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Arizona High School Student Survey

April 2009

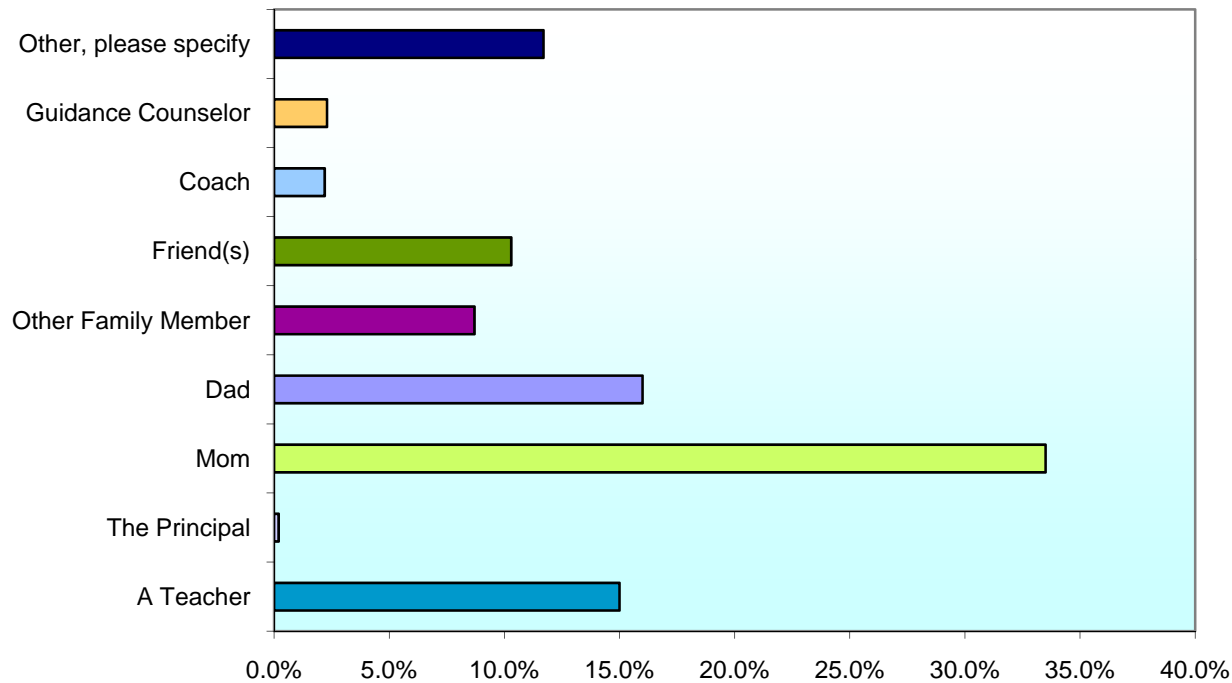
Pulse Survey Overview

- Survey conducted April, 2009
- More than 1,600 respondents
- Participating high school students representing:
 - Flagstaff, Gilbert, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale, Tucson, Yuma
- Even distribution across grades
 - 9th – 25%
 - 10th – 24%
 - 11th – 27%
 - 12th – 24%
- Margin of error +3.0 percent at a 95% confidence level



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Who is most influential to you related to your education?

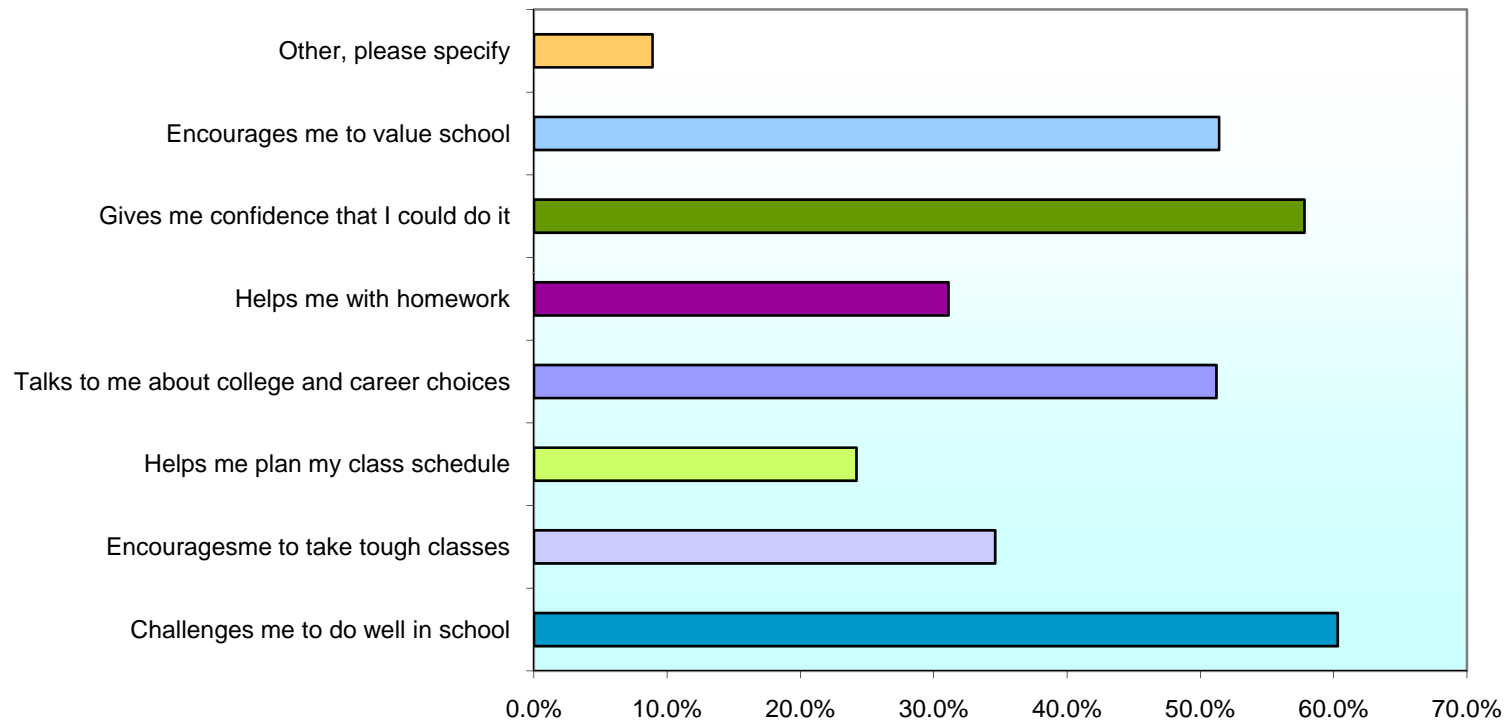


Other reported as: self, siblings, friends, family, stepparents, guidance counselor



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In what way(s) has this person influenced you?

