

2023 Housing Experience Survey Report - All Students

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Administration and Response Rate: The survey was administered between February 6 and February 20, 2023 to all students who live in campus sponsored housing. Student employees who are compensated with room/board were not included. Of the 3,829 students invited to complete the survey 719 (19%) 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 1-3 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 percents should be interpreted with caution when there are small cell sizes.

- Females were more likely to respond (21%) compared to males (16%; 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

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Student Characteristic	# Invited (of 3,829 Total)	% Invited	# Responded (of 719 Total)	% Responded	Response Rate (# responded/ # Invited)
Entering Level					
Entering Frosh	3658	96%	681	95%	19%
Transfer Students	118	3%	26	4%	22%
Unknown	53	1%	12	2%	23%
Race/Ethnicity					
International	184	5%	35	5%	19%
Hispanic	2003	52%	335	47%	17%
African American	228	6%	34	5%	15%
American Indian	4	<1%	1	<1%	25%
Asian	845	22%	181	25%	21%
Pacific Islander	10	<1%	0	0%	0%
White	309	8%	79	11%	26%
Multi-racial	146	4%	29	4%	20%
Unknown	100	3%	25	4%	25%
Gender					
Female	1790	47%	379	53%	21%
Male	1983	52%	324	45%	16%
Unknown	56	2%	16	2%	29%

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 3829 Total)	% Invited	# Responded (of 719 Total)	% Responded	Response Rate (# responded/ # Invited)
Pell Grant Eligibility Status					
Pell Grant Eligible	2215	58%	388	54%	18%
Non-Pell Grant Eligible	1563	41%	319	44%	20%
Unknown	51	1%	12	2%	24%
First Generation Status					
First Generation	2406	63%	404	56%	17%
Non-First Generation	1370	36%	303	42%	22%
Unknown	53	1%	12	2%	23%

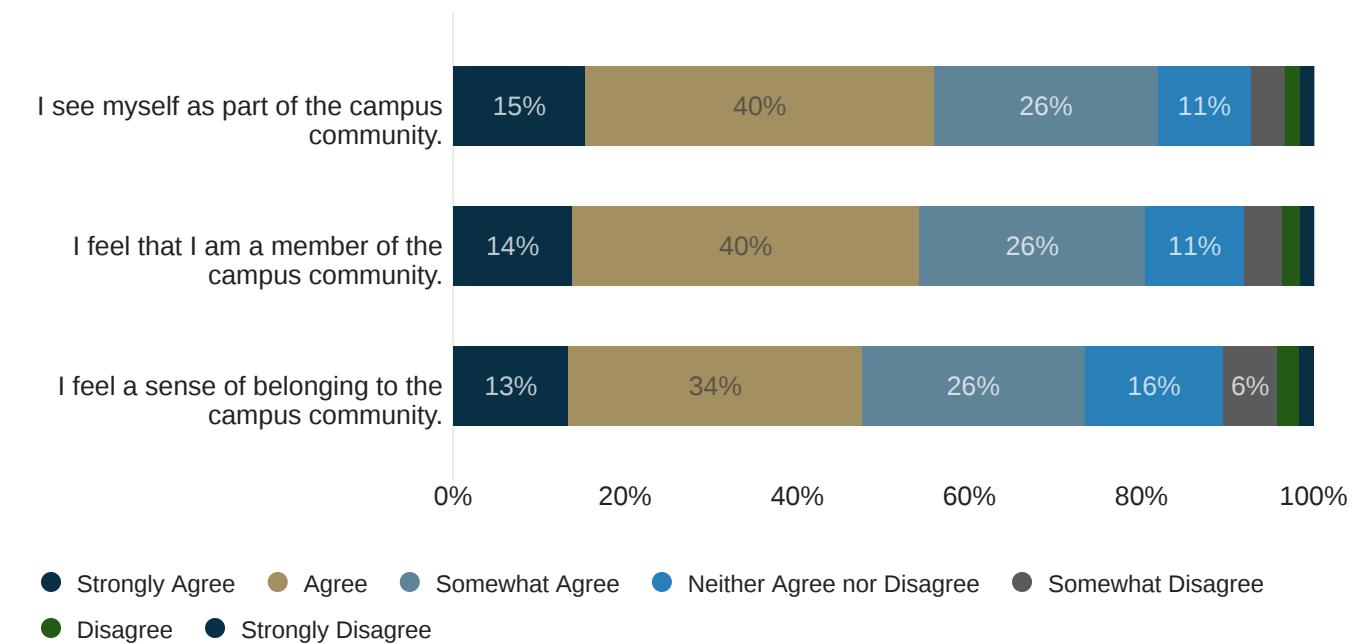
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Table 3: Comparison of student characteristics for survey invitees and respondents – housing

Student Characteristic	# Invited (of 3829 Total)	% Invited	# Responded (of 719 Total)	% Responded	Response Rate (# responded/ # Invited)
Calaveras Hall	72	2%	10	1%	14%
Cathedral	196	5%	31	4%	16%
El Portal	519	14%	111	15%	21%
Fresno Hall	34	1%	3	<1%	9%
Glacier Point	675	18%	152	21%	23%
Granite Pass	375	10%	82	11%	22%
Half Dome	478	13%	64	9%	13%
Kern Hall	70	2%	10	1%	14%
Kings Hall	69	2%	15	2%	22%
Madera Hall	72	2%	10	1%	14%
Mariposa	184	5%	32	5%	17%
Merced Hall	72	2%	10	1%	14%
Sentinel Rock	530	14%	98	14%	18%
Stanislaus Hall	67	2%	10	1%	15%
Tenaya	153	4%	35	5%	23%
Tulare Hall	65	2%	11	2%	17%
Tuolumne	198	5%	35	5%	18%

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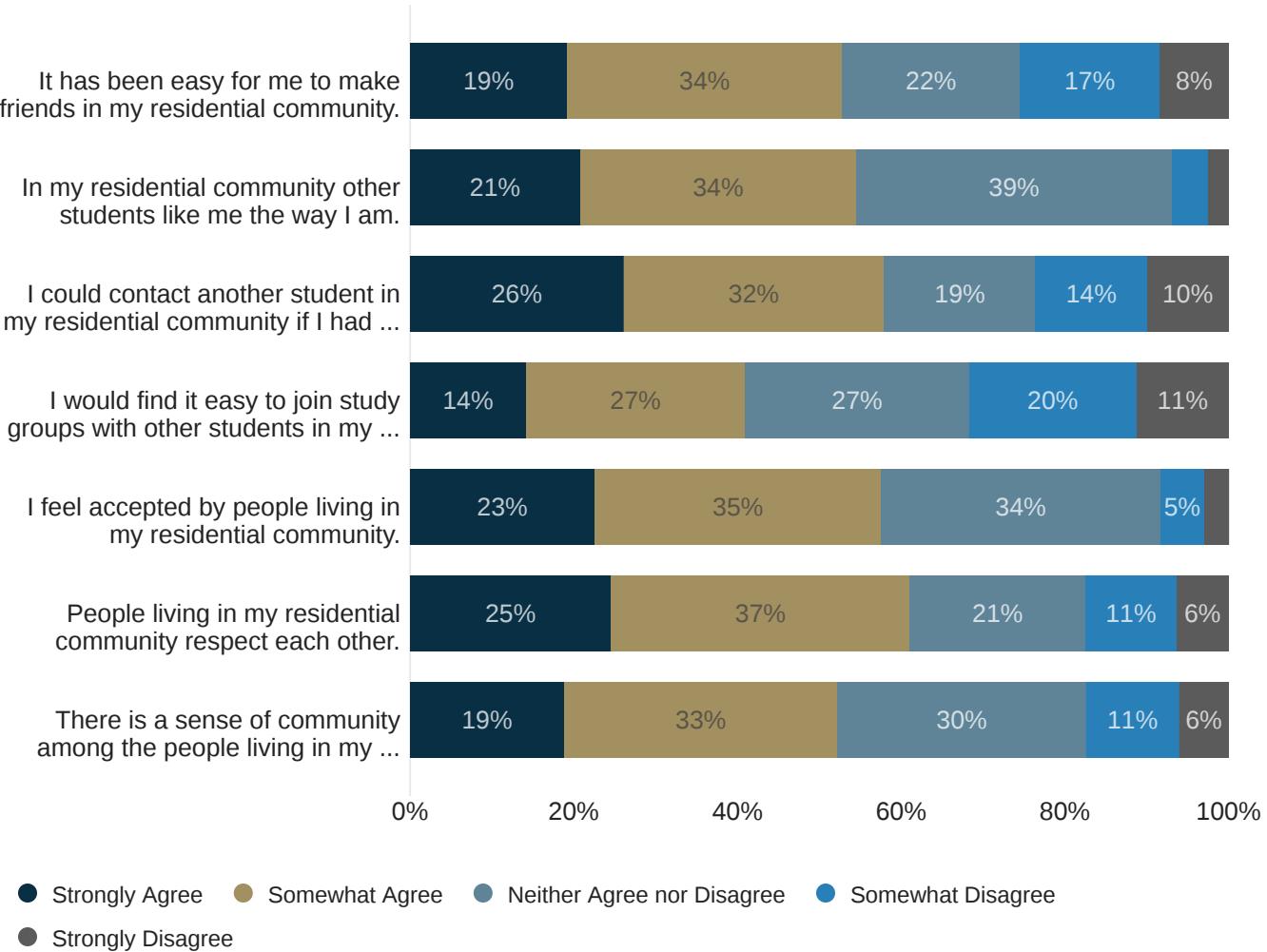
Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement about your experience on the UC Merced campus.



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.	15.41% 110	40.48% 289	26.05% 186	10.78% 77	3.92% 28	1.82% 13	1.54% 11	714
I feel that I am a member of the campus community.	13.86% 98	40.31% 285	26.31% 186	11.46% 81	4.38% 31	2.12% 15	1.56% 11	707
I feel a sense of belonging to the campus community.	13.44% 95	34.09% 241	25.88% 183	16.12% 114	6.22% 44	2.55% 18	1.70% 12	707

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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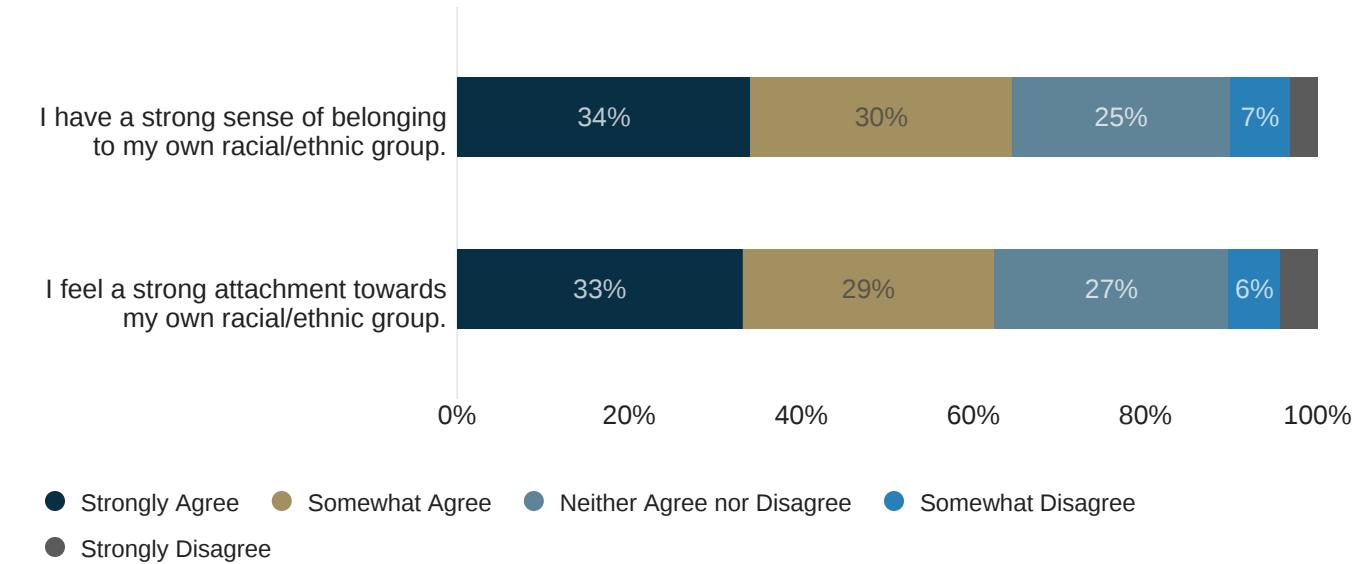


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Field	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
It has been easy for me to make friends in my residential community.	19.19% 137	33.61% 240	21.71% 155	17.09% 122	8.40% 60	714
In my residential community other students like me the way I am.	20.79% 148	33.71% 240	38.62% 275	4.35% 31	2.53% 18	712
I could contact another student in my residential community if I had a question about an assignment.	26.09% 186	31.84% 227	18.51% 132	13.60% 97	9.96% 71	713
I would find it easy to join study groups with other students in my residential community if I wanted to.	14.17% 101	26.79% 191	27.35% 195	20.48% 146	11.22% 80	713
I feel accepted by people living in my residential community.	22.57% 160	34.98% 248	34.13% 242	5.36% 38	2.96% 21	709
People living in my residential community respect each other.	24.54% 174	36.53% 259	21.44% 152	11.14% 79	6.35% 45	709
There is a sense of community among the people living in my residential community.	18.82% 134	33.43% 238	30.34% 216	11.38% 81	6.04% 43	712

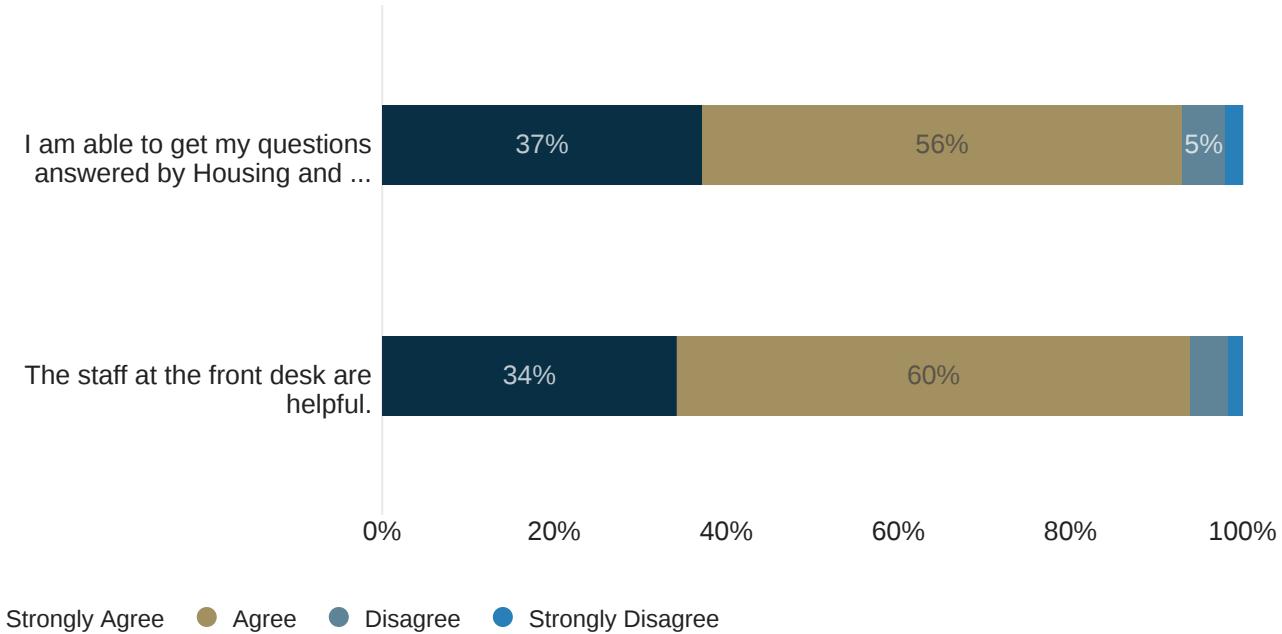
These questions are about your ethnicity or your ethnic group and how you feel about it or react to it. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.



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.	34.13% 243	30.34% 216	25.42% 181	6.88% 49	3.23% 23	712
I feel a strong attachment towards my own racial/ethnic group.	33.19% 235	29.24% 207	27.26% 193	5.93% 42	4.38% 31	708

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

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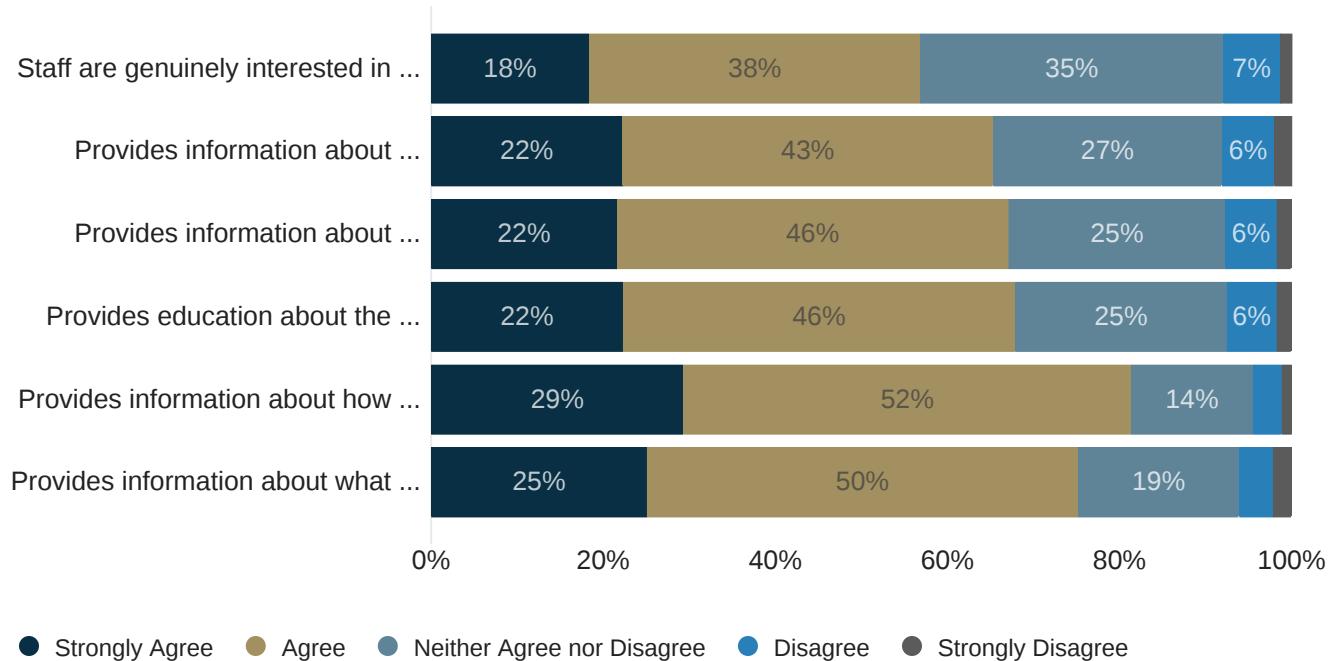


Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
I am able to get my questions answered by Housing and Residence Education staff.	37.17% 239	55.83% 359	4.98% 32	2.02% 13	643
The staff at the front desk are helpful.	34.23% 204	59.73% 356	4.36% 26	1.68% 10	596

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement.

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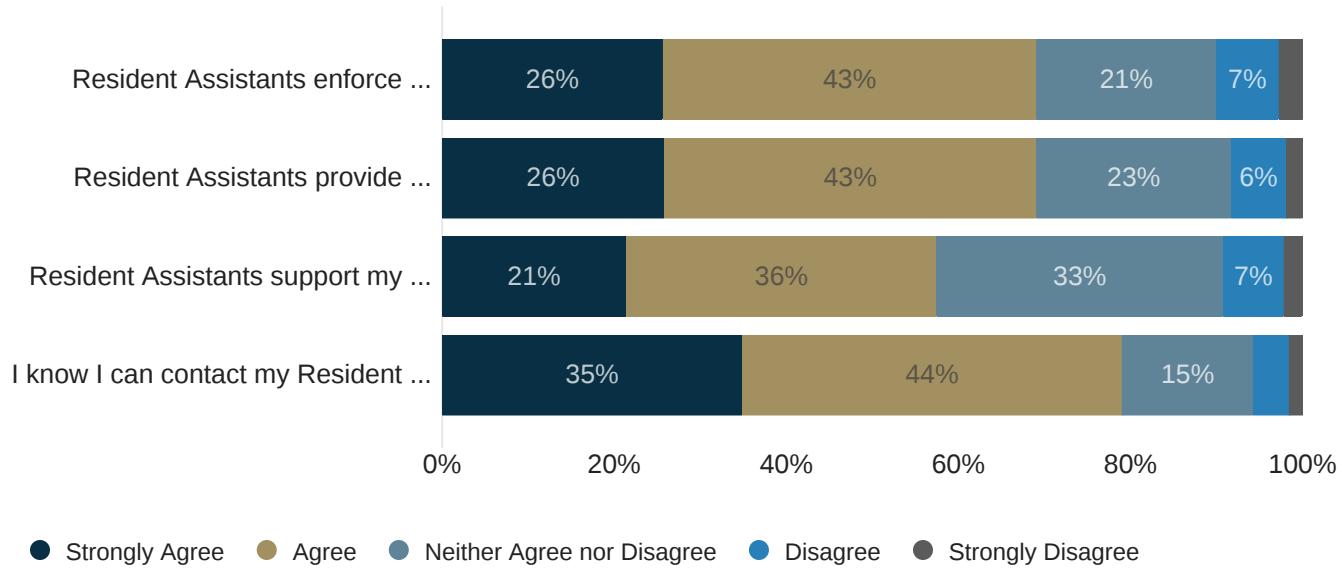
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Staff are genuinely interested in my educational and personal development.	18.38% 127	38.49% 266	35.17% 243	6.66% 46	1.30% 9	691
Provides information about resources to help me be academically successful (e.g., GPA calculation, tutoring).	22.25% 154	43.06% 298	26.59% 184	6.07% 42	2.02% 14	692
Provides information about self-care (e.g., stress management, making time for family).	21.59% 149	45.51% 314	25.22% 174	5.94% 41	1.74% 12	690
Provides education about the effects and risks of drug and alcohol use, and other high-risk behaviors.	22.29% 154	45.59% 315	24.60% 170	5.79% 40	1.74% 12	691
Provides information about how to access student services (e.g., work orders, mail/packages, lost keys).	29.34% 203	52.02% 360	14.16% 98	3.32% 23	1.16% 8	692
Provides information about what to do when there is an emergency (e.g., fire, medical).	25.07% 173	50.14% 346	18.70% 129	3.91% 27	2.17% 15	690

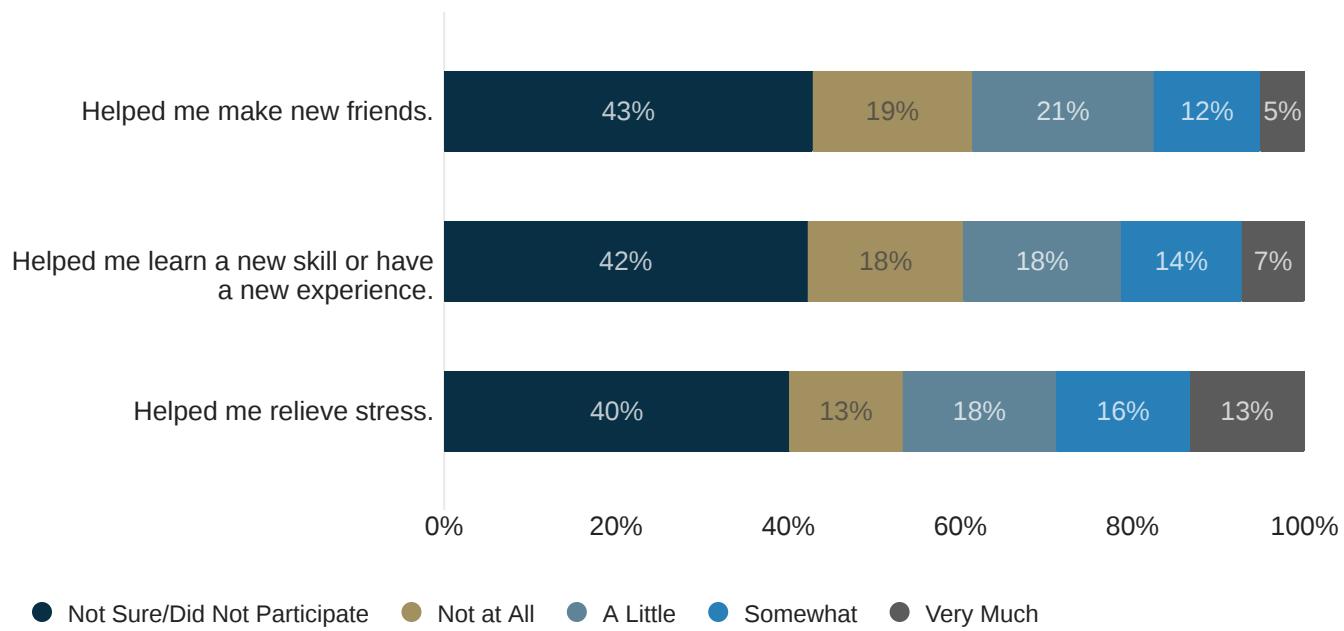
Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each statement about Resident Assistants (RAs).

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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).	25.66% 176	43.44% 298	20.85% 143	7.29% 50	2.77% 19	686
Resident Assistants provide opportunities that support residential community development.	25.80% 177	43.29% 297	22.59% 155	6.41% 44	1.90% 13	686
Resident Assistants support my development as a person.	21.41% 146	36.07% 246	33.28% 227	7.04% 48	2.20% 15	682
I know I can contact my Resident Assistant to help me resolve roommate conflicts.	34.89% 239	44.09% 302	15.33% 105	4.09% 28	1.61% 11	685

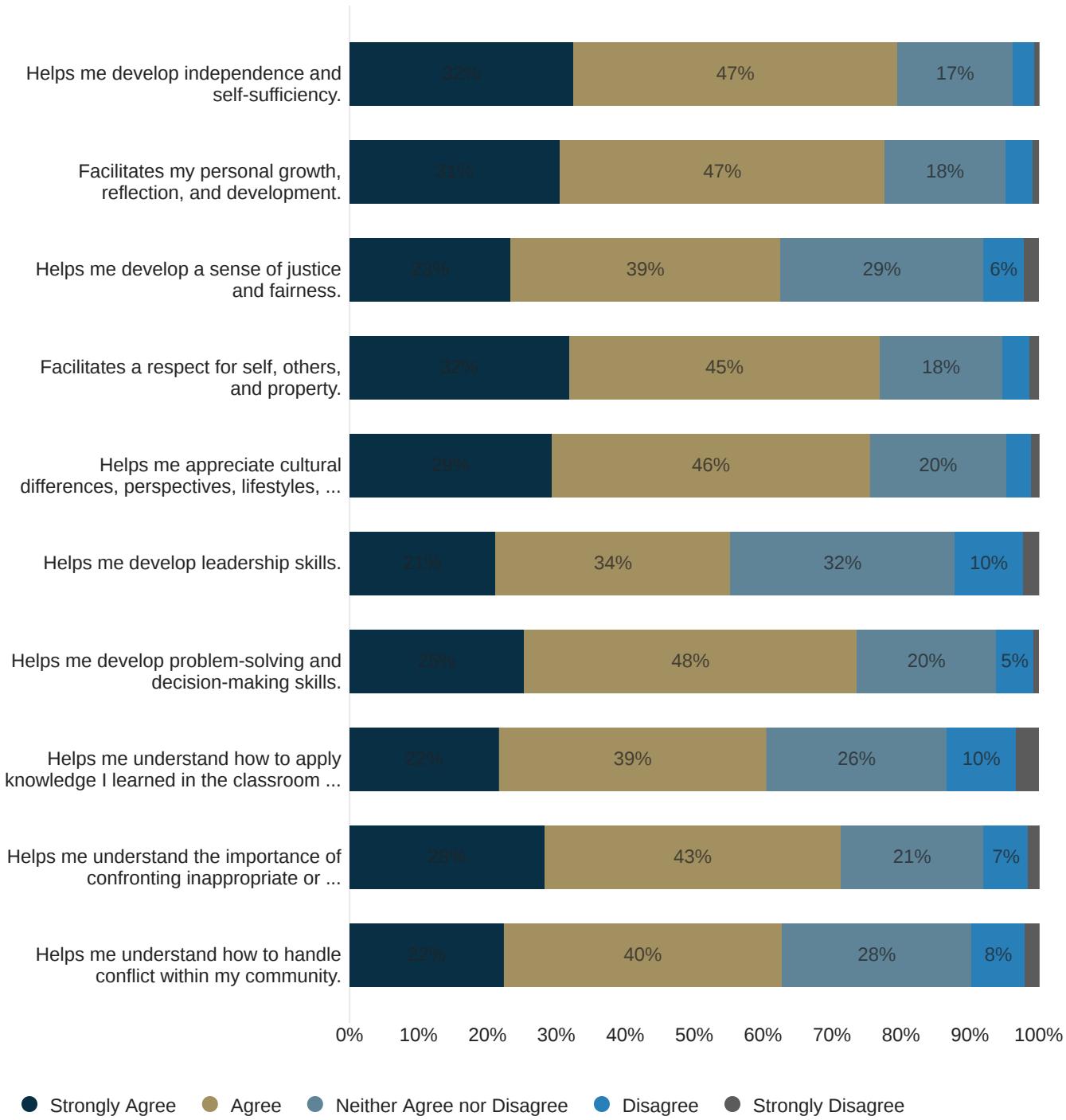
Please indicate whether the floor activities put on by your Resident Assistant (RA) helped you do each of the following:



Field	Not Sure/Did Not Participate		Not at All		A Little		Somewhat		Very Much		Total
Helped me make new friends.	42.84%	293	18.57%	127	21.05%	144	12.43%	85	5.12%	35	684
Helped me learn a new skill or have a new experience.	42.25%	289	18.13%	124	18.27%	125	14.04%	96	7.31%	50	684
Helped me relieve stress.	40.12%	274	13.18%	90	17.86%	122	15.52%	106	13.32%	91	683

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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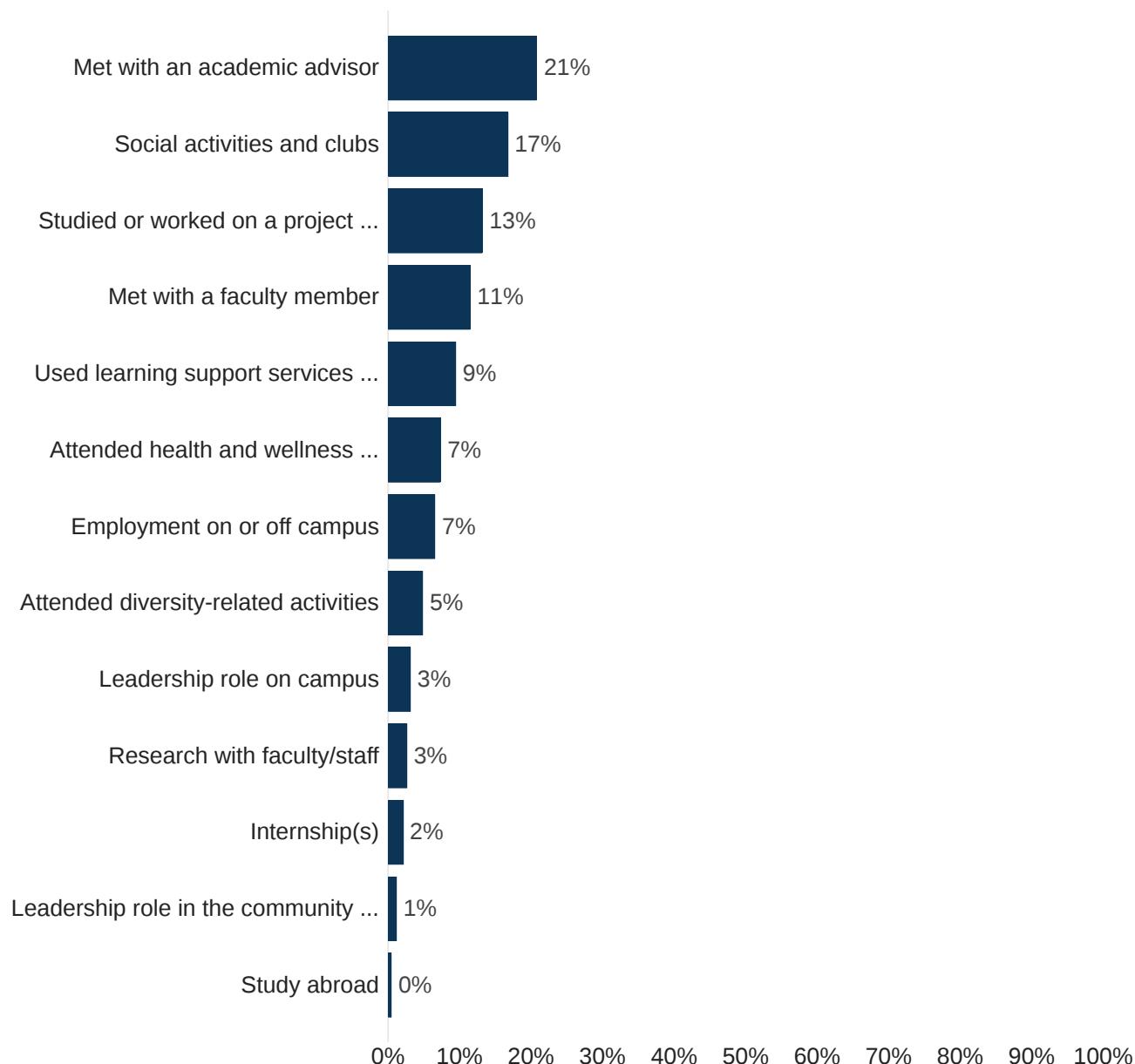
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Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Helps me develop independence and self-sufficiency.	32.48% 215	46.98% 311	16.77% 111	3.17% 21	0.60% 4	662
Facilitates my personal growth, reflection, and development.	30.51% 202	47.13% 312	17.52% 116	3.93% 26	0.91% 6	662
Helps me develop a sense of justice and fairness.	23.37% 154	39.15% 258	29.44% 194	5.92% 39	2.12% 14	659
Facilitates a respect for self, others, and property.	31.87% 210	45.07% 297	17.75% 117	3.95% 26	1.37% 9	659
Helps me appreciate cultural differences, perspectives, lifestyles, spirituality, and other forms of diversity.	29.35% 194	46.14% 305	19.82% 131	3.63% 24	1.06% 7	661
Helps me develop leadership skills.	21.15% 140	34.14% 226	32.48% 215	9.97% 66	2.27% 15	662
Helps me develop problem-solving and decision-making skills.	25.30% 167	48.33% 319	20.15% 133	5.45% 36	0.76% 5	660
Helps me understand how to apply knowledge I learned in the classroom outside of class.	21.67% 143	38.79% 256	26.21% 173	10.00% 66	3.33% 22	660
Helps me understand the importance of confronting inappropriate or disruptive behavior.	28.29% 187	42.97% 284	20.73% 137	6.51% 43	1.51% 10	661
Helps me understand how to handle conflict within my community.	22.37% 147	40.33% 265	27.55% 181	7.76% 51	1.98% 13	657

Which of the following experiences have you participated in?

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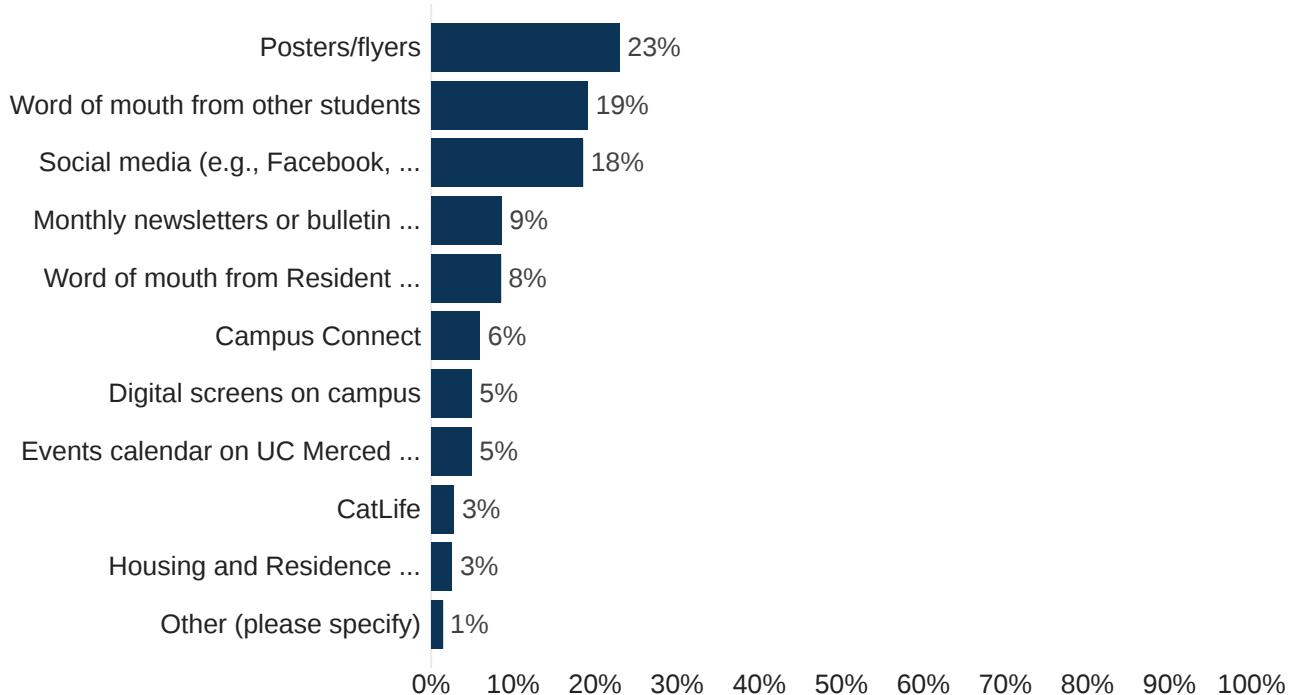
Which of the following experiences have you participated in? (Please select all that apply)

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Field	Choice Count
Met with an academic advisor	20.84% 532
Studied or worked on a project with other students	13.20% 337
Social activities and clubs	16.73% 427
Attended health and wellness activities	7.36% 188
Employment on or off campus	6.58% 168
Met with a faculty member	11.48% 293
Leadership role on campus	3.13% 80
Research with faculty/staff	2.62% 67
Attended diversity-related activities	4.86% 124
Leadership role in the community (off campus)	1.18% 30
Internship(s)	2.08% 53
Study abroad	0.47% 12
Used learning support services (e.g. tutoring, studying and class registration workshops)	9.48% 242
Total	2553

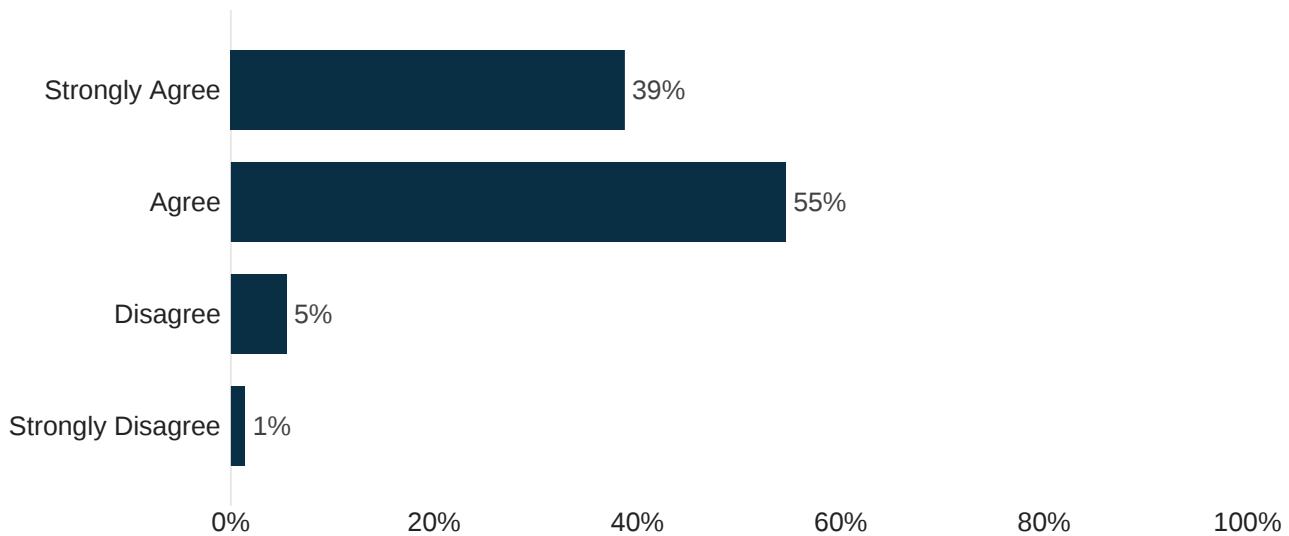
How do you learn about campus events, programs and activities? (Please select all that apply)

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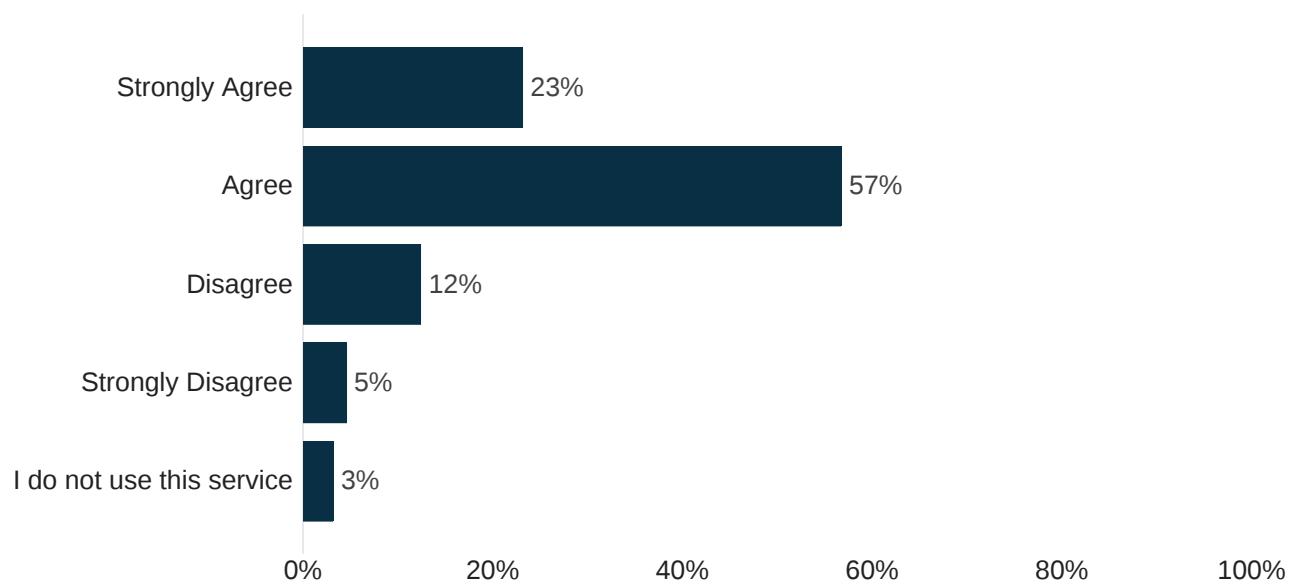
Field	Choice Count
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)	18.47% 398
Word of mouth from other students	19.07% 411
Word of mouth from Resident Assistants or Programming Assistants	8.45% 182
Posters/flyers	22.97% 495
Monthly newsletters or bulletin board posted by RA	8.58% 185
Events calendar on UC Merced website	4.92% 106
Housing and Residence Education website	2.55% 55
Other (please specify)	1.35% 29
Campus Connect	5.94% 128
Digital screens on campus	4.92% 106
CatLife	2.78% 60
Total	2155

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



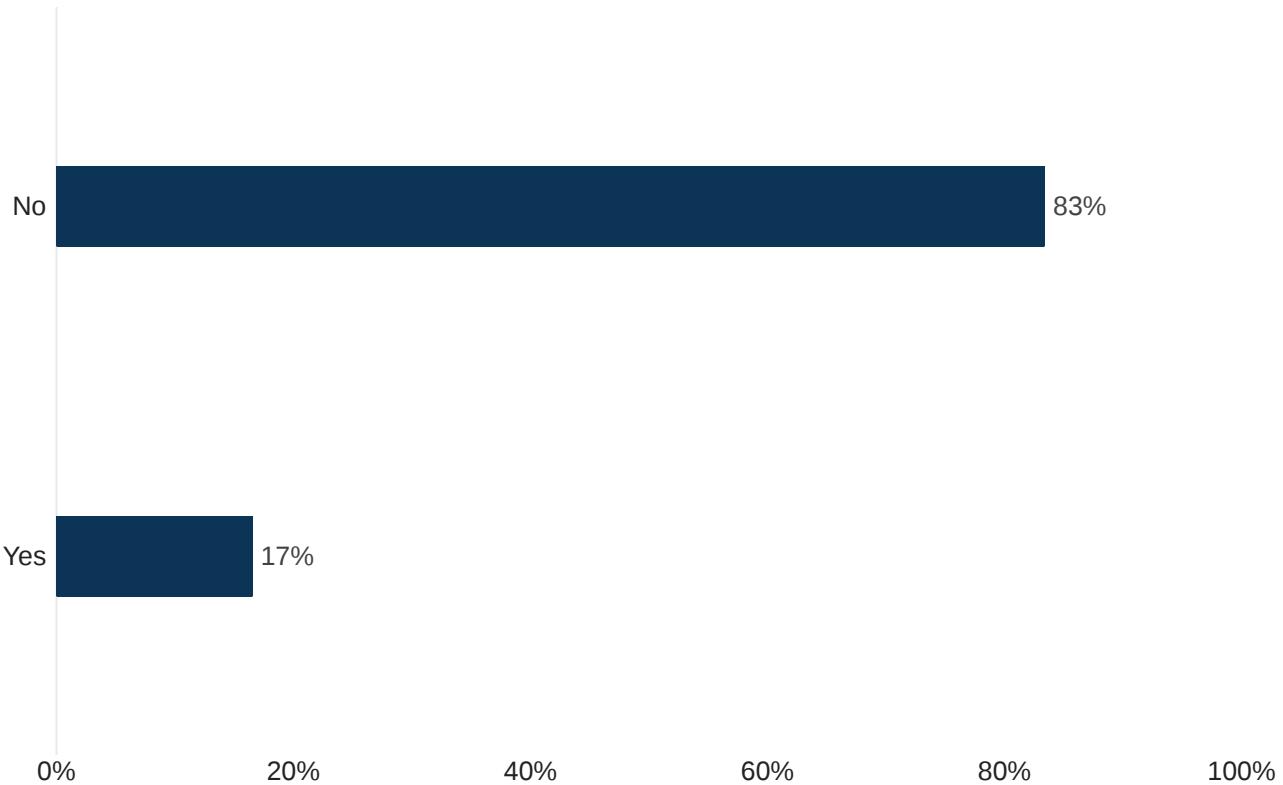
Field	Choice Count	
Strongly Agree	38.67%	256
Agree	54.53%	361
Disagree	5.44%	36
Strongly Disagree	1.36%	9
Total		662

The reliability of the WIRELESS network connections meets my needs.



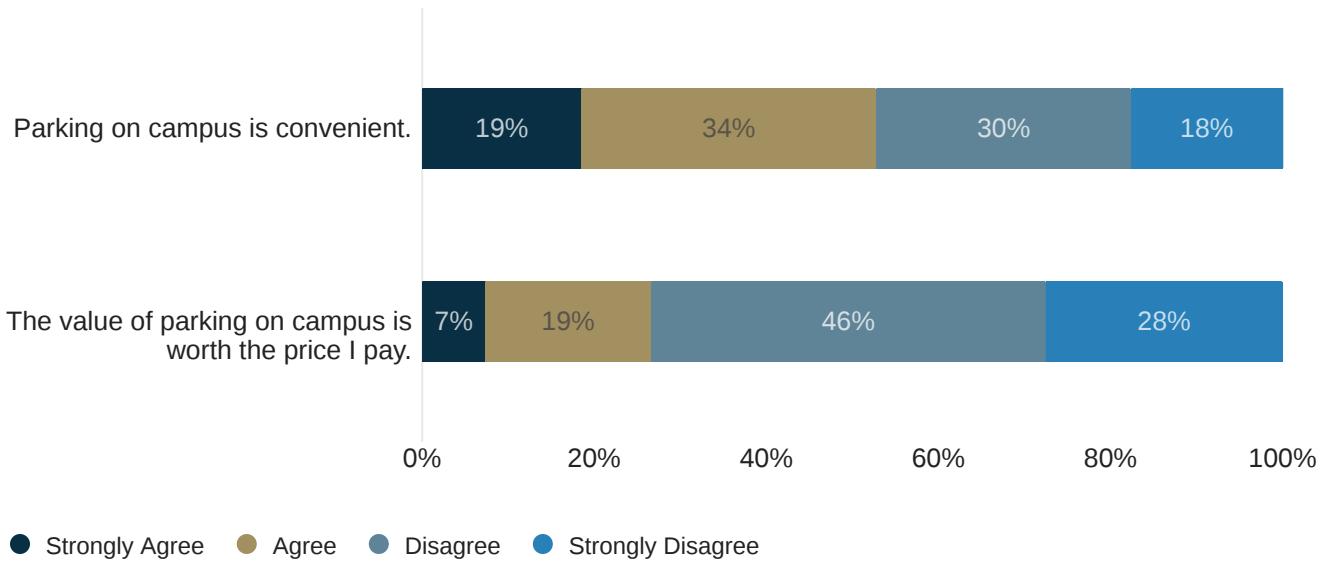
Field	Choice Count	
Strongly Agree	23.15%	153
Agree	56.73%	375
Disagree	12.41%	82
Strongly Disagree	4.54%	30
I do not use this service	3.18%	21
Total		661

Do you park a motor vehicle on campus?



Field	Choice Count	
No	83.43%	554
Yes	16.57%	110
Total		664

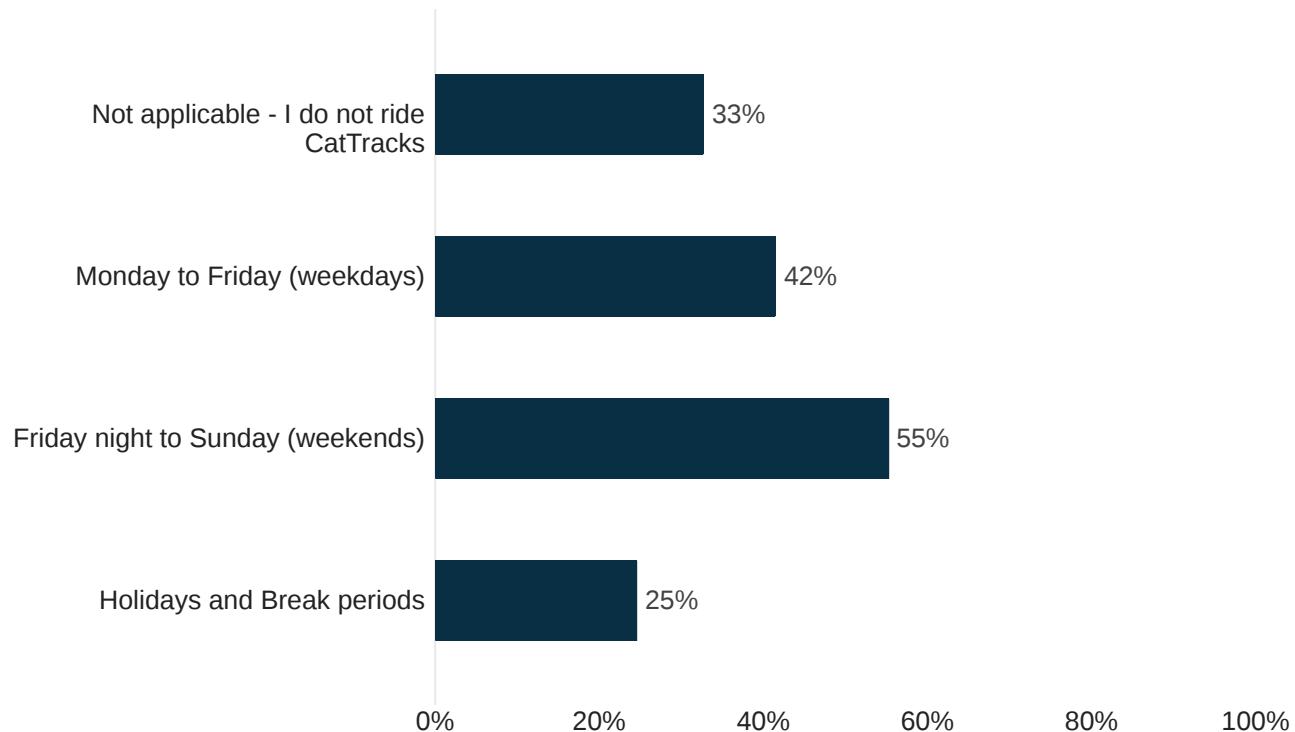
You said you park on campus. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following:



Field	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Parking on campus is convenient.	18.52% 20	34.26% 37	29.63% 32	17.59% 19	108
The value of parking on campus is worth the price I pay.	7.34% 8	19.27% 21	45.87% 50	27.52% 30	109

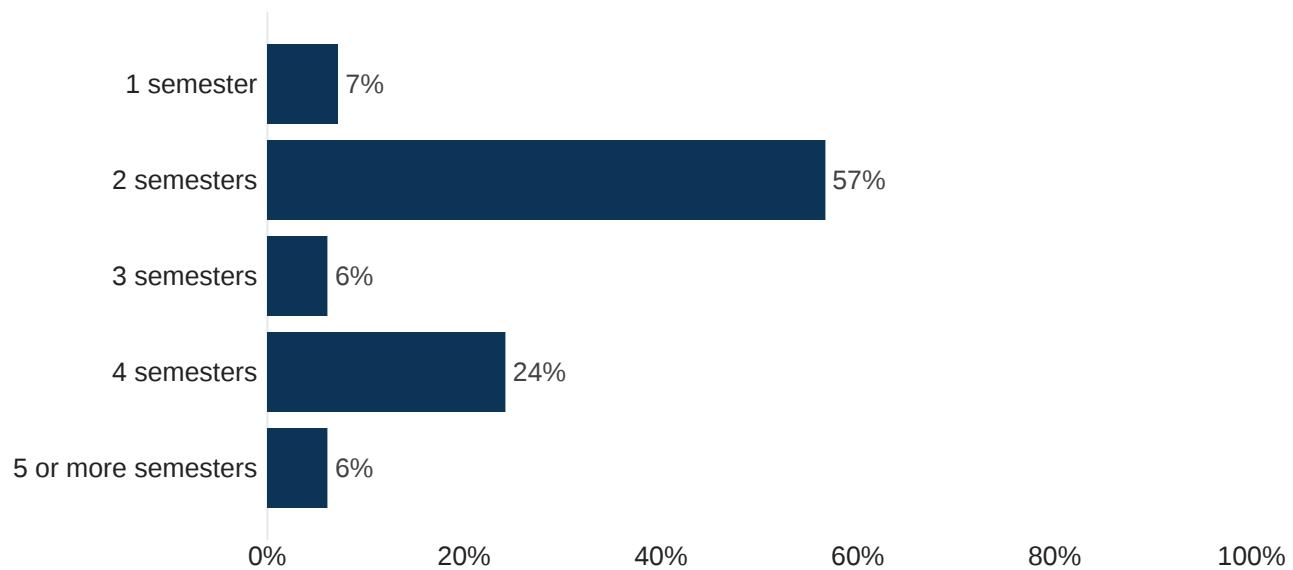
When do you need to ride CatTracks? (select all that apply)

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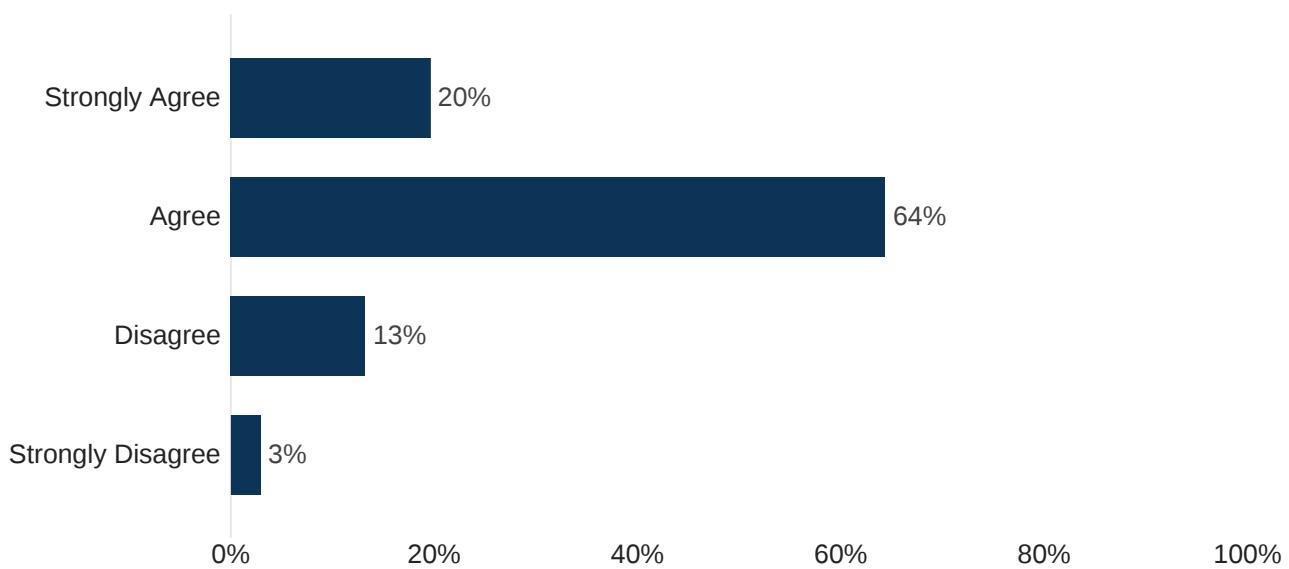
Field	Choice Count	
Not applicable - I do not ride CatTracks	21.26%	213
Monday to Friday (weekdays)	26.95%	270
Friday night to Sunday (weekends)	35.83%	359
Holidays and Break periods	15.97%	160
Total		1002

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



Field	Choice Count	
1 semester	7.13%	47
2 semesters	56.60%	373
3 semesters	6.07%	40
4 semesters	24.13%	159
5 or more semesters	6.07%	40
Total		659

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



Field	Choice Count	
Strongly Agree	19.58%	129
Agree	64.34%	424
Disagree	13.20%	87
Strongly Disagree	2.88%	19
Total		659