

TOTAL SCHOOL PROFILE

Entering Student Questionnaire

2025 - 2026 Profile of Participants

As of October 31, 2025

Total Number of Schools: 115

Total Number of Respondents: 4,286



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ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

- **Gender:** Those who choose "prefer not to disclose" do not appear in tables/charts that are disaggregated by gender.
- **Race/Ethnicity:** This was a "select all that apply" question. Those who chose more than one answer are listed as "multiracial" in the relevant tables/charts. Their original answers can be found in the raw data.

TABLE 1: Percent of Participants by Degree Program, Marital Status, and Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Degree Program	Single						Married						Total	
	Male		Female		Other		Male		Female		Other			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	3	23.1	2	15.4	1	7.7	5	38.5	2	15.4	0	0.0	13	0.3
MDiv	405	25.8	352	22.4	13	0.8	506	32.2	282	18.0	12	0.8	1,570	37.2
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	85	13.0	179	27.4	0	0.0	176	27.0	212	32.5	1	0.2	653	15.5
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	129	18.2	193	27.2	3	0.4	229	32.3	156	22.0	0	0.0	710	16.8
ThM/STM	26	23.4	16	14.4	2	1.8	47	42.3	19	17.1	1	0.9	111	2.6
DMin	43	10.6	64	15.8	1	0.2	199	49.1	97	24.0	1	0.2	405	9.6
PhD/ThD/STD	12	10.4	26	22.6	0	0.0	52	45.2	25	21.7	0	0.0	115	2.7
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	3	8.8	7	20.6	0	0.0	11	32.4	13	38.2	0	0.0	34	0.8
Non-degree special	16	23.5	12	17.6	0	0.0	25	36.8	15	22.1	0	0.0	68	1.6
Diploma, certificate	41	16.5	39	15.7	1	0.4	84	33.9	82	33.1	1	0.4	248	5.9
Other: (Please specify)	53	18.1	86	29.4	3	1.0	64	21.8	85	29.0	2	0.7	293	6.9
TOTAL	816	19.3	976	23.1	24	0.6	1,398	33.1	988	23.4	18	0.4	4,220	100.0

TOTALS FOR TABLE 1								
Degree Program	Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	8	0.4	4	0.2	1	2.4	13	0.3
MDiv	911	41.1	634	32.3	25	59.5	1,570	37.2
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	261	11.8	391	19.9	1	2.4	653	15.5
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	358	16.2	349	17.8	3	7.1	710	16.8
ThM/STM	73	3.3	35	1.8	3	7.1	111	2.6
DMin	242	10.9	161	8.2	2	4.8	405	9.6
PhD/ThD/STD	64	2.9	51	2.6	0	0.0	115	2.7
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	14	0.6	20	1.0	0	0.0	34	0.8
Non-degree special	41	1.9	27	1.4	0	0.0	68	1.6
Diploma, certificate	125	5.6	121	6.2	2	4.8	248	5.9
Other: (Please specify)	117	5.3	171	8.7	5	11.9	293	6.9
TOTAL	2,214	100.0	1,964	100.0	42	100.0	4,220	100.0

CHART 1: Participants by Gender and Degree Program

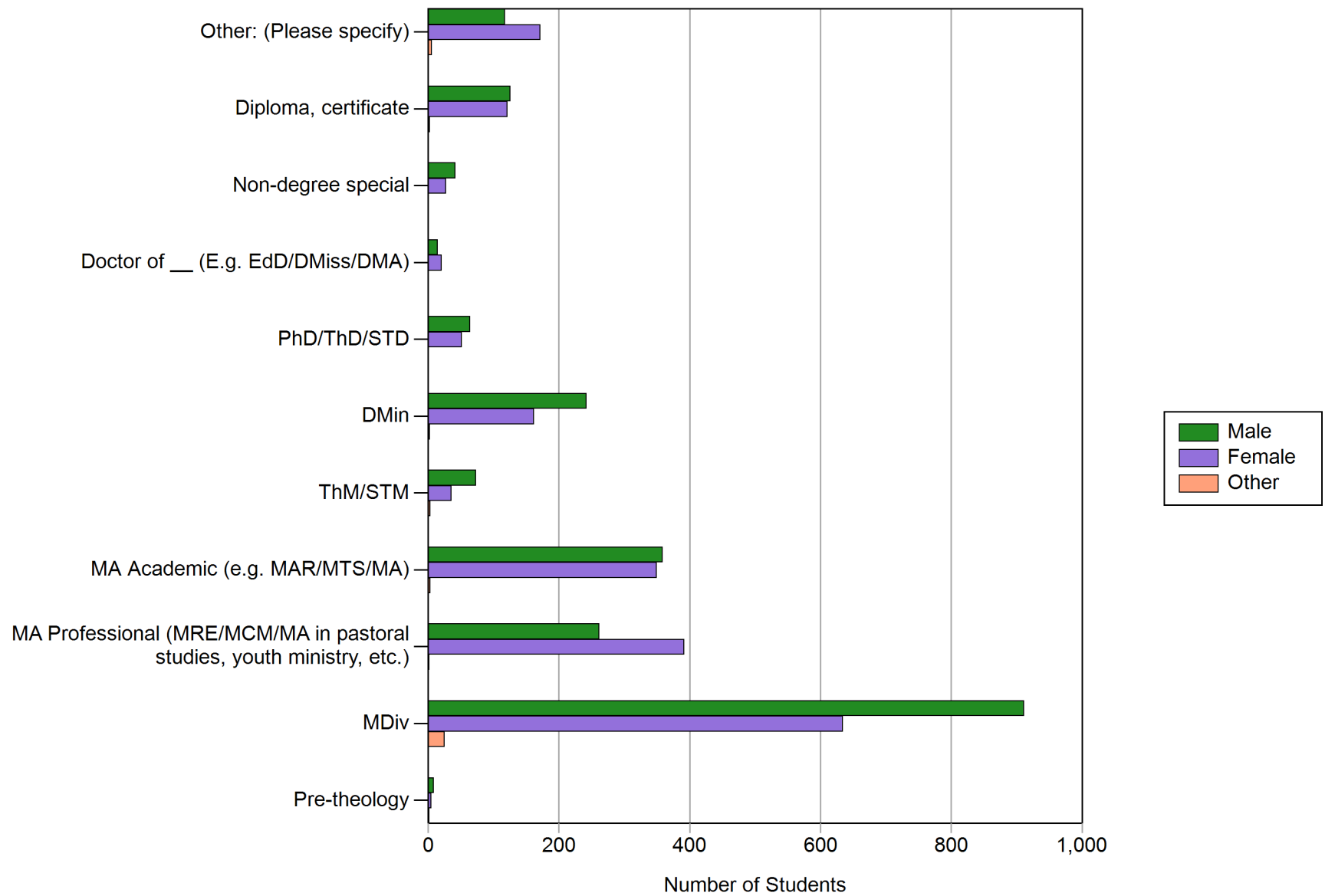


TABLE 2: Participants by Racial/Ethnic Identity and Status

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

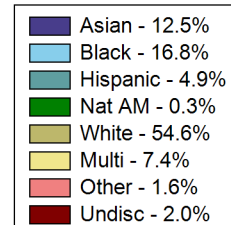
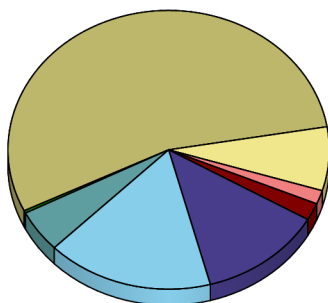
Degree Program	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat Am		White		Multi		Other		Undisc	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	4	0.6	2	0.3	3	1.1	0	0.0	3	0.1	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
MDiv	197	32.0	265	37.1	77	27.3	4	40.0	863	40.0	117	41.1	26	29.2	31	33.0
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	90	14.6	104	14.5	47	16.7	4	40.0	347	16.1	41	14.4	11	12.4	17	18.1
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	124	20.1	81	11.3	68	24.1	1	10.0	349	16.2	50	17.5	17	19.1	23	24.5
ThM/STM	28	4.5	23	3.2	14	5.0	0	0.0	32	1.5	5	1.8	9	10.1	3	3.2
DMin	45	7.3	145	20.3	21	7.4	0	0.0	165	7.6	15	5.3	7	7.9	7	7.4
PhD/ThD/STD	30	4.9	18	2.5	6	2.1	0	0.0	48	2.2	7	2.5	5	5.6	1	1.1
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	13	2.1	4	0.6	1	0.4	0	0.0	15	0.7	0	0.0	2	2.2	0	0.0
Non-degree special	12	1.9	8	1.1	2	0.7	0	0.0	45	2.1	1	0.4	1	1.1	1	1.1
Diploma, certificate	32	5.2	27	3.8	18	6.4	0	0.0	145	6.7	18	6.3	4	4.5	7	7.4
Other: (Please specify)	41	6.7	38	5.3	25	8.9	1	10.0	148	6.9	30	10.5	7	7.9	4	4.3
TOTAL	616	14.5	715	16.8	282	6.6	10	0.2	2,160	50.8	285	6.7	89	2.1	94	2.2

Respondents by Student Status		
Status	#	%
Domestic	3,613	85.0
International	640	15.0
TOTAL	4,253	100.0

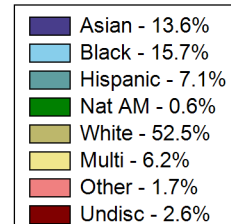
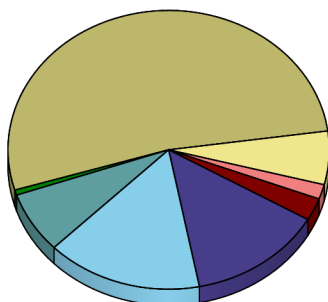
Totals by Race/Ethnicity		
	#	%
Asian-descent or Pacific Islander	618	14.5
Black, African American, African Canadian	720	16.9
Hispanic, Latino(a), Latin@	282	6.6
Native North American, First Nation, Indigenous	10	0.2
White, Caucasian	2,167	50.7
Multiracial	288	6.7
Other: (Please specify)	92	2.2
Prefer not to disclose	94	2.2
TOTAL	4,271	100.0

CHART 2: Participants by Racial/Ethnic Identity

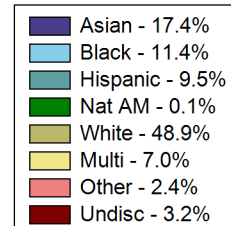
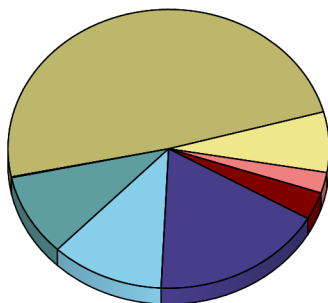
MDiv



Prof MA



Acad MA



DMin

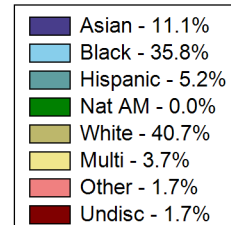
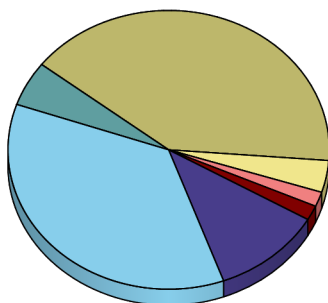


TABLE 3: Participants by Age and Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

MDiv		Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
		225	61.5	136	37.2	5	1.4	366	23.4
		154	70.0	62	28.2	4	1.8	220	14.1
		124	59.3	78	37.3	7	3.3	209	13.4
		113	63.1	63	35.2	3	1.7	179	11.4
		88	56.4	64	41.0	4	2.6	156	10.0
		77	46.7	87	52.7	1	0.6	165	10.5
		51	43.2	66	55.9	1	0.8	118	7.5
		77	50.7	75	49.3	0	0.0	152	9.7
		909	58.1	631	40.3	25	1.6	1,565	100.0
		TOTAL							

Prof MA		Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
		29	34.9	54	65.1	0	0.0	83	12.7
		40	42.6	54	57.4	0	0.0	94	14.4
		42	53.2	37	46.8	0	0.0	79	12.1
		39	44.8	48	55.2	0	0.0	87	13.3
		31	33.7	60	65.2	1	1.1	92	14.1
		24	36.9	41	63.1	0	0.0	65	10.0
		27	41.5	38	58.5	0	0.0	65	10.0
		30	34.5	57	65.5	0	0.0	87	13.3
		262	40.2	389	59.7	1	0.2	652	100.0
		TOTAL							

Acad MA		Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
		65	41.9	89	57.4	1	0.6	155	21.9
		62	48.4	66	51.6	0	0.0	128	18.1
		54	59.3	35	38.5	2	2.2	91	12.8
		44	62.0	27	38.0	0	0.0	71	10.0
		25	36.8	43	63.2	0	0.0	68	9.6
		32	58.2	23	41.8	0	0.0	55	7.8
		37	59.7	25	40.3	0	0.0	62	8.7
		38	48.1	41	51.9	0	0.0	79	11.1
		357	50.4	349	49.2	3	0.4	709	100.0
		TOTAL							

DMin		Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger		0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25		0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
26-30		8	88.9	1	11.1	0	0.0	9	2.2
31-35		18	58.1	13	41.9	0	0.0	31	7.7
36-40		36	67.9	16	30.2	1	1.9	53	13.2
41-45		41	67.2	20	32.8	0	0.0	61	15.1
46-50		42	61.8	25	36.8	1	1.5	68	16.9
51-55		37	54.4	31	45.6	0	0.0	68	16.9
56 or older		59	52.2	54	47.8	0	0.0	113	28.0
TOTAL		241	59.8	160	39.7	2	0.5	403	100.0

All Others		Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger		2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	3	0.3
20-25		40	38.8	62	60.2	1	1.0	103	11.7
26-30		47	52.8	38	42.7	4	4.5	89	10.1
31-35		66	59.5	44	39.6	1	0.9	111	12.6
36-40		61	58.7	42	40.4	1	1.0	104	11.8
41-45		60	46.9	68	53.1	0	0.0	128	14.5
46-50		55	52.4	49	46.7	1	1.0	105	11.9
51-55		29	34.5	53	63.1	2	2.4	84	9.5
56 or older		83	53.5	71	45.8	1	0.6	155	17.6
TOTAL		443	50.2	428	48.5	11	1.2	882	100.0

Total		Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger		2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	3	0.1
20-25		359	50.8	341	48.2	7	1.0	707	16.8
26-30		311	57.6	221	40.9	8	1.5	540	12.8
31-35		304	58.3	207	39.7	10	1.9	521	12.4
36-40		293	59.3	196	39.7	5	1.0	494	11.7
41-45		245	48.5	255	50.5	5	1.0	505	12.0
46-50		230	50.2	225	49.1	3	0.7	458	10.9
51-55		181	45.6	213	53.7	3	0.8	397	9.4
56 or older		287	49.0	298	50.9	1	0.2	586	13.9
TOTAL		2,212	52.5	1,957	46.5	42	1.0	4,211	100.0

