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# First Destination Survey Results August 2018, December 2018, and May 2019 Baccalaureate Graduates

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92%

As a result of our First Destination survey and follow-up efforts we were able to gather a wealth of information on our 2018-2019 baccalaureate graduates.

91.8% of the graduates that we have data for are either currently working or in graduate school.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This figure includes data on graduates that did not respond to the survey, but 1) who declared new employment within two months before graduation or after graduation by December 2019 on LinkedIn, and 2) who are currently enrolled in an advanced degree program according to the National Student Clearinghouse. The subsequent slides omit these graduates and only include data from those that responded to the survey. The decision to report in this fashion ensures that the outcomes data does not distort the survey results.



## Background and Methodology:

The University at Albany's First Destination Survey instrument was redesigned in 2017 as a part of a collaborative effort to reduce survey fatigue, increase response rates, and ensure that we are gathering key outcomes data on our graduates.

The first iteration of the survey was used to capture outcomes data on our Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Bachelor's Degree recipients. The fourth iteration of the survey was launched during the Fall 2019 semester to students who received Bachelor's degrees in Summer 2018, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. This report outlines the results of the fourth iteration.

The first wave of the survey was sent via email to 3,107 of our graduates. A follow-up phone survey was then administered to those that did not respond to our web survey. Overall, we received a total of 919 valid survey responses for a response rate of 29.6%. This is roughly 3.9 percentage points lower than the survey of our 2017-2018 graduates, but slightly higher (1.3 percentage points) than the survey of our 2016-2017 graduates.

Similar to 2017-2018, this year, in addition to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), LinkedIn data is included as a result of a partnership with HEPdata. According to the NSC, 411 students that did not respond to the survey are currently enrolled in an advanced degree program. Based on the records from LinkedIn HEPdata, 435 students who did not respond to the survey or show up in the NSC graduate students pool are currently employed<sup>1</sup>. As a result, we have at least some form of outcomes data on roughly 56.8% of our recent graduates, which is 0.3 percentage points **higher** than the survey of our 2017-2018 graduates. In future years, we plan to continue exploring new ways of gathering this valuable outcomes data on our Bachelor's Degree recipients.

Response Rate:

29.6%

Outcomes Data On:

56.8% of 2018 - 2019 Graduates

<sup>1</sup>The cut-off point for calculation of employment from LinkedIn HEPdata is two months prior to or beyond their college graduation date.



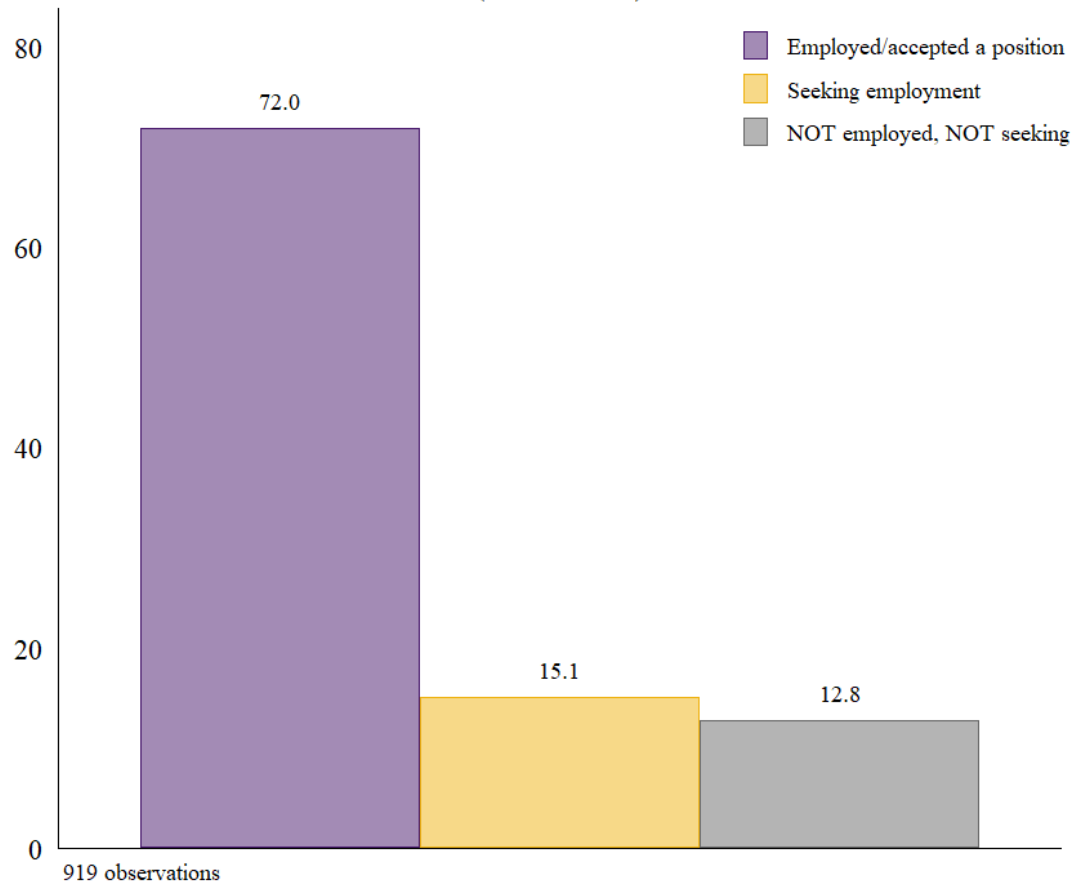
# Employment Information

## Key Data Points:

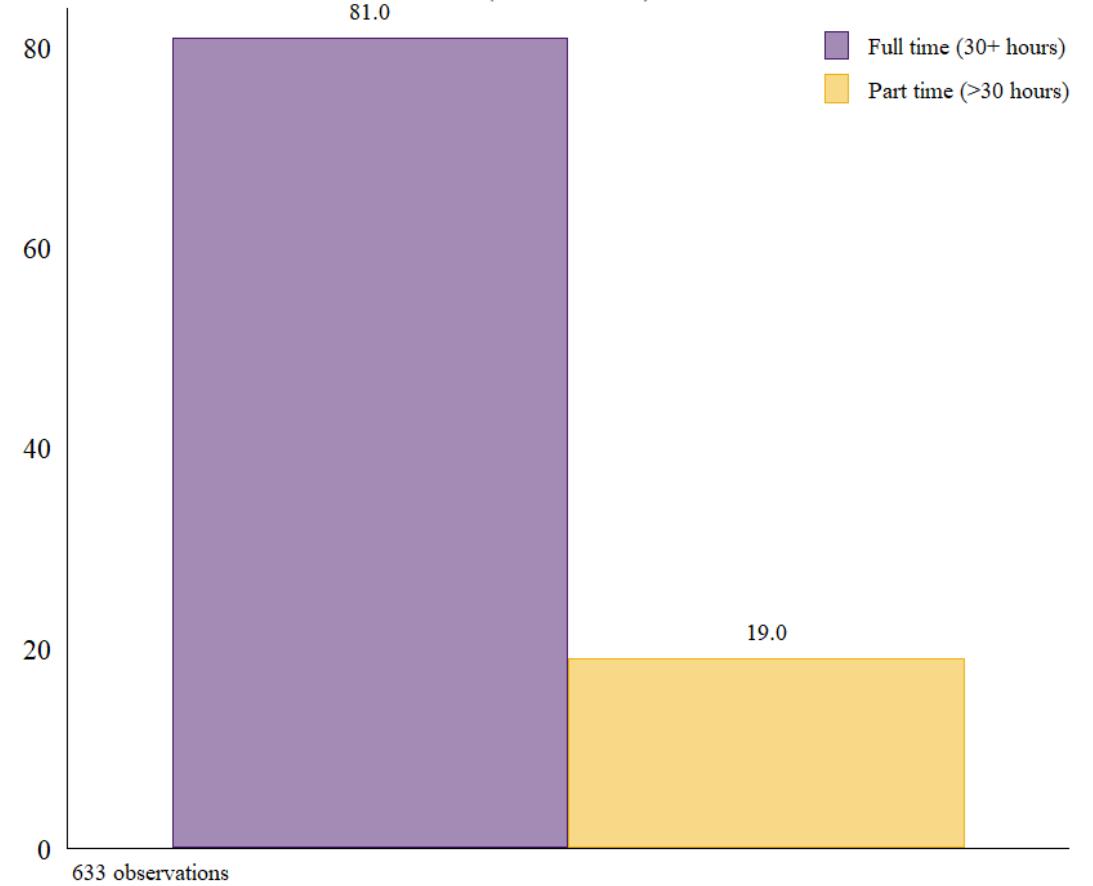
- 72.0% of our survey respondents are currently employed or have accepted a position.
- The median income for all survey respondents falls between \$40,000 – \$45,000.
- The median income for all survey respondents who are employed full-time falls between \$45,000 - \$50,000.
- Most of our graduates are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall employment (77.8%) and say it is related to their personal interests (73.1%).
- A majority of our students (82.7%) find employment right here in New York State.



