TOTAL SCHOOL PROFILE

Entering Student Questionnaire

2026 - 2027 Profile of Participants

As of October 30, 2026

Total Number of Schools:	92
Total Number of Respondents:	4,044

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ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, 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=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Degree Program	Single						Married						Total	
	Male		Female		Other		Male		Female		Other			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	4	30.8	2	15.4	0	0.0	7	53.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	0.3
MDiv	412	27.0	290	19.0	20	1.3	502	32.9	287	18.8	14	0.9	1,525	38.5
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	85	13.2	179	27.8	2	0.3	169	26.2	208	32.2	2	0.3	645	16.3
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	112	17.4	150	23.4	3	0.5	228	35.5	147	22.9	2	0.3	642	16.2
ThM/STM	28	25.9	20	18.5	0	0.0	41	38.0	17	15.7	2	1.9	108	2.7
DMin	44	11.5	66	17.3	2	0.5	175	45.8	92	24.1	3	0.8	382	9.6
PhD/ThD/STD	24	23.8	15	14.9	0	0.0	44	43.6	18	17.8	0	0.0	101	2.5
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	2	3.0	10	14.9	0	0.0	32	47.8	23	34.3	0	0.0	67	1.7
Non-degree special	8	18.6	7	16.3	0	0.0	16	37.2	12	27.9	0	0.0	43	1.1
Diploma, certificate	23	14.1	33	20.2	1	0.6	50	30.7	55	33.7	1	0.6	163	4.1
Other: (Please specify)	41	14.9	96	34.8	0	0.0	70	25.4	68	24.6	1	0.4	276	7.0
TOTAL	**783**	**19.7**	**868**	**21.9**	**28**	**0.7**	**1,334**	**33.6**	**927**	**23.4**	**25**	**0.6**	**3,965**	**100.0**

TOTALS FOR TABLE 1								
	Male		Female		Other		Total	
Degree Program	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	11	0.5	2	0.1	0	0.0	13	0.3
MDiv	914	43.2	577	32.1	34	64.2	1,525	38.5
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	254	12.0	387	21.6	4	7.5	645	16.3
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	340	16.1	297	16.5	5	9.4	642	16.2
ThM/STM	69	3.3	37	2.1	2	3.8	108	2.7
DMin	219	10.3	158	8.8	5	9.4	382	9.6
PhD/ThD/STD	68	3.2	33	1.8	0	0.0	101	2.5
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	34	1.6	33	1.8	0	0.0	67	1.7
Non-degree special	24	1.1	19	1.1	0	0.0	43	1.1
Diploma, certificate	73	3.4	88	4.9	2	3.8	163	4.1
Other: (Please specify)	111	5.2	164	9.1	1	1.9	276	7.0
TOTAL	**2,117**	**100.0**	**1,795**	**100.0**	**53**	**100.0**	**3,965**	**100.0**

CHART 1: Participants by Gender and Degree Program

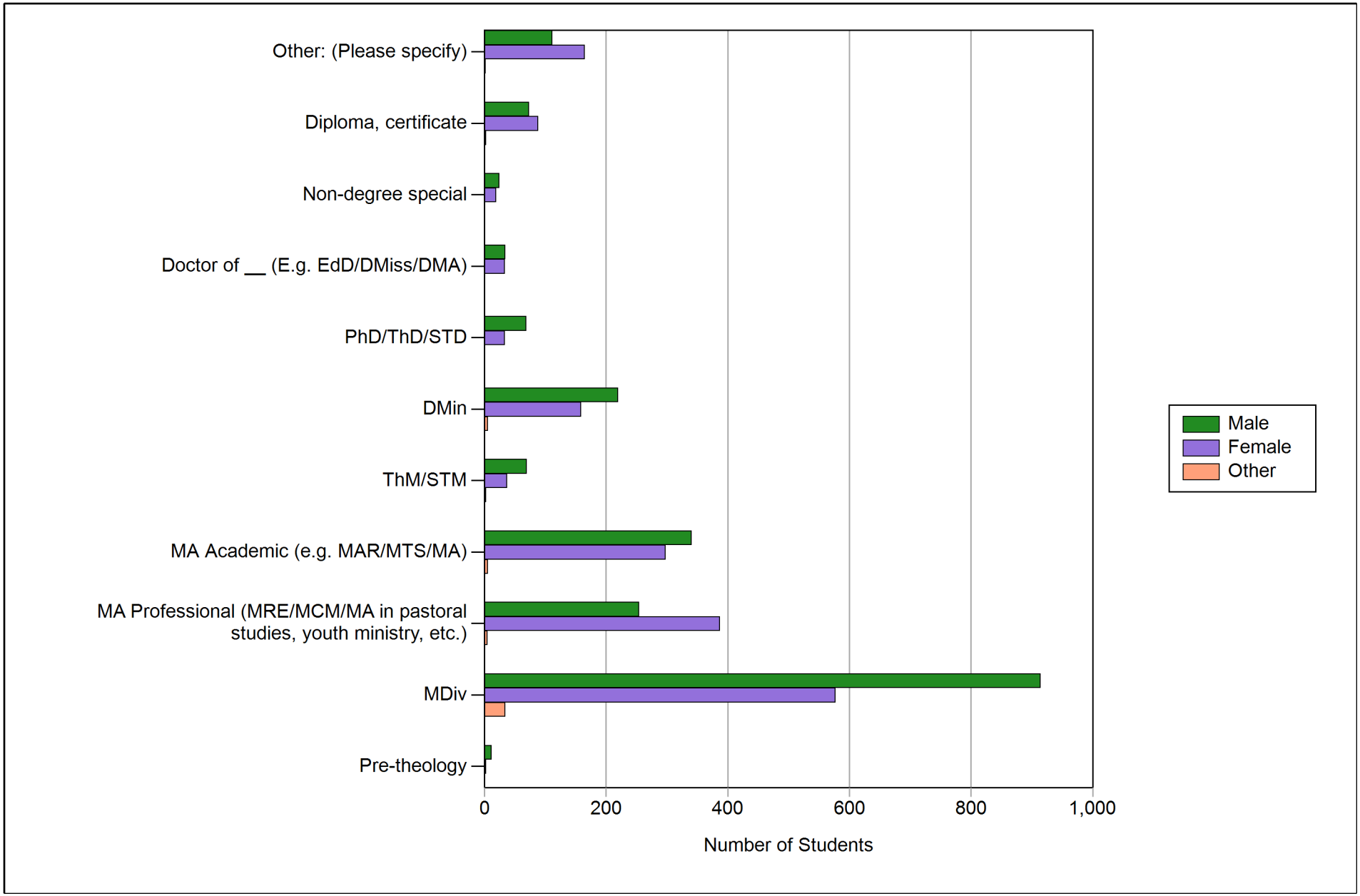


TABLE 2: Participants by Racial/Ethnic Identity and Status

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat Am		White		Multi		Other		Undisc	
Degree Program	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	2	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.4	0	0.0	8	0.4	2	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
MDiv	170	28.9	239	41.5	90	32.5	3	37.5	863	41.1	108	40.8	24	30.0	47	42.3
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	112	19.0	67	11.6	63	22.7	3	37.5	326	15.5	48	18.1	19	23.8	9	8.1
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	120	20.4	74	12.8	42	15.2	0	0.0	342	16.3	45	17.0	10	12.5	18	16.2
ThM/STM	23	3.9	18	3.1	14	5.1	0	0.0	51	2.4	1	0.4	1	1.3	2	1.8
DMin	54	9.2	108	18.8	25	9.0	0	0.0	163	7.8	19	7.2	4	5.0	8	7.2
PhD/ThD/STD	33	5.6	15	2.6	2	0.7	0	0.0	36	1.7	6	2.3	4	5.0	6	5.4
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	10	1.7	10	1.7	3	1.1	1	12.5	36	1.7	4	1.5	3	3.8	2	1.8
Non-degree special	5	0.9	1	0.2	4	1.4	0	0.0	28	1.3	1	0.4	1	1.3	3	2.7
Diploma, certificate	27	4.6	9	1.6	7	2.5	0	0.0	97	4.6	8	3.0	8	10.0	7	6.3
Other: (Please specify)	32	5.4	34	5.9	26	9.4	1	12.5	148	7.1	23	8.7	6	7.5	9	8.1
TOTAL	**588**	**14.7**	**576**	**14.4**	**277**	**6.9**	**8**	**0.2**	**2,098**	**52.4**	**265**	**6.6**	**80**	**2.0**	**111**	**2.8**

Respondents by Student Status

Status	#	%
Domestic	3,413	85.0
International	604	15.0
TOTAL	**4,017**	**100.0**

Totals by Race/Ethnicity		
	#	%
Asian-descent or Pacific Islander	589	14.6
Black, African American, African Canadian	580	14.4
Hispanic, Latino(a), Latin@	279	6.9
Native North American, First Nation, Indigenous	8	0.2
White, Caucasian	2,105	52.3
Multiracial	269	6.7
Other: (Please specify)	82	2.0
Prefer not to disclose	114	2.8
TOTAL	**4,026**	**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=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

MDiv	Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
20-25	253	69.1	106	29.0	7	1.9	366	24.1
26-30	170	73.3	51	22.0	11	4.7	232	15.3
31-35	121	65.4	58	31.4	6	3.2	185	12.2
36-40	100	57.5	67	38.5	7	4.0	174	11.4
41-45	79	52.0	70	46.1	3	2.0	152	10.0
46-50	72	50.3	70	49.0	1	0.7	143	9.4
51-55	46	42.2	63	57.8	0	0.0	109	7.2
56 or older	66	41.8	92	58.2	0	0.0	158	10.4
TOTAL	**909**	**59.8**	**577**	**37.9**	**35**	**2.3**	**1,521**	**100.0**

Prof MA	Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	2	0.3
20-25	32	38.6	51	61.4	0	0.0	83	13.0
26-30	28	33.7	54	65.1	1	1.2	83	13.0
31-35	33	44.6	40	54.1	1	1.4	74	11.6
36-40	31	41.9	42	56.8	1	1.4	74	11.6
41-45	37	39.8	56	60.2	0	0.0	93	14.6
46-50	32	41.6	45	58.4	0	0.0	77	12.1
51-55	15	26.8	41	73.2	0	0.0	56	8.8
56 or older	44	45.4	52	53.6	1	1.0	97	15.2
TOTAL	**253**	**39.6**	**382**	**59.8**	**4**	**0.6**	**639**	**100.0**

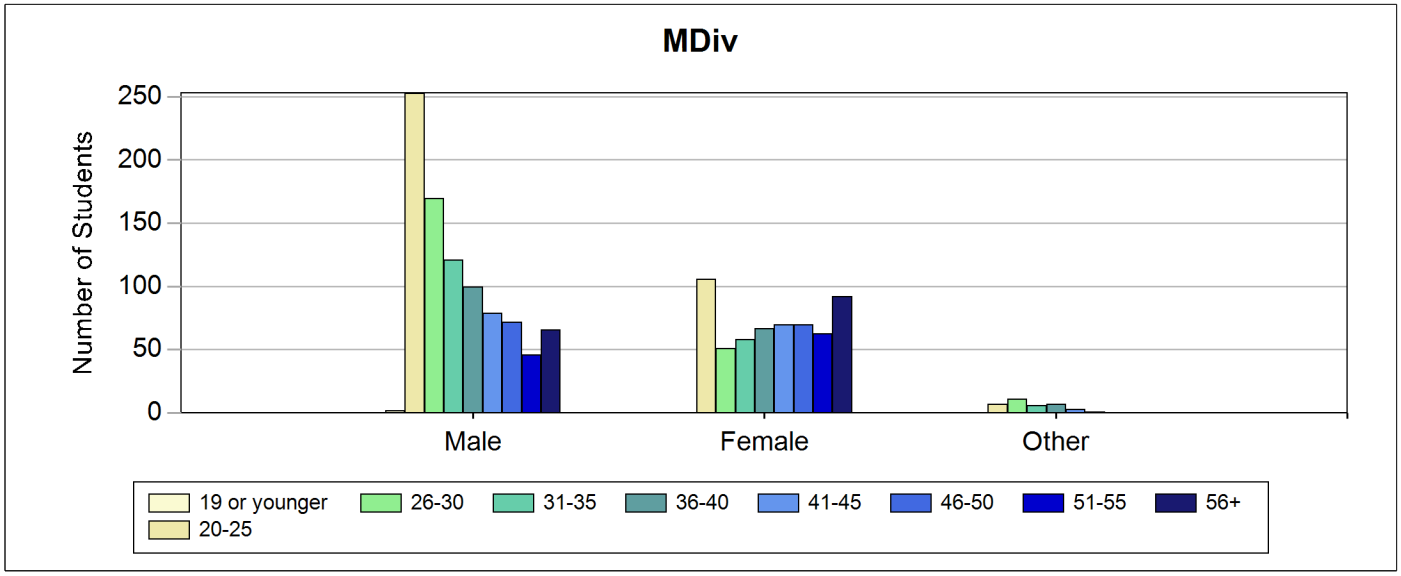
Acad MA	Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	58	48.7	60	50.4	1	0.8	119	18.6
26-30	53	55.2	40	41.7	3	3.1	96	15.0
31-35	29	48.3	31	51.7	0	0.0	60	9.4
36-40	42	60.9	27	39.1	0	0.0	69	10.8
41-45	40	64.5	22	35.5	0	0.0	62	9.7
46-50	30	44.8	37	55.2	0	0.0	67	10.5
51-55	25	47.2	27	50.9	1	1.9	53	8.3
56 or older	61	53.5	53	46.5	0	0.0	114	17.8
TOTAL	**338**	**52.8**	**297**	**46.4**	**5**	**0.8**	**640**	**100.0**

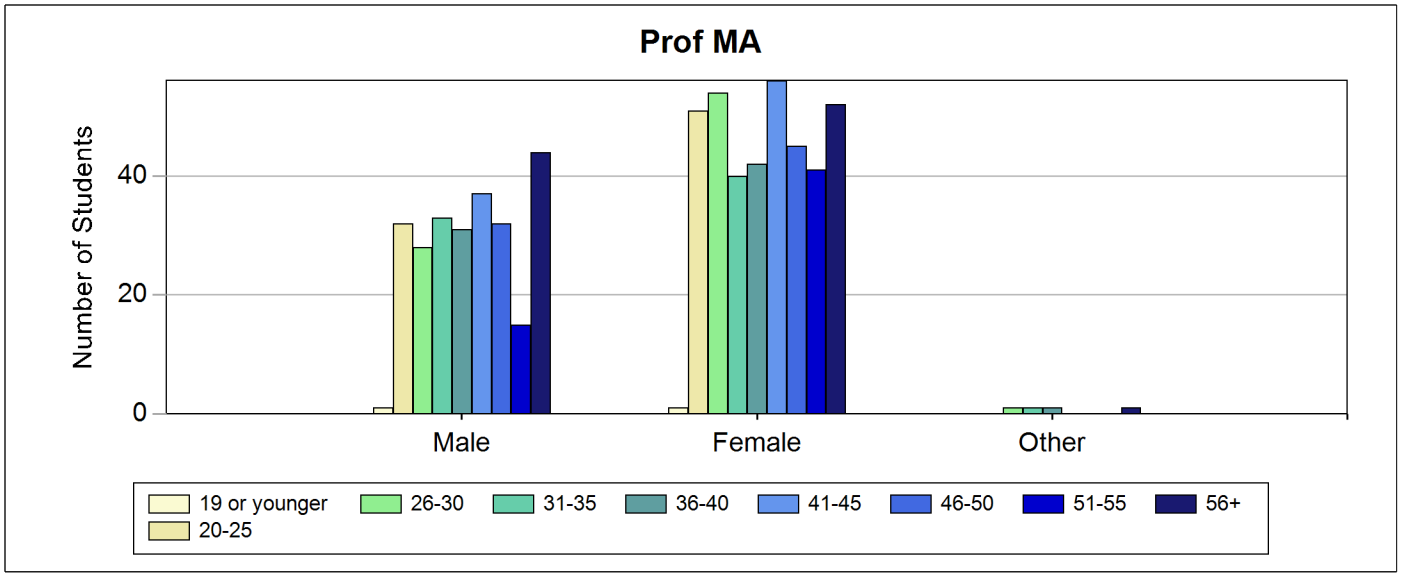
DMin	Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
26-30	5	50.0	5	50.0	0	0.0	10	2.6
31-35	19	54.3	15	42.9	1	2.9	35	9.2
36-40	26	57.8	17	37.8	2	4.4	45	11.9
41-45	47	64.4	26	35.6	0	0.0	73	19.3
46-50	31	56.4	22	40.0	2	3.6	55	14.5
51-55	28	51.9	26	48.1	0	0.0	54	14.2
56 or older	60	56.6	46	43.4	0	0.0	106	28.0
TOTAL	**217**	**57.3**	**157**	**41.4**	**5**	**1.3**	**379**	**100.0**

All Others	Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	5	62.5	3	37.5	0	0.0	8	1.0
20-25	37	35.6	67	64.4	0	0.0	104	13.5
26-30	51	58.6	34	39.1	2	2.3	87	11.3
31-35	54	57.4	39	41.5	1	1.1	94	12.2
36-40	58	63.0	34	37.0	0	0.0	92	12.0
41-45	46	46.0	52	52.0	2	2.0	100	13.0
46-50	41	50.6	40	49.4	0	0.0	81	10.5
51-55	32	49.2	33	50.8	0	0.0	65	8.5
56 or older	66	47.8	72	52.2	0	0.0	138	17.9
TOTAL	**390**	**50.7**	**374**	**48.6**	**5**	**0.7**	**769**	**100.0**

Total	Male		Female		Other		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	8	66.7	4	33.3	0	0.0	12	0.3
20-25	381	56.6	284	42.2	8	1.2	673	17.0
26-30	307	60.4	184	36.2	17	3.3	508	12.9
31-35	256	57.1	183	40.8	9	2.0	448	11.3
36-40	257	56.6	187	41.2	10	2.2	454	11.5
41-45	249	51.9	226	47.1	5	1.0	480	12.2
46-50	206	48.7	214	50.6	3	0.7	423	10.7
51-55	146	43.3	190	56.4	1	0.3	337	8.5
56 or older	297	48.5	315	51.4	1	0.2	613	15.5
TOTAL	**2,107**	**53.4**	**1,787**	**45.3**	**54**	**1.4**	**3,948**	**100.0**

