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# **University of Washington - Tacoma New Student Survey**

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### **Methodology**

This survey of incoming students was conducted as part of New Student Orientation. It was presented as an assignment in their Transition 101 (new first year students) or Transition 201 (new transfer students) Canvas courses.

### **What is the purpose of this report?**

This report is intended to give UW Tacoma academic and student support units information about our incoming student population so that they can better design programs to meet student needs.

### **What is in this report?**

The figures in this report are descriptive statistics that outline student responses to questions in the New Student Survey.

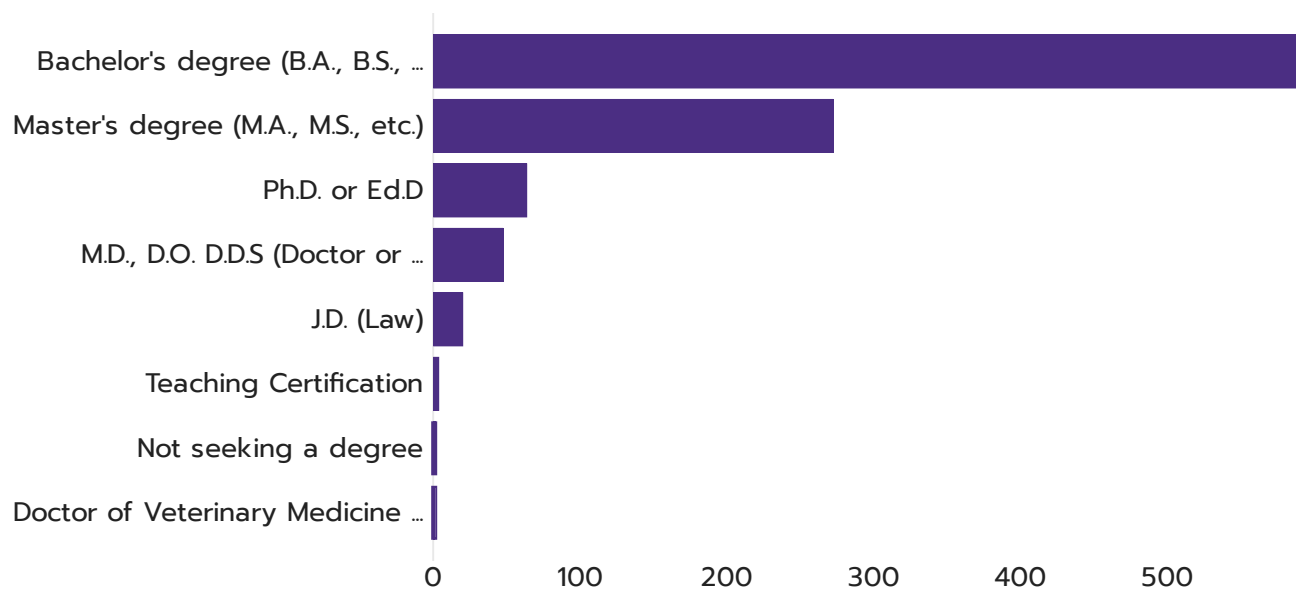
### **How was the survey developed?**

A group comprised of representatives from Student Transitions & Success and Institutional Research developed these questions from previous surveys, but added questions that we believed would help units improve student services. We examined each questions for how the answer could help in that desire to improve student experience at UW Tacoma.

### **Survey Responses**

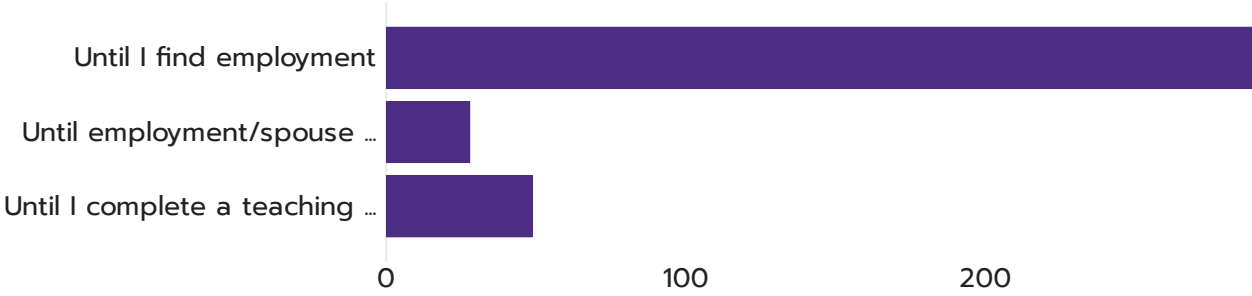
We had 1,024 responses to this survey of incoming students.

## What is the highest degree you hope to attain?



Field	Choice Count
Not seeking a degree	2
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)	591
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)	273
Ph.D. or Ed.D	64
M.D., D.O. D.D.S (Doctor or Dentist)	48
J.D. (Law)	20
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M)	1
Teaching Certification	4
Total	1003

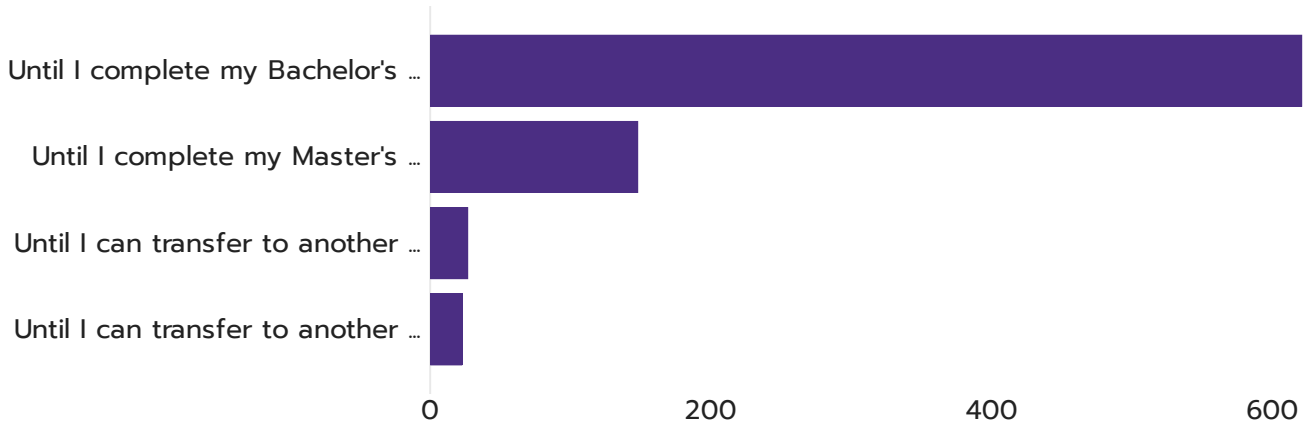
Having said you are not seeking a degree, how long do you intend to stay at UW Tacoma?