Q1. Employment Status  
(Percent Distribution)

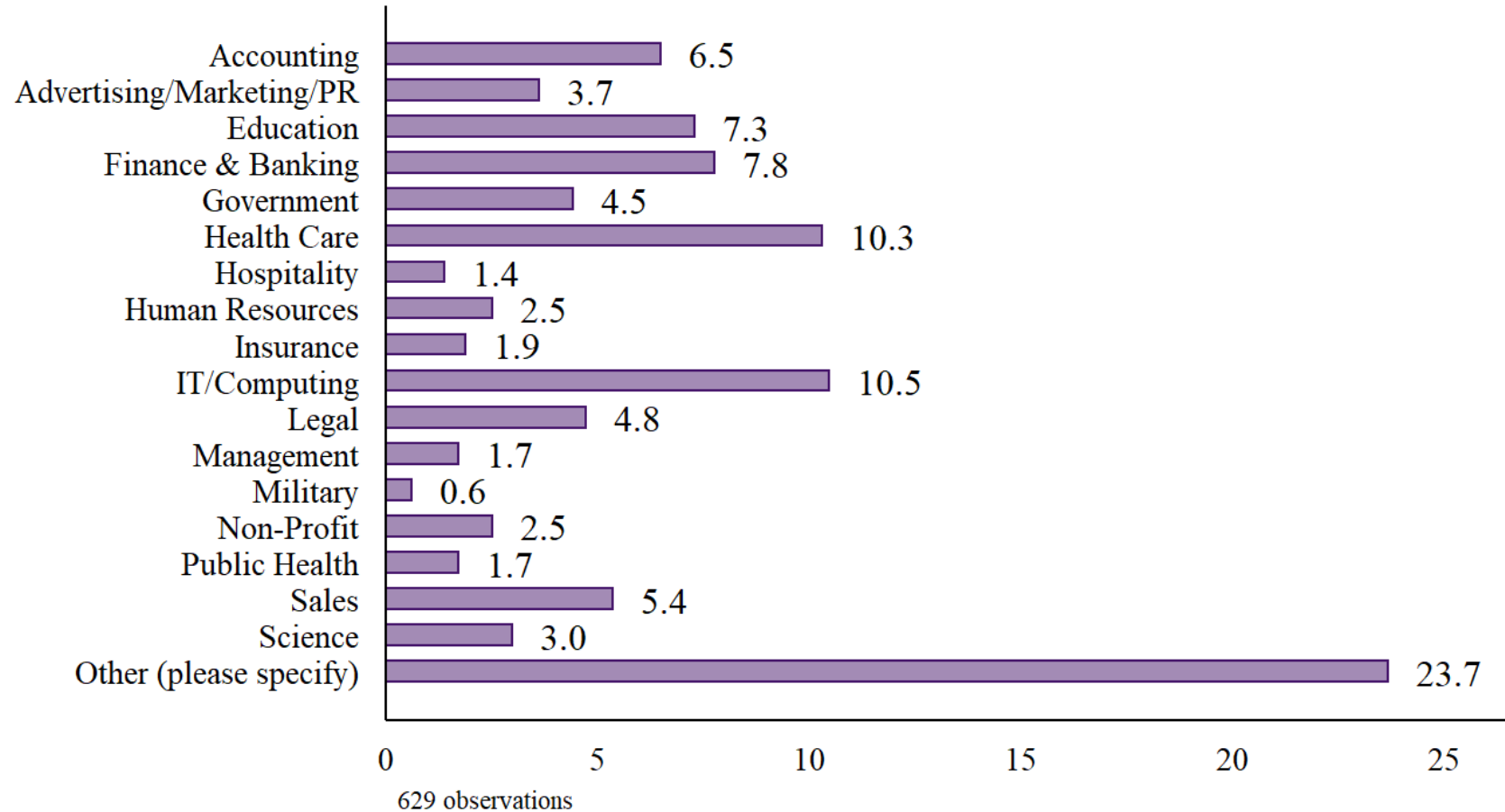


Q2. Position Status  
(Percent Distribution)





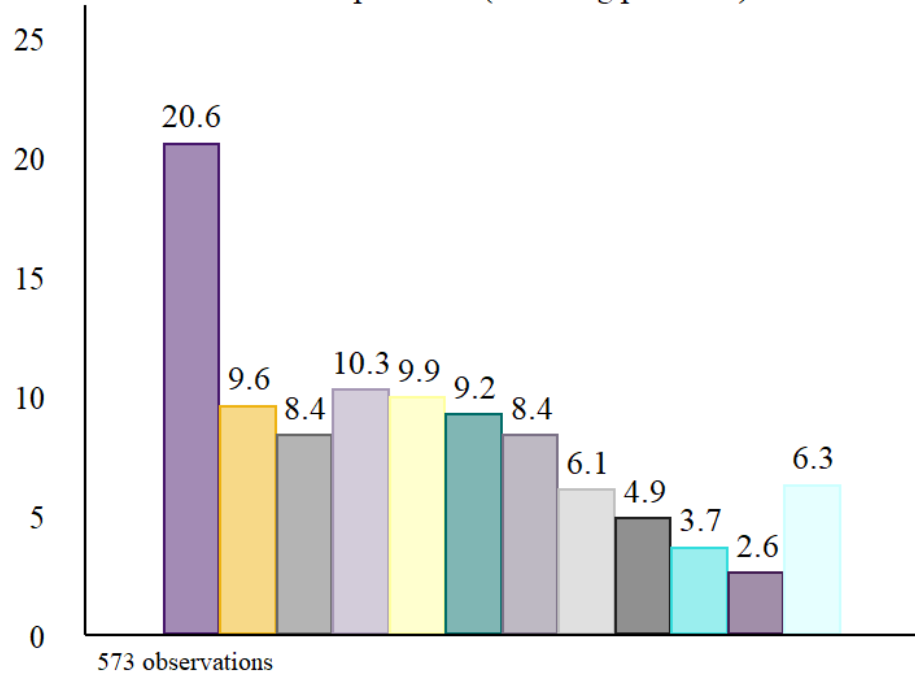
Q3. Job Type/Field  
(Percent Distribution)



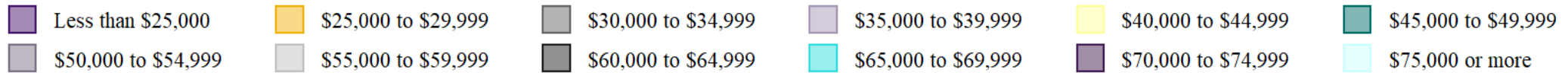
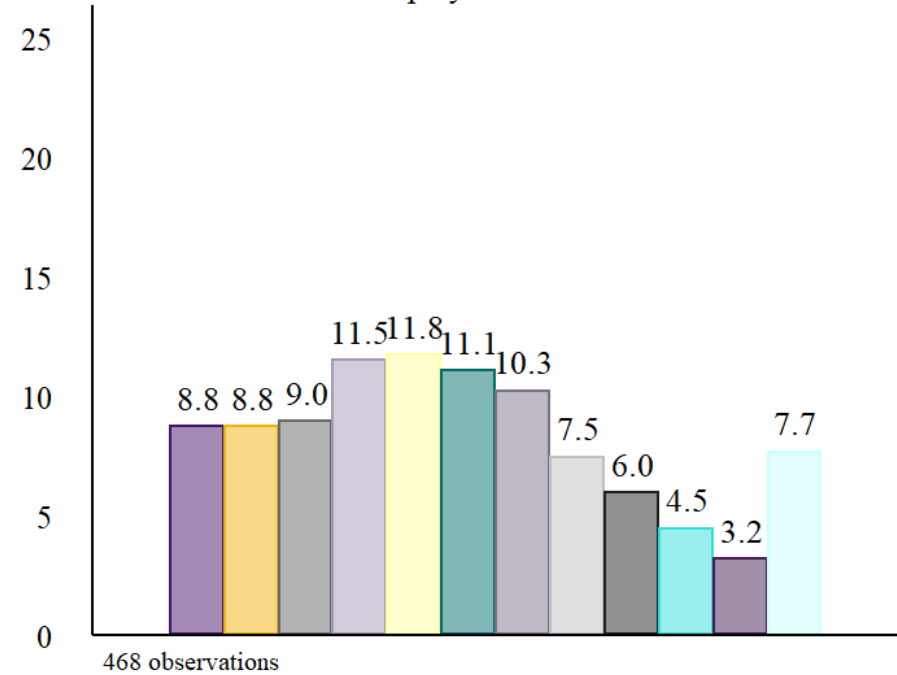