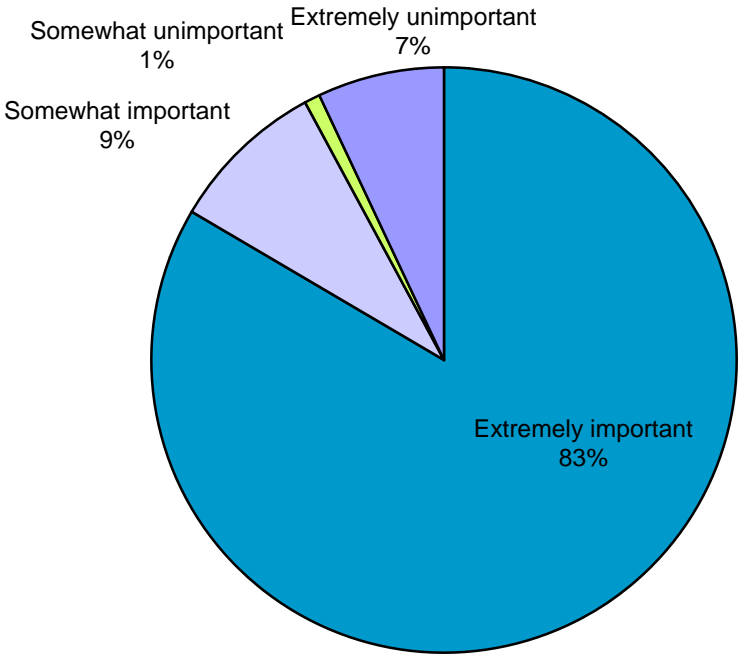


Other reported as: teaches me to take initiative, pats me on the back, gives me expectations to live up to, believes in me, won't let me give up, respects me

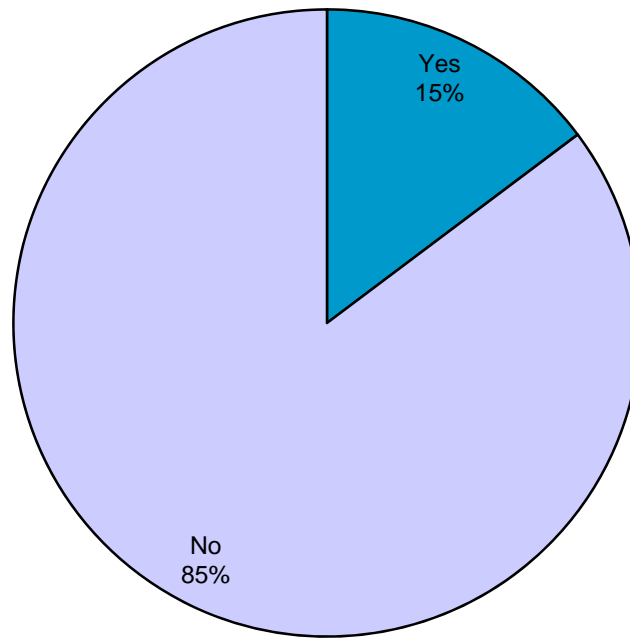


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How important do you think graduating from high school is to your future success?

