2021-2022

Graduate Report

Profile of the Graduates and
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SUNY WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The 2021-2022 Graduate Report

The **2021-2022 Graduate Report** provides information about the 2021-2022 graduating class of SUNY Westchester Community College in two ways. First, it compares the demographics of the graduating class to those students who responded to the 2021-2022 Graduate Survey in the **Profile of the 2021-2022 Graduates**. Second, it examines the responses of the 2021-2022 Graduate Survey in the **2021-2022 Graduate Survey Analysis**.

Methodology

The 2021-2022 Graduate Report examines the 1,475 students who graduated from Westchester Community College in Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022, otherwise considered the graduating class of 2022. Six months after the students graduated, they were sent an online survey regarding their time at SUNY WCC as well as their experiences after graduation. The online survey was left open for 3 months before the results were downloaded. This resulted in 235 completed surveys and a response rate of 15.9%. The survey results were merged with institutional data to provide insight into the representativeness of the survey respondents.

Profile of the 2021-2022 Graduating Class

The Profile of the 2021-2022 Graduating Class uses institutional data to identify the demographic and academic attributes of the graduating class of 2022. This includes gender, race/ethnicity, age, residence, grade point average (GPA), and degree type. These attributes are compared to the subset of graduates who responded to the Graduate Survey to ensure the survey responses can be generalized to the entire graduating class.

Gender: The gender distribution for graduates and survey respondents were similar with female students outnumbering males in both categories. Additionally, females were more likely to have completed the survey than males.

Gender of Graduates and Graduate Survey Respondents

- Female: Graduates 56.8%, Survey Respondents 69.3%
- Male: Graduates 43.2%, Survey Respondents 30.7%

■ Graduates ■ Survey Respondents
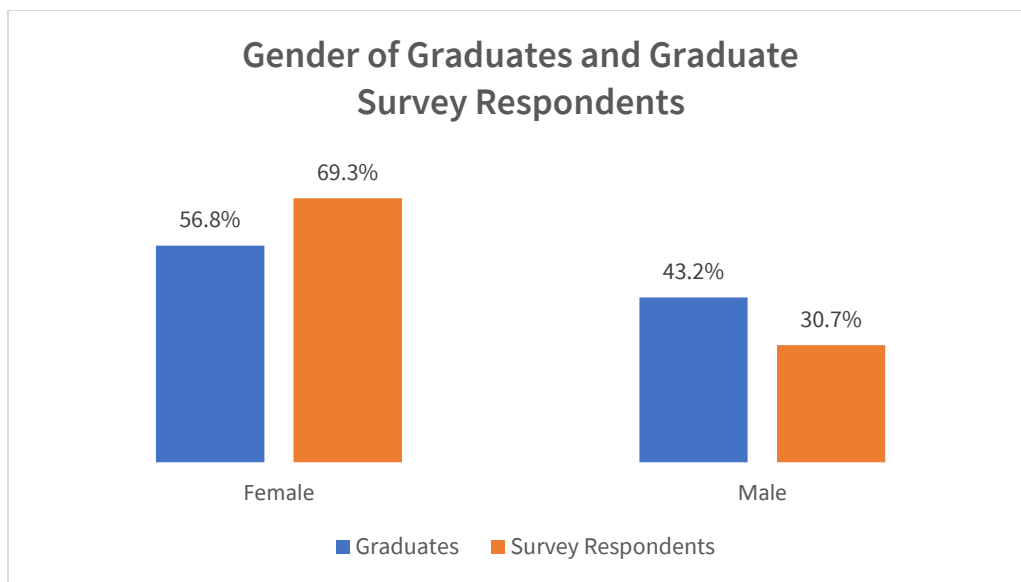
Race/Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino (40.0%) and White (32.3%) students made up the largest shares of graduates. These groups also made up the largest numbers of survey respondents, with 79 Hispanic/Latino (33.6%) and 75 White (31.9%) students, respectively.

Race/Ethnicity of Graduates and Graduate Survey Respondents
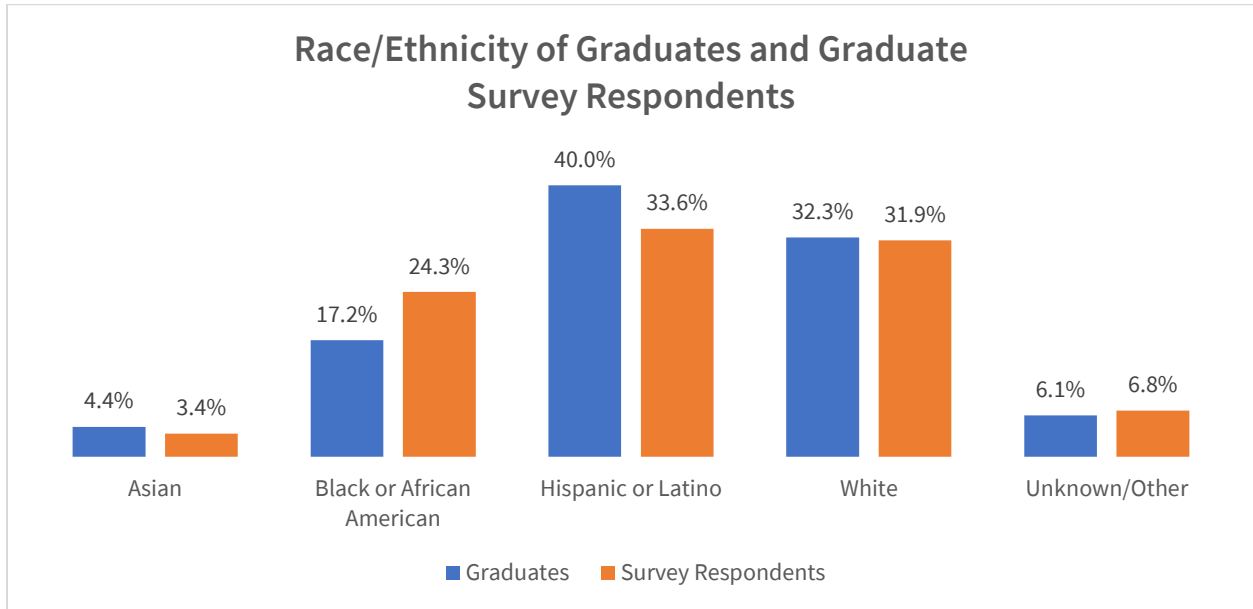
Age: Almost two-fifths (39.7%) of graduates (585 of 1,475 students) and 29.8 percent of survey respondents (70 of 235 students) fell within the 21 to 24 age range. It is important to note that those in this category responded at a lower rate than their relative percentage among the graduates. Those in the *30-49* and *50 or older* categories were over-represented in the sample.

Age of Graduates and Graduate Survey Respondents
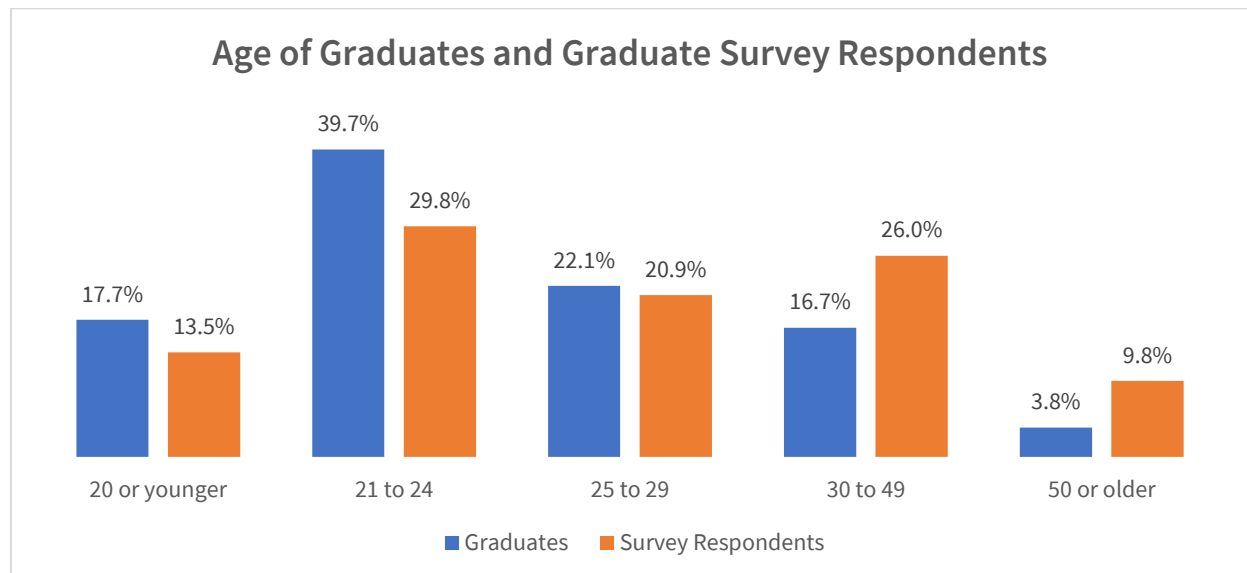
Residence: Of the 1,475 students who made up the graduating class of 2022, more than three-quarters (77.8% or 1,148 students) resided in Westchester County. A similar percentage of graduate survey respondents (77.0%) also reported living in Westchester. Only a small percentage of graduates (1.8%) or respondents (2.1%) lived outside of New York State at the time they answered the survey.