Field	Choice Count
Until I find employment	289
Until employment/spouse transfer requires me to leave	28
Until I complete a teaching certificate	49

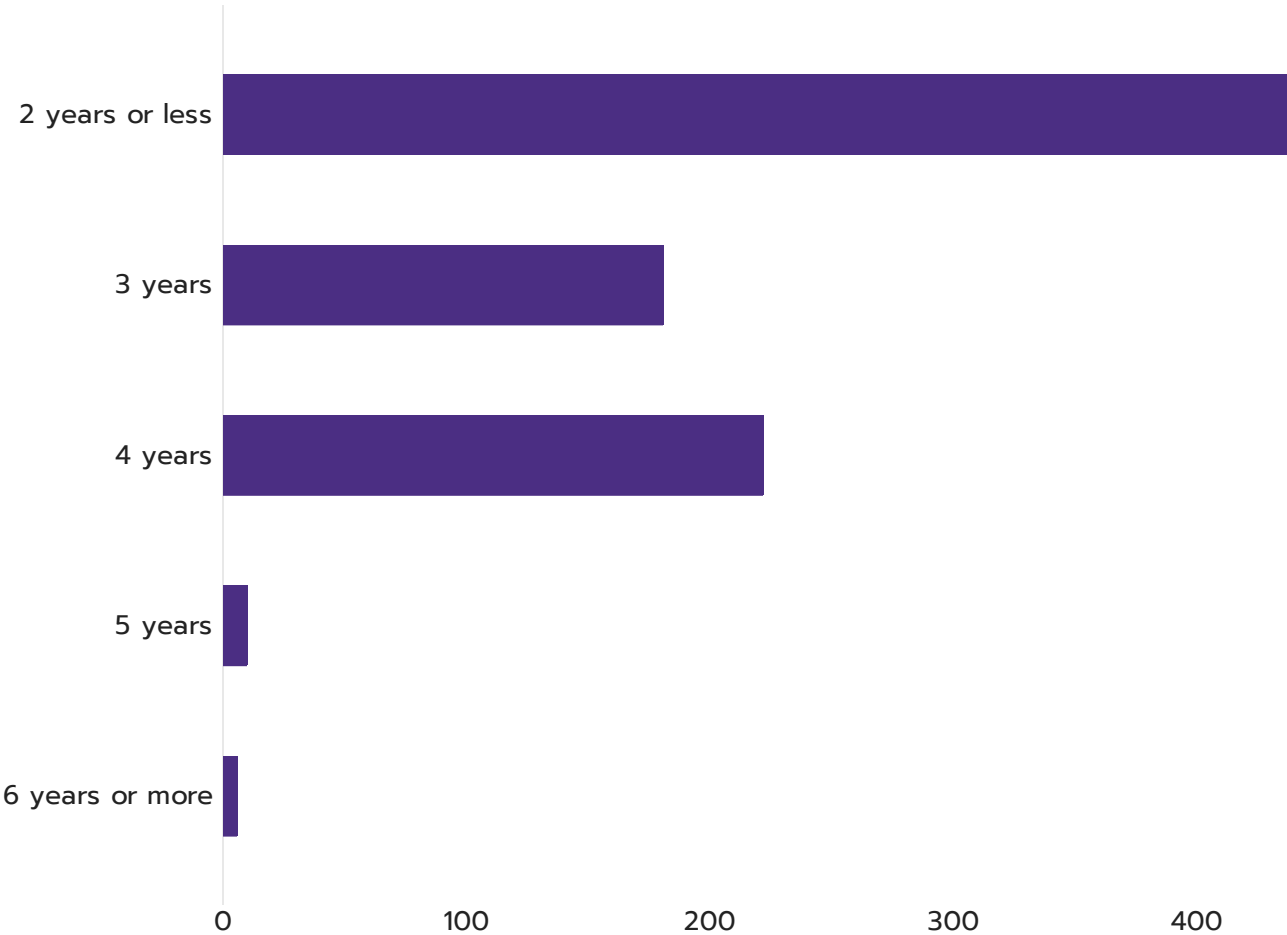
Having said you are seeking a degree, how long do you intend to stay at UW Tacoma? (Please select one answer)

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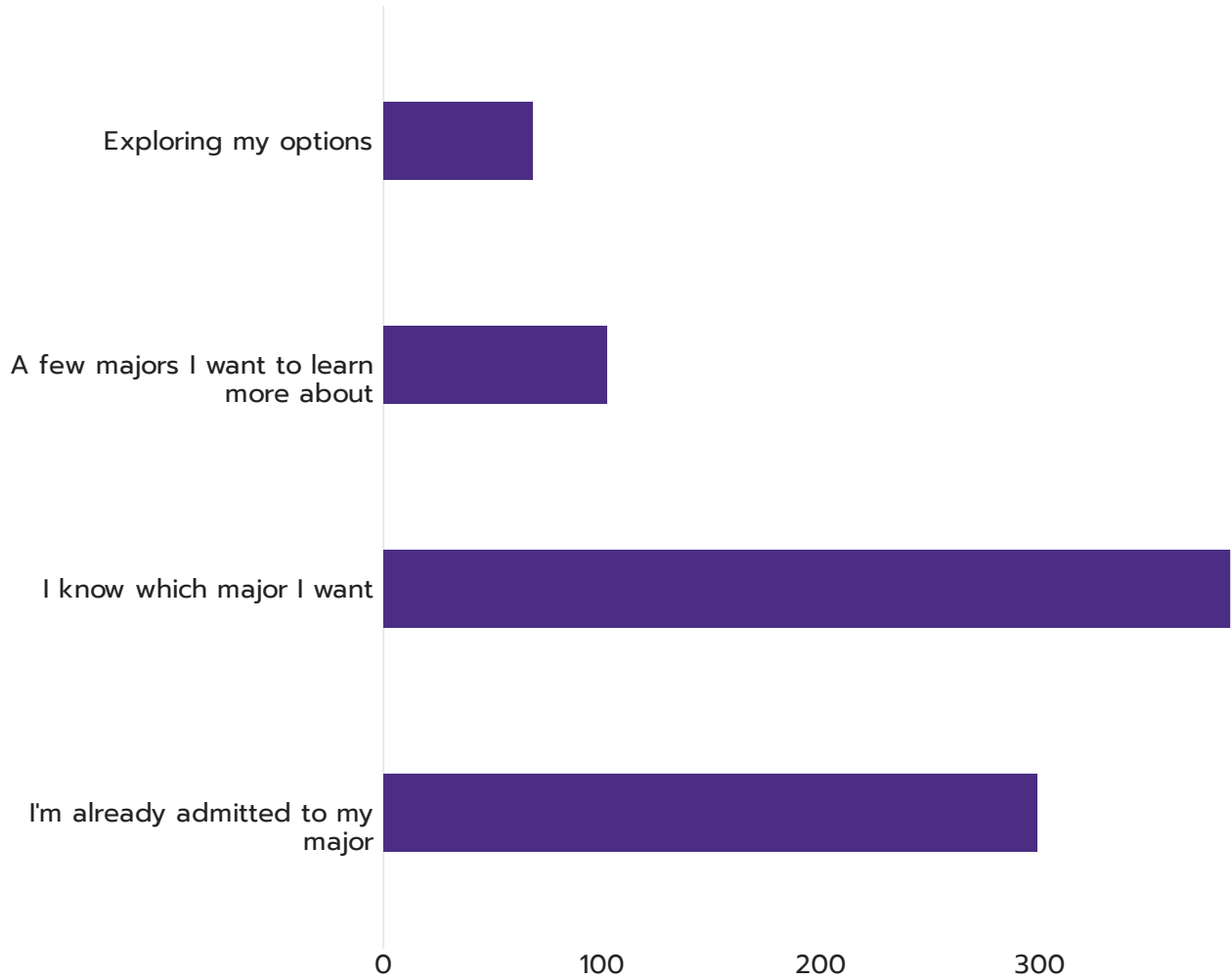
Field	Choice Count
Until I complete my Bachelor's degree	621
Until I complete my Master's degree	148
Until I can transfer to another school after one year	27
Until I can transfer to another school after two years	23
Other:	9

Please tell us how long you think it will take you to complete your BA/BS degree.



