TOTAL SCHOOL PROFILE

Entering Student Questionnaire

2019 - 2020 Profile of Participants

As of May, 01 2023

Total Number of Schools:	158
Total Number of Students:	5,766

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TABLE 1: Percent of Enrollment by Degree Program, Marital Status, and Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Degree Program	Single				Married				Total	
	Male		Female		Male		Female			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	8	38.1	4	19.0	4	19.0	5	23.8	21	0.4
MDiv	681	25.3	655	24.3	905	33.6	454	16.8	2,695	47.3
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	105	11.9	251	28.4	245	27.7	283	32.0	884	15.5
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	184	18.5	257	25.9	309	31.1	244	24.5	994	17.5
ThM/STM	17	14.9	27	23.7	52	45.6	18	15.8	114	2.0
DMin	35	10.4	49	14.5	181	53.6	73	21.6	338	5.9
PhD/ThD/STD	21	19.6	25	23.4	49	45.8	12	11.2	107	1.9
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	1	3.0	12	36.4	8	24.2	12	36.4	33	0.6
Non-degree special	17	20.7	19	23.2	25	30.5	21	25.6	82	1.4
Diploma, certificate	37	17.4	47	22.1	67	31.5	62	29.1	213	3.7
Other	22	10.3	74	34.6	56	26.2	62	29.0	214	3.8
TOTAL	**1,128**	**19.8**	**1,420**	**24.9**	**1,901**	**33.4**	**1,246**	**21.9**	**5,695**	**100.0**

TOTALS FOR TABLE 1

Degree Program	Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-theology	12	57.1	9	42.9	21	0.4
MDiv	1,586	58.8	1,109	41.2	2,695	47.3
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	350	39.6	534	60.4	884	15.5
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	493	49.6	501	50.4	994	17.5
ThM/STM	69	60.5	45	39.5	114	2.0
DMin	216	63.9	122	36.1	338	5.9
PhD/ThD/STD	70	65.4	37	34.6	107	1.9
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	9	27.3	24	72.7	33	0.6
Non-degree special	42	51.2	40	48.8	82	1.4
Diploma, certificate	104	48.8	109	51.2	213	3.7
Other	78	36.4	136	63.6	214	3.8
TOTAL	**3,029**	**53.2**	**2,666**	**46.8**	**5,695**	**100.0**

CHART 1: Enrollment of Students by Gender and Degree Program

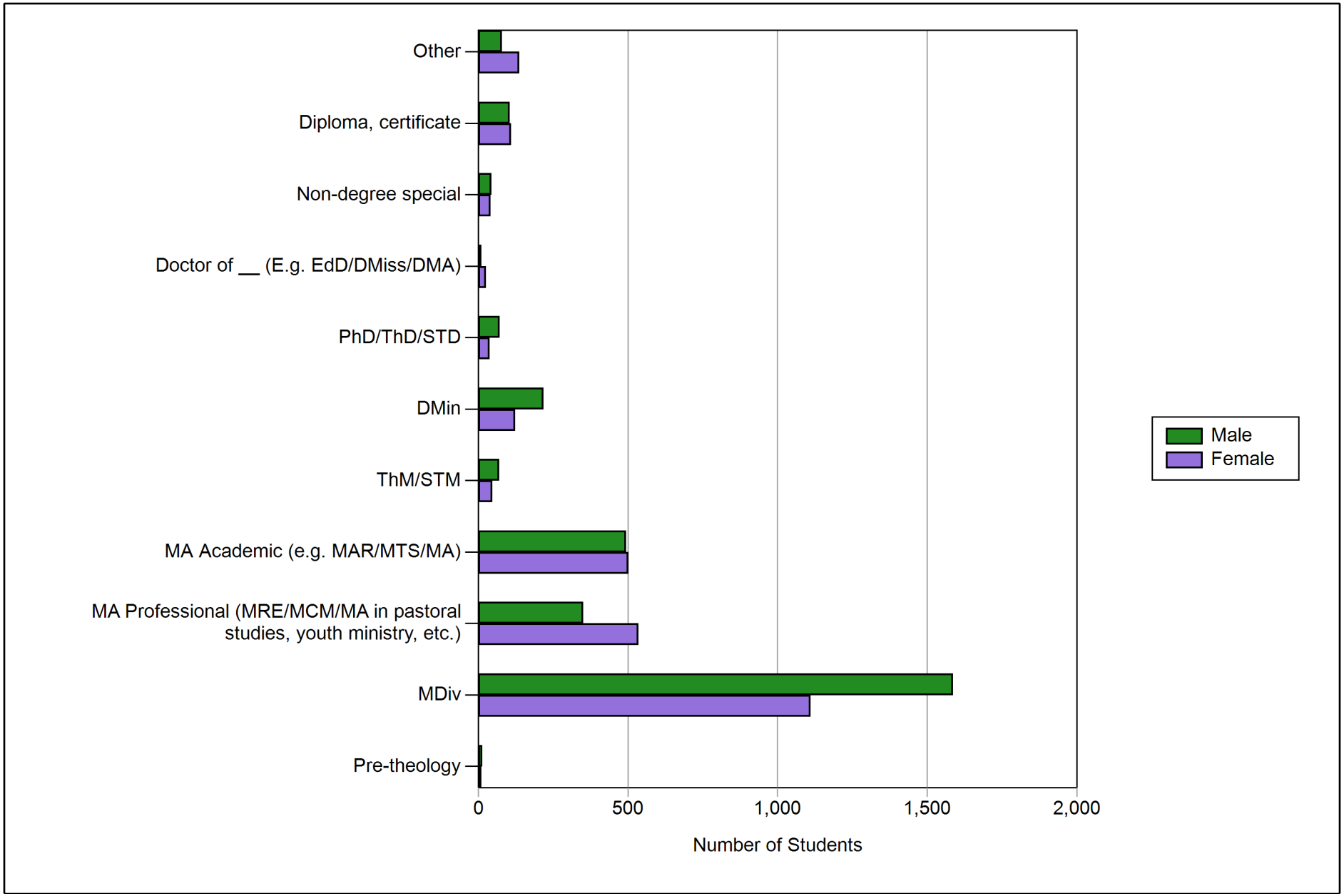

TABLE 2: Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Identity and Citizenship

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat Am		White		Intl		Multi		Undis	
Degree Program	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
Pre-theology	0	0.0	3	14.3	5	23.8	0	0.0	11	52.4	1	4.8	1	4.8	0	0.0
MDiv	272	10.1	424	15.7	167	6.2	15	0.6	1,550	57.3	110	4.1	89	3.3	78	2.9
MA Professional (MRE/MCM/MA in pastoral studies, youth ministry, etc.)	101	11.4	81	9.2	57	6.4	3	0.3	546	61.8	40	4.5	22	2.5	34	3.8
MA Academic (e.g. MAR/MTS/MA)	165	16.5	93	9.3	55	5.5	5	0.5	544	54.6	59	5.9	37	3.7	39	3.9
ThM/STM	19	16.4	15	12.9	12	10.3	1	0.9	50	43.1	15	12.9	2	1.7	2	1.7
DMin	25	7.3	128	37.5	12	3.5	0	0.0	149	43.7	10	2.9	8	2.3	9	2.6
PhD/ThD/STD	29	27.1	12	11.2	7	6.5	0	0.0	37	34.6	17	15.9	3	2.8	2	1.9
Doctor of __ (E.g. EdD/DMiss/DMA)	10	29.4	6	17.6	1	2.9	0	0.0	12	35.3	1	2.9	2	5.9	2	5.9
Non-degree special	13	15.5	2	2.4	2	2.4	0	0.0	58	69.0	4	4.8	2	2.4	3	3.6
Diploma, certificate	35	16.1	20	9.2	9	4.1	2	0.9	133	61.3	5	2.3	4	1.8	9	4.1
Other	29	13.2	25	11.4	22	10.0	1	0.5	120	54.5	1	0.5	10	4.5	12	5.5
TOTAL	**698**	**12.2**	**809**	**14.1**	**349**	**6.1**	**27**	**0.5**	**3,210**	**56.1**	**263**	**4.6**	**180**	**3.1**	**190**	**3.3**

ENROLLMENT BY CITIZENSHIP		
Citizenship	**#**	**%**
U.S.	4,417	76.9
Canadian	518	9.0
Other	812	14.1
TOTAL	**5,747**	**100.0**

TOTALS FOR TABLE 2		
	#	%
Visa or Nonresident Alien	264	4.6
Black / Non-Hispanic	815	14.2
Native North American / First Nation	27	0.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	698	12.2
Hispanic / Latino(a)	349	6.1
White Non-Hispanic	3,217	56.0
Multiracial	180	3.1
Prefer not to disclose	191	3.3
TOTAL	**5,741**	**100.0**

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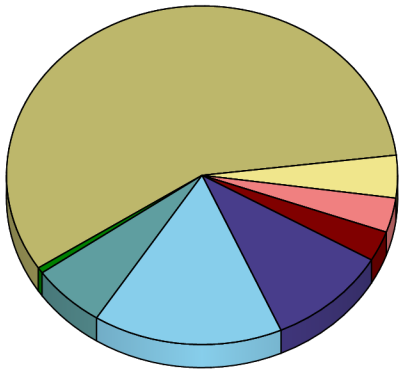
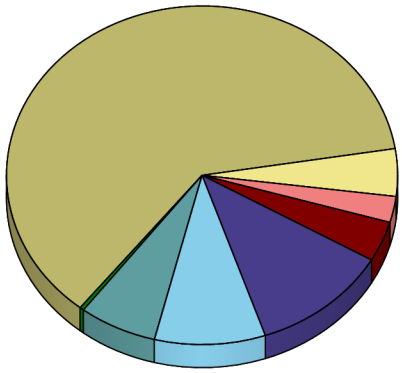
CHART 2: Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Identity

MDiv



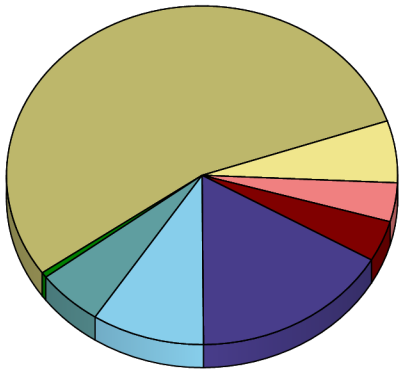
Asian - 10.1% | Hispanic - 6.2% | White - 57.3% | Multiracial - 3.3%
Black - 15.7% | Native American - 0.6% | International - 4.1% | Undisclosed - 2.9%

Prof MA



Asian - 11.4% | Hispanic - 6.4% | White - 61.8% | Multiracial - 2.5%
Black - 9.2% | Native American - 0.3% | International - 4.5% | Undisclosed - 3.8%

Acad MA



Asian - 16.5% | Hispanic - 5.5% | White - 54.6% | Multiracial - 3.7%
Black - 9.3% | Native American - 0.5% | International - 5.9% | Undisclosed - 3.9%

TABLE 3: Enrollment of Students by Age and Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

MDiv	Male		Female		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	3	60.0	2	40.0	5	0.2
20-25	424	59.7	286	40.3	710	26.8
26-30	339	69.0	152	31.0	491	18.5
31-35	207	64.3	115	35.7	322	12.2
36-40	189	62.8	112	37.2	301	11.4
41-45	111	51.9	103	48.1	214	8.1
46-50	102	48.1	110	51.9	212	8.0
51-55	72	47.7	79	52.3	151	5.7
56 or older	105	43.2	138	56.8	243	9.2
TOTAL	**1,552**	**58.6**	**1,097**	**41.4**	**2,649**	**100.0**

Prof MA	Male		Female		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	55	32.4	115	67.6	170	19.5
26-30	47	36.4	82	63.6	129	14.8
31-35	43	39.8	65	60.2	108	12.4
36-40	57	54.8	47	45.2	104	11.9
41-45	46	46.0	54	54.0	100	11.5
46-50	30	35.3	55	64.7	85	9.8
51-55	26	37.1	44	62.9	70	8.0
56 or older	40	38.1	65	61.9	105	12.1
TOTAL	**344**	**39.5**	**527**	**60.5**	**871**	**100.0**

Acad MA	Male		Female		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	97	47.1	109	52.9	206	21.0
26-30	90	47.4	100	52.6	190	19.4
31-35	62	58.5	44	41.5	106	10.8
36-40	50	42.0	69	58.0	119	12.1
41-45	50	53.8	43	46.2	93	9.5
46-50	51	54.3	43	45.7	94	9.6
51-55	23	39.7	35	60.3	58	5.9
56 or older	65	57.0	49	43.0	114	11.6
TOTAL	**488**	**49.8**	**492**	**50.2**	**980**	**100.0**

All Others	Male		Female		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	0.1
20-25	43	38.7	68	61.3	111	10.0
26-30	70	53.4	61	46.6	131	11.9
31-35	92	63.9	52	36.1	144	13.0
36-40	96	61.5	60	38.5	156	14.1
41-45	84	64.6	46	35.4	130	11.8
46-50	60	48.0	65	52.0	125	11.3
51-55	48	48.5	51	51.5	99	9.0
56 or older	98	47.1	110	52.9	208	18.8
TOTAL	**591**	**53.5**	**514**	**46.5**	**1,105**	**100.0**

Total	Male		Female		TOTAL	
Age Range	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	3	50.0	3	50.0	6	0.1
20-25	619	51.7	578	48.3	1,197	21.4
26-30	546	58.0	395	42.0	941	16.8
31-35	404	59.4	276	40.6	680	12.1
36-40	392	57.6	288	42.4	680	12.1
41-45	291	54.2	246	45.8	537	9.6
46-50	243	47.1	273	52.9	516	9.2
51-55	169	44.7	209	55.3	378	6.7
56 or older	308	46.0	362	54.0	670	12.0
TOTAL	**2,975**	**53.1**	**2,630**	**46.9**	**5,605**	**100.0**

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CHART 3: Enrollment of Students by Age and Gender

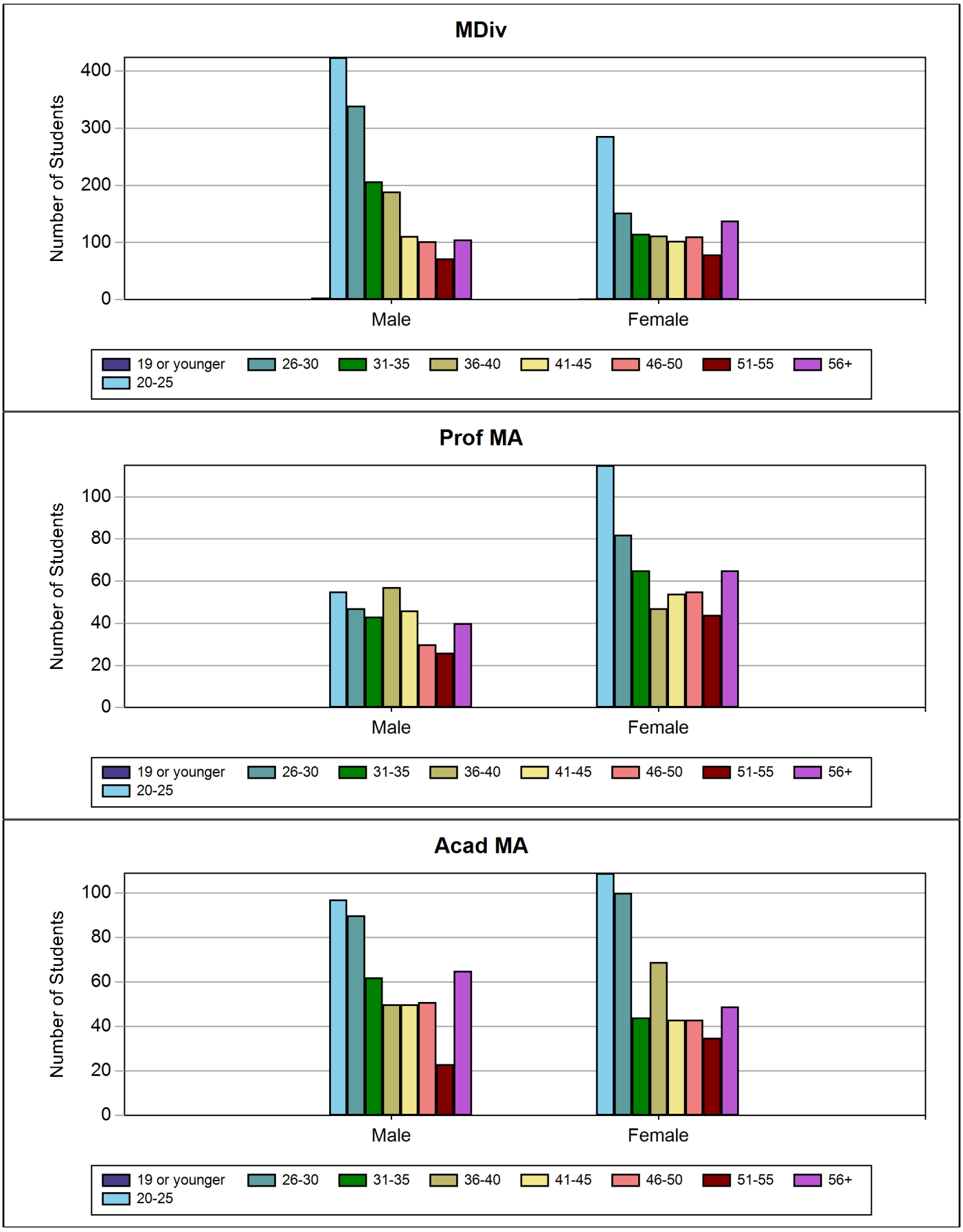


TABLE 4: Age Range and Racial Identity

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Age	Asian		Black		Hisp		Nat Am		White		Intl		Multi		Undis	
Range	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
19 or younger	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.1	1	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.5
20-25	91	13.4	62	7.8	71	21.0	11	40.7	851	26.8	27	10.5	61	34.9	27	14.8
26-30	135	19.9	101	12.7	66	19.5	3	11.1	521	16.4	59	23.0	25	14.3	33	18.0
31-35	89	13.1	87	11.0	59	17.5	2	7.4	363	11.4	40	15.6	20	11.4	23	12.6
36-40	107	15.8	100	12.6	44	13.0	4	14.8	335	10.5	48	18.7	20	11.4	20	10.9
41-45	95	14.0	90	11.3	30	8.9	0	0.0	266	8.4	27	10.5	12	6.9	19	10.4
46-50	67	9.9	100	12.6	23	6.8	2	7.4	267	8.4	29	11.3	11	6.3	21	11.5
51-55	33	4.9	83	10.5	22	6.5	2	7.4	209	6.6	9	3.5	10	5.7	11	6.0
56 or older	61	9.0	170	21.4	22	6.5	3	11.1	365	11.5	17	6.6	16	9.1	28	15.3
Total	**678**	**100.0**	**794**	**100.0**	**338**	**100.0**	**27**	**100.0**	**3,179**	**100.0**	**257**	**100.0**	**175**	**100.0**	**183**	**100.0**