Residence of Graduates and Graduate Survey Respondents

	In Westchester County	Outside Westchester County, in NY	Outside of NY
Graduates	77.8%	20.4%	1.8%
Survey Respondents	77.0%	20.9%	2.1%

■ Graduates ■ Survey Respondents
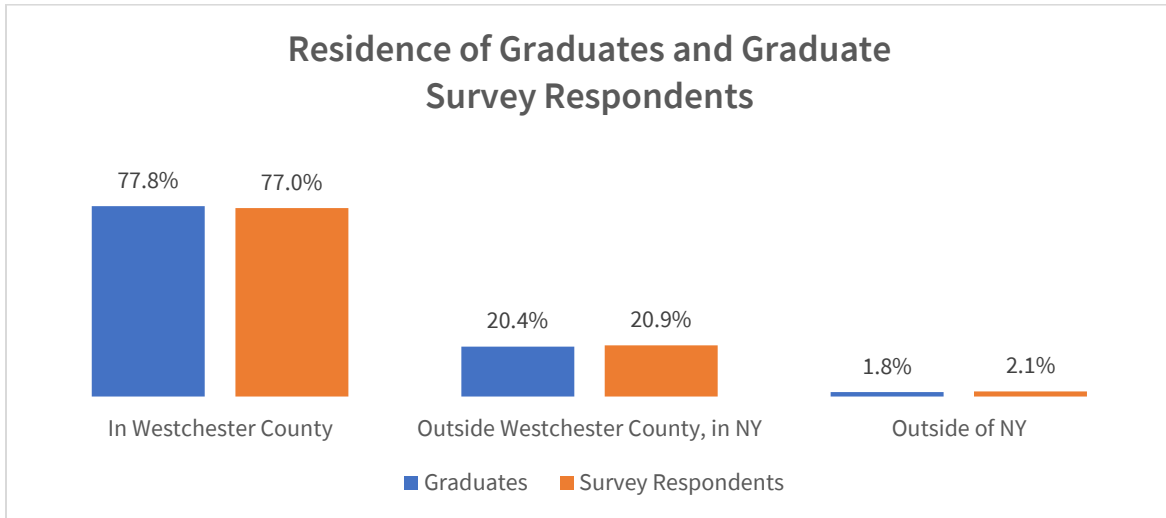
GPA: The largest GPA category among the graduates was between 3.51 and 4.00 (34.1%), which also comprised the largest category among the survey respondents (39.6%). This category was also slightly over-represented among those who completed the survey compared to their relative percentage among the graduates.

GPA of Graduates and Graduate Survey Respondents*

	2.50 or less	2.51 to 3.00	3.01 to 3.50	3.51 to 4.00
Graduates	8.9%	24.4%	32.6%	34.1%
Survey Respondents	6.7%	23.7%	30.0%	39.6%

■ Graduates ■ Survey Respondents

Students were counted once for each credential received.

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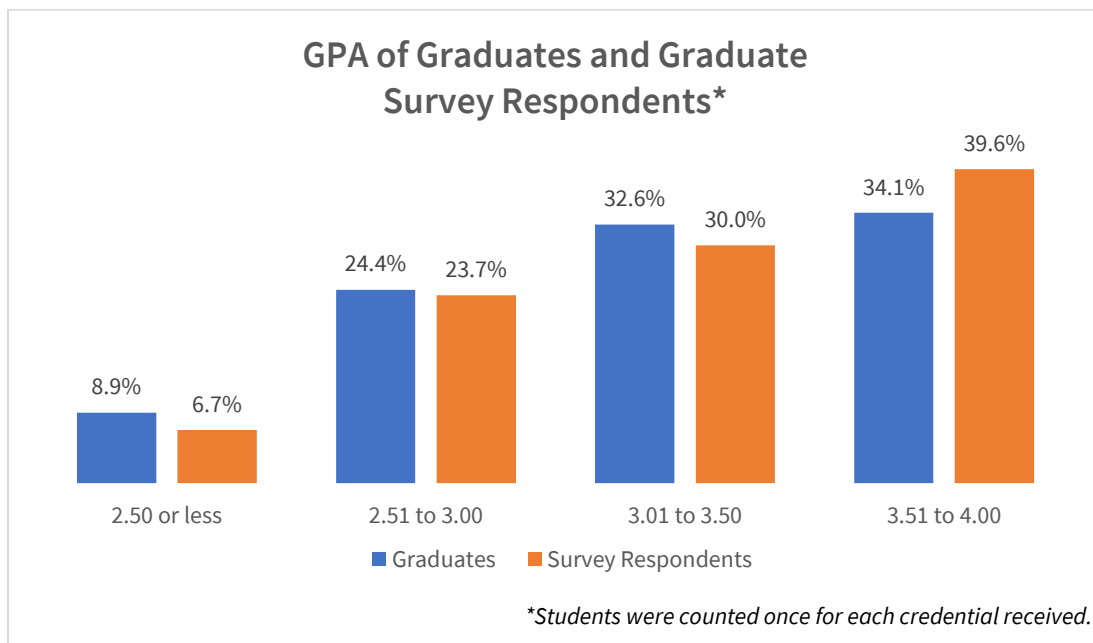
Degree Type: Among survey respondents, those obtaining A.S. degrees (37.2%) made up the largest share of graduates, followed by A.A. degrees (27.9%) and A.A.S. degrees (27.1%). Certificates made up 10 percent or fewer of the credentials granted to both survey respondents and graduates. The percentages of respondents were well representative of those of the graduates within these programs.

Degree Type of Graduates and Graduate Survey Respondents*

Degree	Graduates	Survey Respondents
A.A.	27.9%	22.9%
A.A.S.	27.1%	29.6%
A.S.	37.2%	37.5%
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■ Graduates ■ Survey Respondents

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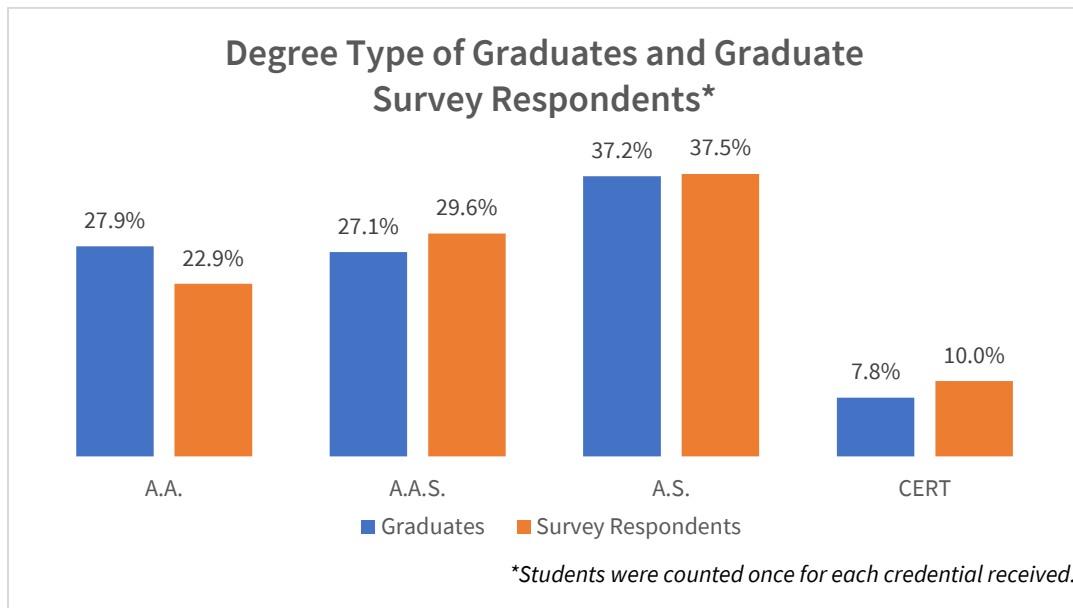
2021-2022 Graduate Survey Analysis

The 2021-2022 Graduate Survey Analysis examines the responses to various questions from the Graduate Survey. The following data are self-reported and cannot be verified. Students who did not provide a response were omitted fom the analysis.