## Q8.Salary (Percent Distribution)

All Respondents (including part-time)

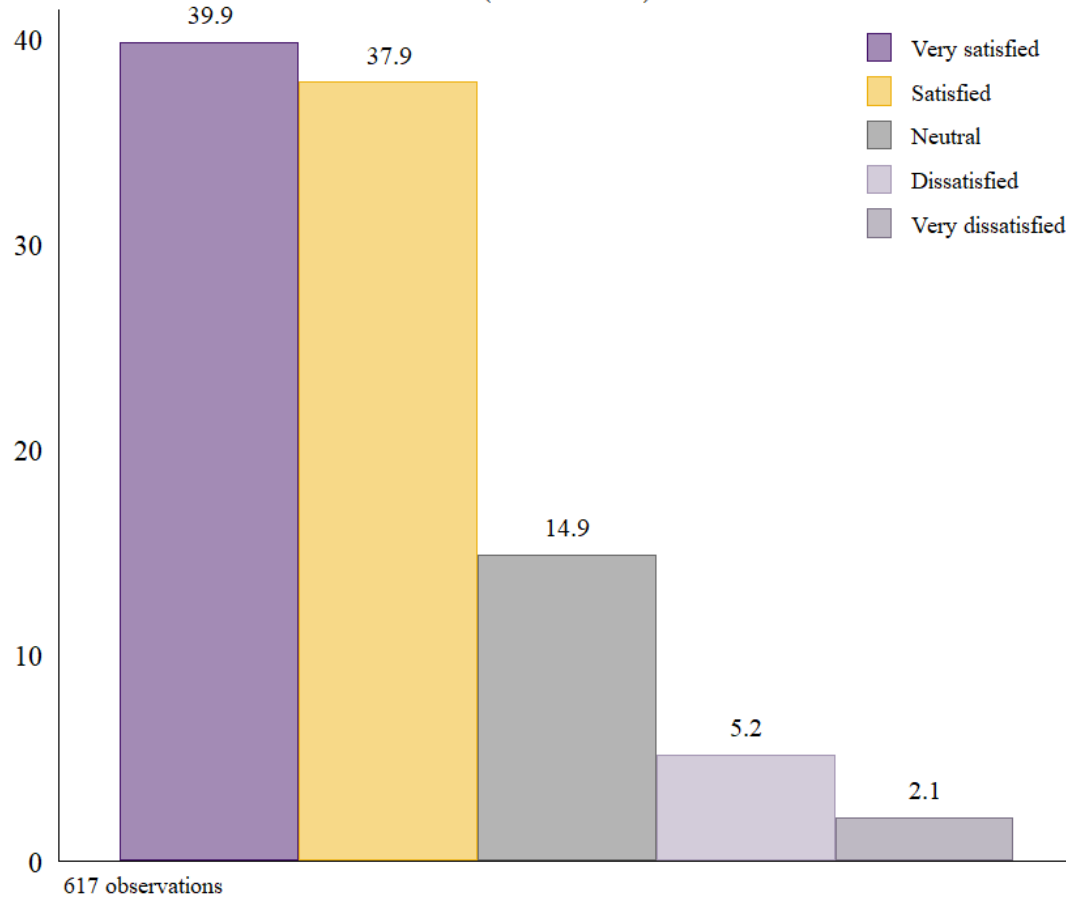


Employed Full Time

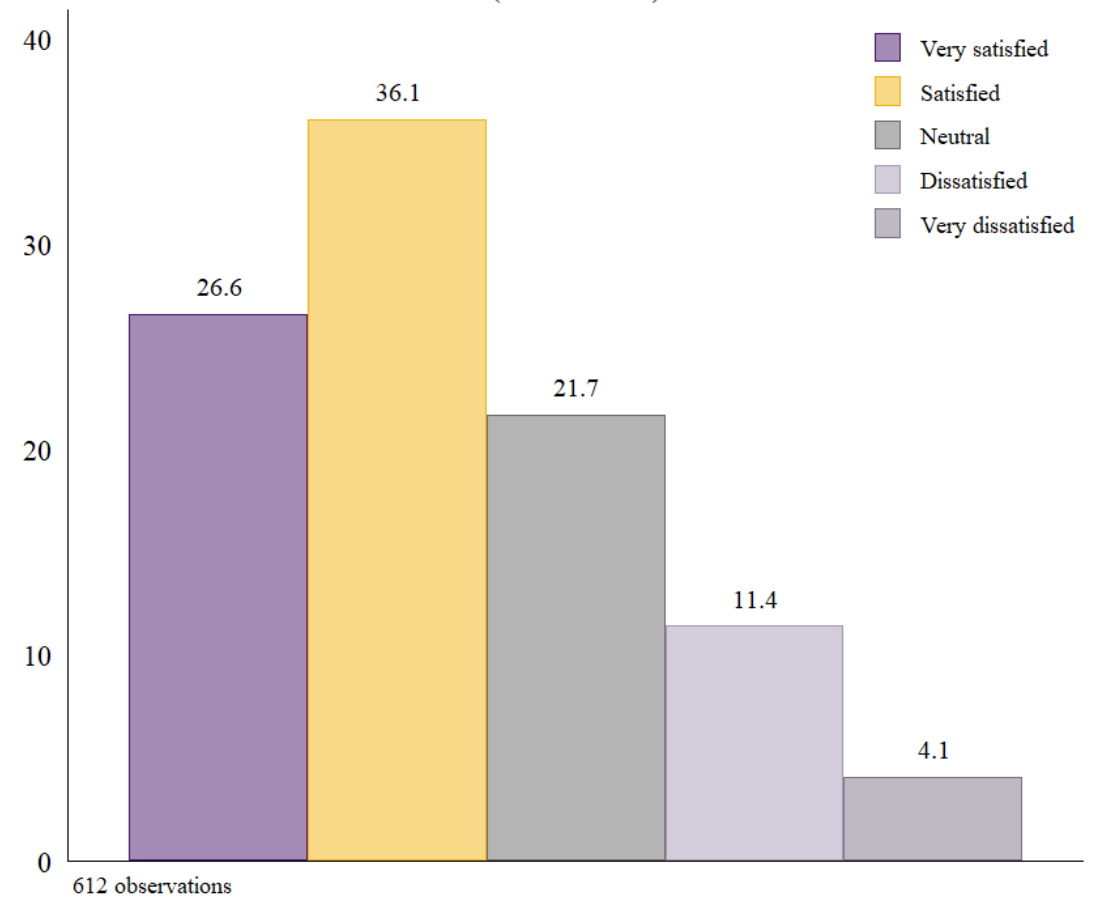




Q12. Position Satisfaction - Overall Employment  
(Percent Distribution)



Q13. Position Satisfaction - Salary and Benefits  
(Percent Distribution)