Field	Choice Count
2 years or less	437
3 years	181
4 years	222
5 years	10
6 years or more	6

## Where are you in the process of selecting a major?



Field	Choice Count
Exploring my options	68
A few majors I want to learn more about	102
I know which major I want	387
I'm already admitted to my major	299

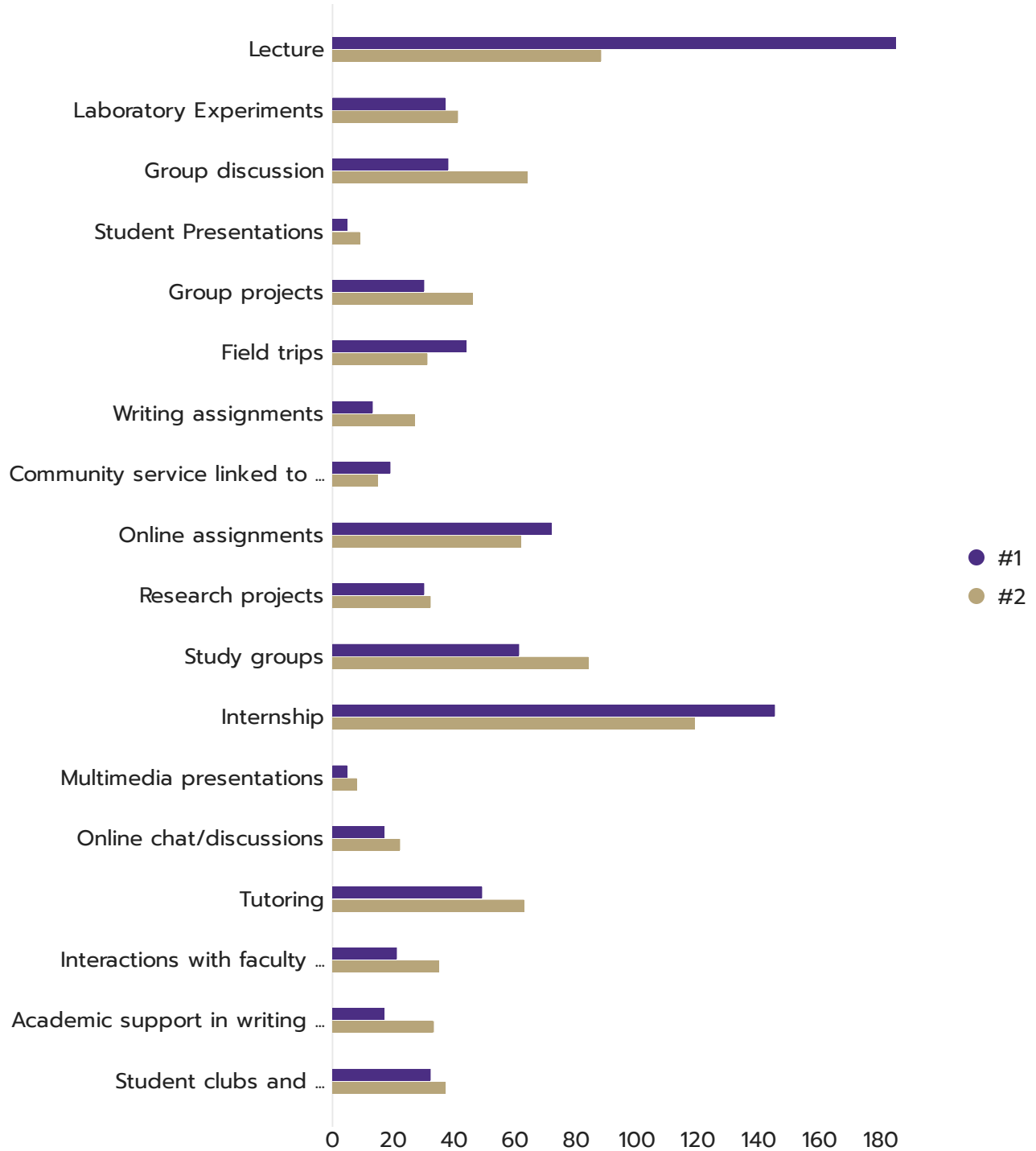
While a student at UW Tacoma, which of the following majors or concentrations are you interested in or planning to pursue? (Select all that apply.)

Field	Choice Count
Computer Science and Systems	184
Psychology	135
Biomedical Sciences	104
General Business	85
Finance	70
Accounting	70
Computing Engineering Systems	66
Marketing	61
Information Technology	60
Criminal Justice	57
Arts, Media & Culture	50
Mechanical Engineering	49
Social Welfare	42
Management	42
Electrical Engineering	40
Environmental Science	35
Communication	34
Law and Policy	31
Undecided	29
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics	29
Healthcare Leadership	27
Nursing (RN to BSN)	25

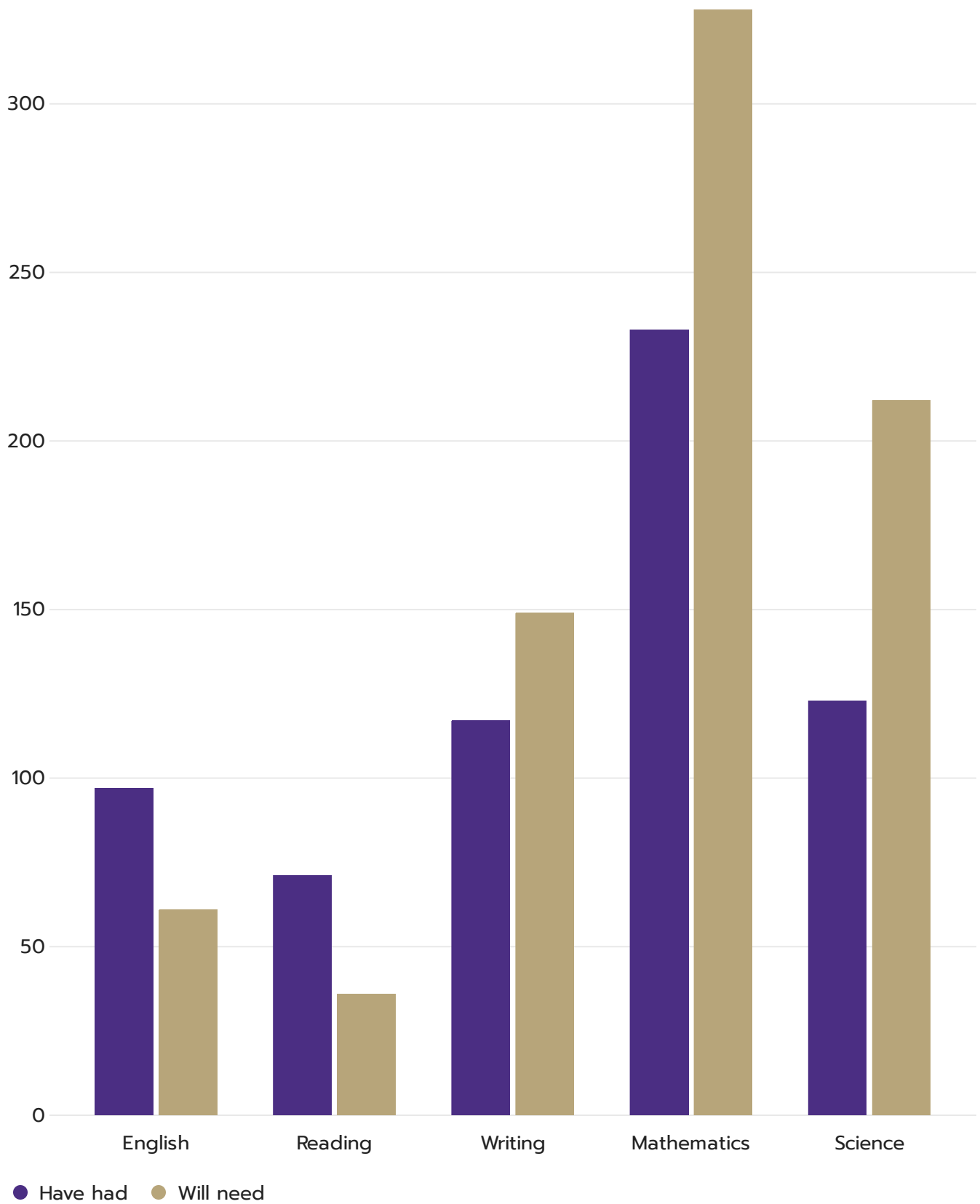


Writing Studies	24
Mathematics	24
Urban Design	19
Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences	19
Environmental Sustainability	19
History	15
Urban Studies	14
Sustainable Urban Development	14
Ethnic, Gender & Labor Studies	14
Global Studies	11
Spanish Language & Culture	10
American Studies	2
Individually-Designed Concentration	1