TOTALS FOR TABLE 4

Age Range	#	%
19 or younger	6	0.1
20-25	1,201	21.3
26-30	943	16.7
31-35	683	12.1
36-40	678	12.0
41-45	539	9.6
46-50	520	9.2
51-55	379	6.7
56 or older	682	12.1
TOTAL	**5,631**	**100.0**

CHART 4: Age Range and Racial Identity

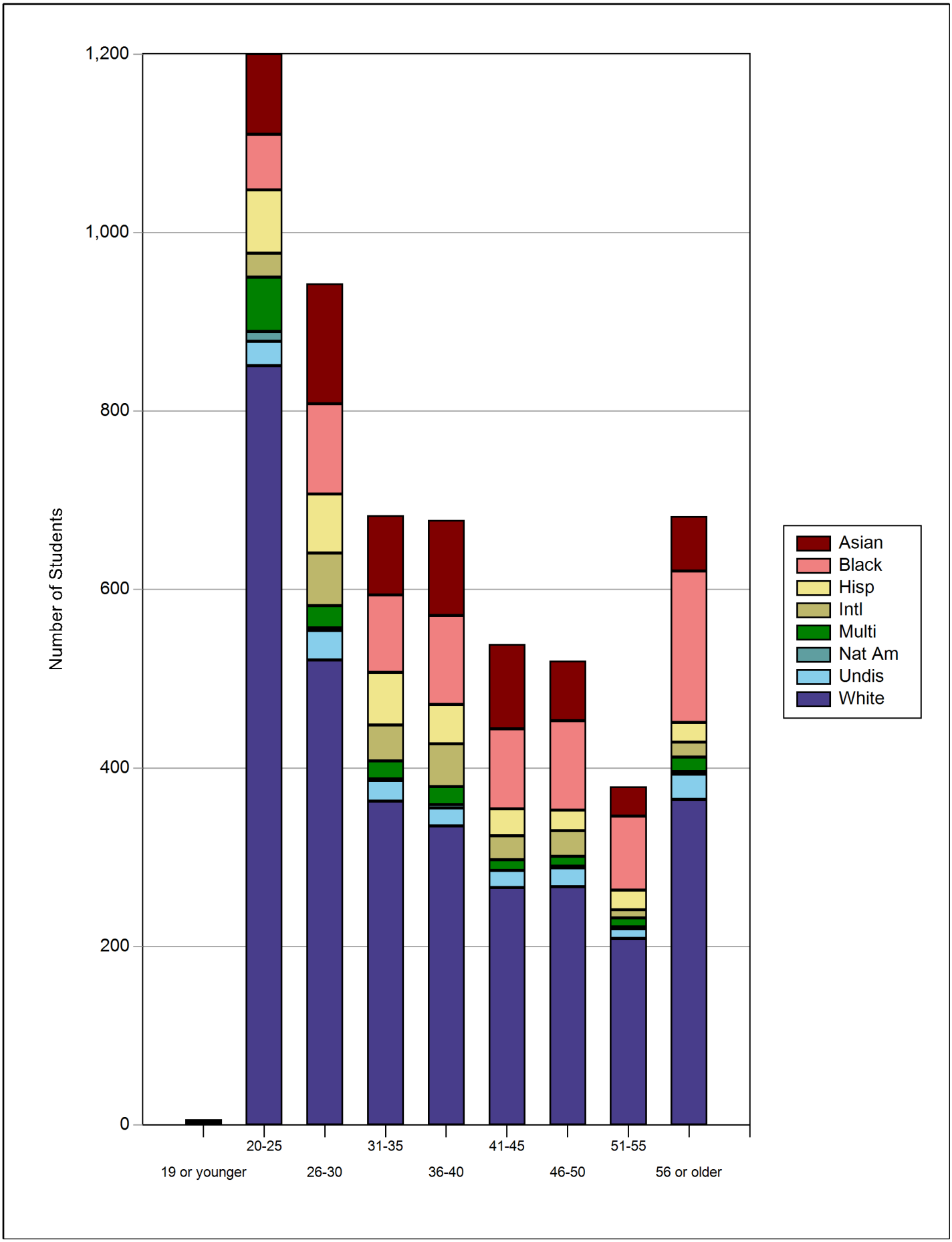


TABLE 5: Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

No. of Dependents	Single						Married						Total	
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1,039	32.7	1,233	38.8	2,272	71.5	494	15.5	413	13.0	907	28.5	3,179	55.8
One	35	5.4	89	13.8	124	19.2	337	52.1	186	28.7	523	80.8	647	11.4
Two	26	3.1	60	7.2	86	10.4	419	50.5	324	39.1	743	89.6	829	14.5
Three	16	2.6	22	3.6	38	6.2	371	60.2	207	33.6	578	93.8	616	10.8
Four or more	11	2.6	13	3.0	24	5.6	281	65.8	122	28.6	403	94.4	427	7.5
TOTAL	**1,127**	**19.8**	**1,417**	**24.9**	**2,544**	**44.6**	**1,902**	**33.4**	**1,252**	**22.0**	**3,154**	**55.4**	**5,698**	**100.0**

CHART 5: Number of Dependents by Gender and Marital Status

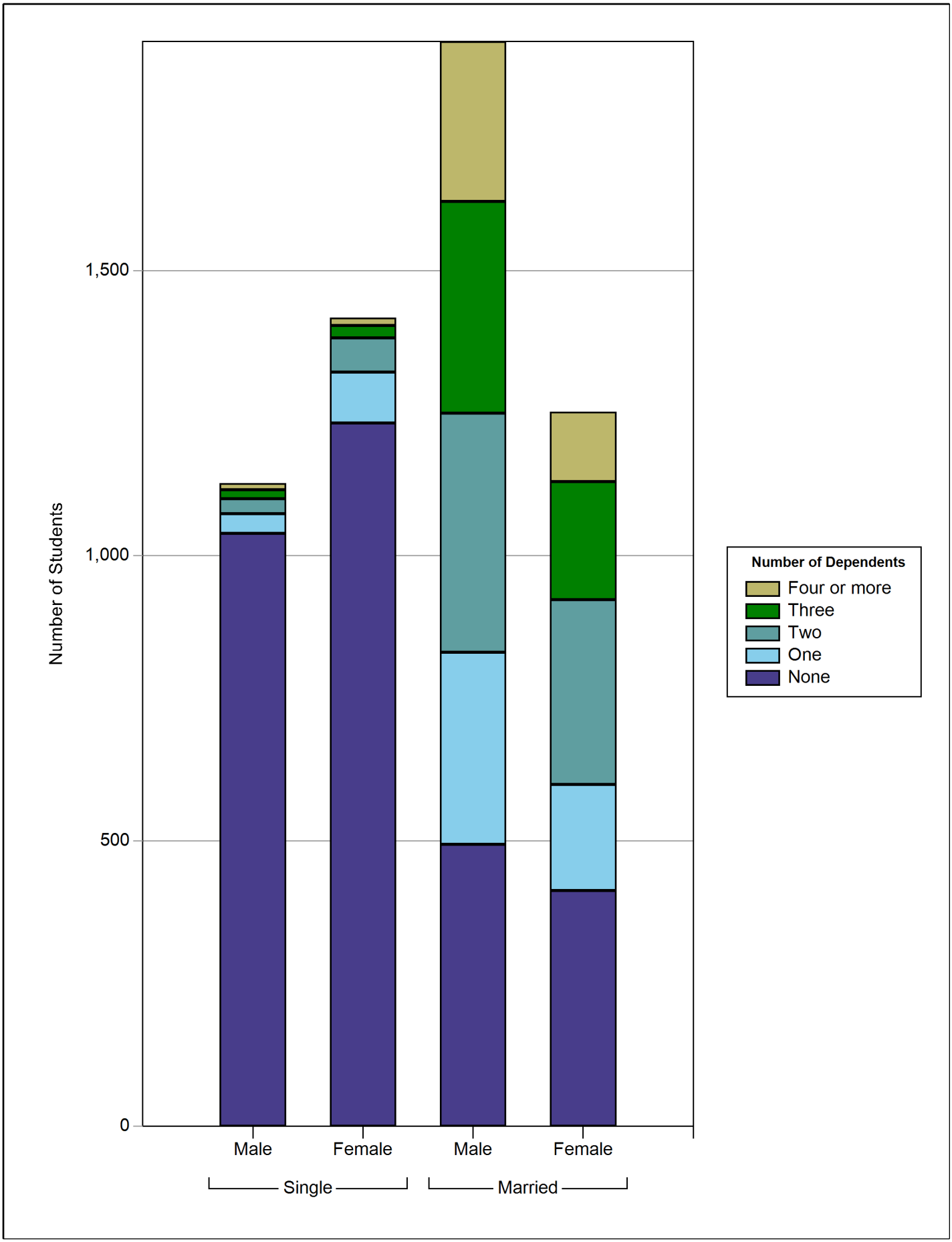


TABLE 6: Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

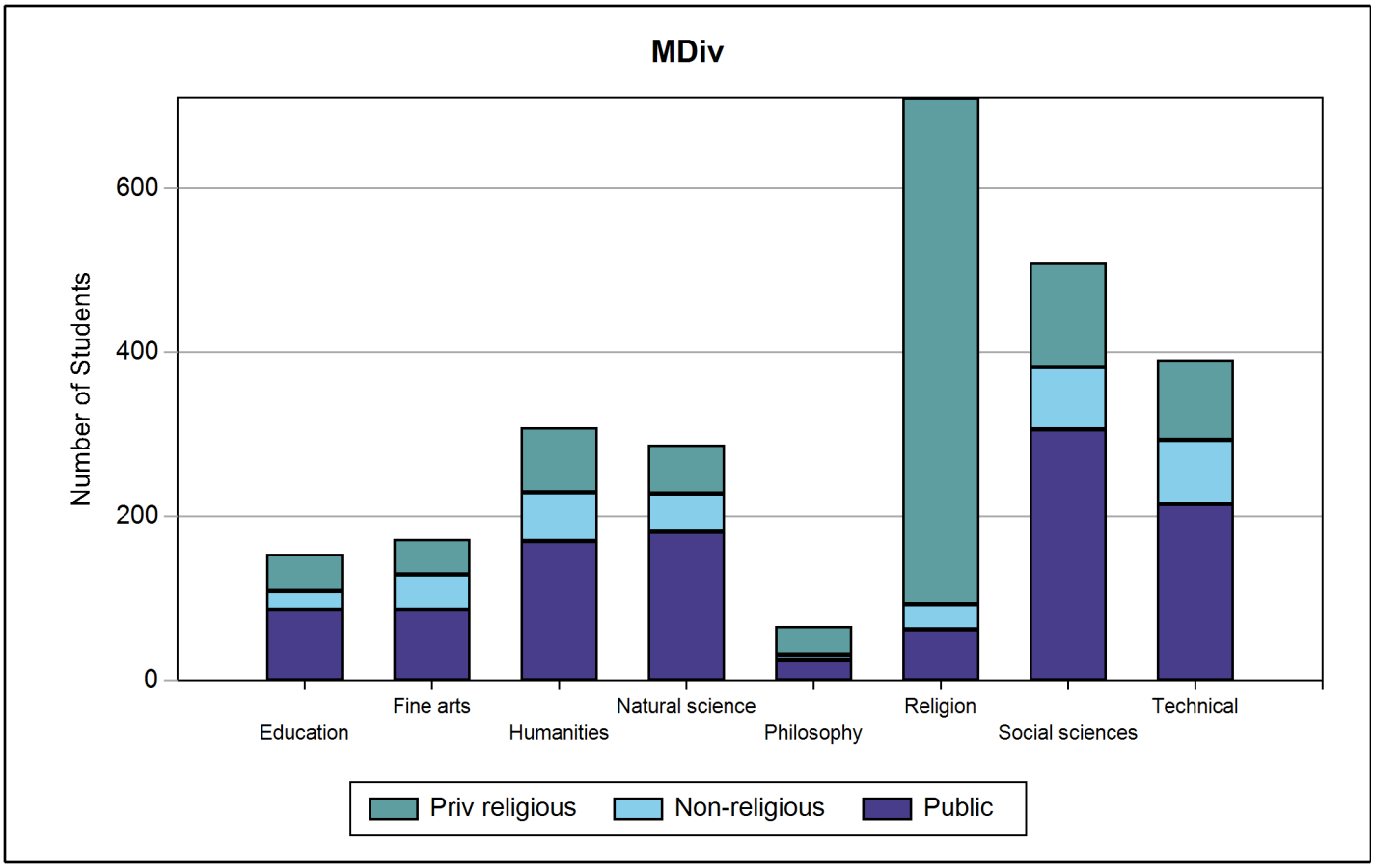
All Schools

TOTALS FOR TABLE 6

Area of Degree	Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Education	238	62.0	35	9.1	111	28.9	384	7.0
Fine Arts	157	48.9	76	23.7	88	27.4	321	5.8
Humanities	379	54.7	123	17.7	191	27.6	693	12.6
Natural/physical sciences	371	62.6	103	17.4	119	20.1	593	10.8
Philosophy	50	39.7	18	14.3	58	46.0	126	2.3
Religion / Theology	122	9.4	56	4.3	1,114	86.2	1,292	23.5
Social/behavioral sciences	679	56.5	182	15.2	340	28.3	1,201	21.9
Technical studies	501	56.6	168	19.0	216	24.4	885	16.1
TOTAL	**2,497**	**45.4**	**761**	**13.8**	**2,237**	**40.7**	**5,495**	**100.0**

Area of Degree	MDiv								All Others							
	Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total		Public		Priv Non Rel		Priv Rel		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Education	86	55.8	23	14.9	45	29.2	154	5.9	151	65.9	12	5.2	66	28.8	229	7.9
Fine Arts	86	50.0	43	25.0	43	25.0	172	6.6	69	46.9	33	22.4	45	30.6	147	5.1
Humanities	170	55.2	59	19.2	79	25.6	308	11.9	208	54.2	64	16.7	112	29.2	384	13.3
Natural/physical sciences	181	63.1	47	16.4	59	20.6	287	11.1	190	62.3	55	18.0	60	19.7	305	10.6
Philosophy	25	37.9	6	9.1	35	53.0	66	2.5	25	41.7	12	20.0	23	38.3	60	2.1
Religion / Theology	62	8.7	31	4.4	617	86.9	710	27.3	60	10.3	25	4.3	496	85.4	581	20.1
Social/behavioral sciences	306	60.1	76	14.9	127	25.0	509	19.6	370	53.9	106	15.4	211	30.7	687	23.8
Technical studies	215	55.0	78	19.9	98	25.1	391	15.1	285	58.0	90	18.3	116	23.6	491	17.0
TOTAL	**1,131**	**43.6**	**363**	**14.0**	**1,103**	**42.5**	**2,597**	**100.0**	**1,358**	**47.1**	**397**	**13.8**	**1,129**	**39.1**	**2,884**	**100.0**

CHART 6: Area of Undergraduate Degree and Type of Institution



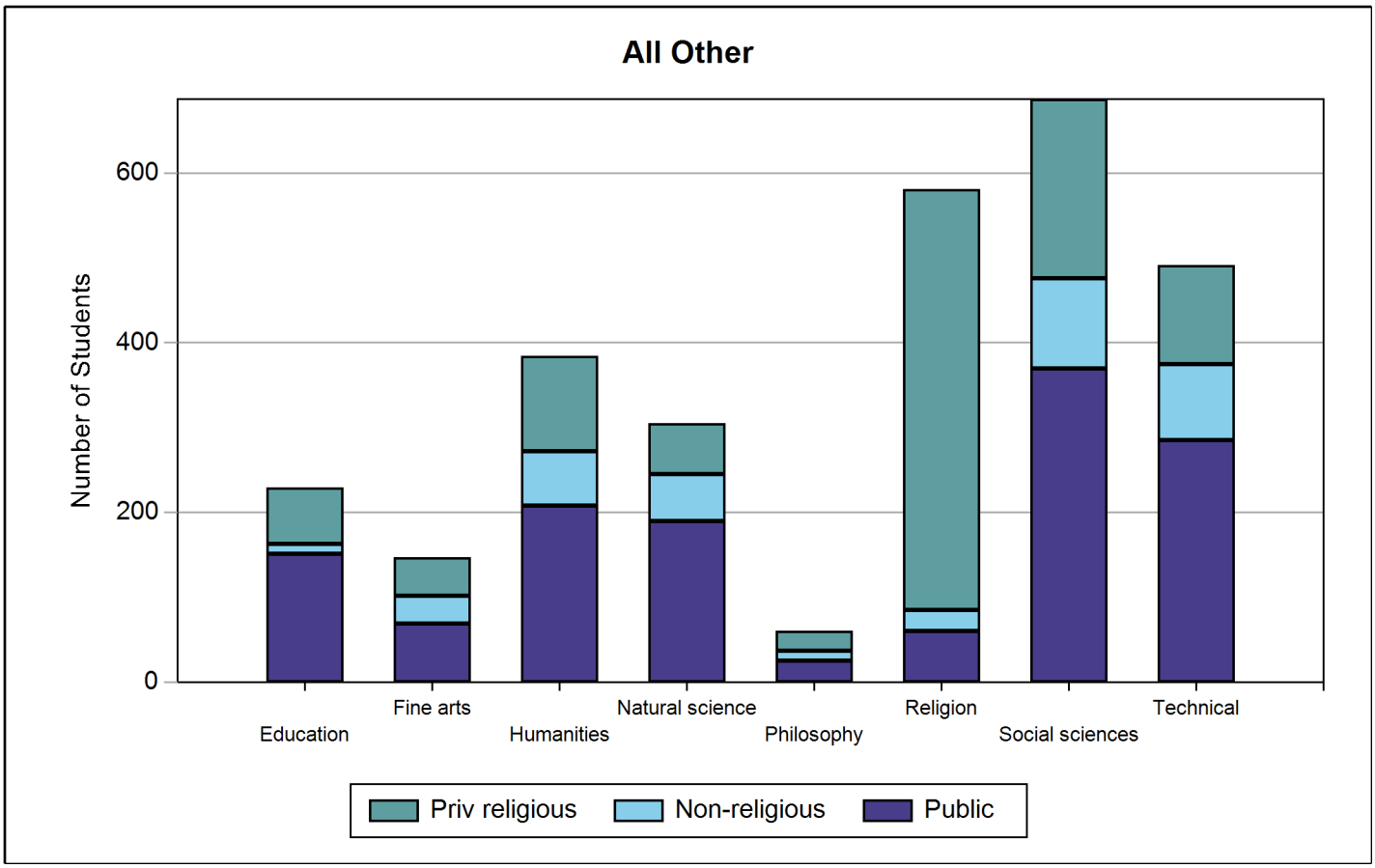


TABLE 7: Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

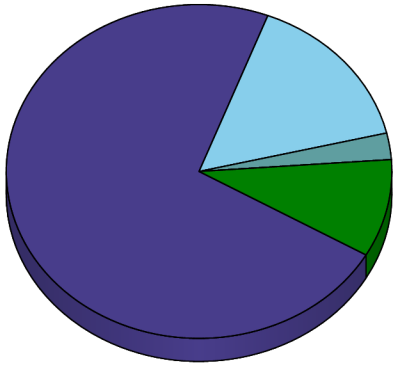
All Schools

Highest Degree	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1,951	72.5	647	72.9	663	66.7	356	31.5
EdD	7	0.3	4	0.5	7	0.7	1	0.1
JD/LLB	32	1.2	10	1.1	18	1.8	16	1.4
Master's	417	15.5	118	13.3	172	17.3	317	28.1
MBA	69	2.6	22	2.5	30	3.0	30	2.7
MD	17	0.6	7	0.8	11	1.1	3	0.3
MDiv	33	1.2	27	3.0	28	2.8	308	27.3
MSW	14	0.5	6	0.7	6	0.6	7	0.6
PhD	50	1.9	12	1.4	19	1.9	29	2.6
Other Degree	43	1.6	14	1.6	18	1.8	26	2.3
Other Doctorate	17	0.6	2	0.2	6	0.6	16	1.4
Other Professional	42	1.6	18	2.0	16	1.6	20	1.8
TOTAL	**2,692**	**100.0**	**887**	**100.0**	**994**	**100.0**	**1,129**	**100.0**