CHART 3: Participants by Age and Gender

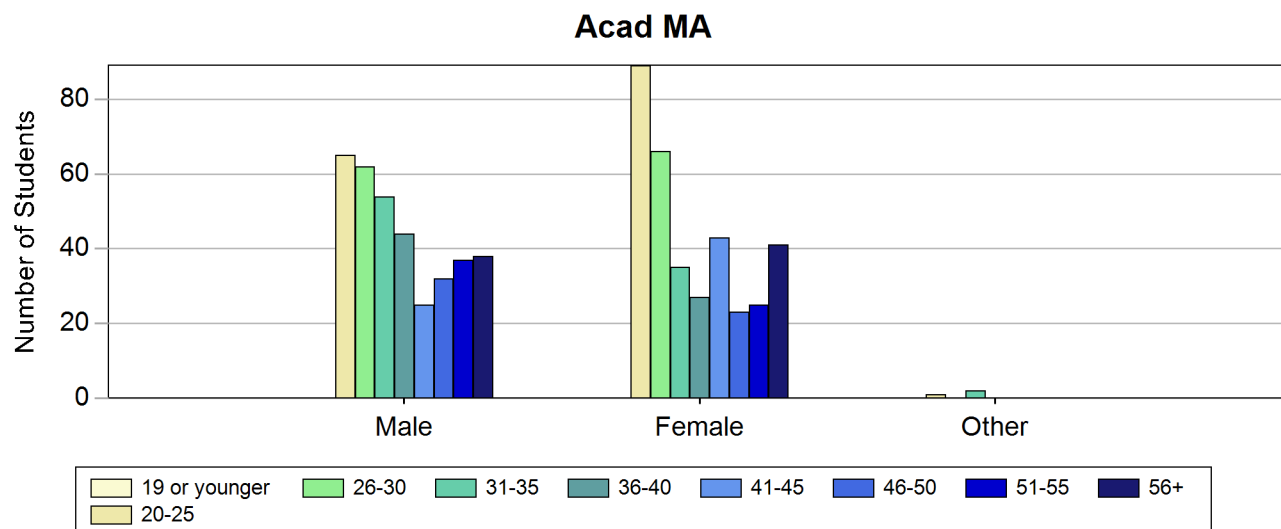
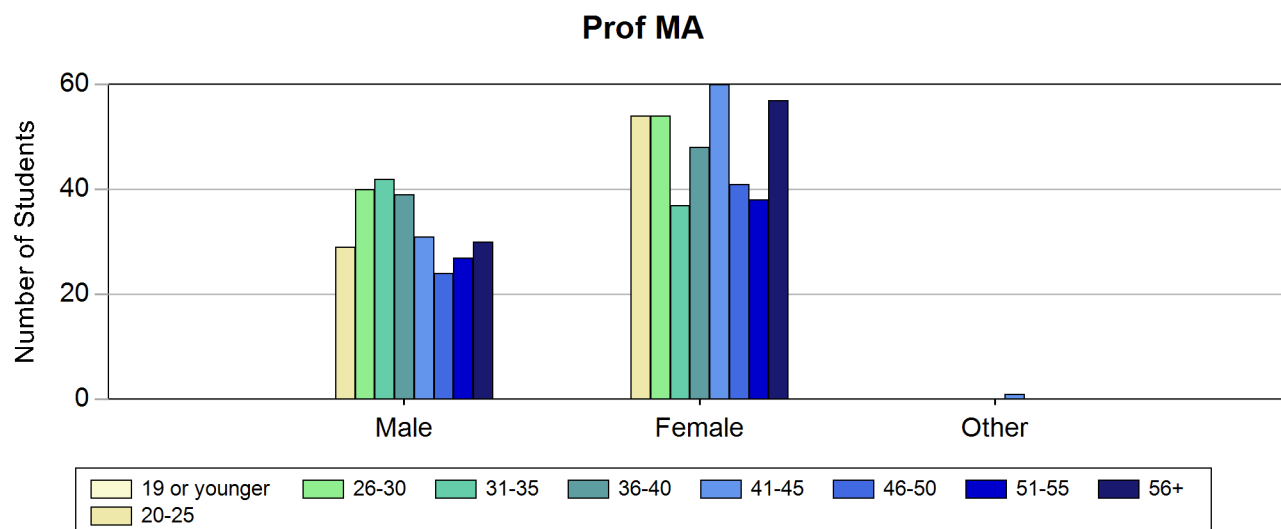
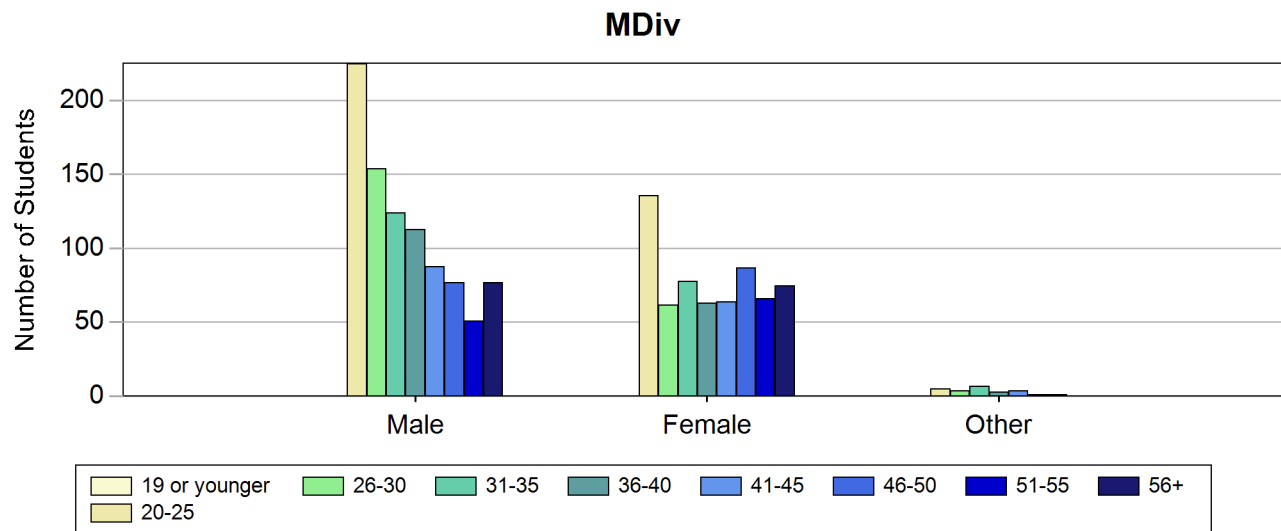


TABLE 4: Age Range and Racial Identity

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All
All Schools

Age Range	Asian		Black		Hispanic		Nat Am		White		Multi		Other		Undis	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	69	11.3	49	6.9	44	15.7	1	10.0	449	20.7	78	27.4	12	13.2	14	15.4
26-30	98	16.0	56	7.8	39	13.9	2	20.0	288	13.3	44	15.4	7	7.7	12	13.2
31-35	87	14.2	75	10.5	40	14.3	0	0.0	251	11.6	47	16.5	11	12.1	14	15.4
36-40	84	13.7	78	10.9	40	14.3	1	10.0	242	11.2	26	9.1	19	20.9	8	8.8
41-45	89	14.5	92	12.9	31	11.1	3	30.0	237	10.9	24	8.4	16	17.6	18	19.8
46-50	62	10.1	94	13.2	35	12.5	0	0.0	232	10.7	26	9.1	4	4.4	11	12.1
51-55	61	10.0	110	15.4	20	7.1	1	10.0	169	7.8	24	8.4	8	8.8	5	5.5
56 or older	63	10.3	160	22.4	31	11.1	2	20.0	296	13.7	15	5.3	14	15.4	9	9.9
Total	613	100.0	714	100.0	280	100.0	10	100.0	2,166	100.0	285	100.0	91	100.0	91	100.0

TOTALS FOR TABLE 4		
Age Range	#	%
19 or younger	3	0.1
20-25	716	16.8
26-30	546	12.8
31-35	525	12.4
36-40	498	11.7
41-45	510	12.0
46-50	464	10.9
51-55	398	9.4
56 or older	590	13.9
TOTAL	4,250	100.0

CHART 4: Age Range and Racial Identity

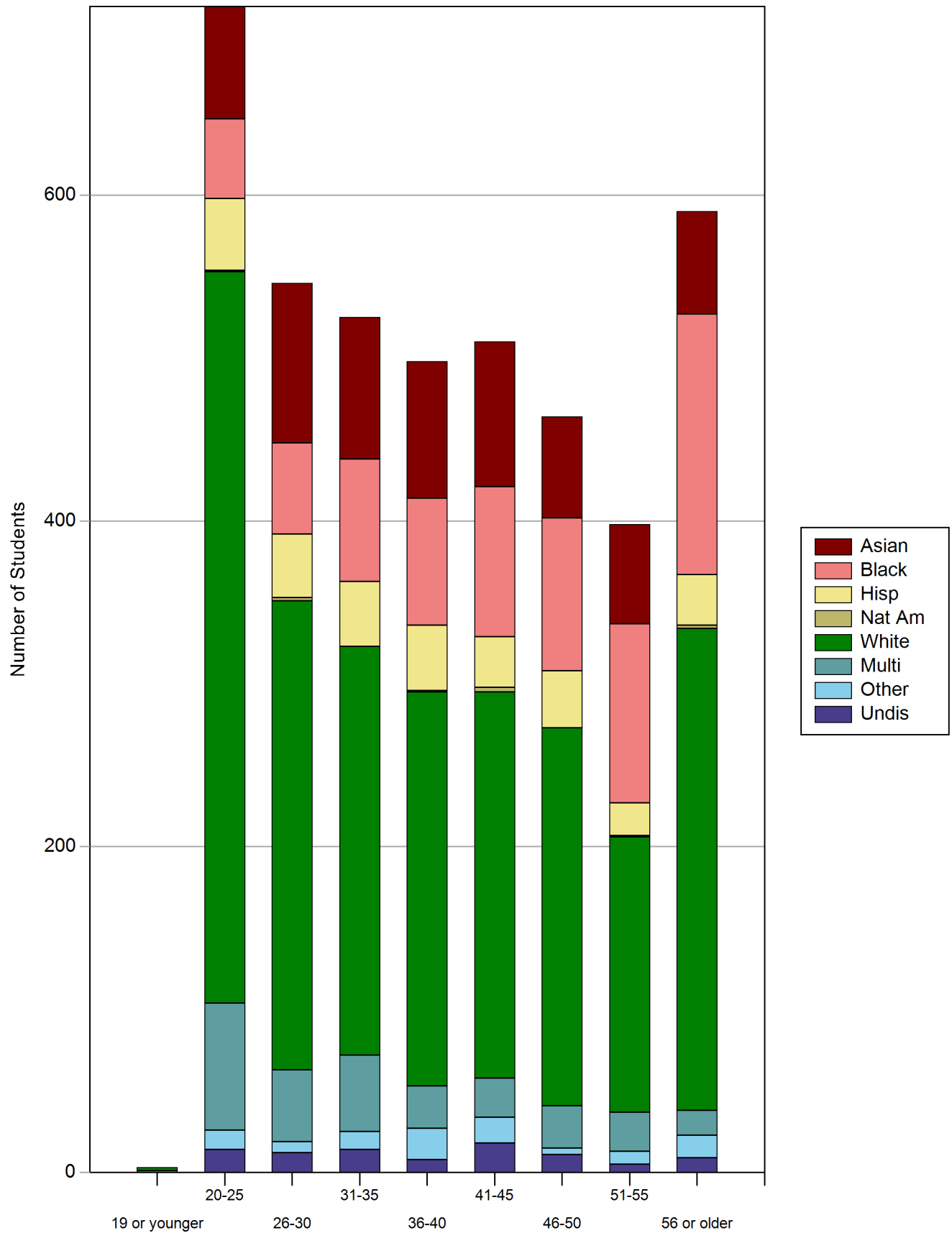


TABLE 5: Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

No. of Dependents	Single								Married							
	Male		Female		Other		Total		Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	755	31.6	830	34.8	22	0.9	1,607	67.3	384	16.1	385	16.1	12	0.5	781	32.7
One	24	5.5	59	13.6	1	0.2	84	19.4	223	51.5	124	28.6	2	0.5	349	80.6
Two	22	3.4	50	7.8	1	0.2	73	11.4	311	48.7	252	39.4	3	0.5	566	88.6
Three	11	2.6	24	5.6	0	0.0	35	8.2	251	58.5	142	33.1	1	0.2	394	91.8
Four or more	6	1.8	11	3.3	0	0.0	17	5.1	227	68.0	90	26.9	0	0.0	317	94.9
TOTAL	818	19.4	974	23.1	24	0.6	1,816	43.0	1,396	33.1	993	23.5	18	0.4	2,407	57.0

No of Dependents	TOTAL	
	#	%
None	2,388	56.5
One	433	10.3
Two	639	15.1
Three	429	10.2
Four or more	334	7.9
TOTAL	4,223	100.0

CHART 5: Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

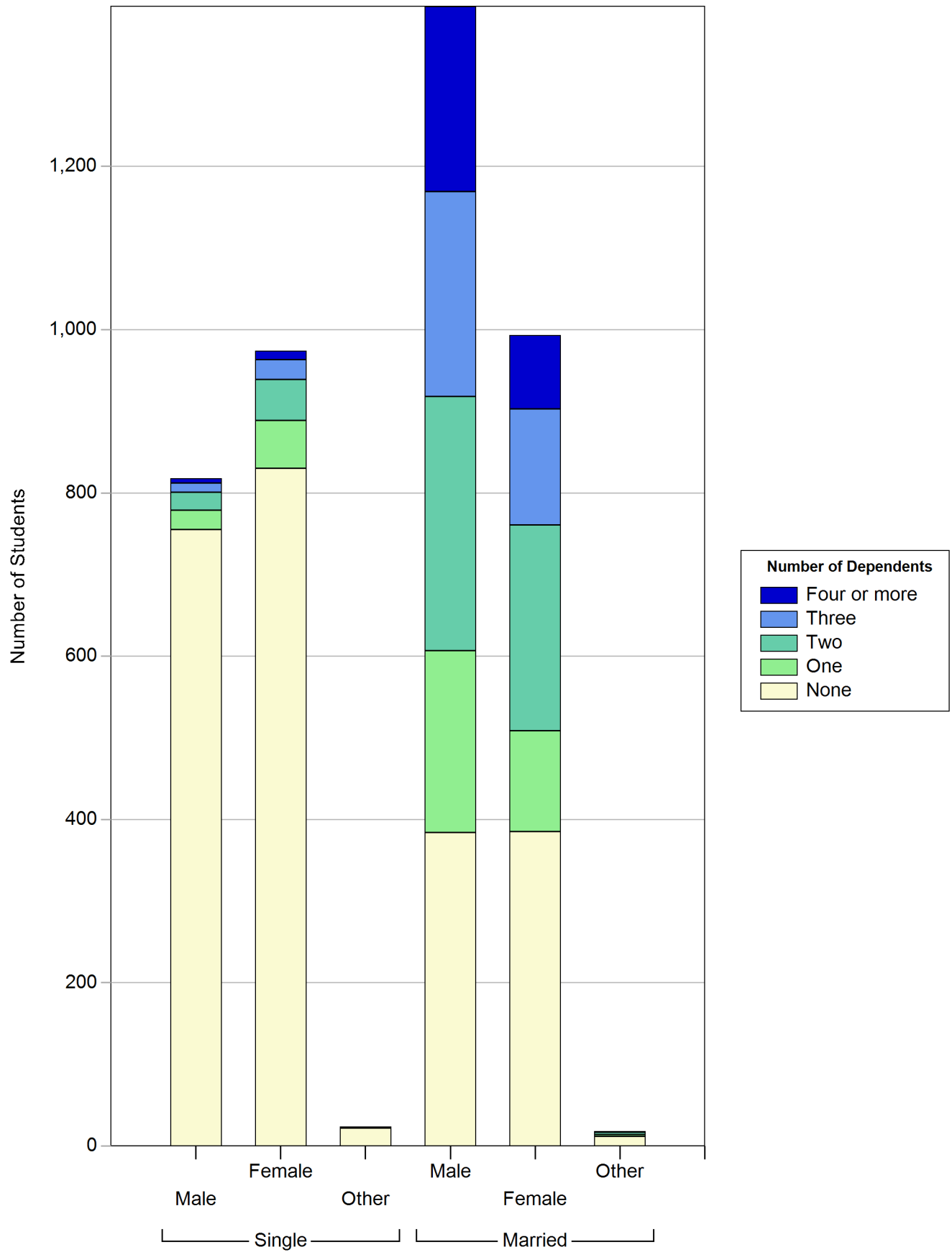


TABLE 6: Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

TOTALS FOR TABLE 6								
	Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total	
Area of Degree	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Education	209	61.1	30	8.8	103	30.1	342	100.0
Fine Arts	152	46.2	71	21.6	106	32.2	329	100.0
Humanities	333	50.4	131	19.8	197	29.8	661	100.0
Natural/physical sciences	354	67.0	80	15.2	94	17.8	528	100.0
Philosophy	61	31.1	21	10.7	114	58.2	196	100.0
Religious Studies	94	16.9	42	7.6	419	75.5	555	100.0
Theology	53	8.5	22	3.5	547	87.9	622	100.0
Social/behavioral sciences	533	54.6	138	14.1	306	31.3	977	100.0
Technical studies	383	56.4	129	19.0	167	24.6	679	100.0