Education

Are you currently attending a college, university, or training program? Nearly half (47.5%) of the respondents indicated that they were not attending a college, university, or training program. More than two-fifths (44.1%) responded that they were attending a 4-year college or university.
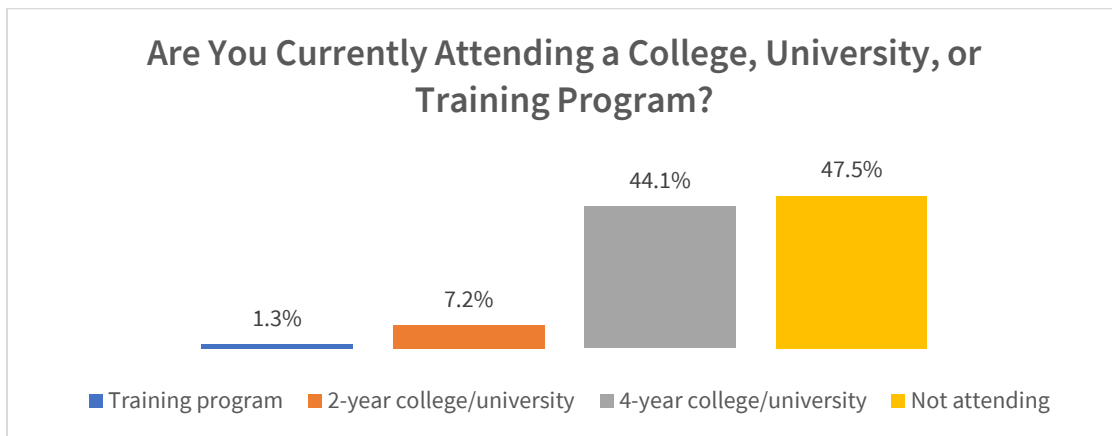
Are you attending that college, university, or training program (full- or part-time): Of those who indicated that they were enrolled in another higher educational institution, more than three-quarters (77.7%) were attending full-time.
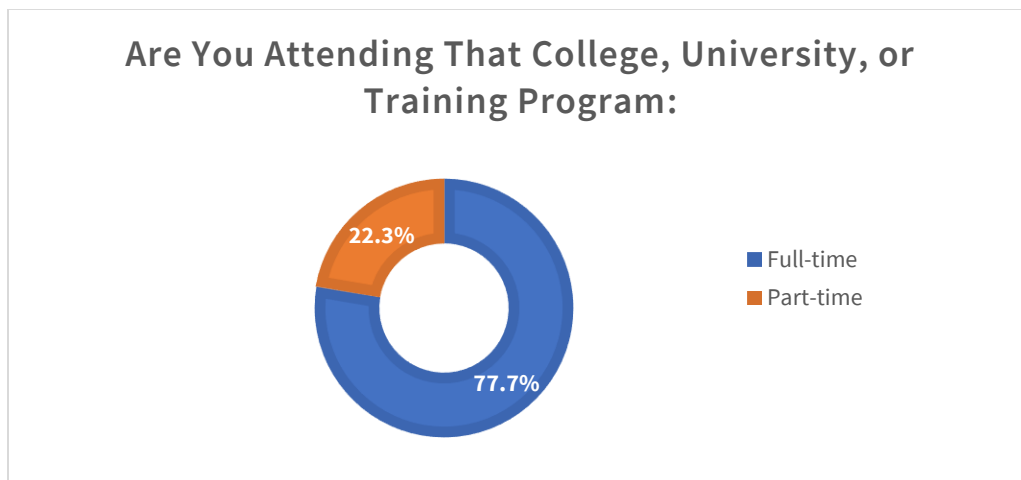
Please tell us where that college, university, or training program is located. Nearly half (48.3%) of those enrolled in a college, university, or training program after graduating from SUNY WCC were attending classes outside Westchester County but in New York State. A slightly smaller percentage (40.8%) were enrolled at another institution in Westchester.

Please Tell Us Where Your College, University, or Training Program Is Located.

- 40.8% In Westchester County
- 48.3% Outside of Westchester County, in New York State
- 10.8% Outside of New York State
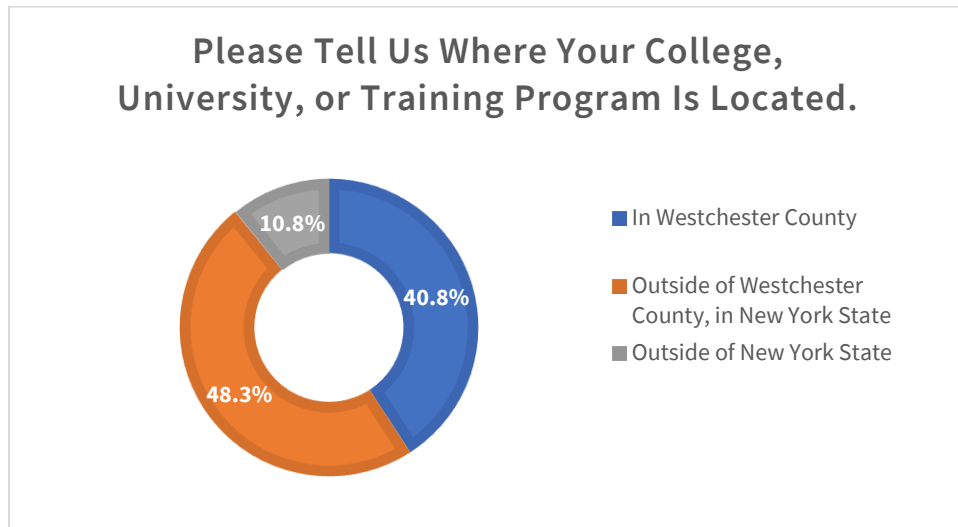
To what extent do you feel that SUNY WCC prepared you for future study? More than three-quarters (76.0%) of survey respondents felt that SUNY WCC made them *well prepared* for further study. An additional 21.5 percent believed that the College made them *somewhat prepared* for future academic work.

To What Extent Do You Feel SUNY WCC Prepared You for Further Study?

- 76.0% Well prepared
- 21.5% Somewhat prepared
- 2.5% Not at all
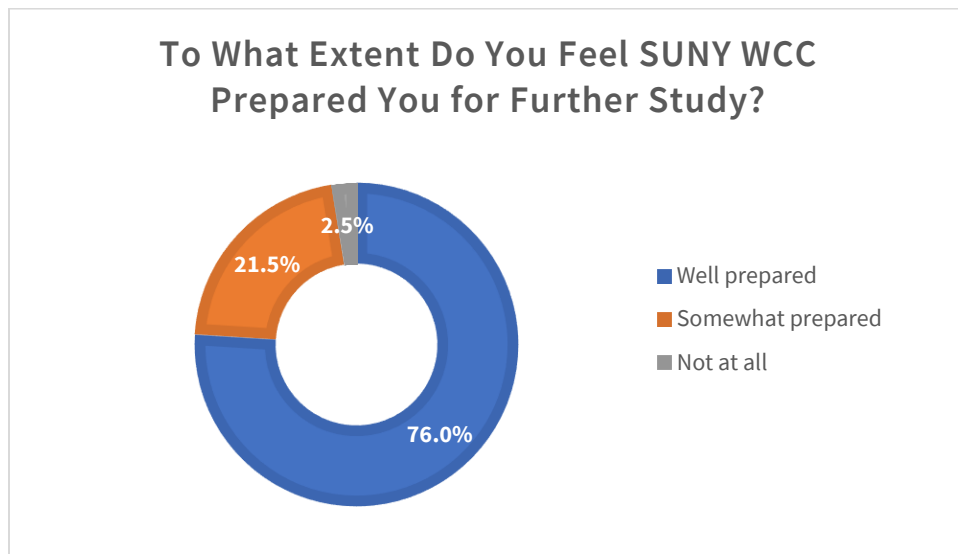
Student Satisfaction

How satisfied were you with SUNY WCC in achieving your goals? Students identified that they were either *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with SUNY WCC in helping them achieve their goals, particularly in regard to helping them achieve their academic (94.0%) and personal (93.6%) ambitions. Students were slightly less satisfied with the College in aiding them in attaining their career (86.6%) and social (81.1%) objectives.

How Satisfied Were You With SUNY WCC in Achieving Your Goals?

Goal	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Academic goals	2.0%	4.0%	37.5%	56.5%
Personal goals	2.0%	4.4%	36.0%	57.6%
Career goals	3.5%	10.0%	39.8%	46.8%
Social goals	5.0%	13.9%	45.3%	35.8%
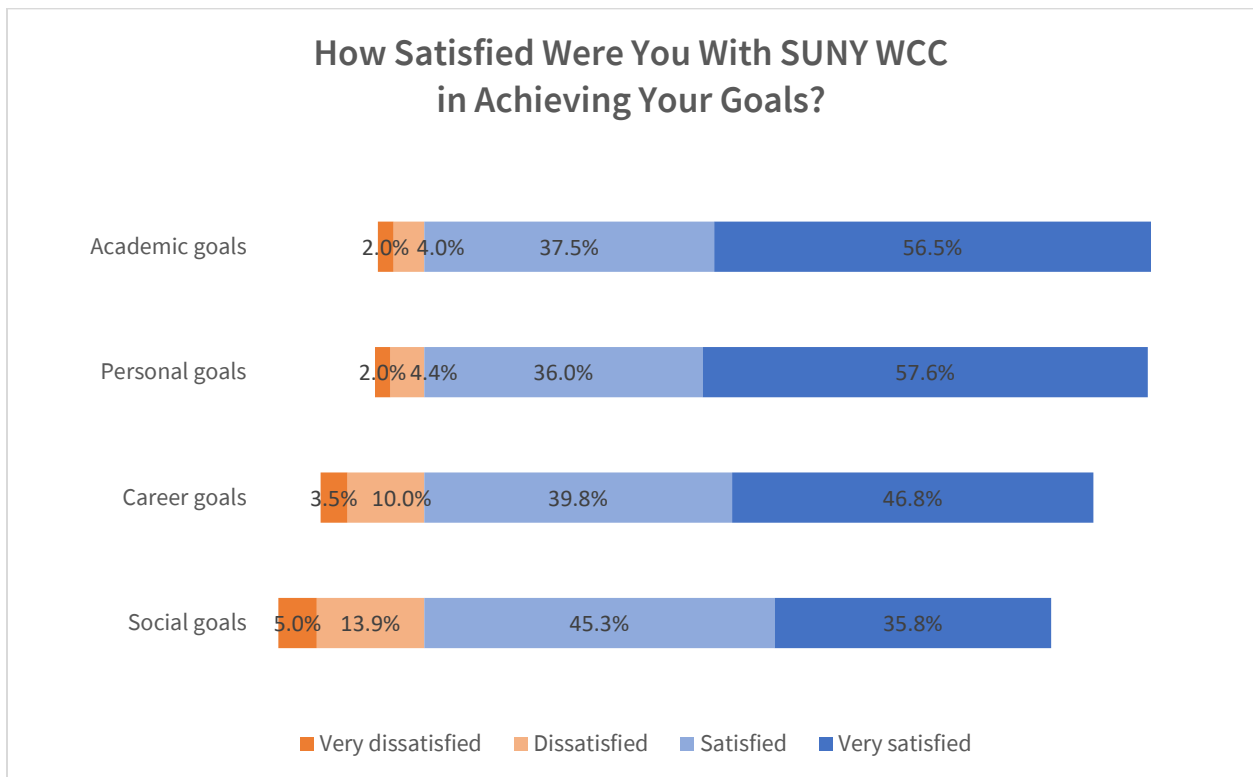
How satisfied were you with the following services? Students responded with a high level of satisfaction with all services in the survey. The services with the strongest levels of satisfaction (either *very satisfied* or *satisfied*) were the Children's Center(97.1%), Library (96.8%), and Computer Services/Labs (94.2%). Even though all services were rated strongly, the following services were rated lower than the rest: Career Services (81.4%), Scholarships (83.5%), and Dining Services (85.7%).