CHART 3: Participants by Age and Gender





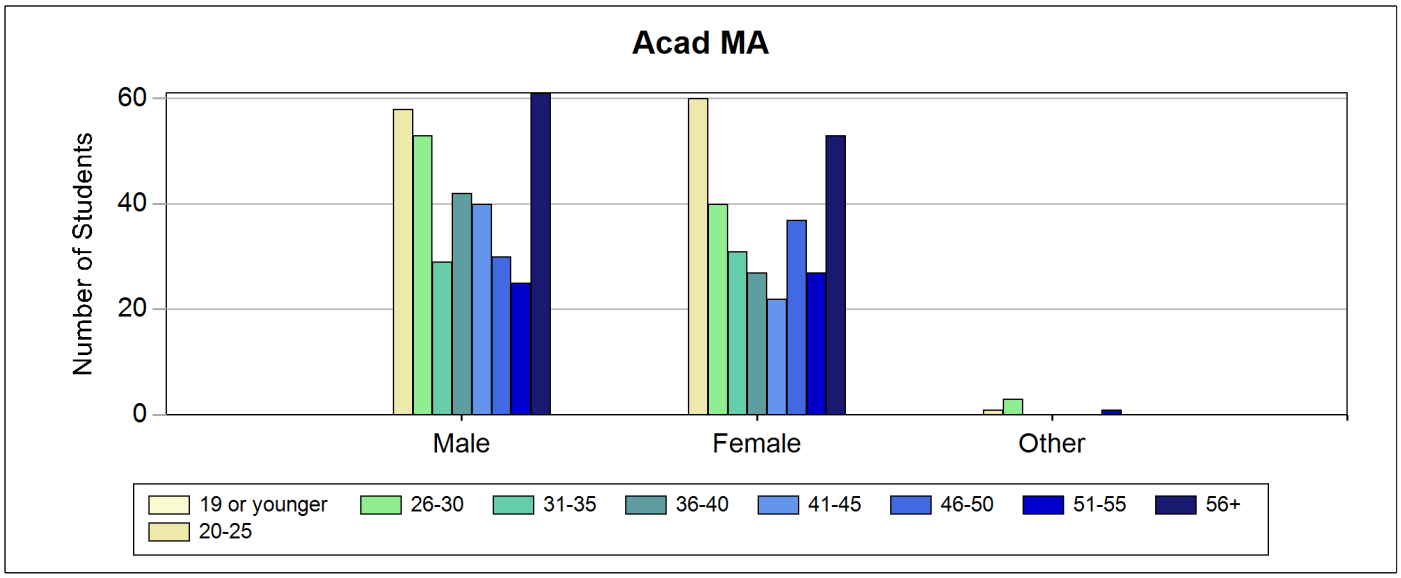


TABLE 4: Age Range and Racial Identity

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Age	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat Am		White		Multi		Other		Undis	
Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	0.4	2	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	76	13.0	45	7.9	33	11.9	1	12.5	433	20.6	69	26.0	8	10.0	18	16.5
26-30	76	13.0	47	8.2	51	18.3	1	12.5	263	12.5	52	19.6	14	17.5	13	11.9
31-35	88	15.1	62	10.8	40	14.4	0	0.0	221	10.5	25	9.4	5	6.3	13	11.9
36-40	76	13.0	74	12.9	23	8.3	0	0.0	225	10.7	33	12.5	17	21.3	10	9.2
41-45	82	14.0	80	14.0	35	12.6	3	37.5	242	11.5	26	9.8	9	11.3	14	12.8
46-50	73	12.5	67	11.7	31	11.2	1	12.5	220	10.5	13	4.9	11	13.8	11	10.1
51-55	55	9.4	61	10.6	27	9.7	0	0.0	160	7.6	15	5.7	9	11.3	13	11.9
56 or older	58	9.9	137	23.9	38	13.7	2	25.0	330	15.7	30	11.3	7	8.8	17	15.6
Total	**584**	**100.0**	**573**	**100.0**	**278**	**100.0**	**8**	**100.0**	**2,103**	**100.0**	**265**	**100.0**	**80**	**100.0**	**109**	**100.0**

TOTALS FOR TABLE 4

Age Range	#	%
19 or younger	11	0.3
20-25	683	17.1
26-30	517	12.9
31-35	454	11.4
36-40	458	11.5
41-45	491	12.3
46-50	427	10.7
51-55	340	8.5
56 or older	619	15.5
TOTAL	**4,000**	**100.0**

CHART 4: Age Range and Racial Identity

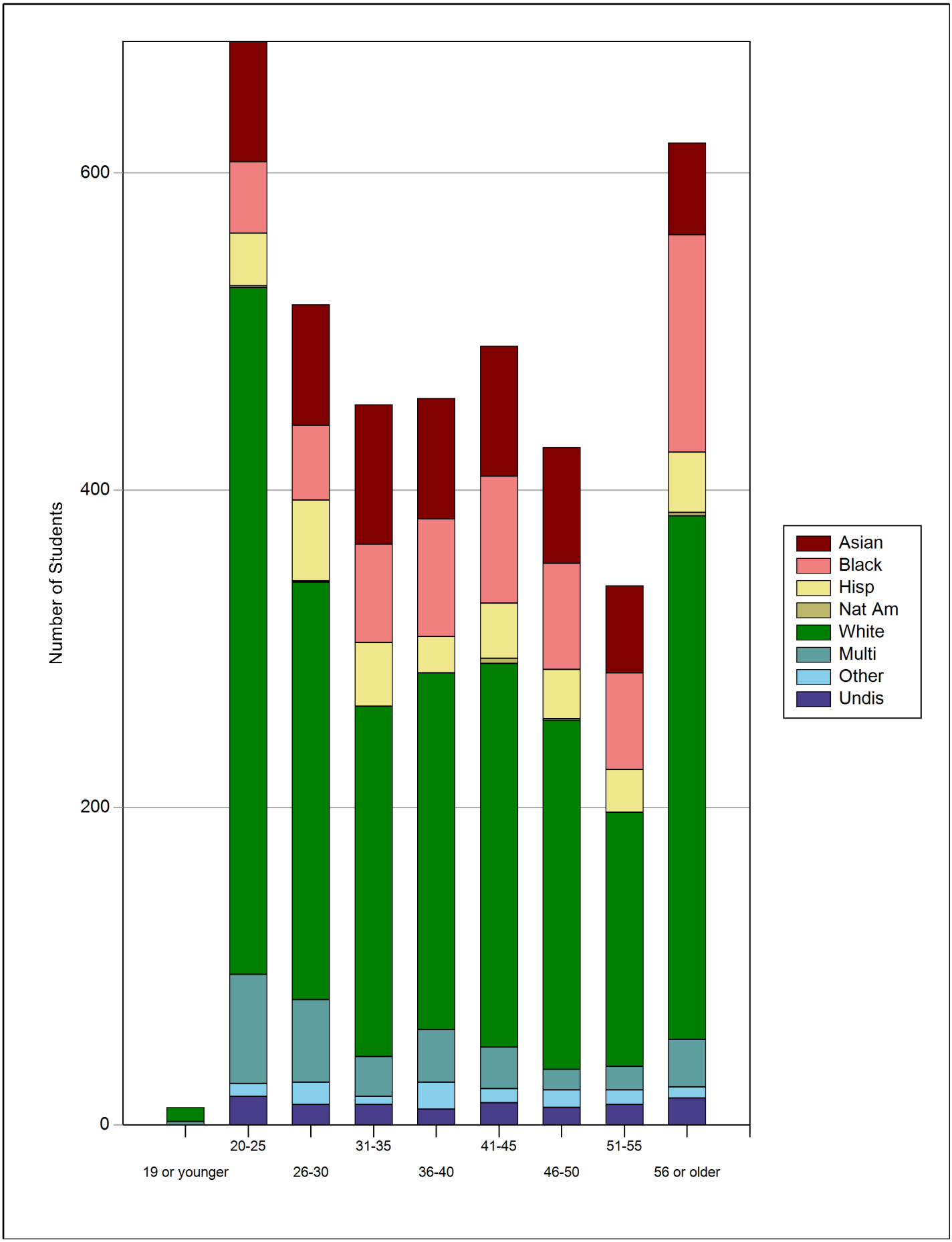


TABLE 5: Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

	Single								Married							
	Male		Female		Other		Total		Male		Female		Other		Total	
No. of Dependents	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	720	31.1	732	31.6	26	1.1	1,478	63.9	428	18.5	390	16.9	18	0.8	836	36.1
One	26	5.7	70	15.2	1	0.2	97	21.1	227	49.3	131	28.5	5	1.1	363	78.9
Two	19	3.5	39	7.2	1	0.2	59	10.9	282	52.1	198	36.6	2	0.4	482	89.1
Three	11	2.8	16	4.1	0	0.0	27	6.9	234	59.5	132	33.6	0	0.0	366	93.1
Four or more	5	1.8	12	4.4	0	0.0	17	6.3	172	63.5	82	30.3	0	0.0	254	93.7
TOTAL	**781**	**19.6**	**869**	**21.8**	**28**	**0.7**	**1,678**	**42.2**	**1,343**	**33.8**	**933**	**23.4**	**25**	**0.6**	**2,301**	**57.8**

	TOTAL	
No of Dependents	#	%
None	**2,314**	**58.2**
One	**460**	**11.6**
Two	**541**	**13.6**
Three	**393**	**9.9**
Four or more	**271**	**6.8**
TOTAL	**3,979**	**100.0**

CHART 5: Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

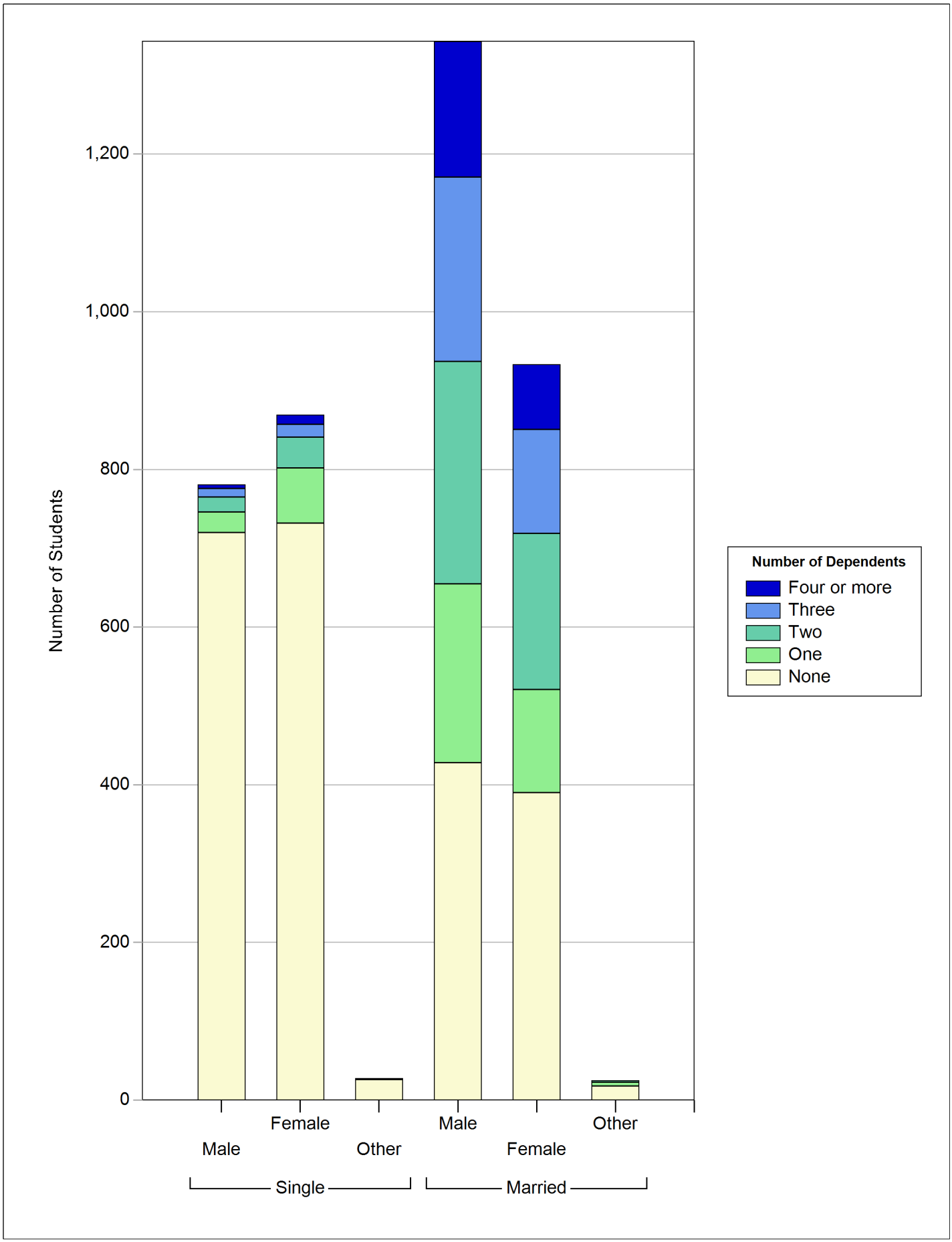


TABLE 6: Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

TOTALS FOR TABLE 6

Area of Degree	Public #	Public %	Priv Non Rel #	Priv Non Rel %	Priv Rel #	Priv Rel %	Total #	Total %
Education	177	55.0	36	11.2	109	33.9	322	100.0
Fine Arts	154	50.7	53	17.4	97	31.9	304	100.0
Humanities	315	52.8	103	17.3	179	30.0	597	100.0
Natural/physical sciences	323	62.4	109	21.0	86	16.6	518	100.0
Philosophy	73	38.2	28	14.7	90	47.1	191	100.0
Religious Studies	89	16.0	53	9.5	413	74.4	555	100.0
Theology	38	6.8	34	6.1	488	87.1	560	100.0
Social/behavioral sciences	528	54.2	166	17.0	280	28.7	974	100.0
Technical studies	382	58.8	114	17.5	154	23.7	650	100.0

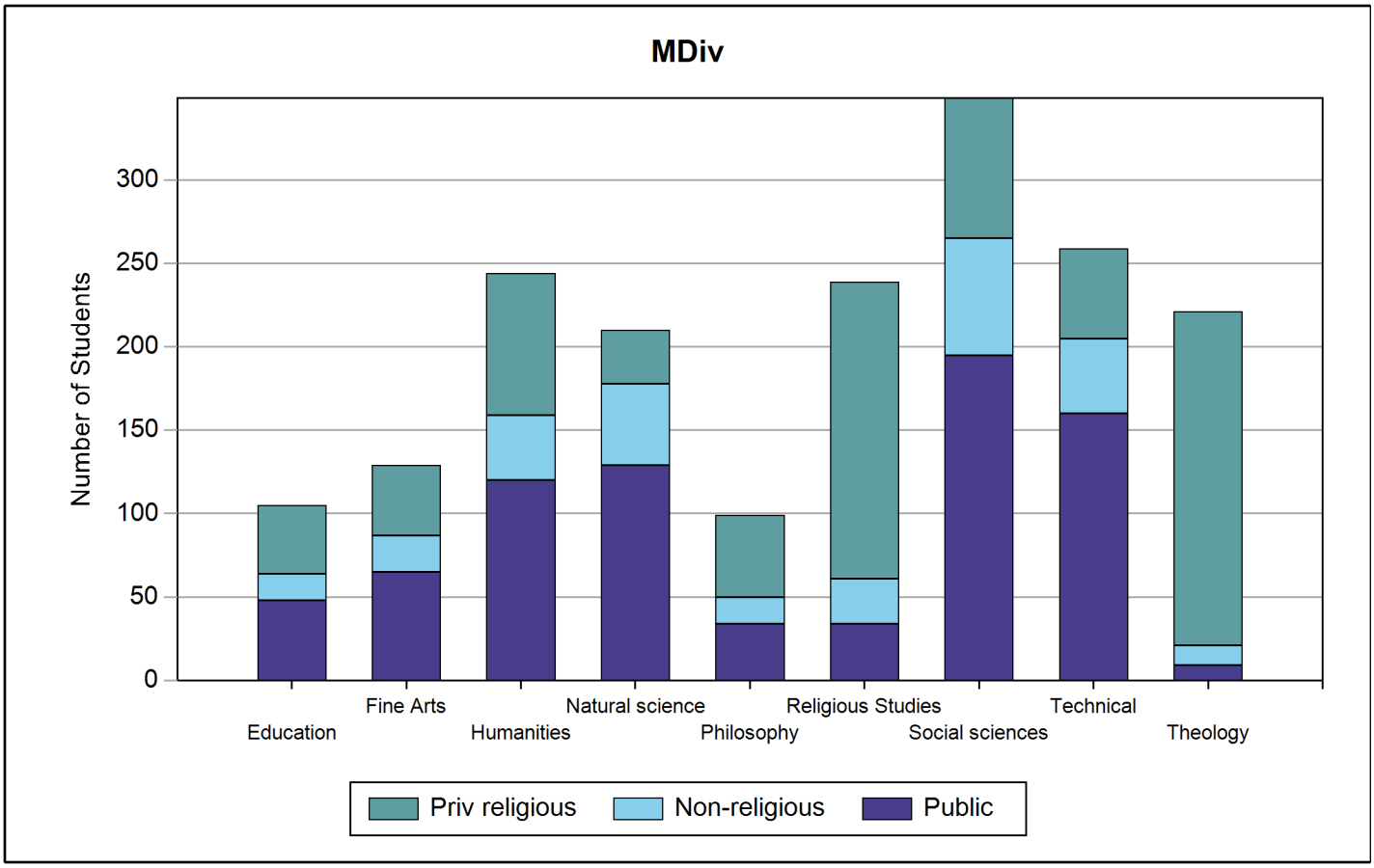
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Degree Program	YES #	YES %	NO #	NO %
MDiv	1,445	93.6	98	6.4
Prof MA	593	91.7	54	8.3
Acad MA	620	95.7	28	4.3
All Others	1,041	89.4	124	10.6
TOTAL	**3,699**	**92.4**	**304**	**7.6**