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE				
Degree Program	YES		NO	
	#	%	#	%
MDiv	1,471	93.2	108	6.8
Prof MA	607	92.0	53	8.0
Acad MA	683	95.9	29	4.1
All Others	1,192	91.9	105	8.1
TOTAL	3,953	93.1	295	6.9

Area of Degree	MDiv								All Others							
	Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total		Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Education	67	59.3	13	11.5	33	29.2	113	100.0	142	62.3	17	7.5	69	30.3	228	100.0
Fine Arts	61	44.9	29	21.3	46	33.8	136	100.0	91	47.4	42	21.9	59	30.7	192	100.0
Humanities	129	49.4	55	21.1	77	29.5	261	100.0	203	51.0	75	18.8	120	30.2	398	100.0
Natural/physical sciences	145	72.1	22	10.9	34	16.9	201	100.0	207	63.9	57	17.6	60	18.5	324	100.0
Philosophy	35	39.8	9	10.2	44	50.0	88	100.0	26	24.1	12	11.1	70	64.8	108	100.0
Religious Studies	32	15.4	15	7.2	161	77.4	208	100.0	61	17.8	26	7.6	255	74.6	342	100.0
Theology	14	6.4	10	4.6	195	89.0	219	100.0	37	9.3	12	3.0	351	87.8	400	100.0
Social/behavioral sciences	165	50.5	58	17.7	104	31.8	327	100.0	364	56.3	80	12.4	202	31.3	646	100.0
Technical studies	161	59.6	41	15.2	68	25.2	270	100.0	221	54.4	87	21.4	98	24.1	406	100.0

Location of Degree	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
A public university, state college, or community college	684	46.6	322	53.3	310	45.6	533	45.0	1,849	47.0
A private university or college (not religiously affiliated)	210	14.3	74	12.3	100	14.7	174	14.7	558	14.2
A private, religiously affiliated university or college	574	39.1	208	34.4	270	39.7	478	40.3	1,530	38.9
TOTAL	1,468	37.3	604	15.3	680	17.3	1,185	30.1	3,937	100.0

CHART 6: Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution

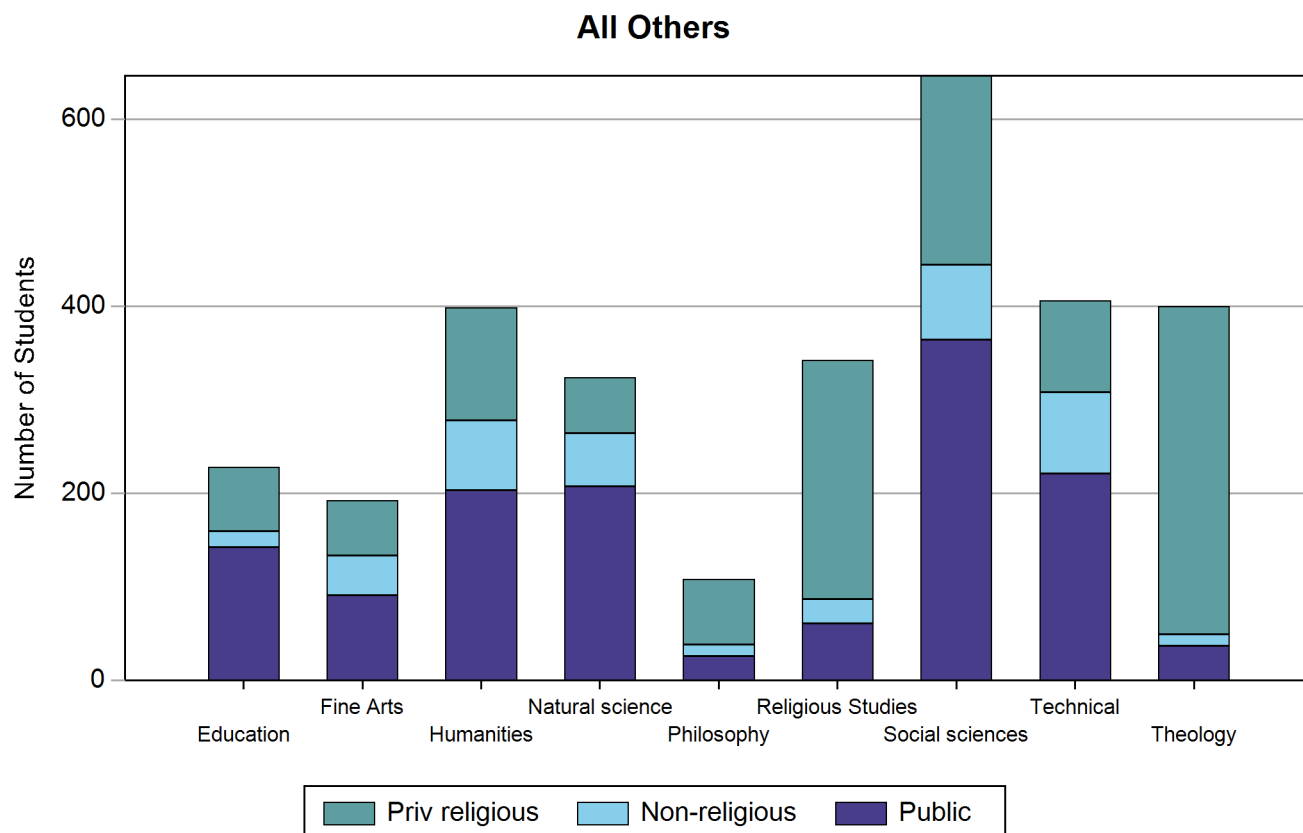
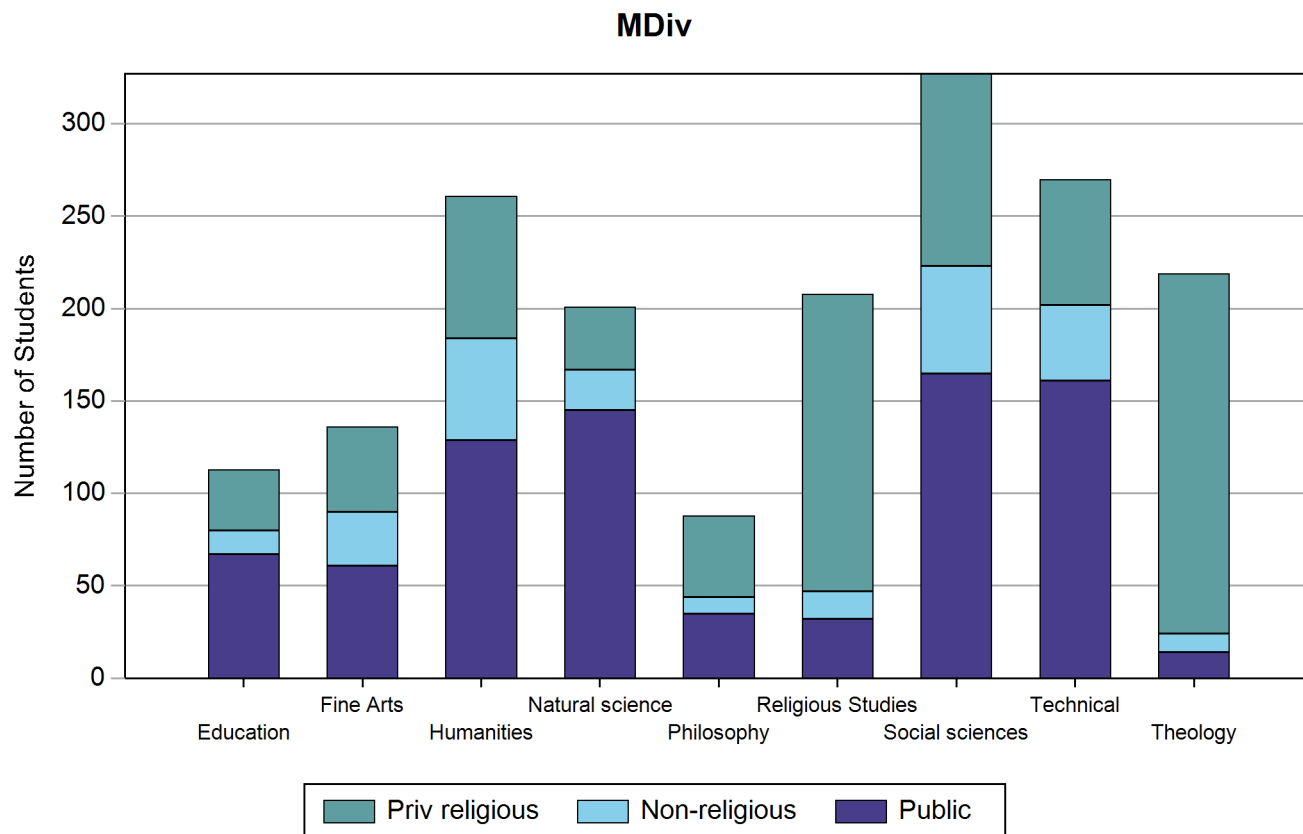


TABLE 7: Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

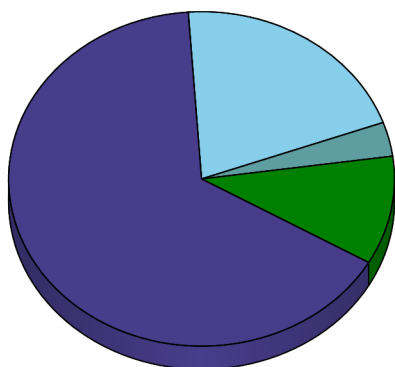
All Schools

Highest Degree	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	960	65.5	416	69.2	432	63.8	295	25.0
EdD	9	0.6	6	1.0	4	0.6	6	0.5
JD/LLB	23	1.6	6	1.0	9	1.3	15	1.3
Master's	302	20.6	98	16.3	129	19.1	429	36.4
MBA	49	3.3	19	3.2	24	3.5	25	2.1
MD	8	0.5	1	0.2	5	0.7	11	0.9
MDiv	10	0.7	10	1.7	16	2.4	298	25.3
MSW	6	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	5	0.4
PhD	43	2.9	16	2.7	25	3.7	31	2.6
Other Degree	24	1.6	10	1.7	15	2.2	23	1.9
Other Doctorate	9	0.6	7	1.2	5	0.7	29	2.5
Other Professional	23	1.6	12	2.0	12	1.8	13	1.1
TOTAL	1,466	100.0	601	100.0	677	100.0	1,180	100.0

Highest Degree	Total	
	#	%
None	2,103	53.6
EdD	25	0.6
JD/LLB	53	1.4
Master's	958	24.4
MBA	117	3.0
MD	25	0.6
MDiv	334	8.5
MSW	12	0.3
PhD	115	2.9
Other Degree	72	1.8
Other Doctorate	50	1.3
Other Professional	60	1.5
TOTAL	3,924	100.0

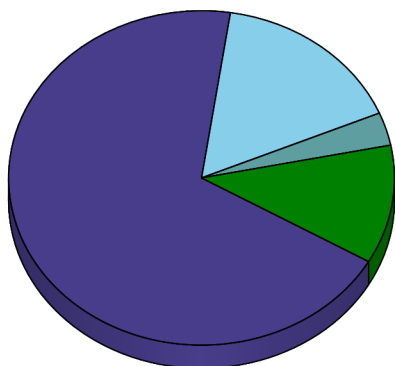
CHART 7: Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

MDiv



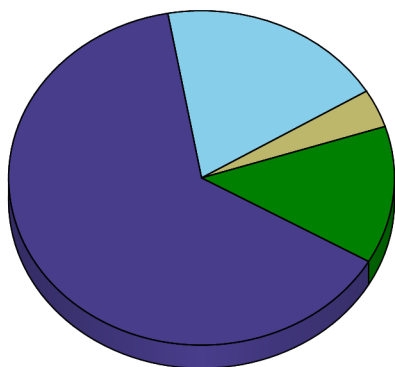
None - 65.5% Master's - 20.6% MBA - 3.3% Other - 10.5%

Prof MA



None - 69.2% Master's - 16.3% MBA - 3.2% Other - 11.5%

Acad MA



None - 63.8% Master's - 19.1% PhD - 3.7% Other - 13.3%

TABLE 8: Educational and Non-educational Debt Brought for Full-time Respondents

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All
All Schools

Educational Debt	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	661	58.0	241	64.6	265	65.0	443	59.7	1,610	60.5
Less than \$10,000	98	8.6	19	5.1	30	7.4	56	7.5	203	7.6
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82	7.2	19	5.1	34	8.3	33	4.4	168	6.3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	64	5.6	31	8.3	17	4.2	36	4.9	148	5.6
\$30,000 to \$39,999	63	5.5	15	4.0	13	3.2	27	3.6	118	4.4
\$40,000 to \$59,999	55	4.8	17	4.6	18	4.4	41	5.5	131	4.9
\$60,000 to \$79,999	35	3.1	8	2.1	14	3.4	29	3.9	86	3.2
\$80,000 or more	81	7.1	23	6.2	17	4.2	77	10.4	198	7.4
TOTAL	1,139	42.8	373	14.0	408	15.3	742	27.9	2,662	100.0