Highest Degree	Total	
	#	%
None	3,617	63.4
EdD	19	0.3
JD/LLB	76	1.3
Master's	1,024	18.0
MBA	151	2.6
MD	38	0.7
MDiv	396	6.9
MSW	33	0.6
PhD	110	1.9
Other Degree	101	1.8
Other Doctorate	41	0.7
Other Professional	96	1.7
TOTAL	**5,702**	**100.0**

CHART 7: Highest Degree Beyond Bachelor's

MDiv



None - 72.5% | Master's - 15.5% | MBA - 2.6% | Other - 9.5%

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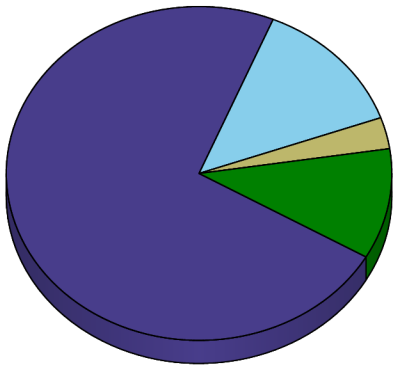
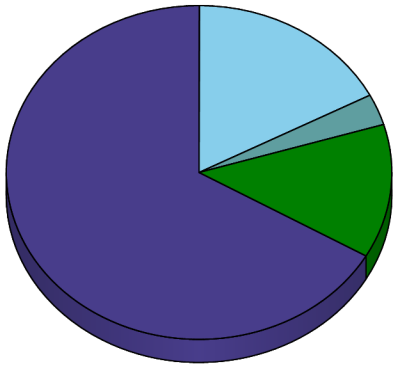


None - 72.9% | Master's - 13.3% | MDiv - 3.0% | Other - 10.7%

Acad MA



None - 66.7% | Master's - 17.3% | MBA - 3.0% | Other - 13.0%

TABLE 8: Educational and Non-educational Debt by Degree Program and Gender for Full-time Respondents

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Educational Debt	MDiv				Prof MA				Acad MA				All Others			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	623	54.5	415	52.4	103	60.6	155	56.8	147	57.4	149	56.0	185	52.3	130	47.8
Less than $10,000	77	6.7	44	5.6	15	8.8	22	8.1	25	9.8	17	6.4	22	6.2	25	9.2
$10,000 to $19,999	98	8.6	57	7.2	16	9.4	24	8.8	18	7.0	25	9.4	24	6.8	20	7.4
$20,000 to $29,999	111	9.7	76	9.6	19	11.2	18	6.6	22	8.6	23	8.6	16	4.5	13	4.8
$30,000 to $39,999	78	6.8	53	6.7	8	4.7	17	6.2	20	7.8	17	6.4	16	4.5	11	4.0
$40,000 to $59,999	68	5.9	56	7.1	6	3.5	21	7.7	12	4.7	8	3.0	19	5.4	15	5.5
More than $60,000	89	7.8	91	11.5	3	1.8	16	5.9	12	4.7	27	10.2	72	20.3	58	21.3
TOTAL	**1,144**	**38.1**	**792**	**26.4**	**170**	**5.7**	**273**	**9.1**	**256**	**8.5**	**266**	**8.9**	**354**	**11.8**	**272**	**9.1**

Non-educational Debt	MDiv				Prof MA				Acad MA				All Others			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	667	58.3	424	53.8	90	53.3	167	61.4	167	65.5	175	65.5	176	50.1	130	48.0
Less than $10,000	245	21.4	179	22.7	39	23.1	48	17.6	51	20.0	46	17.2	68	19.4	63	23.2
$10,000 to $19,999	98	8.6	71	9.0	15	8.9	23	8.5	14	5.5	24	9.0	41	11.7	24	8.9
$20,000 to $29,999	58	5.1	34	4.3	8	4.7	13	4.8	14	5.5	8	3.0	15	4.3	17	6.3
$30,000 to $39,999	36	3.1	27	3.4	6	3.6	7	2.6	1	0.4	6	2.2	16	4.6	11	4.1
$40,000 to $59,999	12	1.0	12	1.5	4	2.4	3	1.1	2	0.8	4	1.5	9	2.6	8	3.0
More than $60,000	29	2.5	41	5.2	7	4.1	11	4.0	6	2.4	4	1.5	26	7.4	18	6.6
TOTAL	**1,145**	**38.2**	**788**	**26.3**	**169**	**5.6**	**272**	**9.1**	**255**	**8.5**	**267**	**8.9**	**351**	**11.7**	**271**	**9.0**

Amount of Debt	Educational Debt						Non-educational Debt					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1,058	55.0	849	53.0	1,907	54.1	1,100	57.3	896	56.1	1,996	56.7
Less than $10,000	139	7.2	108	6.7	247	7.0	403	21.0	336	21.0	739	21.0
$10,000 to $19,999	156	8.1	126	7.9	282	8.0	168	8.8	142	8.9	310	8.8
$20,000 to $29,999	168	8.7	130	8.1	298	8.4	95	4.9	72	4.5	167	4.7
$30,000 to $39,999	122	6.3	98	6.1	220	6.2	59	3.1	51	3.2	110	3.1
$40,000 to $59,999	105	5.5	100	6.2	205	5.8	27	1.4	27	1.7	54	1.5
More than $60,000	176	9.1	192	12.0	368	10.4	68	3.5	74	4.6	142	4.0
TOTAL	**1,924**	**54.6**	**1,603**	**45.4**	**3,527**	**100.0**	**1,920**	**54.6**	**1,598**	**45.4**	**3,518**	**100.0**

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CHART 8A: Educational Debt for Full-time Respondents

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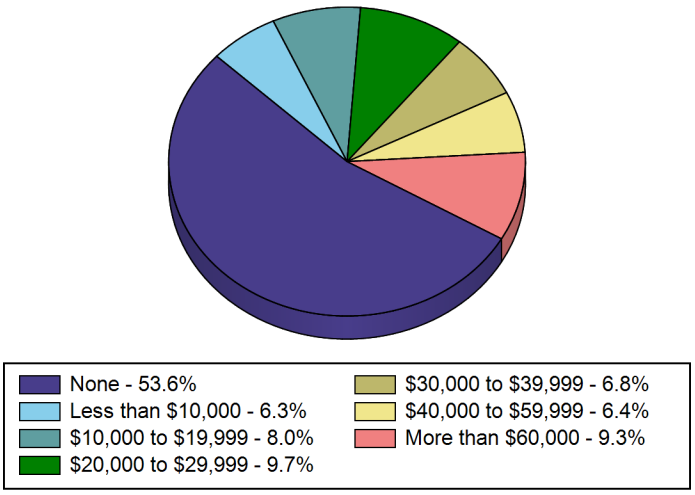

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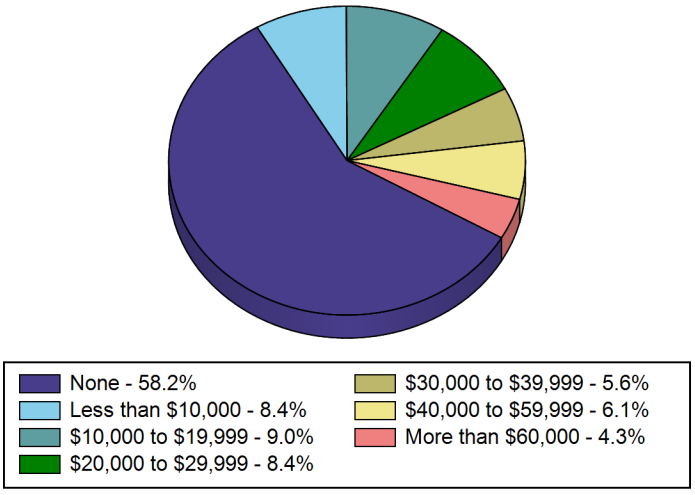

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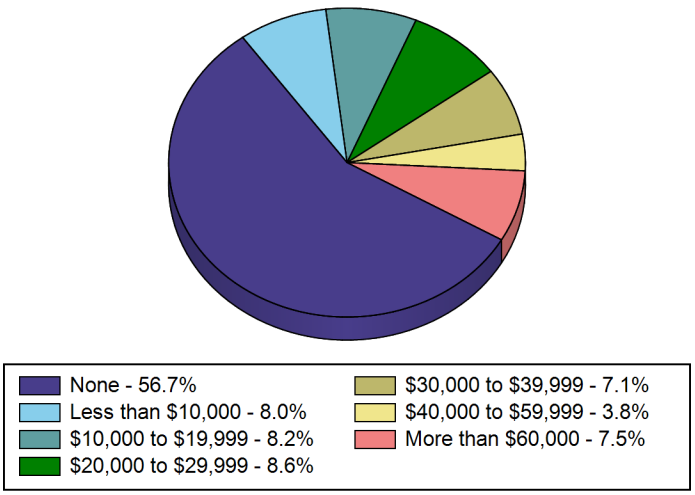

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CHART 8B: Non-educational Debt for Full-time Respondents

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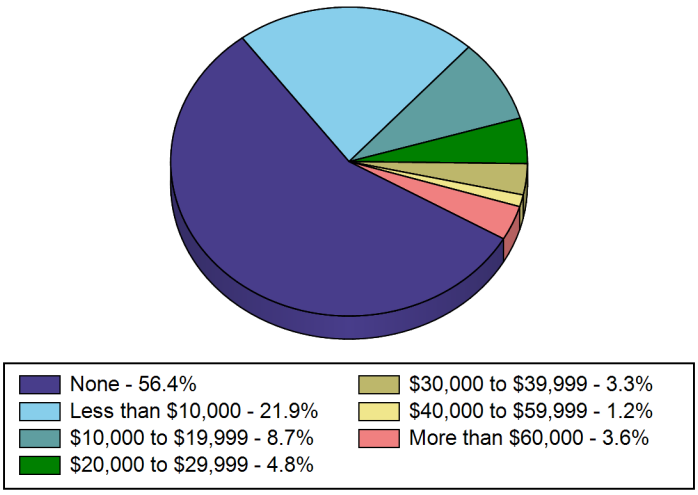

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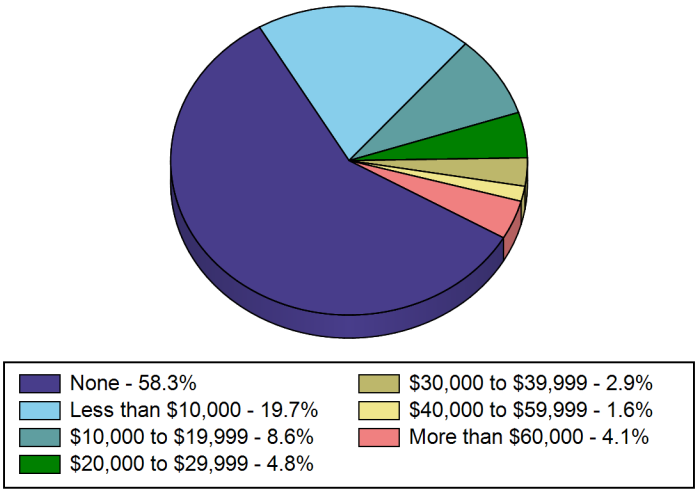

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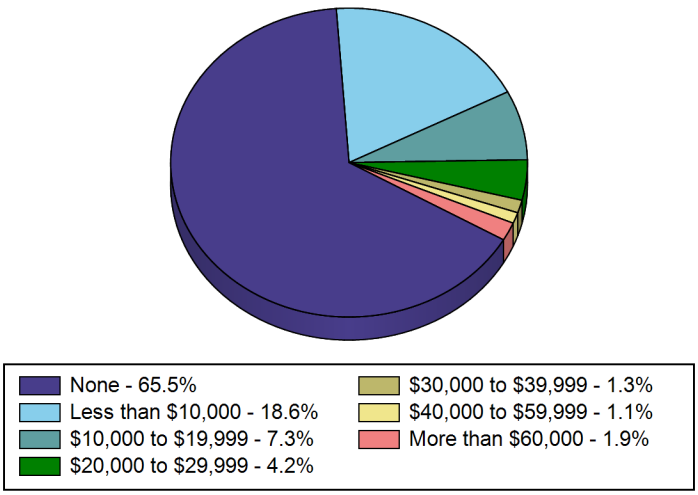

TABLE 9: Educational and Non-educational Debt by Degree Program and Gender for All Respondents

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Educational Debt	MDiv				Prof MA				Acad MA				All Others			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	885	56.0	603	54.5	226	64.8	348	65.3	330	66.9	313	63.2	373	61.9	315	60.5
Less than $10,000	105	6.6	67	6.1	30	8.6	40	7.5	41	8.3	29	5.9	38	6.3	41	7.9
$10,000 to $19,999	127	8.0	78	7.0	25	7.2	33	6.2	28	5.7	39	7.9	41	6.8	26	5.0
$20,000 to $29,999	140	8.9	94	8.5	34	9.7	29	5.4	30	6.1	31	6.3	22	3.6	22	4.2
$30,000 to $39,999	103	6.5	68	6.1	12	3.4	26	4.9	25	5.1	29	5.9	18	3.0	14	2.7
$40,000 to $59,999	96	6.1	73	6.6	13	3.7	28	5.3	23	4.7	14	2.8	23	3.8	24	4.6
More than $60,000	124	7.8	124	11.2	9	2.6	29	5.4	16	3.2	40	8.1	88	14.6	79	15.2
TOTAL	**1,580**	**33.7**	**1,107**	**23.6**	**349**	**7.4**	**533**	**11.4**	**493**	**10.5**	**495**	**10.5**	**603**	**12.8**	**521**	**11.1**

Non-educational Debt	MDiv				Prof MA				Acad MA				All Others			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	872	55.2	544	49.4	172	49.4	293	55.2	314	63.7	310	62.5	321	53.5	282	54.2
Less than $10,000	335	21.2	259	23.5	78	22.4	98	18.5	91	18.5	87	17.5	111	18.5	106	20.4
$10,000 to $19,999	155	9.8	112	10.2	45	12.9	56	10.5	27	5.5	47	9.5	61	10.2	47	9.0
$20,000 to $29,999	79	5.0	57	5.2	17	4.9	26	4.9	24	4.9	17	3.4	24	4.0	24	4.6
$30,000 to $39,999	49	3.1	40	3.6	10	2.9	11	2.1	9	1.8	10	2.0	20	3.3	15	2.9
$40,000 to $59,999	27	1.7	24	2.2	9	2.6	17	3.2	9	1.8	7	1.4	17	2.8	13	2.5
More than $60,000	62	3.9	66	6.0	17	4.9	30	5.6	19	3.9	18	3.6	46	7.7	33	6.3
TOTAL	**1,579**	**33.7**	**1,102**	**23.5**	**348**	**7.4**	**531**	**11.3**	**493**	**10.5**	**496**	**10.6**	**600**	**12.8**	**520**	**11.1**

Amount of Debt	Educational Debt						Non-educational Debt					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	1,814	60.0	1,579	59.5	3,393	59.7	1,679	55.6	1,429	53.9	3,108	54.8
Less than $10,000	214	7.1	177	6.7	391	6.9	615	20.4	550	20.8	1,165	20.6
$10,000 to $19,999	221	7.3	176	6.6	397	7.0	288	9.5	262	9.9	550	9.7
$20,000 to $29,999	226	7.5	176	6.6	402	7.1	144	4.8	124	4.7	268	4.7
$30,000 to $39,999	158	5.2	137	5.2	295	5.2	88	2.9	76	2.9	164	2.9
$40,000 to $59,999	155	5.1	139	5.2	294	5.2	62	2.1	61	2.3	123	2.2
More than $60,000	237	7.8	272	10.2	509	9.0	144	4.8	147	5.5	291	5.1
TOTAL	**3,025**	**53.2**	**2,656**	**46.8**	**5,681**	**100.0**	**3,020**	**53.3**	**2,649**	**46.7**	**5,669**	**100.0**

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CHART 9A: Educational Debt for All Respondents

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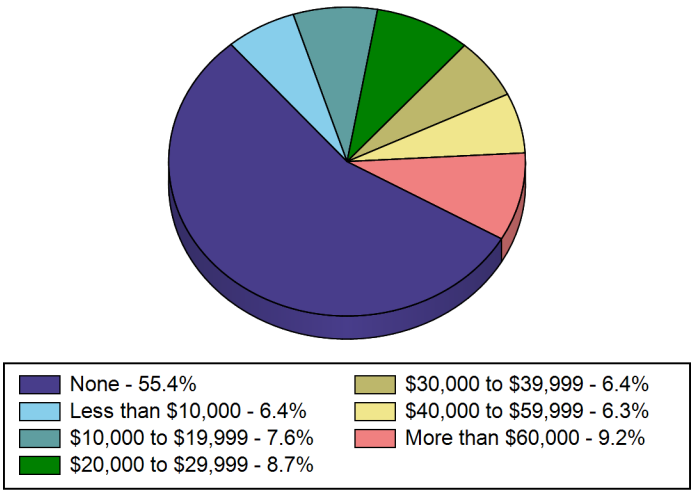

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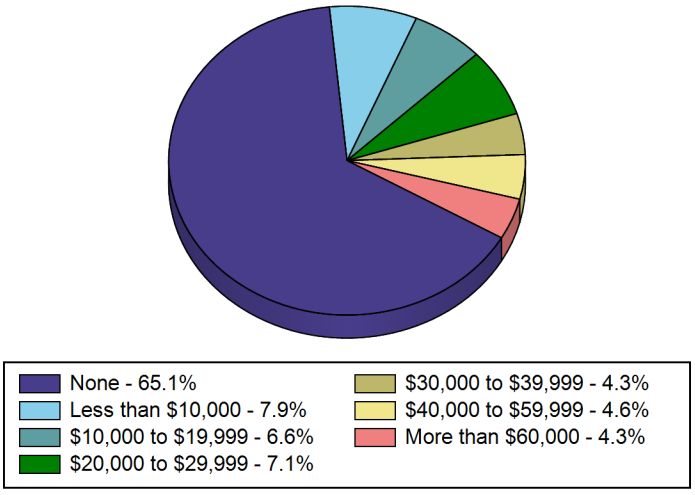