	MDiv								All Others							
	Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total		Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total	
Area of Degree	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Education	48	45.7	16	15.2	41	39.0	105	100.0	125	58.7	20	9.4	68	31.9	213	100.0
Fine Arts	65	50.4	22	17.1	42	32.6	129	100.0	88	50.6	31	17.8	55	31.6	174	100.0
Humanities	120	49.2	39	16.0	85	34.8	244	100.0	193	55.0	64	18.2	94	26.8	351	100.0
Natural/physical sciences	129	61.4	49	23.3	32	15.2	210	100.0	193	63.1	59	19.3	54	17.6	306	100.0
Philosophy	34	34.3	16	16.2	49	49.5	99	100.0	39	42.4	12	13.0	41	44.6	92	100.0
Religious Studies	34	14.2	27	11.3	178	74.5	239	100.0	55	17.6	25	8.0	233	74.4	313	100.0
Theology	9	4.1	12	5.4	200	90.5	221	100.0	29	8.6	21	6.3	286	85.1	336	100.0
Social/behavioral sciences	195	55.9	70	20.1	84	24.1	349	100.0	331	53.5	93	15.0	195	31.5	619	100.0
Technical studies	160	61.8	45	17.4	54	20.8	259	100.0	221	57.3	68	17.6	97	25.1	386	100.0

Location of Degree	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
A public university, state college, or community college	661	45.8	311	52.5	299	48.2	477	45.9	1,748	47.3
A private university or college (not religiously affiliated)	243	16.8	82	13.9	98	15.8	146	14.0	569	15.4
A private, religiously affiliated university or college	539	37.4	199	33.6	223	36.0	417	40.1	1,378	37.3
TOTAL	**1,443**	**39.1**	**592**	**16.0**	**620**	**16.8**	**1,040**	**28.1**	**3,695**	**100.0**

CHART 6: Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution



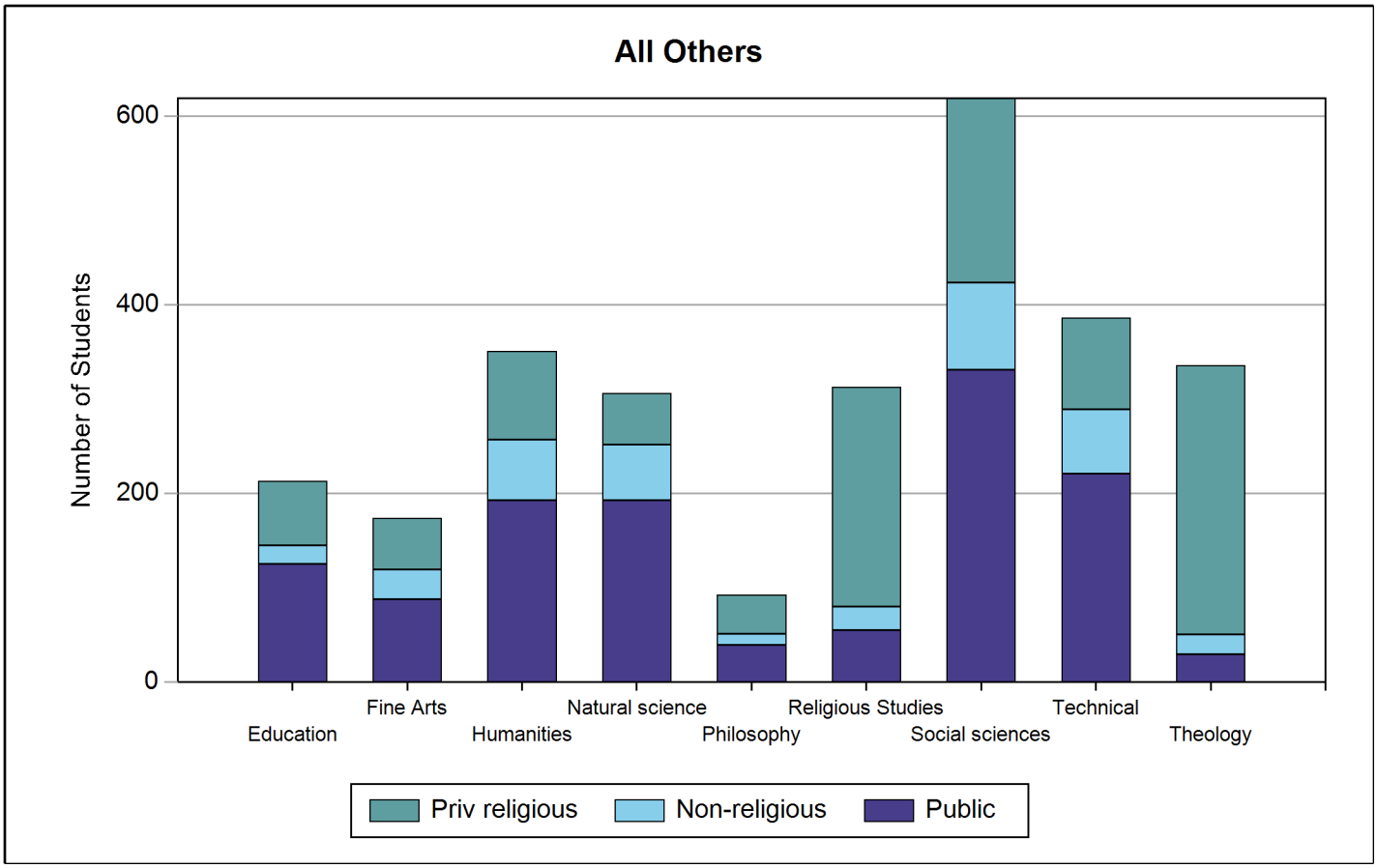


TABLE 7: Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

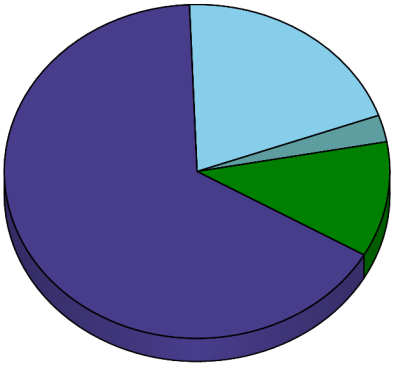
All Schools

Highest Degree	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	948	66.1	371	63.1	370	59.9	248	23.9
EdD	10	0.7	3	0.5	1	0.2	5	0.5
JD/LLB	24	1.7	5	0.9	19	3.1	11	1.1
Master's	290	20.2	104	17.7	131	21.2	406	39.1
MBA	38	2.6	21	3.6	28	4.5	33	3.2
MD	12	0.8	9	1.5	6	1.0	7	0.7
MDiv	8	0.6	20	3.4	11	1.8	241	23.2
MSW	10	0.7	2	0.3	3	0.5	10	1.0
PhD	37	2.6	13	2.2	21	3.4	29	2.8
Other Degree	27	1.9	13	2.2	8	1.3	18	1.7
Other Doctorate	13	0.9	10	1.7	8	1.3	18	1.7
Other Professional	18	1.3	17	2.9	12	1.9	13	1.3
TOTAL	**1,435**	**100.0**	**588**	**100.0**	**618**	**100.0**	**1,039**	**100.0**

Highest Degree	Total	
	#	%
None	1,937	52.6
EdD	19	0.5
JD/LLB	59	1.6
Master's	931	25.3
MBA	120	3.3
MD	34	0.9
MDiv	280	7.6
MSW	25	0.7
PhD	100	2.7
Other Degree	66	1.8
Other Doctorate	49	1.3
Other Professional	60	1.6
TOTAL	**3,680**	**100.0**

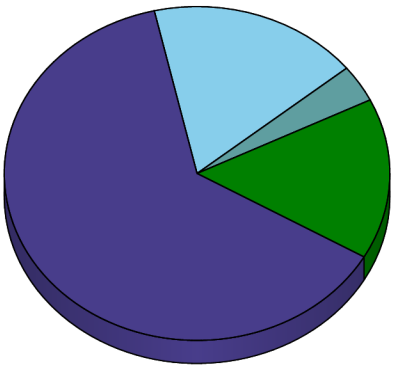
CHART 7: Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

MDiv



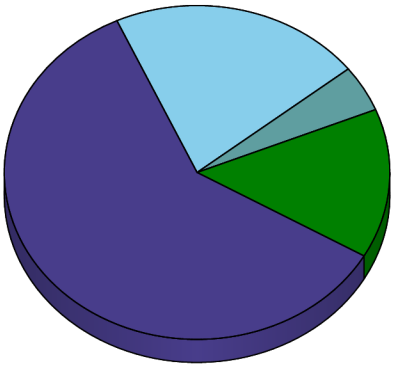
None - 66.1% | Master's - 20.2% | MBA - 2.6% | Other - 11.2%

Prof MA



None - 63.1% | Master's - 17.7% | MBA - 3.6% | Other - 15.6%

Acad MA



None - 59.9% | Master's - 21.2% | MBA - 4.5% | Other - 14.5%

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

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
Educational Debt	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
None	670	59.7	241	63.3	223	64.6	411	60.6	**1,545**	**61.2**
Less than $10,000	74	6.6	34	8.9	27	7.8	43	6.3	**178**	**7.0**
$10,000 to $19,999	89	7.9	25	6.6	27	7.8	33	4.9	**174**	**6.9**
$20,000 to $29,999	82	7.3	24	6.3	16	4.6	26	3.8	**148**	**5.9**
$30,000 to $39,999	52	4.6	16	4.2	8	2.3	37	5.5	**113**	**4.5**
$40,000 to $59,999	50	4.5	19	5.0	16	4.6	20	2.9	**105**	**4.2**
$60,000 to $79,999	27	2.4	7	1.8	9	2.6	24	3.5	**67**	**2.7**
$80,000 or more	78	7.0	15	3.9	19	5.5	84	12.4	**196**	**7.8**
TOTAL	**1,122**	**44.4**	**381**	**15.1**	**345**	**13.7**	**678**	**26.8**	**2,526**	**100.0**

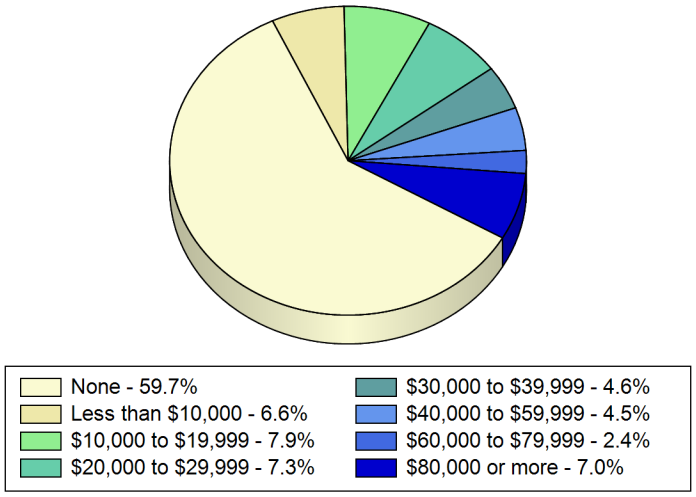
	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
Non-educational Debt	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
None	660	58.9	202	53.0	216	63.0	312	46.2	**1,390**	**55.2**
Less than $10,000	193	17.2	78	20.5	56	16.3	135	20.0	**462**	**18.3**
$10,000 to $19,999	85	7.6	37	9.7	29	8.5	57	8.4	**208**	**8.3**
$20,000 to $29,999	40	3.6	18	4.7	12	3.5	54	8.0	**124**	**4.9**
$30,000 to $39,999	39	3.5	8	2.1	5	1.5	29	4.3	**81**	**3.2**
$40,000 to $59,999	31	2.8	14	3.7	5	1.5	23	3.4	**73**	**2.9**
$60,000 to $79,999	16	1.4	2	0.5	2	0.6	6	0.9	**26**	**1.0**
$80,000 or more	56	5.0	22	5.8	18	5.2	59	8.7	**155**	**6.2**
TOTAL	**1,120**	**44.5**	**381**	**15.1**	**343**	**13.6**	**675**	**26.8**	**2,519**	**100.0**

Educational Debt	Asian		Black		Hisp		NatAm		White		Multi		Other		Undis	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	255	73.5	175	41.0	108	67.1	4	66.7	817	64.2	101	53.4	38	71.7	52	67.5
Less than $10,000	37	10.7	22	5.2	14	8.7	0	0.0	84	6.6	13	6.9	6	11.3	3	3.9
$10,000 to $19,999	22	6.3	25	5.9	11	6.8	0	0.0	88	6.9	23	12.2	3	5.7	3	3.9
$20,000 to $29,999	13	3.7	24	5.6	6	3.7	2	33.3	86	6.8	11	5.8	2	3.8	4	5.2
$30,000 to $39,999	9	2.6	30	7.0	5	3.1	0	0.0	56	4.4	5	2.6	2	3.8	5	6.5
$40,000 to $59,999	4	1.2	32	7.5	6	3.7	0	0.0	47	3.7	14	7.4	0	0.0	2	2.6
$60,000 to $79,999	3	0.9	26	6.1	3	1.9	0	0.0	31	2.4	2	1.1	0	0.0	2	2.6
$80,000 or more	4	1.2	93	21.8	8	5.0	0	0.0	63	5.0	20	10.6	2	3.8	6	7.8
TOTAL	**347**	**13.7**	**427**	**16.9**	**161**	**6.4**	**6**	**0.2**	**1,272**	**50.2**	**189**	**7.5**	**53**	**2.1**	**77**	**3.0**

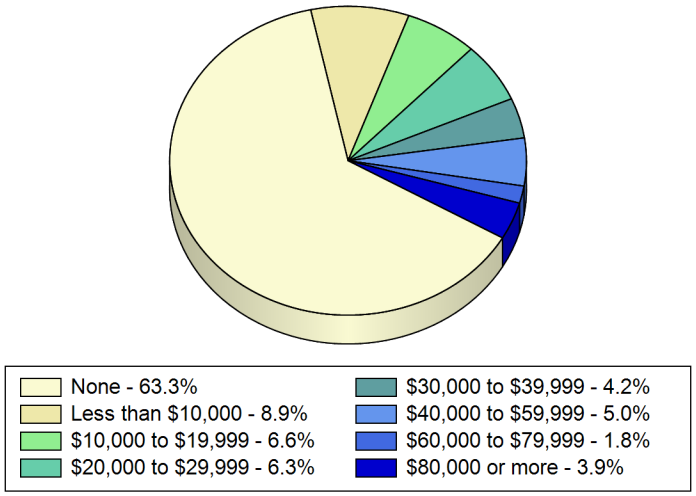
Educational Debt	Total	
	#	%
None	**1,550**	**61.2**
Less than $10,000	**179**	**7.1**
$10,000 to $19,999	**175**	**6.9**
$20,000 to $29,999	**148**	**5.8**
$30,000 to $39,999	**112**	**4.4**
$40,000 to $59,999	**105**	**4.1**
$60,000 to $79,999	**67**	**2.6**
$80,000 or more	**196**	**7.7**
TOTAL	**2,532**	**100.0**

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

MDiv



Prof MA



Acad MA

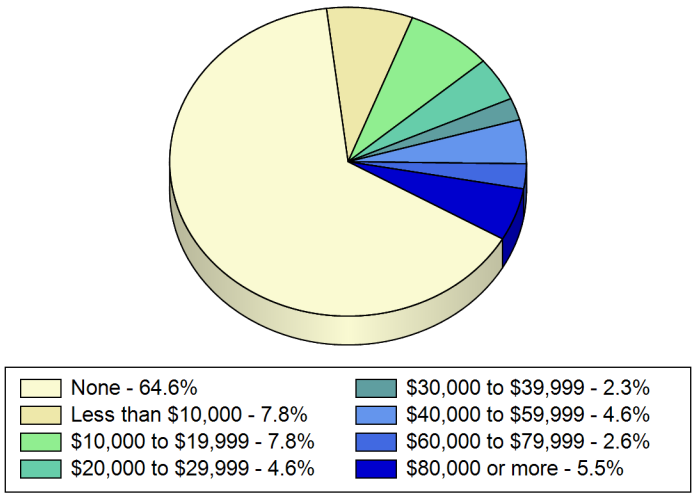
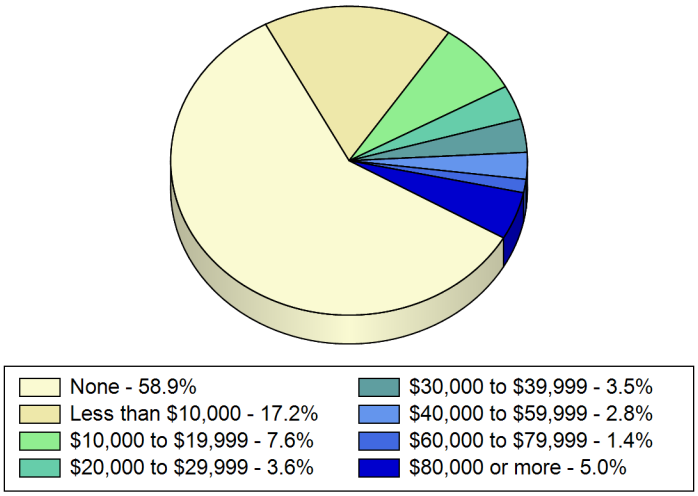
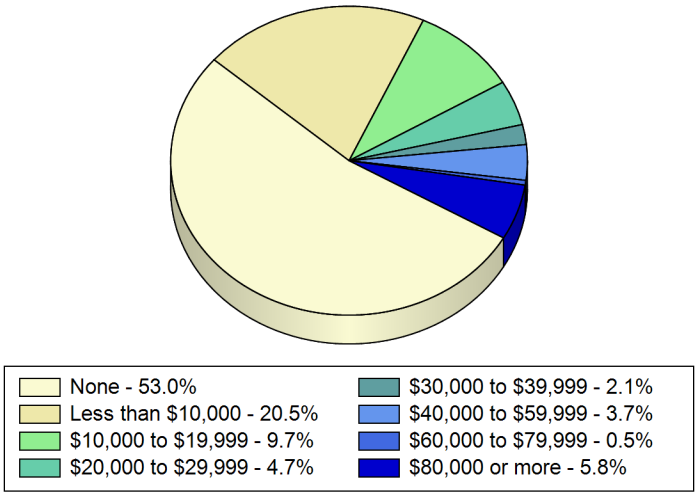