How Satisfied Were You With the Following Services?

Service	Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Children's Center	2.9%	55.9%	41.2%
Library	3.2%	42.3%	54.5%
Computer Services/Labs	5.8%	43.5%	50.7%
Mental Health and Counseling Services	6.5%	48.3%	45.2%
Tutorial Centers	7.5%	43.4%	49.1%
Bookstore	7.7%	50.9%	41.4%
Registrar	8.0%	54.0%	38.0%
Recreational and Athletic	8.0%	50.0%	42.0%
Availability of Courses Offered That Were of Interest to You	8.5%	37.5%	54.0%
Student Support Services	8.7%	44.8%	46.5%
Academic Advising by Teaching Faculty	8.8%	42.7%	48.5%
Health Services	9.1%	45.4%	45.5%
Success Navigators	9.2%	47.1%	43.7%
Transfer Services	9.5%	47.6%	42.9%
Admissions Office Services	9.6%	48.4%	42.0%
Bursar	10.3%	48.9%	40.8%
Disability Services	10.7%	48.2%	41.1%
Student Involvement	11.2%	46.7%	42.1%
Financial Aid	13.5%	37.2%	49.3%
Academic Advising/Counseling from Counseling Faculty	13.6%	40.5%	45.9%
Dining Services	14.3%	53.3%	32.4%
Scholarships	16.5%	43.1%	40.4%
Career Services	18.6%	44.3%	37.1%

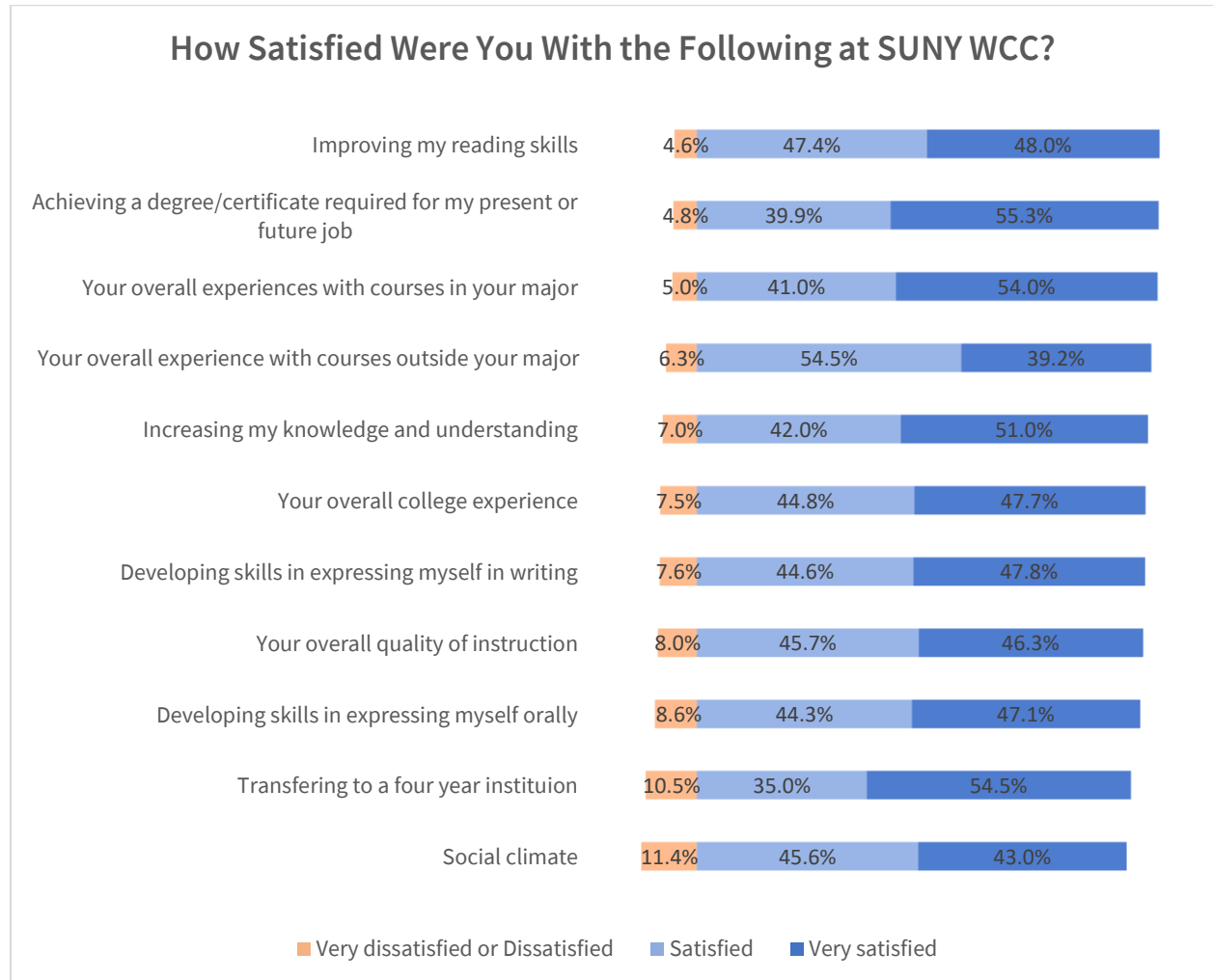■ Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied   ■ Satisfied   ■ Very satisfied

Percentage of students indicating they did not use various College services: Many of the students surveyed reported that they did not use various services of the College. The services that had the highest percentages of nonuse were the Children's Center (82.7%), Recreational and Athletic (74.7%), and Disability Services (72.0%).

Percentage of Students Indicating They Did Not Use Various College Services

Service	Percentage
Children's Center	82.7%
Recreational and Athletic	74.7%
Disability Services	72.0%
Mental Health and Counseling Services	69.0%
Health Services	61.3%
Success Navigators	56.1%
Career Services	51.0%
Dining Services	47.8%
Student Involvement	46.2%
Tutorial Centers	45.7%
Scholarships	45.5%
Student Support Services	42.7%
Transfer Services	36.4%
Computer Services/Labs	30.7%
Financial Aid	25.6%
Library	23.4%
Bookstore	10.8%
Academic Advising/Counseling from Counseling Faculty	9.9%
Bursar	8.9%
Registrar	7.4%
Admissions Office Services	6.5%
Academic Advising by Teaching Faculty	4.4%
Availability of Courses Offered That Were of Interest…	1.5%

How satisfied were you with the following at SUNY WCC (does not include N/A responses)?

Respondents were most satisfied with SUNY WCC aiding them in increasing their reading skills (95.4%), followed by achieving a degree/certificate for their present or future job (95.2%), and overall experiences with courses in their major (95.0%). Students felt satisfied, but less so, with the social climate (88.6%), transfering to a four-year institution (89.5%) and developing skills to express themselves orally (91.4%).

How Satisfied Were You With the Following at SUNY WCC?