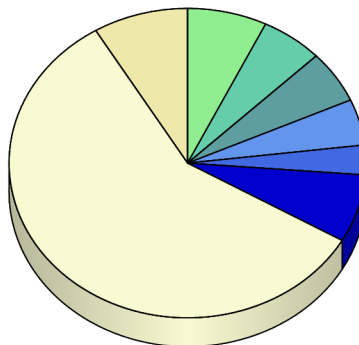
Non-educational Debt	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	643	56.6	196	52.5	249	61.3	378	51.2	1,466	55.2
Less than \$10,000	199	17.5	67	18.0	74	18.2	126	17.1	466	17.6
\$10,000 to \$19,999	98	8.6	39	10.5	25	6.2	69	9.3	231	8.7
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	5.0	21	5.6	12	3.0	37	5.0	127	4.8
\$30,000 to \$39,999	33	2.9	12	3.2	17	4.2	32	4.3	94	3.5
\$40,000 to \$59,999	26	2.3	13	3.5	8	2.0	31	4.2	78	2.9
\$60,000 to \$79,999	14	1.2	5	1.3	5	1.2	11	1.5	35	1.3
\$80,000 or more	66	5.8	20	5.4	16	3.9	55	7.4	157	5.9
TOTAL	1,136	42.8	373	14.1	406	15.3	739	27.8	2,654	100.0

	Asian		Black		Hisp		NatAm		White		Multi		Other		Undis	
Educational Debt	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	281	74.1	212	41.2	108	59.7	4	57.1	830	65.5	83	44.6	47	72.3	42	70.0
Less than \$10,000	39	10.3	35	6.8	14	7.7	1	14.3	80	6.3	21	11.3	6	9.2	7	11.7
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	6.1	28	5.4	13	7.2	0	0.0	76	6.0	21	11.3	4	6.2	3	5.0
\$20,000 to \$29,999	18	4.7	25	4.9	17	9.4	0	0.0	75	5.9	10	5.4	2	3.1	2	3.3
\$30,000 to \$39,999	6	1.6	23	4.5	3	1.7	0	0.0	68	5.4	11	5.9	3	4.6	3	5.0
\$40,000 to \$59,999	4	1.1	43	8.3	13	7.2	1	14.3	47	3.7	22	11.8	1	1.5	1	1.7
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2	0.5	33	6.4	5	2.8	1	14.3	38	3.0	6	3.2	1	1.5	0	0.0
\$80,000 or more	6	1.6	116	22.5	8	4.4	0	0.0	54	4.3	12	6.5	1	1.5	2	3.3
TOTAL	379	14.2	515	19.4	181	6.8	7	0.3	1,268	47.7	186	7.0	65	2.4	60	2.3

	Total	
Educational Debt	#	%
None	1,607	60.4
Less than \$10,000	203	7.6
\$10,000 to \$19,999	168	6.3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	149	5.6
\$30,000 to \$39,999	117	4.4
\$40,000 to \$59,999	132	5.0
\$60,000 to \$79,999	86	3.2
\$80,000 or more	199	7.5
TOTAL	2,661	100.0

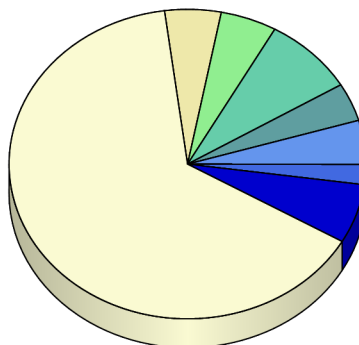
CHART 8-A: Educational Debt for Full-time Respondents

MDiv



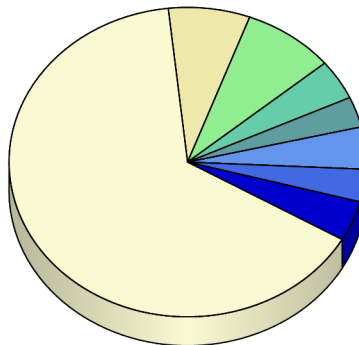
None - 58.0%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 5.5%
Less than \$10,000 - 8.6%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 4.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 7.2%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 3.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 5.6%	\$80,000 or more - 7.1%

Prof MA



None - 64.6%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 4.0%
Less than \$10,000 - 5.1%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 4.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 5.1%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 2.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 8.3%	\$80,000 or more - 6.2%

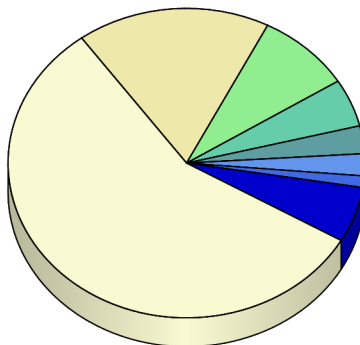
Acad MA



None - 65.0%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 3.2%
Less than \$10,000 - 7.4%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 4.4%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 8.3%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 3.4%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 4.2%	\$80,000 or more - 4.2%

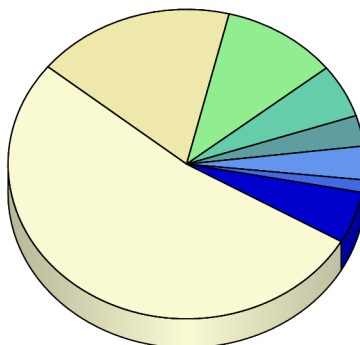
CHART 8-B: Non-educational Debt for Full-time Respondents

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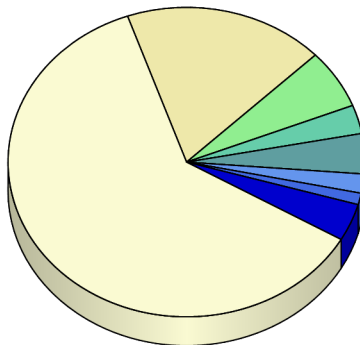
None - 56.6%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 2.9%
Less than \$10,000 - 17.5%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 2.3%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 8.6%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 1.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 5.0%	\$80,000 or more - 5.8%

Prof MA



None - 52.5%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 3.2%
Less than \$10,000 - 18.0%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 3.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 10.5%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 1.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 5.6%	\$80,000 or more - 5.4%

Acad MA



None - 61.3%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 4.2%
Less than \$10,000 - 18.2%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 2.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 6.2%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 1.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 3.0%	\$80,000 or more - 3.9%

TABLE 9: Educational and Non-educational Debt Brought for All Respondents

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

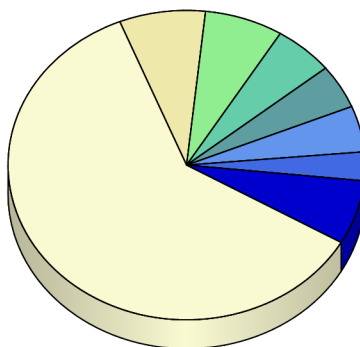
Educational Debt	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	954	60.5	449	68.1	496	69.7	832	64.6	2,731	64.5
Less than \$10,000	123	7.8	43	6.5	44	6.2	90	7.0	300	7.1
\$10,000 to \$19,999	112	7.1	30	4.6	50	7.0	56	4.4	248	5.9
\$20,000 to \$29,999	85	5.4	38	5.8	28	3.9	53	4.1	204	4.8
\$30,000 to \$39,999	73	4.6	28	4.2	21	2.9	40	3.1	162	3.8
\$40,000 to \$59,999	76	4.8	19	2.9	27	3.8	59	4.6	181	4.3
\$60,000 to \$79,999	48	3.0	15	2.3	22	3.1	44	3.4	129	3.0
\$80,000 or more	105	6.7	37	5.6	24	3.4	113	8.8	279	6.6
TOTAL	1,576	37.2	659	15.6	712	16.8	1,287	30.4	4,234	100.0

Non-educational Debt	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	843	53.5	334	50.8	424	60.0	638	49.7	2,239	53.0
Less than \$10,000	286	18.1	128	19.5	125	17.7	216	16.8	755	17.9
\$10,000 to \$19,999	149	9.5	64	9.7	43	6.1	133	10.4	389	9.2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	81	5.1	31	4.7	25	3.5	60	4.7	197	4.7
\$30,000 to \$39,999	47	3.0	24	3.6	26	3.7	48	3.7	145	3.4
\$40,000 to \$59,999	42	2.7	24	3.6	16	2.3	50	3.9	132	3.1
\$60,000 to \$79,999	21	1.3	10	1.5	10	1.4	21	1.6	62	1.5
\$80,000 or more	107	6.8	43	6.5	38	5.4	118	9.2	306	7.2
TOTAL	1,576	37.3	658	15.6	707	16.7	1,284	30.4	4,225	100.0

Amount of Debt	Educational Debt								Non-educational Debt							
	Male		Female		Other		Total		Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1,457	66.0	1,233	63.3	20	47.6	2,727	64.5	1,225	55.8	985	50.5	12	28.6	2,236	53.0
Less than \$10,000	162	7.3	133	6.8	4	9.5	300	7.1	370	16.8	363	18.6	14	33.3	755	17.9
\$10,000 to \$19,999	125	5.7	117	6.0	4	9.5	247	5.8	184	8.4	193	9.9	8	19.0	388	9.2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	103	4.7	98	5.0	2	4.8	204	4.8	102	4.6	89	4.6	3	7.1	197	4.7
\$30,000 to \$39,999	84	3.8	74	3.8	1	2.4	161	3.8	69	3.1	74	3.8	1	2.4	144	3.4
\$40,000 to \$59,999	88	4.0	83	4.3	6	14.3	181	4.3	68	3.1	64	3.3	0	0.0	132	3.1
\$60,000 to \$79,999	59	2.7	69	3.5	0	0.0	129	3.1	27	1.2	34	1.7	0	0.0	62	1.5
\$80,000 or more	129	5.8	142	7.3	5	11.9	279	6.6	152	6.9	149	7.6	4	9.5	306	7.3
TOTAL	2,207	52.2	1,949	46.1	42	1.0	4,228	100.0	2,197	52.1	1,951	46.2	42	1.0	4,220	100.0

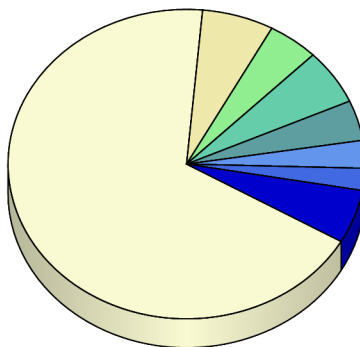
CHART 9-A: Educational Debt for All Respondents

MDiv



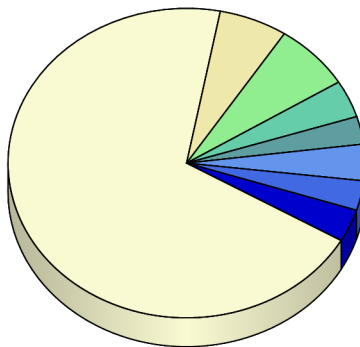
None - 60.5%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 4.6%
Less than \$10,000 - 7.8%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 4.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 7.1%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 3.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 5.4%	\$80,000 or more - 6.7%

Prof MA



None - 68.1%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 4.2%
Less than \$10,000 - 6.5%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 2.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 4.6%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 2.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 5.8%	\$80,000 or more - 5.6%

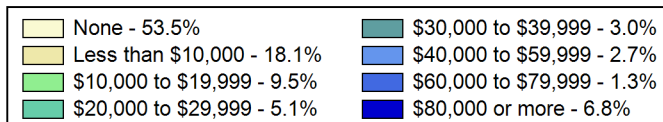
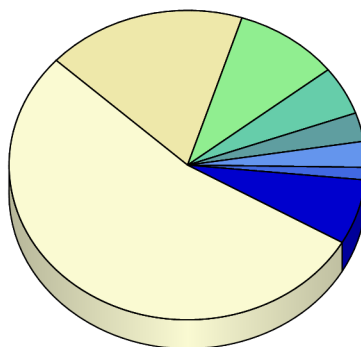
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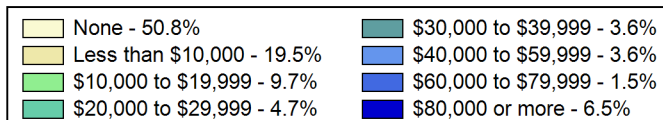
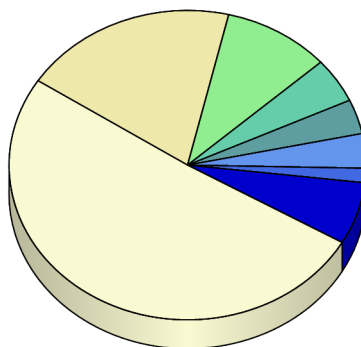
None - 69.7%	\$30,000 to \$39,999 - 2.9%
Less than \$10,000 - 6.2%	\$40,000 to \$59,999 - 3.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999 - 7.0%	\$60,000 to \$79,999 - 3.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999 - 3.9%	\$80,000 or more - 3.4%

CHART 9-B: Non-educational Debt for All Respondents

MDiv



Prof MA



Acad MA

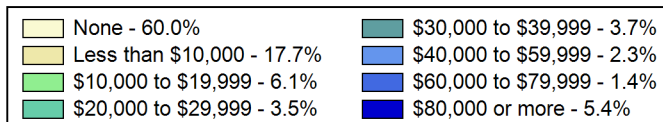
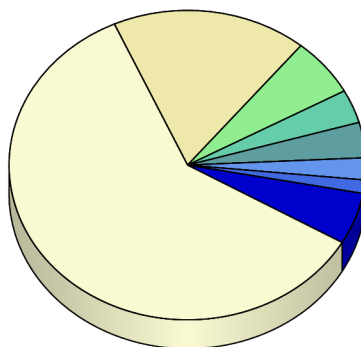


TABLE 10: Responsibility for Educational Debt of Family Member

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Responsible for the educational debt of a family member	#	%
Yes	595	14.0
No	3,665	86.0
TOTAL	4,260	100.0

Educational Debt brought to Seminary for those responding "Yes"	#	%
None	284	47.9
Less than \$10,000	62	10.5
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	6.6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	42	7.1
\$30,000 to \$39,999	31	5.2
\$40,000 to \$59,999	40	6.7
\$60,000 to \$79,999	29	4.9
\$80,000 or more	66	11.1
TOTAL	593	100.0

TABLE 11: Significance of Financial Aid Assistance in Choice of School

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Level of Significance	Single						Married						Total	
	Male		Female		Other		Male		Female		Other			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Of no significance	152	18.7	108	11.1	1	4.2	257	18.5	165	16.7	0	0.0	683	16.3
Of some significance	88	10.9	106	10.9	2	8.3	184	13.2	142	14.4	0	0.0	522	12.4
Significant	108	13.3	116	12.0	3	12.5	203	14.6	137	13.9	1	5.9	568	13.5
Of great significance	211	26.0	259	26.7	5	20.8	316	22.7	217	21.9	7	41.2	1,015	24.2
Of greatest significance	206	25.4	337	34.8	13	54.2	351	25.2	272	27.5	8	47.1	1,187	28.3
Did not apply for financial aid	46	5.7	43	4.4	0	0.0	80	5.8	56	5.7	1	5.9	226	5.4
TOTAL	811	19.3	969	23.1	24	0.6	1,391	33.1	989	23.5	17	0.4	4,201	100.0

Level of Significance	Under 20		20 to 25		26 to 30		31 to 35		36 to 40		41 to 45		46 to 50		51 to 55		56 and over	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Of no significance	0	0.0	72	10.2	65	12.0	94	18.0	87	17.6	83	16.3	89	89.0	66	16.8	134	22.7
Of some significance	1	33.3	98	13.8	53	9.8	65	12.5	58	11.8	61	12.0	55	55.0	49	12.4	80	13.6
Significant	0	0.0	91	12.8	78	14.4	67	12.8	68	13.8	75	14.7	55	55.0	59	15.0	77	13.1
Of great significance	2	66.7	222	31.3	146	26.9	117	22.4	114	23.1	110	21.6	98	98.0	92	23.4	121	20.5
Of greatest significance	0	0.0	202	28.5	172	31.7	153	29.3	139	28.2	153	30.1	137	137.0	104	26.4	133	22.5
Did not apply for financial aid	0	0.0	24	3.4	29	5.3	26	5.0	27	5.5	27	5.3	27	27.0	24	6.1	45	7.6
TOTAL	3	0.1	709	16.8	543	12.9	522	12.4	493	11.7	509	12.1	461	10.9	394	9.3	590	14.0

