

# San Diego Miramar College

## Spring 2024 Graduation Survey Report

Prepared by the *Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness*

### **What was the purpose of the study?**

- (1) Learn about 2024 graduates' experiences at San Diego Miramar College (SDMC) to inform institutional planning and effectiveness.
- (2) Learn more about the students' post-graduation plans.

### **What was our research method?**

We distributed individualized links to an online survey to all students who were candidates for a SDMC certificate and/or degree in Spring 2024. Two \$100 Visa gift card incentives were provided to encourage participation.

### **Who responded to the survey?**

A total of 275 students answered the survey for a response rate of 25%. The response rate is notably higher than past years, potentially due to the gift card incentive. There was a total of 1102 graduates in spring of 2024. Nearly an even number of graduates were male female. The age range of 18-24 was the most prevalent.

<u>Ethnicity</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>
American Indian/Alaska Native	<1	<18	<1	Female	48
Asian	18	18 - 24	57	Male	50
Black/African American	5	25 - 29	17	Non-Binary	<1
Filipino/a	9	30 – 39	15	Unknown	2
Latinx	27	40 - 49	7		
Multiple Ethnicities	9	50+	4		
Pacific Islander	<1	Unknown	<1		
Unknown	2				
White	30				

### **What did we find?**

#### **Satisfaction.**

Students were asked to rate their agreement with six statements on aspects of the college experience. 90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed to feeling prepared for the next step of their journey. 95% of respondents felt like they have gained meaningful knowledge, skills, and experiences during their education at Miramar College. 85% agreed or strongly agreed to feeling appreciated or motivated by someone at Miramar College. 57% felt like part of a community. 36% agreed or strongly agreed to being involved in on-campus activities. (See table 8 and figure 3)

#### **Here's what respondents said SDMC did well in supporting their goals** (see table 12):

- Quality/helpfulness of professors/faculty
- Providing general support/advice/opportunities
- Quality/helpfulness of counselors

#### **Here's what they responded to what SDMC could do better** (see table 13):

- Nothing/Everything was great
- Engage in campus events & community
- Better advertisement of campus resources

#### **Students faced barriers** (see tables 16 and 17):

41% of respondents said they faced barriers that impacted earning their degree or certificate, including working while studying, financial barrier, COVID, personal/family Issues, and mental health issues.

#### **Supporting alumni after graduation** (see table 23):

56% of respondents said they would find networking helpful, and 50% would like the ability to attend campus career fairs and other career events as alumni, and 29% were interested in an alumni newsletter.

## Appendix I: Itemized Responses

### Question 1: For the majority of your time at Miramar College, were you employed?

About 70% of respondents said they were employed for the majority of their time as students at Miramar College.

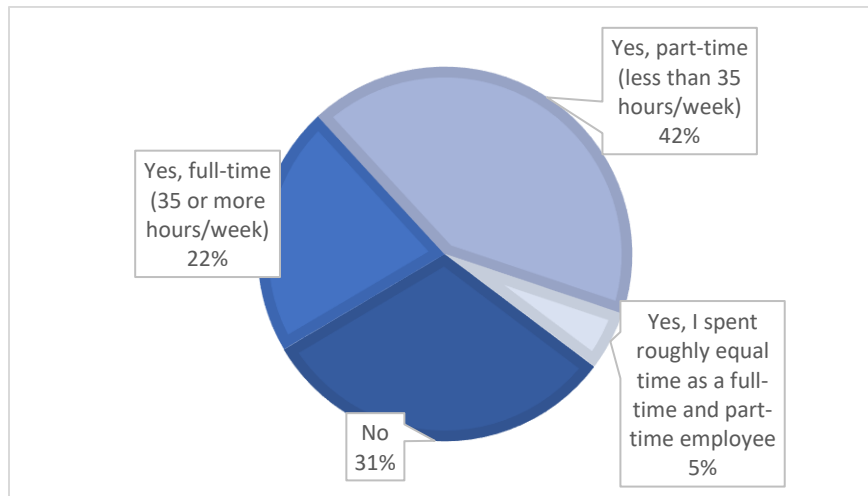
**Table 1**

*Responses to the Question: "For the majority of your time at Miramar College, were you employed?" (n = 276)*

Answer choice	Count	%
Not Employed	86	31%
Yes, part-time (less than 35 hours/week)	116	42%
Yes, full-time (35 or more hours/week)	60	22%
Yes, I spent roughly equal time as a full-time and part-time employee	14	5%
Total	276	100%

**Figure 1**

*Graduation Survey Respondents' Employment Status as Students (n = 276)*



### Question 2: Was your work experience directly related to your field of study?

**Table 2**

*Responses to the Question: "Was your work experience directly related to your field of study?" (n = 183)*

Answer choice	Count	%
Yes	65	36%
No	118	64%
Total	183	100%

**Note.** This question was shown only to respondents who said they were employed for the majority of their career at SDMC in a previous question.

### Question 3: If you were employed, what was the name of your employer?

Respondents worked for a wide variety of organizations as students: 181 respondents reported 165 different employers, of which 17 employers in the below table employed two or more respondents. From this sample, San Diego Miramar College employed the most students (12).