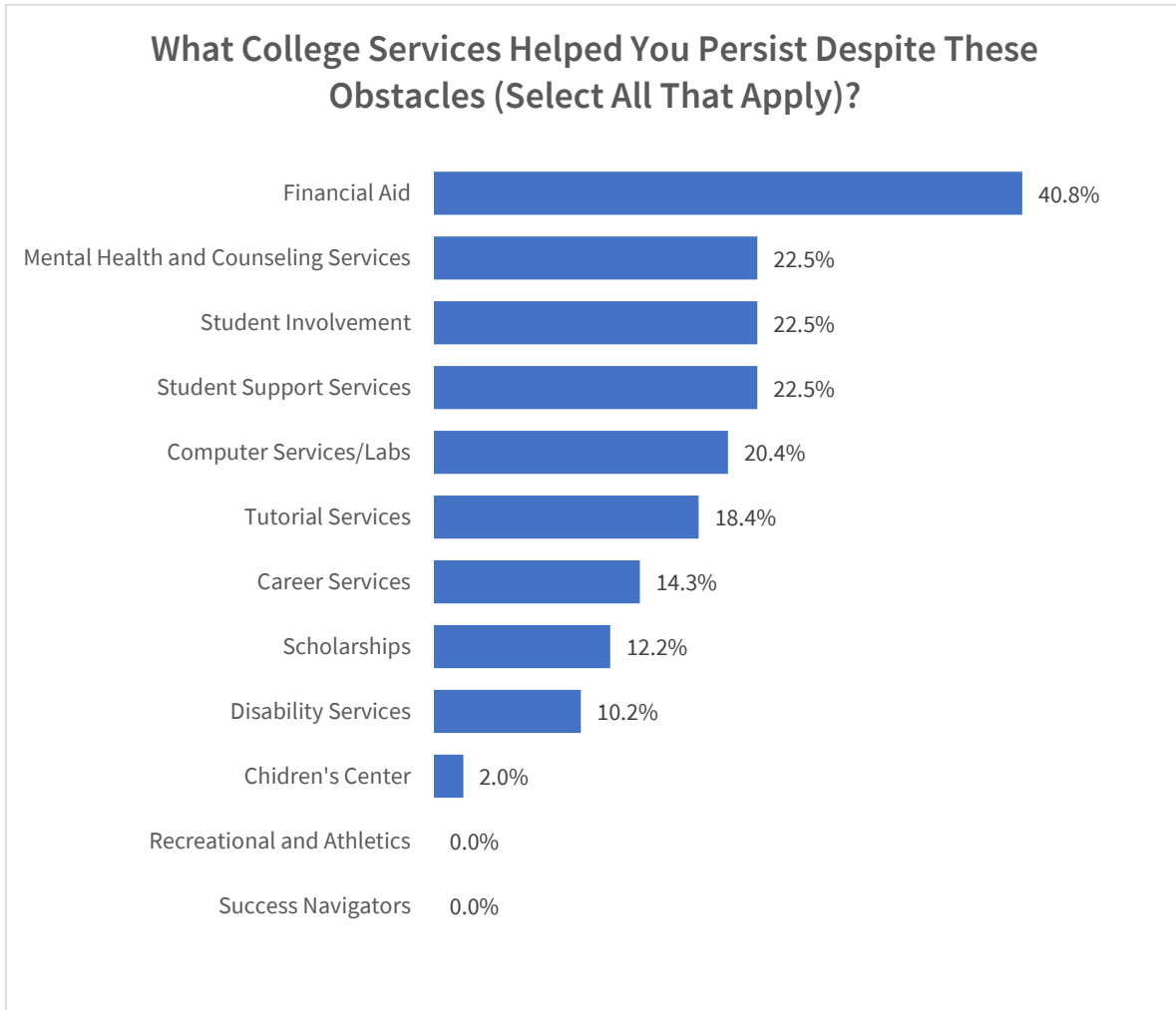|	Very dissatisfied or Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Improving my reading skills	4.6%	47.4%	48.0%
Achieving a degree/certificate required for my present or future job	4.8%	39.9%	55.3%
Your overall experiences with courses in your major	5.0%	41.0%	54.0%
Your overall experience with courses outside your major	6.3%	54.5%	39.2%
Increasing my knowledge and understanding	7.0%	42.0%	51.0%
Your overall college experience	7.5%	44.8%	47.7%
Developing skills in expressing myself in writing	7.6%	44.6%	47.8%
Your overall quality of instruction	8.0%	45.7%	46.3%
Developing skills in expressing myself orally	8.6%	44.3%	47.1%
Transfering to a four year instituion	10.5%	35.0%	54.5%
Social climate	11.4%	45.6%	43.0%

Obstacles

Did you face any obstacles that impacted your ability to graduate from SUNY WCC? More than one-quarter (28.1%) of all students indicated that they faced obstacles that impacted their ability to graduate from SUNY WCC.

Did You Face Any Obstacles That Impacted Your Ability to Graduate From SUNY WCC?

- 28.1% Yes
- 71.9% No
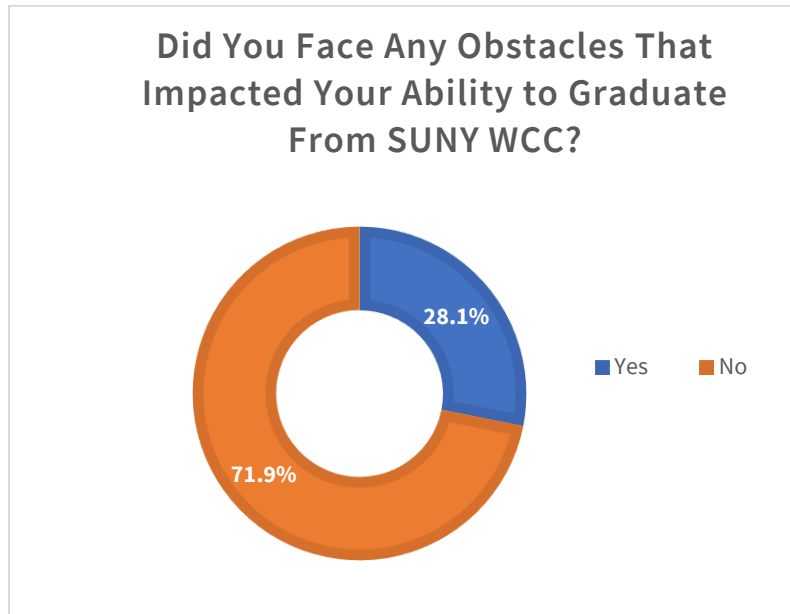
What obstacles did you face throughout your time at SUNY WCC (check all that apply)? Of those who expressed that they faced obstacles that impacted their ability to finish their program, the most common were the COVID-19 pandemic (64.3%), family or personal reasons (42.9%), and difficulty paying for school (41.1%).

What Obstacles Did You Face Throughout Your Time at SUNY WCC (Check All That Apply)?

- The COVID-19 pandemic: 64.3%
- Family or personal reasons: 42.9%
- Difficulty paying for school: 41.1%
- Academic issues: 33.9%
- Scheduling: 10.7%
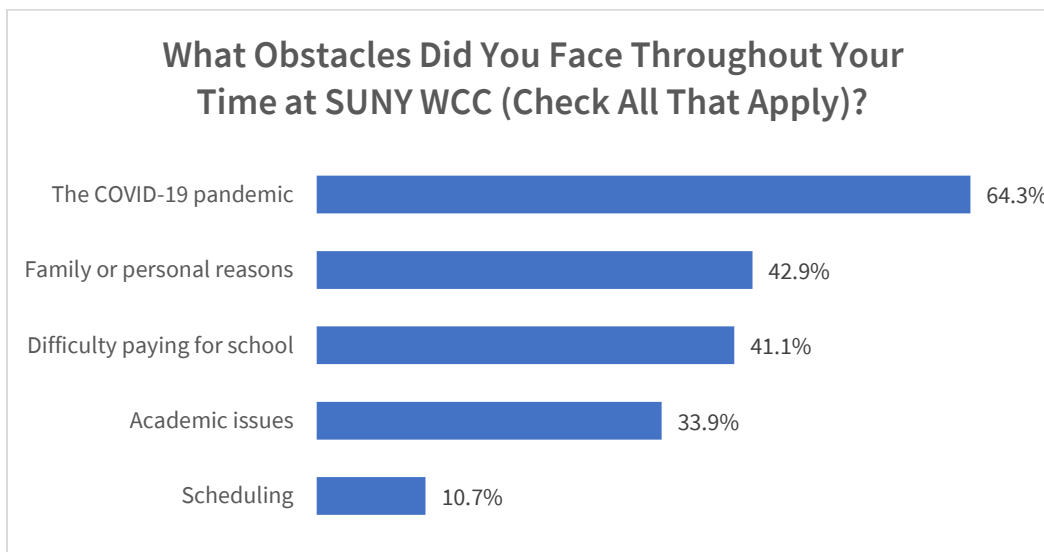
What College services helped you persist despite these obstacles (select all that apply)? The College services that were most cited by the students as having aided them in persisting despite the obstacles that they faced included Financial Aid (40.8%), Mental Health and Counseling Services (22.5%), Student Involvement (22.5%), and Student Support Services (22.5%).
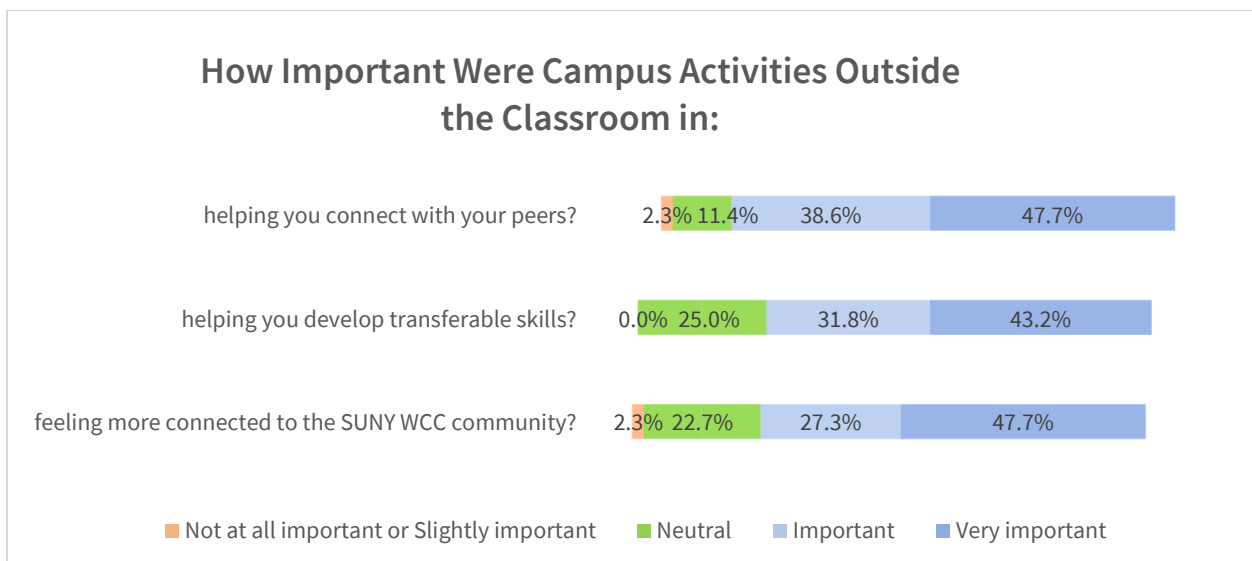
What College Services Helped You Persist Despite These Obstacles (Select All That Apply)?

