

**2022 Housing Experience Survey Report - All Students**

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**Administration and Response Rate:** The survey was administered between February 7 and February 21, 2022 to all students who live in campus sponsored housing. Student employees who are compensated with room/board were not included. Of the 3541 students invited to complete the survey 1039 (29%) provided complete or partial (i.e., answered at least one question) responses. Because students could choose whether or not to answer particular questions, the response rates varied by question. Unless otherwise noted, all respondents could answer a particular question.

**Respondent Characteristics:** Please refer to Tables 1-4 below for respondent characteristics, including information about the representativeness of the respondent sample relative to the invitee population. The respondent sample was roughly representative of the invitee population with a few exceptions, noted below. Note that percentages should be interpreted with caution when there are small cell sizes.

- Females were more likely to respond (35%) compared to males (25%; Table 1), which is typical in survey research.
- There were also some differences across residence halls (Table 3) that should be examined by Housing and Residence Education staff to determine representativeness as well as to suggest residence halls where survey promotion efforts could be strengthened for the next survey administration.

**Table 1: Comparison of student characteristics for survey invitees and respondents – background**

Student Characteristic	# Invited (of 3541 Total)	% Invited	# Responded (of 1039 Total)	% Responded	Response Rate (# responded/ # Invited)
<b>Entering Level</b>					
Entering Fresh	3441	97%	1002	96%	29%
Transfer Students	97	3%	37	4%	38%
Unknown	3	<1%	0	0%	0%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
International	184	5%	57	6%	31%
Hispanic	1999	57%	578	56%	29%
African American	184	5%	41	4%	22%
American Indian	1	<1%	0	0%	0%
Asian	736	21%	231	22%	31%
Pacific Islander	13	<1%	2	<1%	15%
White	263	7%	84	8%	32%
Multi-racial	123	3%	33	3%	27%
Unknown	38	1%	13	1%	34%
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	1757	50%	612	59%	35%
Male	1664	47%	410	40%	25%
Unknown	120	3%	17	2%	14%

Note: % values may not sum to 100 due to rounding error

**Table 2: Comparison of student characteristics for survey invitees and respondents – background**

Student Characteristic	# Invited (of 3541 Total)	% Invited	# Responded (of 1039 Total)	% Responded	Response Rate (# responded/ # Invited)
<b>Class Standing</b>					
Frosh	1643	46%	466	45%	28%
Sophomore	933	26%	290	28%	31%
Junior	528	15%	176	17%	33%
Senior	362	10%	103	10%	28%
Non-Degree Seeking/Graduate	75	2%	4	<1%	5%
<b>Pell Grant Eligibility Status</b>					
Pell Grant Eligible	2145	61%	617	59%	29%
Non-Pell Grant Eligible	1393	39%	422	41%	30%
Unknown	3	<1%	0	0%	0%
<b>First Generation Status</b>					
First Generation	2442	69%	701	68%	29%
Non-First Generation	1090	31%	338	33%	31%
Unknown	9	<1%	0	0%	0%

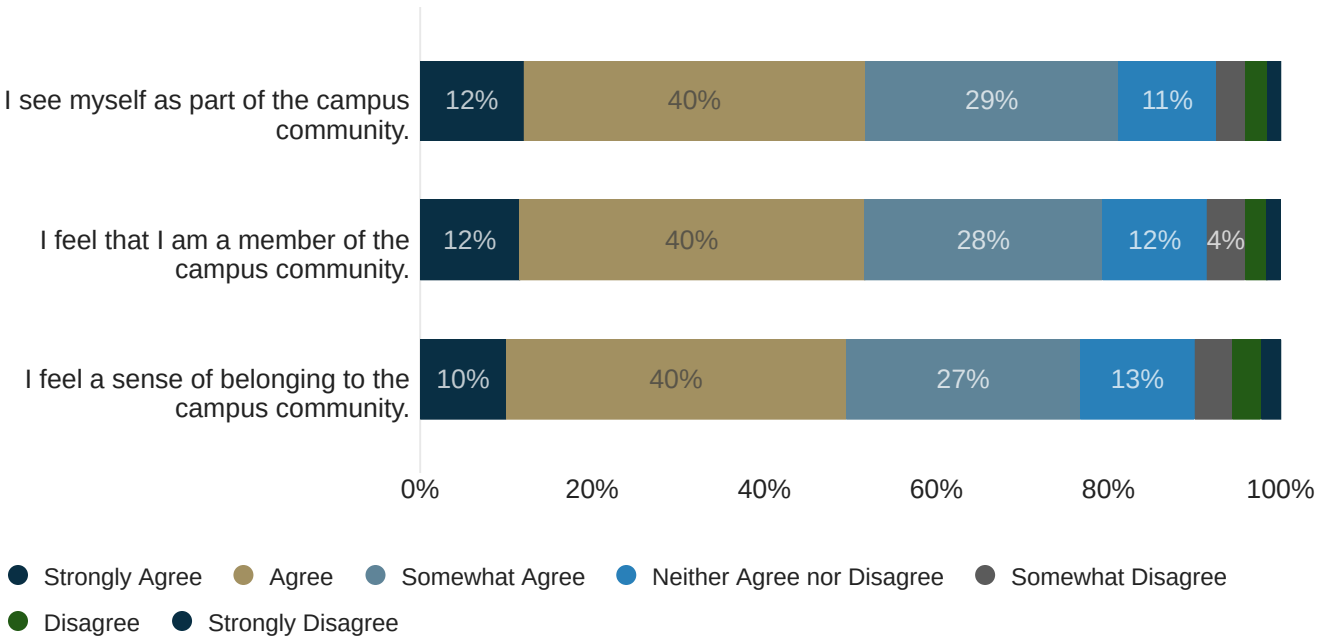
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**Table 3: Comparison of student characteristics for survey invitees and respondents – housing**

Student Characteristic	# Invited (of 3541 Total)	% Invited	# Responded (of 1039 Total)	% Responded	Response Rate (# responded/ # Invited)
Calaveras Hall	57	2%	25	2%	44%
Cathedral	203	6%	55	5%	27%
El Portal	374	11%	102	10%	27%
Fresno Hall	35	1%	8	1%	23%
Glacier Point	640	18%	197	19%	31%
Granite Pass	349	10%	89	9%	26%
Half Dome	483	14%	135	13%	28%
Kern Hall	71	2%	21	2%	30%
Kings Hall	71	2%	13	1%	18%
Madera Hall	70	2%	19	2%	27%
Mariposa	183	5%	60	6%	33%
Merced Hall	47	1%	14	1%	30%
San Joaquin Hall	31	1%	7	1%	23%
Sentinel Rock	442	13%	121	12%	27%
Stanislaus Hall	67	2%	32	3%	48%
Tenaya	161	5%	52	5%	32%
Tulare Hall	68	2%	22	2%	32%
Tuolumne	189	5%	67	6%	35%

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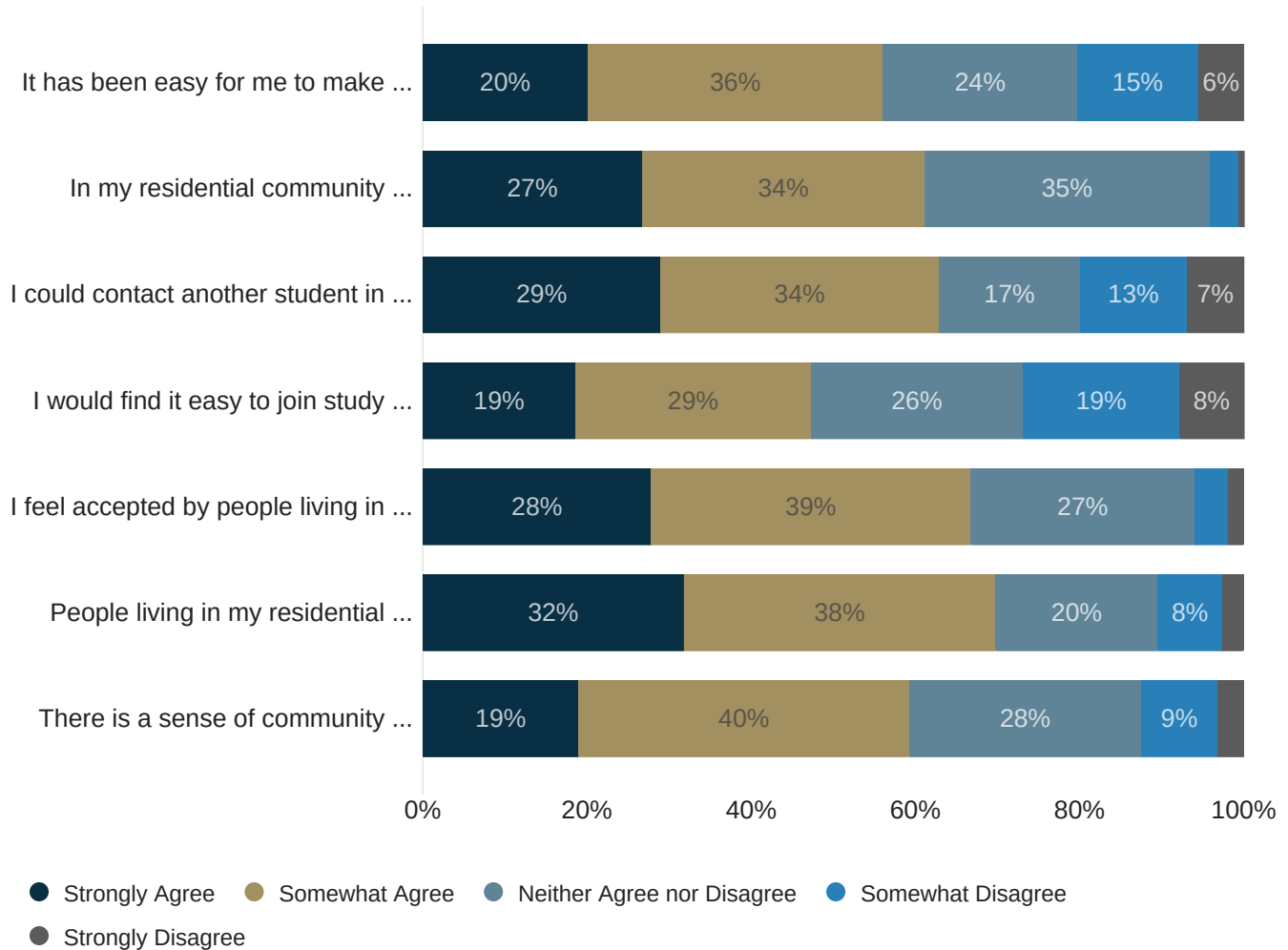
Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement about your experience on the UC Merced campus.



Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
I see myself as part of the campus community.	12.04% 124	39.71% 409	29.42% 303	11.36% 117	3.40% 35	2.52% 26	1.55% 16	1030
I feel that I am a member of the campus community.	11.51% 118	40.10% 411	27.71% 284	12.10% 124	4.49% 46	2.44% 25	1.66% 17	1025
I feel a sense of belonging to the campus community.	9.98% 102	39.53% 404	27.20% 278	13.31% 136	4.40% 45	3.33% 34	2.25% 23	1022

From your experience in your residential community during the current academic year, please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

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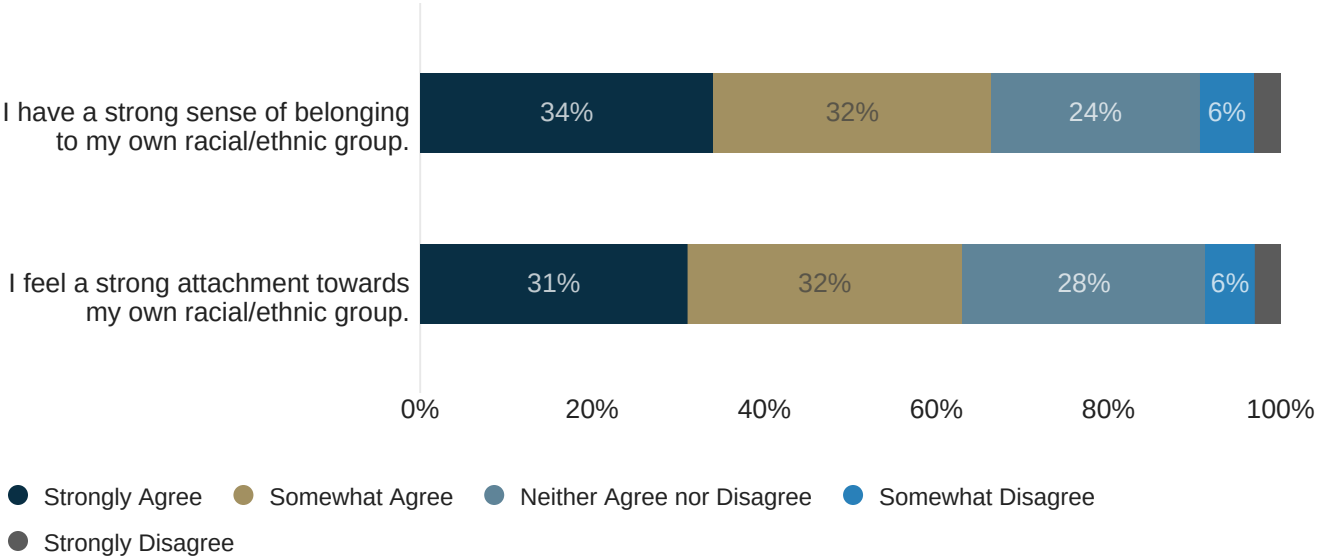


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It has been easy for me to make friends in my residential community.	20.08% 207	35.98% 371	23.67% 244	14.74% 152	5.53% 57	1031
In my residential community other students like me the way I am.	26.72% 275	34.40% 354	34.69% 357	3.60% 37	0.58% 6	1029
I could contact another student in my residential community if I had a question about an assignment.	28.96% 298	33.92% 349	17.20% 177	13.02% 134	6.90% 71	1029
I would find it easy to join study groups with other students in my residential community if I wanted to.	18.62% 191	28.65% 294	25.83% 265	19.10% 196	7.80% 80	1026
I feel accepted by people living in my residential community.	27.82% 286	38.91% 400	27.33% 281	3.99% 41	1.95% 20	1028
People living in my residential community respect each other.	31.80% 326	37.95% 389	19.80% 203	7.80% 80	2.63% 27	1025
There is a sense of community among the people living in my residential community.	19.01% 195	40.25% 413	28.27% 290	9.26% 95	3.22% 33	1026

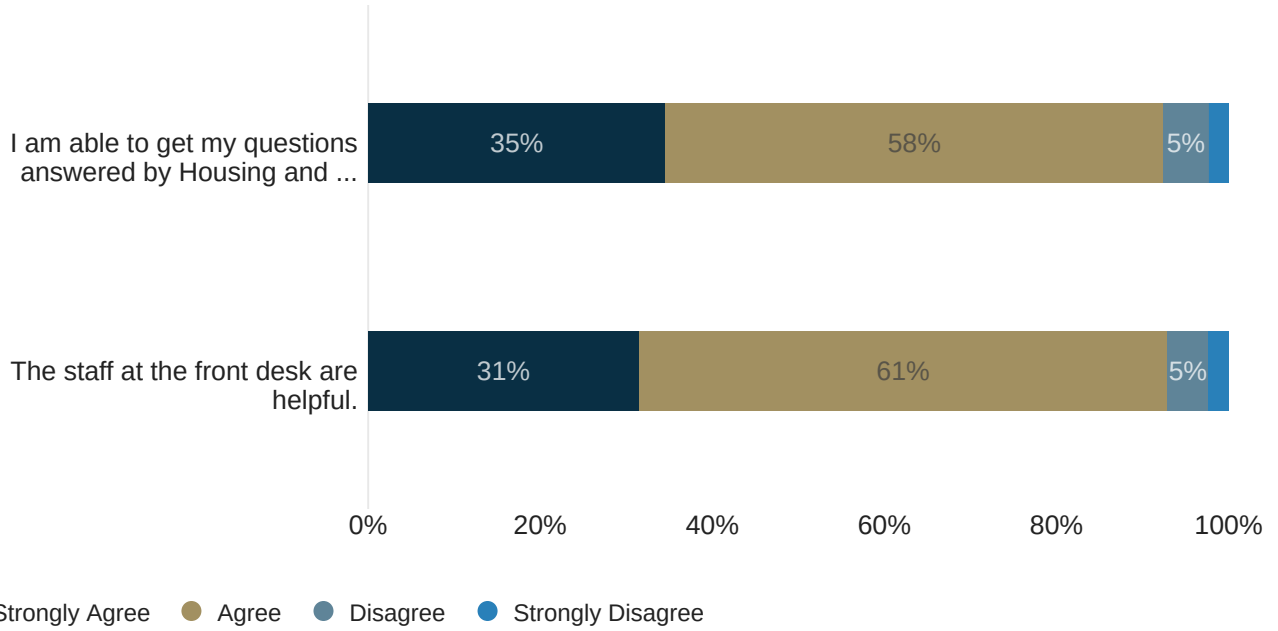
These questions are about your ethnicity or your ethnic group and how you feel about it or react to it. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.



Field	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
I have a strong sense of belonging to my own racial/ethnic group.	34.11% 353	32.27% 334	24.25% 251	6.28% 65	3.09% 32	1035
I feel a strong attachment towards my own racial/ethnic group.	31.07% 321	31.95% 330	28.27% 292	5.71% 59	3.00% 31	1033

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement about the staff and services offered at the Valley Resident Services Office.

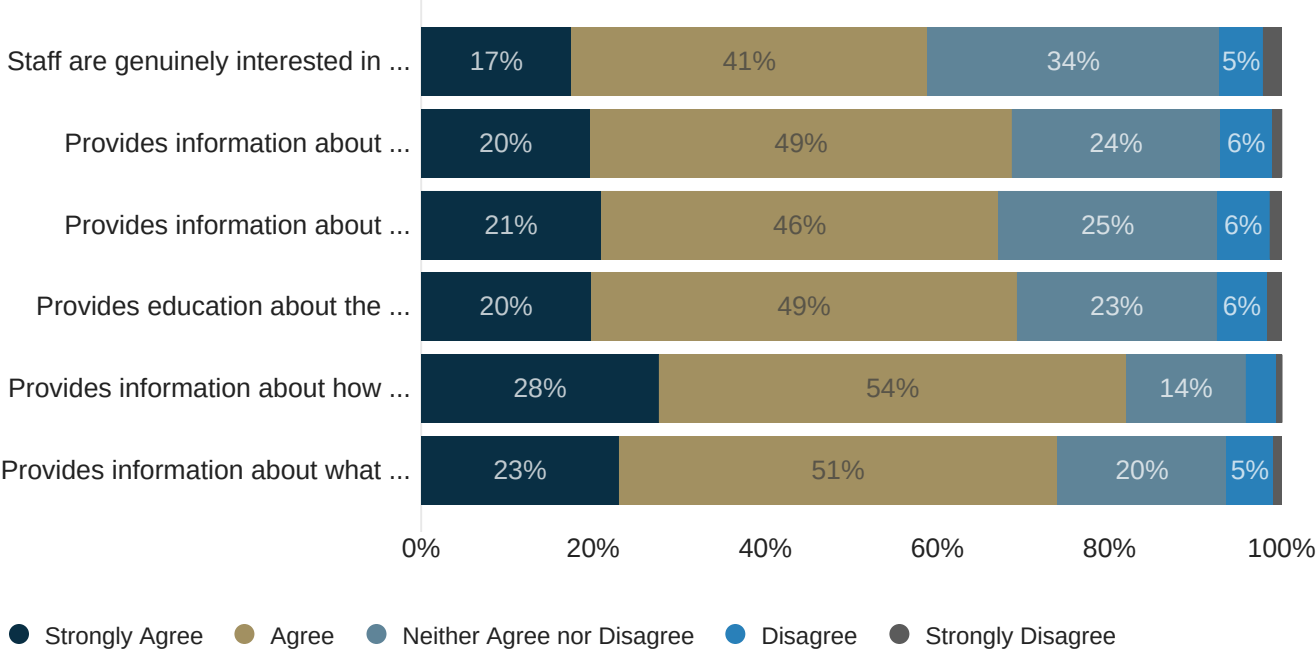
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I am able to get my questions answered by Housing and Residence Education staff.	34.58% 332	57.81% 555	5.31% 51	2.29% 22	960
The staff at the front desk are helpful.	31.48% 283	61.40% 552	4.78% 43	2.34% 21	899

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement.  
**Housing and Residence Education:**

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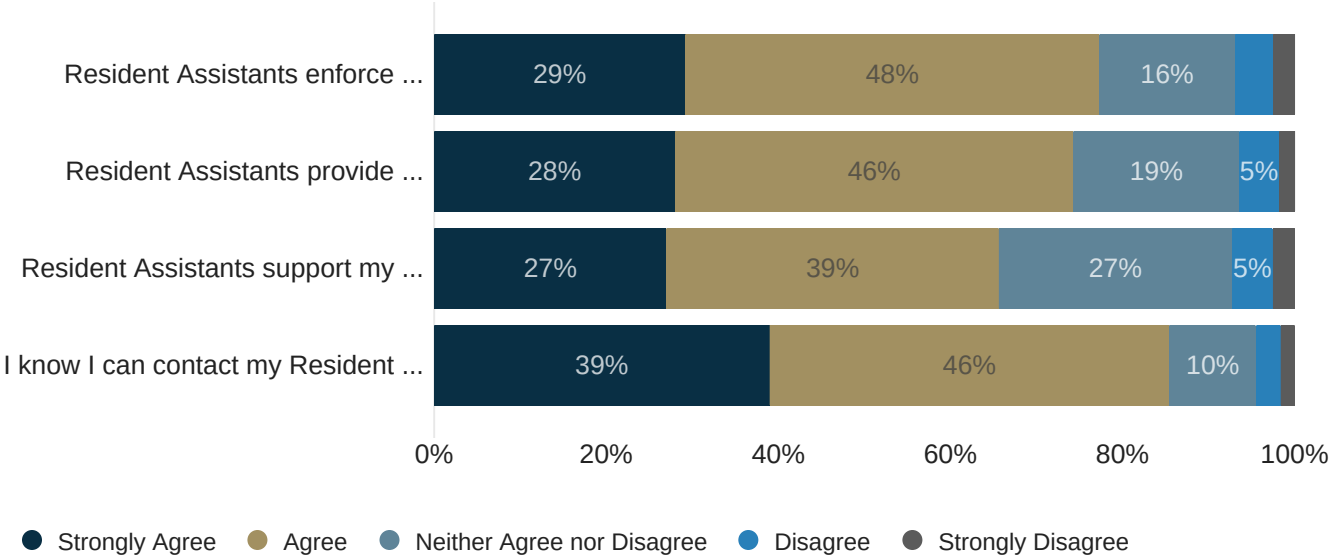


Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Staff are genuinely interested in my educational and personal development.	17.47% 177	41.36% 419	33.96% 344	5.03% 51	2.17% 22	1013
Provides information about resources to help me be academically successful (e.g., GPA calculation, tutoring).	19.68% 199	48.96% 495	24.23% 245	6.03% 61	1.09% 11	1011
Provides information about self-care (e.g., stress management, making time for family).	20.95% 212	46.15% 467	25.40% 257	6.13% 62	1.38% 14	1012
Provides education about the effects and risks of drug and alcohol use, and other high-risk behaviors.	19.78% 200	49.46% 500	23.24% 235	5.84% 59	1.68% 17	1011
Provides information about how to access student services (e.g., work orders, mail/packages, lost keys).	27.62% 279	54.36% 549	13.86% 140	3.56% 36	0.59% 6	1010
Provides information about what to do when there is an emergency (e.g., fire, medical).	22.99% 231	50.95% 512	19.70% 198	5.37% 54	1.00% 10	1005



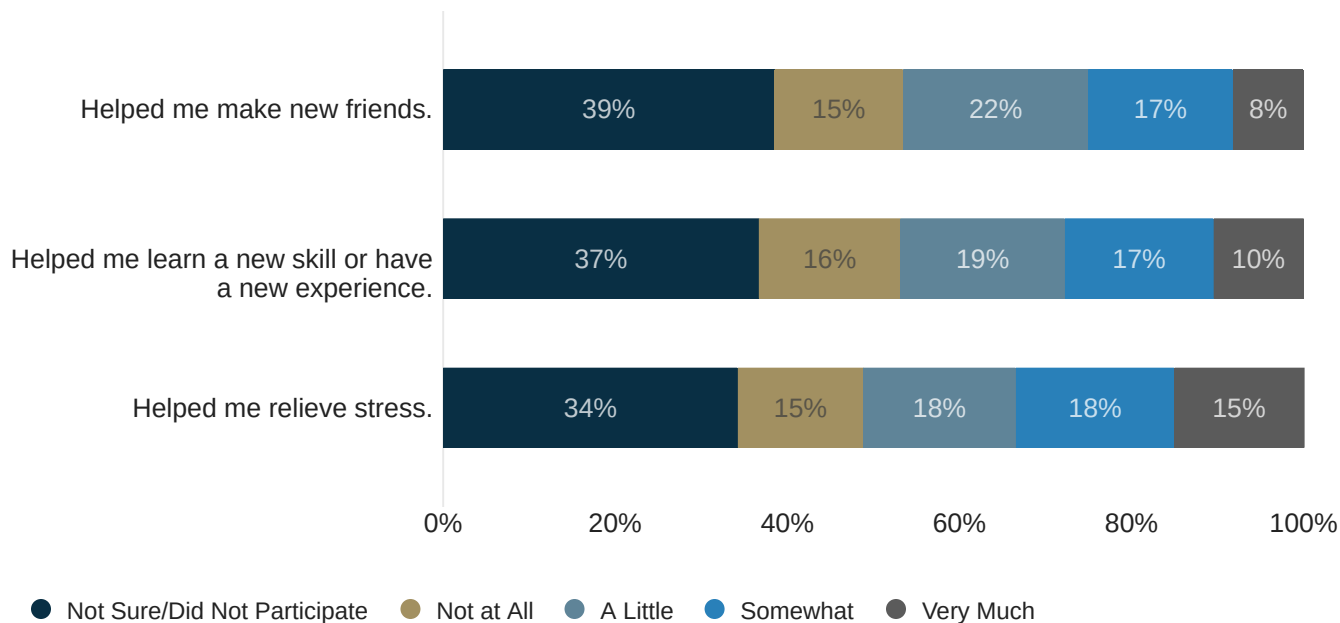
# Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement about Resident Assistants (RAs).

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Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Resident Assistants enforce policies that support my learning (e.g., noise complaints).	29.19% 291	48.14% 480	15.75% 157	4.41% 44	2.51% 25	997
Resident Assistants provide opportunities that support residential community development.	28.01% 279	46.29% 461	19.28% 192	4.62% 46	1.81% 18	996
Resident Assistants support my development as a person.	27.02% 268	38.61% 383	27.12% 269	4.74% 47	2.52% 25	992
I know I can contact my Resident Assistant to help me resolve roommate conflicts.	38.99% 386	46.46% 460	10.10% 100	2.83% 28	1.62% 16	990

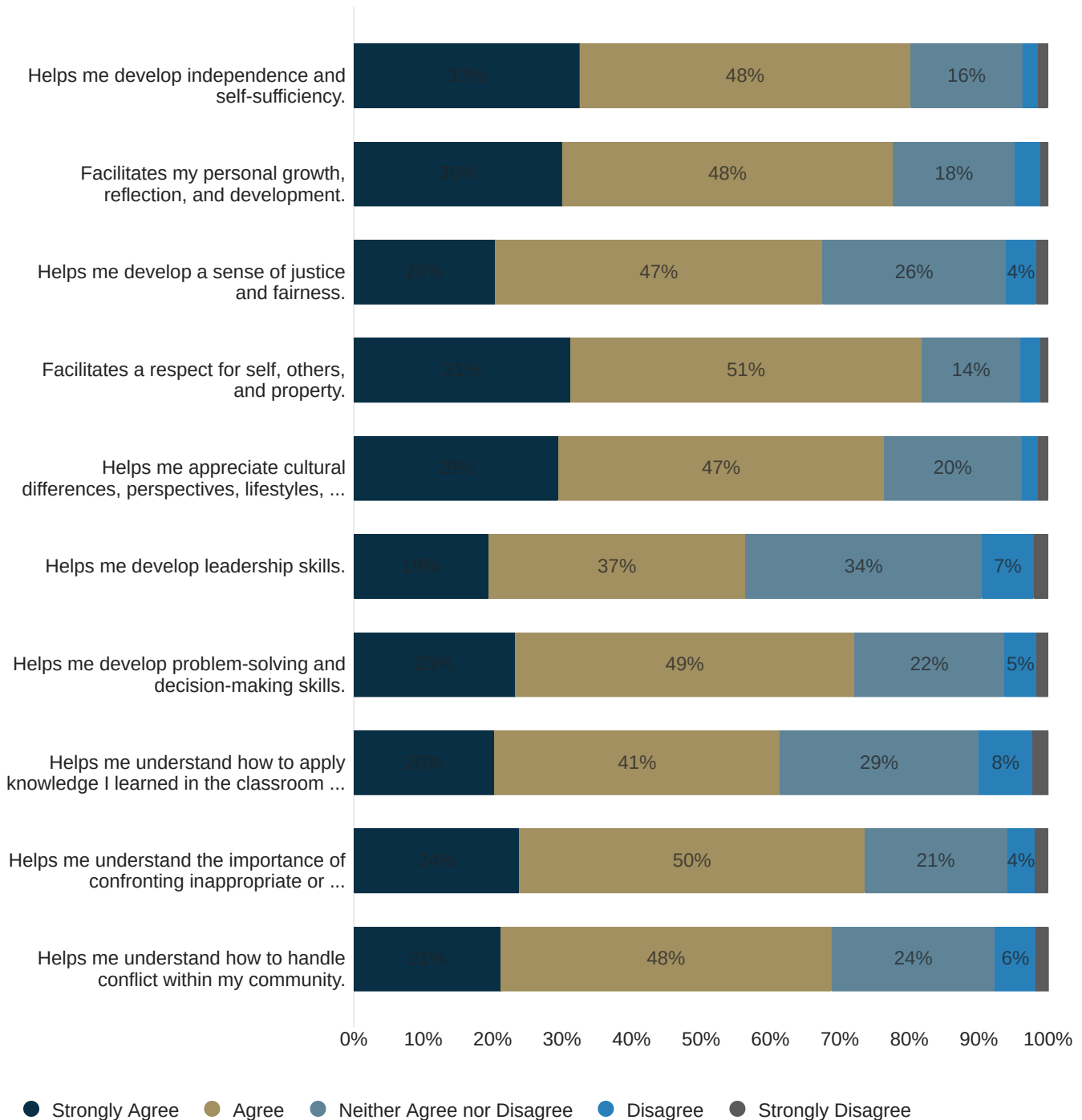
Please indicate whether the floor activities put on by your Resident Assistant (RA) helped you do each of the following:



Field	Not Sure/Did Not Participate	Not at All	A Little	Somewhat	Very Much	Total
Helped me make new friends.	38.54% 385	14.91% 149	21.52% 215	16.82% 168	8.21% 82	999
Helped me learn a new skill or have a new experience.	36.68% 365	16.48% 164	19.10% 190	17.29% 172	10.45% 104	995
Helped me relieve stress.	34.25% 338	14.59% 144	17.73% 175	18.44% 182	14.99% 148	987

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement about the opportunities, experiences, and services offered to on campus residents. Living on campus:

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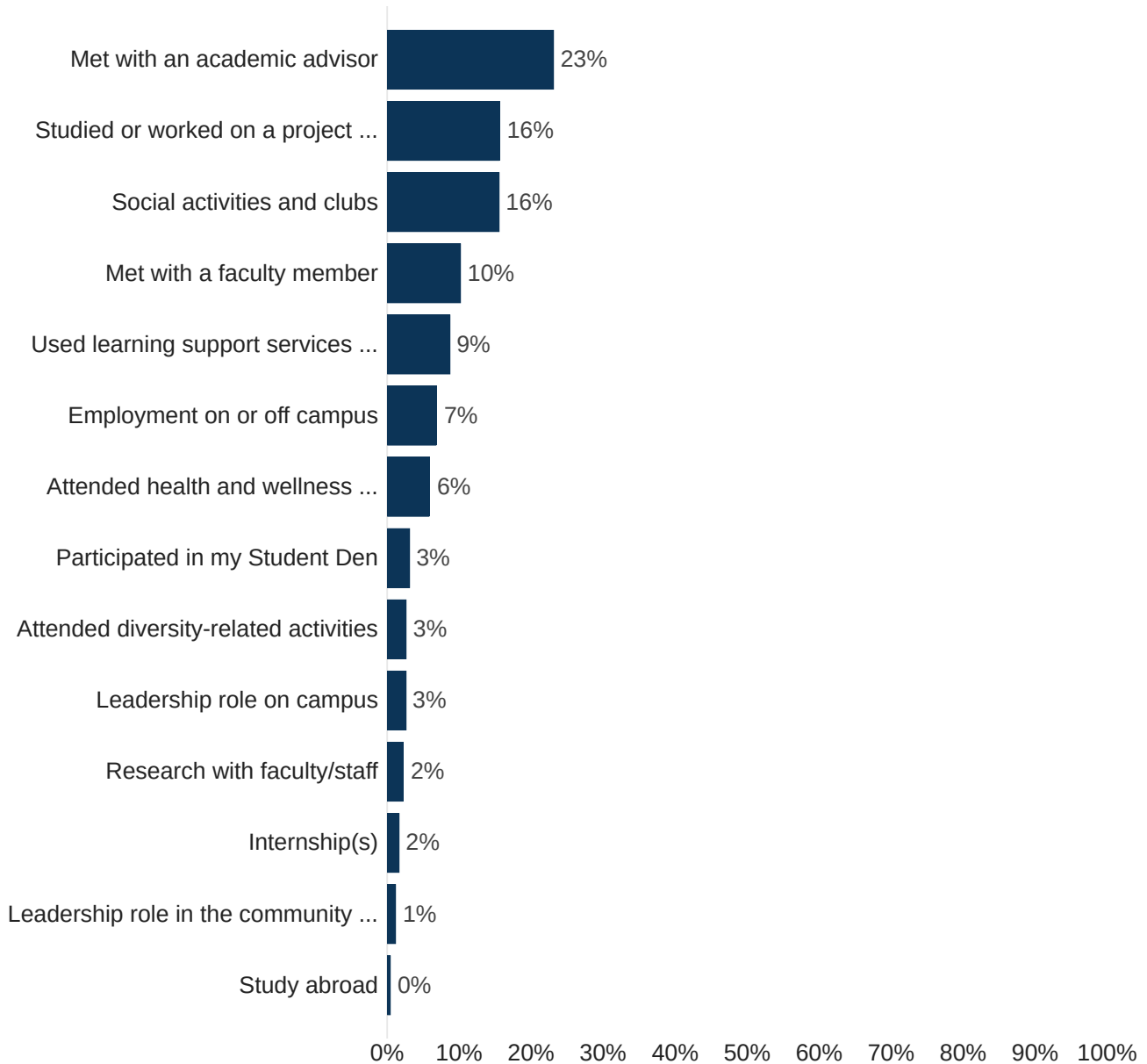
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Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Helps me develop independence and self-sufficiency.	32.51% 315	47.68% 462	16.10% 156	2.27% 22	1.44% 14	969
Facilitates my personal growth, reflection, and development.	29.99% 290	47.67% 461	17.58% 170	3.62% 35	1.14% 11	967
Helps me develop a sense of justice and fairness.	20.33% 196	47.20% 455	26.35% 254	4.46% 43	1.66% 16	964
Facilitates a respect for self, others, and property.	31.19% 301	50.57% 488	14.30% 138	2.80% 27	1.14% 11	965
Helps me appreciate cultural differences, perspectives, lifestyles, spirituality, and other forms of diversity.	29.44% 285	46.90% 454	19.83% 192	2.38% 23	1.45% 14	968
Helps me develop leadership skills.	19.42% 187	36.97% 356	34.06% 328	7.48% 72	2.08% 20	963
Helps me develop problem-solving and decision-making skills.	23.24% 224	48.86% 471	21.58% 208	4.67% 45	1.66% 16	964
Helps me understand how to apply knowledge I learned in the classroom outside of class.	20.25% 196	41.12% 398	28.62% 277	7.75% 75	2.27% 22	968
Helps me understand the importance of confronting inappropriate or disruptive behavior.	23.83% 230	49.74% 480	20.52% 198	4.04% 39	1.87% 18	965
Helps me understand how to handle conflict within my community.	21.14% 204	47.67% 460	23.52% 227	5.91% 57	1.76% 17	965

## Which of the following experiences have you participated in?

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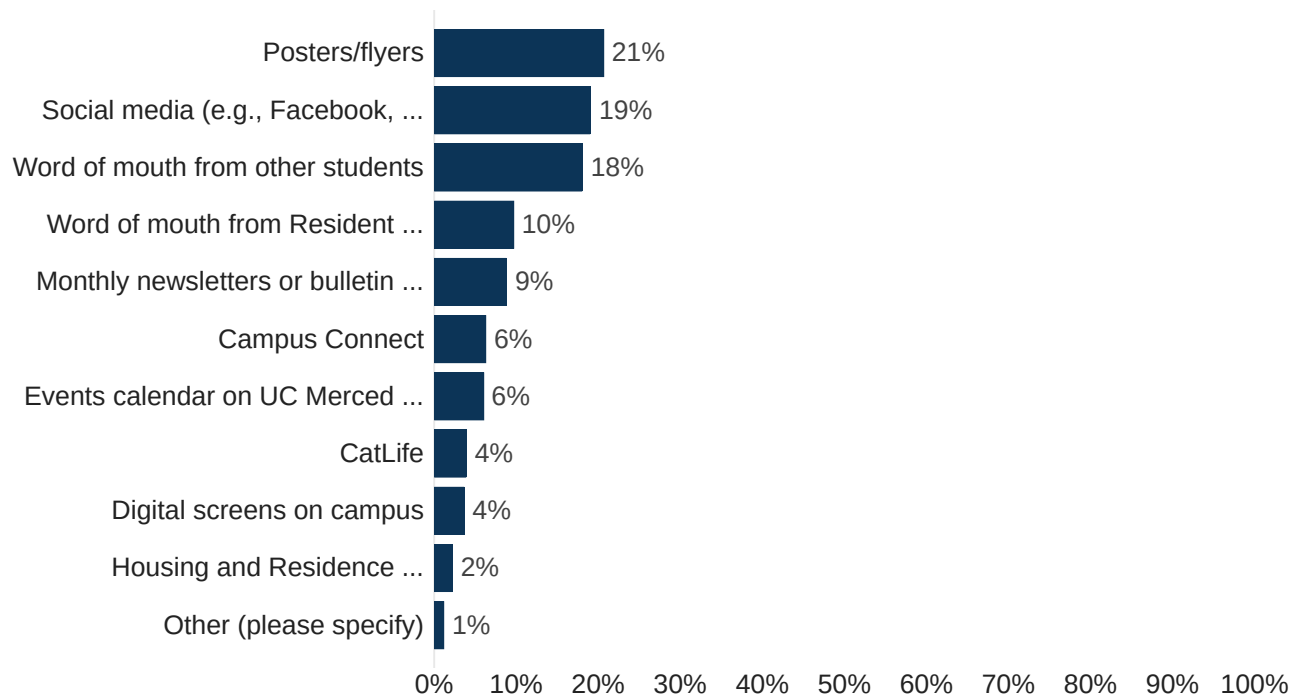
## Which of the following experiences have you participated in? (Please select all that apply)

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Field	Choice Count	
Met with an academic advisor	23.11%	783
Studied or worked on a project with other students	15.67%	531
Participated in my Student Den	3.07%	104
Social activities and clubs	15.53%	526
Attended health and wellness activities	5.96%	202
Employment on or off campus	6.94%	235
Met with a faculty member	10.21%	346
Leadership role on campus	2.57%	87
Research with faculty/staff	2.30%	78
Attended diversity-related activities	2.66%	90
Leadership role in the community (off campus)	1.21%	41
Internship(s)	1.62%	55
Study abroad	0.47%	16
Used learning support services (e.g. tutoring, studying and class registration workshops)	8.68%	294
Total		3388

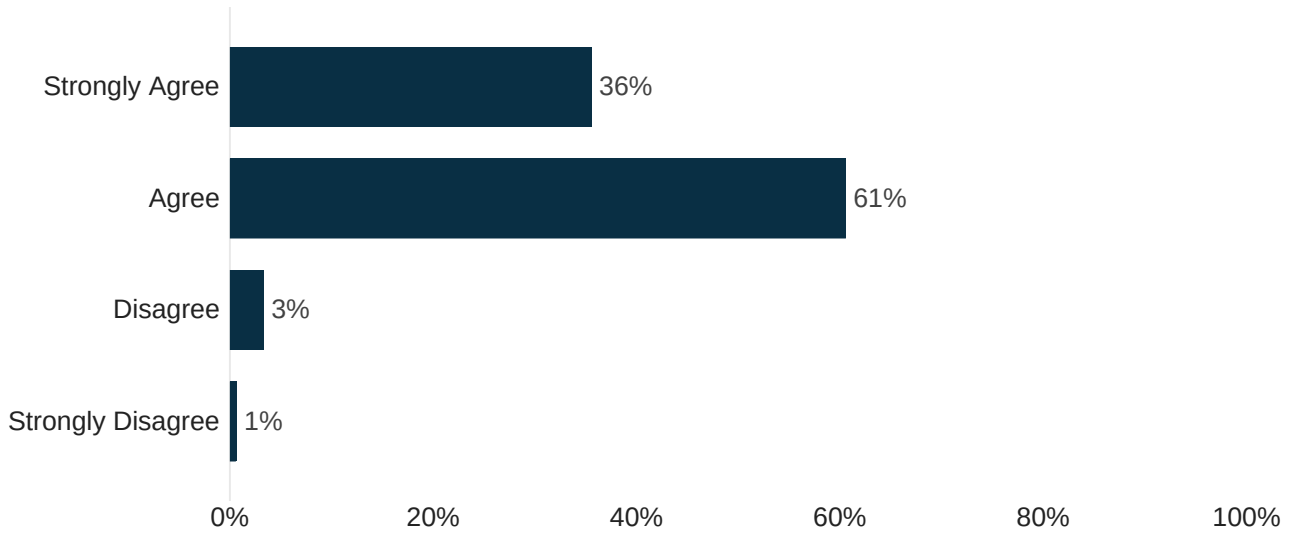
## How do you learn about campus events, programs and activities? (Please select all that apply)

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Field	Choice Count
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)	19.13% 598
Word of mouth from other students	18.11% 566
Word of mouth from Resident Assistants or Programming Assistants	9.69% 303
Posters/flyers	20.67% 646
Monthly newsletters or bulletin board posted by RA	8.89% 278
Events calendar on UC Merced website	6.01% 188
Housing and Residence Education website	2.27% 71
Other (please specify)	1.22% 38
Campus Connect	6.33% 198
Digital screens on campus	3.71% 116
CatLife	3.97% 124
Total	3126

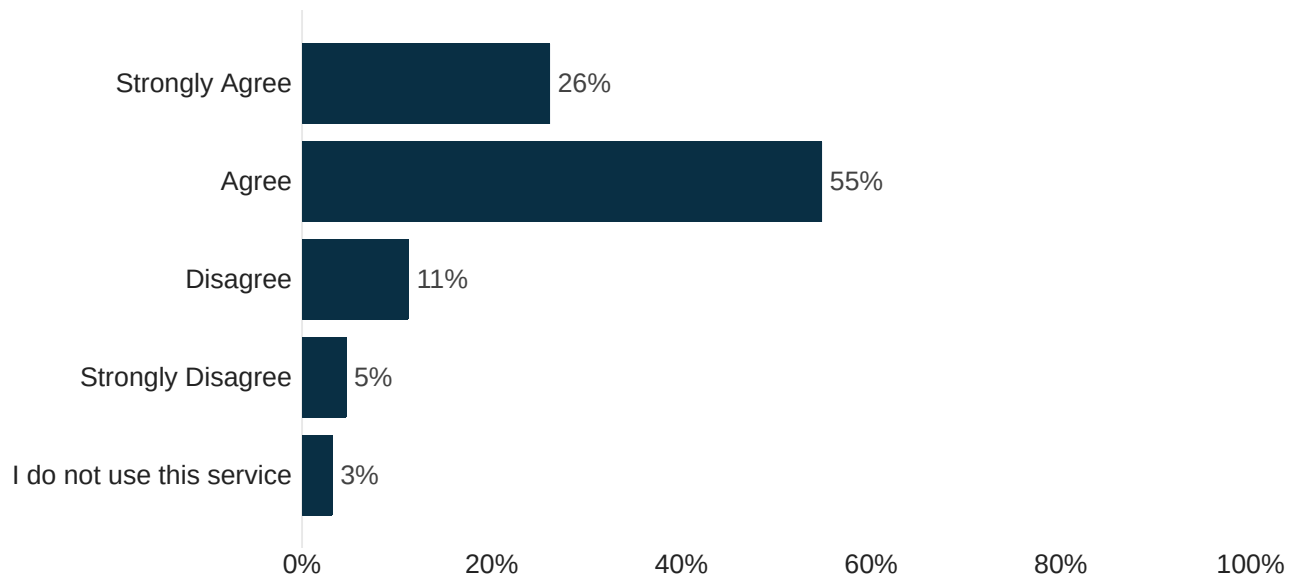
Please select your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statement - I feel safe in my residential community.



Field	Choice Count
Strongly Agree	35.54% 344
Agree	60.54% 586
Disagree	3.31% 32
Strongly Disagree	0.62% 6
Total	968

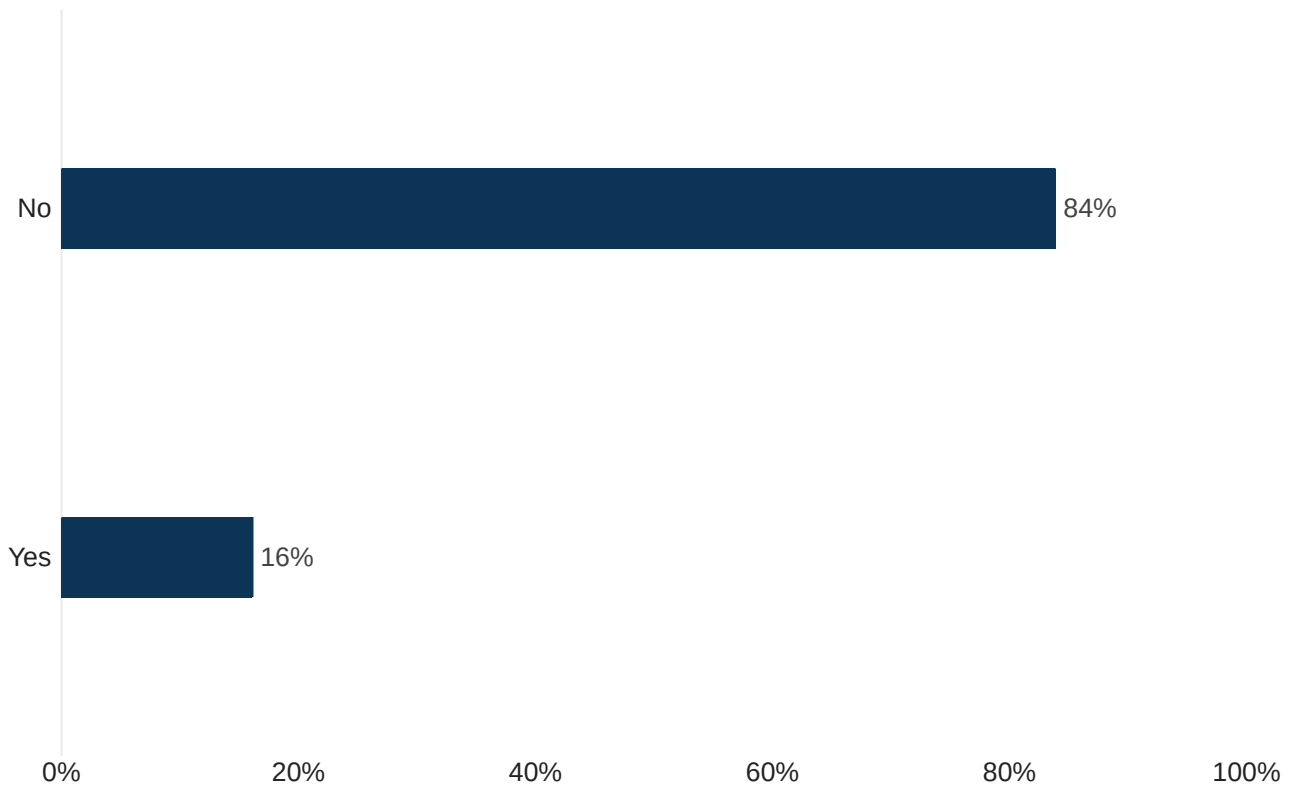


## The reliability of the WIRELESS network connections meets my needs.



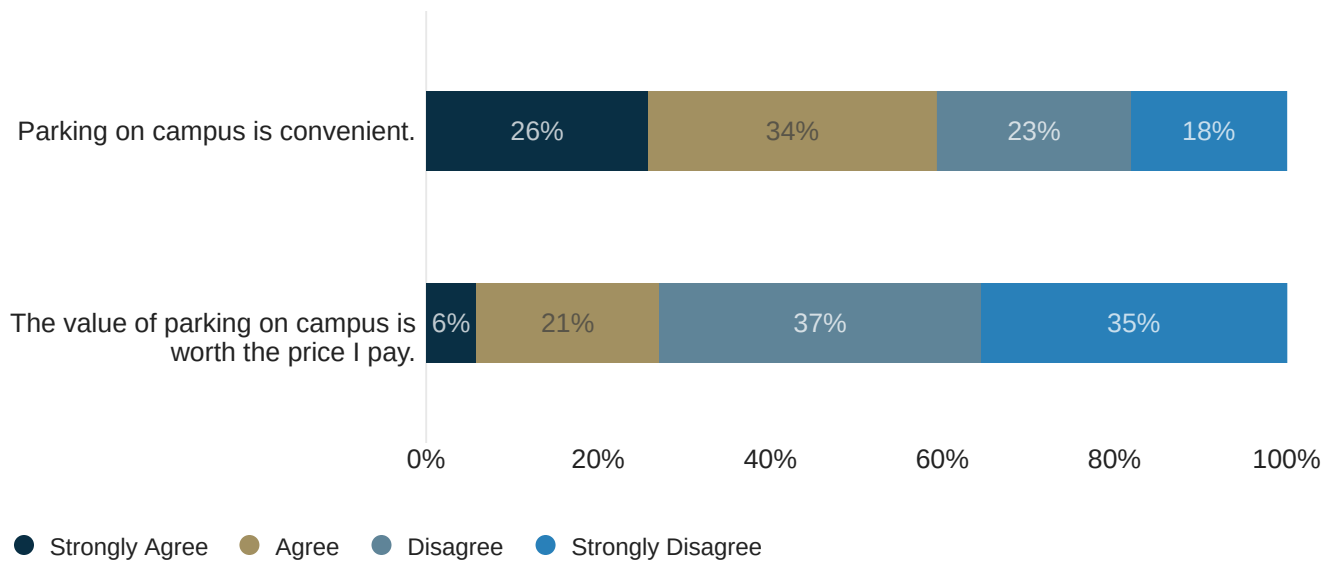
Field	Choice Count
Strongly Agree	26.11% 253
Agree	54.80% 531
Disagree	11.25% 109
Strongly Disagree	4.64% 45
I do not use this service	3.20% 31
Total	969

## Do you park a motor vehicle on campus?



Field	Choice Count
No	83.88% 812
Yes	16.12% 156
Total	968

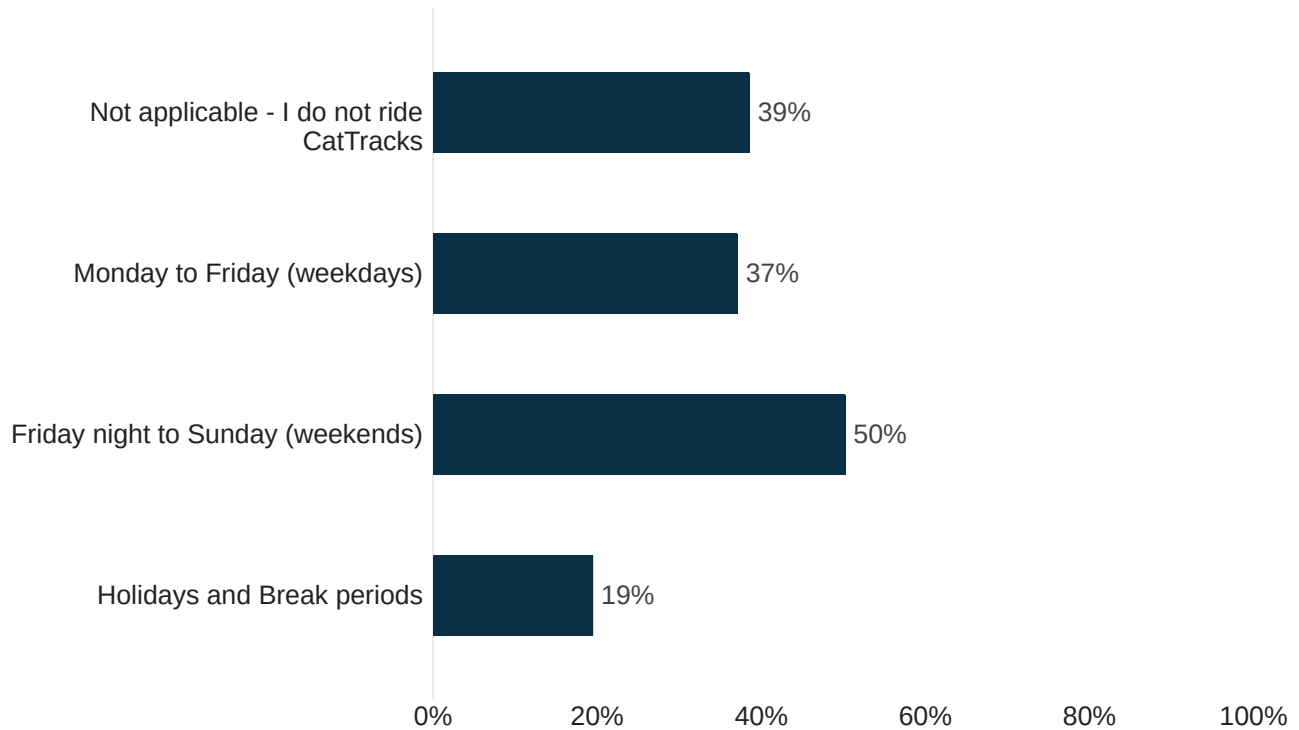
You said you park on campus. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following:



Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Parking on campus is convenient.	25.81% 40	33.55% 52	22.58% 35	18.06% 28	155
The value of parking on campus is worth the price I pay.	5.81% 9	21.29% 33	37.42% 58	35.48% 55	155

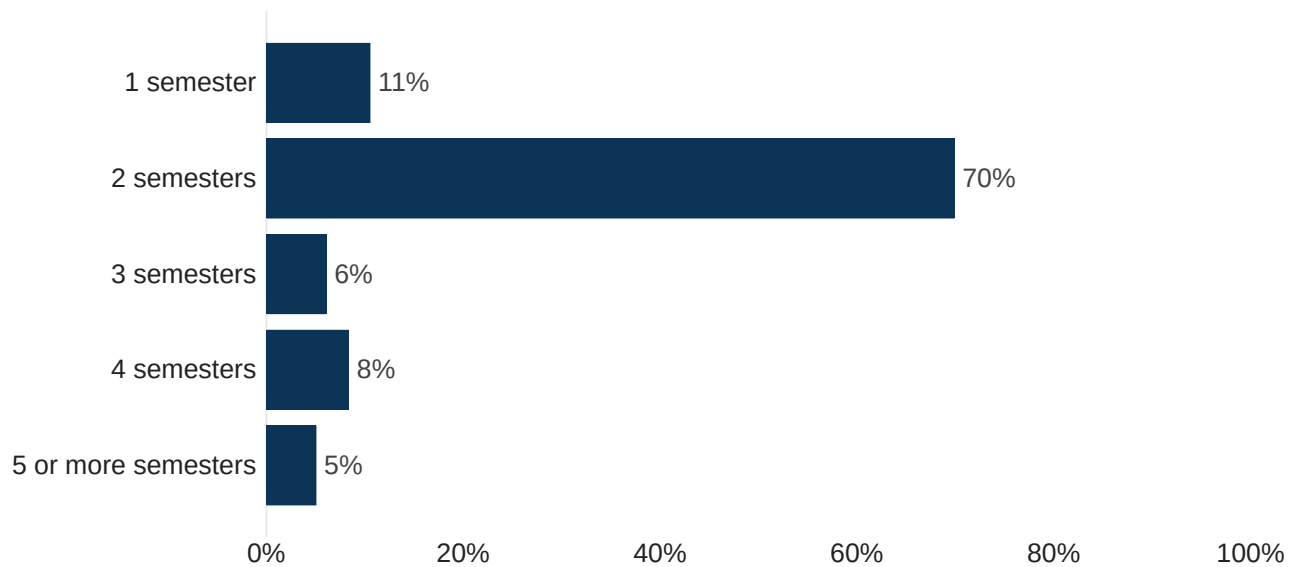
## When do you need to ride CatTracks? (select all that apply)

Note: Percents do not add to 100% as respondents may have selected multiple items.



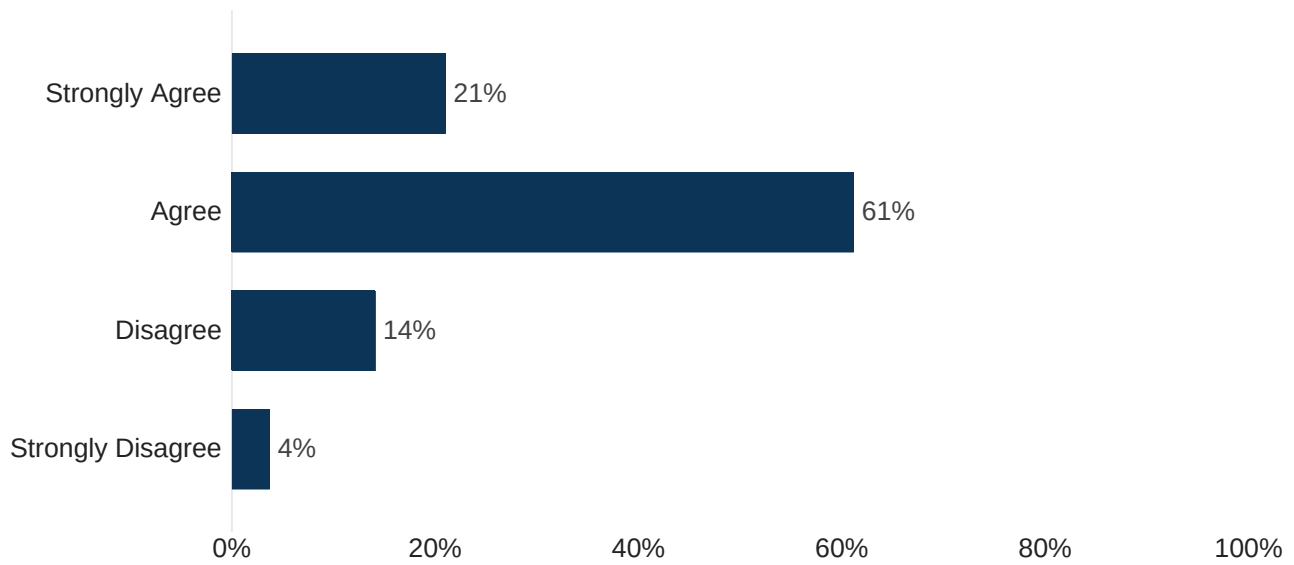
Field	Choice Count
Not applicable - I do not ride CatTracks	26.52% 370
Monday to Friday (weekdays)	25.52% 356
Friday night to Sunday (weekends)	34.55% 482
Holidays and Break periods	13.41% 187
Total	1395

How many semesters have you have lived in Housing (please include the current semester in your count)?



Field	Choice Count
1 semester	10.55% 102
2 semesters	69.91% 676
3 semesters	6.10% 59
4 semesters	8.38% 81
5 or more semesters	5.07% 49
Total	967

Overall, I am satisfied with my experience living on campus.



Field	Choice Count
Strongly Agree	21.01% 203
Agree	61.18% 591
Disagree	14.08% 136
Strongly Disagree	3.73% 36
Total	966