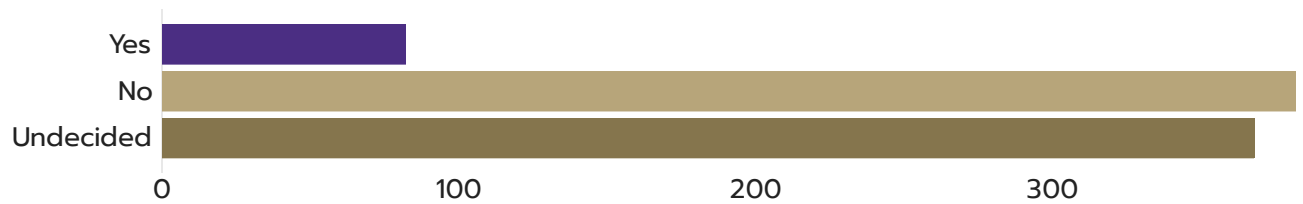
Please tell us the top two types of activities you feel will support you in your learning at UW Tacoma? (Each of the drop down menus contain the same list)



Have you had, or do you think you will need, tutoring or help in any of the...

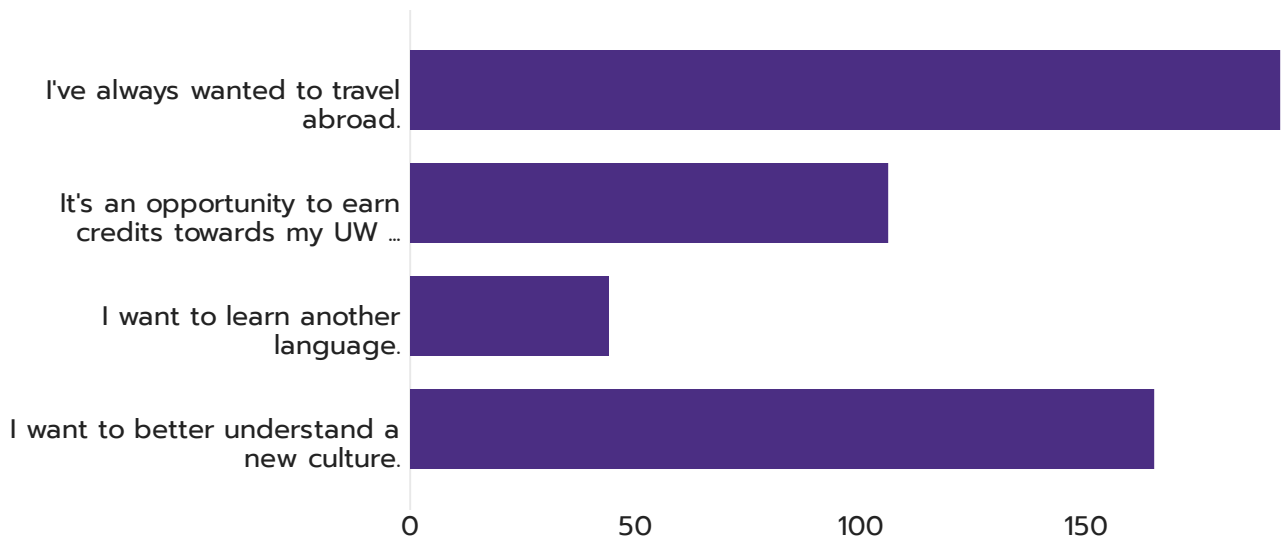


Do you plan to participate in a study abroad program while at UW Tacoma?

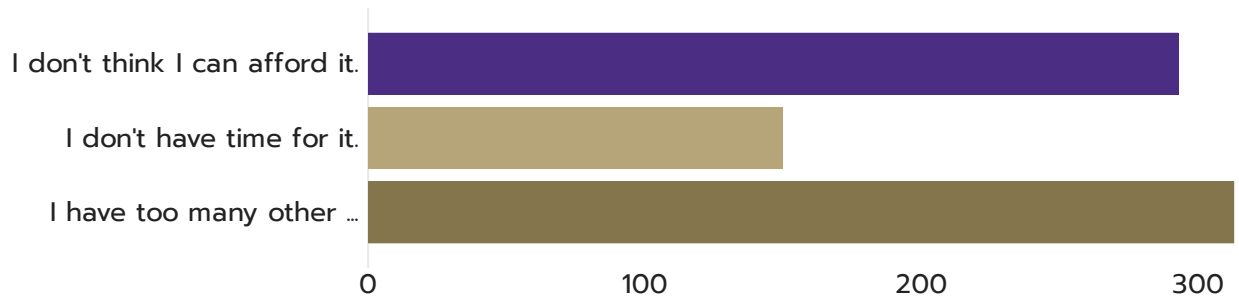


Field	Choice Count
Yes	82
No	382
Undecided	368

Tell us about why you're interested in study abroad.



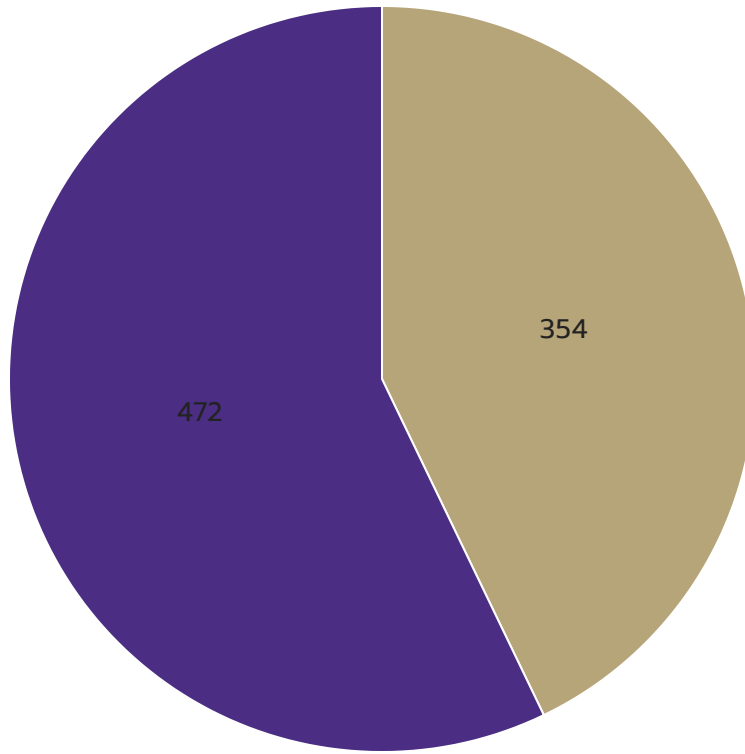
## Why don't you plan on participating in a study abroad program?