Service	Percentage
Financial Aid	40.8%
Mental Health and Counseling Services	22.5%
Student Involvement	22.5%
Student Support Services	22.5%
Computer Services/Labs	20.4%
Tutorial Services	18.4%
Career Services	14.3%
Scholarships	12.2%
Disability Services	10.2%
Chidren's Center	2.0%
Recreational and Athletics	0.0%
Success Navigators	0.0%

Campus Activities

Did you participate in any campus activities outside the classroom during your time at SUNY WCC? Campus activities include the Involvement Fair, Meeting the Firm Series, Viking Rainbow Pride, Make or Take events, etc.: More thank three-quarters (77.5%) indicated that they did not participate in campus activities outside the classroom while students at SUNY WCC.

Did You Participate in Any Campus Activities Outside the Classroom During Your Time at SUNY WCC?

22.5%
77.5%

Yes   No
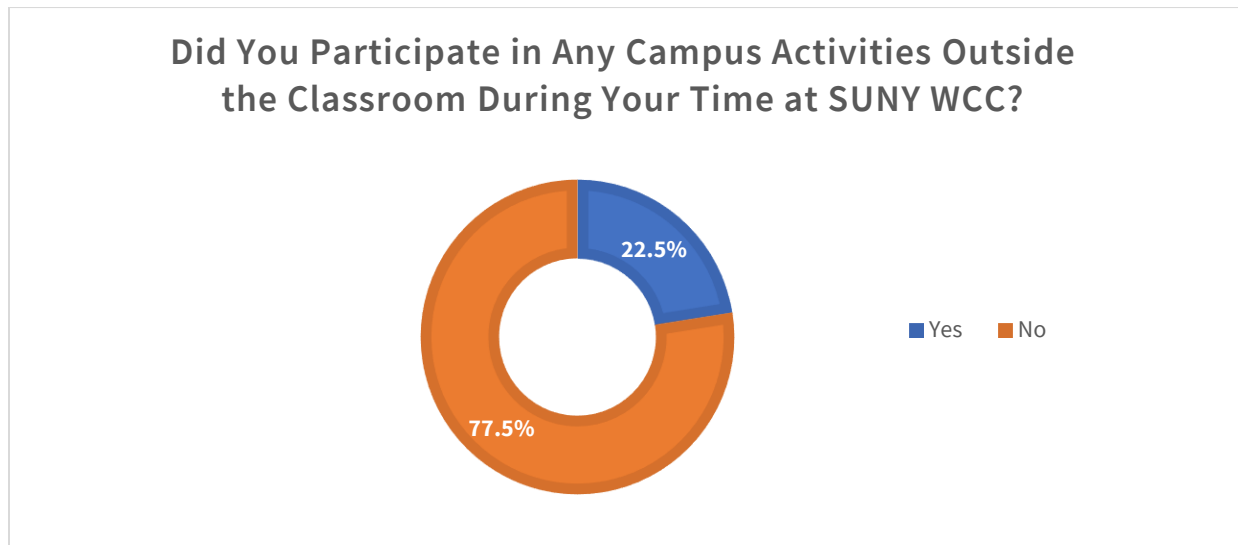
How important were campus activities outside the classroom in: The overwhelming majority of students who participated in campus activities responded that they were either *very important* or *important* in helping them connect with their peers (86.3%), helping them to develop transferable skills (75.0%), and feeling more connected to the SUNY WCC community (75.0%).

How Important Were Campus Activities Outside the Classroom in:

helping you connect with your peers?	2.3%	11.4%	38.6%	47.7%
helping you develop transferable skills?	0.0%	25.0%	31.8%	43.2%
feeling more connected to the SUNY WCC community?	2.3%	22.7%	27.3%	47.7%

■ Not at all important or Slightly important   ■ Neutral   ■ Important   ■ Very important

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Scholarships

Did you receive a private scholarship while you attended SUNY WCC? Of the respondents to the survey, 17.3 percent indicated that they received a private scholarship while attending the College and 13.7 percent were unsure.
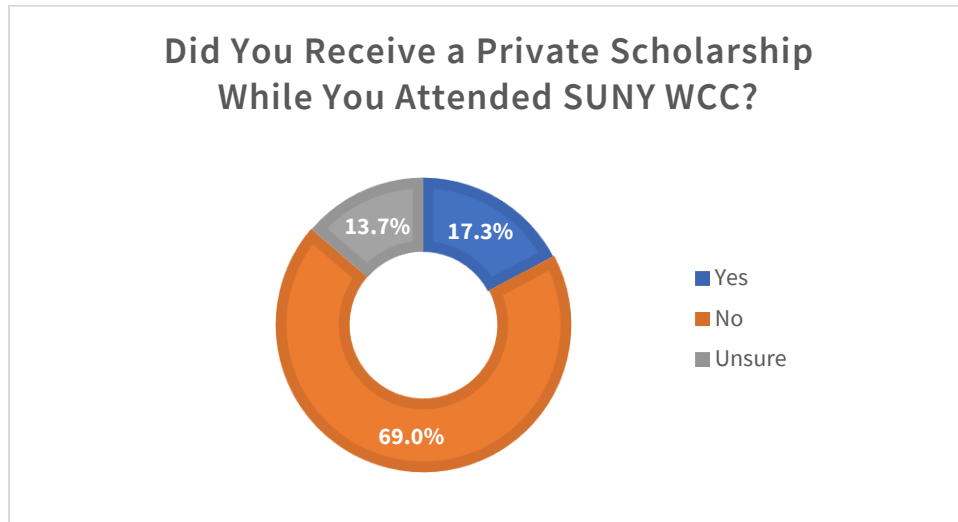
How impactful was the scholarship you received in graduating from SUNY WCC? Nearly three-quarters (74.3%) of those who answered the survey and have received a private scholarship indicated that it was *very impactful*. An additional 20.0 percent indicated that it was either *impactful* or *somewhat impactful*. In the open-ended responses, many students indicated that they would not have been able to graduate on time without the financial assistance that the scholarships provided.
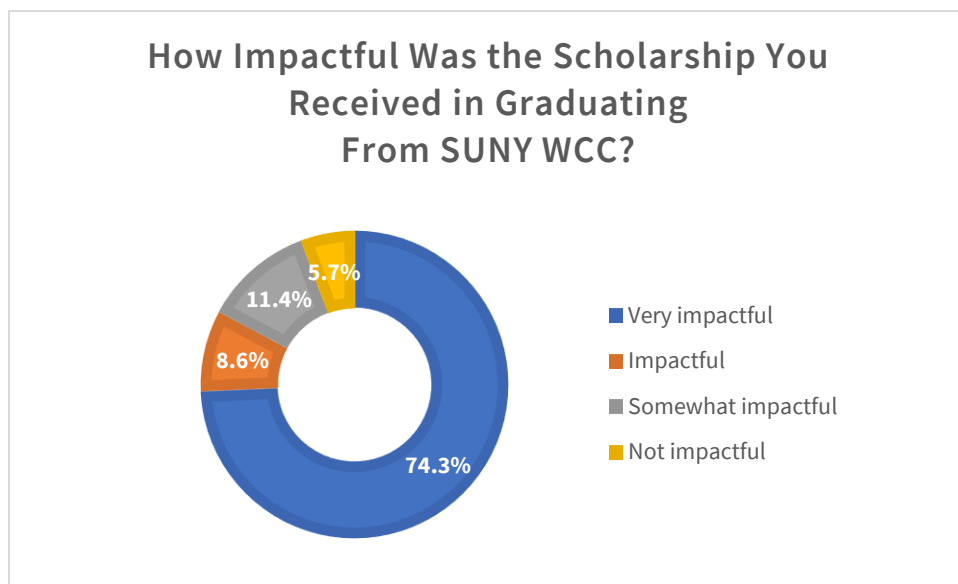
Employment

What is your employment status? Nearly one-third (32.6%) of survey respondents were employed, either full- or part-time, in a job related to their degree/certificate (65 of 199) compared to 37.7 percent (75 of 199) who reported careers unrelated to their training. Additionally, 19.1 percent of the respondents (38 of 199) were not employed, but were seeking employment.

What Is Your Employment Status?

Category	Percentage
Employed full-time, related to my degree/certificate	24.6%
Employed full-time, not related to my degree/certificate	20.1%
Not employed, seeking employment	19.1%
Employed part-time, not related to my degree/certificate	17.6%
Employed part-time, related to my degree/certificate	8.0%
Not employed, not seeking employment	6.0%
Self-employed	4.5%
Serving in the military	0.0%
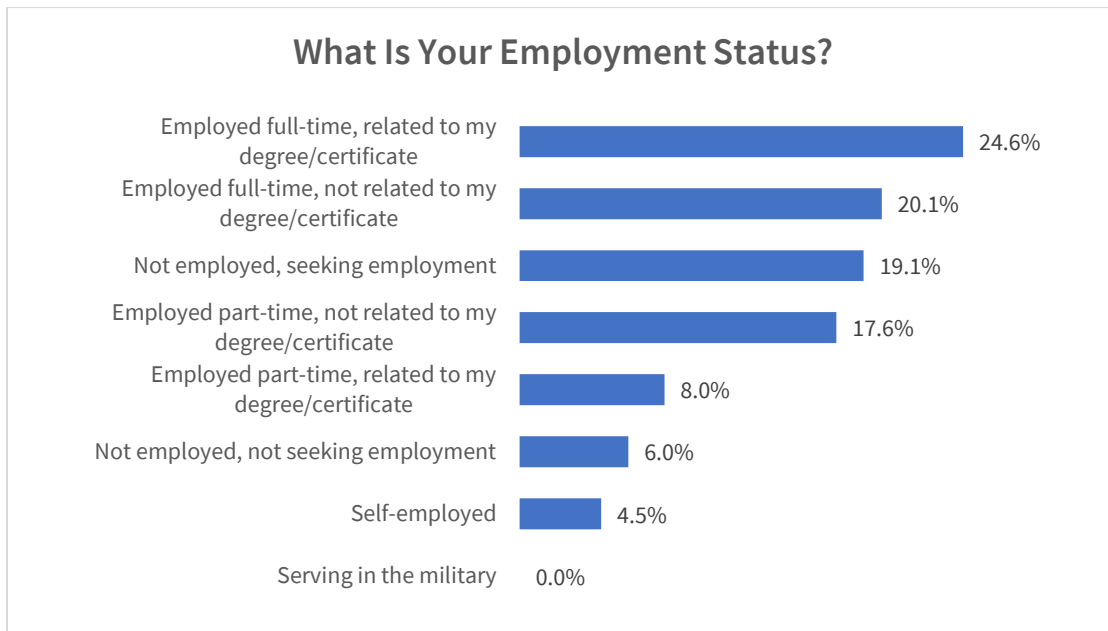
Is this your first professional position obtained after earning your degree? For most students (59.7%) their current job was not the first professional position they obtained after receiving their degree (80 out of 134).