CHART 8-B: Non-educational Debt for Full-time Respondents

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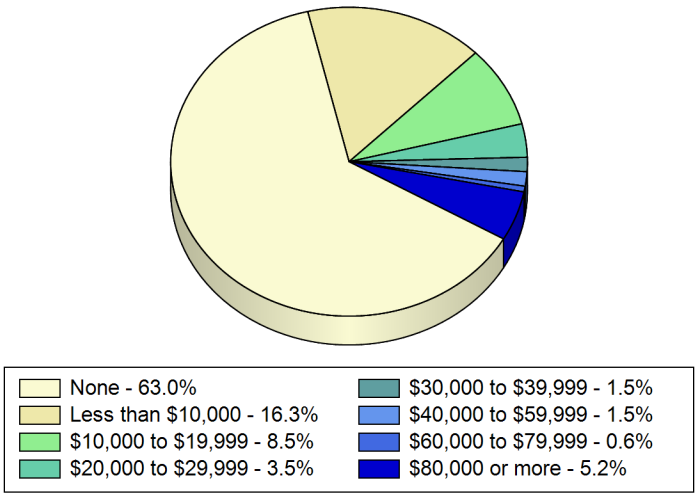


TABLE 9: Educational and Non-educational Debt Brought for All Respondents

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

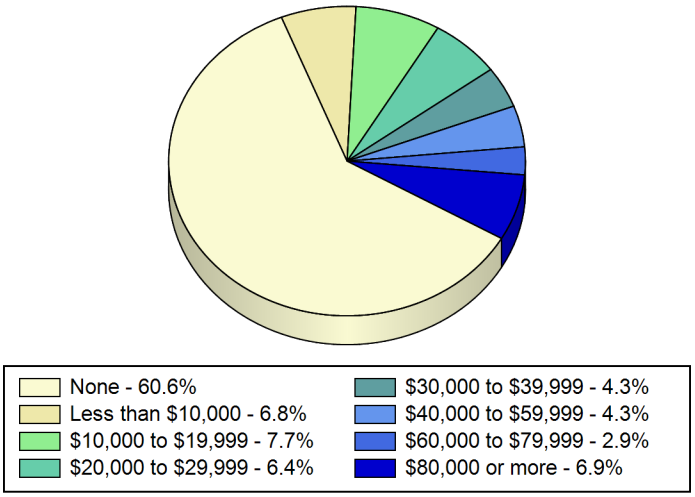
Educational Debt	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	931	60.6	441	68.3	465	71.4	768	66.3	**2,605**	**65.3**
Less than $10,000	105	6.8	47	7.3	37	5.7	72	6.2	**261**	**6.5**
$10,000 to $19,999	119	7.7	36	5.6	40	6.1	54	4.7	**249**	**6.2**
$20,000 to $29,999	99	6.4	36	5.6	29	4.5	42	3.6	**206**	**5.2**
$30,000 to $39,999	66	4.3	24	3.7	14	2.2	45	3.9	**149**	**3.7**
$40,000 to $59,999	66	4.3	32	5.0	22	3.4	34	2.9	**154**	**3.9**
$60,000 to $79,999	45	2.9	10	1.5	13	2.0	38	3.3	**106**	**2.7**
$80,000 or more	106	6.9	20	3.1	31	4.8	105	9.1	**262**	**6.6**
TOTAL	**1,537**	**38.5**	**646**	**16.2**	**651**	**16.3**	**1,158**	**29.0**	**3,992**	**100.0**

Non-educational Debt	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	829	54.0	338	52.4	390	60.6	558	48.4	**2,115**	**53.2**
Less than $10,000	266	17.3	129	20.0	109	16.9	219	19.0	**723**	**18.2**
$10,000 to $19,999	131	8.5	61	9.5	49	7.6	93	8.1	**334**	**8.4**
$20,000 to $29,999	70	4.6	34	5.3	33	5.1	79	6.9	**216**	**5.4**
$30,000 to $39,999	60	3.9	20	3.1	7	1.1	47	4.1	**134**	**3.4**
$40,000 to $59,999	56	3.6	18	2.8	11	1.7	37	3.2	**122**	**3.1**
$60,000 to $79,999	24	1.6	5	0.8	7	1.1	14	1.2	**50**	**1.3**
$80,000 or more	99	6.4	40	6.2	38	5.9	106	9.2	**283**	**7.1**
TOTAL	**1,535**	**38.6**	**645**	**16.2**	**644**	**16.2**	**1,153**	**29.0**	**3,977**	**100.0**

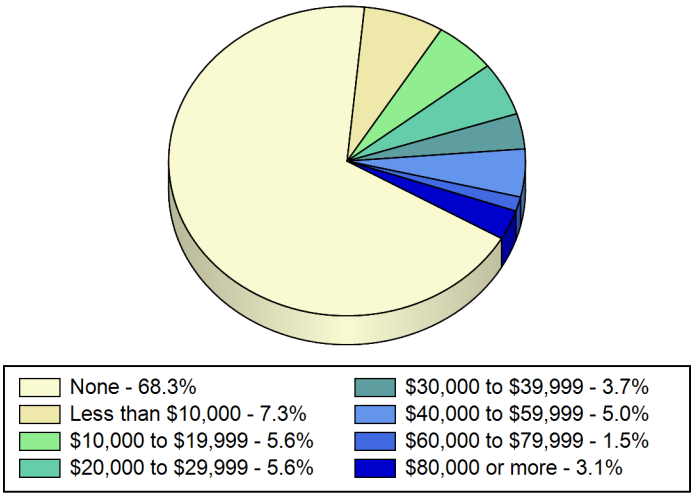
Amount of Debt	Educational Debt								Non-educational Debt							
	Male		Female		Other		Total		Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1,367	65.1	1,182	66.0	31	57.4	2,602	65.3	1,178	56.3	886	49.6	26	48.1	2,110	53.2
Less than $10,000	139	6.6	116	6.5	4	7.4	260	6.5	362	17.3	332	18.6	19	35.2	722	18.2
$10,000 to $19,999	140	6.7	102	5.7	5	9.3	248	6.2	163	7.8	163	9.1	5	9.3	334	8.4
$20,000 to $29,999	117	5.6	82	4.6	2	3.7	205	5.1	96	4.6	119	6.7	1	1.9	216	5.4
$30,000 to $39,999	86	4.1	60	3.3	3	5.6	149	3.7	68	3.2	64	3.6	0	0.0	133	3.4
$40,000 to $59,999	86	4.1	63	3.5	1	1.9	153	3.8	65	3.1	55	3.1	1	1.9	122	3.1
$60,000 to $79,999	46	2.2	53	3.0	4	7.4	106	2.7	25	1.2	24	1.3	0	0.0	50	1.3
$80,000 or more	119	5.7	134	7.5	4	7.4	260	6.5	136	6.5	142	8.0	2	3.7	282	7.1
TOTAL	**2,100**	**52.7**	**1,792**	**45.0**	**54**	**1.4**	**3,983**	**100.0**	**2,093**	**52.7**	**1,785**	**45.0**	**54**	**1.4**	**3,969**	**100.0**

CHART 9-A: Educational Debt for All Respondents

MDiv



Prof MA



Acad MA

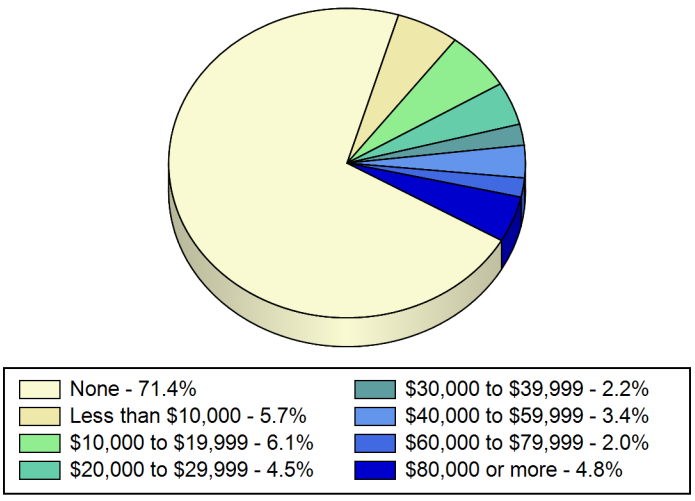
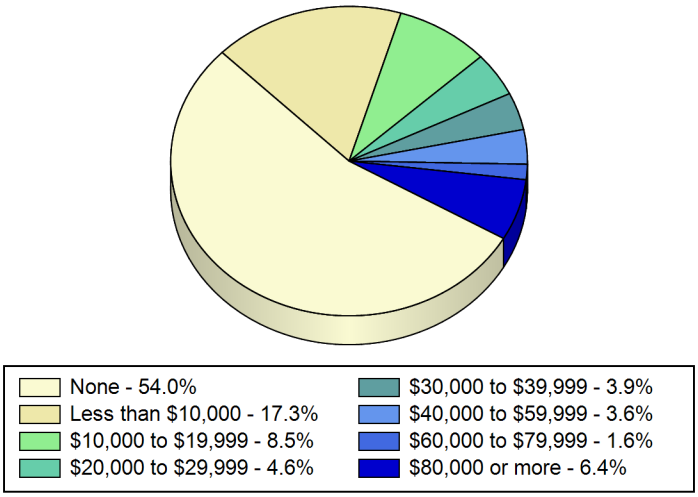
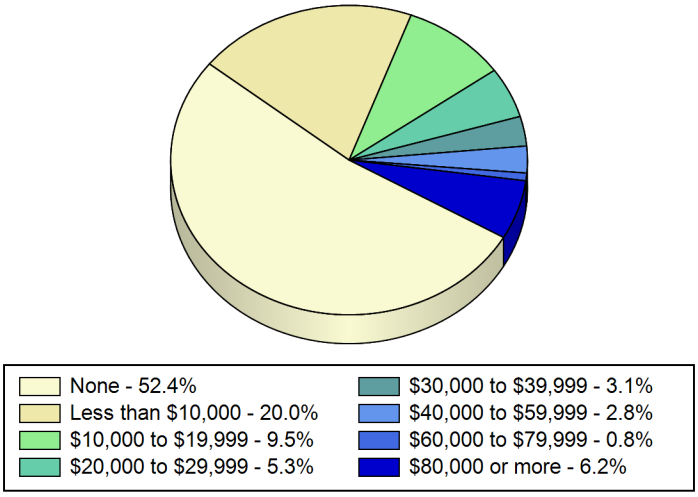


CHART 9-B: Non-educational Debt for All Respondents

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Prof MA



Acad MA

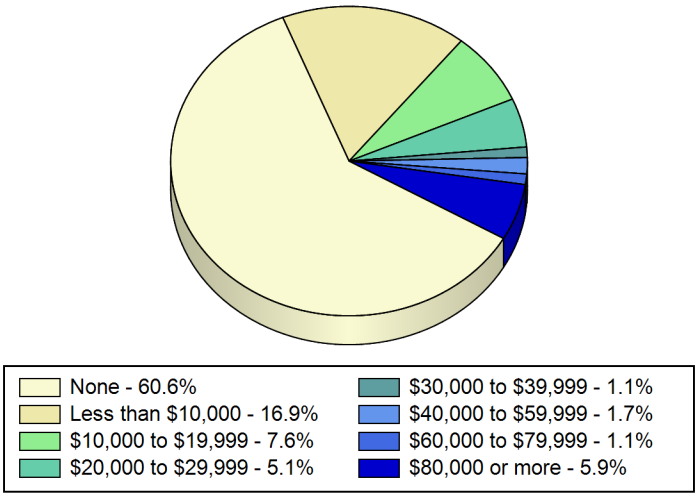


TABLE 10: Responsibility for Educational Debt of Family Member

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Responsible for the educational debt of a family member	#	%
Yes	575	14.3
No	3,440	85.7
TOTAL	**4,015**	**100.0**

Educational Debt brought to Seminary for those responding "Yes"	#	%
None	301	52.6
Less than $10,000	49	8.6
$10,000 to $19,999	40	7.0
$20,000 to $29,999	43	7.5
$30,000 to $39,999	31	5.4
$40,000 to $59,999	29	5.1
$60,000 to $79,999	16	2.8
$80,000 or more	63	11.0
TOTAL	**572**	**100.0**

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

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Level of Significance	Single						Married						Total	
	Male		Female		Other		Male		Female		Other			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Of no significance	89	11.5	87	10.1	0	0.0	260	19.5	135	14.6	2	8.0	573	14.5
Of some significance	92	11.9	117	13.6	3	11.1	170	12.7	101	10.9	3	12.0	486	12.3
Significant	101	13.0	109	12.6	4	14.8	191	14.3	136	14.7	5	20.0	546	13.8
Of great significance	221	28.5	226	26.2	11	40.7	316	23.7	222	23.9	8	32.0	1,004	25.4
Of greatest significance	229	29.5	284	32.9	9	33.3	320	24.0	278	30.0	7	28.0	1,127	28.5
Did not apply for financial aid	43	5.5	40	4.6	0	0.0	77	5.8	55	5.9	0	0.0	215	5.4
TOTAL	**775**	**19.6**	**863**	**21.8**	**27**	**0.7**	**1,334**	**33.8**	**927**	**23.5**	**25**	**0.6**	**3,951**	**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	3	27.3	66	9.7	57	11.2	53	11.7	54	11.8	58	12.0	67	67.0	67	19.9	152	24.7
Of some significance	2	18.2	84	12.4	64	12.6	63	13.9	67	14.6	59	12.2	45	45.0	33	9.8	70	11.4
Significant	2	18.2	90	13.3	71	13.9	59	13.1	75	16.4	74	15.3	52	52.0	44	13.1	84	13.7
Of great significance	2	18.2	231	34.1	136	26.7	113	25.0	106	23.1	111	23.0	119	119.0	81	24.0	113	18.4
Of greatest significance	0	0.0	196	28.9	155	30.5	143	31.6	133	29.0	131	27.1	119	119.0	96	28.5	158	25.7
Did not apply for financial aid	2	18.2	11	1.6	26	5.1	21	4.6	23	5.0	50	10.4	26	26.0	16	4.7	38	6.2
TOTAL	**11**	**0.3**	**678**	**17.1**	**509**	**12.8**	**452**	**11.4**	**458**	**11.5**	**483**	**12.2**	**428**	**10.8**	**337**	**8.5**	**615**	**15.5**