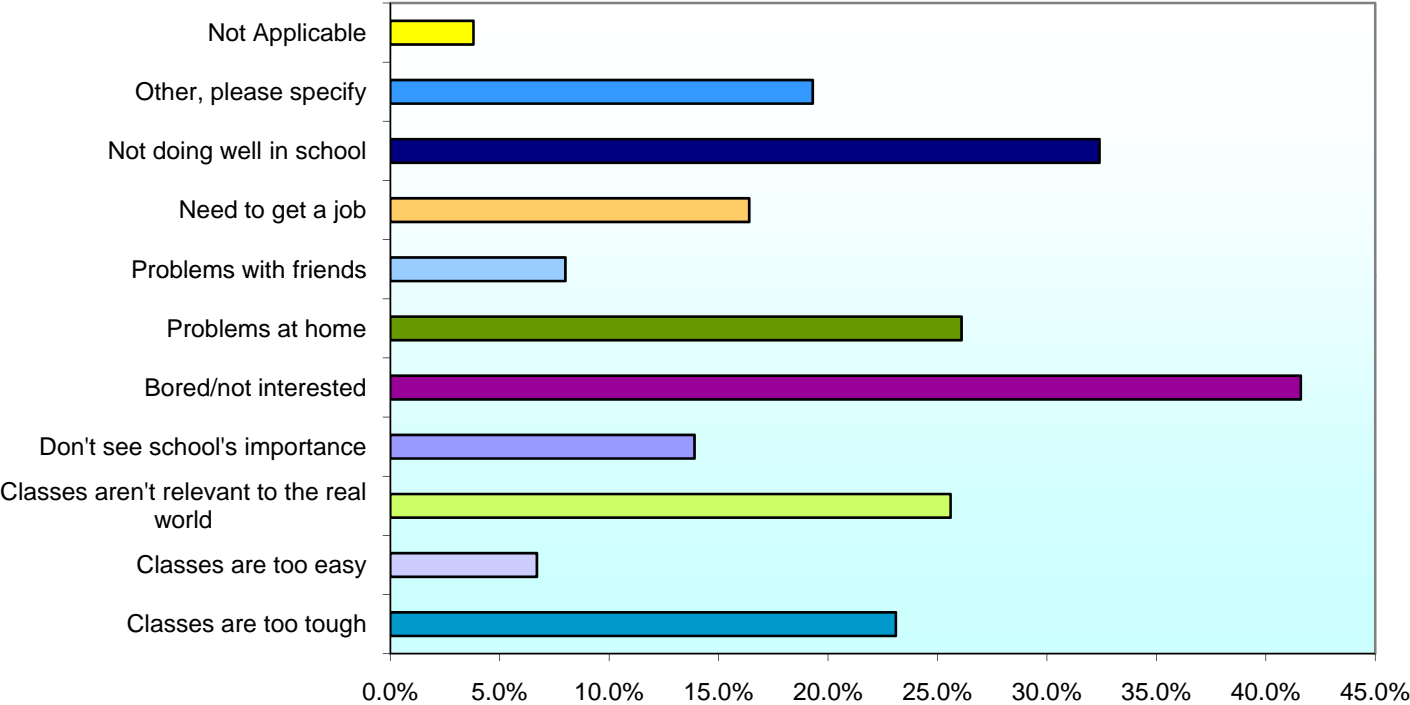


Have you ever seriously considered dropping out of school?



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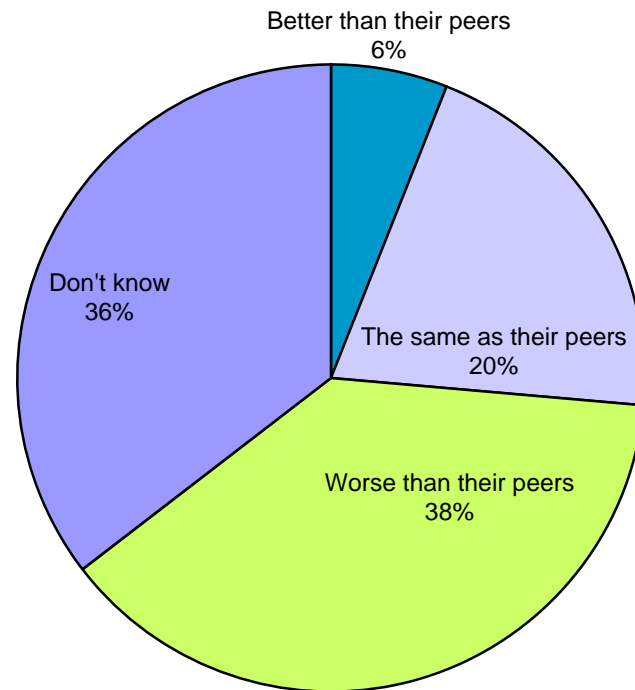
If you have considered dropping out, what was the most important reason why?



Other reported as: stress, tests, bored, bullying, pregnancy

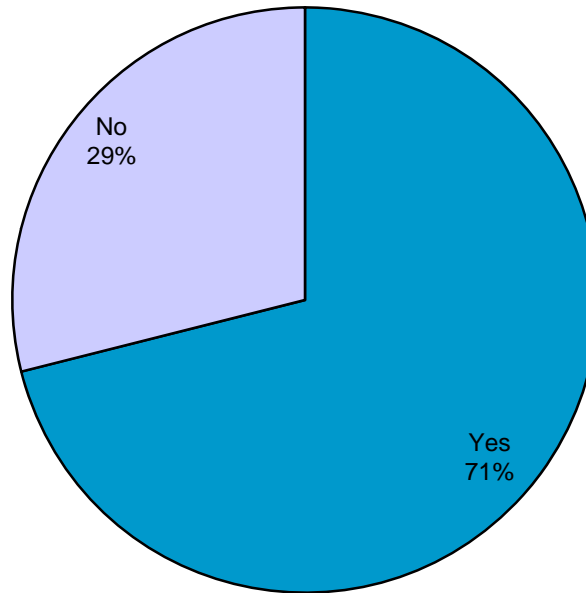


How would you say Arizona students compare academically to their peers across the nation?



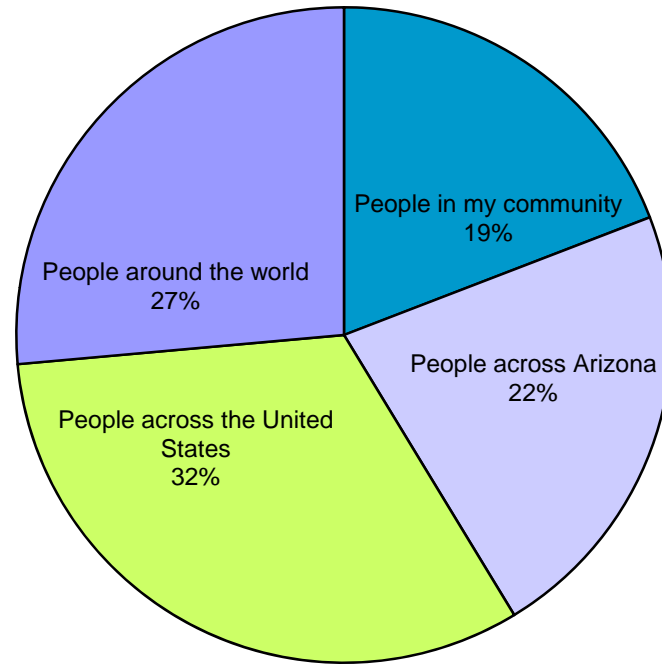
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Do you believe taking higher level math and science courses is important to your future?