CHART 11: Significance of Financial Aid Assistance in Choice of School

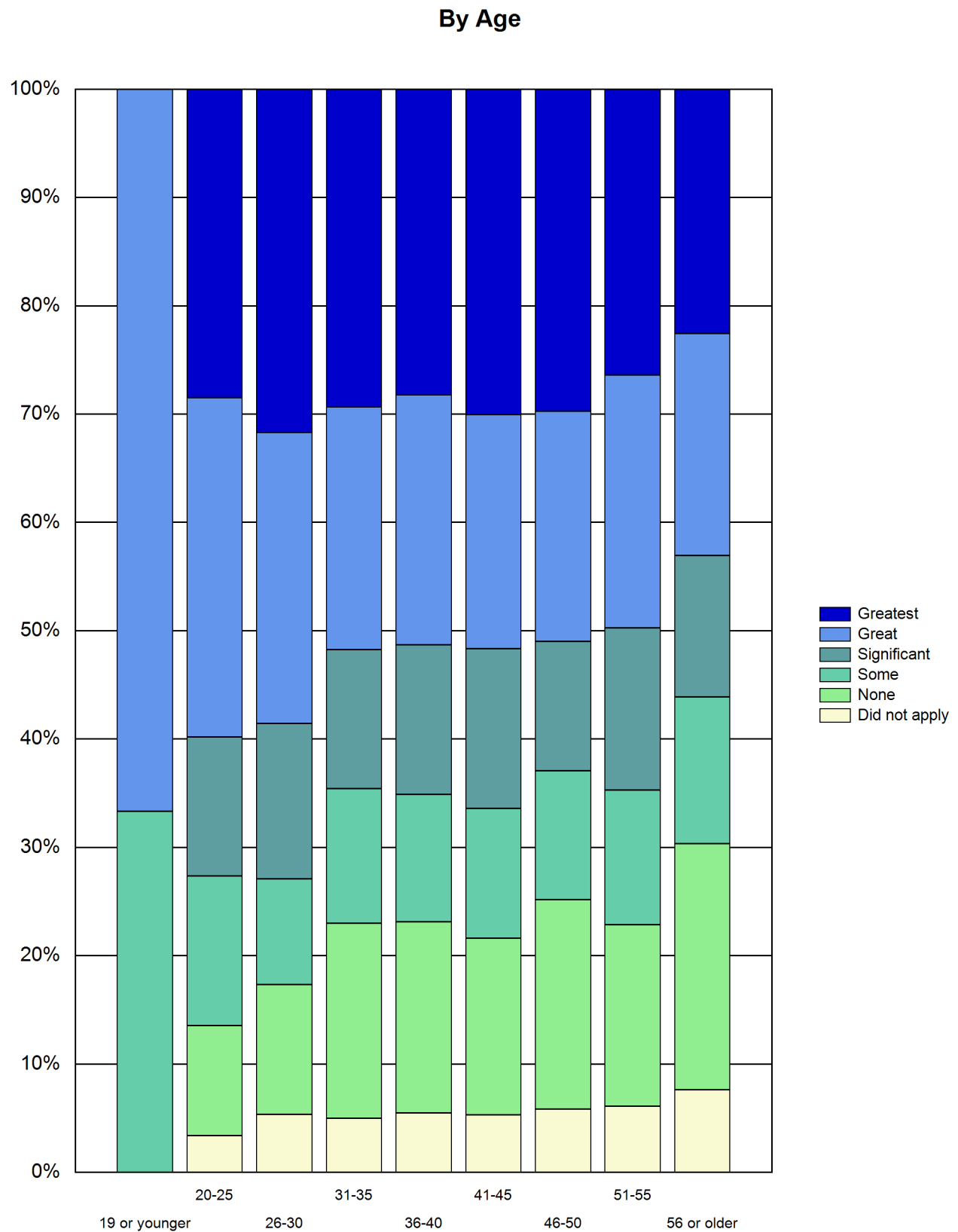


TABLE 12: Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Planned Hours of Work per Week						
Hours of Work	Full-Time		Part-Time		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	517	19.4	169	10.8	686	16.2
Fewer than 10	223	8.4	68	4.3	291	6.9
10 to 15	398	14.9	76	4.9	474	11.2
16 to 20	406	15.2	79	5.0	485	11.5
21 to 30	255	9.6	137	8.7	392	9.3
31 to 40	477	17.9	490	31.3	967	22.8
More than 40	393	14.7	547	34.9	940	22.2
TOTAL	2,669	63.0	1,566	37.0	4,235	100.0

Daily Commute						
Daily Commute	Full-Time		Part-Time		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Campus housing	452	16.9	23	1.5	475	11.2
Walking distance	314	11.8	53	3.4	367	8.7
1/2 to 1 hour	688	25.8	327	20.9	1,015	24.0
1 to 2 hours	162	6.1	114	7.3	276	6.5
2 to 4 hours	76	2.8	43	2.7	119	2.8
More than 4 hours	84	3.1	58	3.7	142	3.4
All classes online	892	33.4	947	60.5	1,839	43.4
TOTAL	2,668	63.0	1,565	37.0	4,233	100.0

CHART 12: Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work

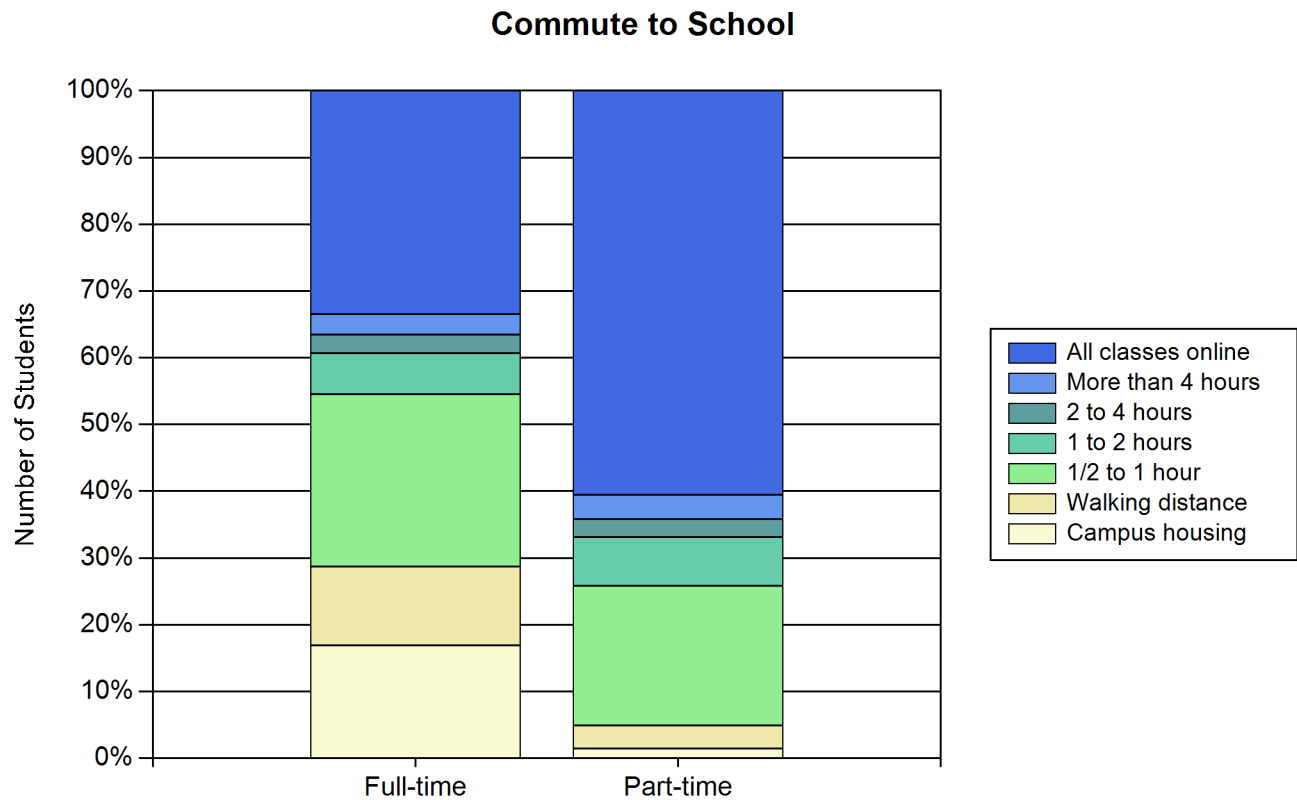
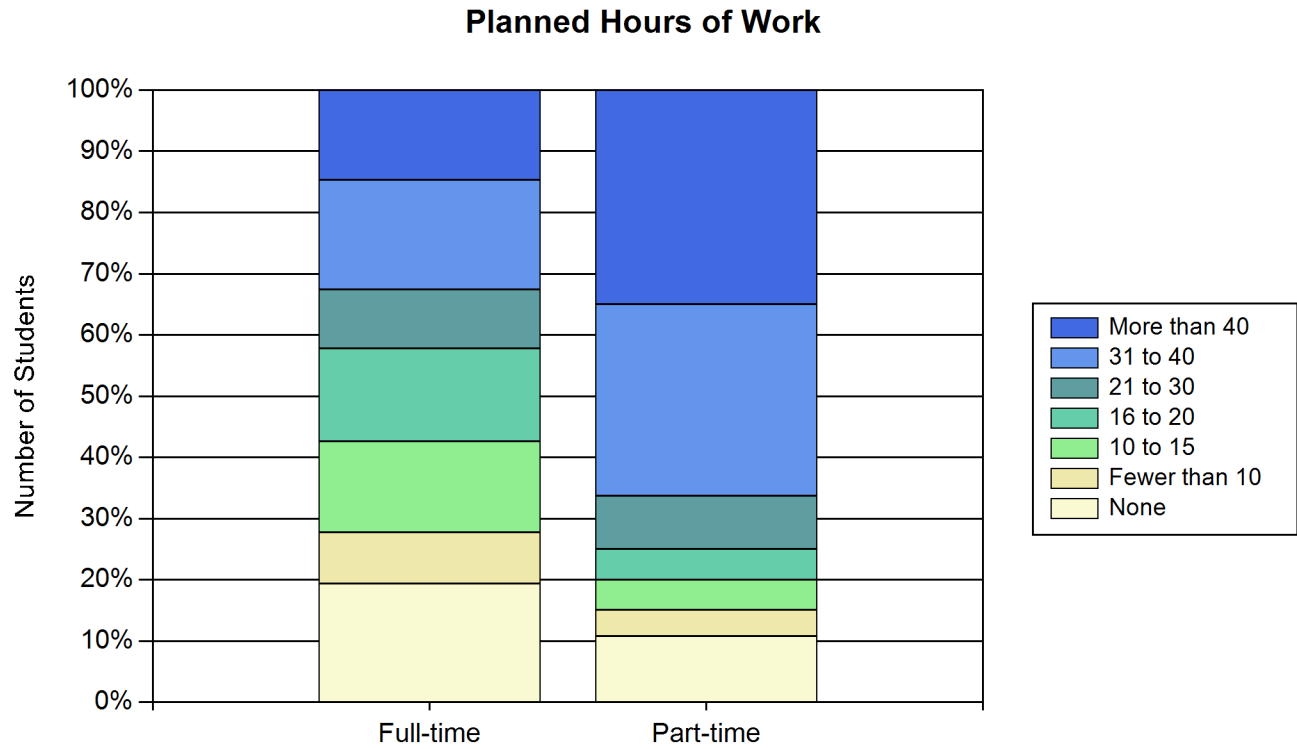


TABLE 13: Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formed	Current Denomination	
	#	#	%
African Methodist Episcopal	38	27	0.7
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	21	17	0.4
American Baptist Churches USA	31	33	0.8
Anglican Church of Canada	27	9	0.2
Anglican, Other	73	102	2.5
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	5	5	0.1
Assemblies of God	181	95	2.4
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	10	11	0.3
Associated Gospel Churches of Canada	4	2	0.0
Augsburg Lutheran Churches	1	0	0.0
Baptist	587	167	4.2
Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec	5	2	0.0
Baptist General Association of Virginia	3	4	0.1
Baptist General Convention of Texas	14	26	0.6
Baptist Missionary Association of America	13	3	0.1
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	5	1	0.0
Baptist, Other	58	28	0.7
Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)	1	0	0.0
Brethren in Christ Church	3	4	0.1
Brethren, Other	11	5	0.1
Buddhist	20	13	0.3
Byzantine Catholic	7	8	0.2
Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations	0	0	0.0
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada	6	15	0.4
Canadian Baptists of Western Canada	1	2	0.0
Canadian National Baptist Convention	1	2	0.0
Canadian Reformed Churches	0	1	0.0
Catholic, Other	39	13	0.3
Christian and Missionary Alliance	38	45	1.1
Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)	11	2	0.0
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	30	43	1.1
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	21	21	0.5
Christian Methodist Episcopal	11	15	0.4
Christian Reformed Church	32	23	0.6

TABLE 13: Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination *(continued)*

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formatted #	Current Denomination	
		#	%
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	9	4	0.1
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	31	10	0.2
Church of God in Christ	44	11	0.3
Church of God in Western Canada	1	0	0.0
Church of the Brethren	3	0	0.0
Church of the Nazarene	41	26	0.6
Churches of Christ	53	21	0.5
Churches of Christ-Christian Churches, Other	10	6	0.1
Churches of God, General Conference	5	6	0.1
Conference of Mennonites	1	0	0.0
Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches	0	0	0.0
Converge Worldwide	8	12	0.3
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	11	20	0.5
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	2	3	0.1
ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians	10	8	0.2
Episcopal Church	110	141	3.5
Evangelical Church in Canada	4	11	0.3
Evangelical Congregational Church	15	7	0.2
Evangelical Covenant Church	18	48	1.2
Evangelical Formosan Church	5	5	0.1
Evangelical Free Church of America	58	37	0.9
Evangelical Free Church of Canada	5	5	0.1
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	140	157	3.9
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada	7	7	0.2
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	24	15	0.4
Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada	6	11	0.3
Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches	4	1	0.0
Foursquare Gospel Church	13	8	0.2
Free Methodist Church	15	15	0.4
Friends, Quaker	5	5	0.1
General Assembly of World Presbyterian Church	2	0	0.0
General Association of General Baptists	1	1	0.0
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches	4	3	0.1
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	0	5	0.1

TABLE 13: Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination *(continued)*

