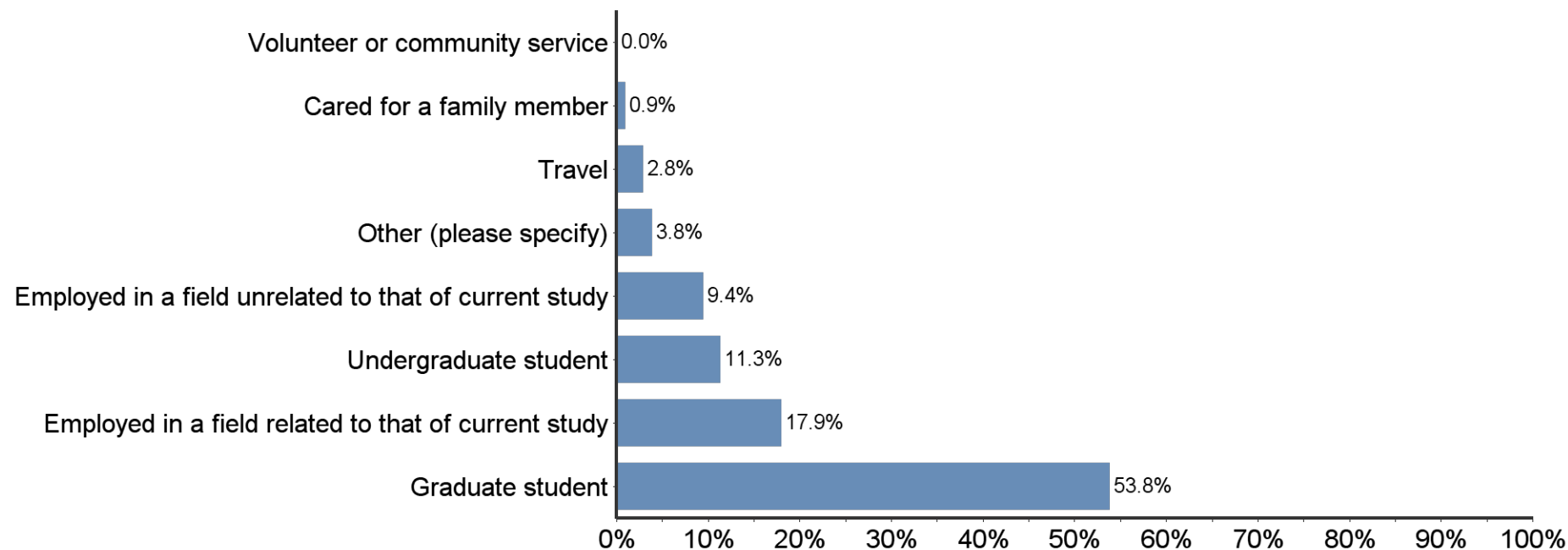


University of California, Merced
2012-2013 Graduate Student Survey Results
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General Notes: of the 274 students invited to complete the survey, 113 (41%) started but may not have completed the survey and 89 (32%) completed the survey. Students could choose not to answer particular questions, thus, response rates for each question varied.

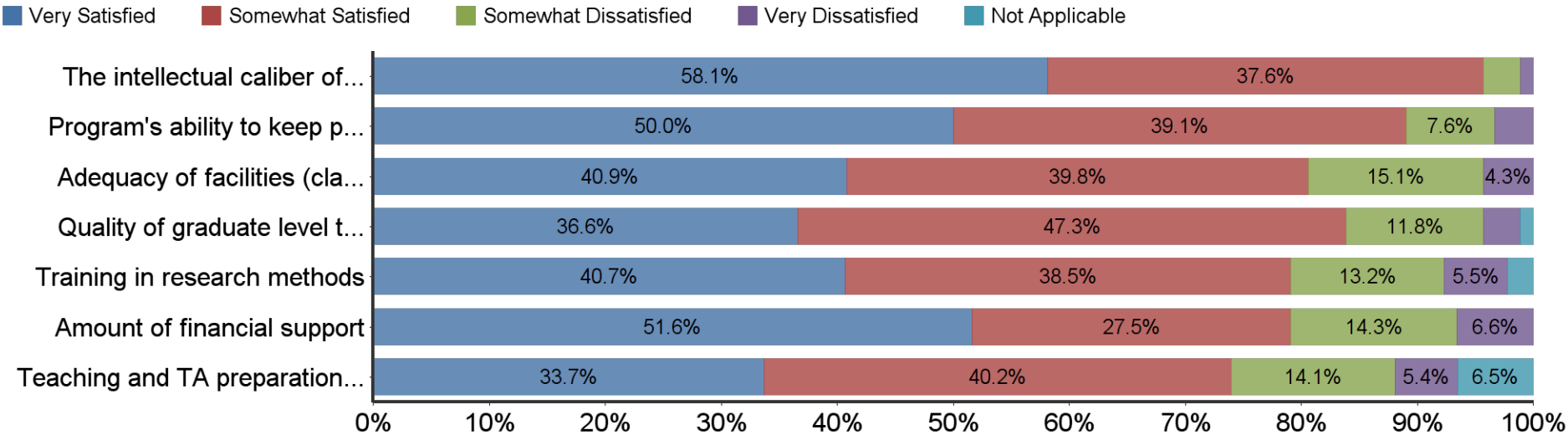
2 What was your primary activity immediately prior to enrolling in this program?



Answer	Frequency
Graduate student	57
Employed in a field related to that of current study	19
Undergraduate student	12
Employed in a field unrelated to that of current study	10
Other (please specify)	4
Travel	3
Cared for a family member	1
Volunteer or community service	0
Total	106

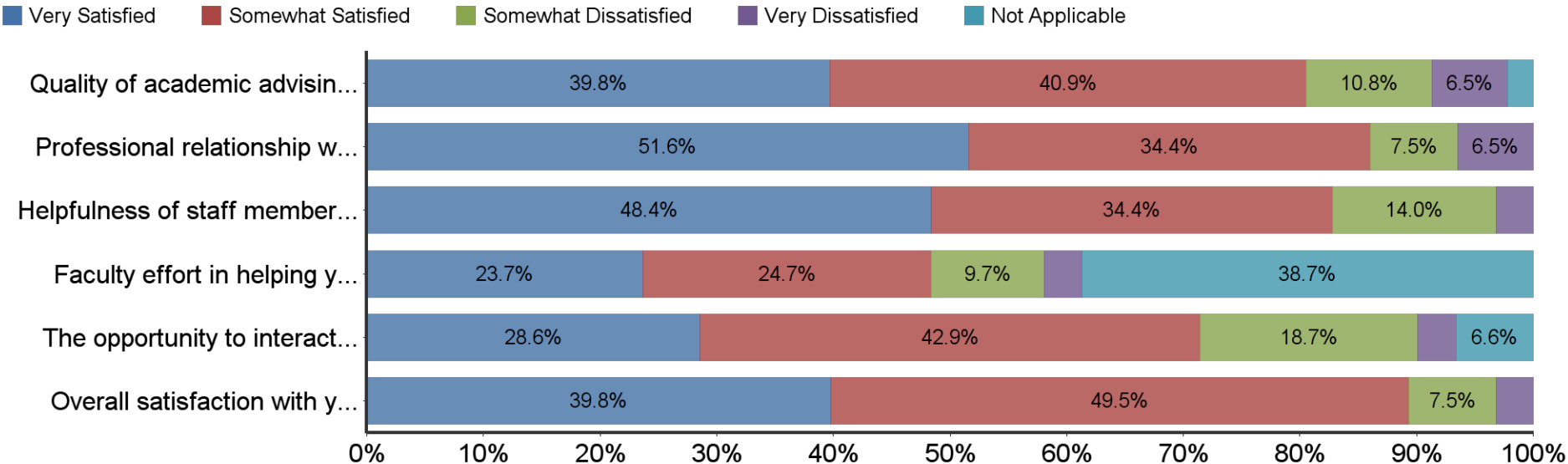
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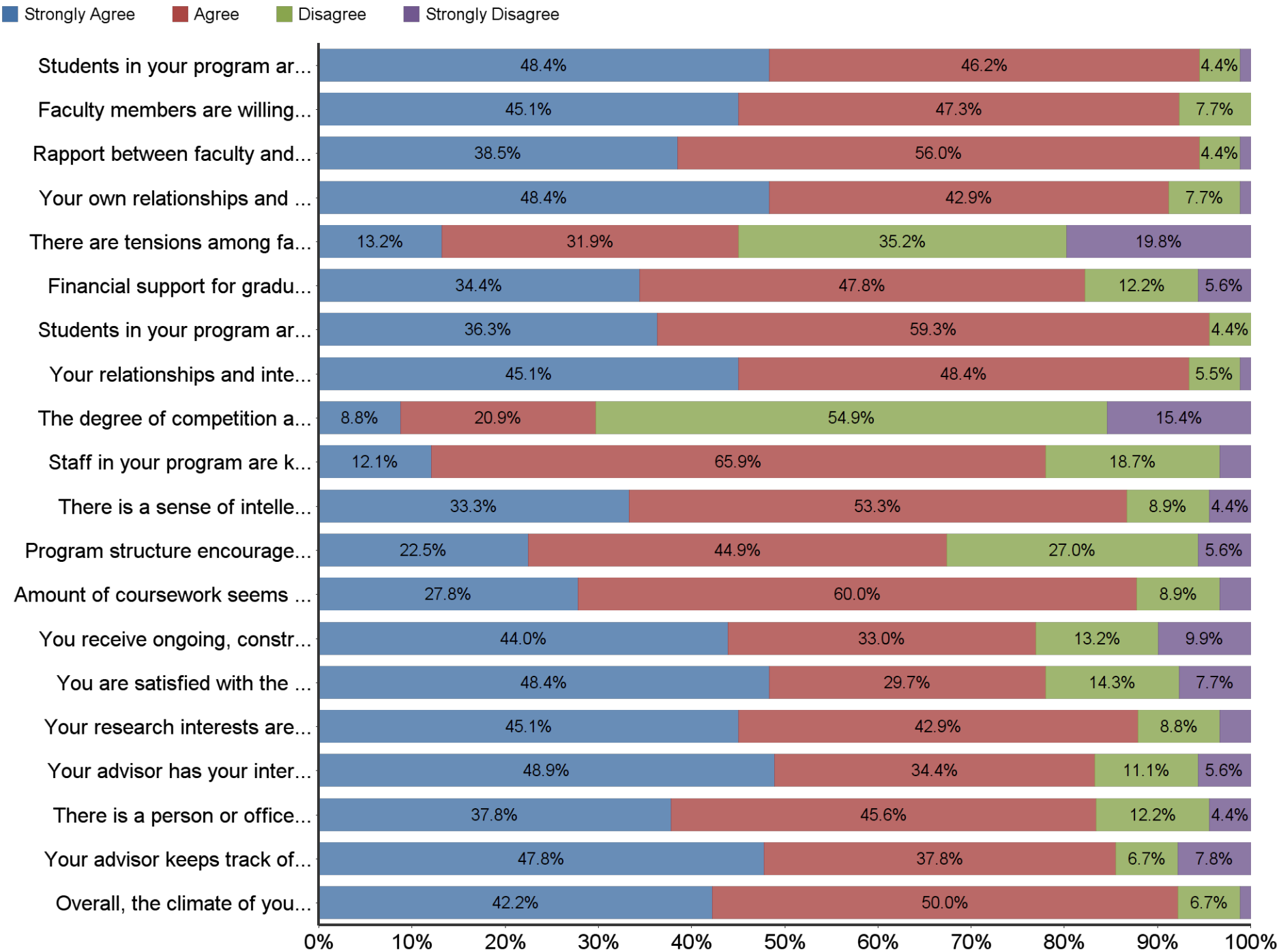
#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Total Responses
1	The intellectual caliber of the faculty in your program	54	35	3	1	-	93
2	Program's ability to keep pace with recent development in your field	46	36	7	3	-	92
3	Adequacy of facilities (classrooms, labs, etc.)	38	37	14	4	-	93
4	Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	34	44	11	3	1	93
5	Training in research methods	37	35	12	5	2	91
6	Amount of financial support	47	25	13	6	-	91
7	Teaching and TA preparation offered by your academic program	31	37	13	5	6	92