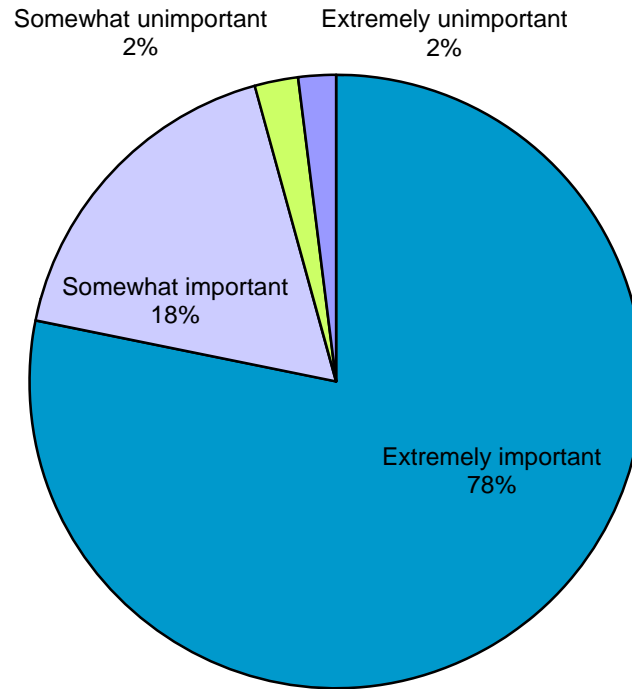
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Who do you think you will be competing against for jobs after you graduate?



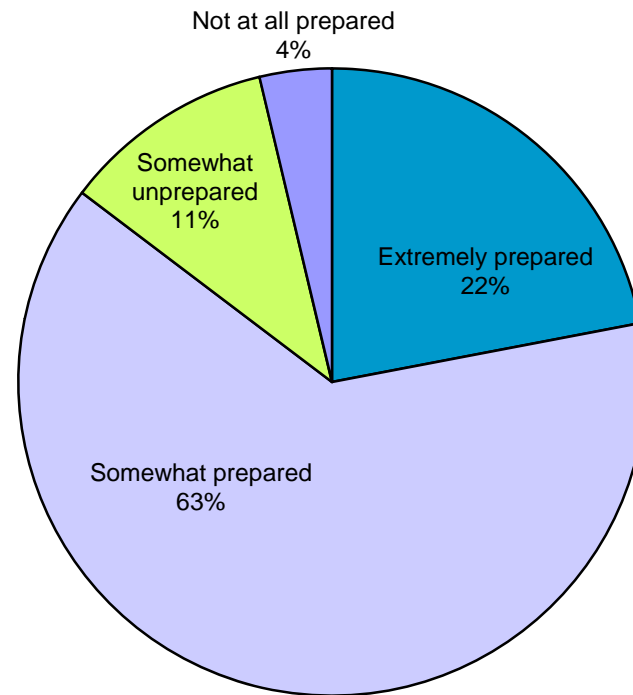
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How important do you think getting a college degree is to your future success?



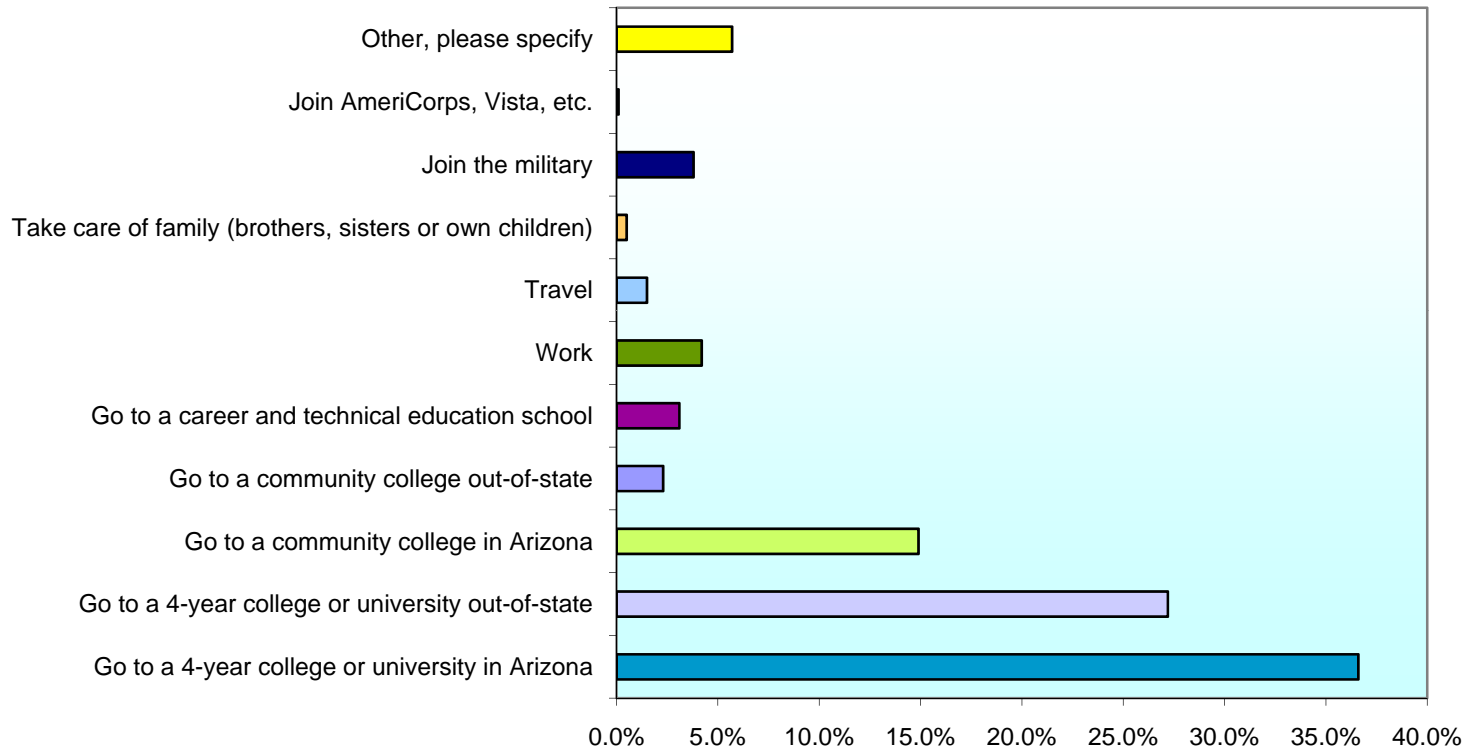
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Based on the education you've received so far, how prepared do you feel for college or a job?



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What do you plan to do after graduating from high school?