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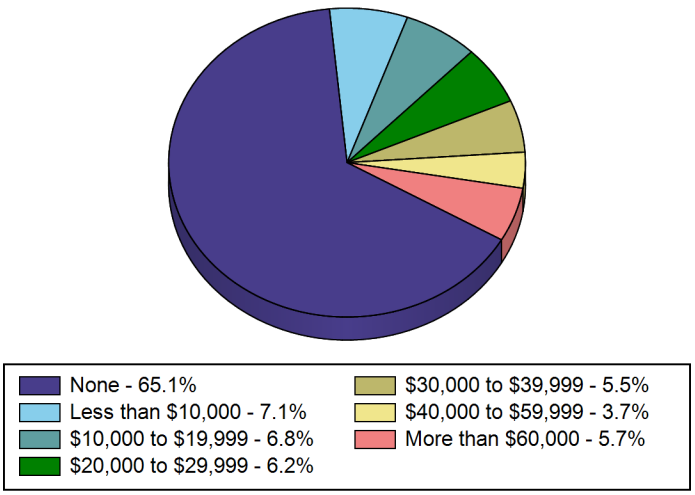

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CHART 9B: Non-educational Debt for All Respondents

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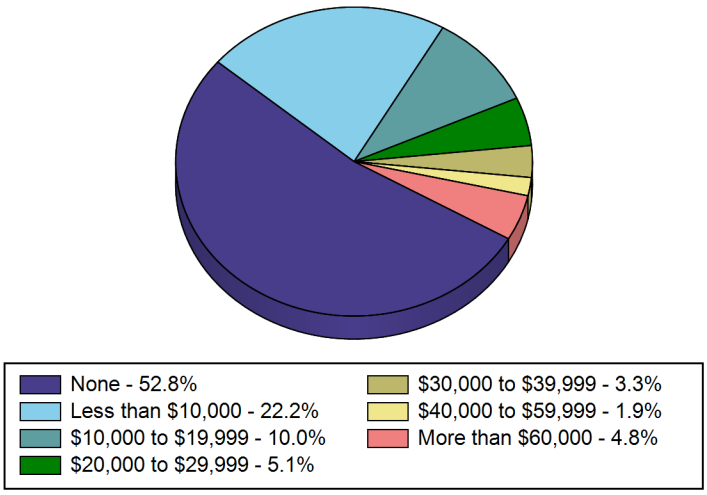

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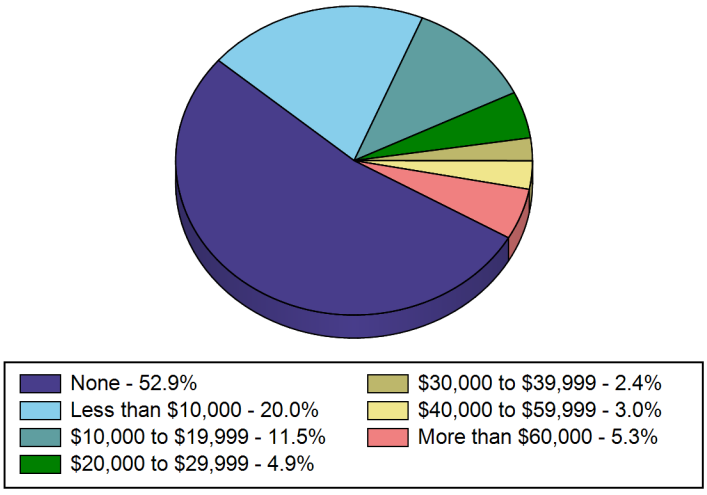

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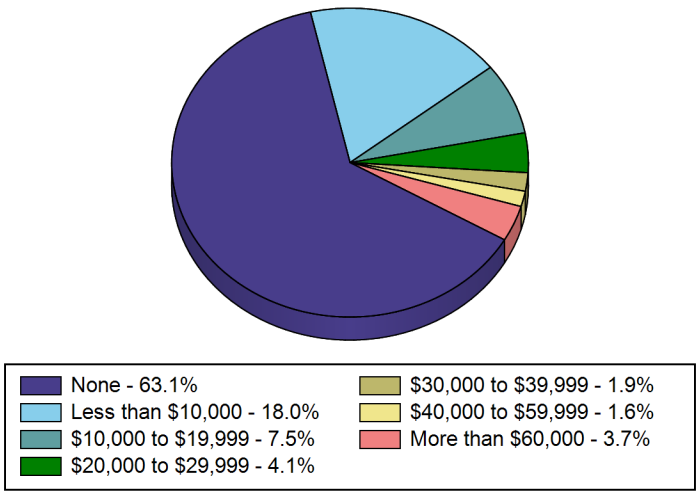

TABLE 10: Responsibility for Educational Debt of Family Member

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Responsible for the educational debt of a family member	#	%
Yes	811	14.3
No	4,845	85.7
TOTAL	**5,656**	**100.0**

Educational Debt brought to Seminary for those responding "Yes"	#	%
None	359	44.5
Less than $10,000	64	7.9
$10,000 to $19,999	59	7.3
$20,000 to $29,999	73	9.0
$30,000 to $39,999	65	8.1
$40,000 to $59,999	70	8.7
More than $60,000	117	14.5
TOTAL	**807**	**100.0**

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TABLE 11: Significance of Financial Aid Assistance in Choice of School

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Level of Significance	Single				Married				Total
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Of no significance	160	18.0	104	11.7	361	40.6	265	29.8	890
Of some significance	135	20.2	162	24.3	229	34.3	142	21.3	668
Significant	176	21.7	180	22.2	298	36.7	157	19.4	811
Of great significance	296	20.6	415	28.9	433	30.2	291	20.3	1,435
Of greatest significance	272	19.2	446	31.5	417	29.4	281	19.8	1,416
Did not apply for financial aid	76	18.4	99	23.9	140	33.8	99	23.9	414
TOTAL	**1,115**	**19.8**	**1,406**	**25.0**	**1,878**	**33.3**	**1,235**	**21.9**	**5,634**

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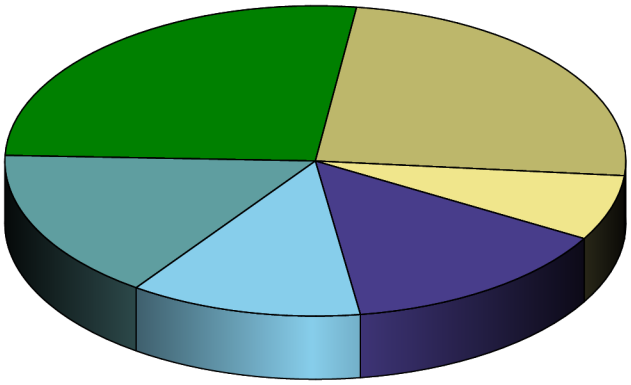
Level of Significance	Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Of no significance	525	17.5	369	13.9	894	15.8
Of some significance	365	12.2	305	11.5	670	11.9
Significant	476	15.9	338	12.8	814	14.4
Of great significance	731	24.3	706	26.7	1,437	25.4
Of greatest significance	689	22.9	731	27.6	1,420	25.1
Did not apply for financial aid	217	7.2	199	7.5	416	7.4
TOTAL	**3,003**	**53.1**	**2,648**	**46.9**	**5,651**	**100.0**

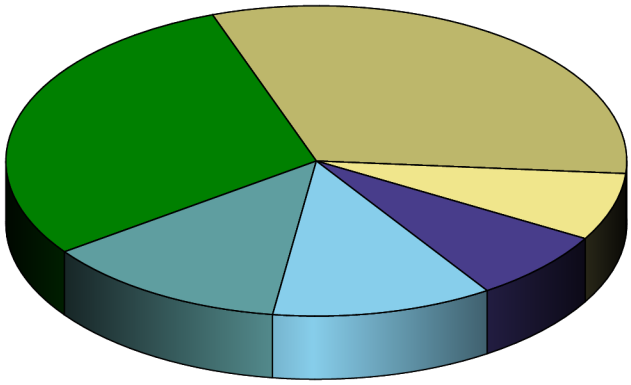
CHART 11: Significance of Financial Aid Assistance in Choice of School

Male - Single



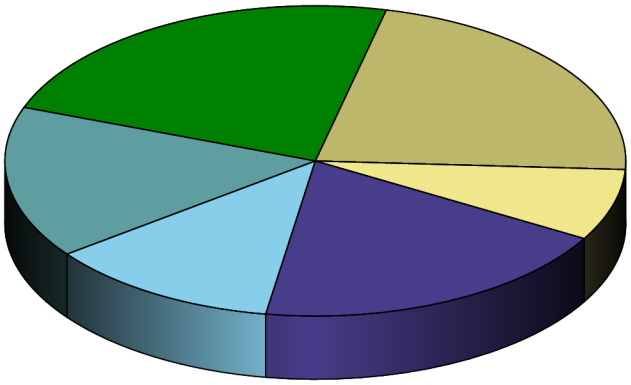
None - 14.3%
Great - 26.5%
Some - 12.1%
Greatest - 24.4%
Significant - 15.8%
N/A - 6.8%

Female - Single



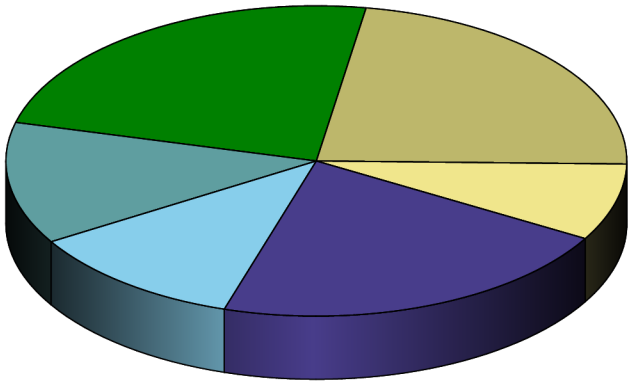
None - 7.4%
Great - 29.5%
Some - 11.5%
Greatest - 31.7%
Significant - 12.8%
N/A - 7.0%

Male - Married



None - 19.2%
Great - 23.1%
Some - 12.2%
Greatest - 22.2%
Significant - 15.9%
N/A - 7.5%

Female - Married



None - 21.5%
Great - 23.6%
Some - 11.5%
Greatest - 22.8%
Significant - 12.7%
N/A - 8.0%

TABLE 12: Enrollment Status by Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work per Week

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

FULL-TIME STUDENTS (MDiv) - Planned Hours of Work per Week

Length of	None		1-9		10-15		16-20		More than 20		TOTAL	
Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No commute	165	20.8	111	14.0	134	16.9	111	14.0	272	34.3	793	40.7
Less than 1/2 hour	141	24.2	75	12.9	120	20.6	121	20.8	125	21.5	582	29.9
1/2 to 1 hour	69	22.3	27	8.7	41	13.2	54	17.4	119	38.4	310	15.9
1 to 2 hours	32	18.7	16	9.4	26	15.2	25	14.6	72	42.1	171	8.8
More than 2 hours	20	21.5	6	6.5	16	17.2	7	7.5	44	47.3	93	4.8
TOTAL	**427**	**21.9**	**235**	**12.1**	**337**	**17.3**	**318**	**16.3**	**632**	**32.4**	**1,949**	**100.0**

FULL-TIME STUDENTS (All Others) - Planned Hours of Work per Week

Length of	None		1-9		10-15		16-20		More than 20		TOTAL	
Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No commute	122	18.9	54	8.4	74	11.5	80	12.4	315	48.8	645	40.2
Less than 1/2 hour	114	25.1	61	13.4	65	14.3	82	18.0	133	29.2	455	28.3
1/2 to 1 hour	61	21.4	33	11.6	32	11.2	40	14.0	119	41.8	285	17.8
1 to 2 hours	36	24.5	18	12.2	22	15.0	19	12.9	52	35.4	147	9.2
More than 2 hours	8	11.0	3	4.1	12	16.4	10	13.7	40	54.8	73	4.5
TOTAL	**341**	**21.2**	**169**	**10.5**	**205**	**12.8**	**231**	**14.4**	**659**	**41.1**	**1,605**	**100.0**

PART-TIME STUDENTS (MDiv) - Planned Hours of Work per Week

Length of	None		1-9		10-15		16-20		More than 20		TOTAL	
Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No commute	28	8.2	8	2.4	10	2.9	21	6.2	273	80.3	340	49.4
Less than 1/2 hour	15	15.3	3	3.1	2	2.0	10	10.2	68	69.4	98	14.2
1/2 to 1 hour	4	3.3	2	1.6	8	6.6	12	9.8	96	78.7	122	17.7
1 to 2 hours	7	8.8	2	2.5	4	5.0	8	10.0	59	73.8	80	11.6
More than 2 hours	6	12.5	2	4.2	3	6.3	3	6.3	34	70.8	48	7.0
TOTAL	**60**	**8.7**	**17**	**2.5**	**27**	**3.9**	**54**	**7.8**	**530**	**77.0**	**688**	**100.0**

PART-TIME STUDENTS (All Others) - Planned Hours of Work per Week

Length of	None		1-9		10-15		16-20		More than 20		TOTAL	
Commute	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
No commute	79	10.7	29	3.9	33	4.5	33	4.5	566	76.5	740	55.6
Less than 1/2 hour	23	10.7	8	3.7	15	7.0	16	7.4	153	71.2	215	16.1
1/2 to 1 hour	25	11.2	7	3.1	14	6.3	18	8.0	160	71.4	224	16.8
1 to 2 hours	13	12.4	3	2.9	3	2.9	12	11.4	74	70.5	105	7.9
More than 2 hours	3	6.3	2	4.2	3	6.3	9	18.8	31	64.6	48	3.6
TOTAL	**143**	**10.7**	**49**	**3.7**	**68**	**5.1**	**88**	**6.6**	**984**	**73.9**	**1,332**	**100.0**

CHART 12: Enrollment Status by Length of Commute and Planned Hours of Work per Week

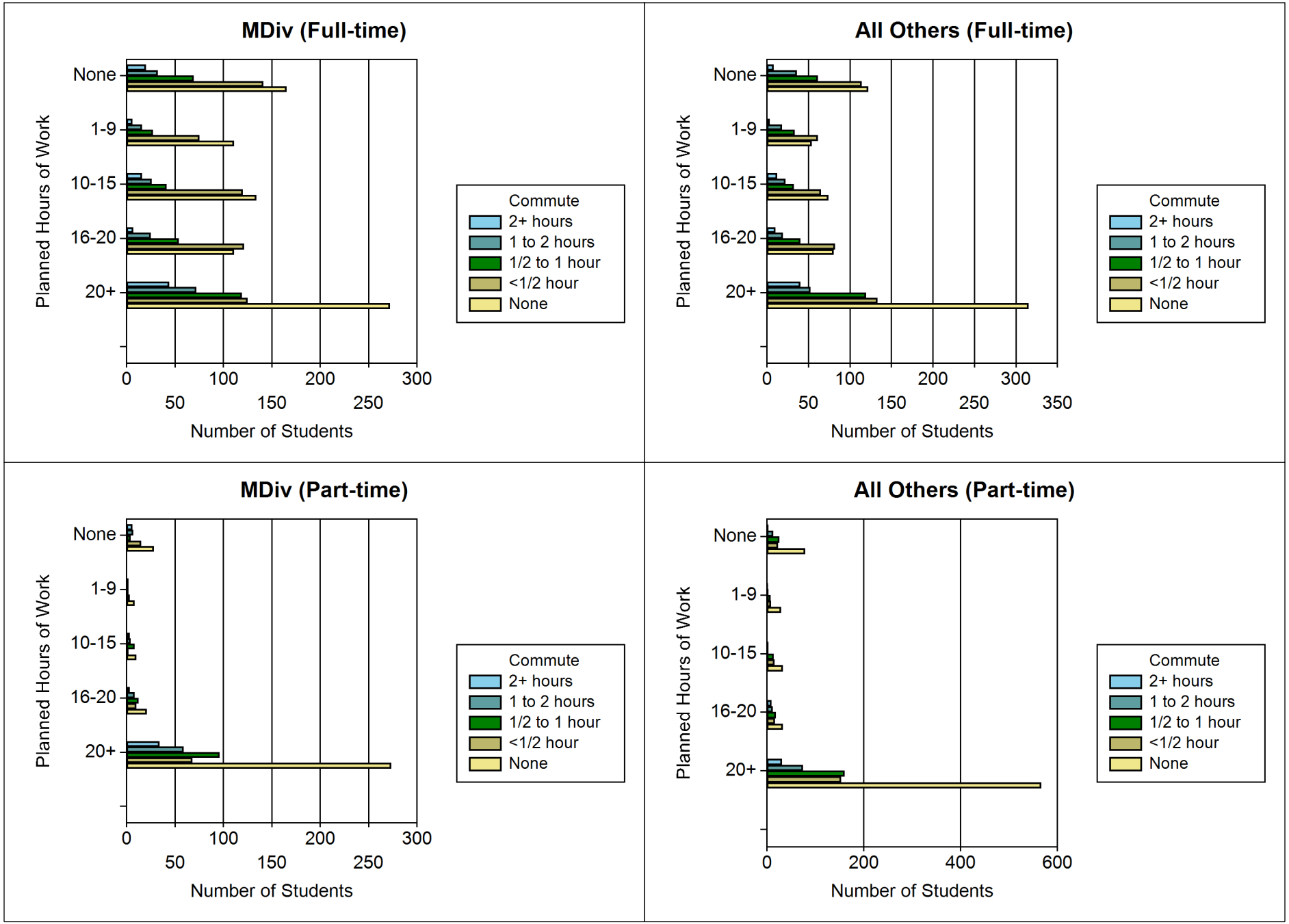


TABLE 13: Religious Tradition of Upbringing and Current Denomination

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Advent Christian Church	2	0.0	1	0.0
African Methodist Episcopal	36	0.7	48	0.9
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	13	0.2	25	0.4
American Baptist Churches USA	69	1.2	61	1.1
Anglican Church of Canada	21	0.4	37	0.7
Anglican, Other	48	0.9	81	1.4
Assemblies of God	149	2.7	98	1.7
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	7	0.1	11	0.2
Associated Gospel Churches of Canada	6	0.1	6	0.1
Baptist	442	8.0	289	5.1
Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec	7	0.1	9	0.2
Baptist General Association of Virginia	5	0.1	6	0.1
Converge Worldwide	13	0.2	28	0.5
Baptist General Convention of Texas	19	0.3	28	0.5
Baptist Missionary Association of America	10	0.2	3	0.1
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	7	0.1	6	0.1
Baptist Union of Western Canada	0	0.0	0	0.0
Baptist, Other	0	0.0	0	0.0
Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)	2	0.0	2	0.0
Brethren in Christ Church	4	0.1	7	0.1
Buddhist	23	0.4	19	0.3
Byzantine Catholic	7	0.1	7	0.1
Canadian Baptist Ministries	0	0.0	0	0.0
Canadian National Baptist Convention	3	0.1	3	0.1
Christian and Missionary Alliance	62	1.1	73	1.3
Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren)	13	0.2	3	0.1
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	32	0.6	53	0.9
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	33	0.6	39	0.7
Christian Methodist Episcopal	13	0.2	12	0.2
Christian Reformed Church	61	1.1	63	1.1
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	19	0.3	11	0.2
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	26	0.5	27	0.5