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

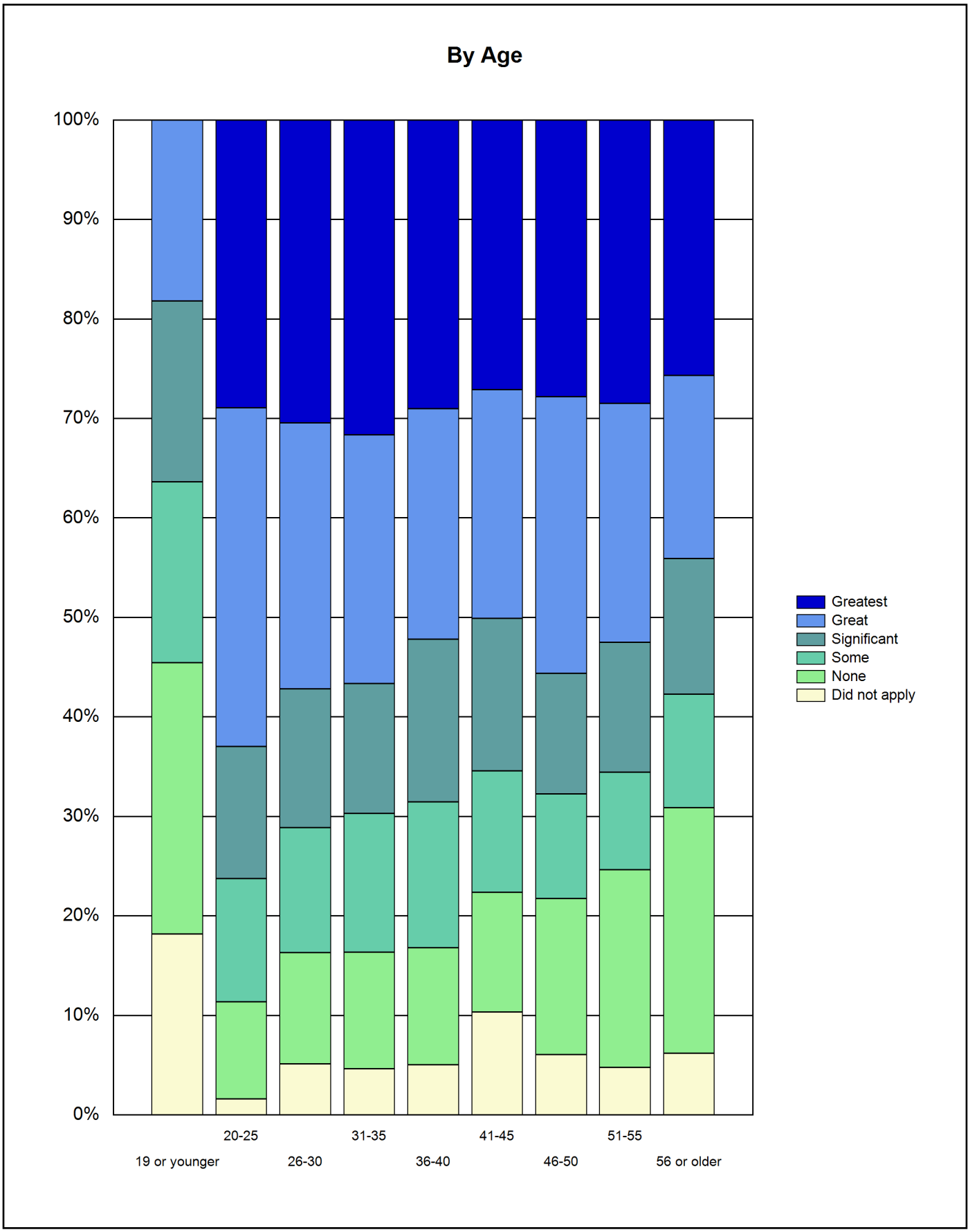


TABLE 12: Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work

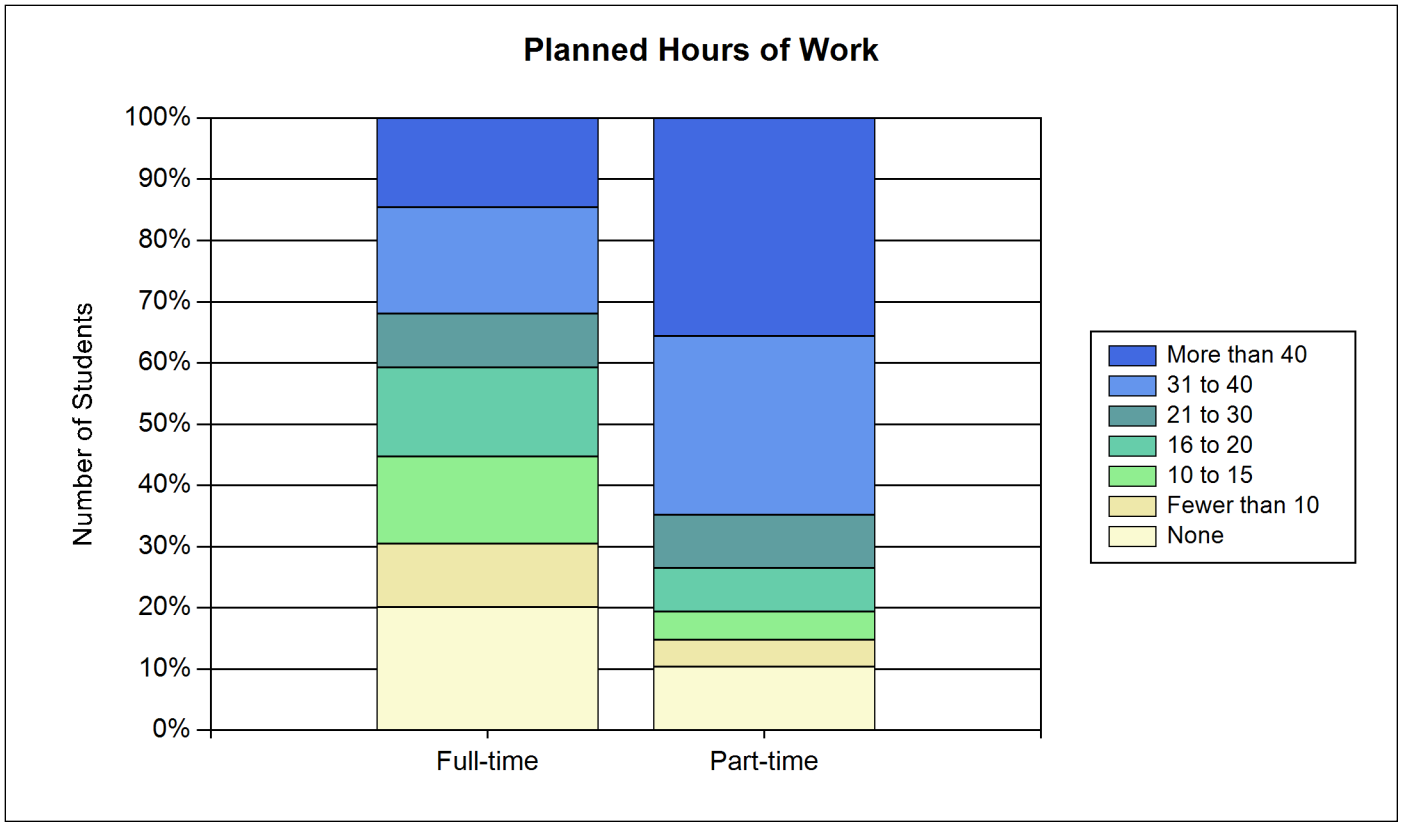
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All Schools

Planned Hours of Work per Week						
	Full-Time		Part-Time		Total	
Hours of Work	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	514	20.1	151	10.4	665	16.6
Fewer than 10	265	10.4	64	4.4	329	8.2
10 to 15	363	14.2	67	4.6	430	10.7
16 to 20	374	14.6	104	7.1	478	11.9
21 to 30	225	8.8	127	8.7	352	8.8
31 to 40	441	17.3	424	29.1	865	21.6
More than 40	373	14.6	518	35.6	891	22.2
TOTAL	**2,555**	**63.7**	**1,455**	**36.3**	**4,010**	**100.0**

Daily Commute						
	Full-Time		Part-Time		Total	
Daily Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%
Campus housing	402	15.7	15	1.0	417	10.4
Walking distance	327	12.8	42	2.9	369	9.2
1/2 to 1 hour	673	26.4	284	19.5	957	23.9
1 to 2 hours	135	5.3	94	6.5	229	5.7
2 to 4 hours	69	2.7	34	2.3	103	2.6
More than 4 hours	64	2.5	43	3.0	107	2.7
All classes online	884	34.6	944	64.8	1,828	45.6
TOTAL	**2,554**	**63.7**	**1,456**	**36.3**	**4,010**	**100.0**

CHART 12: Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work



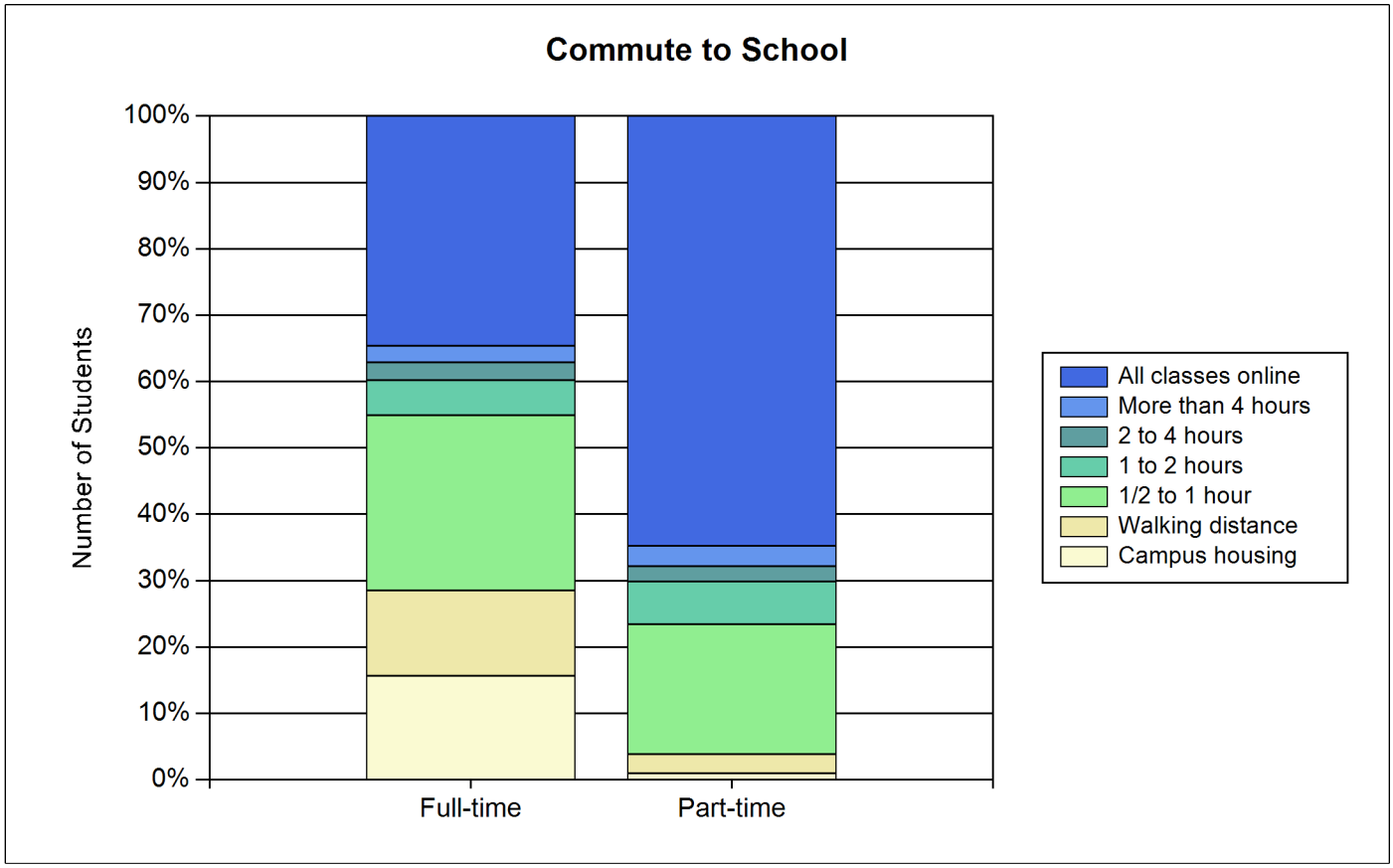


TABLE 13: Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formed #	Current Denomination #	Current Denomination %
African Methodist Episcopal	31	21	0.6
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	7	3	0.1
American Baptist Churches USA	47	25	0.7
Anglican Church of Canada	27	40	1.1
Anglican, Other	68	74	2.0
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	5	2	0.1
Assemblies of God	197	99	2.6
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	2	1	0.0
Associated Gospel Churches of Canada	4	0	0.0
Augsburg Lutheran Churches	0	1	0.0
Baptist	540	149	3.9
Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec	7	2	0.1
Baptist General Association of Virginia	5	2	0.1
Baptist General Convention of Texas	15	19	0.5
Baptist Missionary Association of America	7	2	0.1
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	5	3	0.1
Baptist, Other	45	18	0.5
Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)	1	0	0.0
Brethren in Christ Church	3	2	0.1
Brethren, Other	11	2	0.1
Buddhist	28	23	0.6
Byzantine Catholic	4	4	0.1
Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations	1	0	0.0
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada	8	18	0.5
Canadian Baptists of Western Canada	5	1	0.0
Canadian National Baptist Convention	0	0	0.0
Canadian Reformed Churches	1	1	0.0
Catholic, Other	54	15	0.4
Christian and Missionary Alliance	55	51	1.3
Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)	6	2	0.1
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	26	26	0.7
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	23	15	0.4
Christian Methodist Episcopal	9	9	0.2
Christian Reformed Church	28	31	0.8

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

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formed #	Current Denomination #	Current Denomination %
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	9	4	0.1
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	20	9	0.2
Church of God in Christ	38	10	0.3
Church of God in Western Canada	0	0	0.0
Church of the Brethren	10	2	0.1
Church of the Nazarene	47	15	0.4
Churches of Christ	44	21	0.6
Churches of Christ-Christian Churches, Other	9	4	0.1
Churches of God, General Conference	4	8	0.2
Conference of Mennonites	1	0	0.0
Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches	0	0	0.0
Converge Worldwide	10	7	0.2
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	16	32	0.8
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	2	4	0.1
ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians	3	7	0.2
Episcopal Church	85	111	2.9
Evangelical Church in Canada	7	5	0.1
Evangelical Congregational Church	12	11	0.3
Evangelical Covenant Church	29	47	1.2
Evangelical Formosan Church	3	2	0.1
Evangelical Free Church of America	45	46	1.2
Evangelical Free Church of Canada	4	1	0.0
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	125	144	3.8
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada	2	5	0.1
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	10	21	0.6
Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada	7	9	0.2
Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches	0	1	0.0
Foursquare Gospel Church	17	8	0.2
Free Methodist Church	18	15	0.4
Friends, Quaker	4	7	0.2
General Assembly of World Presbyterian Church	3	1	0.0
General Association of General Baptists	1	1	0.0
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches	5	1	0.0
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	4	11	0.3

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

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formed #	Current Denomination #	Current Denomination %
General Church of New Jerusalem	0	0	0.0
General Church of New Jerusalem	0	0	0.0
Global Methodist Church	11	31	0.8
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	10	7	0.2
Heritage Reformed Congregations (USA and Canada)	0	0	0.0
Independent Baptist	24	6	0.2
Independent Methodist	5	3	0.1
Inter/Multidenominational	33	47	1.2
Jewish	26	20	0.5
Korean American Presbyterian Church	24	13	0.3
Korean Evangelical Holiness Church	6	5	0.1
Korean Methodist Church in America	9	7	0.2
Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad	22	8	0.2
Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin)	6	2	0.1
Lutheran Church-Canada	1	2	0.1
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	125	128	3.4
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ	3	5	0.1
Lutheran, Other	33	9	0.2
Mennonite Brethren Church in North America	9	7	0.2
Mennonite Church Canada	1	2	0.1
Mennonite Church USA	2	2	0.1
Mennonite, Other	11	4	0.1
Methodist, Other	33	20	0.5
Missionary Church in Canada	1	1	0.0
Moravian Church in North America	3	6	0.2
Muslim	20	18	0.5
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches	2	1	0.0
National Baptist Convention of America, Intl. Inc.	6	8	0.2
National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.	22	25	0.7
Nondenominational	519	646	17.1
North American Baptist Conference	5	7	0.2
North American Lutheran Church	6	3	0.1
Orthodox Church in America	6	14	0.4
Orthodox Presbyterian	8	12	0.3

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

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denominations Raised/Formed #	Current Denomination #	Current Denomination %
Orthodox, Other	4	7	0.2
Other	157	206	5.4
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	17	8	0.2
Pentecostal, Other	131	66	1.7
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	133	143	3.8
Presbyterian Church in America	69	58	1.5
Presbyterian Church in Canada	12	13	0.3
Presbyterian Church International	9	3	0.1
Presbyterian, Other	50	22	0.6
Progressive National Baptist Convention	3	11	0.3
Reformed Church in America	9	8	0.2
Reformed Episcopal Church	5	4	0.1
Reformed Presbyterian	25	13	0.3
Reformed, Other	34	33	0.9
Religious Society of Friends	4	1	0.0
Religious Society of Friends, Other	0	0	0.0
Roman Catholic	480	242	6.4
Salvation Army	9	2	0.1
Seventh-day Adventist	88	90	2.4
South Carolina Baptist Convention	4	1	0.0
Southern Baptist Convention	216	158	4.2
The Foursquare Church	10	2	0.1
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA	1	1	0.0
Unitarian Universalist	20	41	1.1
United Church of Canada	12	21	0.6
United Church of Christ	25	47	1.2
United Methodist Church	265	261	6.9
United Pentecostal Church International	17	12	0.3
Venture Church Network	6	8	0.2
Wesleyan Church	24	4	0.1
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	2	0	0.0
TOTAL	**4,702**	**3,786**	**100.3**

TABLE 14: Worshiping Community and Service in Leadership

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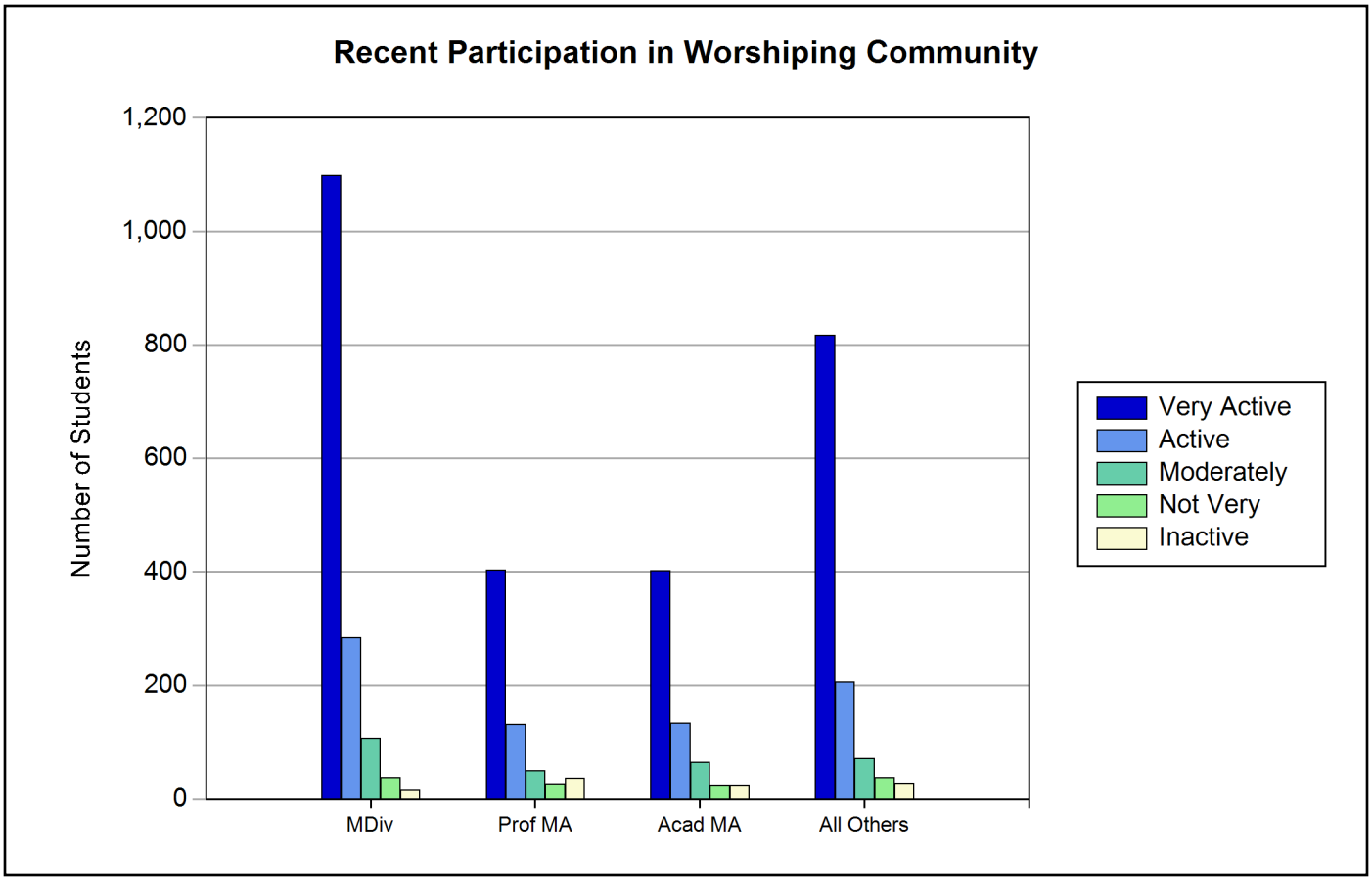
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Recent Participation In Worshiping Community												
	Very Active		Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
Participation	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
MDiv	1,099	71.1	285	18.4	107	6.9	38	2.5	17	1.1	1,546	100.0
Prof MA	404	62.3	131	20.2	50	7.7	27	4.2	36	5.6	648	100.0
Acad MA	403	61.9	134	20.6	66	10.1	24	3.7	24	3.7	651	100.0
All Others	818	70.4	206	17.7	73	6.3	37	3.2	28	2.4	1,162	100.0