Other reported as: undecided, entertainment industry, creative arts, own business, cosmetology



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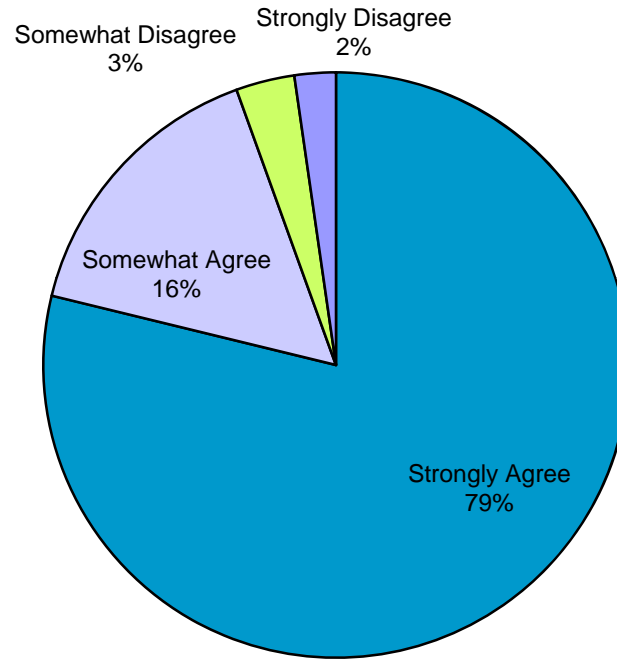
Student level of agreement with the following...



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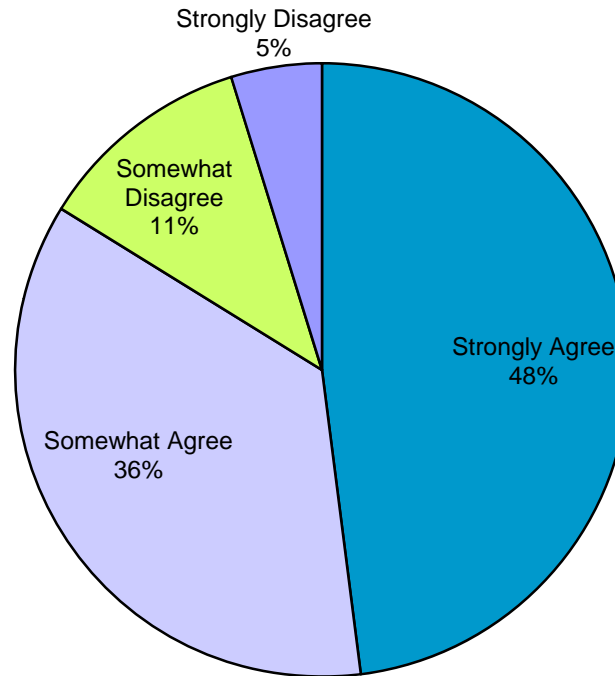


My parents are encouraging me to go to college or a career and technical training school.



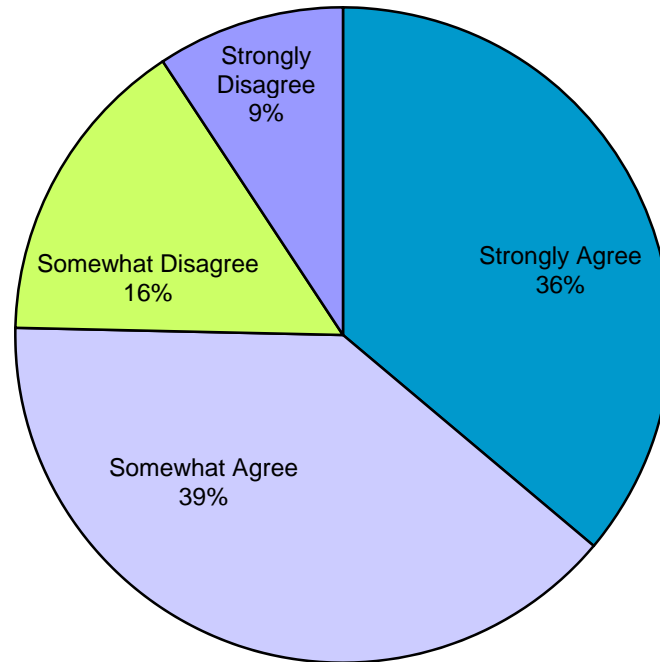
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My parents are helping to ensure I am taking the classes I need to get into college or a career and technical training school.



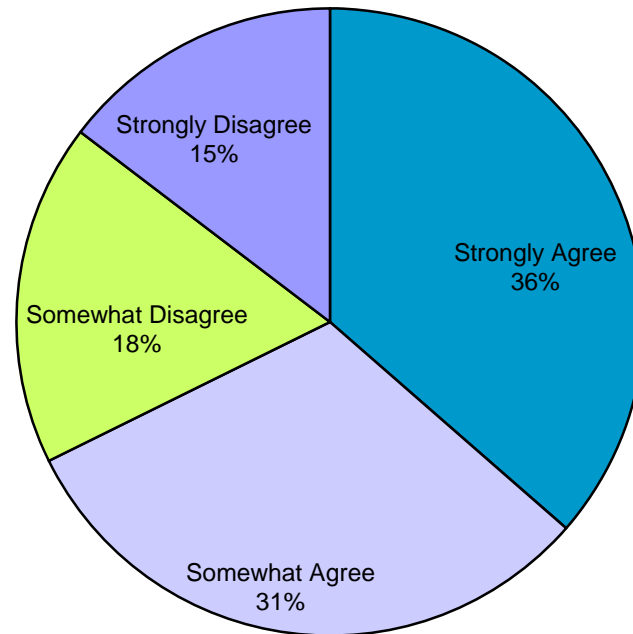
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My parents are helping me to identify potential schools.



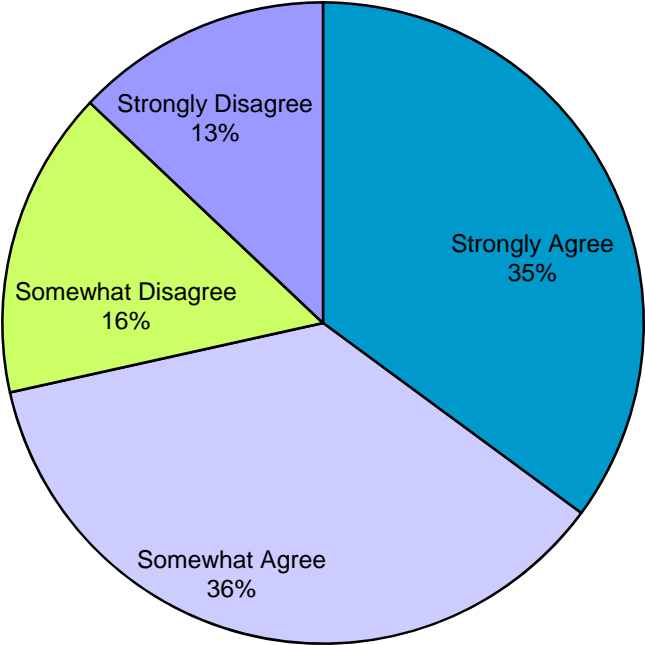
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My parents are helping me to fill out the required paperwork such as application, financial aid forms, etc.

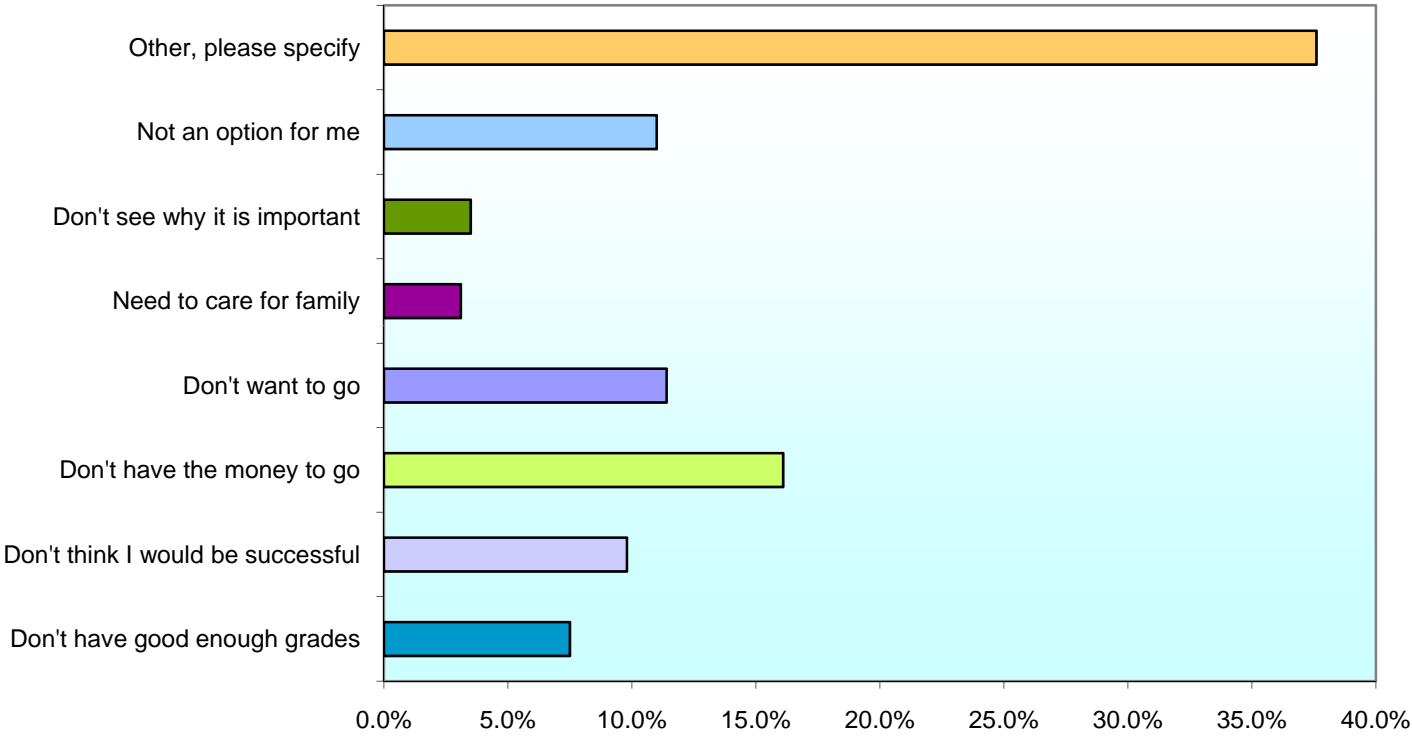


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My parents are helping me to select the community college/university/career and technical program that I will attend.