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All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Church of God in Christ	49	0.9	17	0.3
Church of the Brethren	3	0.1	9	0.2
Church of the Nazarene	66	1.2	79	1.4
Churches of Christ	46	0.8	29	0.5
Churches of God, General Conference	17	0.3	12	0.2
National Association of Congregational Christian Churches	5	0.1	2	0.0
Conference of Mennonites	5	0.1	2	0.0
Conservative Baptist Association of America	12	0.2	5	0.1
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada	13	0.2	23	0.4
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	21	0.4	44	0.8
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	4	0.1	6	0.1
Episcopal Church	96	1.7	199	3.5
Evangelical Church in Canada	4	0.1	6	0.1
Evangelical Congregational Church	12	0.2	13	0.2
Evangelical Covenant Church	26	0.5	100	1.8
Evangelical Formosan Church	4	0.1	3	0.1
Evangelical Free Church of America	59	1.1	49	0.9
Evangelical Free Church of Canada	9	0.2	7	0.1
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	149	2.7	132	2.3
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada	3	0.1	4	0.1
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	29	0.5	50	0.9
Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada	21	0.4	22	0.4
Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches	2	0.0	2	0.0
Foursquare Gospel Church	21	0.4	19	0.3
Free Methodist Church	16	0.3	23	0.4
Friends, Quaker	7	0.1	8	0.1
General Association of General Baptists	6	0.1	4	0.1
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches	11	0.2	3	0.1
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	3	0.1	6	0.1
General Church of New Jerusalem	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	3	0.1	5	0.1
Independent Baptist	48	0.9	16	0.3

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All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Independent Methodist	9	0.2	6	0.1
Inter/Multidenominational	36	0.7	61	1.1
Jewish	17	0.3	13	0.2
Lutheran Church-Canada	3	0.1	4	0.1
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	96	1.7	59	1.0
Lutheran, Other	38	0.7	27	0.5
Mennonite Brethren Church in North America	9	0.2	19	0.3
Mennonite Church Canada	4	0.1	6	0.1
Mennonite Church USA	15	0.3	20	0.4
Mennonite, Other	24	0.4	9	0.2
Methodist, Other	0	0.0	0	0.0
Missionary Church in Canada	3	0.1	3	0.1
Moravian Church in North America	5	0.1	4	0.1
Muslim	16	0.3	11	0.2
National Baptist Convention	68	1.2	43	0.8
Nondenominational	547	9.9	915	16.2
North American Baptist Conference	13	0.2	24	0.4
Not Available	186	3.4	91	1.6
Orthodox Church in America	2	0.0	14	0.2
Orthodox Presbyterian	9	0.2	18	0.3
Orthodox, Other	17	0.3	11	0.2
Other	327	5.9	257	4.6
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	28	0.5	21	0.4
Pentecostal, Other	0	0.0	0	0.0
Presbyterian Church in America	93	1.7	209	3.7
Presbyterian Church in Canada	20	0.4	21	0.4
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	185	3.3	211	3.7
Presbyterian, Other	0	0.0	0	0.0
Progressive National Baptist Convention	10	0.2	9	0.2
Reformed Church in America	22	0.4	26	0.5
Reformed Church in Canada	2	0.0	2	0.0
Reformed Episcopal Church	1	0.0	1	0.0

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All Schools

Religious Traditions	Denomination of Upbringing		Current Denomination	
	#	%	#	%
Reformed Presbyterian	45	0.8	41	0.7
Religious Society of Friends	0	0.0	2	0.0
Roman Catholic	672	12.1	354	6.3
Salvation Army	14	0.3	8	0.1
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seventh-day Adventist	108	2.0	121	2.1
Southern Baptist Convention	344	6.2	289	5.1
Swedenborgian Church, General Convention	1	0.0	1	0.0
Union d'eglises baptistes francaises au Canada	0	0.0	1	0.0
Unitarian Universalist	10	0.2	33	0.6
United Church of Canada	34	0.6	30	0.5
United Church of Christ	45	0.8	84	1.5
United Methodist Church	424	7.7	520	9.2
United Pentecostal Church International	40	0.7	18	0.3
Wesleyan Church	17	0.3	15	0.3
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	5	0.1	1	0.0
Korean Evangelical Holiness Church	0	0.0	0	0.0
Korean Methodist Church in America	21	0.4	18	0.3
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	2	0.0	5	0.1
Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad	28	0.5	22	0.4
TOTAL	**5,537**	**100.0**	**5,633**	**100.0**

TABLE 14: Worshiping Community and Service in Leadership

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

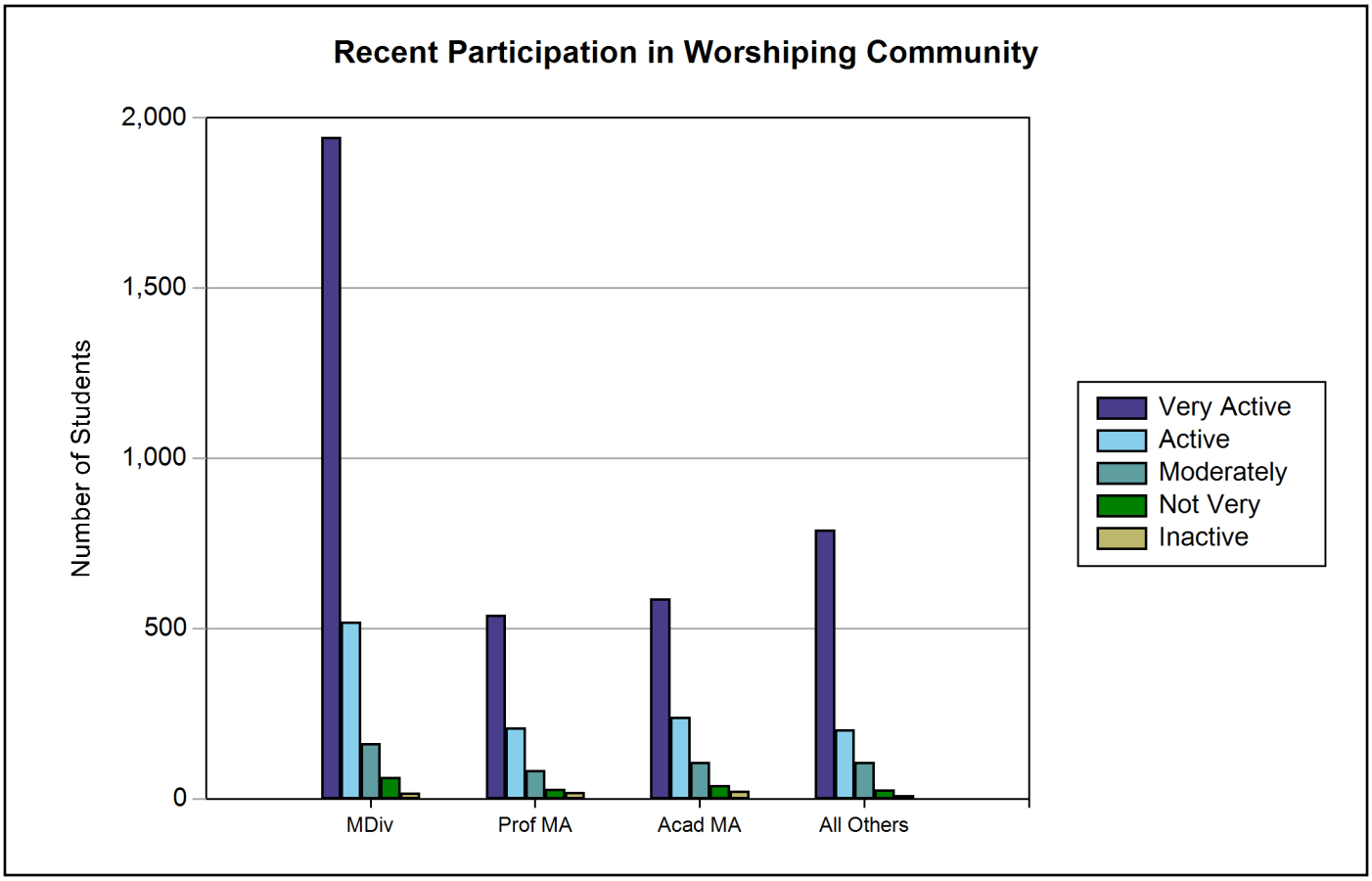
All Schools

Recent Participation In Worshiping Community												
	Very Active		Active		Moderately		Not Very		Inactive		Total	
Participation	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
MDiv	1,944	71.7	520	19.2	164	6.0	65	2.4	19	0.7	2,712	100.0
Prof MA	541	61.1	210	23.7	84	9.5	30	3.4	21	2.4	886	100.0
Acad MA	589	58.8	241	24.1	108	10.8	41	4.1	23	2.3	1,002	100.0
All Others	790	69.2	205	18.0	108	9.5	28	2.5	11	1.0	1,142	100.0

Membership												
	Under 100		100 - 249		250 - 499		500 - 999		1,000 or more		Total	
Kind of Church	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rural	197	55.5	85	23.9	42	11.8	17	4.8	14	3.9	355	7.4
Small town	311	37.3	274	32.9	139	16.7	62	7.4	48	5.8	834	17.3
Suburban	254	14.6	425	24.4	388	22.3	263	15.1	409	23.5	1,739	36.2
Urban	372	19.8	448	23.8	350	18.6	251	13.3	461	24.5	1,882	39.1
TOTAL	**1,134**	**23.6**	**1,232**	**25.6**	**919**	**19.1**	**593**	**12.3**	**932**	**19.4**	**4,810**	**100.0**

Elected or Appointed Service in Leadership within Past Five Years, Kind and Church Size										
	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others		Total	
Service in Leadership	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Local church	1,820	42.0	511	40.6	519	36.6	719	42.0	3,569	40.9
Other church body or religious organization	582	13.4	170	13.5	191	13.5	269	15.7	1,212	13.9
School or college organization	709	16.4	166	13.2	221	15.6	186	10.9	1,282	14.7
Civic or fraternal organization	192	4.4	30	2.4	50	3.5	88	5.1	360	4.1
Other leadership position	633	14.6	200	15.9	206	14.5	282	16.5	1,321	15.1
No recent leadership position	397	9.2	183	14.5	232	16.3	166	9.7	978	11.2
TOTAL	**4,333**	**49.7**	**1,260**	**14.4**	**1,419**	**16.3**	**1,710**	**19.6**	**8,722**	**100.0**

CHART 14: Worshiping Community and Size of Church



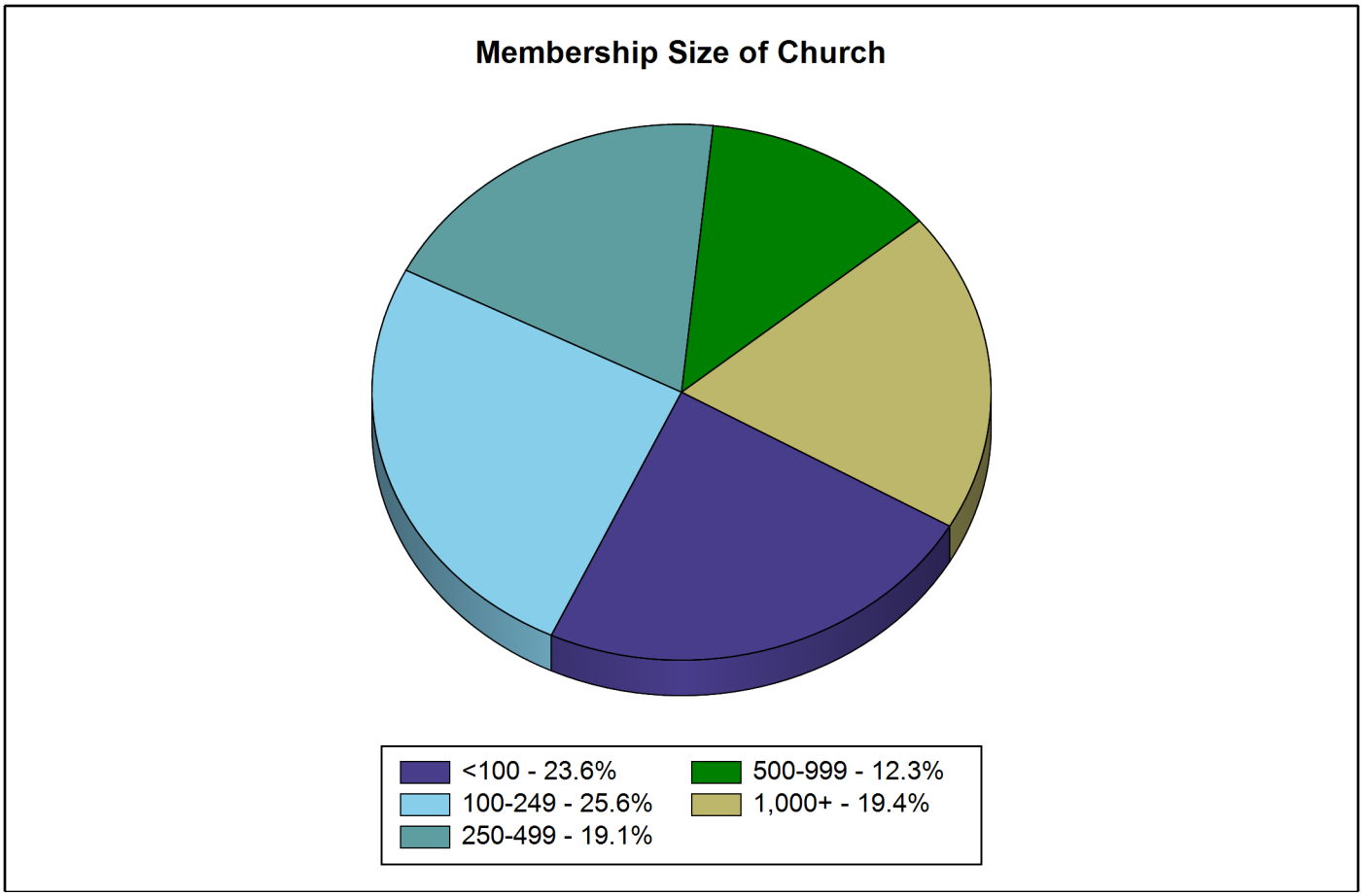


TABLE 15: Time First Considered Theological School and Plan for Ordination

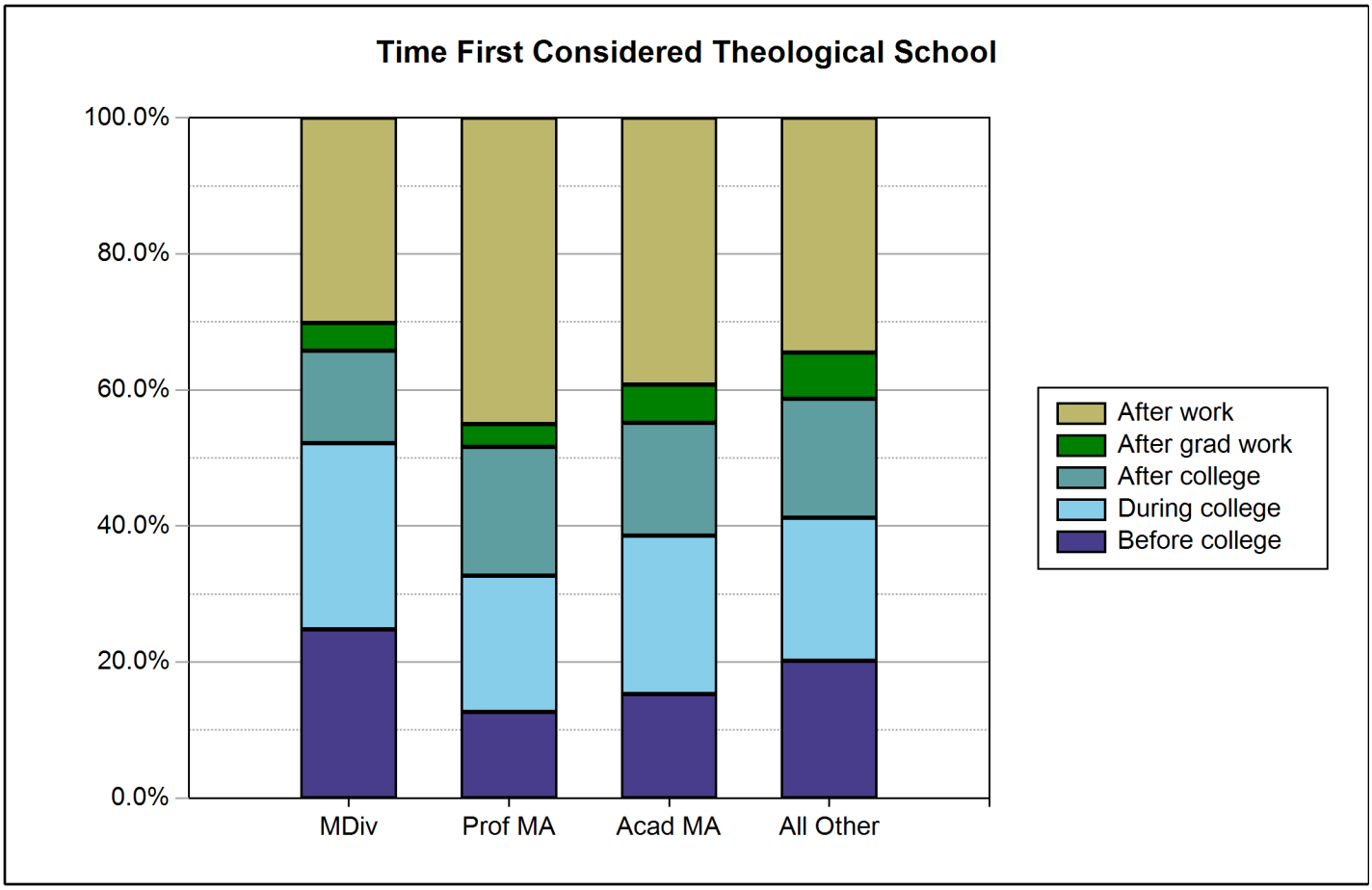
ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Time First Considered Theological School	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Before college	670	24.8	112	12.7	153	15.3	228	20.2	1,163	20.4
During college	740	27.4	177	20.0	232	23.2	237	21.0	1,386	24.3
After graduating from college	367	13.6	167	18.9	166	16.6	198	17.5	898	15.7
After graduate work	109	4.0	30	3.4	56	5.6	77	6.8	272	4.8
After two or more years of work	814	30.1	397	45.0	391	39.2	389	34.5	1,991	34.9
TOTAL	**2,700**	**100.0**	**883**	**100.0**	**998**	**100.0**	**1,129**	**100.0**	**5,710**	**100.0**