Membership														
	Under 100		100 - 249		250 - 499		500 - 999		1,000 - 1,999		2,000 or more		Total	
Kind of Church	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	125	48.4	77	29.8	29	11.2	15	5.8	4	1.6	8	3.1	258	100.0
Small town	210	37.7	180	32.3	101	18.1	42	7.5	18	3.2	6	1.1	557	100.0
Suburban	225	16.5	351	25.8	278	20.4	168	12.3	132	9.7	209	15.3	1,363	100.0
Urban	324	22.5	347	24.1	259	18.0	172	12.0	131	9.1	204	14.2	1,437	100.0
TOTAL	**884**	**24.5**	**955**	**26.4**	**667**	**18.5**	**397**	**11.0**	**285**	**7.9**	**427**	**11.8**	**3,615**	**100.0**

Elected or Appointed Service in Leadership within Past Five Years										
	MDiv N = 1541		Prof MA N = 641		Acad MA N = 641		All Others N = 1156		Total N = 3986	
Service in Leadership	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Local church	937	60.8	347	54.1	323	49.8	691	59.8	2,298	57.7
Other church body or religious organization	325	21.1	127	19.8	136	21.0	328	28.4	916	23.0
School or college organization	345	22.4	80	12.5	133	20.5	188	16.3	746	18.7
Civic or fraternal organization	112	7.3	39	6.1	44	6.8	81	7.0	276	6.9
Other leadership position	362	23.5	136	21.2	135	20.8	250	21.6	883	22.2
No recent leadership position	285	18.5	167	26.1	170	26.2	245	21.2	867	21.8

CHART 14: Worshiping Community and Size of Church



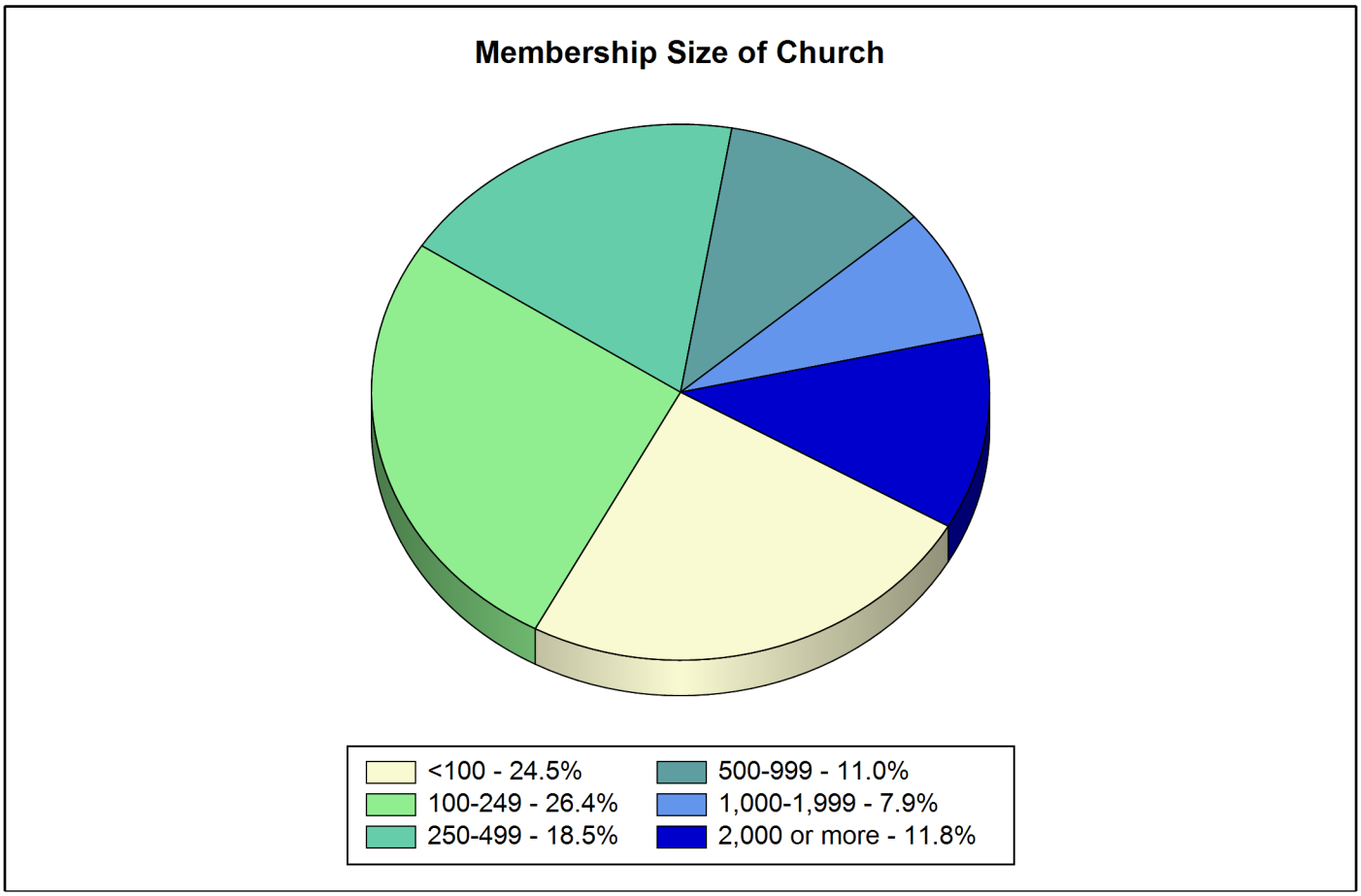


TABLE 15: Time First Considered Theological School and Plan for Ordination

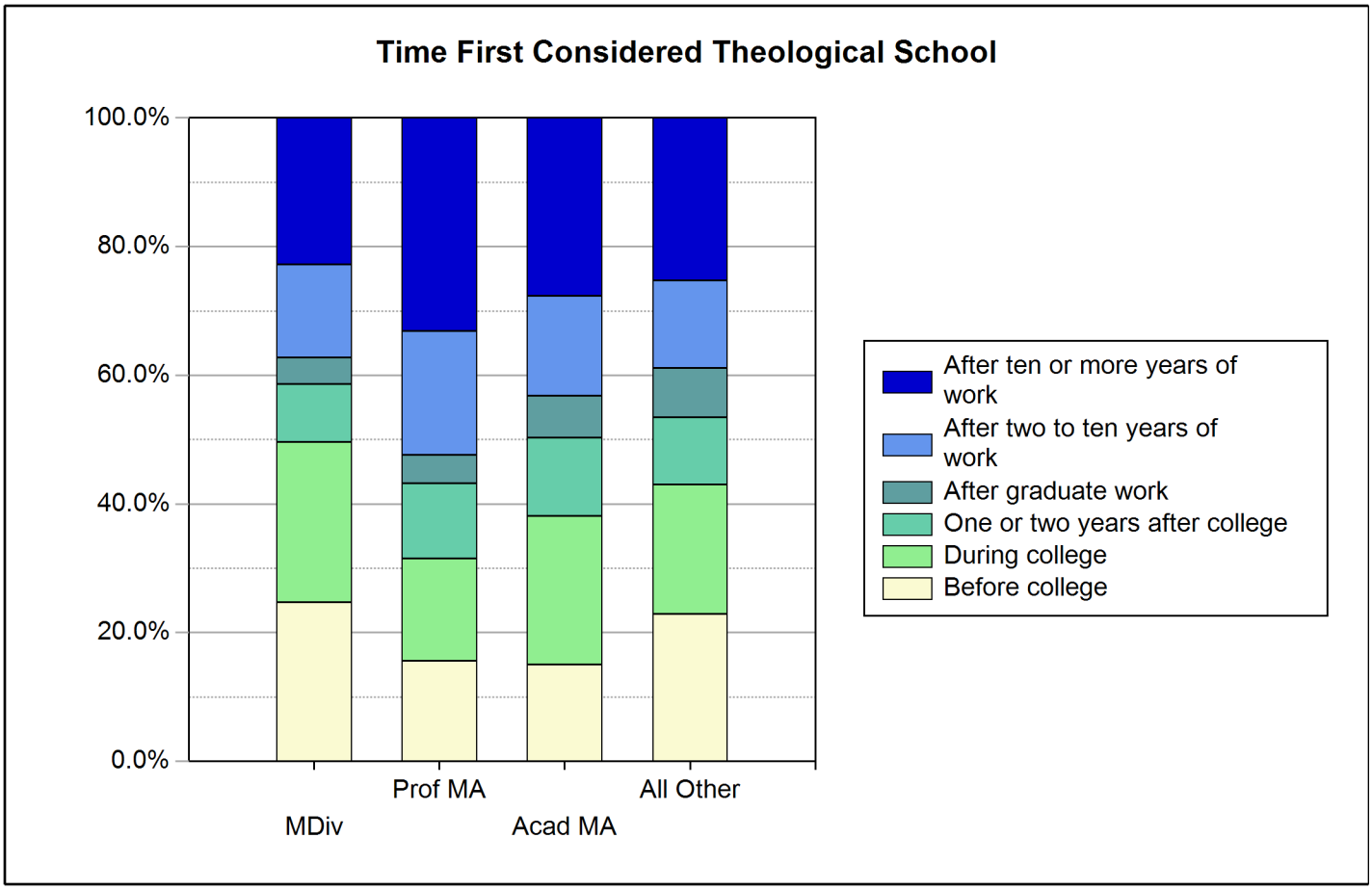
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All Schools

First Considered Theological School	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	382	24.7	100	15.6	98	15.1	266	22.9	846	21.2
During college	385	24.9	103	16.0	150	23.1	235	20.2	873	21.8
One or two years after college	139	9.0	75	11.7	79	12.2	121	10.4	414	10.4
After graduate work	64	4.1	28	4.4	42	6.5	89	7.7	223	5.6
After two to ten years of work	224	14.5	124	19.3	101	15.5	158	13.6	607	15.2
After ten or more years of work	350	22.7	213	33.1	180	27.7	294	25.3	1,037	25.9
TOTAL	**1,544**	**38.6**	**643**	**16.1**	**650**	**16.3**	**1,163**	**29.1**	**4,000**	**100.0**

Plan for Ordination	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	971	62.7	120	18.5	80	12.3	233	20.0	1,404	35.0
No	135	8.7	293	45.3	314	48.2	332	28.5	1,074	26.8
Unsure	324	20.9	155	24.0	184	28.3	218	18.7	881	22.0
Already Ordained	119	7.7	79	12.2	73	11.2	383	32.8	654	16.3
TOTAL	**1,549**	**38.6**	**647**	**16.1**	**651**	**16.2**	**1,166**	**29.1**	**4,013**	**100.0**

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



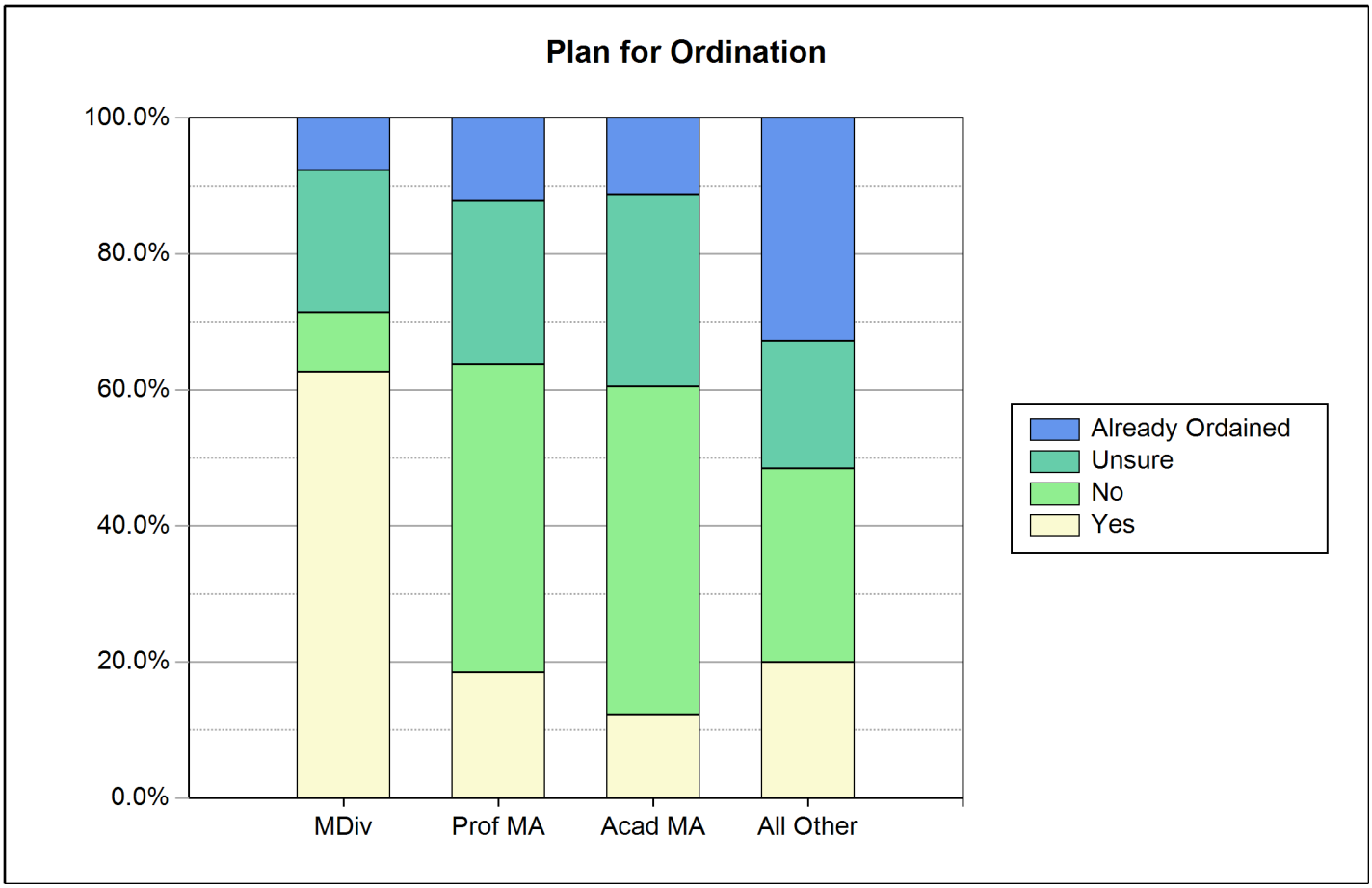


TABLE 16: How Student First Learned about School

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Source	MDiv N = 1,535		Prof MA N = 636		Acad MA N = 641		DMin N = 377		All Others N = 770		Total * N = 3,959	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	177	11.5	88	13.8	90	14.0	78	20.7	104	13.5	537	13.6
Relative	95	6.2	37	5.8	41	6.4	7	1.9	43	5.6	223	5.6
Friend	158	10.3	85	13.4	78	12.2	46	12.2	104	13.5	471	11.9
Pastor	384	25.0	104	16.4	100	15.6	31	8.2	103	13.4	722	18.2
Religious superior	140	9.1	43	6.8	36	5.6	18	4.8	51	6.6	288	7.3
Current student	59	3.8	39	6.1	32	5.0	21	5.6	28	3.6	179	4.5
College chaplain, advisor, or other college contact	76	5.0	14	2.2	24	3.7	9	2.4	27	3.5	150	3.8
Theological school recruiter	36	2.3	12	1.9	9	1.4	20	5.3	23	3.0	100	2.5
Know a particular faculty member(s) at theological school	76	5.0	34	5.3	43	6.7	39	10.3	87	11.3	279	7.0
Online ad	12	0.8	6	0.9	12	1.9	8	2.1	11	1.4	49	1.2
Print ad or mailing	2	0.1	1	0.2	5	0.8	1	0.3	2	0.3	11	0.3
Theological school publications	15	1.0	8	1.3	9	1.4	7	1.9	10	1.3	49	1.2
Conference or church event	46	3.0	25	3.9	9	1.4	13	3.4	24	3.1	117	3.0
School Website	94	6.1	56	8.8	64	10.0	24	6.4	66	8.6	304	7.7
Web search	136	8.9	66	10.4	77	12.0	38	10.1	71	9.2	388	9.8
Social media search	9	0.6	5	0.8	1	0.2	4	1.1	3	0.4	22	0.6
Theological school initiated contact with me	20	1.3	13	2.0	11	1.7	13	3.4	13	1.7	70	1.8
TOTAL	**1,535**	**38.8**	**636**	**16.1**	**641**	**16.2**	**377**	**9.5**	**770**	**19.4**	**3,959**	**100.0**