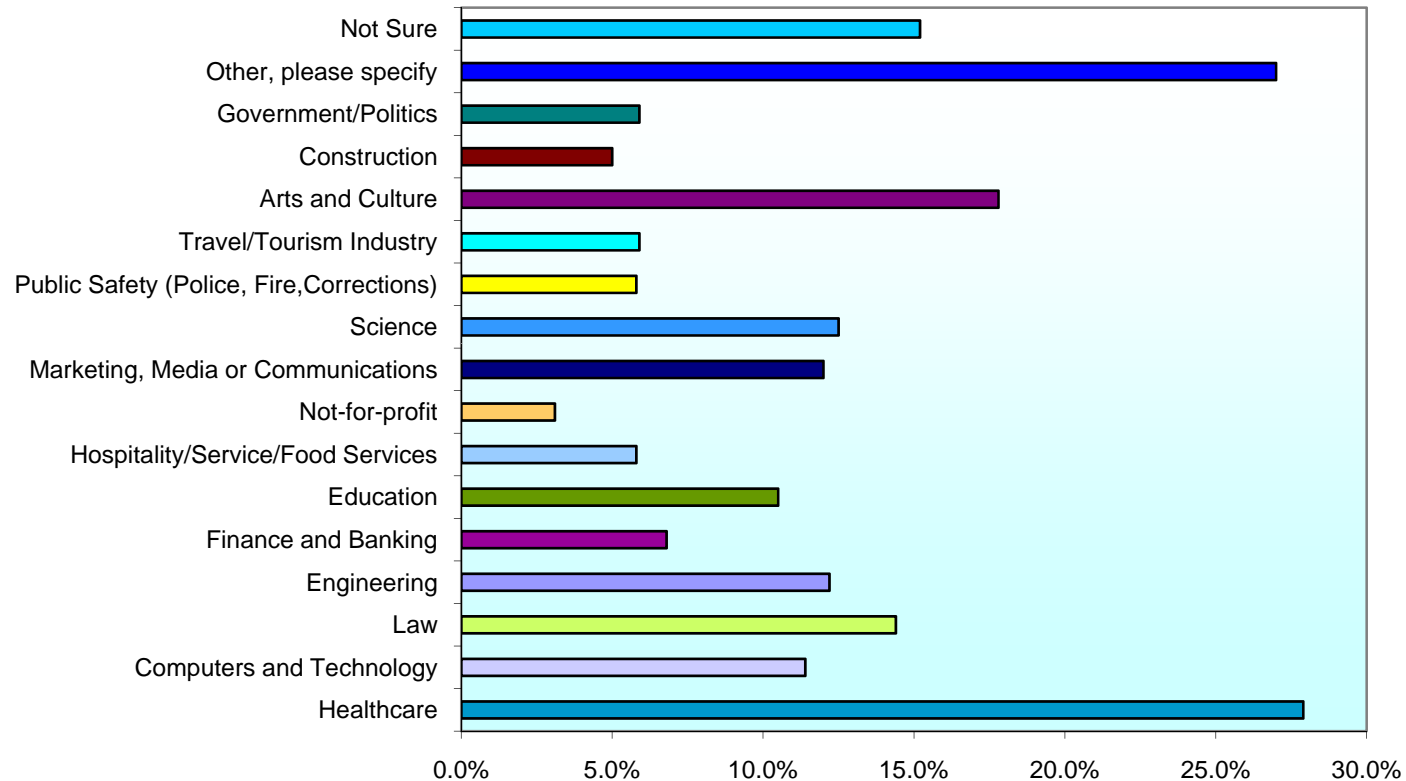
If you are not planning to go to university/community college, what is the main reason?



Other reported as: irrelevant for career choice, military, will go later in life, don't need to go, family problems, religious activities



What do you want to do for a career?

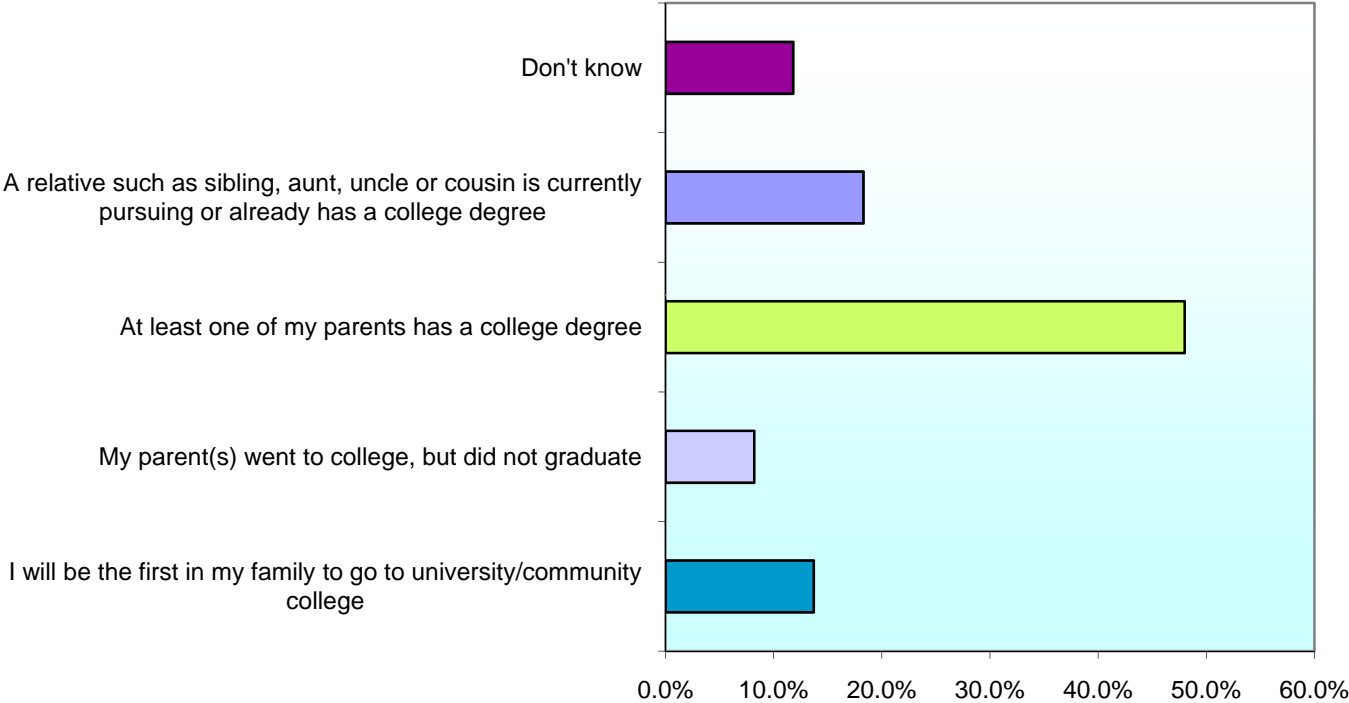


Other reported as: writer, professional sports, real estate, psychology, graphic design, interior design, aviation, mechanics, veterinary medicine, modeling, singing