Field	Choice Count
I don't think I can afford it.	293
I don't have time for it.	150
I have too many other responsibilities	313

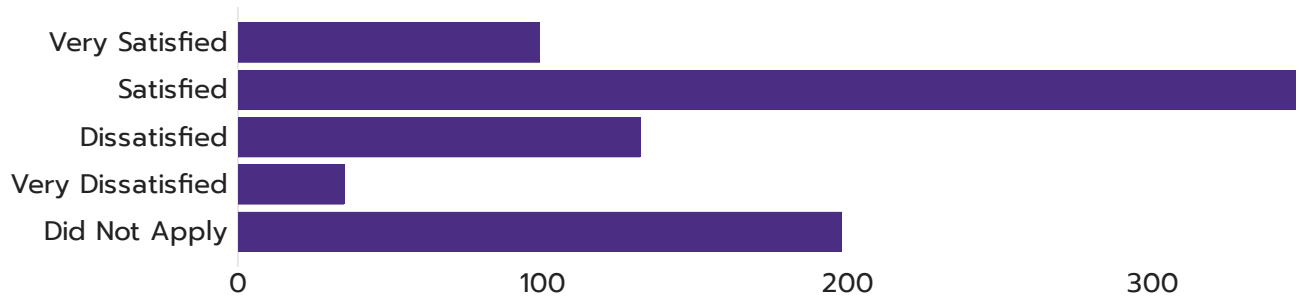
### Are you currently employed?

● No ● Yes



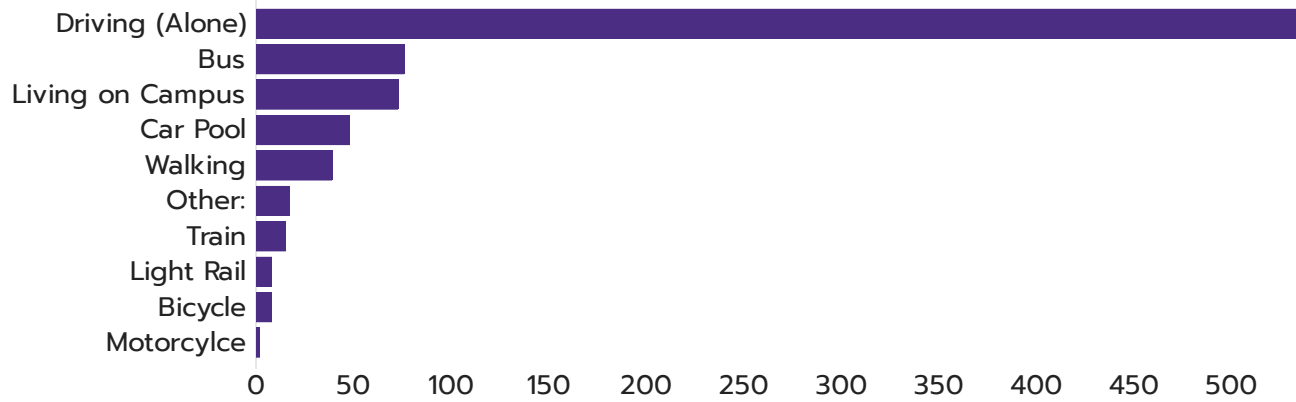
Field	Choice Count
Yes	472
No	354

How satisfied are you with the financial aid amount you are receiving from UW Tacoma?



Field	Choice Count
Very Satisfied	99
Satisfied	347
Dissatisfied	132
Very Dissatisfied	35
Did Not Apply	198

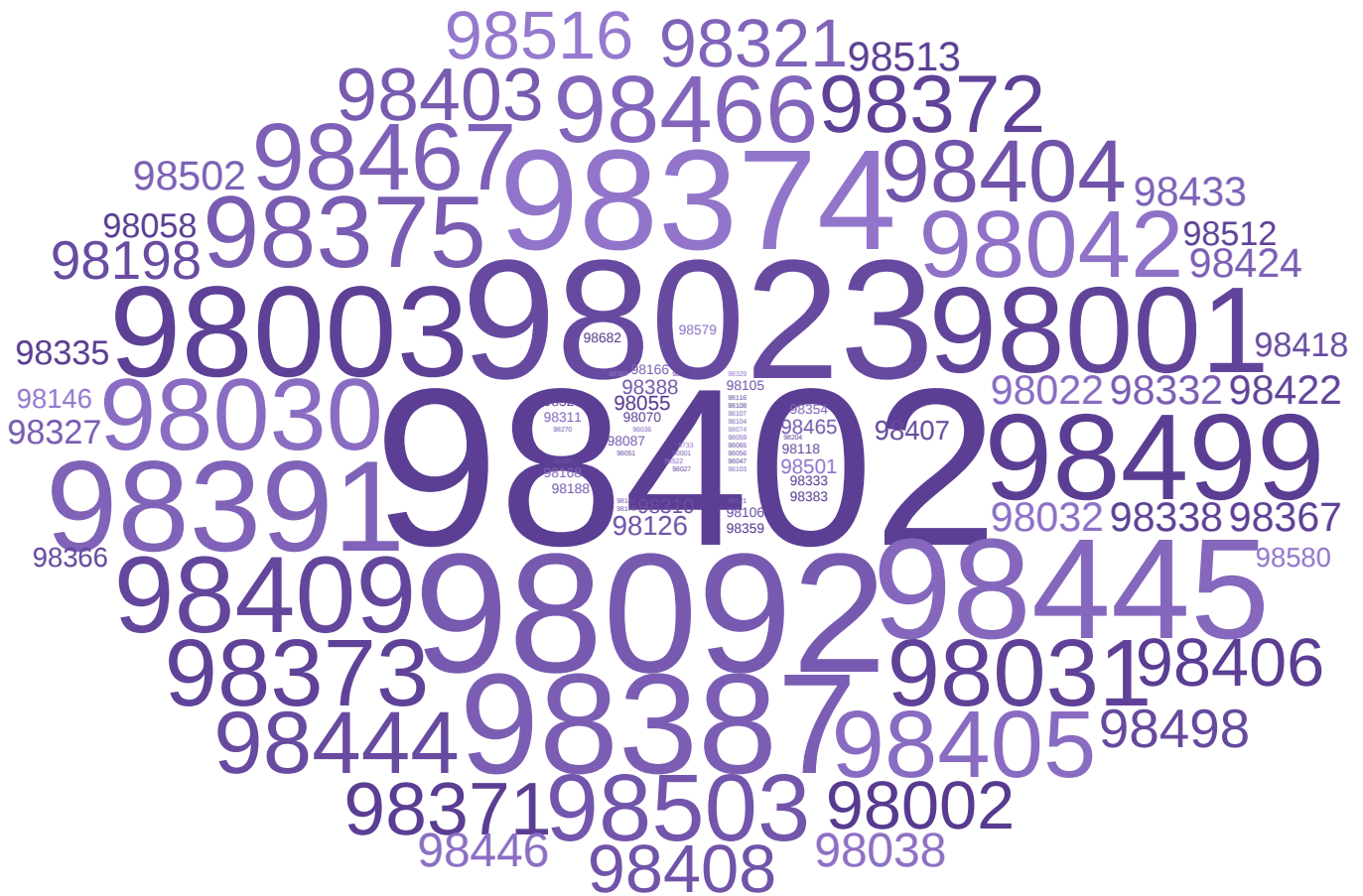
## What is your most likely mode of transportation?