Is This Your First Professional Position Obtained After Earning Your Degree?

Yes 40.3%
No 59.7%
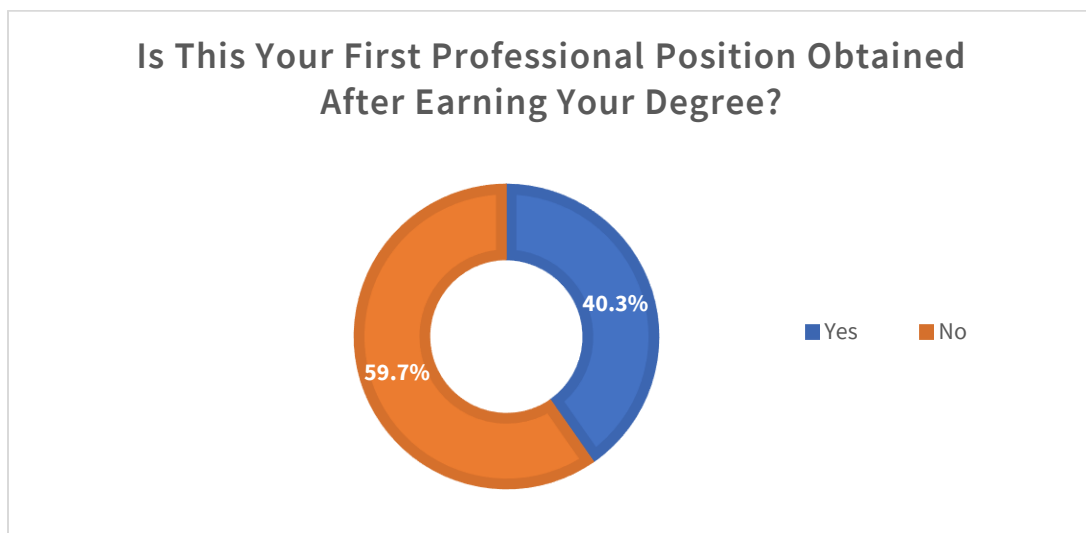
Where is your employer located? Most (59.4%) of the respondents (79 of 133) were employed within Westchester County. Slightly more than one in ten (12.0%) were employed outside New York State (16 of 133). The most common place of employment listed among the respondents was Westchester Medical Center (8).

Where Is Your Employer Located?

- 12.0%
- 28.6%
- 59.4%

■ In Westchester County

■ Outside Westchester County, in New York State

■ Outside of New York State
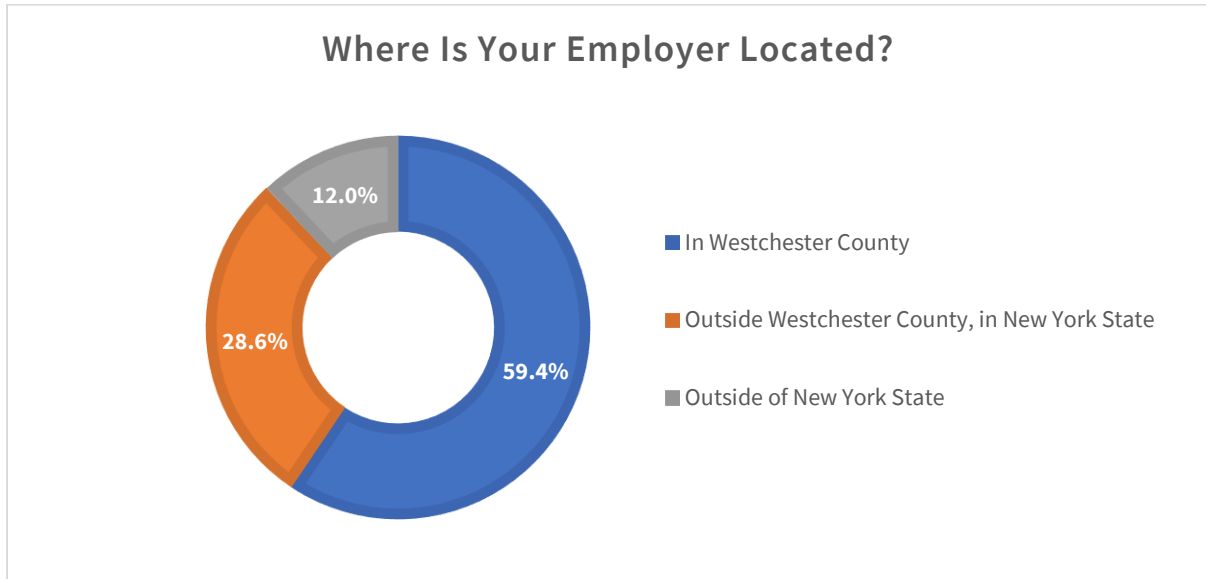
What is your current salary range? More than two-fifths (40.5%) of the respondents (53 of 131) reported earning below $30,000 a year in their current profession. Approximately an equal percentage (42.0%) earned $40,000 or more (55 of 131).

What Is Your Current Salary Range (Pick One)?

40.5%

17.6%

12.2%

5.3%

24.4%

■ Below $30,000 ■ $30,000-$40,000 ■ $40,000-$50,000 ■ $50,000-$60,000 ■ Above $60,000
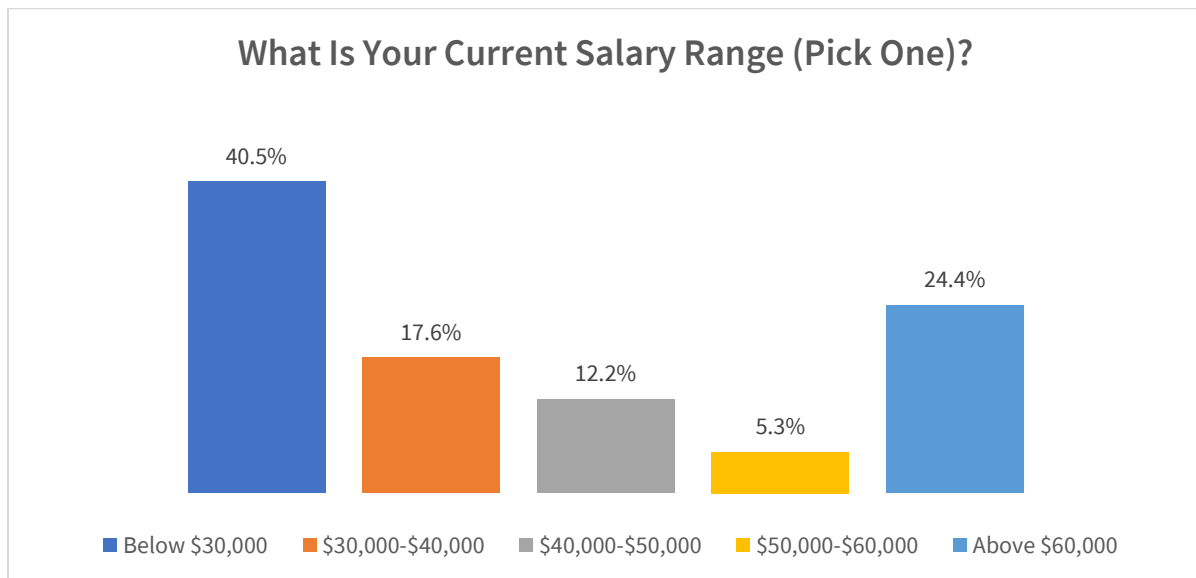
To what extent do you feel your SUNY WCC education prepared you for your current job? More than four out of five (82.7%) survey respondents felt that their experiences at SUNY WCC enabled them to be *well prepared* or *somewhat prepared* for their current job (110 of 133).

To What Extent Do You Feel Your SUNY WCC Education Prepared You for Your Current Job?