* Total number of responses

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

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

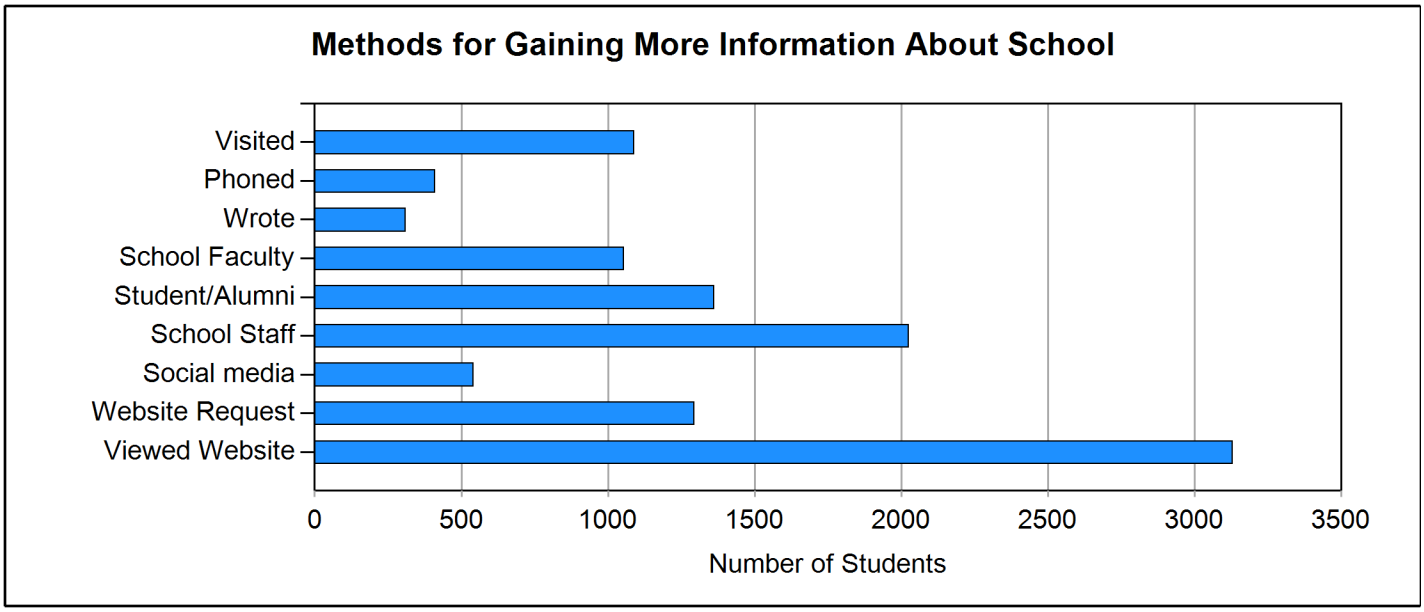
Methods for Gaining More Information About School N = 3,995	#	%
Viewed school Website	3,129	78.3
Requested information via the school Website	1,294	32.4
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	541	13.5
Communicated with school staff	2,026	50.7
Communicated with current student / graduate	1,361	34.1
Communicated with school faculty	1,053	26.4
Wrote to the school	310	7.8
Telephoned the school	410	10.3
Visited the school	1,088	27.2

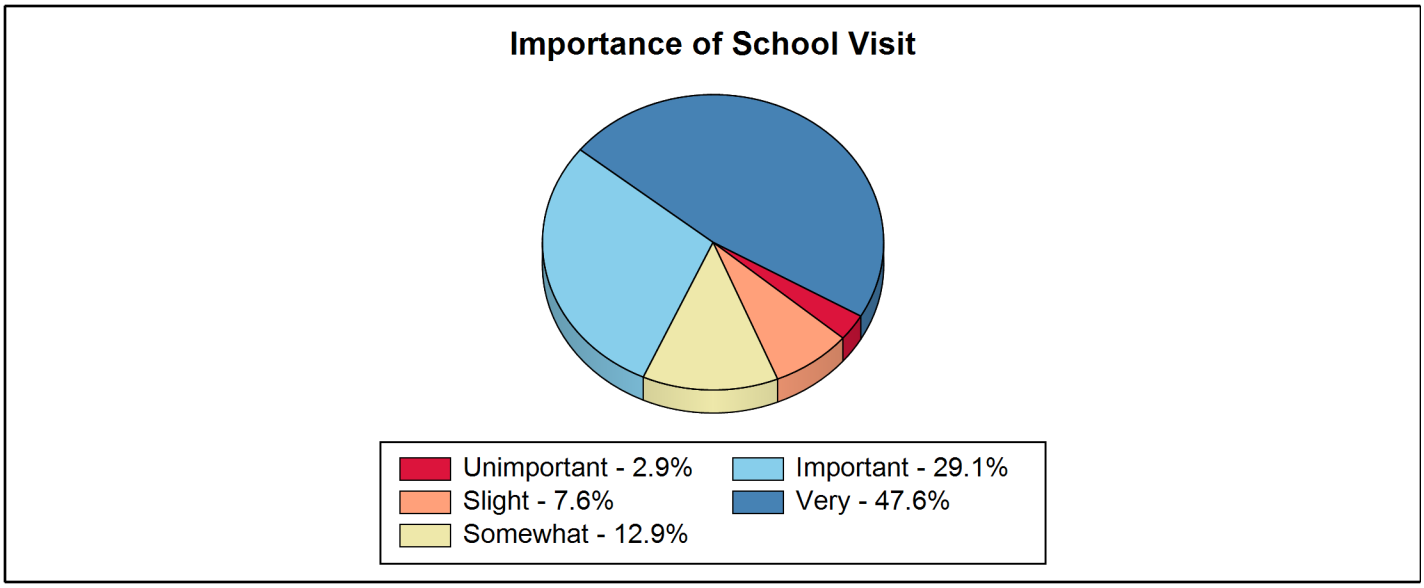
Importance of School Visit	#	%
Of no importance	31	2.9
Slightly important	82	7.6
Somewhat important	139	12.9
Important	314	29.1
Very important	514	47.6
TOTAL	**1,080**	**100.0**

Relocated to attend seminary	Yes		No		Maybe		Total	
Use of Student Housing	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
Yes	415	47.4	83	6.3	23	21.9	521	22.6
Yes, as a commuter only	21	2.4	49	3.7	11	10.5	81	3.5
No	439	50.2	1,196	90.1	71	67.6	1,706	73.9
TOTAL	**875**	**37.9**	**1,328**	**57.5**	**105**	**4.5**	**2,308**	**100.0**

Importance of the Availability of Housing to Decision	#	%
Of no importance	54	9.0
Slightly important	56	9.3
Somewhat important	70	11.6
Important	139	23.1
Very important	282	46.9
TOTAL	**601**	**100.0**

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





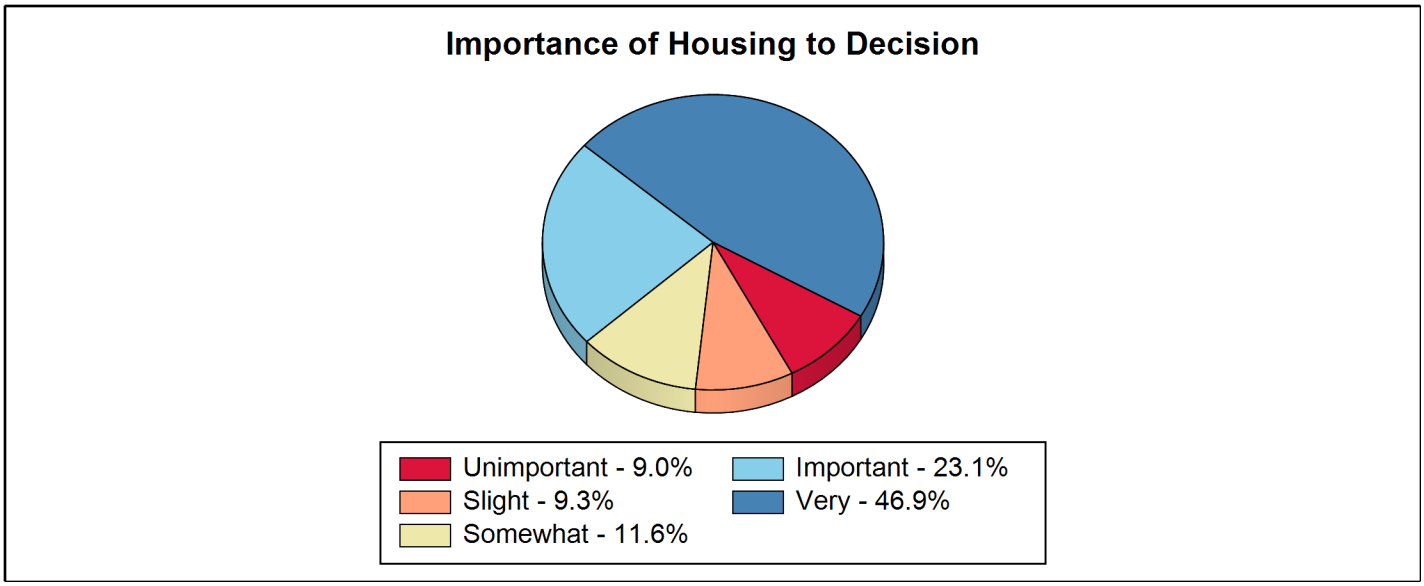


TABLE 18: Importance of Factors in Decision to Pursue Theological Education

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Source of Influence	MDiv N = 1,549		Prof MA N = 648		Acad MA N = 653		DMin N = 384		Other N = 782		Total N = 4,016	
	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	1.4	3.1	1.5	2.9	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.0	1.5
Influence of friend(s)	2.6	1.3	2.6	1.3	2.5	1.4	2.6	1.3	2.6	1.3	2.6	1.3
Encouragement of pastor / minister	3.6	1.3	3.1	1.5	2.9	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.3	1.4
Experience of counseling/spiritual direction	3.2	1.4	3.4	1.4	3.0	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.1	1.4	3.2	1.4
Experienced a call from God	4.5	0.9	4.2	1.1	4.1	1.2	4.6	0.9	4.3	1.1	4.4	1.0
Intellectual interest in religious / theological questions	4.3	0.9	4.0	1.1	4.5	0.8	4.3	1.0	4.3	1.0	4.3	0.9
Opportunity for study and growth	4.4	0.9	4.4	0.8	4.6	0.7	4.5	0.8	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.8
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.3	3.8	1.2	3.7	1.2
Search for meaning in life	3.2	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4
To discern God's will	4.0	1.2	3.7	1.4	3.8	1.3	3.8	1.4	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	2.1	1.3	2.7	1.5	2.4	1.4	2.6	1.5
Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice	3.4	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.5	3.6	1.3	3.2	1.4	3.4	1.4
Desire to preserve traditions of the church	3.1	1.4	2.6	1.4	2.8	1.4	2.8	1.4	2.8	1.4	2.9	1.4
Desire to make a difference in life of church	4.2	1.0	3.9	1.3	4.0	1.2	4.3	1.0	4.0	1.2	4.1	1.1
Experience in campus Christian organization	2.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	2.4	1.4	2.5	1.5	2.5	1.4	2.5	1.4
Experience of the community life of a local church or worshipping community	3.7	1.3	3.4	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.5	1.3	3.4	1.4	3.5	1.4
Desire to make a difference in the world	4.2	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.1	1.1	4.4	0.9	4.2	1.1	4.2	1.0
To increase my potential to get a job	2.4	1.4	2.9	1.5	2.4	1.4	2.7	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.5	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=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Source of Influence	MDiv N = 1550 Avg	MDiv N = 1550 Std Dev	Prof MA N = 645 Avg	Prof MA N = 645 Std Dev	Acad MA N = 651 Avg	Acad MA N = 651 Std Dev	DMin N = 384 Avg	DMin N = 384 Std Dev	Other N = 780 Avg	Other N = 780 Std Dev	Total N = 4010 Avg	Total N = 4010 Std Dev
Quality of the faculty	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.1	1.1	4.2	1.0
Curriculum	4.1	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.3	0.9	4.4	0.8	4.2	0.9	4.2	0.9
Academic reputation of the school	4.2	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.4	0.9	4.1	1.0	4.2	1.0
University / college affiliation	3.3	1.5	3.3	1.5	3.3	1.5	3.6	1.4	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.5
Access to other theological schools / cross-registration	2.7	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.7	1.5	2.9	1.5	2.7	1.4	2.7	1.4
Availability of distance learning	3.3	1.7	3.9	1.5	3.6	1.6	4.5	1.0	3.7	1.6	3.6	1.6
Extension site of main campus	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.5	2.3	1.5	2.6	1.5	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.5
Flexible class schedule	3.4	1.5	3.8	1.3	3.6	1.5	4.1	1.2	3.6	1.4	3.6	1.4
Denominational affiliation	3.6	1.4	3.1	1.5	2.9	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	4.1	1.1	4.0	1.2	4.2	1.1	3.9	1.2	4.1	1.1
Encouragement of my pastor	3.3	1.5	2.8	1.6	2.6	1.5	2.6	1.6	2.7	1.5	2.9	1.5
Sent by religious superior	2.2	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.9	1.3	1.9	1.3	2.0	1.4	2.0	1.4
Recommended by a graduate/current student	2.9	1.5	2.8	1.6	2.7	1.6	2.9	1.5	2.7	1.5	2.8	1.6
Encouragement of a faculty member / mentor from my college	2.3	1.5	2.1	1.4	2.2	1.5	2.4	1.5	2.4	1.5	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	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.7	1.1
Family reasons	2.2	1.4	2.3	1.4	2.1	1.3	2.2	1.4	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.4
Quality of the admissions staff	3.1	1.4	3.0	1.4	2.9	1.5	3.0	1.5	2.8	1.4	3.0	1.4
Good financial aid assistance	3.8	1.4	3.2	1.6	3.2	1.6	3.4	1.6	3.1	1.6	3.4	1.6
Wanted a school close to home / work	2.5	1.6	2.7	1.6	2.4	1.6	2.2	1.5	2.5	1.6	2.5	1.6
Diverse / multicultural community	3.3	1.5	3.4	1.4	3.1	1.5	3.5	1.5	3.2	1.5	3.3	1.5
Sense of community at the school	3.6	1.4	3.5	1.4	3.2	1.5	3.4	1.4	3.2	1.4	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=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

How often on campus	MDiv #	MDiv %	Prof MA #	Prof MA %	Acad MA #	Acad MA %	Other #	Other %	Total #	Total %
Weekly	783	76.7	229	73.4	273	74.6	330	55.1	1615	70.3
Several times a quarter or semester	70	6.9	24	7.7	33	9.0	58	9.7	185	8.1
Once a quarter or semester	80	7.8	26	8.3	20	5.5	87	14.5	213	9.3
Once or twice a year	88	8.6	33	10.6	40	10.9	124	20.7	285	12.4
TOTAL	1021	44.4	312	13.6	366	15.9	599	26.1	2298	100.0

Any online courses?	MDiv #	MDiv %	Prof MA #	Prof MA %	Acad MA #	Acad MA %	Other #	Other %	Total #	Total %
Yes	332	32.5	152	48.4	148	40.3	291	48.5	923	40.1
No	460	45.0	79	25.2	134	36.5	176	29.3	849	36.9
Maybe	230	22.5	83	26.4	85	23.2	133	22.2	531	23.1
TOTAL	1022	44.4	314	13.6	367	15.9	600	26.1	2303	100.0

Courses at a campus?	#	%
Yes	2317	57.5
No, I plan to take all my courses online.	1710	42.5
TOTAL	4027	100.0

TABLE 21: Current Engagement in Ministerial Work and Bivocational Intentions

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Currently engaged in ministerial work?	Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No	941	44.8	868	48.5	34	64.2	1,843	46.8
Yes, plan to continue	975	46.5	739	41.3	11	20.8	1,725	43.8
Yes, but do not plan to continue	63	3.0	46	2.6	0	0.0	109	2.8
Yes, unsure about continuing	120	5.7	135	7.6	8	15.1	263	6.7
TOTAL	**2,099**	**53.3**	**1,788**	**45.4**	**53**	**1.3**	**3,940**	**100.0**

Plan on multiple positions?	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat AM		White		Multi		Other		Undisc		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	72	14.0	98	19.0	51	20.6	1	12.5	197	10.3	26	10.3	13	17.8	14	14.6	472	13.0
Yes, including ministry	112	21.7	200	38.7	56	22.7	1	12.5	280	14.7	54	21.3	17	23.3	17	17.7	737	20.4
Unsure, but one ministry	145	28.2	116	22.4	63	25.5	4	50.0	599	31.4	92	36.4	18	24.7	25	26.0	1,062	29.4
Unsure	103	20.0	70	13.5	51	20.6	1	12.5	464	24.3	50	19.8	18	24.7	28	29.2	785	21.7
No	83	16.1	33	6.4	26	10.5	1	12.5	368	19.3	31	12.3	7	9.6	12	12.5	561	15.5
TOTAL	**100**	**2.8**	**517**	**14.3**	**247**	**6.8**	**8**	**0.2**	**1,908**	**52.8**	**253**	**7.0**	**73**	**2.0**	**96**	**2.7**	**3,617**	**100.0**