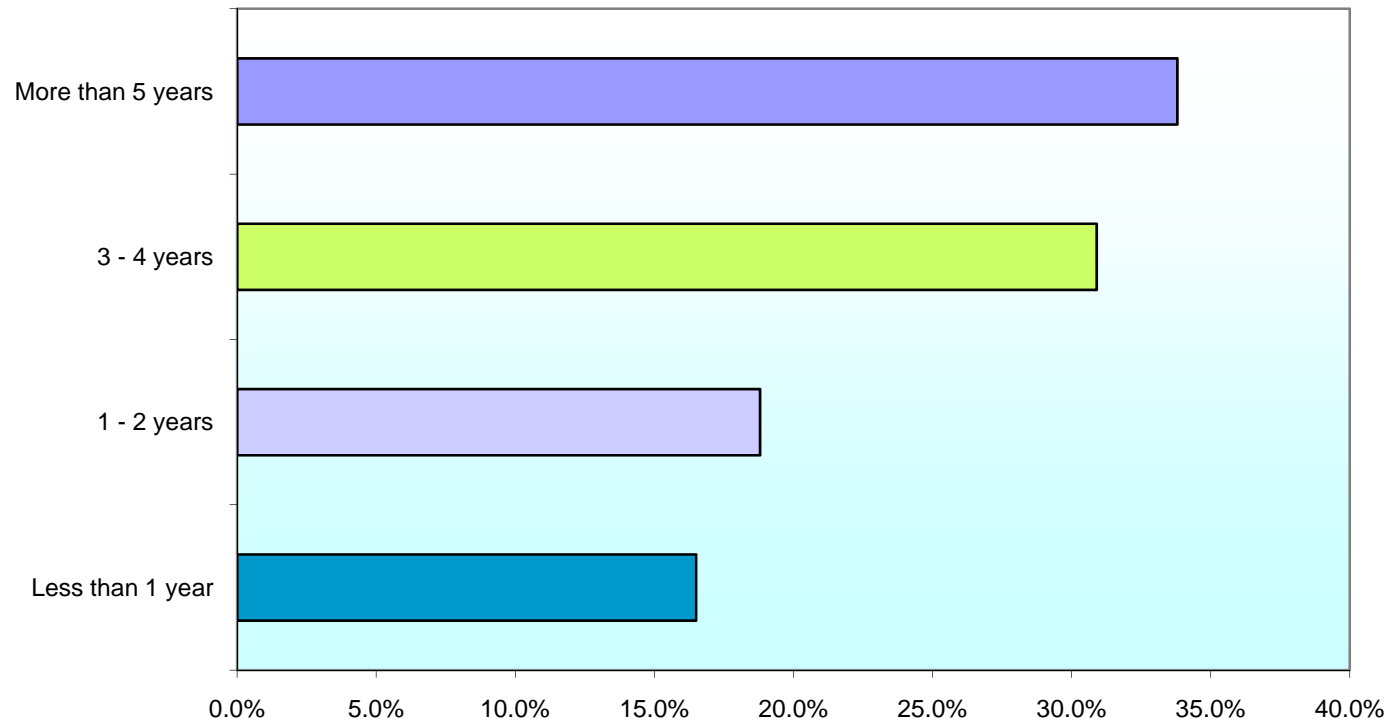


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What best describes your family's education background?

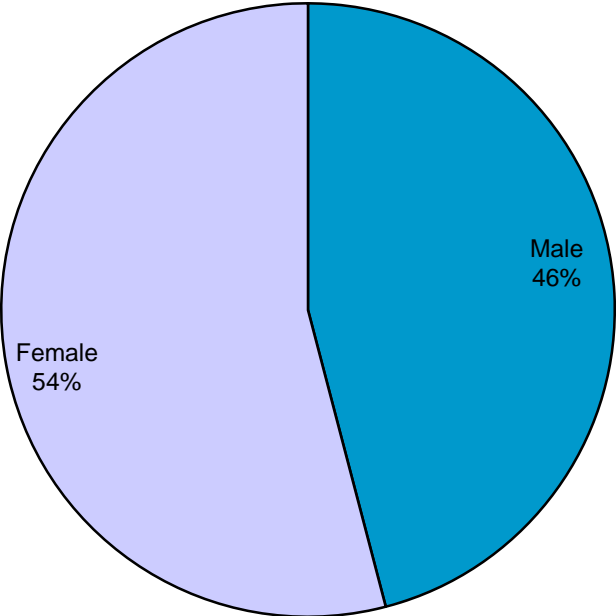


Length of time attending current school district



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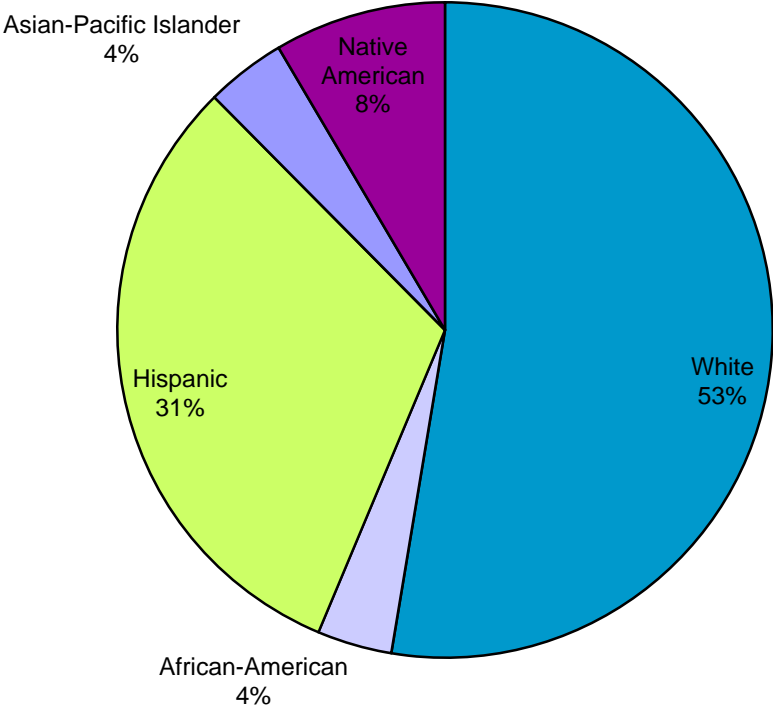
Gender



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Ethnicity



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