4 How satisfied are you with each of the following?
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#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Total Responses
1	Quality of academic advising and guidance	37	38	10	6	2	93
2	Professional relationship with your faculty advisor	48	32	7	6	-	93
3	Helpfulness of staff members in your school or program	45	32	13	3	-	93
4	Faculty effort in helping you find employment	22	23	9	3	36	93
5	The opportunity to interact across disciplines	26	39	17	3	6	91
6	Overall satisfaction with your program	37	46	7	3	-	93

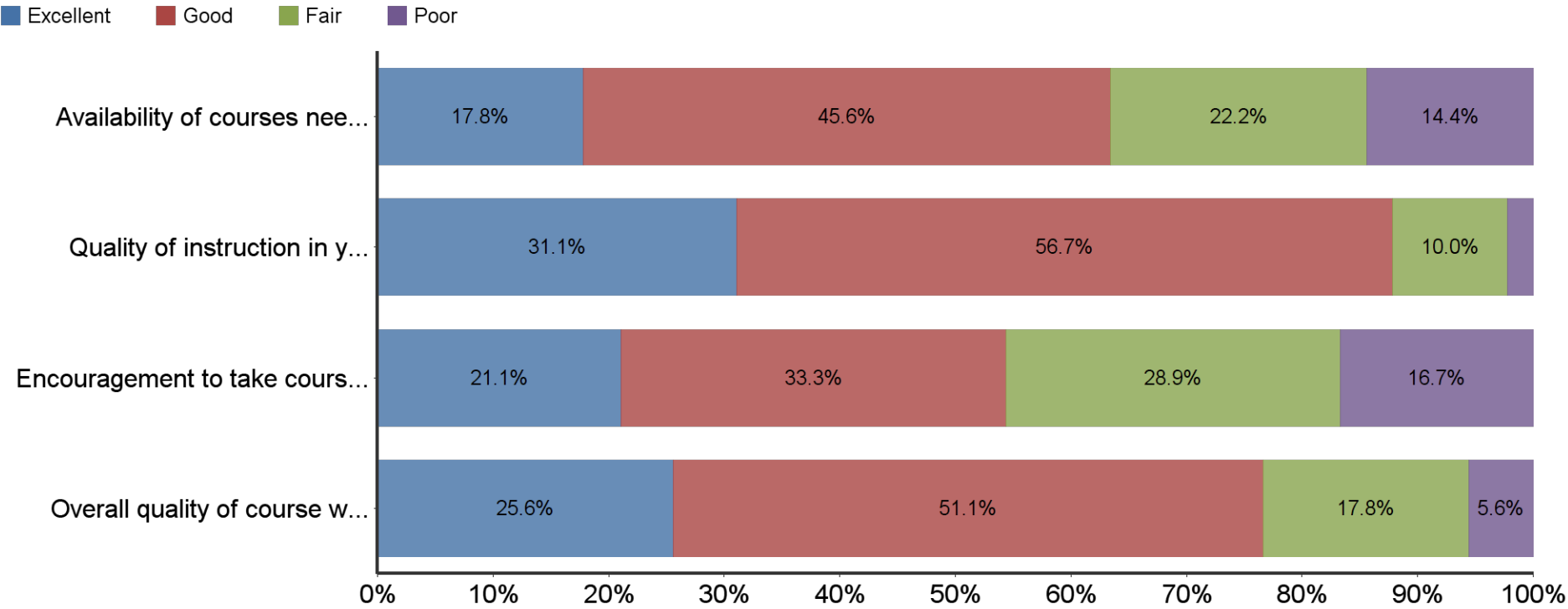
To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
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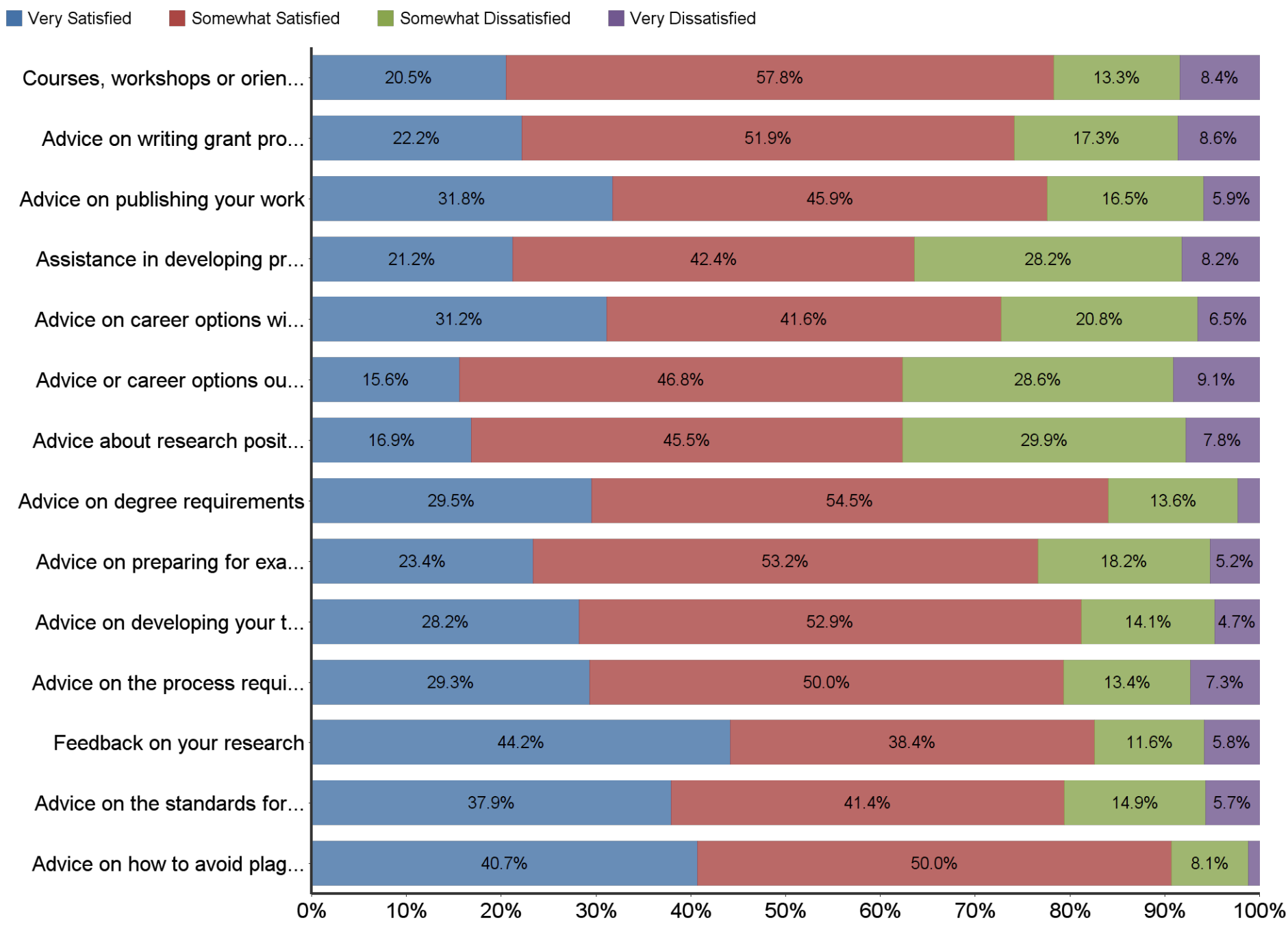
#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
1	Students in your program are treated with respect by faculty	44	42	4	1	91
2	Faculty members are willing to work with students	41	43	7	-	91
3	Rapport between faculty and graduate students in your program is good	35	51	4	1	91
4	Your own relationships and interactions with faculty are good	44	39	7	1	91
5	There are tensions among faculty that affect students	12	29	32	18	91
6	Financial support for graduate students is distributed fairly	31	43	11	5	90
7	Students in your program are collegial	33	54	4	-	91
8	Your relationships and interaction with other students in your graduate program are good	41	44	5	1	91
9	The degree of competition among students is excessive	8	19	50	14	91
10	Staff in your program are knowledgeable about rules and regulations that affect graduate students	11	60	17	3	91
11	There is a sense of intellectual community in your program	30	48	8	4	90
12	Program structure encourages student collaboration or teamwork	20	40	24	5	89
13	Amount of coursework seems appropriate to the degree	25	54	8	3	90
14	You receive ongoing, constructive feedback on progress toward your degree from your advisor	40	30	12	9	91
15	You are satisfied with the amount of time spent with your advisor	44	27	13	7	91
16	Your research interests are incorporated into your thesis work	41	39	8	3	91
17	Your advisor has your interests in mind	44	31	10	5	90
18	There is a person or office you could trust to report perceived abuse or misconduct in your program by your advisor or committee member	34	41	11	4	90
19	Your advisor keeps track of your research progress and will help determine when you have accomplished enough work for your degree	43	34	6	7	90
20	Overall, the climate of your program is positive	38	45	6	1	90

7 How would you rate your graduate group on each of the following?
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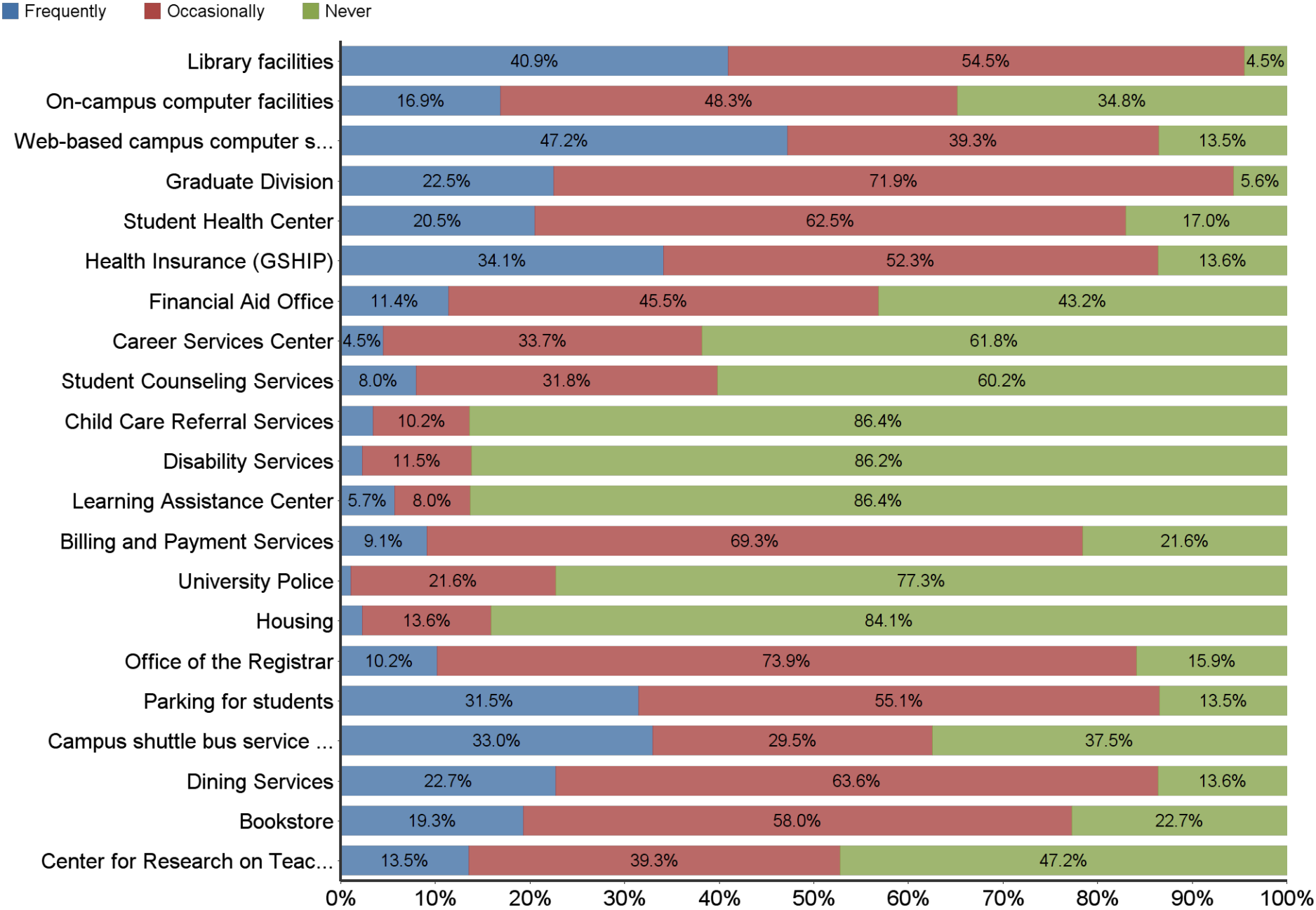
#	Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total Responses
1	Availability of courses needed to complete your program	16	41	20	13	90
2	Quality of instruction in your courses	28	51	9	2	90
3	Encouragement to take courses outside your program	19	30	26	15	90
4	Overall quality of course work in your program	23	46	16	5	90

8 Please indicate (where applicable) your level of satisfaction in the following areas.
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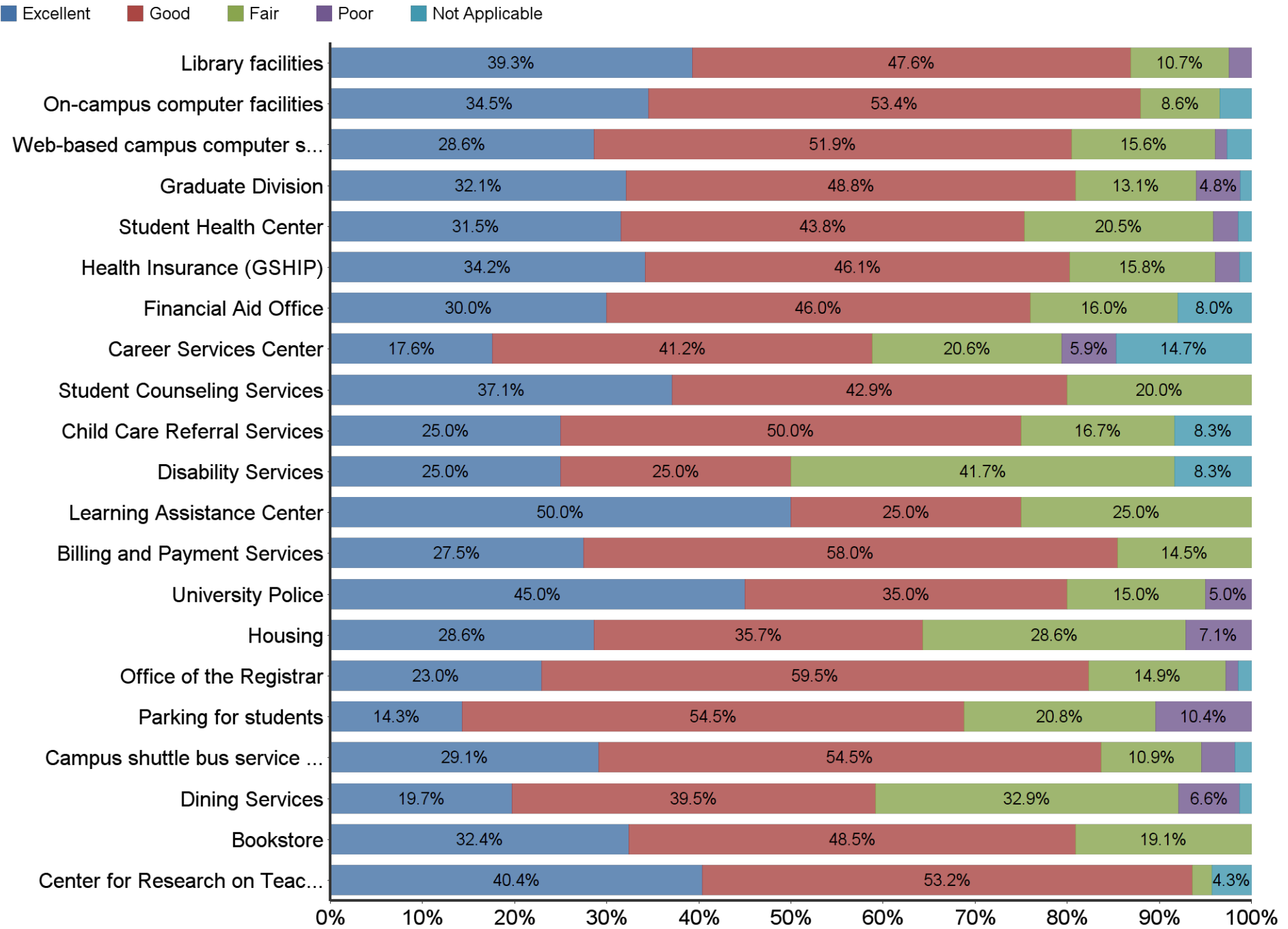
#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Total Responses
1	Courses, workshops or orientations on teaching offered by your academic program	17	48	11	7	83
2	Advice on writing grant proposals	18	42	14	7	81
3	Advice on publishing your work	27	39	14	5	85
4	Assistance in developing professional contacts outside your program	18	36	24	7	85
5	Advice on career options within academia	24	32	16	5	77
6	Advice or career options outside academia	12	36	22	7	77
7	Advice about research positions	13	35	23	6	77
8	Advice on degree requirements	26	48	12	2	88
9	Advice on preparing for examinations	18	41	14	4	77
10	Advice on developing your thesis or dissertation proposal	24	45	12	4	85
11	Advice on the process required to select a thesis advisor	24	41	11	6	82
12	Feedback on your research	38	33	10	5	86
13	Advice on the standards for academic writing in your field	33	36	13	5	87
14	Advice on how to avoid plagiarism and other violations of the standards of academic integrity	35	43	7	1	86



Please indicate how frequently you used the following services during your most recent year's experience in graduate school at UC Merced.

#	Question	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Total Responses
1	Library facilities	36	48	4	88
2	On-campus computer facilities	15	43	31	89
3	Web-based campus computer services (e.g., for registration)	42	35	12	89
4	Graduate Division	20	64	5	89
5	Student Health Center	18	55	15	88
6	Health Insurance (GSHIP)	30	46	12	88
7	Financial Aid Office	10	40	38	88
8	Career Services Center	4	30	55	89
9	Student Counseling Services	7	28	53	88
10	Child Care Referral Services	3	9	76	88
11	Disability Services	2	10	75	87
12	Learning Assistance Center	5	7	76	88
13	Billing and Payment Services	8	61	19	88
14	University Police	1	19	68	88
15	Housing	2	12	74	88
16	Office of the Registrar	9	65	14	88
17	Parking for students	28	49	12	89
18	Campus shuttle bus service (Cat Tracks)	29	26	33	88
19	Dining Services	20	56	12	88
20	Bookstore	17	51	20	88
21	Center for Research on Teaching Excellence (CRTE)	12	35	42	89

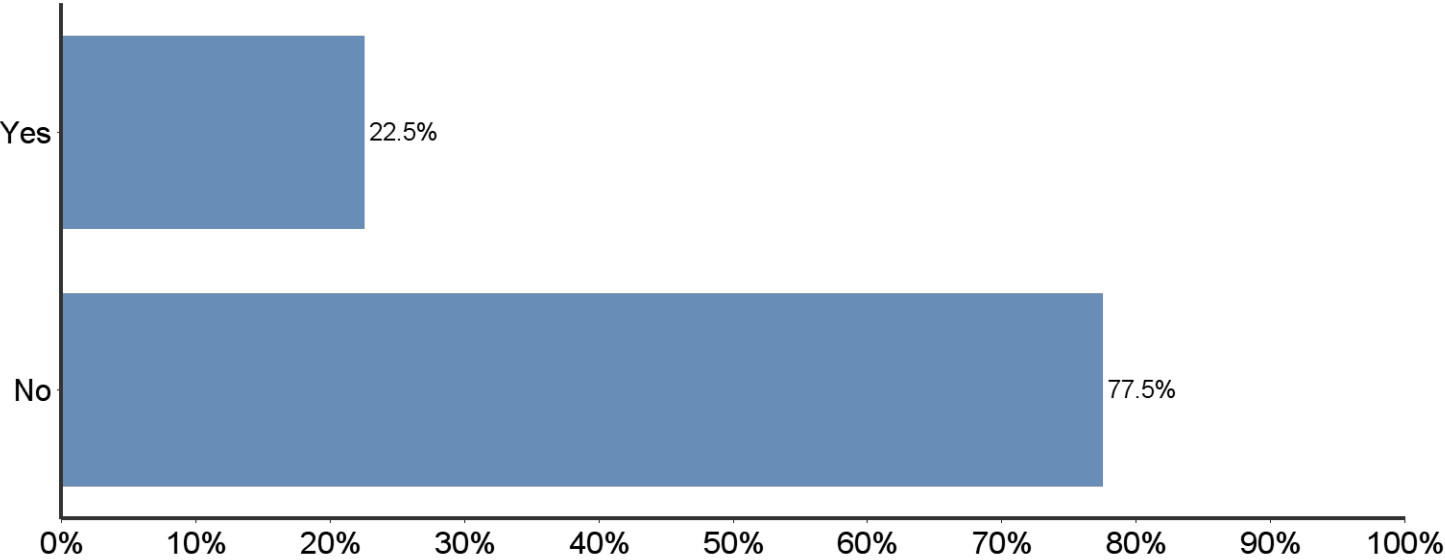
12 Please rate the quality of your experience.
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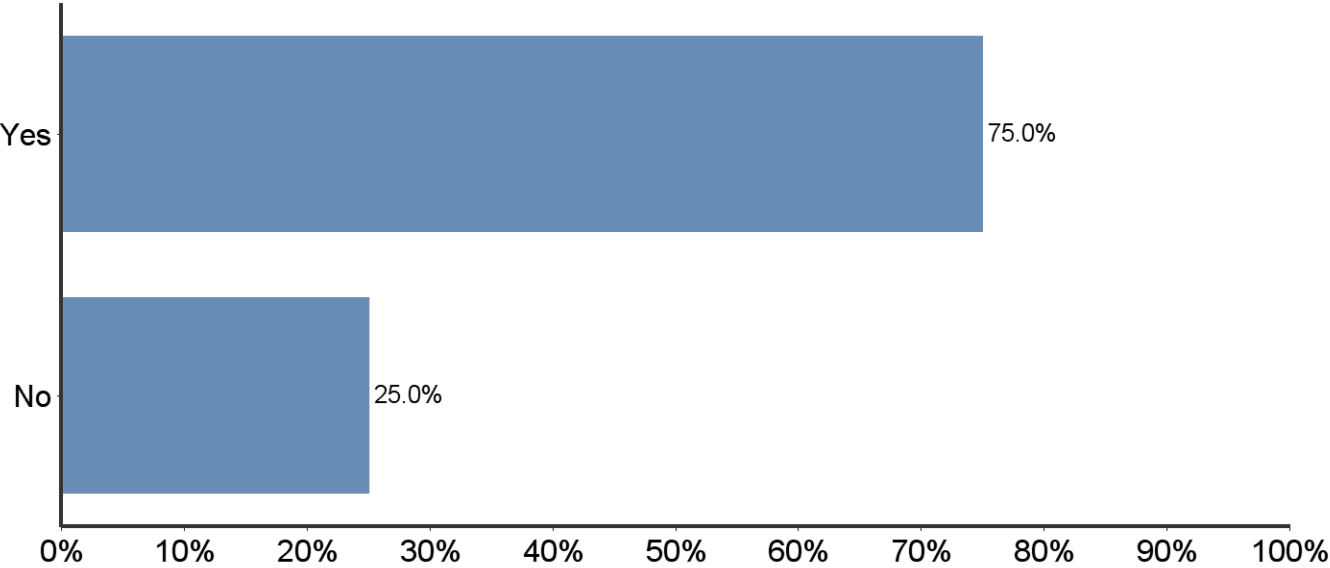
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#	Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Total Responses
1	Library facilities	33	40	9	2	-	84
2	On-campus computer facilities	20	31	5	-	2	58
3	Web-based campus computer services (e.g., for registration)	22	40	12	1	2	77
4	Graduate Division	27	41	11	4	1	84
5	Student Health Center	23	32	15	2	1	73
6	Health Insurance (GSHIP)	26	35	12	2	1	76
7	Financial Aid Office	15	23	8	-	4	50
8	Career Services Center	6	14	7	2	5	34
9	Student Counseling Services	13	15	7	-	-	35
10	Child Care Referral Services	3	6	2	-	1	12
11	Disability Services	3	3	5	-	1	12
12	Learning Assistance Center	6	3	3	-	-	12
13	Billing and Payment Services	19	40	10	-	-	69
14	University Police	9	7	3	1	-	20
15	Housing	4	5	4	1	-	14
16	Office of the Registrar	17	44	11	1	1	74
17	Parking for students	11	42	16	8	-	77
18	Campus shuttle bus service (Cat Tracks)	16	30	6	2	1	55
19	Dining Services	15	30	25	5	1	76
20	Bookstore	22	33	13	-	-	68
21	Center for Research on Teaching Excellence (CRTE)	19	25	1	-	2	47

Did you attend any library-sponsored workshops during the 2012-13 academic year?

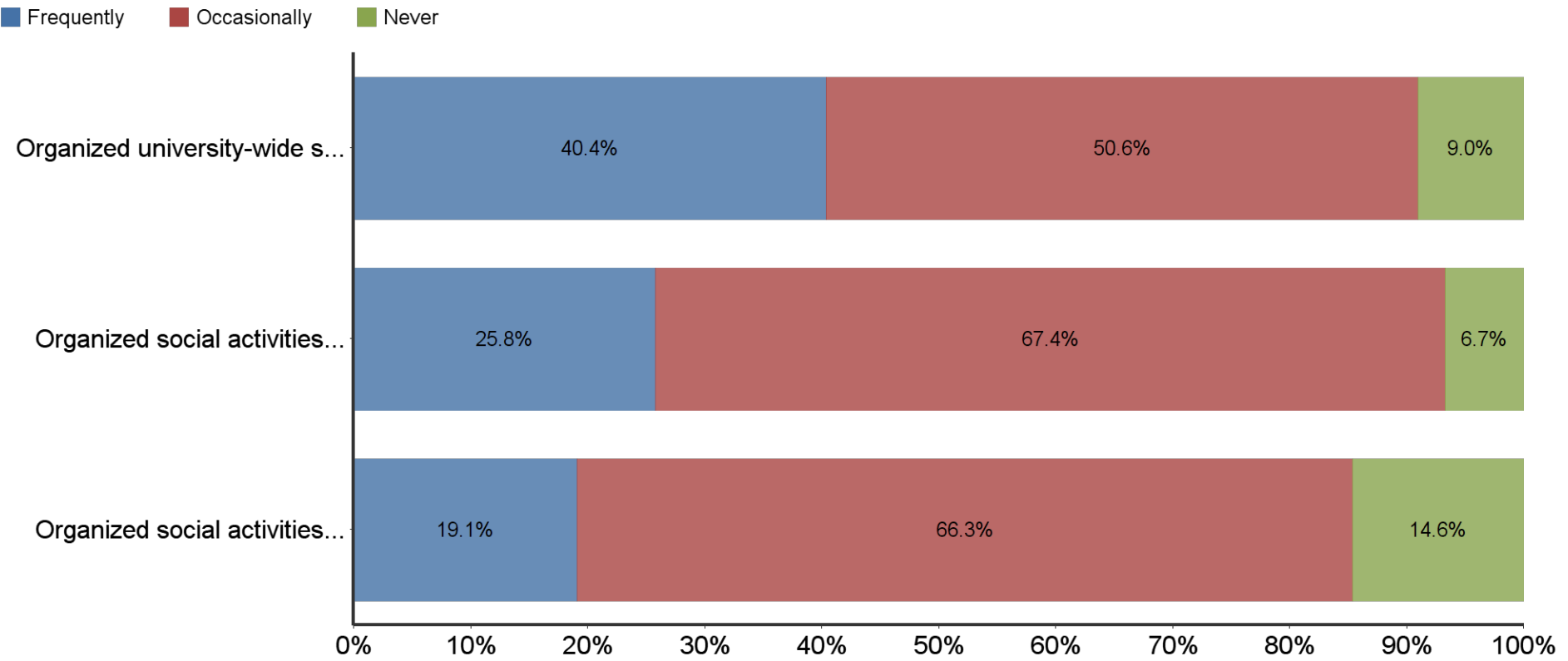


Answer	Frequency
Yes	20
No	69
Total	89

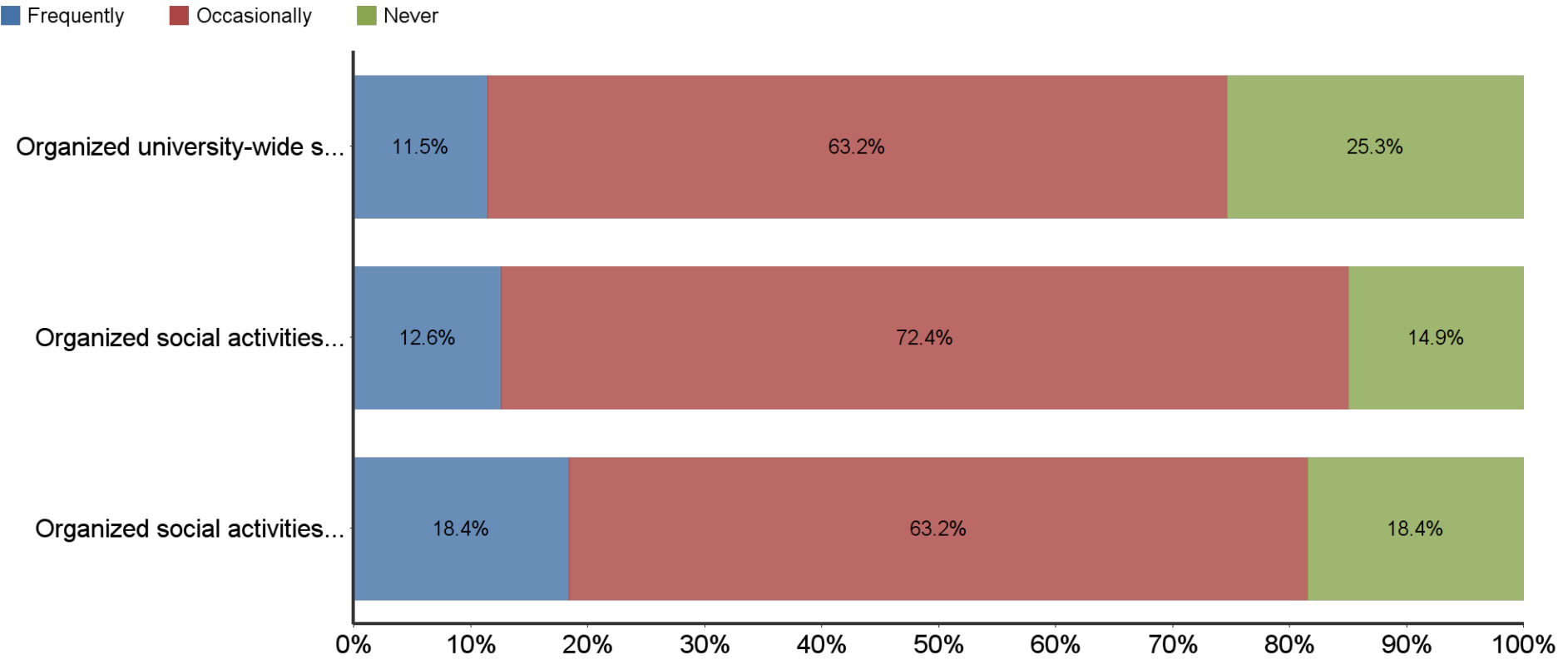


Answer	Frequency
Yes	15
No	5
Total	20

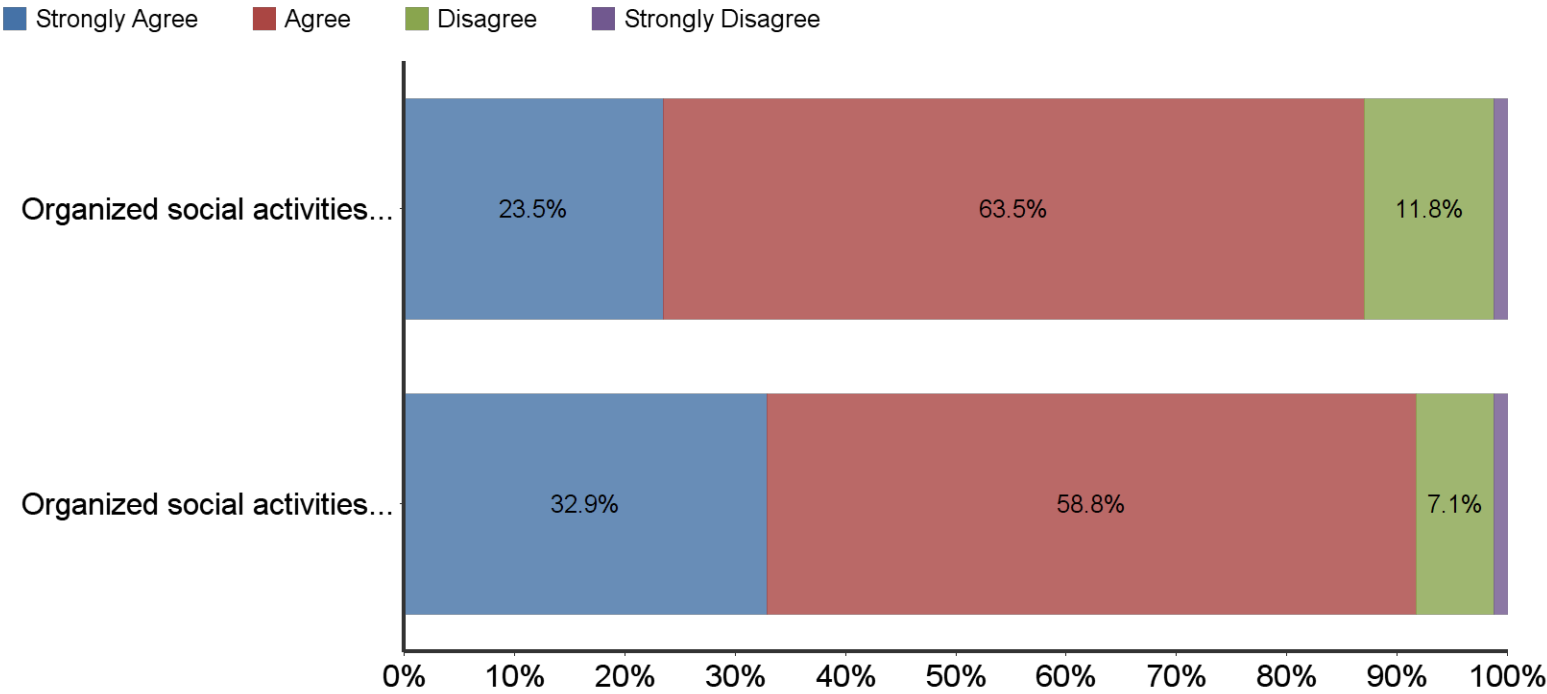
16 How often do the following social activities occur on campus? (Frequently is defined as more than once a month and occasionally is defined as once a month or less).
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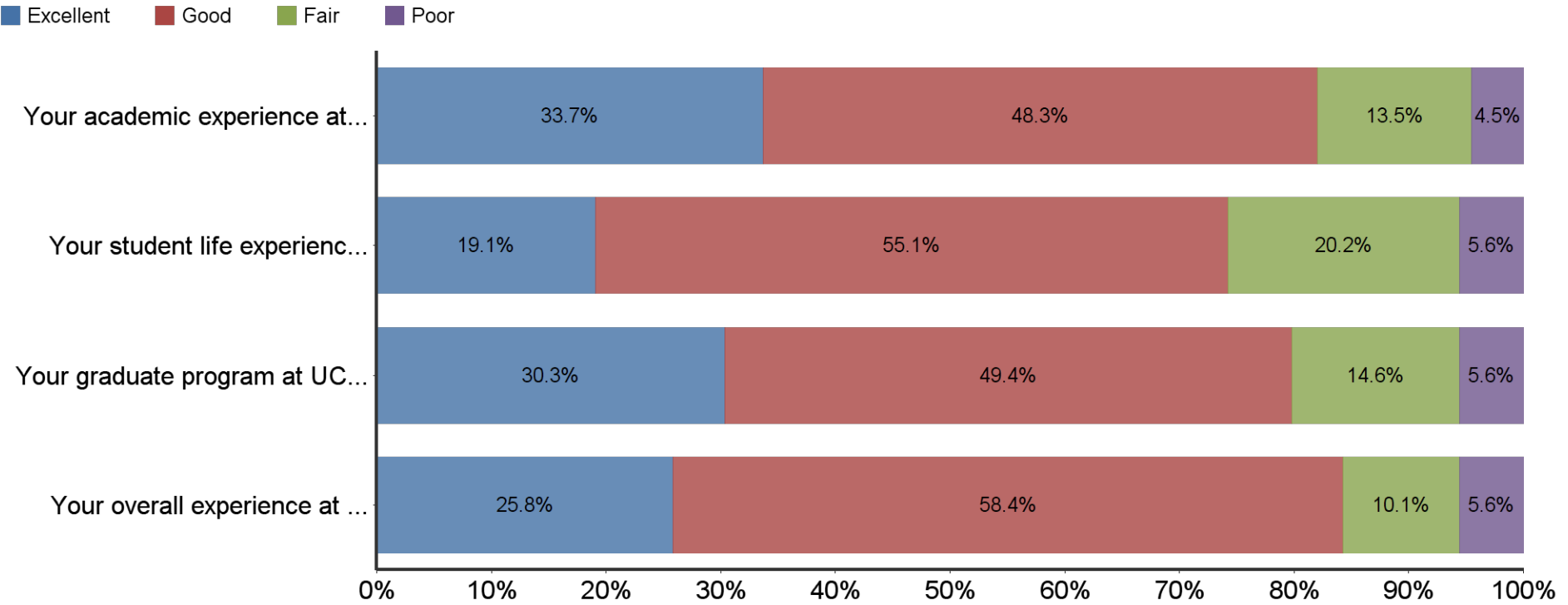
#	Question	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Total Responses
1	Organized university-wide social activities	36	45	8	89
2	Organized social activities within your school	23	60	6	89
3	Organized social activities within your advisor/research group	17	59	13	89



#	Question	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Total Responses
1	Organized university-wide social activities	10	55	22	87
2	Organized social activities within your school	11	63	13	87
3	Organized social activities within your advisor/research group	16	55	16	87

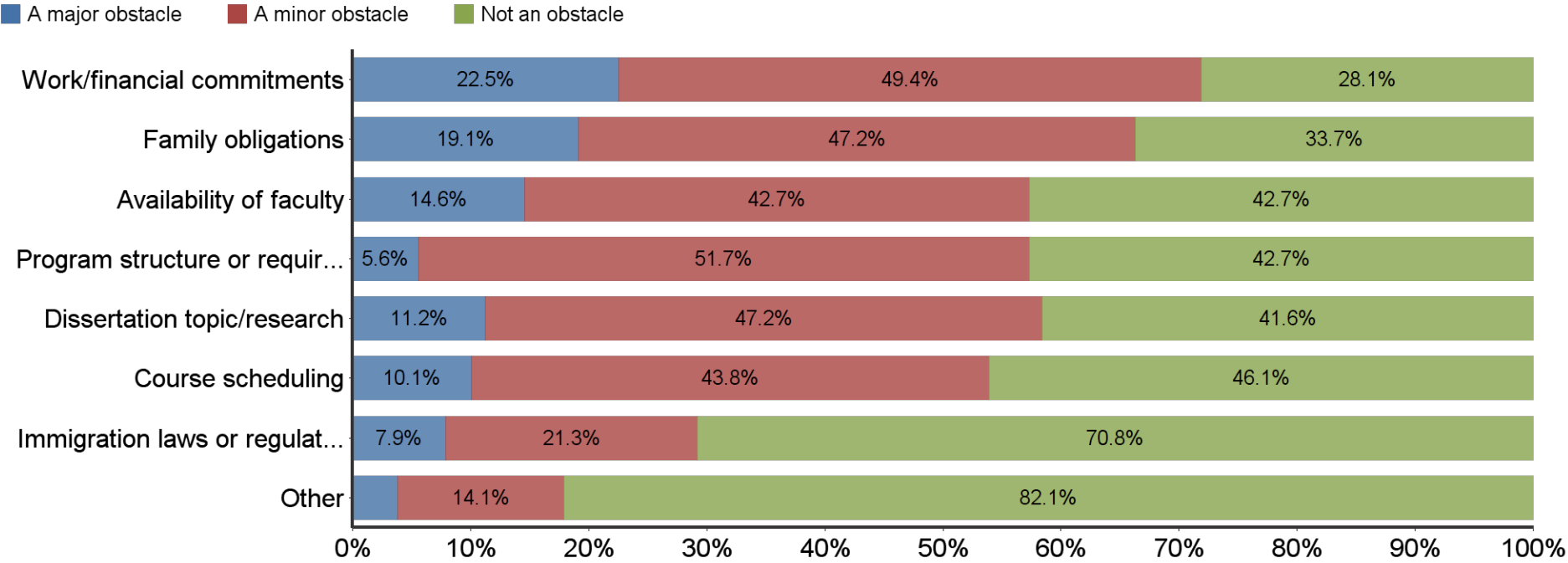


#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
1	Organized social activities allow you to meet graduate students outside your graduate group	20	54	10	1	85
2	Organized social activities help build a UC Merced community of graduate students	28	50	6	1	85



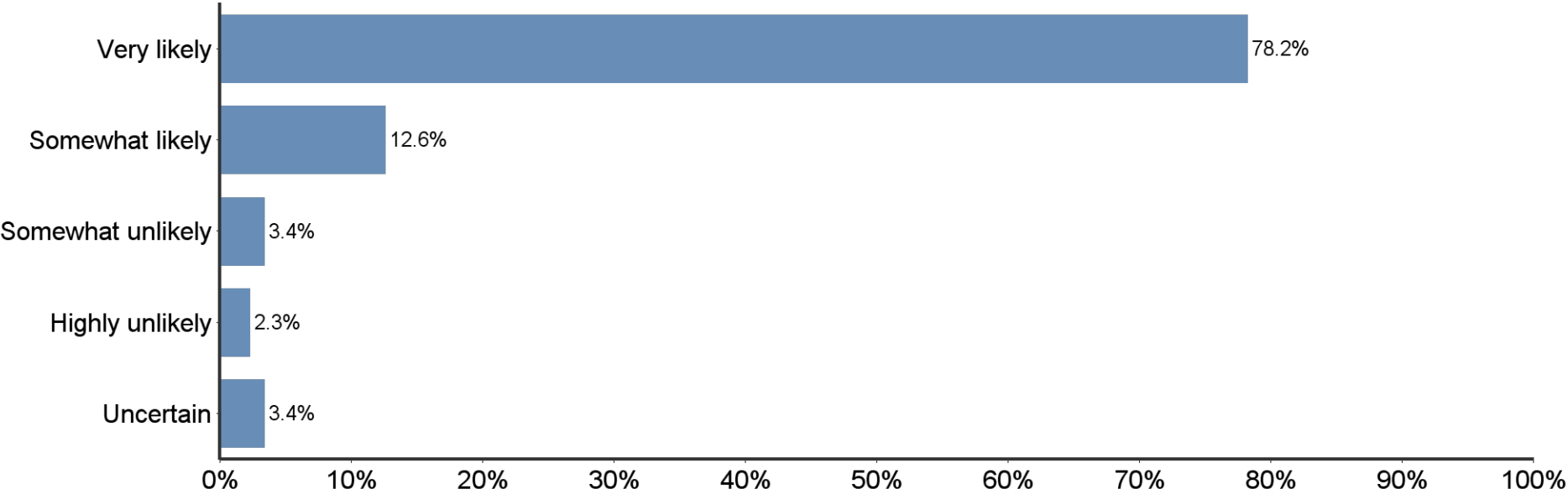
#	Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total Responses
1	Your academic experience at UC Merced	30	43	12	4	89
2	Your student life experience at UC Merced	17	49	18	5	89
3	Your graduate program at UC Merced	27	44	13	5	89
4	Your overall experience at UC Merced	23	52	9	5	89

20 Please rate the extent to which these factors are or have been an obstacle to your academic progress:
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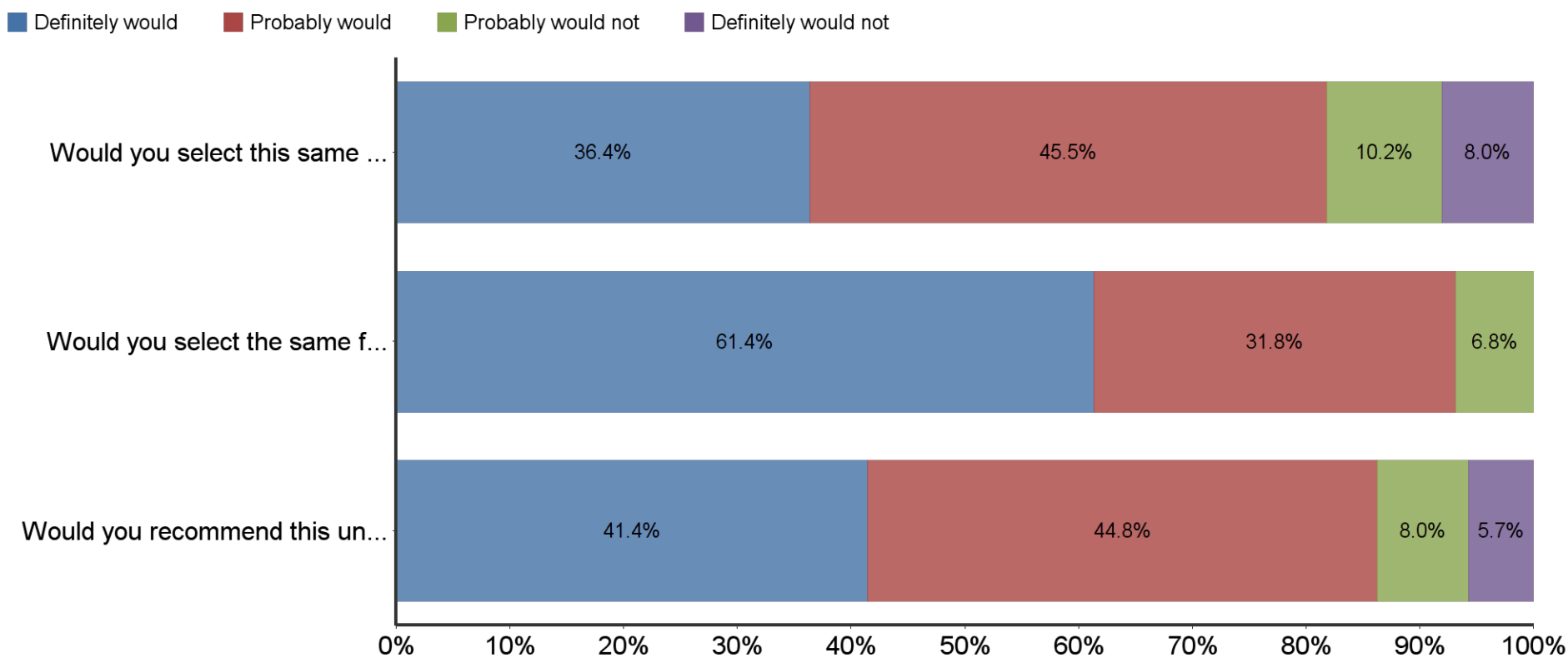
#	Question	A major obstacle	A minor obstacle	Not an obstacle	Total Responses
1	Work/financial commitments	20	44	25	89
2	Family obligations	17	42	30	89
3	Availability of faculty	13	38	38	89
4	Program structure or requirements	5	46	38	89
5	Dissertation topic/research	10	42	37	89
6	Course scheduling	9	39	41	89
7	Immigration laws or regulations	7	19	63	89
8	Other	3	11	64	78

How likely are you to stay in your program until you receive your ultimate degree objective?



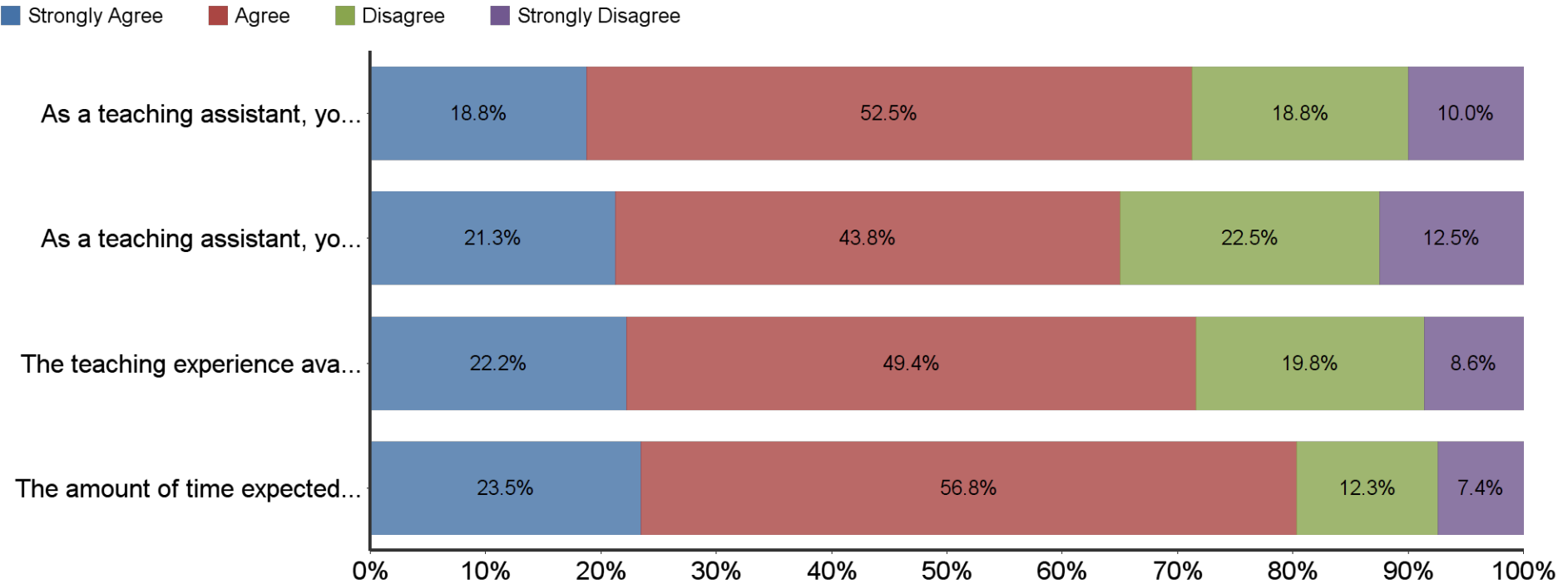
Answer	Frequency
Very likely	68
Somewhat likely	11
Somewhat unlikely	3
Highly unlikely	2
Uncertain	3
Total	87

22 Please answer the following questions about the university and your program. If you were to do it again:
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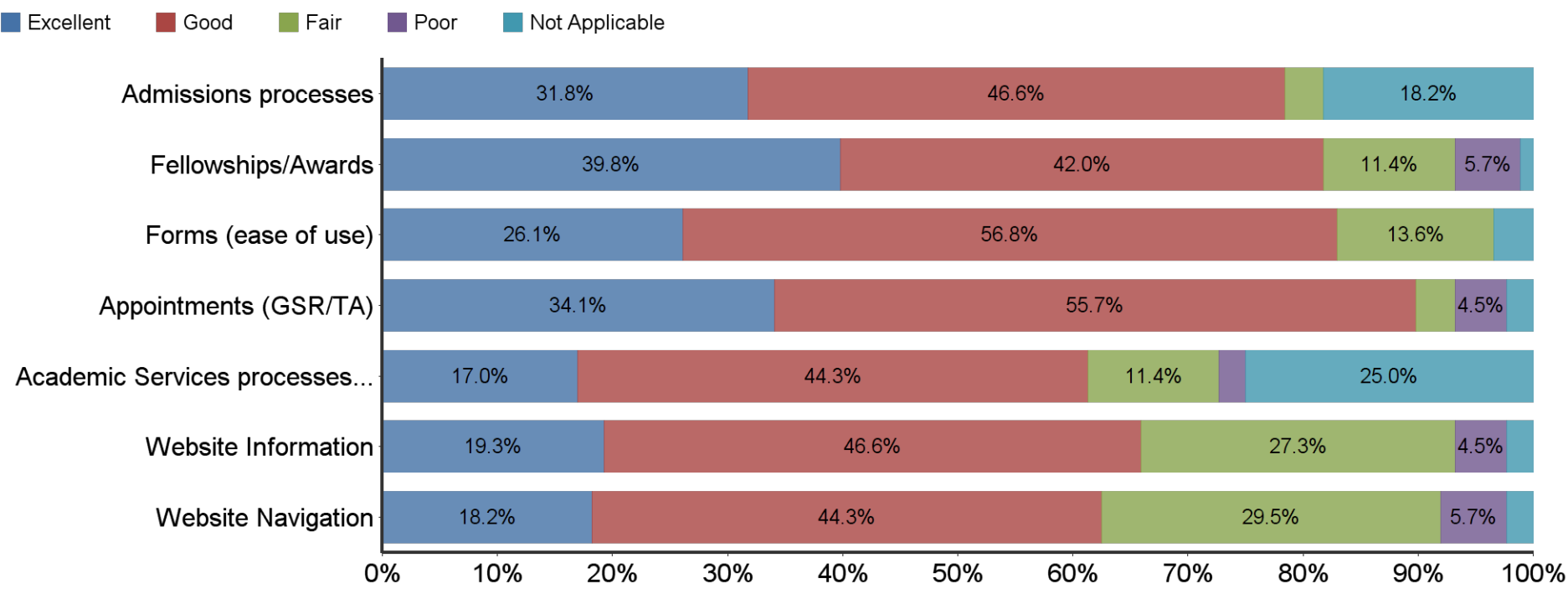
#	Question	Definitely would	Probably would	Probably would not	Definitely would not	Total Responses
1	Would you select this same university?	32	40	9	7	88
2	Would you select the same field of study?	54	28	6	-	88
3	Would you recommend this university to someone considering your graduate program?	36	39	7	5	87