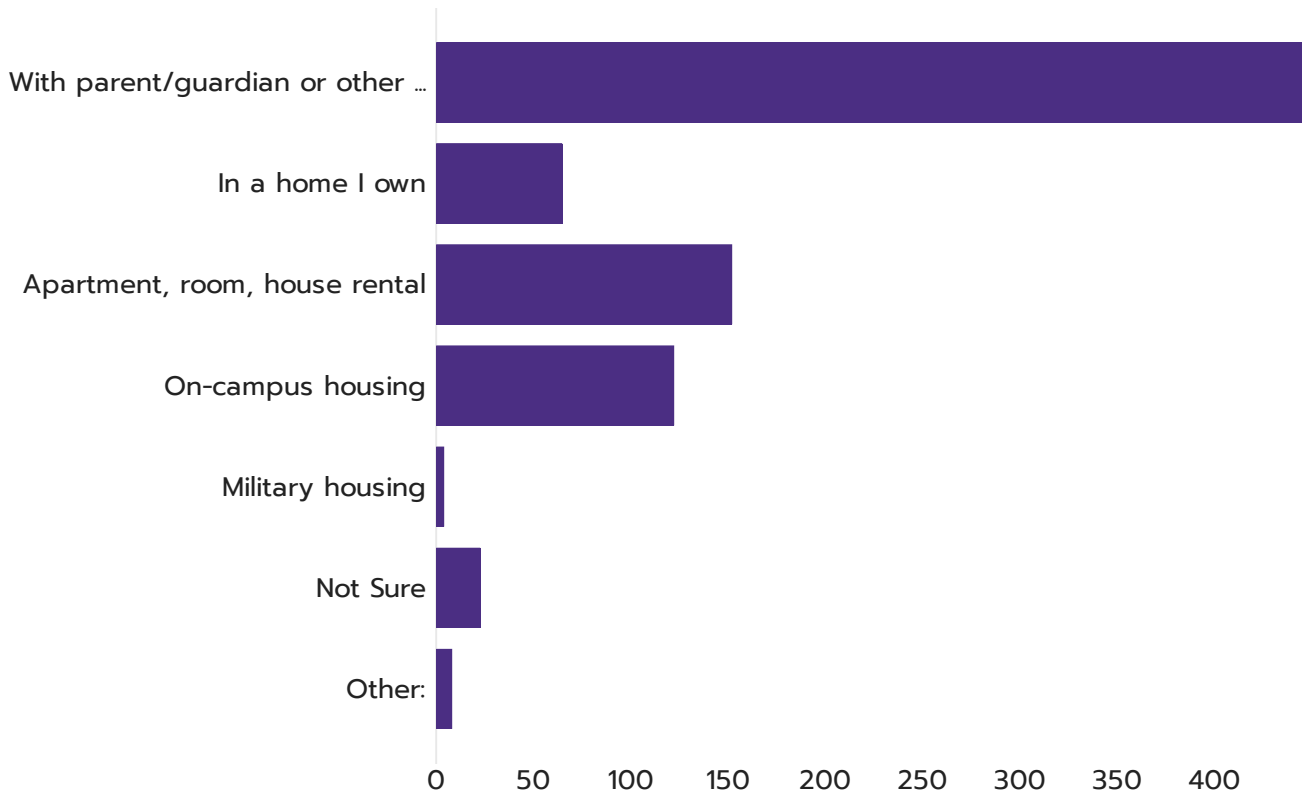
Field	Choice Count
Walking	39
Driving (Alone)	533
Car Pool	48
Bus	76
Train	15
Bicycle	8
Motorcylce	2
Light Rail	8
Living on Campus	73
Other:	17



What Zip Code will you be commuting from?

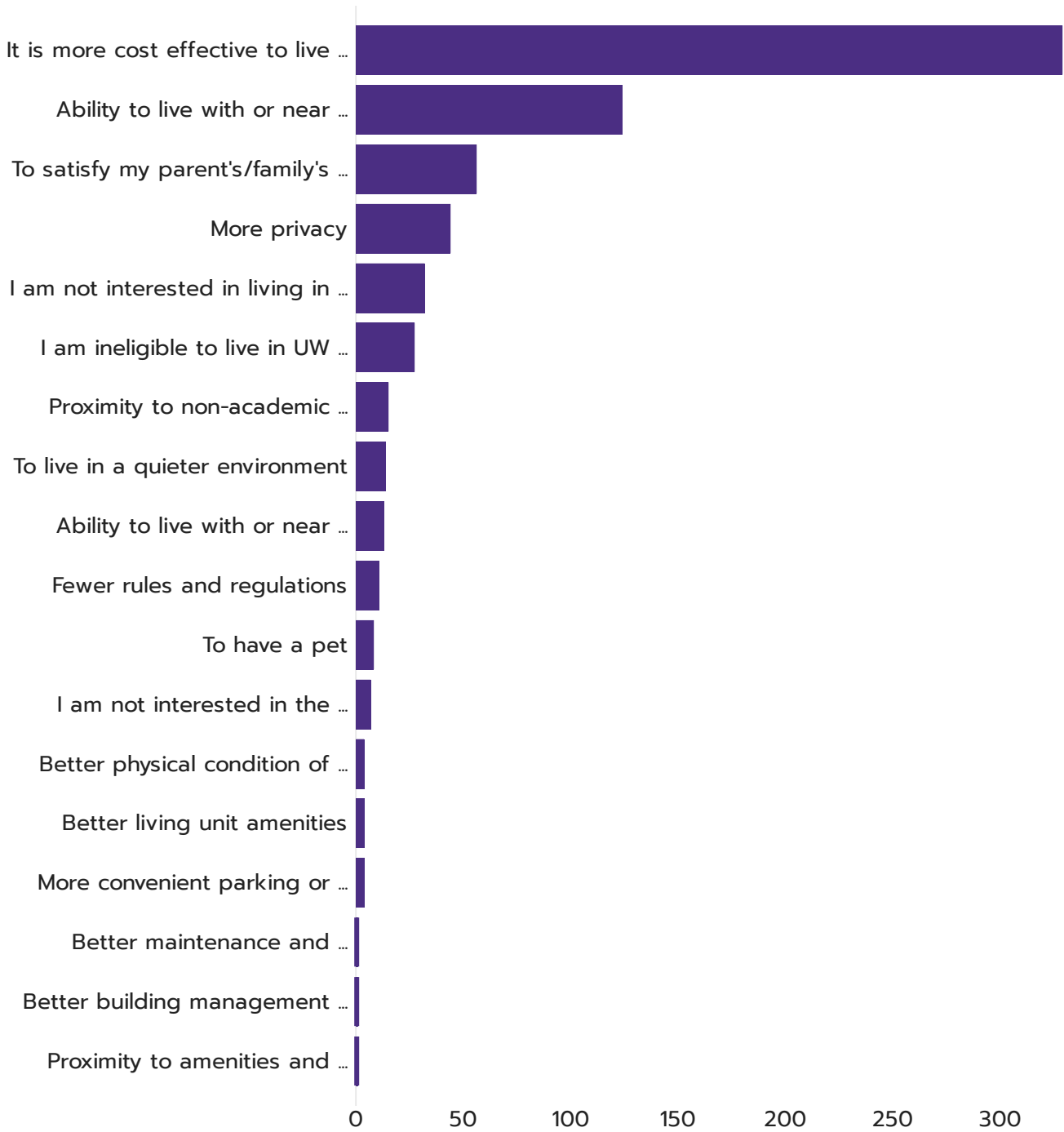


## Where do you plan to live while enrolled at UW Tacoma?

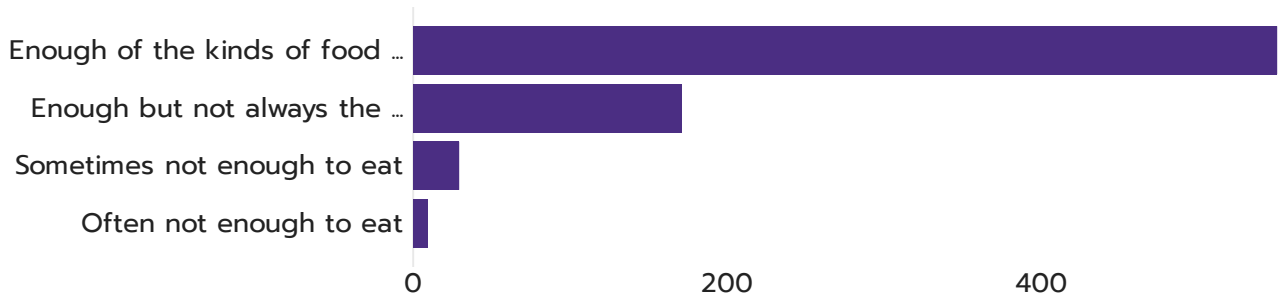


Field	Choice Count
With parent/guardian or other relatives	445
In a home I own	65
Apartment, room, house rental	152
On-campus housing	122
Military housing	4
Not Sure	23
Other:	8