Plan for Ordination	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		Other		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	1,709	63.1	164	18.5	146	14.6	212	18.5	2,231	38.9
No	212	7.8	433	48.9	500	50.0	373	32.6	1,518	26.5
Undecided	550	20.3	188	21.2	245	24.5	169	14.8	1,152	20.1
Already ordained	238	8.8	101	11.4	109	10.9	389	34.0	837	14.6
TOTAL	**2,709**	**100.0**	**886**	**100.0**	**1,000**	**100.0**	**1,143**	**100.0**	**5,738**	**100.0**

CHART 15: Time First Considered Theological School and Plan for Ordination



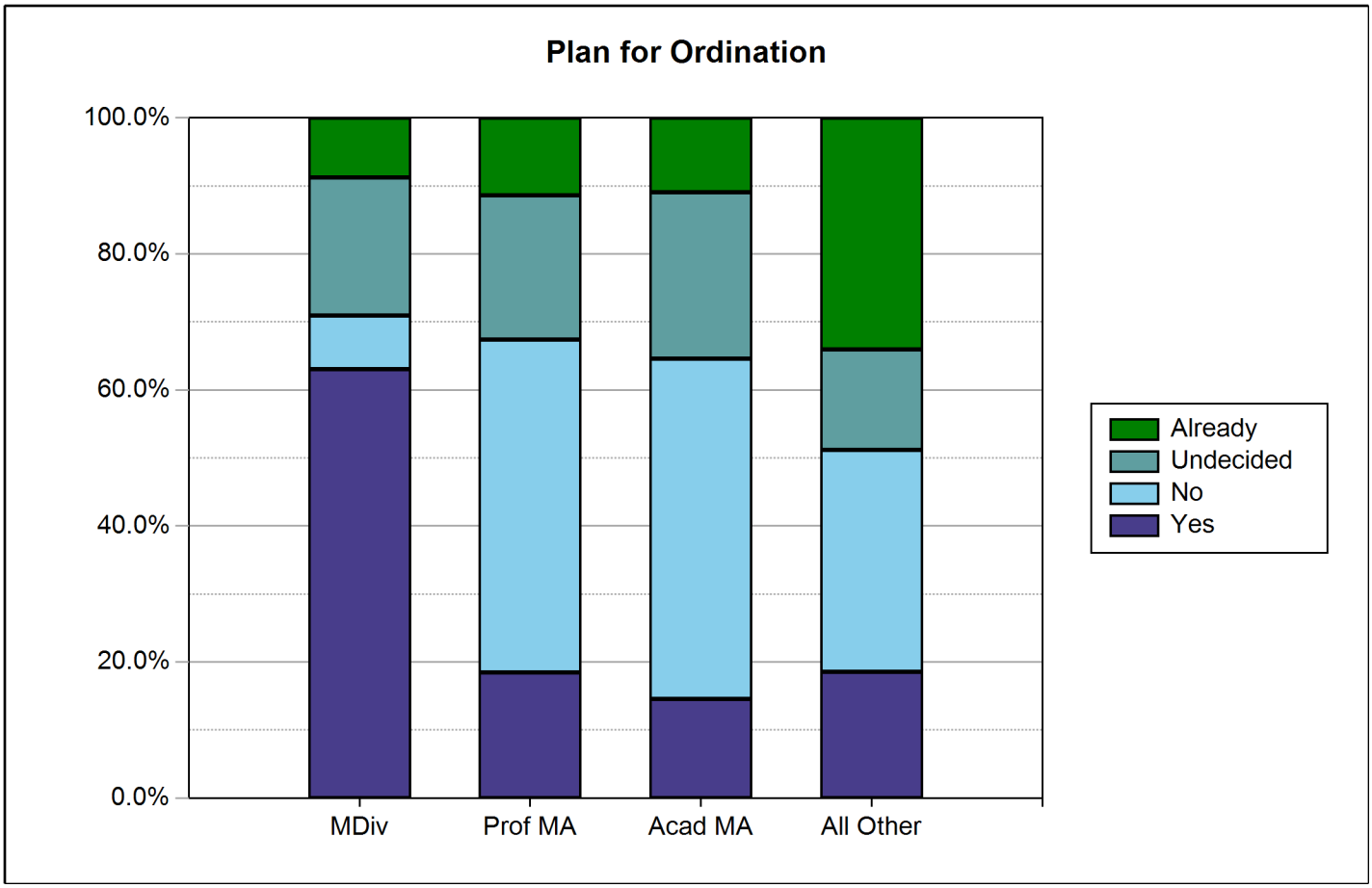


TABLE 16: How Student First Learned about School

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Source	MDiv						Prof MA					
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total	
	N = 1,575		N = 1,103		N = 2,678		N = 350		N = 534		N = 884	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	221	14.0	163	14.8	384	14.3	45	12.9	81	15.2	126	14.3
Relative	87	5.5	69	6.3	156	5.8	17	4.9	40	7.5	57	6.4
Friend	184	11.7	132	12.0	316	11.8	62	17.7	79	14.8	141	16.0
Pastor	343	21.8	198	18.0	541	20.2	47	13.4	63	11.8	110	12.4
Religious superior	141	9.0	53	4.8	194	7.2	21	6.0	26	4.9	47	5.3
Current student	78	5.0	76	6.9	154	5.8	14	4.0	50	9.4	64	7.2
College chaplain, advisor, or other college contact	65	4.1	71	6.4	136	5.1	4	1.1	13	2.4	17	1.9
Seminary recruiter	63	4.0	47	4.3	110	4.1	12	3.4	13	2.4	25	2.8
Know a particular seminary faculty member(s)	81	5.1	51	4.6	132	4.9	23	6.6	24	4.5	47	5.3
Print ad	4	0.3	5	0.5	9	0.3	1	0.3	2	0.4	3	0.3
Online ad	17	1.1	11	1.0	28	1.0	6	1.7	6	1.1	12	1.4
Print mailings / School publication	4	0.3	2	0.2	6	0.2	1	0.3	5	0.9	6	0.7
Theological school publications	26	1.7	8	0.7	34	1.3	6	1.7	7	1.3	13	1.5
Conference or church event	36	2.3	38	3.4	74	2.8	21	6.0	23	4.3	44	5.0
School Website	99	6.3	98	8.9	197	7.4	40	11.4	51	9.6	91	10.3
Web search	107	6.8	68	6.2	175	6.5	24	6.9	36	6.7	60	6.8
Social media search	8	0.5	4	0.4	12	0.4	1	0.3	6	1.1	7	0.8
Theological school initiated contact with me	11	0.7	9	0.8	20	0.7	5	1.4	9	1.7	14	1.6
TOTAL	1,575	100.0	1,103	100.0	2,678	100.0	350	100.0	534	100.0	884	100.0

Source	Acad MA						All Others						* Total	
	Male		Female		Total		Male		Female		Total			
	N = 1,575		N = 1,103		N = 990		N = 350		N = 534		N = 1,112		N = 5,664	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Graduate	65	13.3	84	16.8	149	15.1	108	18.1	74	14.3	182	16.4	841	14.8
Relative	25	5.1	36	7.2	61	6.2	15	2.5	22	4.3	37	3.3	311	5.5
Friend	74	15.1	60	12.0	134	13.5	81	13.6	72	14.0	153	13.8	744	13.1
Pastor	71	14.5	77	15.4	148	14.9	70	11.7	64	12.4	134	12.1	933	16.5
Religious superior	27	5.5	22	4.4	49	4.9	46	7.7	36	7.0	82	7.4	372	6.6
Current student	10	2.0	25	5.0	35	3.5	27	4.5	36	7.0	63	5.7	316	5.6
College chaplain, advisor, or other college contact	26	5.3	21	4.2	47	4.7	10	1.7	17	3.3	27	2.4	227	4.0
Seminary recruiter	6	1.2	9	1.8	15	1.5	18	3.0	17	3.3	35	3.1	185	3.3
Know a particular seminary faculty member(s)	45	9.2	31	6.2	76	7.7	73	12.2	53	10.3	126	11.3	381	6.7
Print ad	2	0.4	2	0.4	4	0.4	3	0.5	2	0.4	5	0.4	21	0.4
Online ad	9	1.8	6	1.2	15	1.5	10	1.7	11	2.1	21	1.9	76	1.3
Print mailings / School publication	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	0.2
Theological school publications	12	2.4	1	0.2	13	1.3	15	2.5	7	1.4	22	2.0	82	1.4
Conference or church event	14	2.9	14	2.8	28	2.8	16	2.7	18	3.5	34	3.1	180	3.2
School Website	48	9.8	54	10.8	102	10.3	55	9.2	44	8.5	99	8.9	489	8.6
Web search	45	9.2	49	9.8	94	9.5	38	6.4	38	7.4	76	6.8	405	7.2
Social media search	3	0.6	4	0.8	7	0.7	2	0.3	2	0.4	4	0.4	30	0.5
Theological school initiated contact with me	8	1.6	4	0.8	12	1.2	9	1.5	3	0.6	12	1.1	58	1.0
TOTAL	490	100.0	500	100.0	990	100.0	596	100.0	516	100.0	1,112	100.0	5,664	100.0

* Total number of responses

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CHART 16: How Student First Learned about School by Gender (All Students)

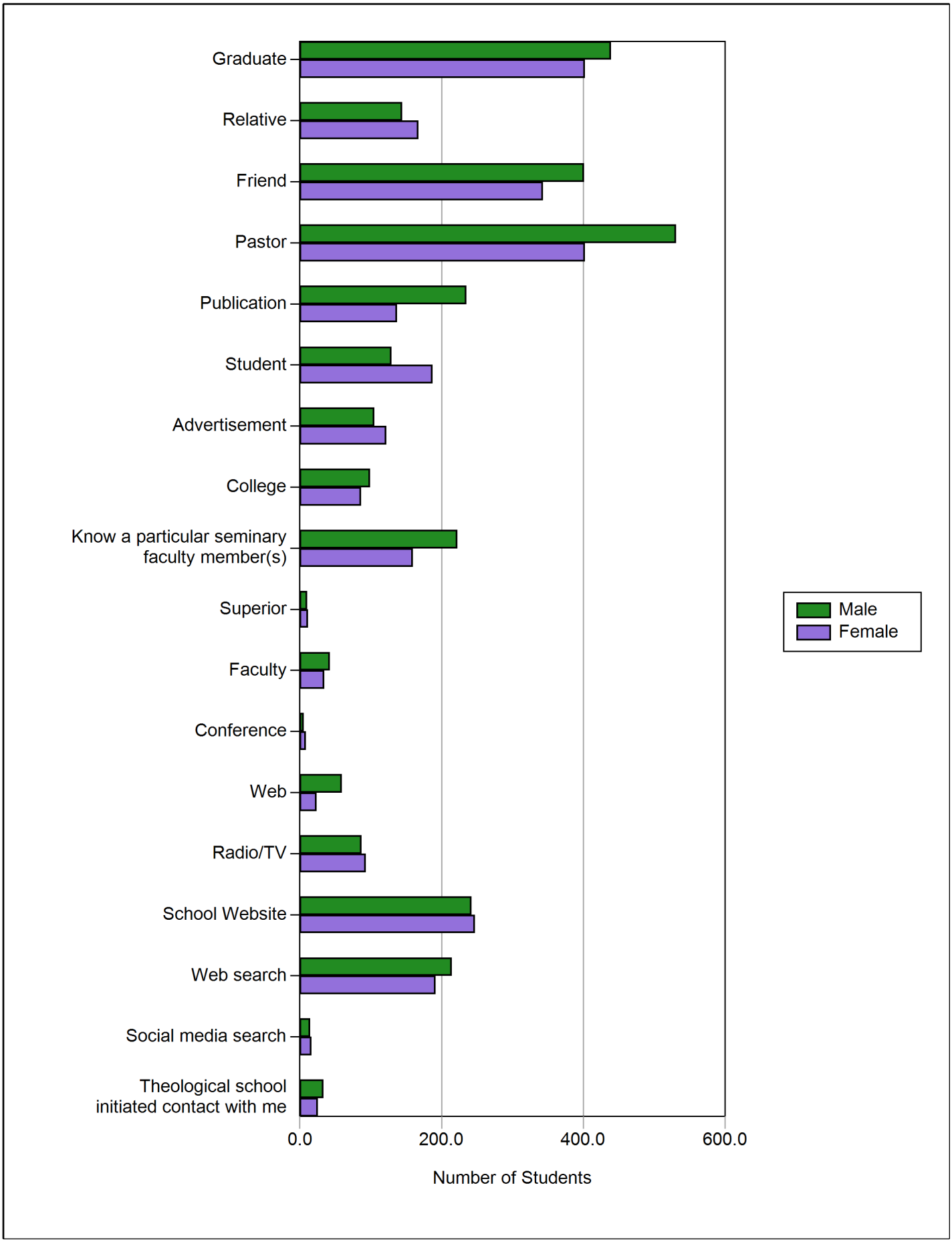


TABLE 17: Information Sources, Importance of School Visit, and Student Housing

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

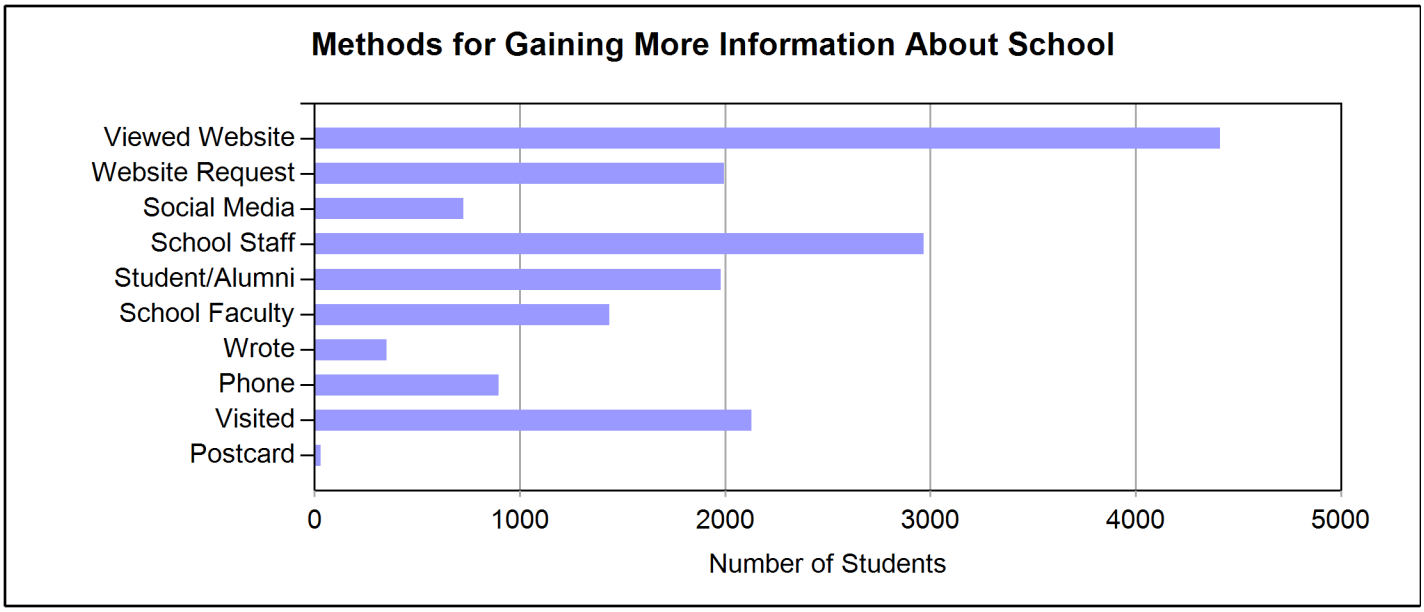
Methods for Gaining More Information About School	#	%
Viewed school Website	4,412	26.1
Requested information via the school Website	1,994	11.8
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	724	4.3
Communicated with school staff	2,967	17.5
Communicated with current student / graduate	1,980	11.7
Communicated with school faculty	1,436	8.5
Wrote to the school	351	2.1
Telephoned the school	896	5.3
Visited the school	2,129	12.6
Returned a postcard	29	0.2
TOTAL	**16,918**	**100.0**

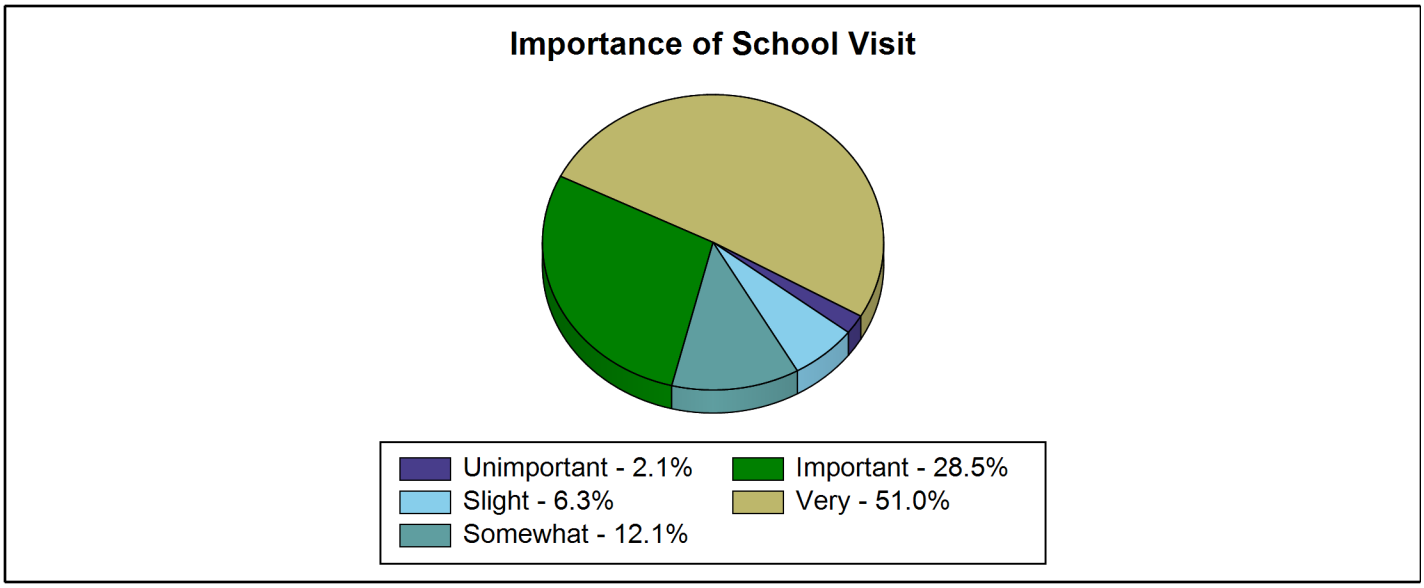
Importance of School Visit	#	%
Of no importance	44	2.1
Slightly important	133	6.3
Somewhat important	254	12.1
Important	597	28.5
Very important	1,068	51.0
TOTAL	**2,096**	**100.0**

Use of Student Housing	Relocated to attend seminary					
	Yes		No		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	769	46.4	125	3.1	894	15.6
Yes, as a commuter only	17	1.0	86	2.1	103	1.8
No	872	52.6	3,855	94.8	4,727	82.6
TOTAL	**1,658**	**29.0**	**4,066**	**71.0**	**5,724**	**100.0**

Importance of the Availability of Housing to Decision	#	%
Of no importance	57	5.7
Slightly important	75	7.5
Somewhat important	131	13.1
Important	239	23.9
Very important	498	49.8
TOTAL	**1,000**	**100.0**

CHART 17: Information Sources, Importance of School Visit, and Student Housing





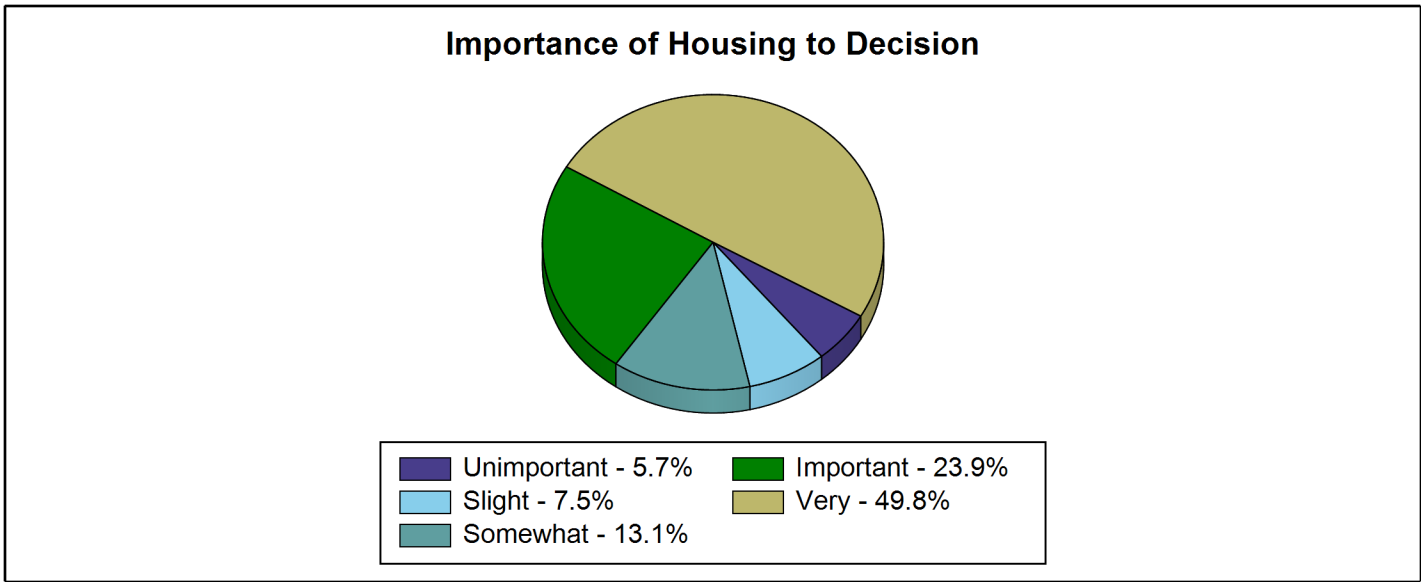


TABLE 18: Importance of Factors in Decision to Pursue Theological Education

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Source of Influence	Male N = 3,037		Female N = 2,676		Total N = 5,712	
	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev
Influence of family or spouse	3.4	1.4	3.1	1.5	3.3	1.4
Influence of friend(s)	2.9	1.3	2.8	1.3	2.9	1.3
Encouragement of pastor / minister	3.5	1.3	3.3	1.4	3.4	1.4
Experience of pastoral counseling / spiritual direction	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.3	1.4
Experienced a call from God	4.4	1.0	4.4	1.0	4.4	1.0
Intellectual interest in religious / theological questions	4.2	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.2	1.0
Opportunity for study and growth	4.4	0.9	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.8
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.6	1.2	3.8	1.2	3.7	1.2
Search for meaning in life	3.0	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.1	1.4
To discern God's will	3.7	1.3	3.9	1.3	3.8	1.3
Desire to serve others	4.3	0.9	4.4	0.8	4.4	0.9
Desire to administer the sacraments	2.8	1.5	2.5	1.4	2.6	1.5
Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice	3.2	1.4	3.7	1.3	3.4	1.4
Desire to preserve traditions of the church	2.9	1.4	2.7	1.3	2.8	1.4
Desire to make a difference in life of church	4.2	1.1	4.1	1.2	4.1	1.1
Experience in campus Christian organization	2.6	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.5	1.4
Experience of the community life of a local church	3.5	1.3	3.4	1.4	3.5	1.4

1 - No importance 2 - Little importance 3 - Somewhat important 4 - Important 5 - Very important

Source of Influence	MDiv N = 2,711		Prof MA N = 889		Acad MA N = 1,001	
	Avg	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**
Influence of family or spouse	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.5	3.2	1.4
Influence of friend(s)	2.9	1.3	2.8	1.3	2.8	1.3
Encouragement of pastor / minister	3.7	1.3	3.1	1.4	3.1	1.4
Experience of pastoral counseling / spiritual direction	3.4	1.3	3.2	1.4	3.0	1.5
Experienced a call from God	4.6	0.8	4.3	1.1	4.2	1.2
Intellectual interest in religious / theological questions	4.2	1.0	4.0	1.0	4.4	0.9
Opportunity for study and growth	4.4	0.9	4.4	0.8	4.5	0.8
Promise of spiritual fulfillment	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.2	3.7	1.2
Search for meaning in life	3.1	1.4	3.1	1.4	3.2	1.4
To discern God's will	3.9	1.3	3.6	1.3	3.7	1.3
Desire to serve others	4.5	0.8	4.4	0.9	4.3	0.9
Desire to administer the sacraments	3.1	1.5	2.2	1.3	2.1	1.3
Desire to contribute to the cause of social justice	3.6	1.3	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4
Desire to preserve traditions of the church	3.0	1.3	2.5	1.3	2.6	1.3
Desire to make a difference in life of church	4.2	1.0	3.9	1.2	4.0	1.2
Experience in campus Christian organization	2.7	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.4	1.4
Experience of the community life of a local church	3.7	1.3	3.3	1.4	3.2	1.4

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CHART 18: Importance of Factors in Decision to Pursue Theological Education

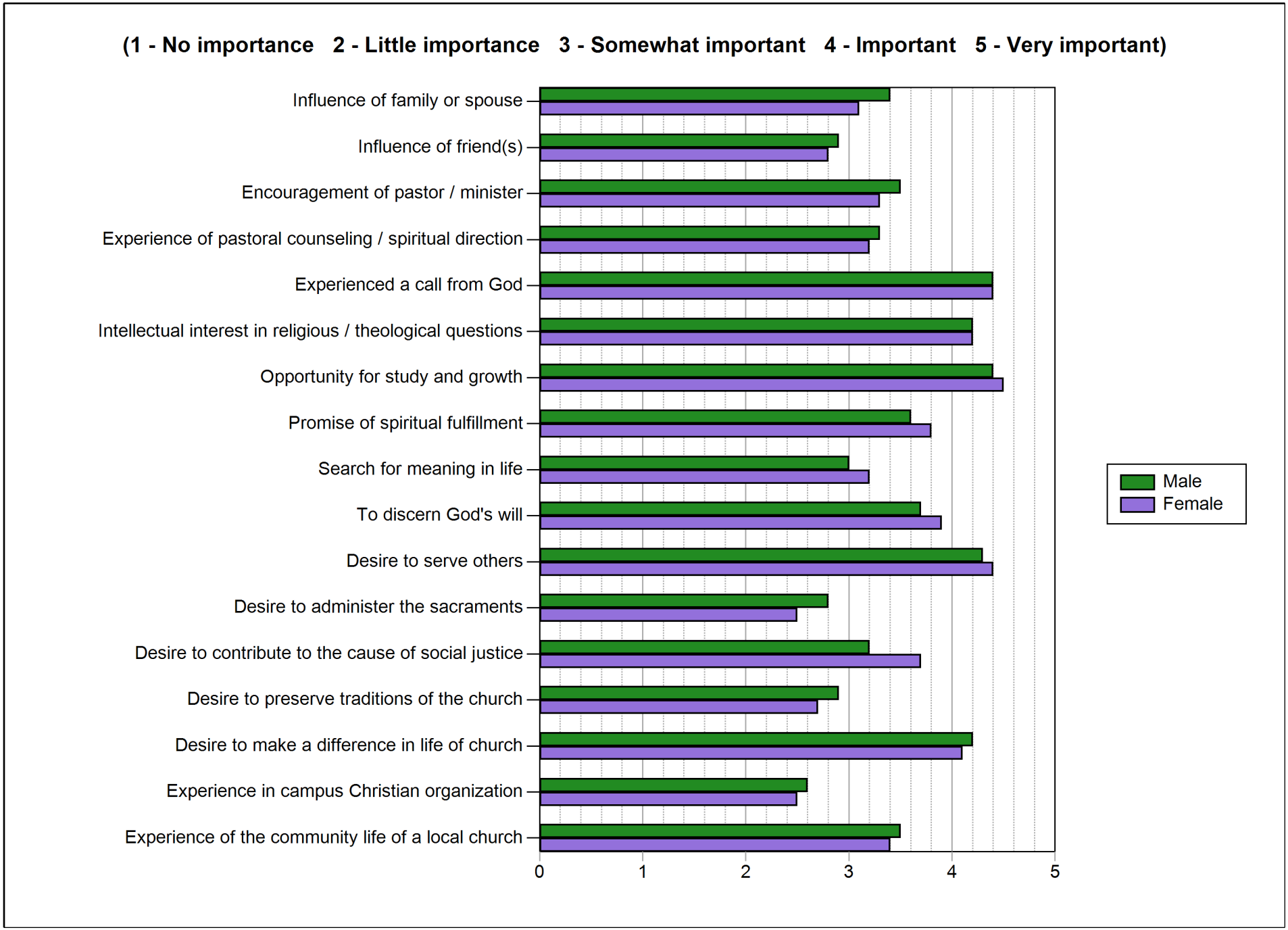

TABLE 19: Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend this Institution

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Source of Influence	Male N = 3,031		Female N = 2,676		Total N = 5,706	
	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev	Avg	Std Dev
Quality of the faculty	4.1	1.1	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.0
Curriculum	4.1	1.0	4.3	0.9	4.2	1.0
Academic reputation of the school	4.1	1.0	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.0
University / college affiliation	3.1	1.5	3.2	1.4	3.1	1.4
Access to other theological schools / cross-registration	2.6	1.4	2.6	1.4	2.6	1.4
Availability of distance learning	3.2	1.6	3.3	1.7	3.3	1.7
Extension site of main campus	2.2	1.4	2.2	1.4	2.2	1.4
Flexible class schedule	3.5	1.5	3.6	1.4	3.6	1.5
Denominational affiliation	3.3	1.5	3.1	1.5	3.2	1.5
Comfort with the school's doctrinal positions/theological perspective	4.0	1.1	4.1	1.1	4.0	1.1
Encouragement of my pastor	3.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	3.0	1.5
Sent by religious superior	2.1	1.4	1.9	1.3	2.0	1.4
Recommended by a graduate/current student	2.9	1.5	2.9	1.5	2.9	1.5
Encouragement of a faculty member / mentor from my college	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.5	2.4	1.5
Participation in a vocational discernment program (high school or college)	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.2
Family reasons	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.4	2.3	1.4
Quality of the admissions staff	2.9	1.4	3.0	1.4	3.0	1.4
Good financial aid assistance	3.2	1.6	3.4	1.6	3.3	1.6
Wanted a school close to home / work	2.6	1.6	2.8	1.7	2.7	1.6
Diverse / multicultural community	3.1	1.5	3.5	1.4	3.2	1.5
Sense of community at the school	3.2	1.5	3.5	1.4	3.3	1.5

1 - No importance 2 - Little importance 3 - Somewhat important 4 - Important 5 - Very important

Source of Influence	MDiv N = 2,704		Prof MA N = 885		Acad MA N = 1,000	
	Avg	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**
Quality of the faculty	4.2	1.0	4.0	1.1	4.2	1.0
Curriculum	4.2	1.0	4.2	0.9	4.3	0.9
Academic reputation of the school	4.2	1.0	4.1	1.0	4.2	1.0
University / college affiliation	3.1	1.4	3.2	1.4	3.2	1.4
Access to other theological schools / cross-registration	2.7	1.4	2.5	1.3	2.6	1.4
Availability of distance learning	3.0	1.7	3.6	1.5	3.4	1.7
Extension site of main campus	2.2	1.4	2.3	1.4	2.1	1.3
Flexible class schedule	3.5	1.5	3.8	1.3	3.6	1.4
Denominational affiliation	3.4	1.4	3.1	1.4	3.0	1.4
Comfort with the school's doctrinal positions/theological perspective	4.1	1.1	3.9	1.1	3.9	1.1
Encouragement of my pastor	3.3	1.4	2.8	1.5	2.7	1.5
Sent by religious superior	2.2	1.4	2.0	1.3	1.9	1.3
Recommended by a graduate/current student	3.0	1.5	2.9	1.5	2.7	1.5
Encouragement of a faculty member / mentor from my college	2.5	1.5	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.5
Participation in a vocational discernment program (high school or college)	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.1
Family reasons	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.4	2.1	1.3
Quality of the admissions staff	3.1	1.4	2.8	1.4	2.7	1.4
Good financial aid assistance	3.6	1.5	3.0	1.6	3.0	1.6
Wanted a school close to home / work	2.7	1.6	2.7	1.6	2.6	1.6
Diverse / multicultural community	3.4	1.4	3.0	1.4	3.1	1.5
Sense of community at the school	3.6	1.4	3.1	1.5	3.1	1.5

1 - No importance 2 - Little importance 3 - Somewhat important 4 - Important 5 - Very important

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CHART 19: Importance of Factors in Decision to Attend this Institution

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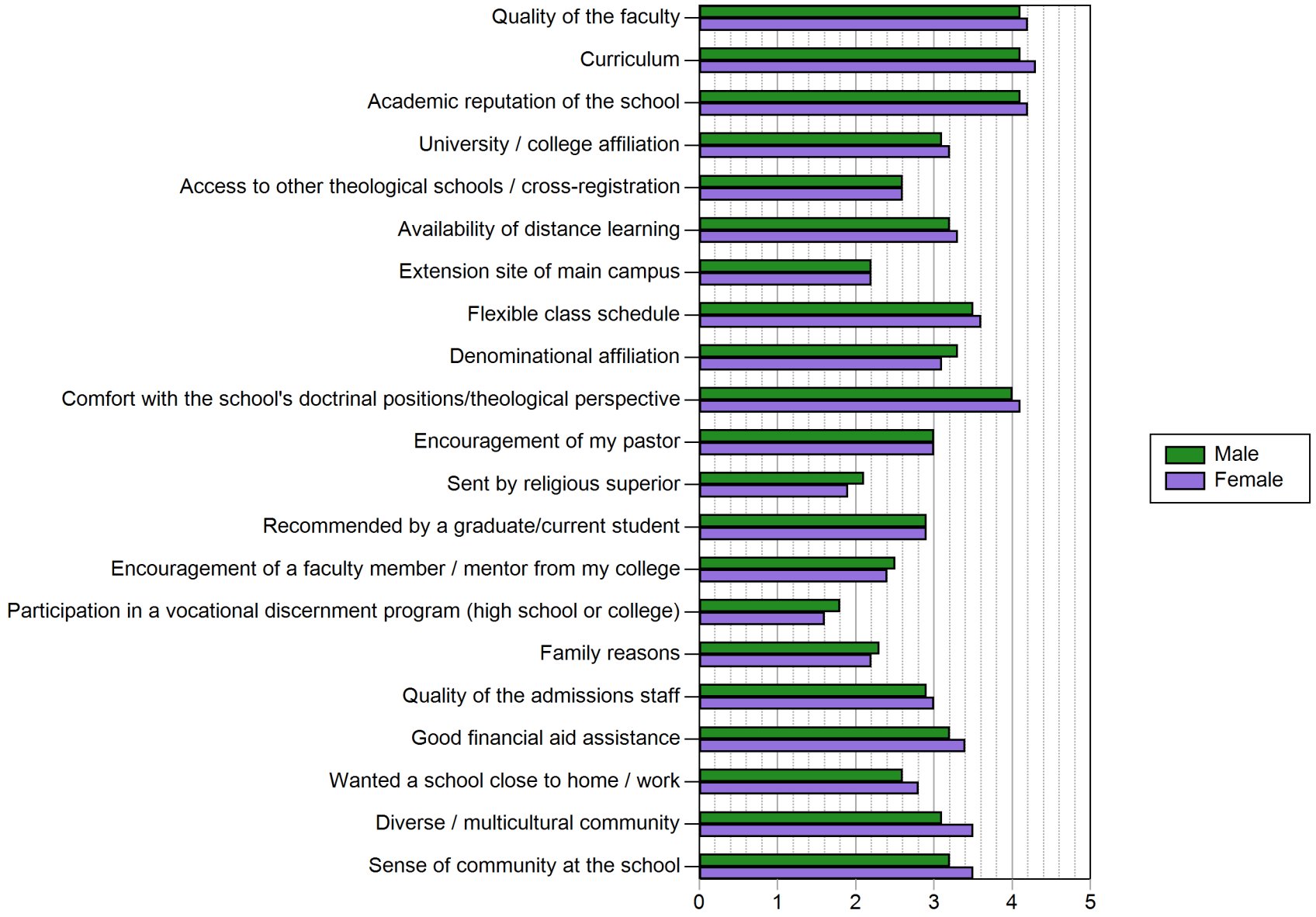

TABLE 20: Interest in Educational Formats by Degree Program

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Educational Format	MDiv N = 2,645		Prof MA N = 859		Acad MA N = 951		All Others N = 1,101		Total N = 5,548	
	Avg	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**	**Avg**	**Std Dev**
Main campus - traditional academic term / weekday classes	2.4	0.8	1.9	0.9	2.1	0.9	2.0	0.9	2.2	0.9
Main campus - evening / weekend classes	1.8	0.8	1.7	0.8	1.8	0.8	1.7	0.8	1.8	0.8
Main campus - intensive courses	2.2	0.8	1.9	0.8	2.0	0.8	2.1	0.8	2.1	0.8
Extension site of main campus	1.7	0.7	1.7	0.8	1.7	0.7	1.7	0.7	1.7	0.7
100 percent online / distance courses	1.9	0.9	2.2	0.8	2.1	0.9	2.0	0.8	2.0	0.9
Hybrid courses - combination face-to-face / online	2.0	0.8	2.2	0.8	2.1	0.8	2.2	0.8	2.1	0.8

1 - Not at all interested 2 - Somewhat interested 3 - Very interested

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TABLE 21: Current Engagement in Ministerial Work and Bivocational Intentions

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

Currently engaged in ministerial work?	Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
No	1,262	42.1	1,342	50.7	2,604	46.2
Yes, plan to continue	1,417	47.3	996	37.7	2,413	42.8
Yes, but do not plan to continue	106	3.5	103	3.9	209	3.7
Yes, unsure about continuing	210	7.0	204	7.7	414	7.3
TOTAL	**2,995**	**53.1**	**2,645**	**46.9**	**5,640**	**100.0**