46.6%

36.1%

17.3%

■ Not at all   ■ Somewhat prepared   ■ Well prepapred
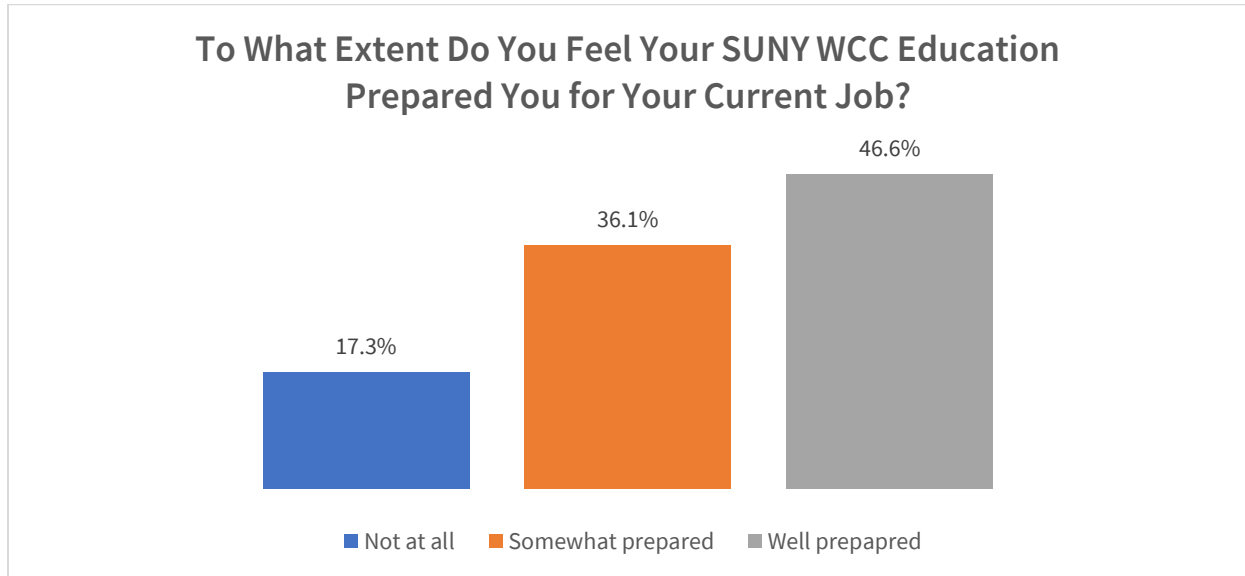
Are you satisfied with your current job? The overwhelming majority (85.7%)of those who responded to this question were either *very satisfied* or *satisfied* with their current job (114 of 133 respondents).

Are you satisfied with your current job?

55.6%

30.1%

9.8%

4.5%

■ Very dissatisfied   ■ Dissatisfied   ■ Satisfied   ■ Very satisfied
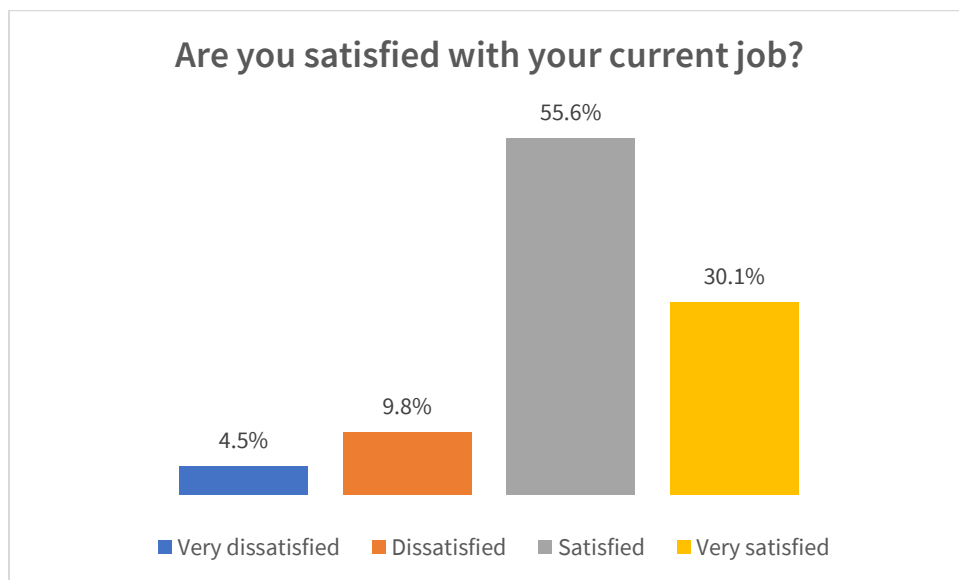
Conclusion

The information presented above can be used by the faculty, staff, and administrators of the College to identify areas for improvement. It can be a valuable tool for assessment of academic programs, College services, and College processes, and can provide a starting point for future analyses.

For additional disaggregation of the data, or additional information, please contact Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness at IR@sunywcc.edu.

Appendix: Survey Tool

Graduate Survey 2021-2022

Graduate Survey

Westchester Community College is conducting a study of our recent graduates. Its purpose is to provide us with information on how you feel about the college and the educational services we provided while you were here. We also want to know what you are doing after graduation.

Your feedback is important as it allows us to measure your college experience. We want to know what we do well and areas that can be improved.

Your responses are valuable and will be kept confidential within the Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness office. Only summary information will be reported.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this survey. You may contact Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness at ir@sunywcc.edu.

Your feedback is important! Thank you for your help!

Graduate Survey 2021-2022

Education

* 1. Are you currently attending a college, university or training program?
- ◯ 2-year college/university
- ◯ 4-year college/university
- ◯ Training Program
- ◯ Not Attending

2. Are you attending that college, university or training program:
- ◯ Full-Time
- ◯ Part-Time

3. Please tell us where your college, university, or training program is located?
- ◯ In Westchester County
- ◯ Outside Westchester County, in New York State
- ◯ Outside of New York State

4. To what extent do you feel WCC prepared you for further study?
- ◯ Well prepared
- ◯ Somewhat prepared
- ◯ Not at all

Satisfaction

5. How satisfied were you with WCC in achieving your goals?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Personal goals	◯	◯	◯	◯
Academic goals	◯	◯	◯	◯
Career goals	◯	◯	◯	◯
Social goals	◯	◯	◯	◯

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6. How satisfied were you with the following services:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Did not use this service
Academic advising by teaching faculty	○	○	○	○	○
Academic advising/counseling by counseling faculty	○	○	○	○	○
Admissions office services	○	○	○	○	○
Availability of courses offered that were of interest to you	○	○	○	○	○
Bookstore	○	○	○	○	○
Bursar	○	○	○	○	○
Children's Center	○	○	○	○	○
Success Navigators	○	○	○	○	○
Computer Services/Labs	○	○	○	○	○
Mental Health and Counseling Services	○	○	○	○	○
Dining Services	○	○	○	○	○
Disability Services	○	○	○	○	○
Financial Aid	○	○	○	○	○
Career Services	○	○	○	○	○
Library	○	○	○	○	○

7. How satisfied were you with the following at WCC?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Your overall college experience	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Your overall quality of instruction	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Your overall experience with courses *in your major*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Your overall experience with courses *outside your major*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Transferring to a four year institution	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Increasing my knowledge and understanding	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Developing skills in expressing myself orally	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Developing skills in expressing myself in writing	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Improving my reading skills	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Achieving a degree/certificate required for my present or future job	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Social climate	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

Obstacles

8. Did you face any obstacles that impacted your ability to graduate from WCC?

◯ Yes

◯ No

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9. What obstacles did you face throughout your time at WCC? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Difficulty paying or school
- ☐ The COVID-19 pandemic
- ☐ Family or personal reasons
- ☐ Academic issues
- ☐ Scheduling
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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10. What college services helped you persist at WCC despite these obstacles? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Children's Center
- ☐ Success Navigators
- ☐ Computer Services/Labs
- ☐ Mental Health and Counseling Services
- ☐ Disability Services
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ Career Services
- ☐ Recreational and Athletics
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ Student Involvement
- ☐ Student Support Services
- ☐ Tutorial Centers

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Campus Activities

11. Do you participate in any campus activities outside the classroom during your time at WCC?

Campus activities outside the classroom include the Involvement Fair, Meet the Firm Series, Viking Rainbow Pride, Make or Take events, etc.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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12. How important were campus activities outside the classroom in:

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Slightly important	Not at all important
Helping you connect with your peers	○	○	○	○	○
Helping you develop transferrable skills	○	○	○	○	○
Feeling more connected to the WCC community	○	○	○	○	○

Scholarships

13. Did you receive a private scholarship while you attended WCC?

Private scholarships include Westchester Community College Foundation Scholarships, the Davis Scholarship, the Great Chefs Scholarship, the Honors Scholarship and the PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship, and do **not** include government scholarships like the Pell grant.

○ Yes

○ No

○ Unsure

14. How impactful was the scholarship you received in graduating from WCC?

○ Very impactful

○ Impactful

○ Somewhat impactful

○ Not impactful

15. Please share any information about your experience as a scholarship recipient at WCC and the impact of receiving your scholarship.

Employment

* 16. What is your employment status?

○ Employed Full-Time, *related* to my degree/certificate

○ Employed Part-Time, *related* to my degree/certificate

○ Employed Full-Time, *not related* to my degree/certificate

○ Employed Part-Time, *not related* to my degree/certificate

○ Serving - Military

○ Not employed, seeking employment

○ Not employed, not seeking employment

○ Self-Employed

17. Is this your first professional position obtained after earning your degree?

○ Yes

○ No

18. What is the name of the employer?

19. Where is your employer located?

○ In Westchester County

○ Outside Westchester County, in New York State

○ Outside of New York State

20. What is your current salary range (pick one)?

○ Below $30,000

○ $30,000 - $40,000

○ $40,000 - $50,000

○ $50,000 - $60,000

○ Above $60,000

21. To what extent do you feel your WCC education prepared you for your current job?

  ⚪ Well prepared

  ⚪ Somewhat prepared

  ⚪ Not at all

22. Are you satisfied with your current job?

  ⚪ Very satisfied

  ⚪ Satisfied

  ⚪ Dissatisfied

  ⚪ Very Dissatisfied

Thank You

23. Thank you for taking our survey. Please add any additional comments you may have: