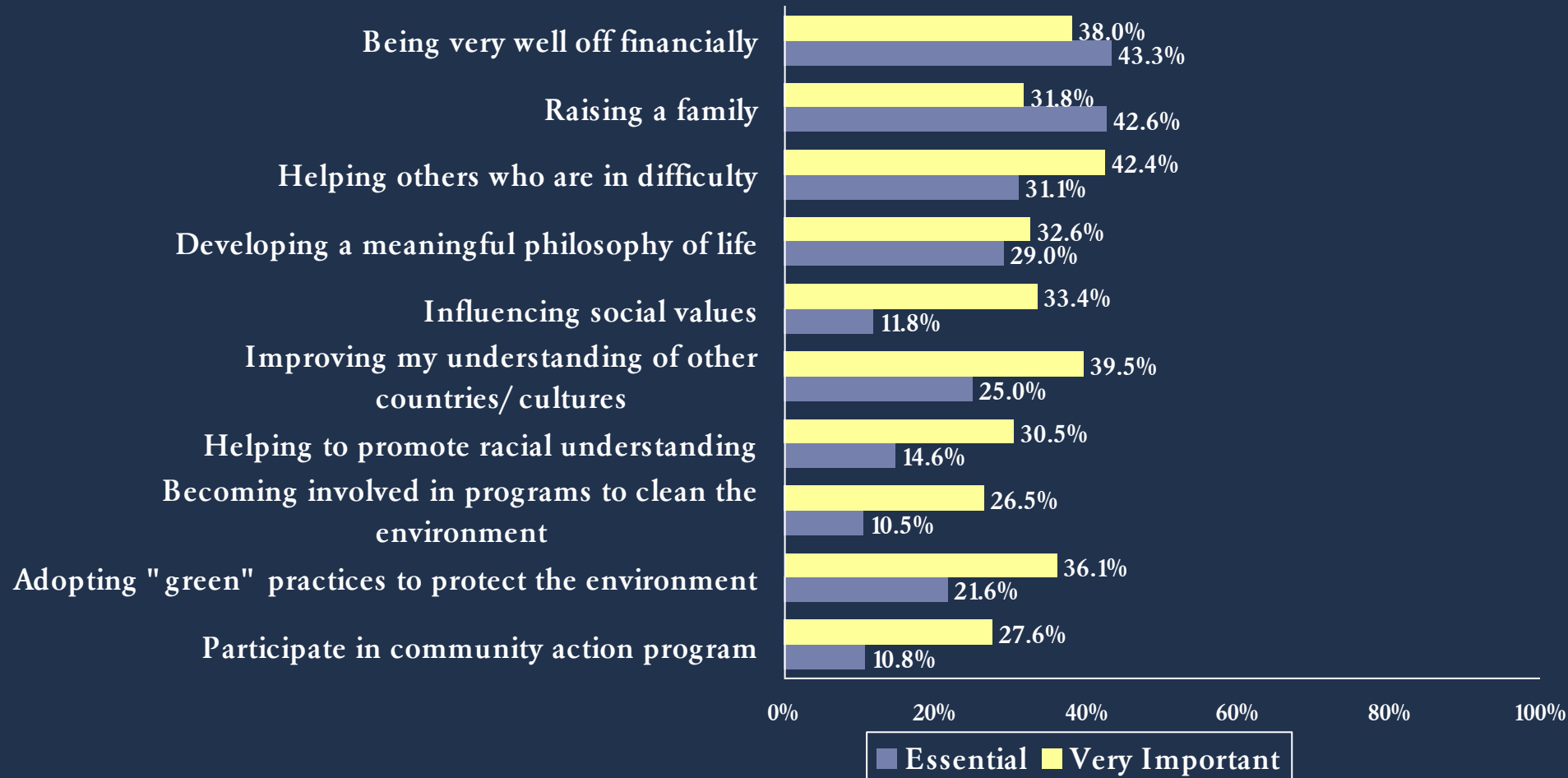
Values

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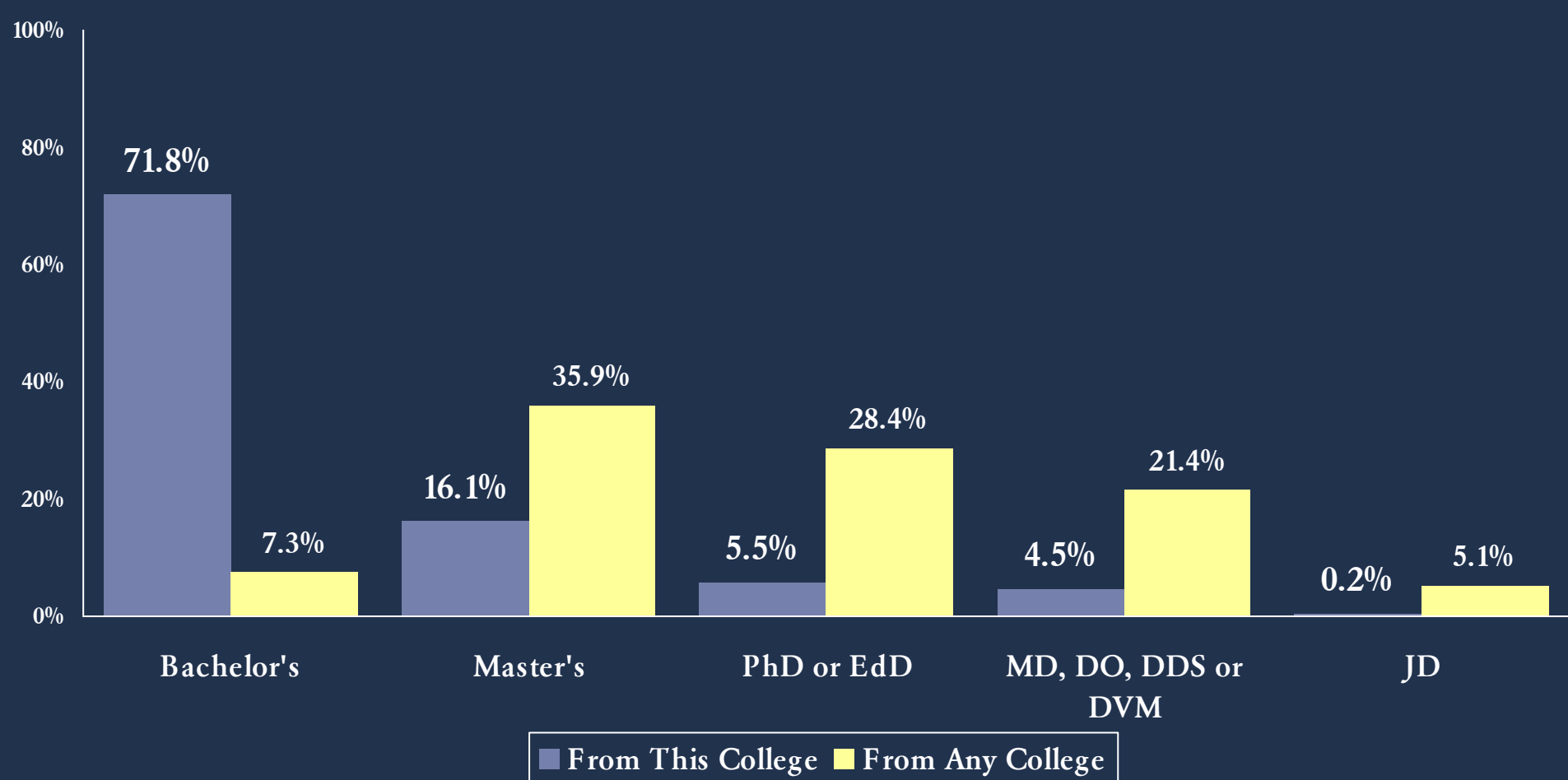


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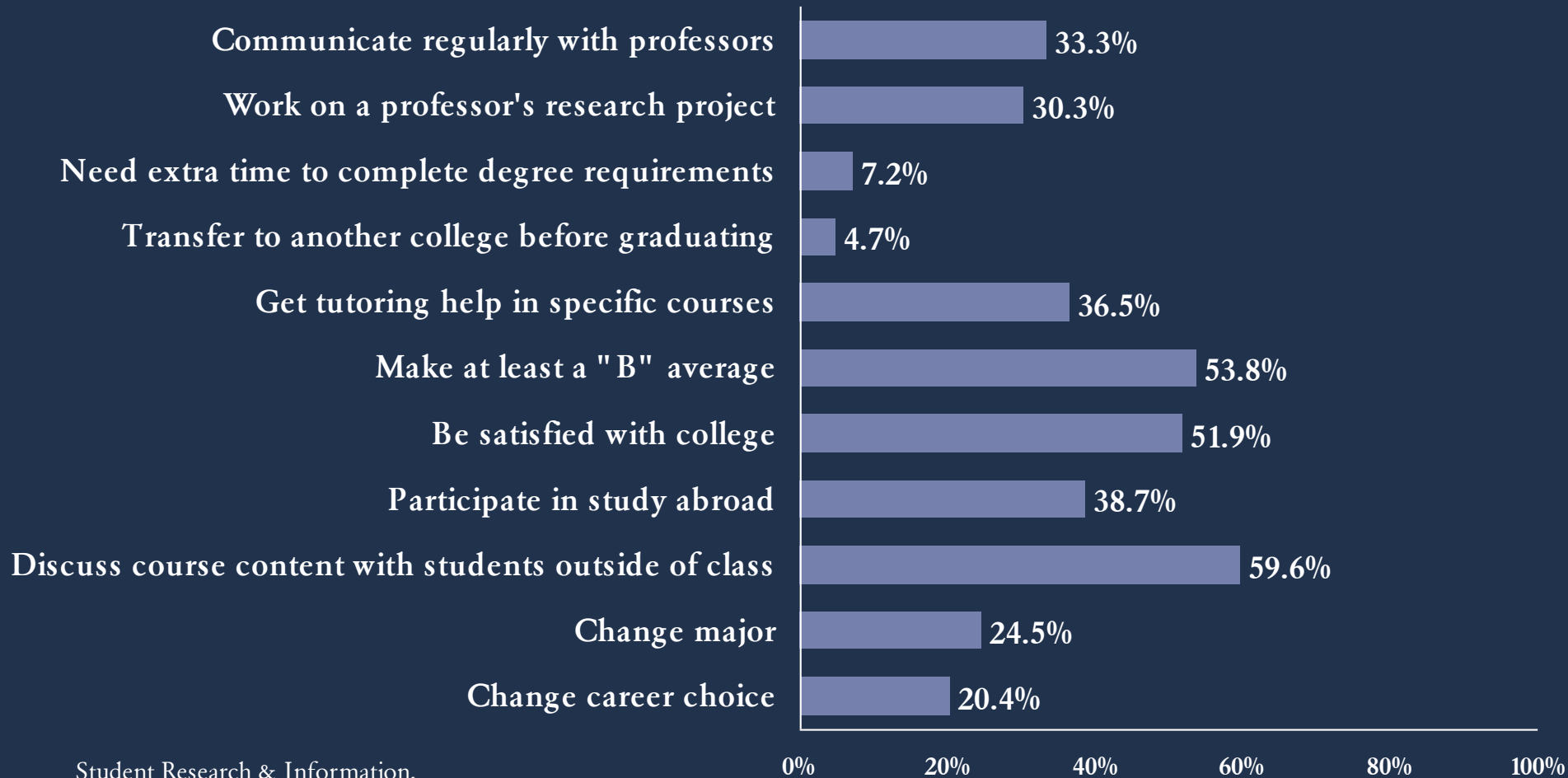