TABLE 22: Interest in Vocational Contexts by Age

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

	Congreational / Parish N = 2069		Teaching / Education N = 1578		Healthcare N = 1002		Nonprofit N = 1165		Other N = 489	
Age Range	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
19 or younger	9	0.4	4	0.3	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.2
20-25	393	19.0	295	18.7	150	15.0	186	16.0	77	15.7
26-30	261	12.6	220	13.9	135	13.5	137	11.8	65	13.3
31-35	246	11.9	192	12.2	123	12.3	139	11.9	50	10.2
36-40	241	11.6	178	11.3	108	10.8	138	11.8	62	12.7
41-45	270	13.0	192	12.2	111	11.1	155	13.3	65	13.3
46-50	220	10.6	174	11.0	120	12.0	136	11.7	52	10.6
51-55	164	7.9	126	8.0	97	9.7	111	9.5	44	9.0
56 or older	265	12.8	197	12.5	157	15.7	162	13.9	73	14.9
TOTAL	2,069	100.0	1,578	100.0	1,002	100.0	1,165	100.0	489	100.0

CHART 22: Interest in Vocational Contexts by Age

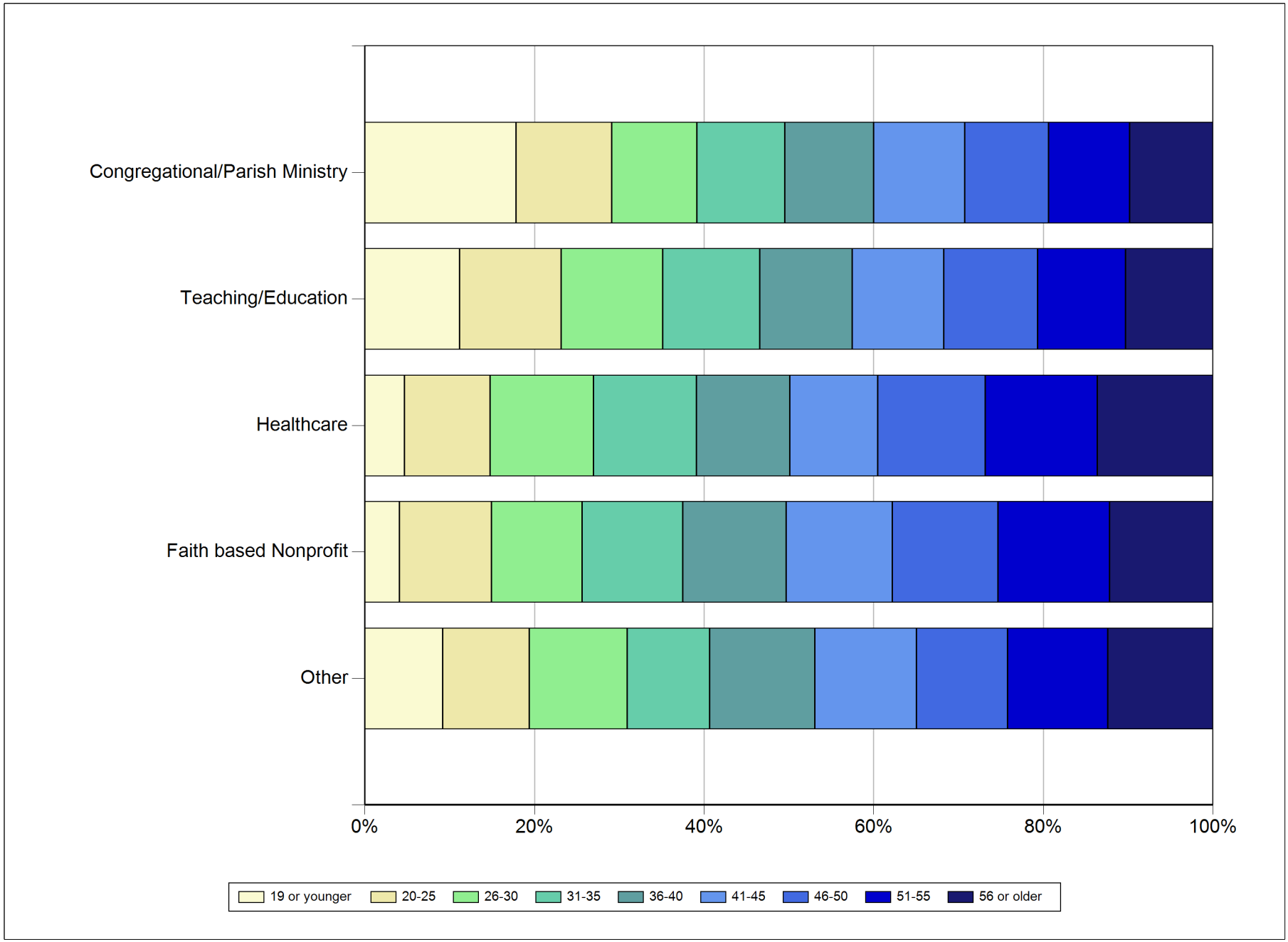


TABLE 23-A: Expectation for Position after Graduation by Degree Program

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others	
Expectation	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish	582	28.9	66	9.1	75	11.5	295	22.5
Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister	167	8.3	42	5.8	20	3.1	58	4.4
Minister or director of Christian/religious education	27	1.3	12	1.6	16	2.5	25	1.9
Youth work or ministry	64	3.2	49	6.7	18	2.8	49	3.7
Musician or liturgist	13	0.6	7	1.0	5	0.8	12	0.9
Spiritual director	12	0.6	11	1.5	6	0.9	15	1.1
New church development / church planting / evangelism	17	0.8	10	1.4	12	1.8	11	0.8
Other position within a congregation/parish context	22	1.1	21	2.9	14	2.1	21	1.6
Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context	162	8.0	40	5.5	34	5.2	56	4.3
Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)	22	1.1	14	1.9	10	1.5	24	1.8
Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)	56	2.8	23	3.2	16	2.5	33	2.5
Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy	153	7.6	41	5.6	12	1.8	69	5.3
Military chaplaincy	51	2.5	3	0.4	4	0.6	21	1.6
Prison ministry	25	1.2	4	0.5	4	0.6	4	0.3
Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)	27	1.3	17	2.3	15	2.3	22	1.7
Missionary service (foreign)	44	2.2	13	1.8	21	3.2	37	2.8
Denominational administrator or staff	11	0.5	5	0.7	5	0.8	12	0.9
Teaching in primary or secondary education	35	1.7	18	2.5	33	5.1	22	1.7
Teaching or administration in a theological school	73	3.6	12	1.6	53	8.1	127	9.7
Other teaching or administration in higher education	37	1.8	11	1.5	38	5.8	29	2.2
Other Religious or parachurch agency/organization	23	1.1	10	1.4	6	0.9	14	1.1
Social work/social services	22	1.1	8	1.1	13	2.0	22	1.7
Social justice ministry	45	2.2	18	2.5	8	1.2	18	1.4
Community development or community organizing	12	0.6	8	1.1	5	0.8	7	0.5
Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)	23	1.1	10	1.4	6	0.9	9	0.7
Licensed counselor or psychologist	22	1.1	142	19.5	40	6.1	93	7.1
Executive/administrator in a nonprofit agency	20	1.0	13	1.8	6	0.9	24	1.8
Executive/administrator in a for-profit business	6	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.5	10	0.8
Further graduate or professional studies	24	1.2	8	1.1	30	4.6	22	1.7
Full-time homemaking or childcare	2	0.1	5	0.7	1	0.2	1	0.1
Medicine/engineering/law	6	0.3	4	0.5	21	3.2	8	0.6
Other: (Please specify)	23	1.1	11	1.5	20	3.1	28	2.1
Undecided	187	9.3	72	9.9	83	12.7	115	8.8
TOTAL	**2,015**	**15.5**	**729**	**15.5**	**653**	**13.9**	**1,313**	**27.9**

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

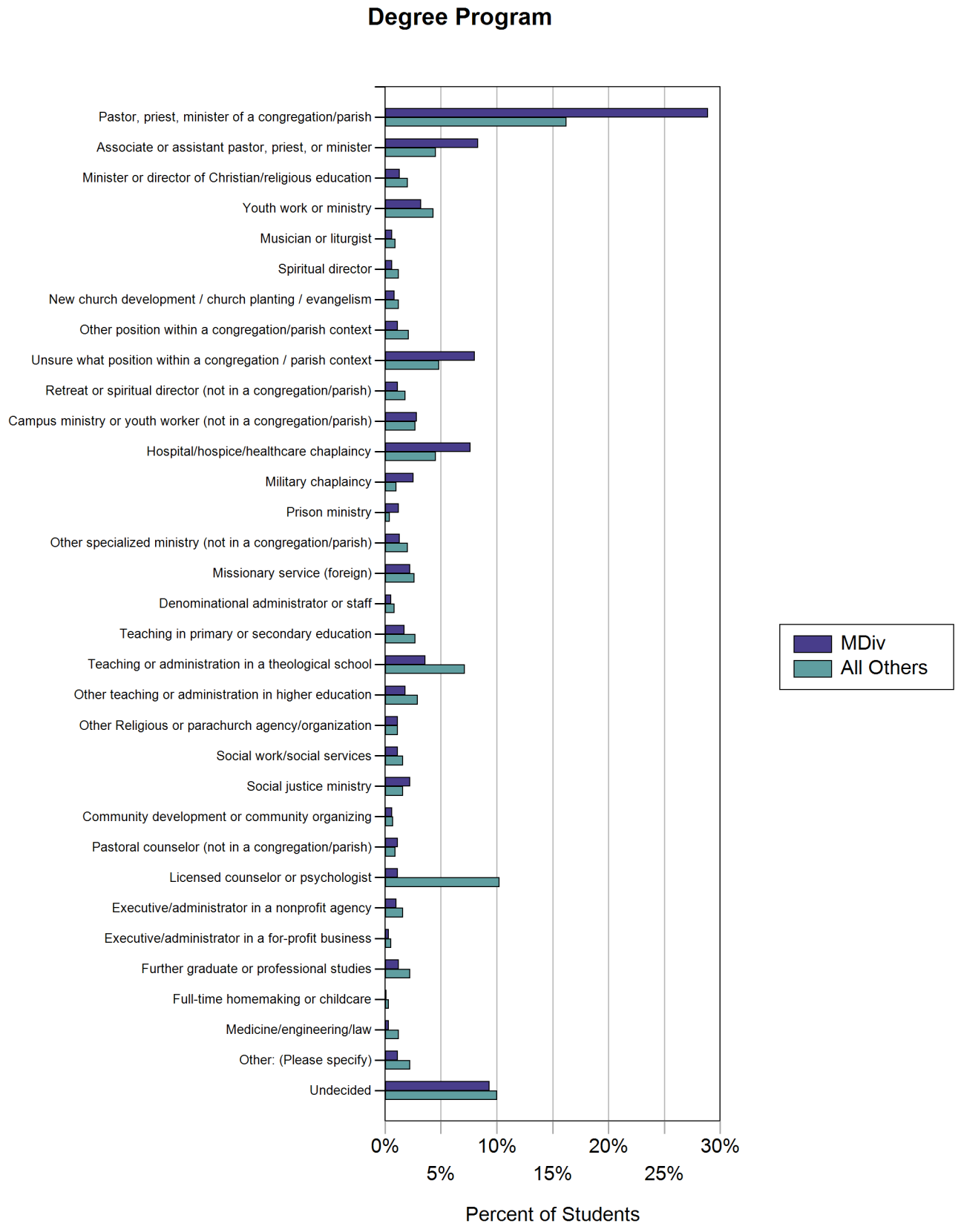


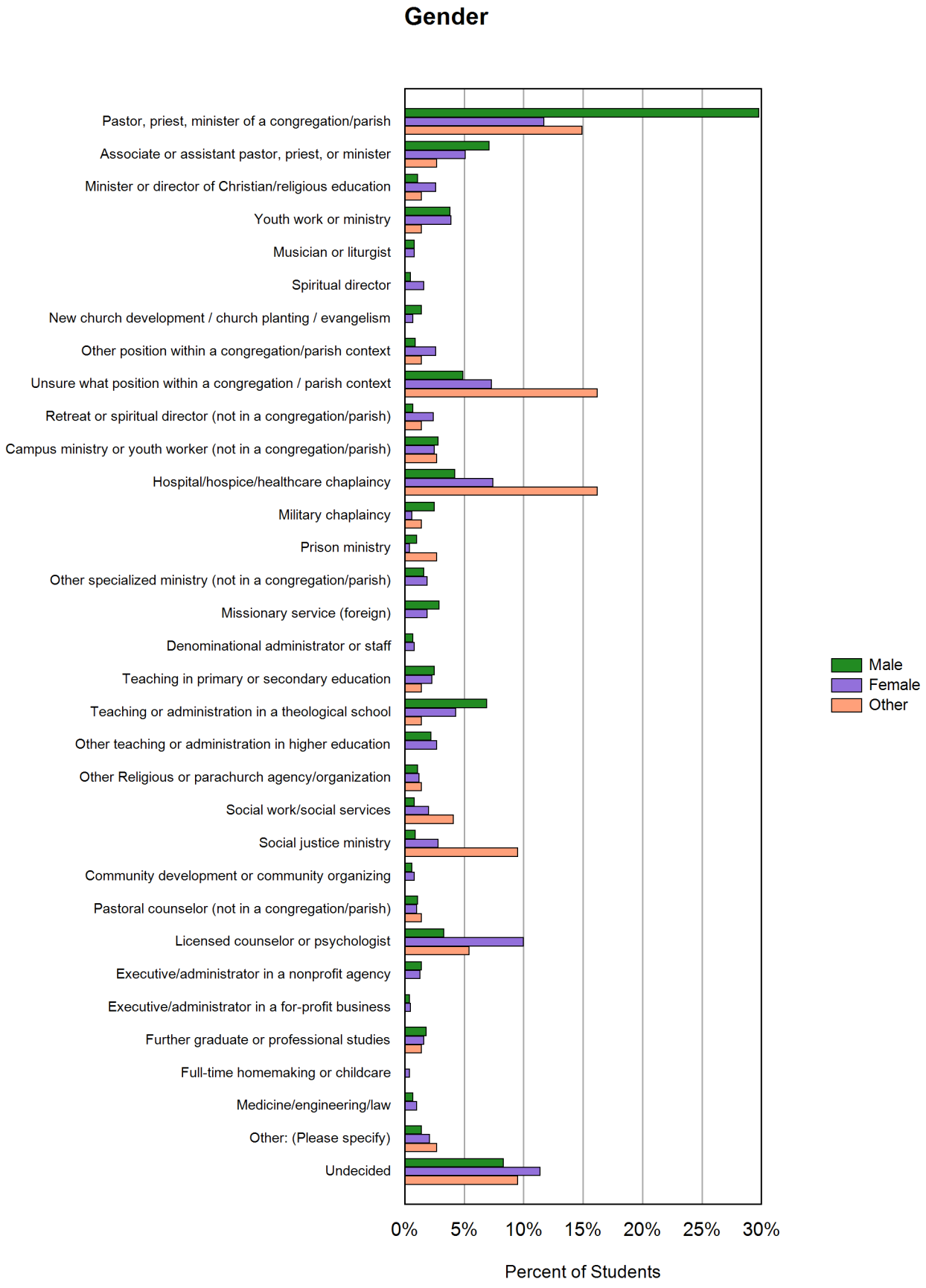
TABLE 23-B: Expectation for Position after Graduation by Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2026 - 2027, TERM=All

All Schools

Expectation	Male		Female		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish	764	29.8	239	11.7	11	14.9	1,014	21.6
Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister	181	7.1	105	5.1	2	2.7	288	6.1
Minister or director of Christian/religious education	27	1.1	53	2.6	1	1.4	81	1.7
Youth work or ministry	98	3.8	80	3.9	1	1.4	179	3.8
Musician or liturgist	21	0.8	17	0.8	0	0.0	38	0.8
Spiritual director	12	0.5	33	1.6	0	0.0	45	1.0
New church development / church planting / evangelism	35	1.4	15	0.7	0	0.0	50	1.1
Other position within a congregation/parish context	24	0.9	54	2.6	1	1.4	79	1.7
Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context	127	4.9	150	7.3	12	16.2	289	6.2
Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)	19	0.7	49	2.4	1	1.4	69	1.5
Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)	73	2.8	52	2.5	2	2.7	127	2.7
Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy	109	4.2	152	7.4	12	16.2	273	5.8
Military chaplaincy	65	2.5	12	0.6	1	1.4	78	1.7
Prison ministry	25	1.0	9	0.4	2	2.7	36	0.8
Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)	41	1.6	39	1.9	0	0.0	80	1.7
Missionary service (foreign)	74	2.9	38	1.9	0	0.0	112	2.4
Denominational administrator or staff	17	0.7	16	0.8	0	0.0	33	0.7
Teaching in primary or secondary education	63	2.5	47	2.3	1	1.4	111	2.4
Teaching or administration in a theological school	177	6.9	88	4.3	1	1.4	266	5.7
Other teaching or administration in higher education	56	2.2	56	2.7	0	0.0	112	2.4
Other Religious or parachurch agency/organization	27	1.1	24	1.2	1	1.4	52	1.1
Social work/social services	20	0.8	40	2.0	3	4.1	63	1.3
Social justice ministry	24	0.9	58	2.8	7	9.5	89	1.9
Community development or community organizing	15	0.6	17	0.8	0	0.0	32	0.7
Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)	27	1.1	21	1.0	1	1.4	49	1.0
Licensed counselor or psychologist	84	3.3	205	10.0	4	5.4	293	6.3
Executive/administrator in a nonprofit agency	37	1.4	27	1.3	0	0.0	64	1.4
Executive/administrator in a for-profit business	9	0.4	11	0.5	0	0.0	20	0.4
Further graduate or professional studies	47	1.8	32	1.6	1	1.4	80	1.7
Full-time homemaking or childcare	1	0.0	8	0.4	0	0.0	9	0.2
Medicine/engineering/law	18	0.7	21	1.0	0	0.0	39	0.8
Other: (Please specify)	37	1.4	43	2.1	2	2.7	82	1.8
Undecided	212	8.3	234	11.4	7	9.5	453	9.7
TOTAL	**2,566**	**54.8**	**2,045**	**43.6**	**74**	**1.6**	**4,685**	**100.0**

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



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