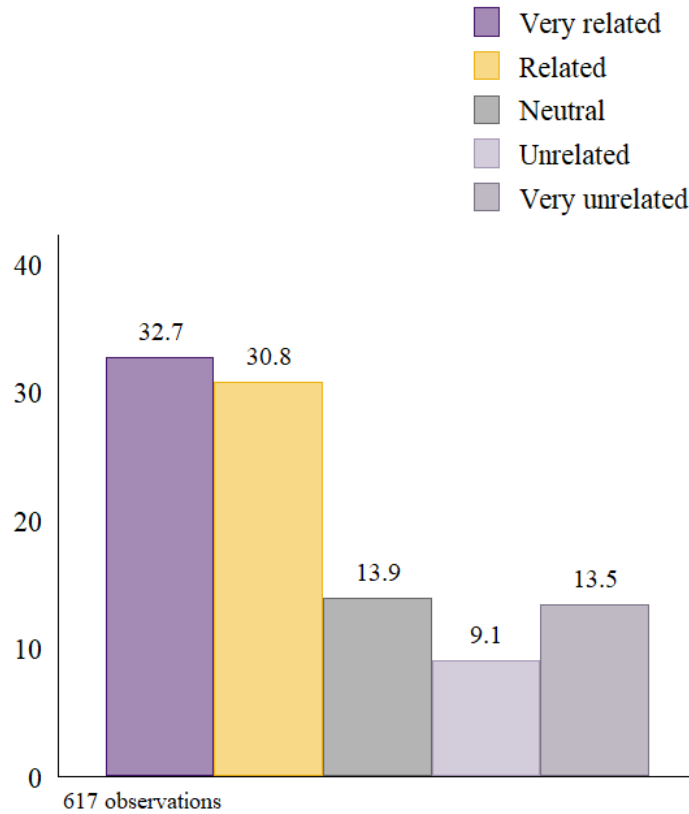




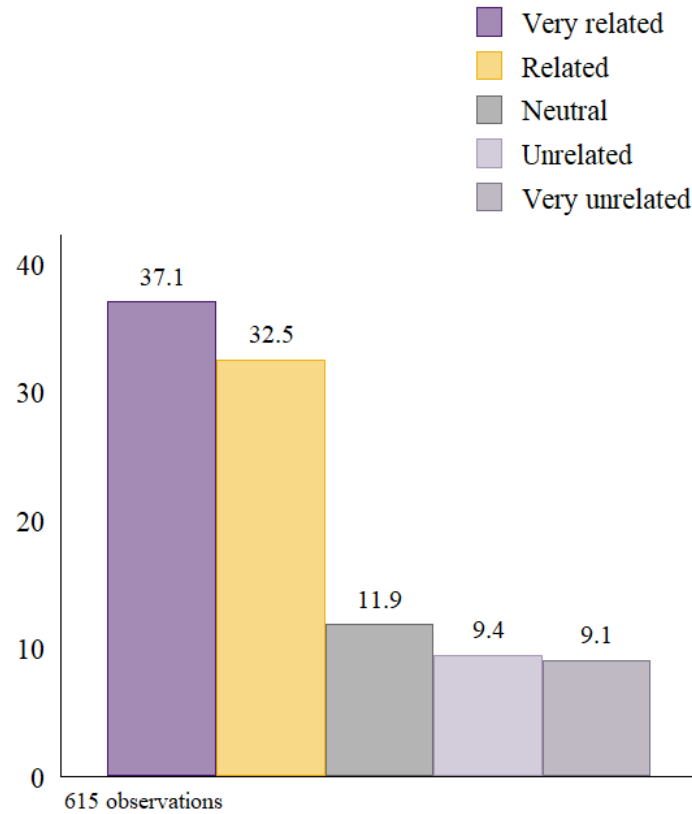


## Relatedness of Position: (Percent Distribution)

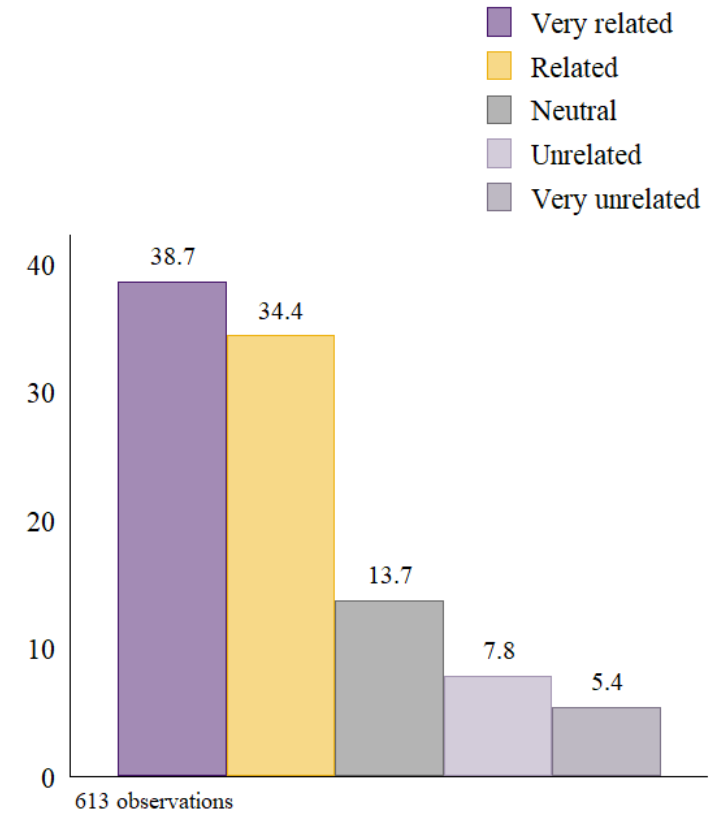
Q14. Undergraduate Studies

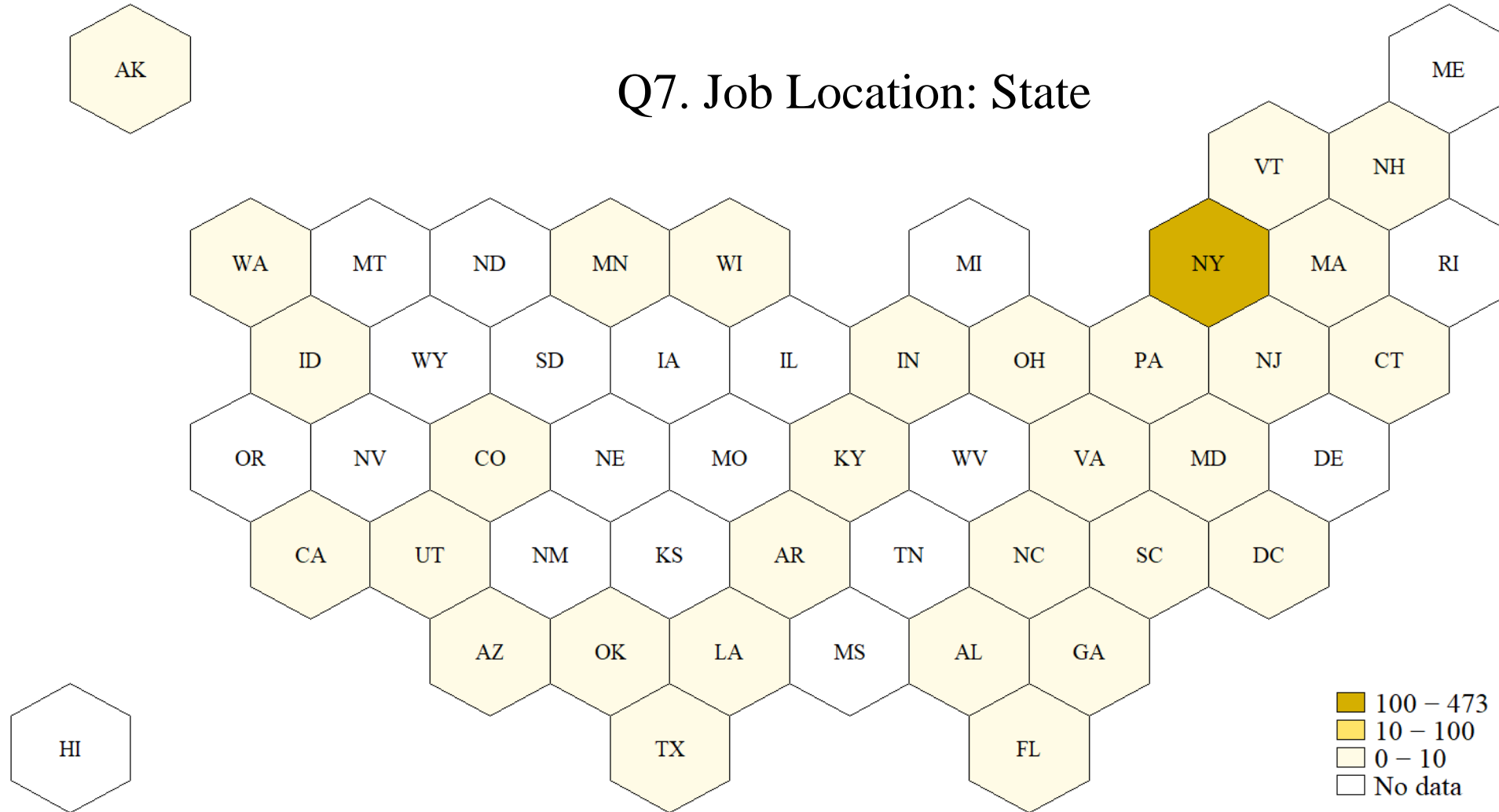


Q15. Career Goals



Q16. Personal Interests







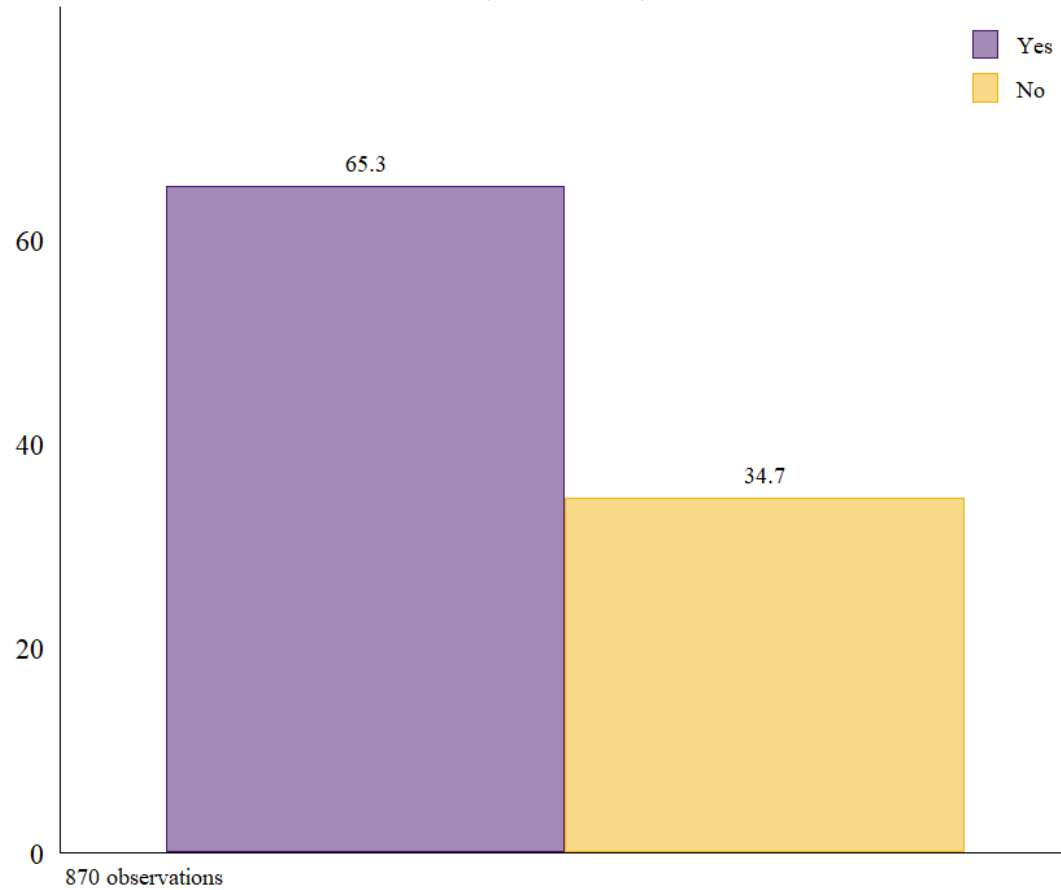
# Graduate School & Continuing Education

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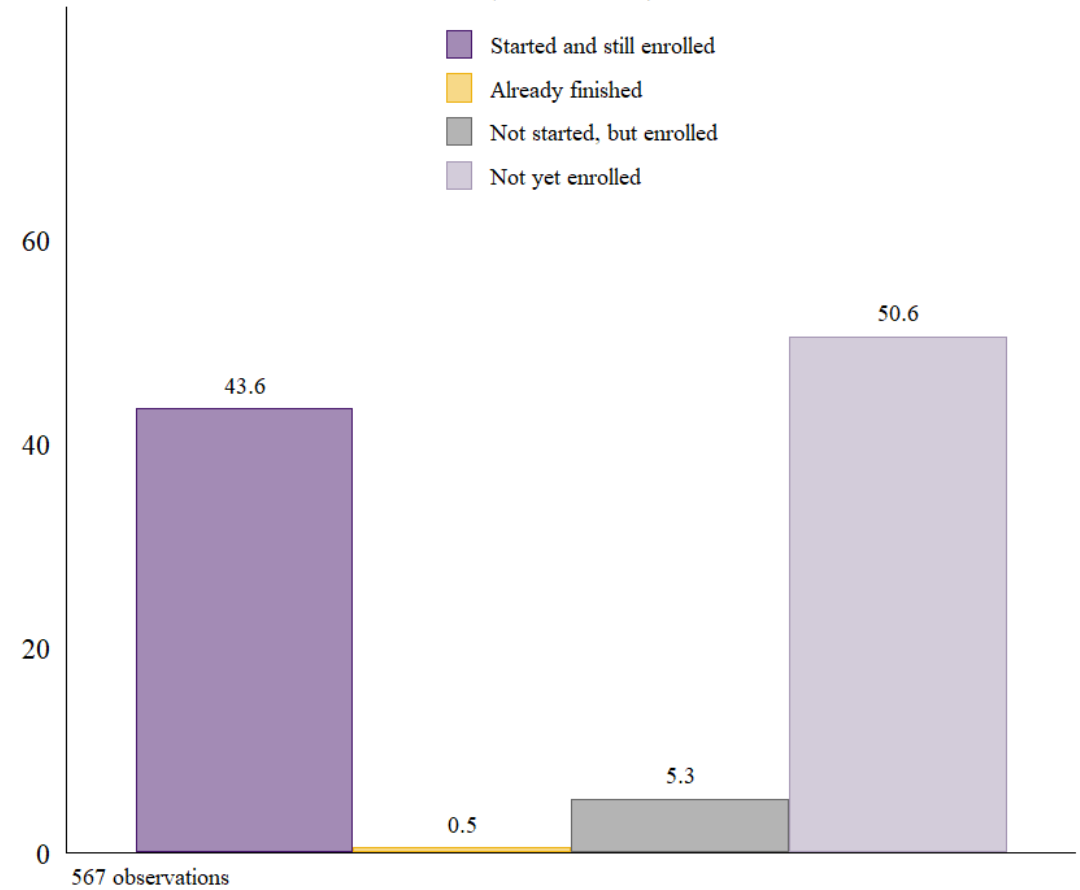
- Our graduates are motivated to continue pursuing their education, with 65.3% either currently enrolled or planning to pursue an advanced degree.
- 35.6% of our respondents chose to stay right here at UAlbany to pursue their advanced degrees.
- 51.6% of respondents who are attending UAlbany for graduate school received a scholarship, fellowship or assistantship



Q18. Enrolled/Planning to Enroll - Graduate School/Continuing Education  
(Percent Distribution)