Bivocational Plans	Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	784	26.1	640	24.2	1,424	25.2
No	1,021	34.0	695	26.3	1,716	30.4
Unsure about being bivocational	1,031	34.4	1,064	40.3	2,095	37.1
No plans to do ministerial work	165	5.5	243	9.2	408	7.2
TOTAL	**3,001**	**53.2**	**2,642**	**46.8**	**5,643**	**100.0**

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TABLE 22: Interest in Parish/Congregational Ministry by Age and Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All, ANSWERS=(9/1/2019 - 8/31/2020)

All Schools

	Congregational/Parish Ministry						Non-Congregational/Parish Ministry						Unsure					
Age	**Male**		**Female**		**Total**		**Male**		**Female**		**Total**		**Male**		**Female**		**Total**	
Range	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**	**#**	**%**
19 or younger	2	0.1	2	0.2	4	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-25	364	20.9	181	18.9	545	9.8	204	20.4	328	24.9	532	9.6	42	20.4	66	20.2	108	1.9
26-30	324	18.6	106	11.0	430	7.7	176	17.6	230	17.5	406	7.3	40	19.4	53	16.3	93	1.7
31-35	243	14.0	120	12.5	363	6.5	130	13.0	133	10.1	263	4.7	25	12.1	23	7.1	48	0.9
36-40	252	14.5	110	11.5	362	6.5	121	12.1	145	11.0	266	4.8	17	8.3	31	9.5	48	0.9
41-45	167	9.6	96	10.0	263	4.7	98	9.8	106	8.1	204	3.7	25	12.1	40	12.3	65	1.2
46-50	136	7.8	111	11.6	247	4.5	90	9.0	113	8.6	203	3.7	16	7.8	44	13.5	60	1.1
51-55	105	6.0	77	8.0	182	3.3	53	5.3	97	7.4	150	2.7	10	4.9	31	9.5	41	0.7
56 or older	148	8.5	157	16.4	305	5.5	127	12.7	163	12.4	290	5.2	31	15.0	38	11.7	69	1.2

CHART 22: Interest in Parish/Congregational Ministry by Age

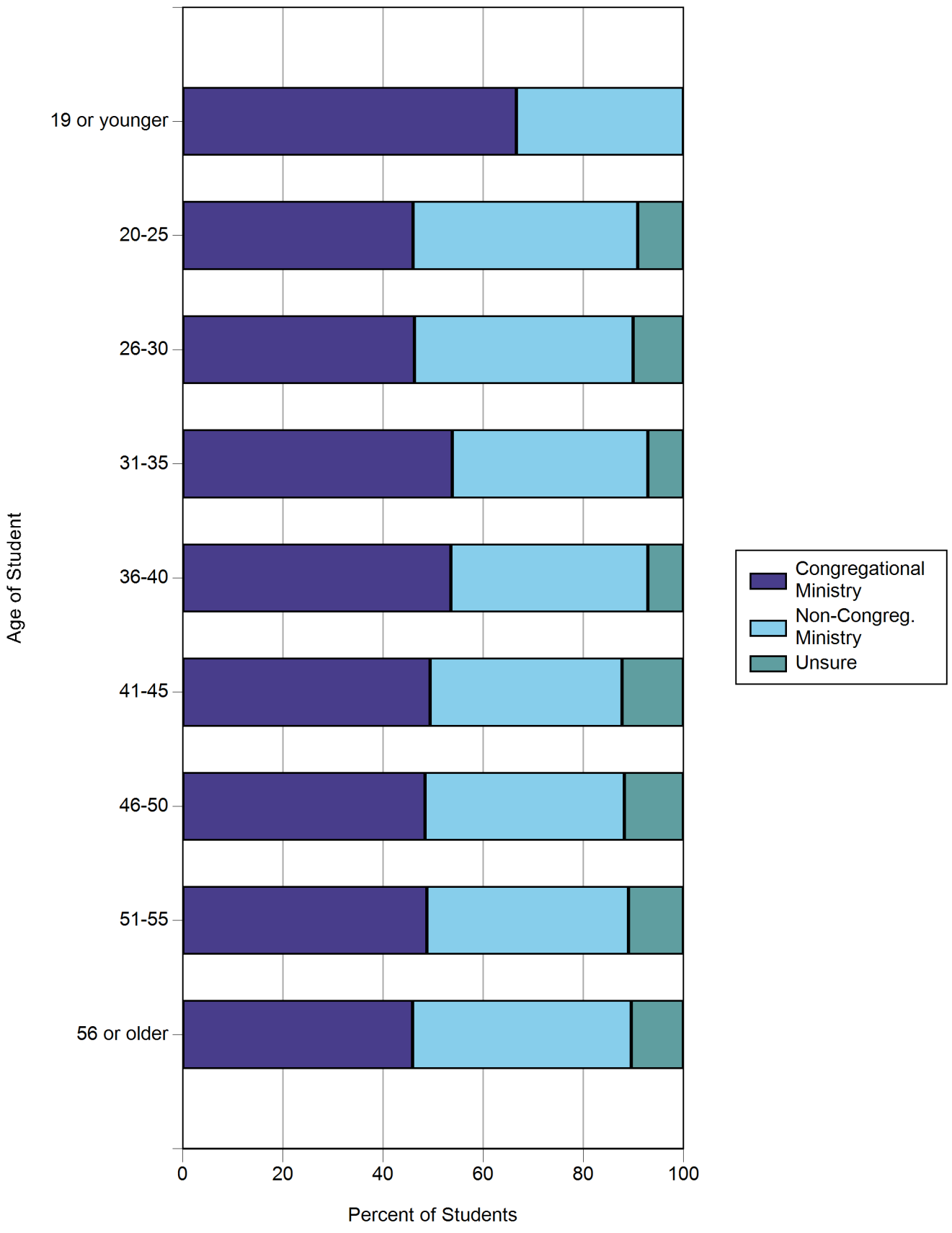

TABLE 23A: Expectation for Full-Time Position after Graduation by Degree Program

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Expectation	MDiv		Prof MA		Acad MA		All Others	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish	881	32.9	78	8.9	92	9.3	279	24.9
Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister	269	10.0	43	4.9	48	4.8	64	5.7
Minister or director of Christian/religious education	57	2.1	32	3.6	27	2.7	19	1.7
Youth work or ministry	111	4.1	49	5.6	23	2.3	19	1.7
Musician or liturgist	25	0.9	19	2.2	6	0.6	2	0.2
Spiritual director	16	0.6	15	1.7	8	0.8	15	1.3
Supply ministry	7	0.3	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1
Interim ministry	3	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	4	0.4
New church development / church planting / evangelism	91	3.4	17	1.9	17	1.7	22	2.0
Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context	226	8.4	63	7.2	52	5.3	51	4.5
Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)	18	0.7	19	2.2	15	1.5	11	1.0
Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)	56	2.1	38	4.3	19	1.9	21	1.9
Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy	155	5.8	30	3.4	13	1.3	37	3.3
Military chaplaincy	51	1.9	4	0.5	1	0.1	3	0.3
Prison ministry	21	0.8	3	0.3	4	0.4	6	0.5
Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)	55	2.1	27	3.1	22	2.2	33	2.9
Missionary service (foreign/home)	88	3.3	52	5.9	55	5.6	27	2.4
Denominational administrator or staff	7	0.3	3	0.3	3	0.3	19	1.7
Teaching in primary or secondary education	18	0.7	48	5.5	26	2.6	23	2.0
Teaching or administration in a seminary	41	1.5	5	0.6	42	4.2	75	6.7
Other teaching or administration in higher education	23	0.9	8	0.9	45	4.5	46	4.1
Social work / social services	41	1.5	42	4.8	38	3.8	35	3.1
Social justice ministry	38	1.4	19	2.2	27	2.7	15	1.3
Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)	23	0.9	54	6.1	17	1.7	22	2.0
Executive/administrator in a non-profit agency	24	0.9	13	1.5	28	2.8	15	1.3
Executive/administrator in a for-profit business	2	0.1	5	0.6	14	1.4	8	0.7
Further graduate or professional studies	44	1.6	14	1.6	86	8.7	31	2.8
Full-time homemaking or childcare	1	0.0	1	0.1	9	0.9	2	0.2
Clerical / office / sales	1	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.1	5	0.4
Medicine / engineering / law	10	0.4	5	0.6	27	2.7	14	1.2
Self-employed	23	0.9	23	2.6	28	2.8	22	2.0
Other	44	1.6	62	7.0	54	5.5	67	6.0
Undecided	207	7.7	86	9.8	141	14.2	109	9.7
TOTAL	**2,677**	**100.0**	**880**	**100.0**	**990**	**100.0**	**1,122**	**100.0**

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TABLE 23B: Expectation for Full-Time Position after Graduation by Gender

ENTERING STUDENTS, BATCH=All, YEAR=2019 - 2020, TERM=All

All Schools

Expectation	Male		Female		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pastor, priest, minister of a congregation/parish	985	32.8	337	12.8	1,322	23.4
Associate or assistant pastor, priest, or minister	279	9.3	143	5.4	422	7.5
Minister or director of Christian/religious education	44	1.5	90	3.4	134	2.4
Youth work or ministry	118	3.9	84	3.2	202	3.6
Musician or liturgist	36	1.2	16	0.6	52	0.9
Spiritual director	16	0.5	38	1.4	54	1.0
Supply ministry	8	0.3	2	0.1	10	0.2
Interim ministry	4	0.1	5	0.2	9	0.2
New church development / church planting / evangelism	101	3.4	47	1.8	148	2.6
Unsure what position within a congregation / parish context	181	6.0	210	7.9	391	6.9
Retreat or spiritual director (not in a congregation/parish)	18	0.6	43	1.6	61	1.1
Campus ministry or youth worker (not in a congregation/parish)	62	2.1	72	2.7	134	2.4
Hospital/hospice/healthcare chaplaincy	84	2.8	149	5.6	233	4.1
Military chaplaincy	44	1.5	15	0.6	59	1.0
Prison ministry	17	0.6	17	0.6	34	0.6
Other specialized ministry (not in a congregation/parish)	52	1.7	83	3.1	135	2.4
Missionary service (foreign/home)	124	4.1	98	3.7	222	3.9
Denominational administrator or staff	20	0.7	12	0.5	32	0.6
Teaching in primary or secondary education	49	1.6	66	2.5	115	2.0
Teaching or administration in a seminary	102	3.4	61	2.3	163	2.9
Other teaching or administration in higher education	63	2.1	58	2.2	121	2.1
Social work / social services	34	1.1	123	4.7	157	2.8
Social justice ministry	31	1.0	65	2.5	96	1.7
Pastoral counselor (not in a congregation/parish)	33	1.1	83	3.1	116	2.1
Executive/administrator in a non-profit agency	30	1.0	50	1.9	80	1.4
Executive/administrator in a for-profit business	16	0.5	13	0.5	29	0.5
Further graduate or professional studies	91	3.0	84	3.2	175	3.1
Full-time homemaking or childcare	0	0.0	13	0.5	13	0.2
Clerical / office / sales	6	0.2	2	0.1	8	0.1
Medicine / engineering / law	33	1.1	23	0.9	56	1.0
Self-employed	39	1.3	56	2.1	95	1.7
Other	76	2.5	153	5.8	229	4.1
Undecided	209	7.0	331	12.5	540	9.6
TOTAL	**3,005**	**53.2**	**2,642**	**46.8**	**5,647**	**100.0**

CHART 23A: Expectation for Full-time Position after Graduation

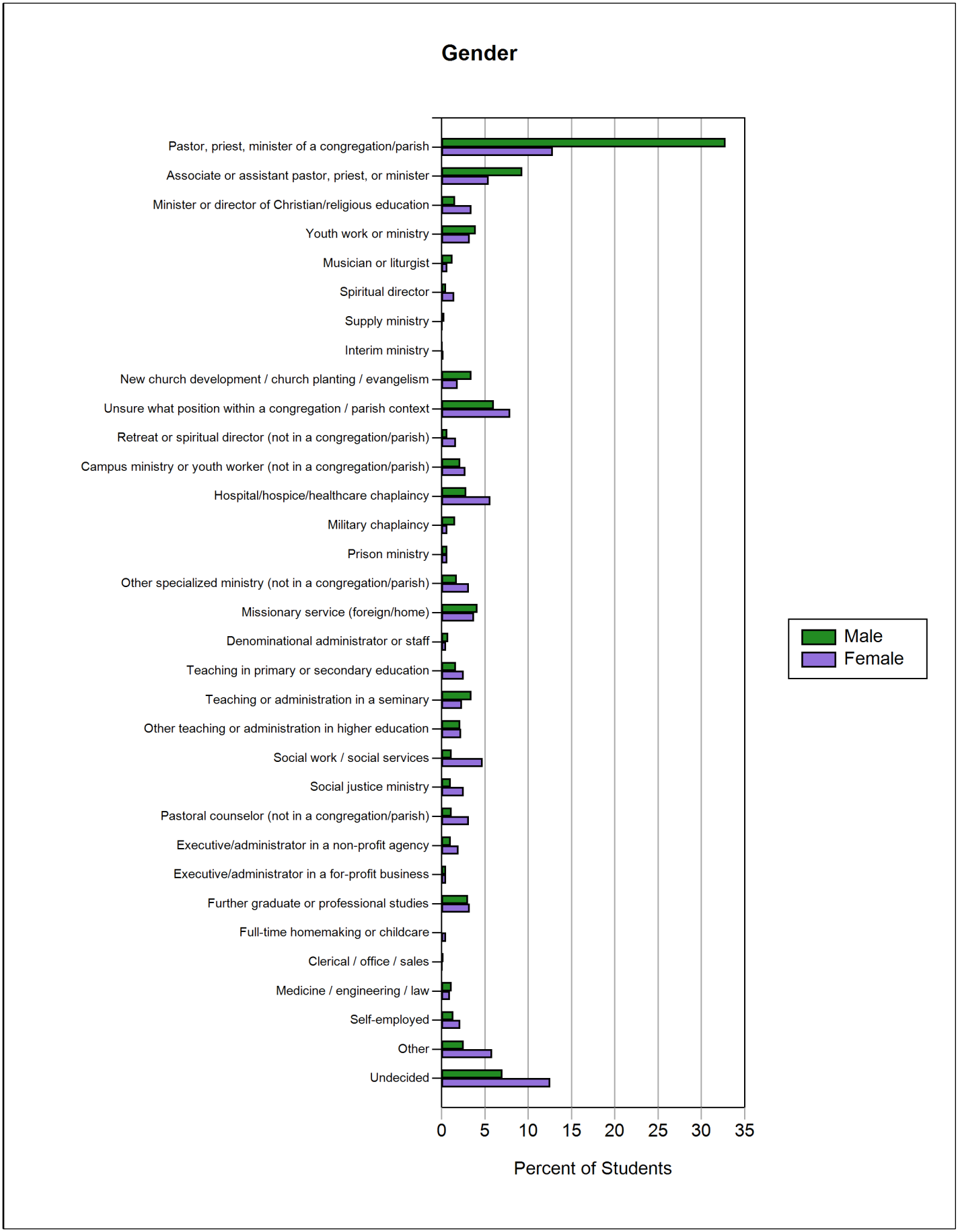

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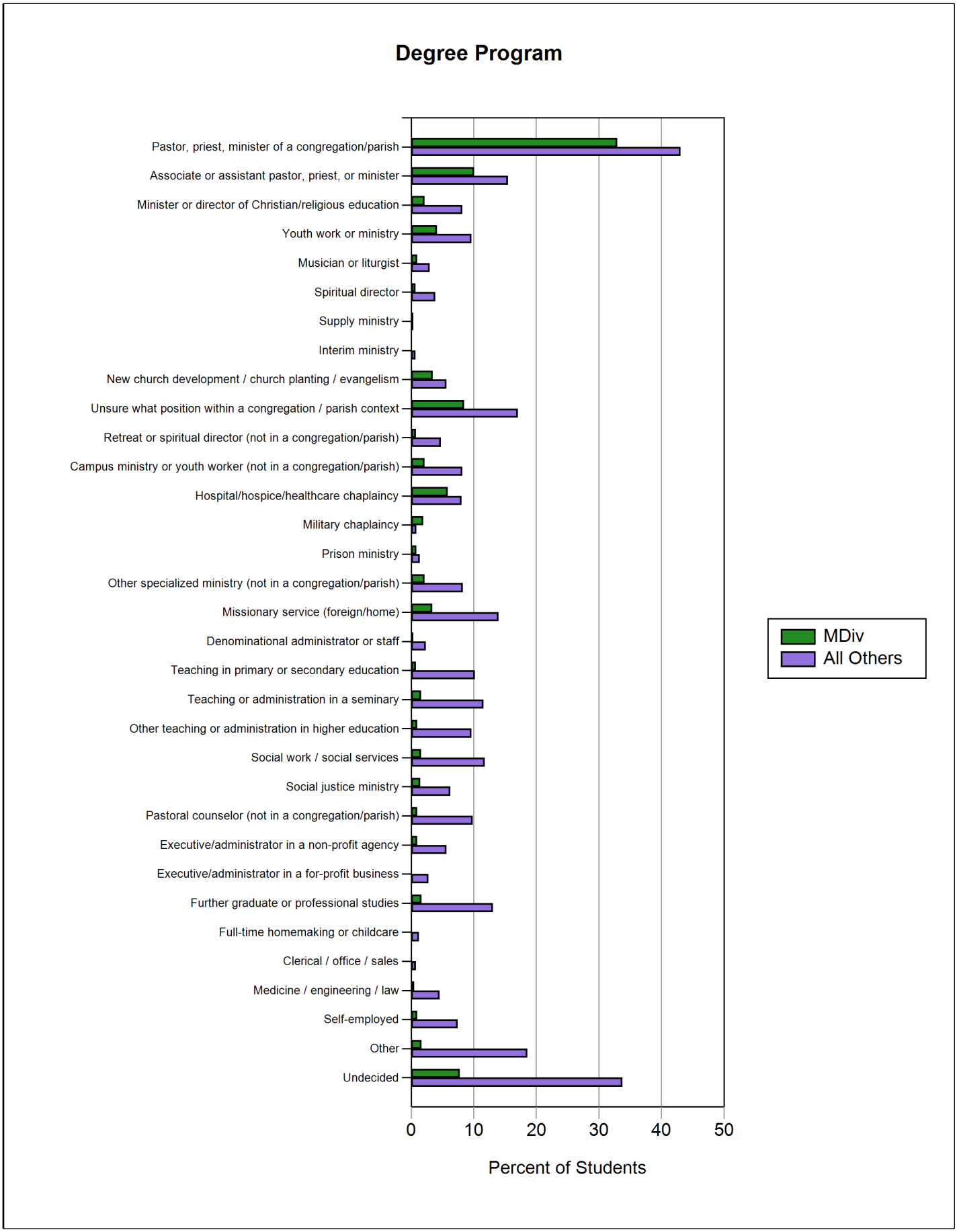
CHART 23B: Expectation for Full-time Position after Graduation



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