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formatted	Current Denomination	
	#	#	%
General Church of New Jerusalem	0	0	0.0
General Church of New Jerusalem	0	0	0.0
Global Methodist Church	8	54	1.3
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	2	2	0.0
Heritage Reformed Congregations (USA and Canada)	0	0	0.0
Independent Baptist	21	16	0.4
Independent Methodist	4	4	0.1
Inter/Multidenominational	32	45	1.1
Jewish	25	11	0.3
Korean American Presbyterian Church	19	4	0.1
Korean Evangelical Holiness Church	4	5	0.1
Korean Methodist Church in America	4	2	0.0
Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad	28	18	0.4
Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin)	5	5	0.1
Lutheran Church-Canada	4	1	0.0
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	79	54	1.3
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ	9	9	0.2
Lutheran, Other	39	23	0.6
Mennonite Brethren Church in North America	9	8	0.2
Mennonite Church Canada	2	3	0.1
Mennonite Church USA	6	2	0.0
Mennonite, Other	11	6	0.1
Methodist, Other	36	17	0.4
Missionary Church in Canada	2	0	0.0
Moravian Church in North America	8	5	0.1
Muslim	22	19	0.5
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches	2	1	0.0
National Baptist Convention of America, Intl. Inc.	0	2	0.0
National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.	29	43	1.1
Nondenominational	465	636	15.9
North American Baptist Conference	7	4	0.1
North American Lutheran Church	4	4	0.1
Orthodox Church in America	6	8	0.2
Orthodox Presbyterian	10	6	0.1

TABLE 13: Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination *(continued)*

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formed	Current Denomination	
	#	#	%
Orthodox, Other	13	5	0.1
Other	127	203	5.1
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	17	16	0.4
Pentecostal, Other	163	76	1.9
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	131	147	3.7
Presbyterian Church in America	75	123	3.1
Presbyterian Church in Canada	7	18	0.4
Presbyterian Church International	4	5	0.1
Presbyterian, Other	57	31	0.8
Progressive National Baptist Convention	7	7	0.2
Reformed Church in America	10	9	0.2
Reformed Episcopal Church	1	2	0.0
Reformed Presbyterian	22	15	0.4
Reformed, Other	35	30	0.7
Religious Society of Friends	2	1	0.0
Religious Society of Friends, Other	2	0	0.0
Roman Catholic	581	329	8.2
Salvation Army	4	2	0.0
Seventh-day Adventist	91	109	2.7
South Carolina Baptist Convention	3	1	0.0
Southern Baptist Convention	224	129	3.2
The Foursquare Church	13	4	0.1
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA	0	0	0.0
Unitarian Universalist	13	31	0.8
United Church of Canada	25	28	0.7
United Church of Christ	24	51	1.3
United Methodist Church	295	242	6.0
United Pentecostal Church International	14	13	0.3
Venture Church Network	1	3	0.1
Wesleyan Church	14	4	0.1
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	5	1	0.0
TOTAL	4,855	4,005	98.7

TABLE 14: Worshiping Community and Service in Leadership

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

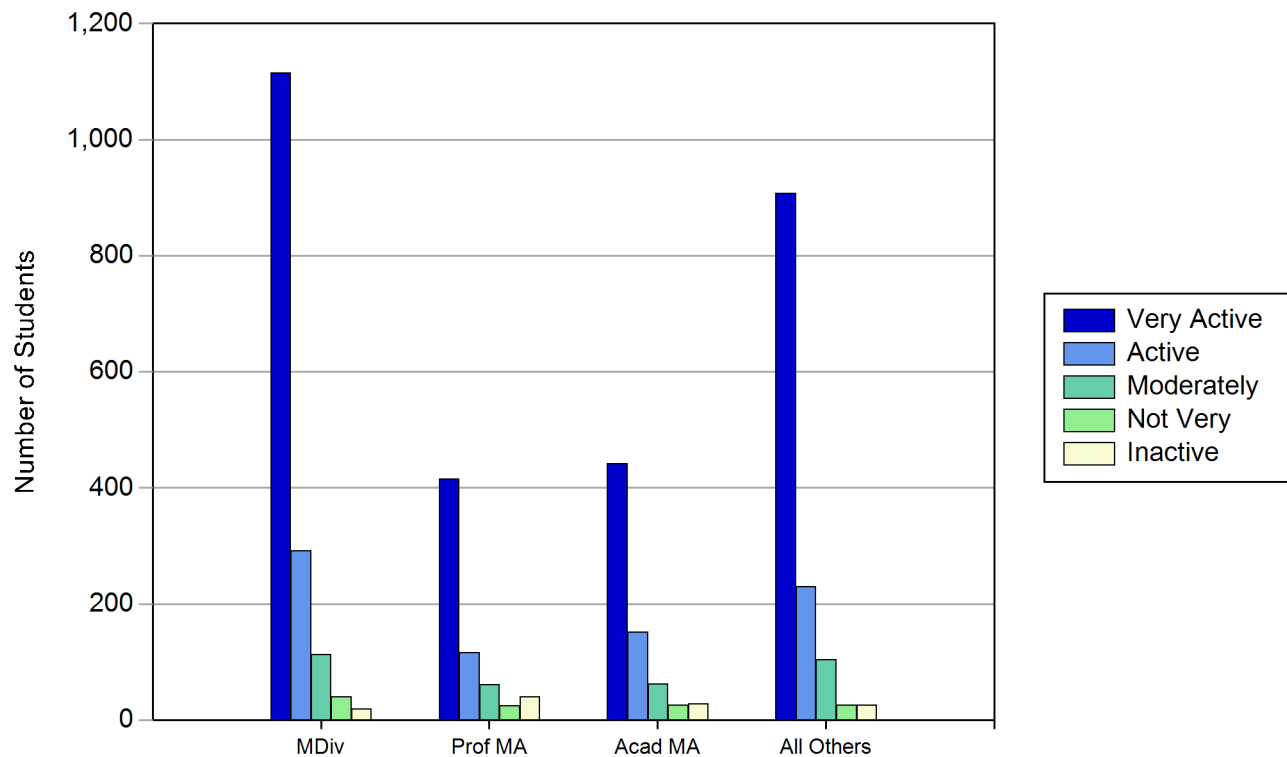
Recent Participation In Worshiping Community												
Participation	Very Active		Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
MDiv	1,116	70.5	292	18.4	114	7.2	41	2.6	20	1.3	1,583	100.0
Prof MA	416	62.9	117	17.7	62	9.4	25	3.8	41	6.2	661	100.0
Acad MA	443	62.1	152	21.3	63	8.8	26	3.6	29	4.1	713	100.0
All Others	908	70.0	231	17.8	105	8.1	26	2.0	27	2.1	1,297	100.0

Membership														
Kind of Church	Under 100		100 - 249		250 - 499		500 - 999		1,000 - 1,999		2,000 or more		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	128	49.6	76	29.5	34	13.2	9	3.5	4	1.6	7	2.7	258	100.0
Small town	241	37.1	216	33.3	108	16.6	42	6.5	23	3.5	19	2.9	649	100.0
Suburban	219	16.3	358	26.7	286	21.3	186	13.8	128	9.5	166	12.4	1,343	100.0
Urban	321	21.0	372	24.4	298	19.5	181	11.9	142	9.3	213	13.9	1,527	100.0
TOTAL	909	24.1	1,022	27.1	726	19.2	418	11.1	297	7.9	405	10.7	3,777	100.0

Elected or Appointed Service in Leadership within Past Five Years												
Service in Leadership	MDiv N = 1572		Prof MA N = 656		Acad MA N = 656		All Others N = 1290		Total N = 4230			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Local church	938	59.7	338	51.5	370	52.0	793	61.5	2,439	57.7		
Other church body or religious organization	290	18.4	114	17.4	115	16.2	313	24.3	832	19.7		
School or college organization	363	23.1	100	15.2	168	23.6	203	15.7	834	19.7		
Civic or fraternal organization	114	7.3	34	5.2	43	6.0	93	7.2	284	6.7		
Other leadership position	360	22.9	143	21.8	150	21.1	292	22.6	945	22.3		
No recent leadership position	325	20.7	174	26.5	179	25.1	223	17.3	901	21.3		

CHART 14: Worshipping Community and Size of Church

Recent Participation in Worshipping Community



Membership Size of Church

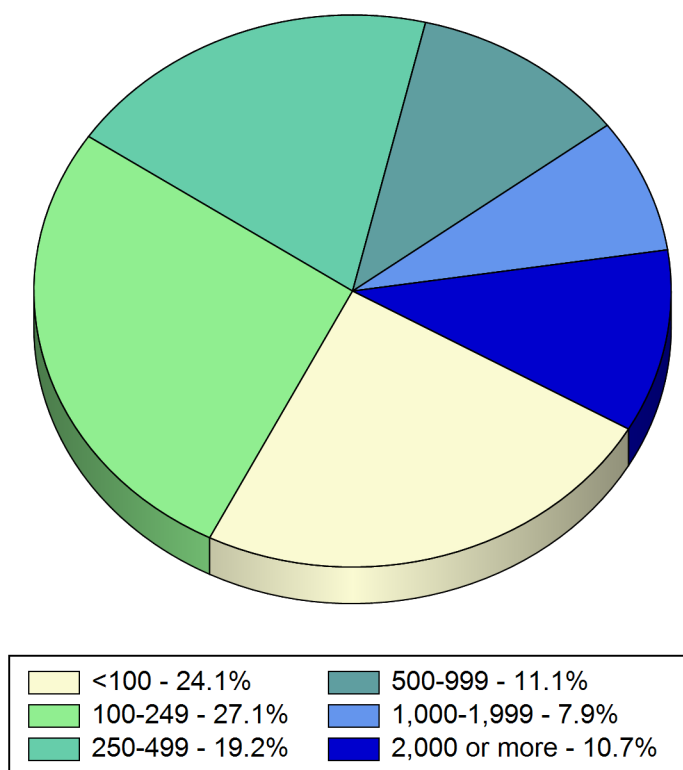


TABLE 15: Time First Considered Theological School and Plan for Ordination

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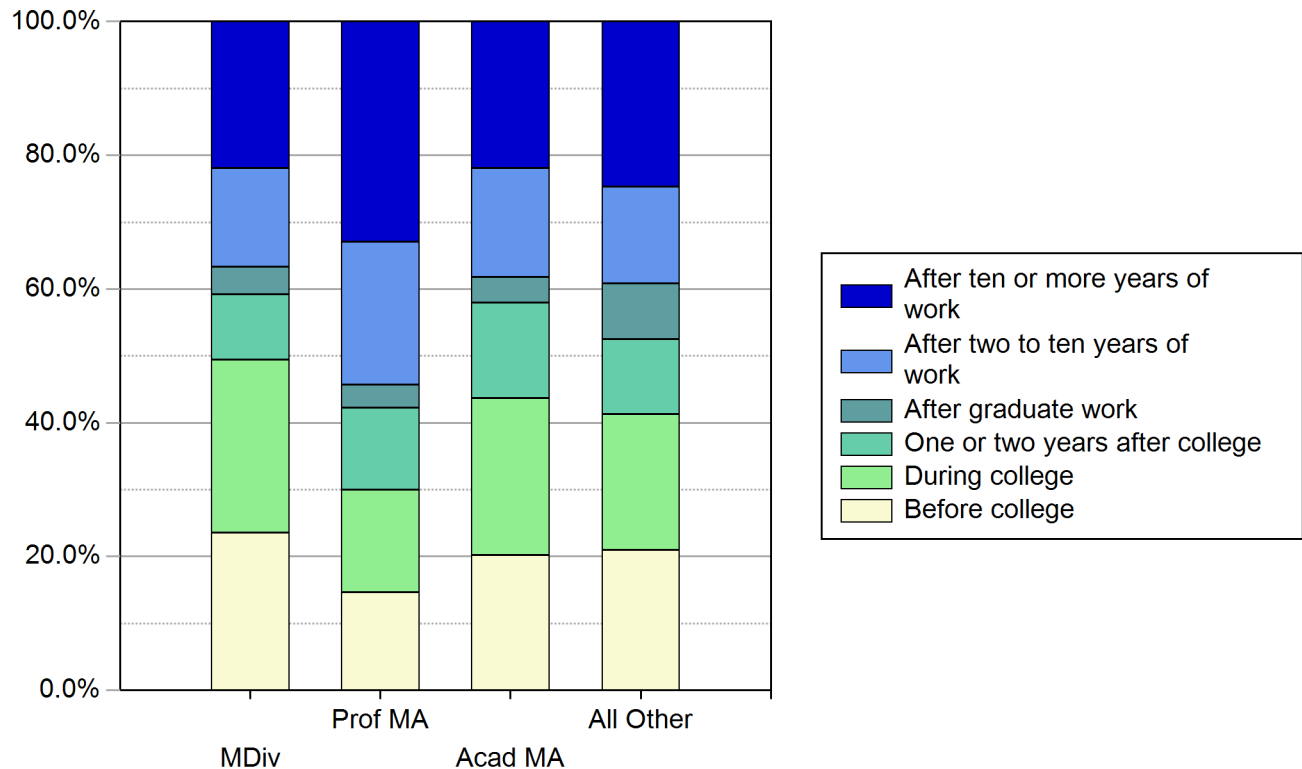
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First Considered Theological School	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	372	23.6	96	14.6	144	20.2	271	21.0	883	20.8
During college	407	25.8	101	15.4	167	23.5	262	20.3	937	22.1
One or two years after college	155	9.8	80	12.2	102	14.3	146	11.3	483	11.4
After graduate work	64	4.1	23	3.5	27	3.8	107	8.3	221	5.2
After two to ten years of work	234	14.8	140	21.3	116	16.3	188	14.5	678	16.0
After ten or more years of work	345	21.9	216	32.9	156	21.9	319	24.7	1,036	24.4
TOTAL	1,577	37.2	656	15.5	712	16.8	1,293	30.5	4,238	100.0

Plan for Ordination	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	982	62.1	139	21.1	118	16.5	269	20.8	1,508	35.5
No	144	9.1	286	43.5	328	45.9	355	27.4	1,113	26.2
Unsure	327	20.7	154	23.4	178	24.9	223	17.2	882	20.8
Already Ordained	128	8.1	79	12.0	90	12.6	447	34.5	744	17.5
TOTAL	1,581	37.2	658	15.5	714	16.8	1,294	30.5	4,247	100.0

CHART 15: Time First Considered Theological School and Plan for Ordination

Time First Considered Theological School



Plan for Ordination

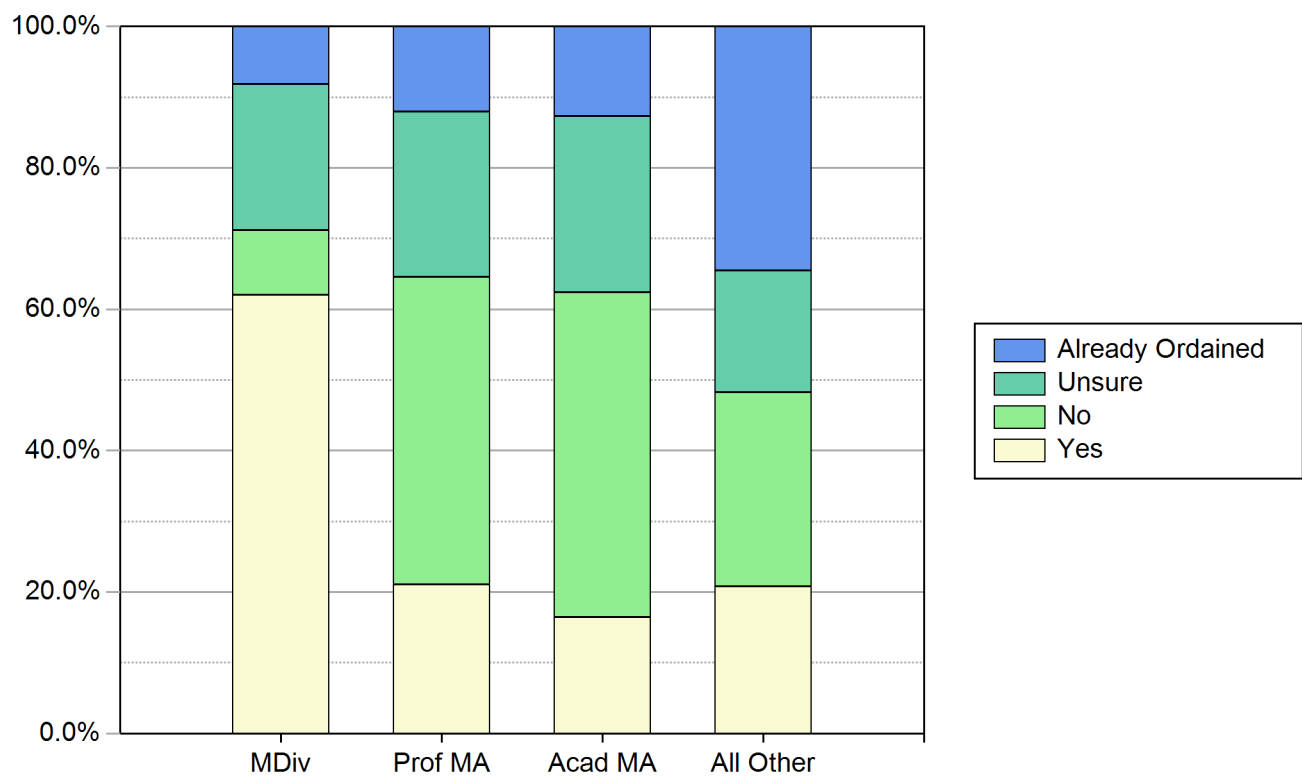


TABLE 16: How Student First Learned about School

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Source	MDiv N = 1,568		Prof MA N = 657		Acad MA N = 710		DMin N = 402		All Others N = 885		Total * N = 4,222	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	192	12.2	108	16.4	102	14.4	81	20.1	126	14.2	609	14.4
Relative	69	4.4	44	6.7	40	5.6	13	3.2	46	5.2	212	5.0
Friend	151	9.6	97	14.8	82	11.5	47	11.7	112	12.7	489	11.6
Pastor	377	24.0	90	13.7	84	11.8	34	8.5	106	12.0	691	16.4
Religious superior	160	10.2	33	5.0	51	7.2	23	5.7	82	9.3	349	8.3
Current student	89	5.7	41	6.2	38	5.4	18	4.5	43	4.9	229	5.4
College chaplain, advisor, or other college contact	64	4.1	22	3.3	43	6.1	7	1.7	30	3.4	166	3.9
Theological school recruiter	37	2.4	13	2.0	12	1.7	17	4.2	18	2.0	97	2.3
Know a particular faculty member(s) at theological school	85	5.4	35	5.3	56	7.9	54	13.4	96	10.8	326	7.7
Online ad	18	1.1	9	1.4	11	1.5	10	2.5	15	1.7	63	1.5
Print ad or mailing	2	0.1	0	0.0	3	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	6	0.1
Theological school publications	22	1.4	8	1.2	17	2.4	5	1.2	8	0.9	60	1.4
Conference or church event	43	2.7	26	4.0	28	3.9	11	2.7	23	2.6	131	3.1
School Website	104	6.6	46	7.0	57	8.0	37	9.2	65	7.3	309	7.3
Web search	138	8.8	70	10.7	74	10.4	33	8.2	95	10.7	410	9.7
Social media search	7	0.4	6	0.9	7	1.0	2	0.5	5	0.6	27	0.6
Theological school initiated contact with me	10	0.6	9	1.4	5	0.7	10	2.5	14	1.6	48	1.1
TOTAL	1,568	37.1	657	15.6	710	16.8	402	9.5	885	21.0	4,222	100.0

* Total number of responses

TABLE 17: Information Sources, Importance of School Visit, and Student Housing

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Methods for Gaining More Information About School N = 4,239		
	#	%
Viewed school Website	3,314	78.2
Requested information via the school Website	1,381	32.6
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	529	12.5
Communicated with school staff	2,131	50.3
Communicated with current student / graduate	1,498	35.3
Communicated with school faculty	1,067	25.2
Wrote to the school	325	7.7
Telephoned the school	463	10.9
Visited the school	1,078	25.4

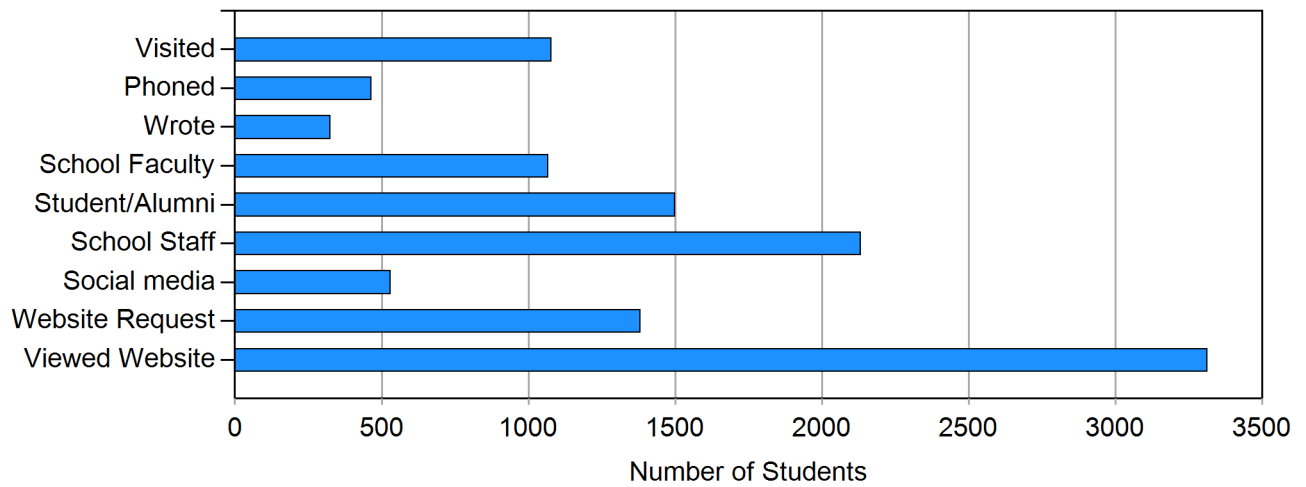
Importance of School Visit		
	#	%
Of no importance	31	2.9
Slightly important	95	8.9
Somewhat important	156	14.6
Important	311	29.1
Very important	474	44.4
TOTAL	1,067	100.0

Relocated to attend seminary								
	Yes		No		Maybe		Total	
Use of Student Housing	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	474	49.2	109	7.6	24	16.8	607	23.9
Yes, as a commuter only	30	3.1	49	3.4	22	15.4	101	4.0
No	459	47.7	1,272	89.0	97	67.8	1,828	72.1
TOTAL	963	38.0	1,430	56.4	143	5.6	2,536	100.0

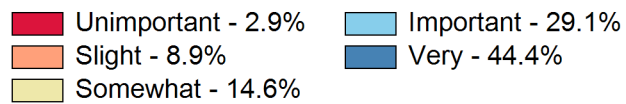
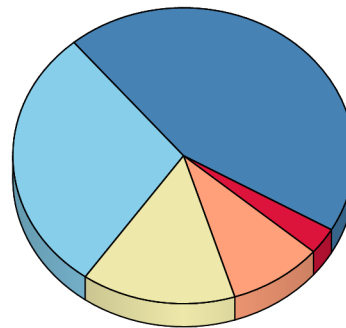
Importance of the Availability of Housing to Decision		
	#	%
Of no importance	60	8.5
Slightly important	56	8.0
Somewhat important	76	10.8
Important	135	19.2
Very important	377	53.6
TOTAL	704	100.0

CHART 17: Information Sources, Importance of School Visit, and Student Housing

Methods for Gaining More Information About School



Importance of School Visit



Importance of Housing to Decision

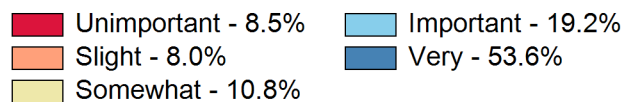
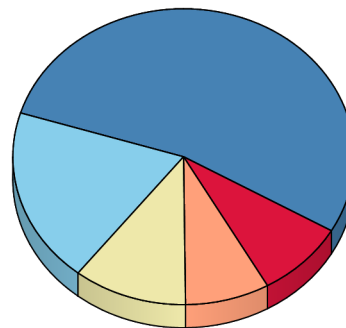


TABLE 18: Importance of Factors in Decision to Pursue Theological Education

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Source of Influence	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		DMin		Other		Total	
	N = 1,584		N = 660		N = 717		N = 406		N = 898		N = 4,265	
	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev
Influence of family or spouse	3.1	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.2	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.1	1.5
Influence of friend(s)	2.7	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.6	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.5	1.3	2.6	1.3
Encouragement of pastor / minister	3.6	1.3	3.0	1.5	3.1	1.4	3.4	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.3	1.4
Experience of counseling/spiritual direction	3.4	1.4	3.5	1.4	3.1	1.4	3.1	1.4	3.1	1.4	3.3	1.4
Experienced a call from God	4.6	0.8	4.2	1.2	4.2	1.1	4.7	0.7	4.4	1.0	4.4	1.0
Intellectual interest in religious / theological questions	4.3	0.9	4.1	1.0	4.5	0.8	4.2	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.3	1.0
Opportunity for study and growth	4.4	0.9	4.4	0.8	4.6	0.8	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.9	4.4	0.8
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.8	1.2	3.8	1.2	3.7	1.2	4.0	1.2	3.8	1.2	3.8	1.2
Search for meaning in life	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.4	1.3	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.4
To discern God's will	4.0	1.2	3.7	1.4	3.8	1.3	4.0	1.2	3.9	1.3	3.9	1.3
Desire to serve others	4.5	0.8	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.9	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.9	4.5	0.8
Desire to administer the sacraments	3.1	1.5	2.2	1.4	2.3	1.4	3.0	1.5	2.6	1.5	2.7	1.5
Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice	3.5	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.5	3.5	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.4	1.4
Desire to preserve traditions of the church	3.1	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.9	1.4	2.9	1.3	2.9	1.4	2.9	1.4
Desire to make a difference in life of church	4.2	1.0	3.8	1.3	4.1	1.2	4.3	1.0	4.0	1.2	4.1	1.2
Experience in campus Christian organization	2.6	1.5	2.4	1.5	2.4	1.5	2.4	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.5	1.4
Experience of the community life of a local church or worshipping community	3.7	1.3	3.3	1.4	3.5	1.4	3.7	1.3	3.5	1.3	3.6	1.3
Desire to make a difference in the world	4.3	1.0	4.3	1.0	4.2	1.1	4.4	0.9	4.2	1.1	4.3	1.0
To increase my potential to get a job	2.5	1.4	2.9	1.5	2.5	1.4	2.6	1.3	2.5	1.4	2.6	1.4

1 - No importance

2 - Little importance

3 - Somewhat important

4 - Important

5 - Very important

TABLE 19: Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend this Institution

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Source of Influence	MDiv N = 1580		Prof MA N = 661		Acad MA N = 713		DMin N = 406		Other N = 897		Total N = 4257	
	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev
Quality of the faculty	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.1	4.2	1.0
Curriculum	4.1	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.4	0.9	4.2	1.0	4.2	1.0
Academic reputation of the school	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.3	1.0	4.1	1.1	4.2	1.0
University / college affiliation	3.2	1.5	3.3	1.5	3.3	1.5	3.4	1.5	3.3	1.5	3.3	1.5
Access to other theological schools / cross-registration	2.6	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.7	1.4	2.9	1.4	2.7	1.4	2.7	1.4
Availability of distance learning	3.4	1.7	3.8	1.5	3.5	1.6	4.3	1.2	3.6	1.6	3.6	1.6
Extension site of main campus	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.5	2.3	1.4	2.6	1.5	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.4
Flexible class schedule	3.5	1.5	3.9	1.3	3.6	1.4	3.9	1.3	3.6	1.4	3.7	1.4
Denominational affiliation	3.6	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.2	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.3	1.5
Comfort with the school's doctrinal positions/theological perspective	4.2	1.1	4.0	1.2	4.0	1.1	4.1	1.1	3.9	1.2	4.1	1.1
Encouragement of my pastor	3.3	1.5	2.7	1.6	2.8	1.5	2.7	1.5	2.7	1.6	2.9	1.5
Sent by religious superior	2.3	1.5	1.9	1.3	1.9	1.3	2.0	1.3	2.0	1.4	2.1	1.4
Recommended by a graduate/current student	3.0	1.5	2.9	1.5	2.8	1.6	2.9	1.5	2.7	1.6	2.9	1.5
Encouragement of a faculty member / mentor from my college	2.3	1.5	2.1	1.4	2.4	1.6	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.6	2.3	1.5
Participation in a vocational discernment program (high school or college)	1.7	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.7	1.2
Family reasons	2.2	1.4	2.2	1.4	2.2	1.4	2.2	1.4	2.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
Quality of the admissions staff	3.1	1.5	3.0	1.5	2.9	1.5	3.0	1.5	2.8	1.5	3.0	1.5
Good financial aid assistance	3.8	1.5	3.2	1.6	3.3	1.6	3.3	1.6	3.1	1.6	3.4	1.6
Wanted a school close to home / work	2.5	1.6	2.5	1.6	2.4	1.6	2.3	1.5	2.5	1.6	2.5	1.6
Diverse / multicultural community	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.5	3.2	1.5	3.5	1.4	3.2	1.5	3.3	1.5
Sense of community at the school	3.6	1.4	3.4	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.5	3.4	1.4

1-No importance 2-Little importance 3-Somewhat important 4-Important 5-Very important

TABLE 20: Interest in Educational Formats by Degree Program

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
How often on campus	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Weekly	791	76.8	217	62.9	329	78.0	379	52.1	1716	68.0
Several times a quarter or semester	81	7.9	50	14.5	28	6.6	98	13.5	257	10.2
Once a quarter or semester	67	6.5	38	11.0	21	5.0	113	15.5	239	9.5
Once or twice a year	91	8.8	40	11.6	44	10.4	138	19.0	313	12.4
TOTAL	1030	40.8	345	13.7	422	16.7	728	28.8	2525	100.0

	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
Any online courses?	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	369	35.8	174	50.3	154	36.5	323	44.4	1020	40.3
No	385	37.3	80	23.1	173	41.0	227	31.2	865	34.2
Maybe	278	26.9	92	26.6	95	22.5	178	24.5	643	25.4
TOTAL	1032	40.8	346	13.7	422	16.7	728	28.8	2528	100.0

Courses at a campus?	#	%
Yes	2549	59.7
No, I plan to take all my courses online.	1722	40.3
TOTAL	4271	100.0

TABLE 21: Current Engagement in Ministerial Work and Bivocational Intentions

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Currently engaged in ministerial work?	Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No	915	41.6	971	49.8	26	63.4	1,912	45.6
Yes, plan to continue	1,094	49.7	800	41.0	11	26.8	1,905	45.4
Yes, but do not plan to continue	70	3.2	61	3.1	2	4.9	133	3.2
Yes, unsure about continuing	123	5.6	117	6.0	2	4.9	242	5.8
TOTAL	2,202	52.5	1,949	46.5	41	1.0	4,192	100.0

Plan on multiple positions?	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat AM		White		Multi		Other		Undisc		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	92	17.1	107	16.7	45	17.9	1	10.0	192	9.6	30	11.2	16	20.8	15	19.0	498	12.9
Yes, including ministry	132	24.5	230	35.9	54	21.4	2	20.0	320	15.9	60	22.4	21	27.3	13	16.5	832	21.5
Unsure, but one ministry	165	30.7	164	25.6	78	31.0	3	30.0	637	31.7	88	32.8	20	26.0	20	25.3	1,175	30.3
Unsure	102	19.0	85	13.3	54	21.4	1	10.0	436	21.7	64	23.9	13	16.9	21	26.6	776	20.0
No	47	8.7	55	8.6	21	8.3	3	30.0	422	21.0	26	9.7	7	9.1	10	12.7	591	15.3
TOTAL	100	2.6	641	16.6	252	6.5	10	0.3	2,007	51.8	268	6.9	77	2.0	79	2.0	3,872	100.0

TABLE 22: Interest in Vocational Contexts by Age

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Age Range	Congregational / Parish N = 2175		Teaching / Education N = 1662		Healthcare N = 1058		Nonprofit N = 1217		Other N = 535	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	1	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.4
20-25	361	16.6	309	18.6	165	15.6	200	16.4	97	18.1
26-30	278	12.8	227	13.7	126	11.9	141	11.6	79	14.8
31-35	290	13.3	228	13.7	125	11.8	159	13.1	61	11.4
36-40	274	12.6	195	11.7	95	9.0	139	11.4	69	12.9
41-45	260	12.0	200	12.0	143	13.5	156	12.8	62	11.6
46-50	245	11.3	186	11.2	130	12.3	161	13.2	57	10.7
51-55	214	9.8	147	8.8	116	11.0	120	9.9	56	10.5
56 or older	252	11.6	169	10.2	157	14.8	140	11.5	52	9.7
TOTAL	2,175	100.0	1,662	100.0	1,058	100.0	1,217	100.0	535	100.0

CHART 22: Interest in Vocational Contexts by Age

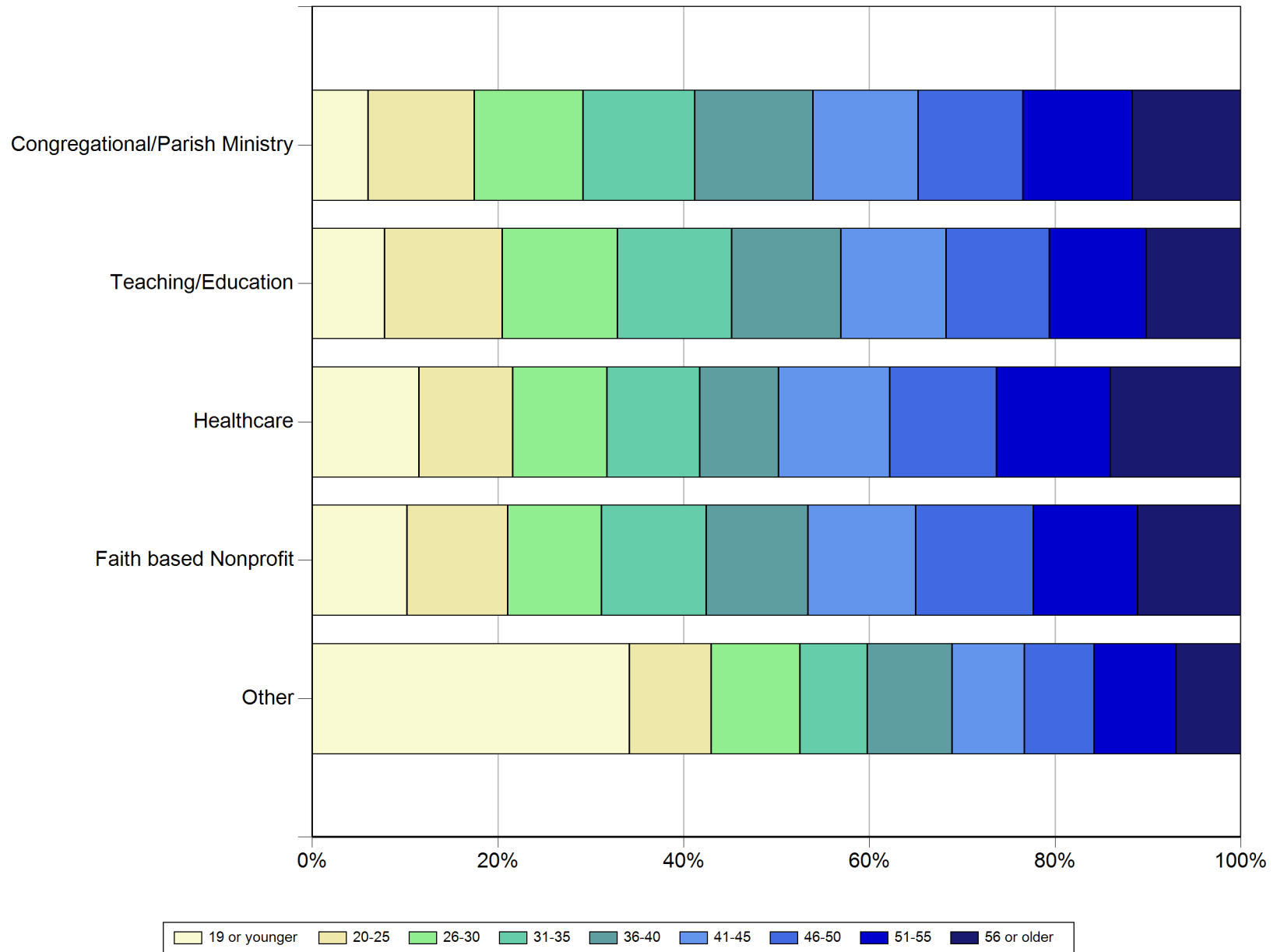


TABLE 23-A: Expectation for Position after Graduation by Degree Program

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Expectation	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish	527	25.8	79	10.5	81	11.1	348	24.1
Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister	194	9.5	40	5.3	33	4.5	101	7.0
Minister or director of Christian/religious education	38	1.9	9	1.2	14	1.9	27	1.9
Youth work or ministry	66	3.2	35	4.6	21	2.9	29	2.0
Musician or liturgist	15	0.7	5	0.7	10	1.4	17	1.2
Spiritual director	15	0.7	15	2.0	6	0.8	17	1.2
New church development / church planting / evangelism	43	2.1	7	0.9	10	1.4	16	1.1
Other position within a congregation/parish context	20	1.0	13	1.7	18	2.5	16	1.1
Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context	148	7.3	48	6.4	30	4.1	49	3.4
Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)	23	1.1	23	3.1	17	2.3	37	2.6
Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)	60	2.9	26	3.4	18	2.5	30	2.1
Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy	156	7.6	42	5.6	18	2.5	74	5.1
Military chaplaincy	40	2.0	3	0.4	5	0.7	21	1.5
Prison ministry	17	0.8	6	0.8	2	0.3	10	0.7
Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)	26	1.3	5	0.7	7	1.0	22	1.5
Missionary service (foreign)	47	2.3	27	3.6	27	3.7	35	2.4
Denominational administrator or staff	7	0.3	2	0.3	4	0.5	14	1.0
Teaching in primary or secondary education	44	2.2	26	3.4	35	4.8	29	2.0
Teaching or administration in a theological school	83	4.1	14	1.9	66	9.1	126	8.7
Other teaching or administration in higher education	39	1.9	13	1.7	33	4.5	51	3.5
Other Religious or parachurch agency/organization	10	0.5	10	1.3	10	1.4	13	0.9
Social work/social services	23	1.1	19	2.5	15	2.1	24	1.7
Social justice ministry	51	2.5	11	1.5	18	2.5	24	1.7
Community development or community organizing	19	0.9	7	0.9	8	1.1	13	0.9
Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)	17	0.8	25	3.3	6	0.8	25	1.7
Licensed counselor or psychologist	53	2.6	156	20.7	52	7.1	87	6.0
Executive/administrator in a nonprofit agency	28	1.4	8	1.1	17	2.3	18	1.2
Executive/administrator in a for-profit business	4	0.2	4	0.5	4	0.5	10	0.7
Further graduate or professional studies	28	1.4	3	0.4	27	3.7	12	0.8
Full-time homemaking or childcare	3	0.1	0	0.0	6	0.8	5	0.3
Medicine/engineering/law	5	0.2	2	0.3	16	2.2	11	0.8
Other: (Please specify)	18	0.9	8	1.1	14	1.9	30	2.1
Undecided	174	8.5	63	8.4	80	11.0	101	7.0
TOTAL	2,041	15.2	754	15.2	728	14.7	1,442	29.0

CHART 23-A: Expectation for Position after Graduation by Degree Program

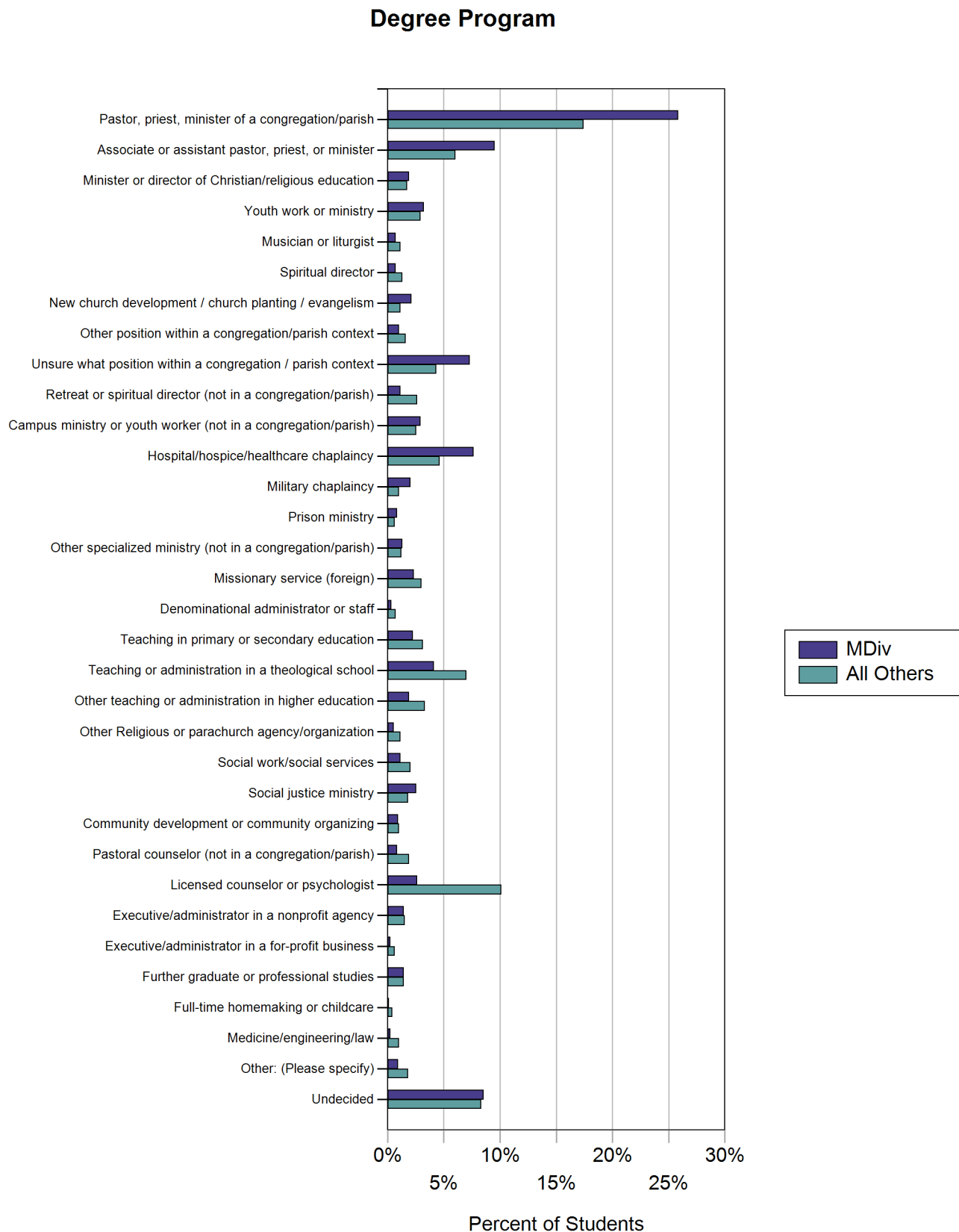


TABLE 23-B: Expectation for Position after Graduation by Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2025 - 2026, TERM=All

All Schools

Expectation	Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish	768	29.0	257	11.5	8	13.3	1,033	20.9
Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister	231	8.7	134	6.0	6	10.0	371	7.5
Minister or director of Christian/religious education	32	1.2	55	2.5	0	0.0	87	1.8
Youth work or ministry	74	2.8	75	3.3	1	1.7	150	3.0
Musician or liturgist	24	0.9	22	1.0	1	1.7	47	0.9
Spiritual director	14	0.5	36	1.6	0	0.0	50	1.0
New church development / church planting / evangelism	50	1.9	25	1.1	1	1.7	76	1.5
Other position within a congregation/parish context	27	1.0	40	1.8	0	0.0	67	1.4
Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context	111	4.2	153	6.8	7	11.7	271	5.5
Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)	40	1.5	58	2.6	1	1.7	99	2.0
Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)	79	3.0	51	2.3	3	5.0	133	2.7
Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy	118	4.5	167	7.4	7	11.7	292	5.9
Military chaplaincy	59	2.2	11	0.5	0	0.0	70	1.4
Prison ministry	20	0.8	14	0.6	1	1.7	35	0.7
Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)	24	0.9	36	1.6	0	0.0	60	1.2
Missionary service (foreign)	83	3.1	55	2.5	0	0.0	138	2.8
Denominational administrator or staff	16	0.6	11	0.5	0	0.0	27	0.5
Teaching in primary or secondary education	77	2.9	55	2.5	0	0.0	132	2.7
Teaching or administration in a theological school	189	7.1	98	4.4	2	3.3	289	5.8
Other teaching or administration in higher education	67	2.5	69	3.1	1	1.7	137	2.8
Other Religious or parachurch agency/organization	24	0.9	19	0.8	0	0.0	43	0.9
Social work/social services	26	1.0	53	2.4	2	3.3	81	1.6
Social justice ministry	34	1.3	62	2.8	7	11.7	103	2.1
Community development or community organizing	16	0.6	29	1.3	2	3.3	47	0.9
Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)	31	1.2	40	1.8	0	0.0	71	1.4
Licensed counselor or psychologist	98	3.7	246	11.0	3	5.0	347	7.0
Executive/administrator in a nonprofit agency	38	1.4	33	1.5	0	0.0	71	1.4
Executive/administrator in a for-profit business	14	0.5	8	0.4	0	0.0	22	0.4
Further graduate or professional studies	33	1.2	35	1.6	2	3.3	70	1.4
Full-time homemaking or childcare	0	0.0	14	0.6	0	0.0	14	0.3
Medicine/engineering/law	19	0.7	15	0.7	0	0.0	34	0.7
Other: (Please specify)	33	1.2	35	1.6	1	1.7	69	1.4
Undecided	177	6.7	232	10.3	4	6.7	413	8.3
TOTAL	2,646	53.5	2,243	45.3	60	1.2	4,949	100.0

CHART 23-B: Expectation for Position after Graduation by Gender



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