Degree Aspirations



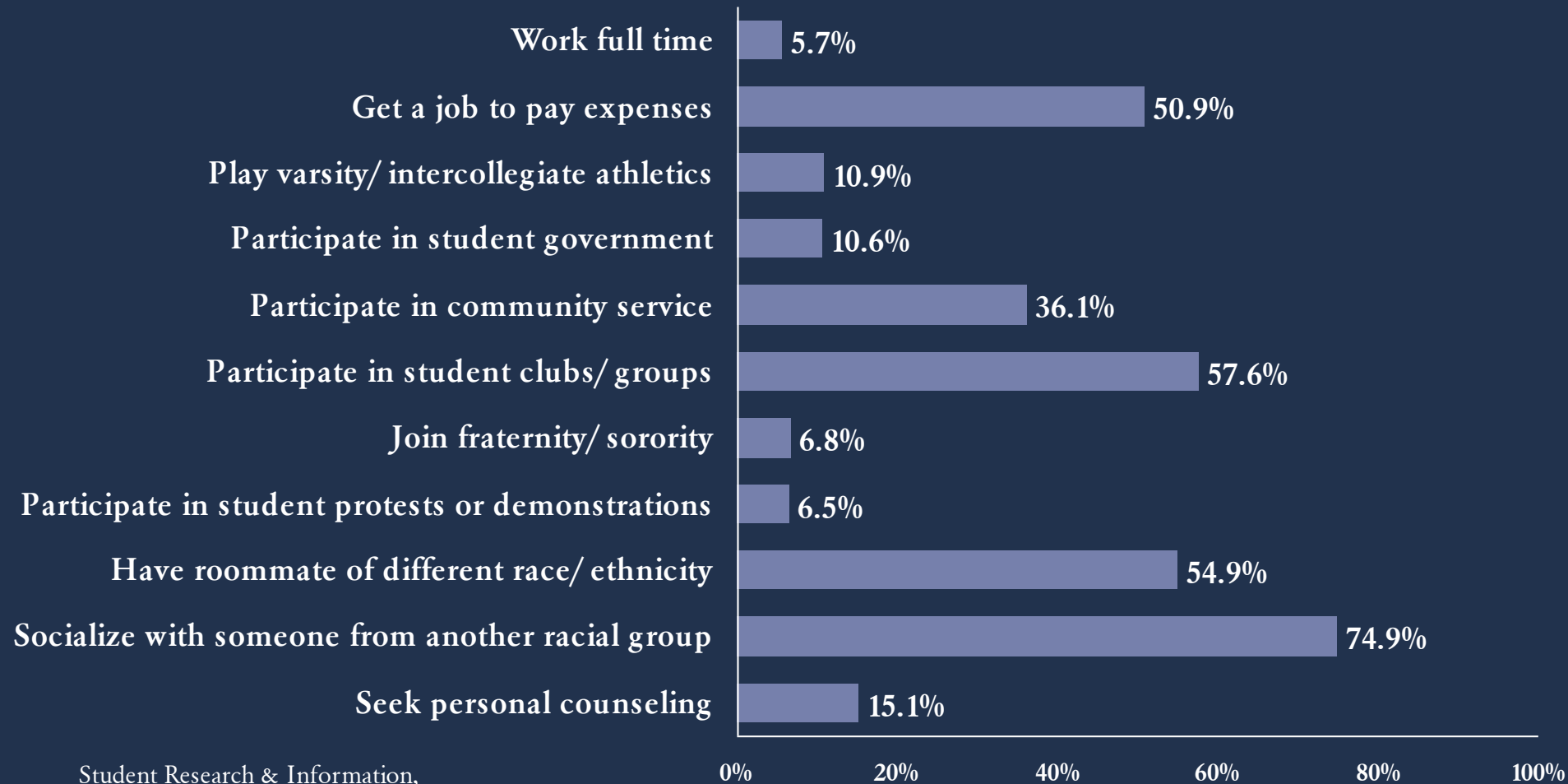
Expectations

“Very Good Chance” Student Will...



Expectations

“Very Good Chance” Student Will... (continued)



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