23 Please answer the following questions about teaching and your TA preparation.
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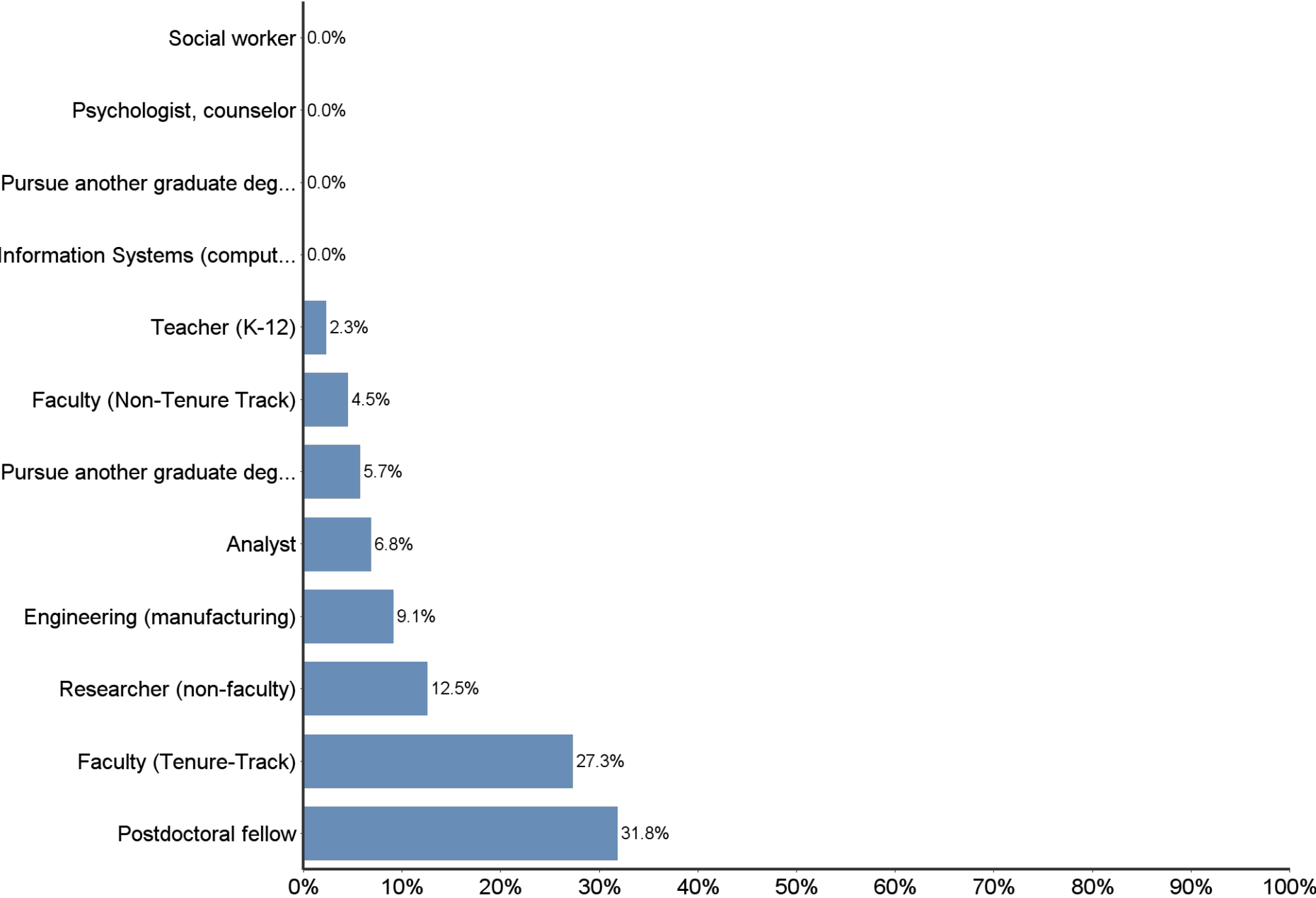


#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
1	As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately prepared and trained before entering the classroom by your academic program	15	42	15	8	80
2	As a teaching assistant, you were appropriately supervised to help improve your teaching skills	17	35	18	10	80
3	The teaching experience available through your program is adequate preparation for an academic/teaching career	18	40	16	7	81
4	The amount of time expected of as a TA was about right	19	46	10	6	81

24 During the past year (2012-2013), please rate your overall satisfaction level in the following areas:
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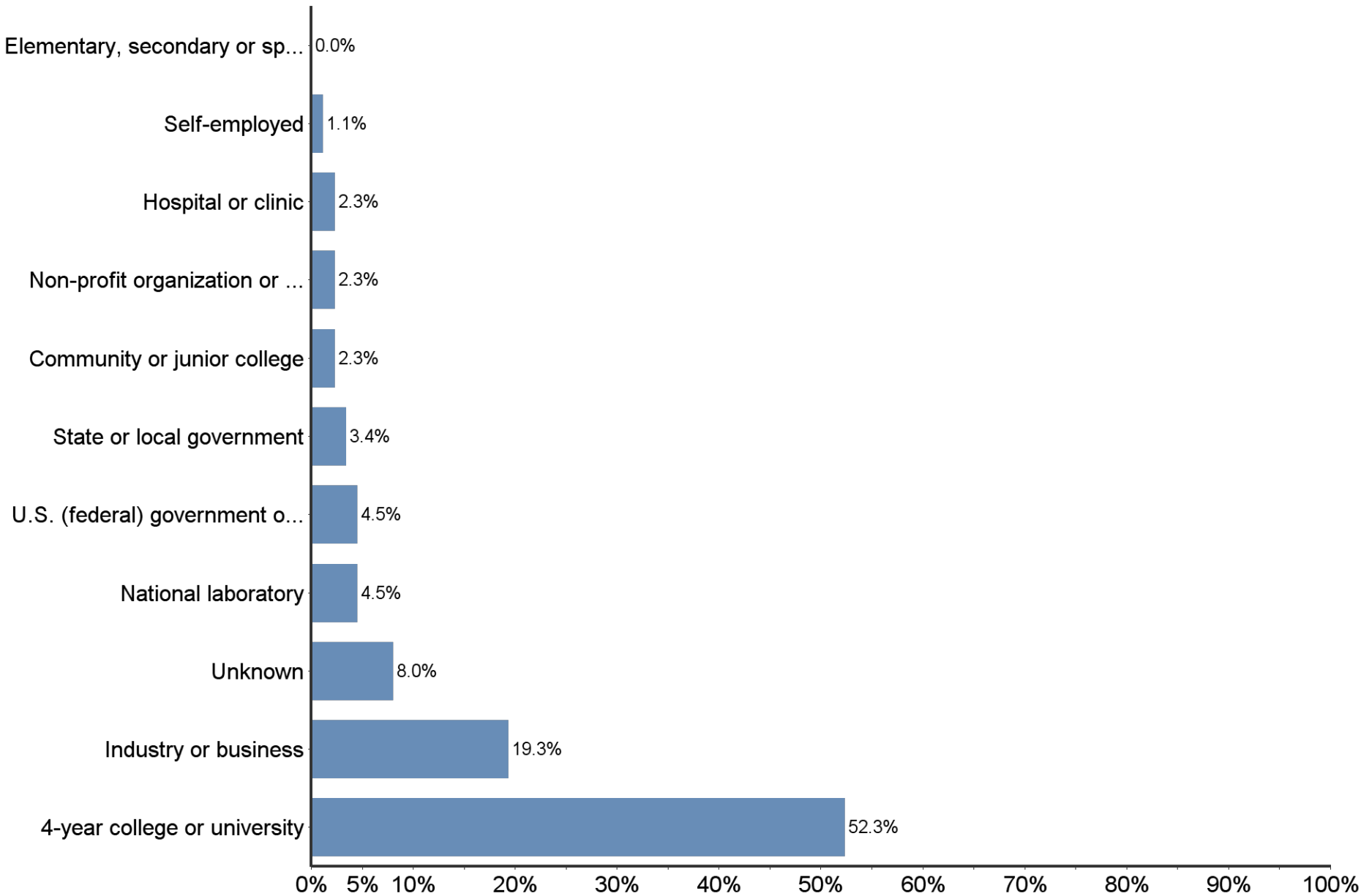


#	Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Total Responses
1	Admissions processes	28	41	3	-	16	88
2	Fellowships/Awards	35	37	10	5	1	88
3	Forms (ease of use)	23	50	12	-	3	88
4	Appointments (GSR/TA)	30	49	3	4	2	88
5	Academic Services processes (advancement to candidacy/change of major, etc.)	15	39	10	2	22	88
6	Website Information	17	41	24	4	2	88
7	Website Navigation	16	39	26	5	2	88



Which of the following best describes your expectation for professional plans immediately after completing your education at UC Merced?

Answer	Frequency
Postdoctoral fellow	28
Faculty (Tenure-Track)	24
Researcher (non-faculty)	11
Engineering (manufacturing)	8
Analyst	6
Pursue another graduate degree (not at UC Merced)	5
Faculty (Non-Tenure Track)	4
Teacher (K-12)	2
Pursue another graduate degree (at UC Merced)	0
Psychologist, counselor	0
Information Systems (computer programmer)	0
Social worker	0
Total	88



How would you categorize the type of employer you expect to work for after you complete your final graduate degree?

Answer	Frequency
4-year college or university	46
Industry or business	17
Unknown	7
National laboratory	4
U.S. (federal) government or your home country if not the U.S.	4
State or local government	3
Non-profit organization or foundation	2
Community or junior college	2
Hospital or clinic	2
Self-employed	1
Elementary, secondary or special focus school	0
Total	88