What are the main reasons for your decision to live off campus? Select up to five (5)

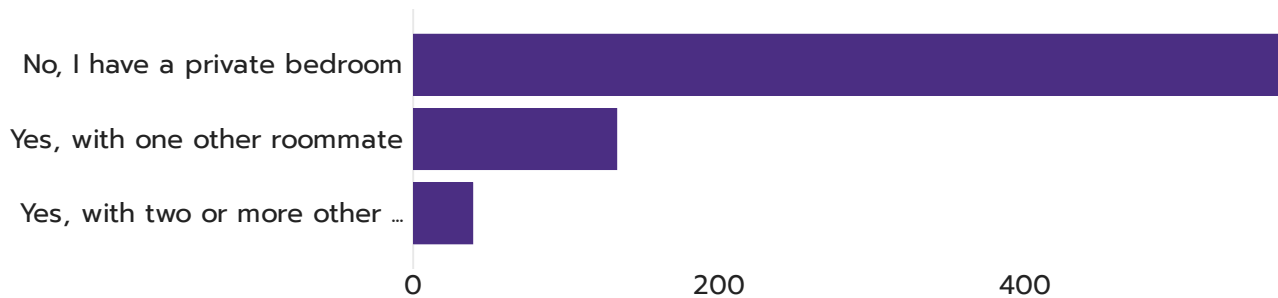


Which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last 12 months:

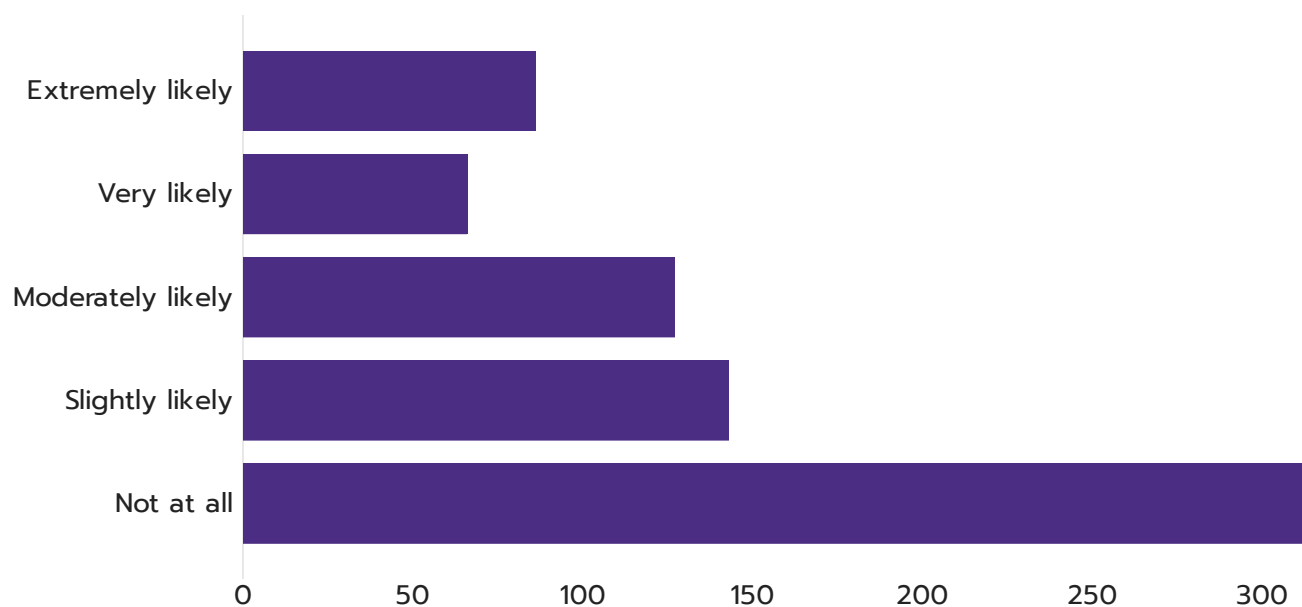


Field	Choice Count
Enough of the kinds of food (I/we) want to eat	550
Enough but not always the kinds of food (I/we) want	171
Sometimes not enough to eat	29
Often not enough to eat	9

Do you share a bedroom?