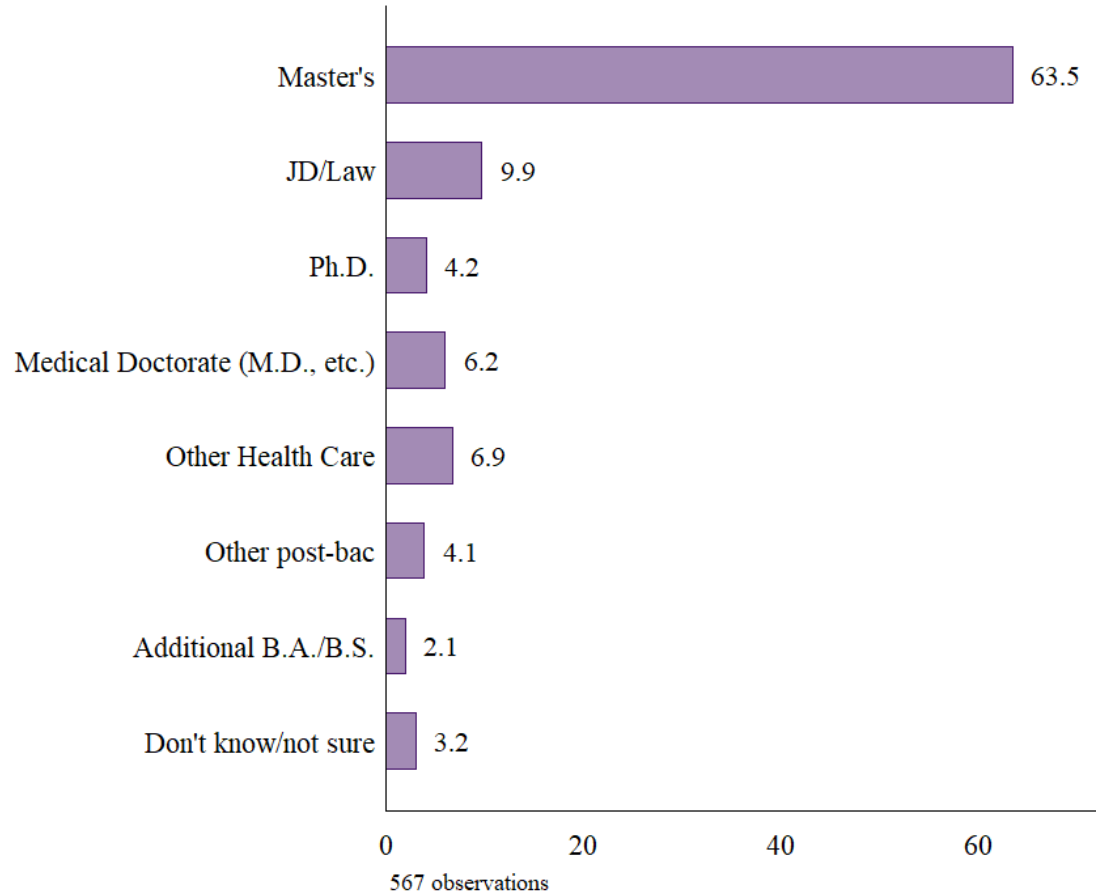


Q19. Graduate School/Continuing Education Status  
(Percent Distribution)

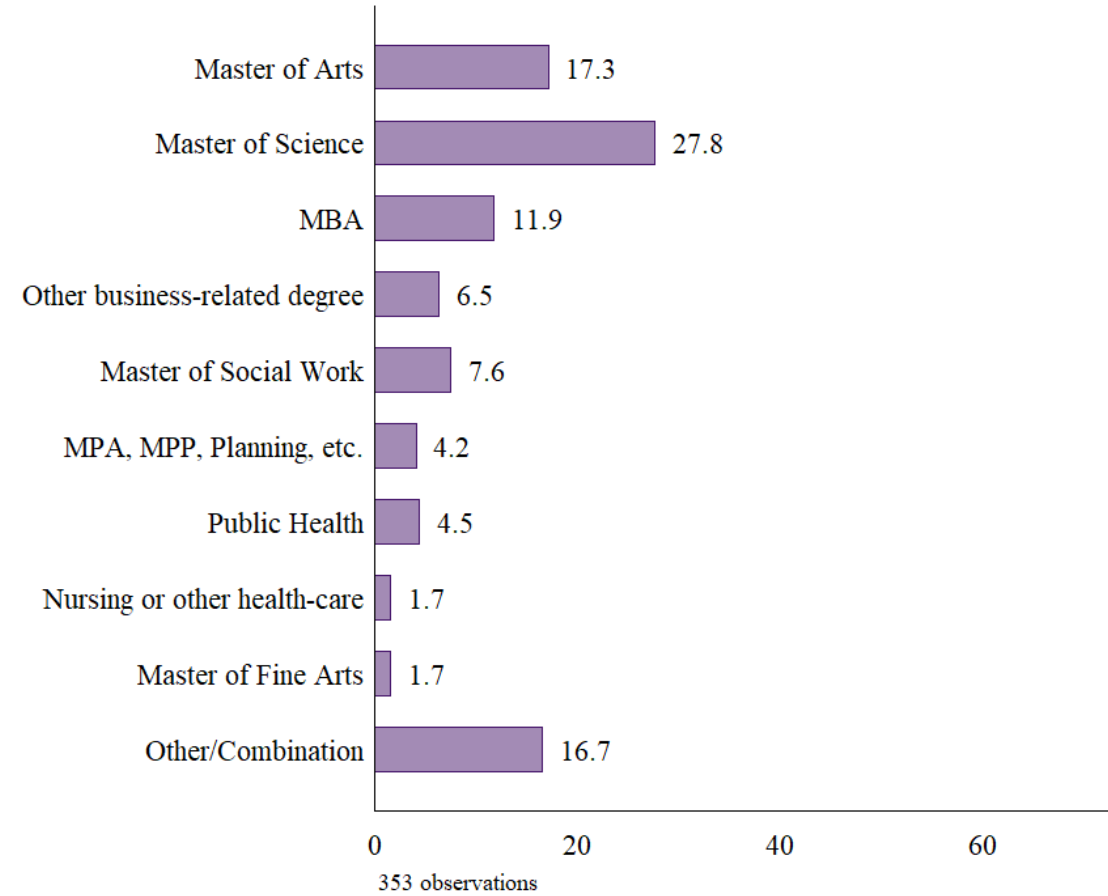




Q20. Degree Type: Enrolled/Planning to Pursue  
(Percent Distribution)

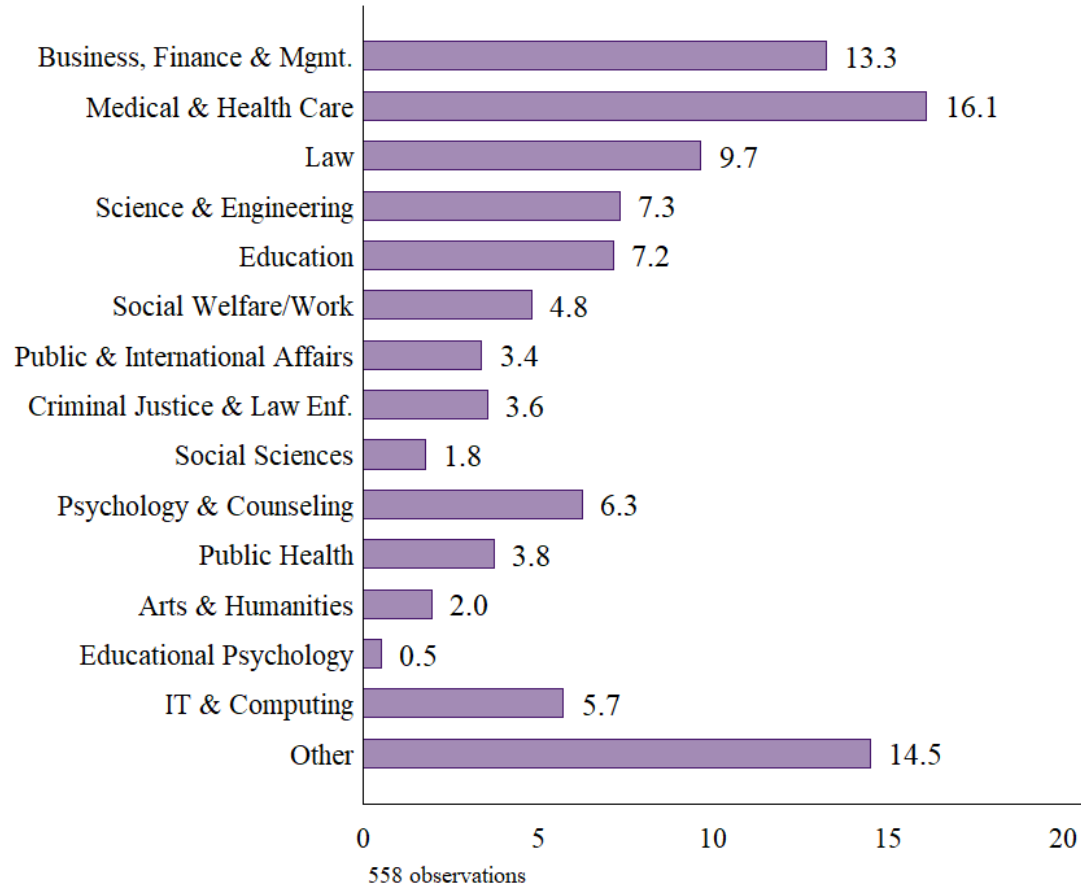


Q21. Master's Degree Type: Enrolled/Planning to Pursue  
(Percent Distribution)

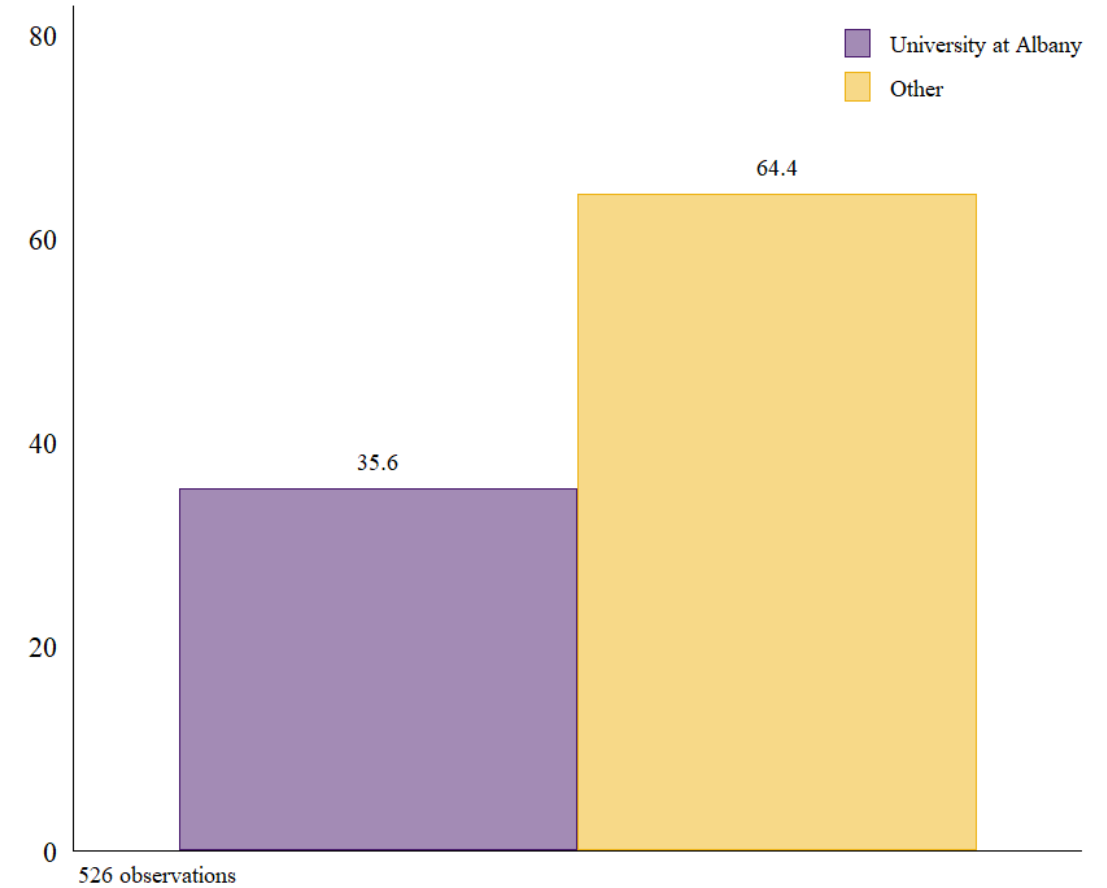




Q22. Field of Study: Enrolled/Planning to Pursue  
(Percent Distribution)



Q23. School: Enrolled/Planning to Pursue  
(Percent Distribution)





# High Impact Practices

*Curricular and other purposeful interactions with demonstrated positive effects on students success.*

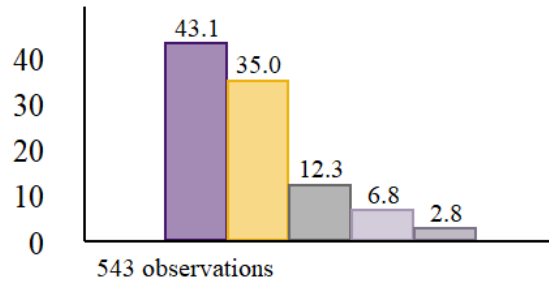
## Key Data Points:

- A majority of students (62.9%) visited at least one career services office here at UAlbany.
- A majority of students who utilized the Office of Career and Professional Development said it was either helpful or extremely helpful (70.2%).

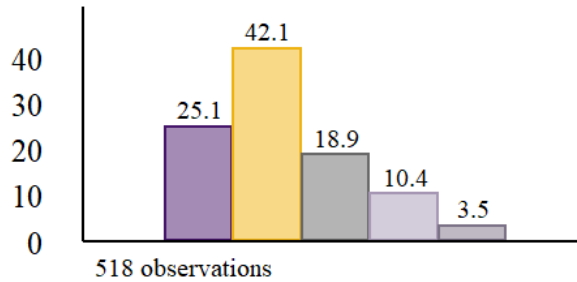


## Helpfulness of College Activity in Post-Graduation Preparation: (Percent Distribution)

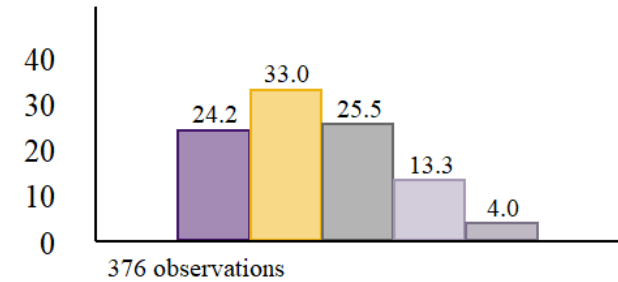
### Q35. Internship(s)



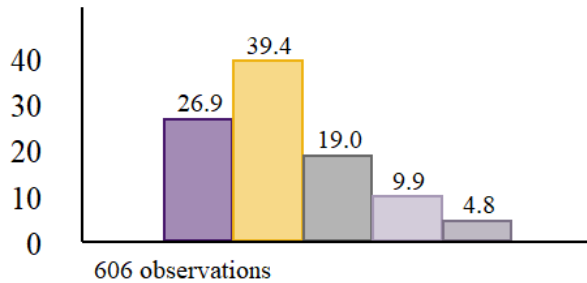
### Q36. Research Experience



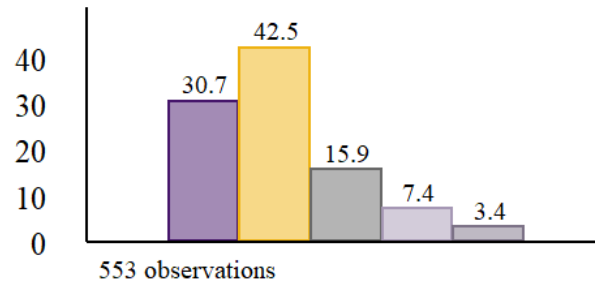
### Q37. Field or Clinical Placement(s)



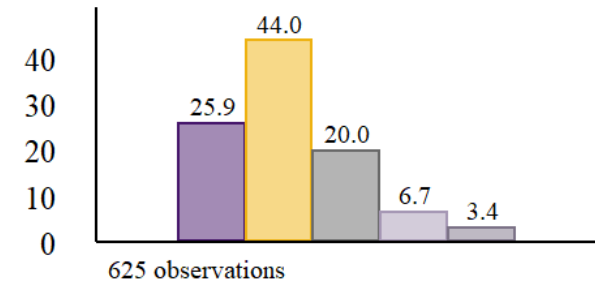
### Q38. Student Organization(s)



### Q39. Student Leadership Role(s)



### Q40. Community Service



Strongly agree    
  Agree    
  Neither agree nor disagree    
  Disagree    
  Strongly disagree

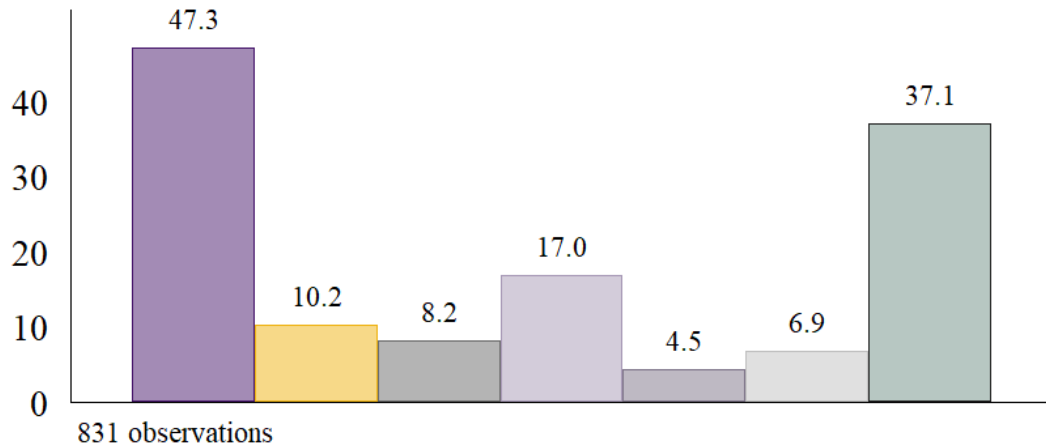




### Q41. Utilized Office for Career Help

(Percent Distribution)

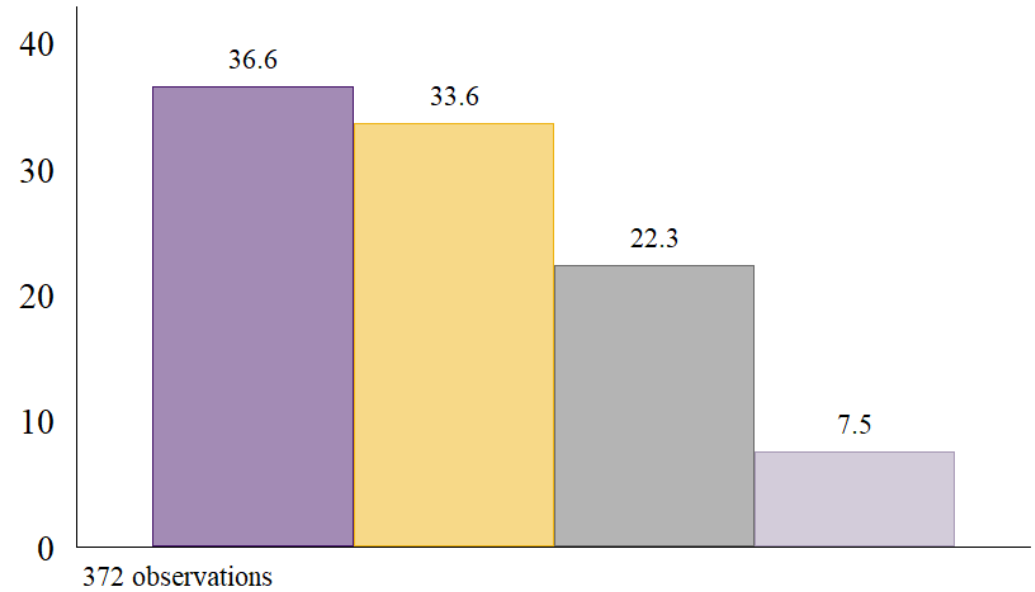
- Career and Professional Development
- CEHC Career Help
- Rockefeller College Career Office
- School of Business Career Office
- School of Public Health Career Office
- Other Career Help
- No Career Help



### Q42. Helpfulness of Career and Professional Development

(Percent Distribution)

- Very helpful
- Helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not at all helpful





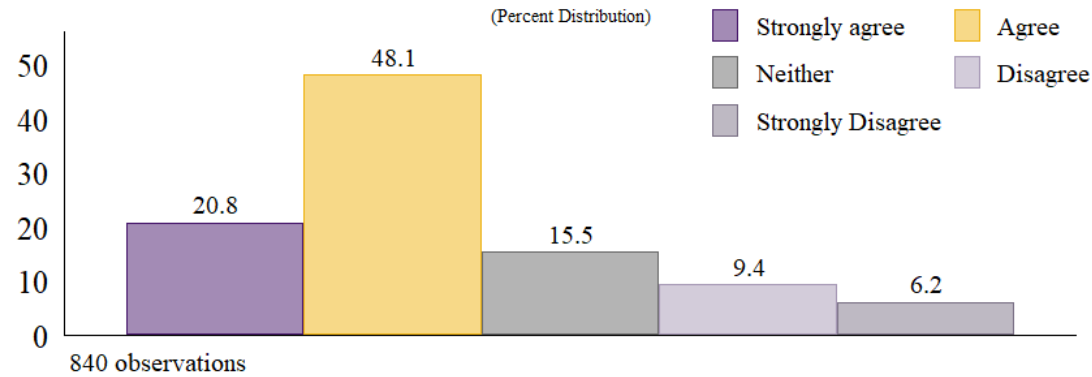
# Overall Evaluation of UAlbany

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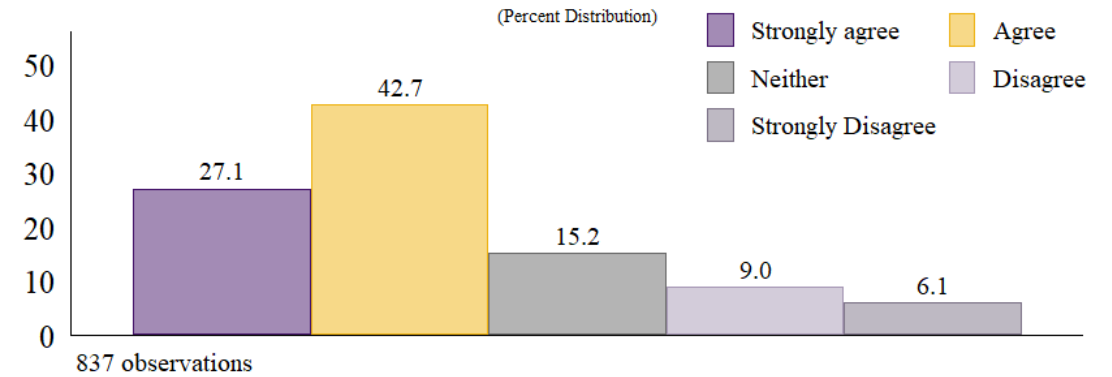
- An overwhelming majority (69.8%) of our graduates agree that their education here at UAlbany was worth the cost.
- Three quarters (74.9%) of our graduates also stated that, if they could start over, they would still choose the University at Albany.



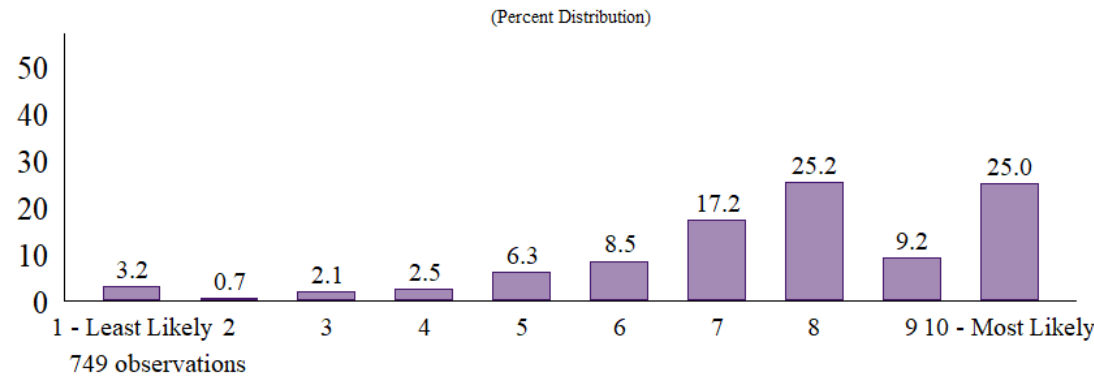
Q43. University at Albany prepared me for life outside of college.



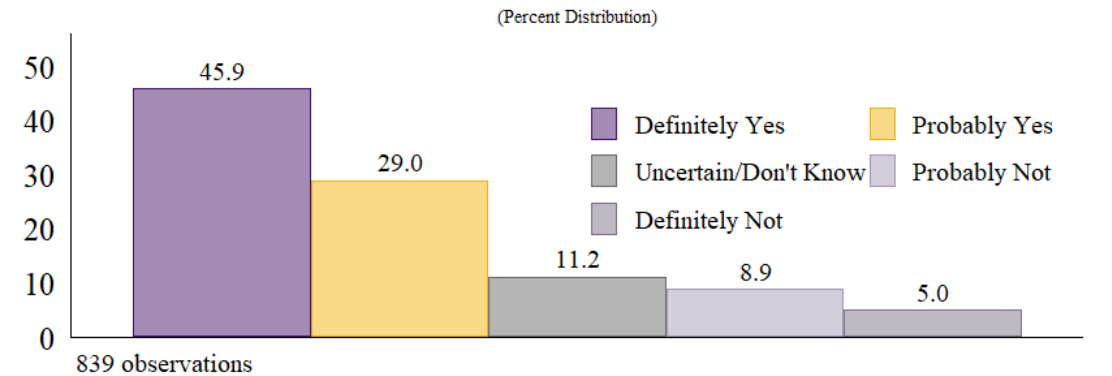
Q44. University at Albany education was worth the cost.



Q45. Recommend University at Albany (Scale: 1-10).



Q46. Would choose to attend University at Albany if could start over.





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