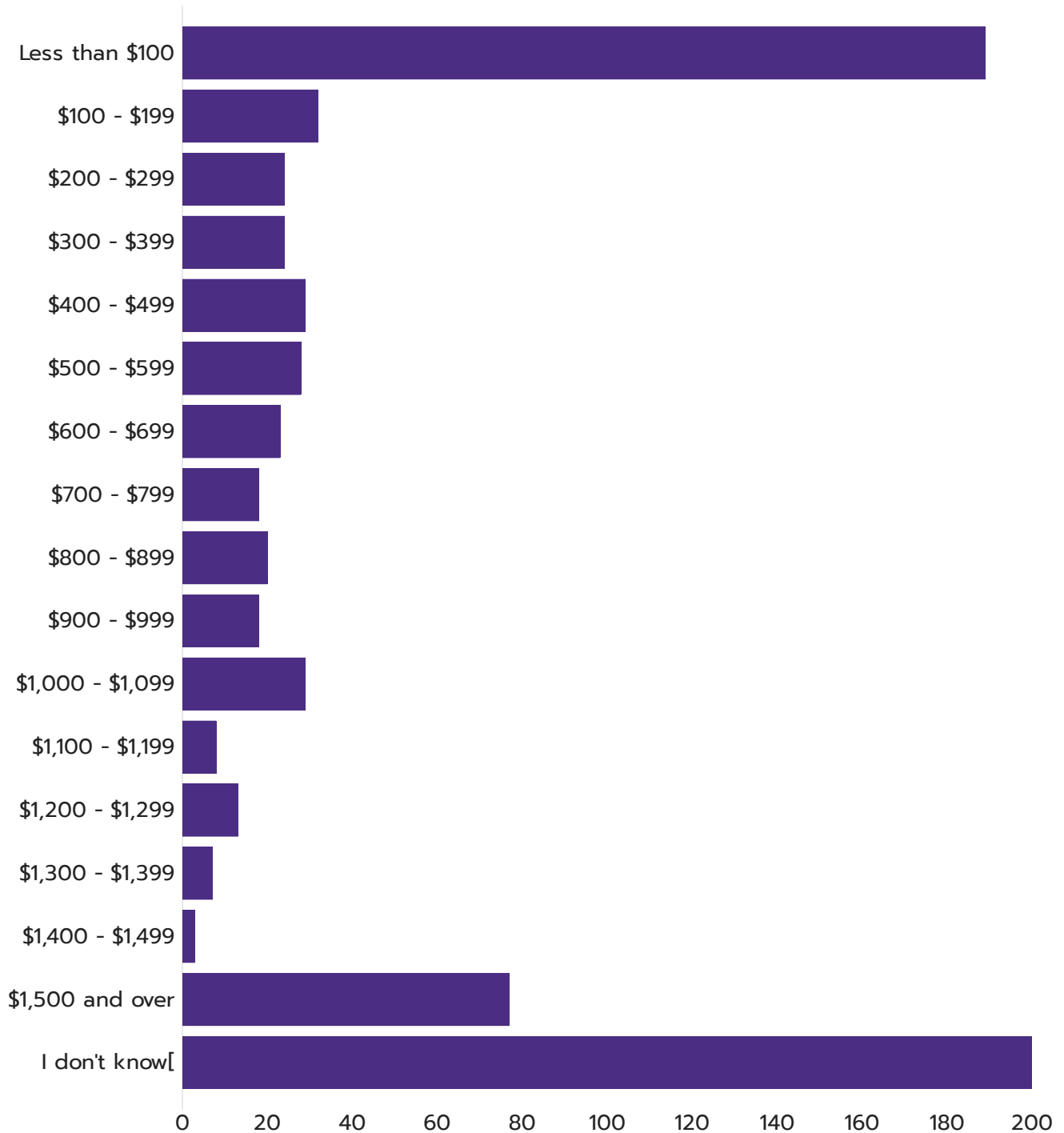


If more on-campus housing were available (dorms), how likely is it that you would consider living on-campus?

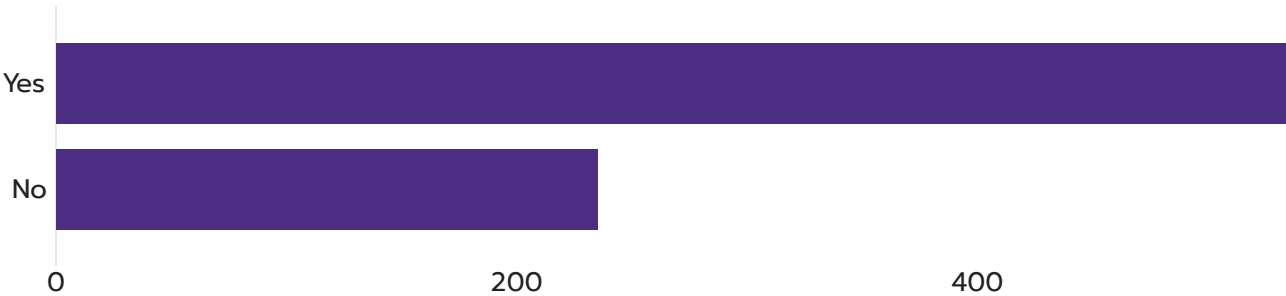


Field	Choice Count
Extremely likely	86
Very likely	66
Moderately likely	127
Slightly likely	143
Not at all	312

What is your personal share of monthly rent/housing costs excluding utilities for the current academic year?

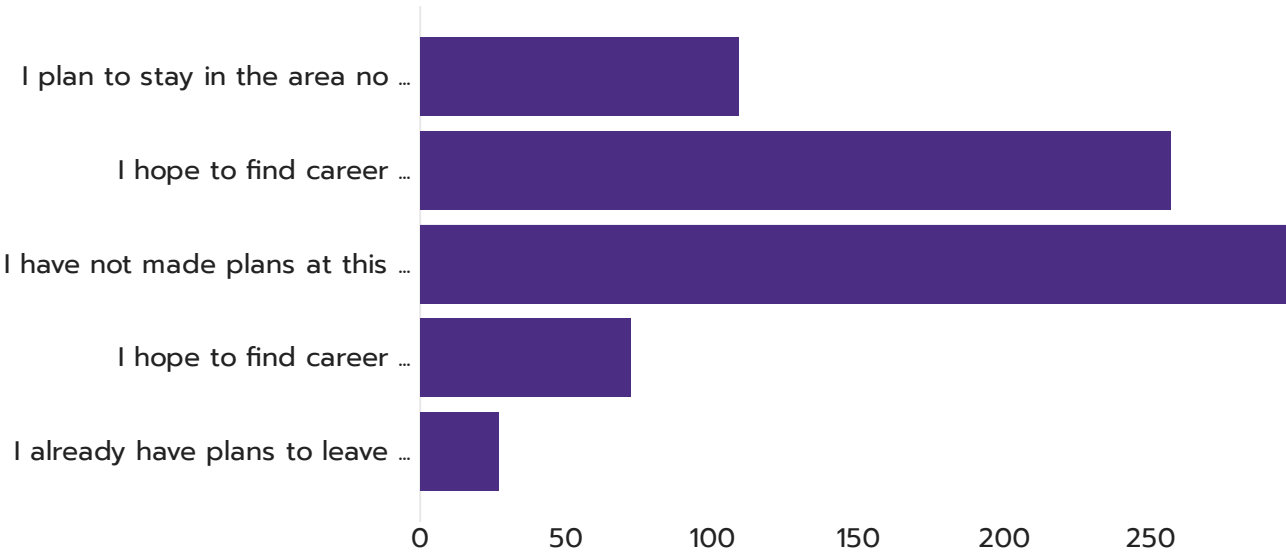


### Do you know who your academic advisor is?



Field	Choice Count
Yes	534
No	235

### Q23 - Are you planning on staying in the Puget Sound area after completing your education?



## How concerned are you with each of the following?

Field	Extremely	Very	Moderately	Slightly	Not at All
Balancing studies with work and/or family responsibilities	237	223	167	60	27
Getting good grades	221	198	194	70	34
Graduating on time	187	141	175	102	108
School workload	185	226	232	50	20
Financing my education	174	174	216	83	84
Balancing my social life with my studies	154	173	212	109	65
Finding a job	147	125	199	80	162
Housing (having an affordable place to live)	119	134	157	93	216
My performance might disappoint my family	118	112	156	116	214
Finding an internship or practicum	117	157	195	117	124
Feeling safe on campus	83	99	185	146	199
Transportation to and from campus	79	101	174	121	236
Learning to find and use campus resources	75	122	232	176	108
Feeling welcomed and included on campus	70	99	204	145	194
Academic transition from previous institution to university	69	131	210	131	176
Whether my decision to attend the UW Tacoma is the right one for me	67	77	155	141	273
Choosing classes	67	134	214	147	157
Classes might be academically too challenging	67	162	299	139	53
Choosing a major	61	77	165	107	309



Availability of support services like tutoring and academic counseling	59	112	208	149	182
Living away from home	53	68	162	99	337
Taking classes that are too large	26	87	228	164	213
Classes might not be academically challenging enough	17	16	180	122	385
Taking classes that are too small	14	38	152	160	354

For each of the following statements, indicate how much you agree or disagree.

Field	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Slightly Agree	Slightly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I hope to build strong connections, friendships and relationships during my time at UWT	408	178	107	9	5	5
Building connections with other students is important to my success in college	326	204	128	32	14	11
I plan on spending time on campus outside of classes to study	255	205	175	44	16	17
I will hangout out on campus outside of classes if there is a good reason	235	231	180	29	17	17
I expect to join a club or student organization during my time at UW Tacoma	187	153	216	81	47	28
I plan on spending time on campus outside of classes to hang out with friends	160	147	225	83	56	38

For some of your responses, we would like to pass along your contact information to UW Tacoma programs so that they can get relevant information to you. (e.g. study abroad, advising, or academic programs). Do we have your permission to pass your contact information along to programs?



Field	Choice Count
Yes	603
No	137