**Table 3**

*Responses to the Question: "If you were employed, what was the name of your employer?" (n = 181)*

Answer category	Count	%
Other*	111	67%
San Diego Miramar College	12	7%
Self Employed	5	3%
Poway Unified School District	4	2%
SDCCD (Unspecified)	3	2%
San Diego Unified School District	3	2%
CVS Pharmacy	3	2%
Starbucks	3	2%
The Home Depot	3	2%
County of San Diego	2	1%
Biolegend	2	1%
Meet Fresh	2	1%
Michael's	2	1%
Soapy Joe's	2	1%
Target	2	1%
Ulta Beauty	2	1%
Yogurtland	2	1%
Panera Bread	2	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note.** This question was shown only to respondents who said they were employed for the majority of their career at SDMC in a previous question. The question was open-ended; responses were analyzed and grouped by employer.

\* Some respondents reported more than one employer.

\* Other employers, which were reported by one respondent each, are:

**0-9:** 549 Sports, 99 Cents Only Store

**A:** Ace parking, Alana Byrd, Alaska Airlines, Albertson's, Alexa's PlayC, Ali Hajisattari, AMC, Americorps, Angelina theaters, APRI Fertility Pharmacy, ARC, ARCC Center Foundation, Assistive Opportunities, Athleta

**B:** BB.q Chicken, Best Buy, Better Buzz, BNMG, Bonchon, Boot Barn, Bridal and Veil

**C:** Cal Fire, cbre and steak48, Center of aquaculture technologies, Chase Travel, Chilis, Chin's schezwan, Chula Vista Honda, Cibus, Coastal payroll, Code Ninjas Mira Mesa, Costco, Country Club of RB, coworks

**D:** Darcish, Darden, David, Dayung, DCH Honda of Mission Valley, Dicks Sporting Goods, Disney, Dollar Tree, Doordash, Drawn2art

**F-G:** First Aid Services, Frank Lee, Gen Korean BBQ, Geocon Inc., Global Legal Law Firm, Goodwin Brown Gross, Grade Potential Tutoring, Grounds keeper, Grubhub, Guess Inc

**H-K:** H&M, Hologic, Honda, Illumina, In n out burger, It's BobaTime San Diego, Ivan Valdovinos, Jack in the box, Jamba Mira Mesa, JC Resorts, Jersey Mikes, Jimmys Famous American Tavern, Kbbq, Khans cave, Kyo

**L:** La Jolla Discount Pharmacy, Law Enforcement, Law Office of Kane Handel, Law Offices of Scott Pactor, Leticia SÃ¡nchez, Lovelace LLP, Lowes

**M-O:** Maria Lopez, Marine Corps, Michelle, Midmark Corporation, Military, Misty mountain ranch, Mo-Mo-Paradise, MTS, multi jobs, NIWC, Outshine Education

**P-R:** Palomar health, Panda Express, Peet's Coffee, Petco, Pima medical institute, Poke Chop, Poway Healthcare Center, Poway Waterpolo club, pSemi, Raising Canes, Ralph's Grocery Co, Rancho Santa Fe Pharmacy, Ricci Do, Riverside Police Department

**S:** San Diego County Credit Union, San Diego County Parks and Rec, San Diego Fire department, San Diego Police Department, San Diego Sol, Santos Inc, SAY SD, Scott Lee Rudge Construction Inc., Scripps Health, Sea World, See's Candies, Sharp Rees Stealy Pharmacy, Southern Sudanese community center, Southwest antennas, Sprouts Farmers Market, Staples, Sweetland

**T:** Tekka SD, Tesla, The Cambridge School, The Joint Chiropractic, The Poke Co, The Salk Institute, TLC Social Services, Toyota

**U-V:** U.S. Senate, UHC, umai sushi, United States Marine Corps, US Army, US navy, Veterans Affairs, Vons

**W-Z:** Wayne Blum, Westmont Hospitality Group, Wetzels Pretzels, Whole Person Care Clinic, Wicker Law Group, Wild Animal Park, YMCA of San Diego County, Yoon, Zara, Ziggy's Tutoring

## Question 4: If you were employed, what was your job title?

Table 4

Responses to the Question: "If you were employed, what was your job title?" (n = 181)

Answer category	Count	%
<b>Associate</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24%</b>
Cashier/Storefront	9	
Customer Service	7	
Food Service/Server	9	
Fulfillment/Shipping	3	
Not Specified	7	
Advisor	3	
Accounting/Finance	2	
Education	3	
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23%</b>
Administrative	5	
Classroom/Education	14	
Food Service	6	
Lab	1	
Legal	6	
Program/Project	6	
Attendant	2	
<b>Technician</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17%</b>
Lab/Bio/Pharmacy	9	
Auto/Machine/Maintenance	5	
Behavioral	2	
Express	3	
EMT/Lifeguard	3	
Manufacturing	2	
Unspecified/Other	3	
<b>Other</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Sales/Realtor</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Manager/Supervisor</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Barista</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Team member/Crew member</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Intern</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Driver/Delivery/Transport</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Caregiver</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Police/Law Enforcement</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Coach</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Firefighter</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note.** This question was shown only to respondents who said they were employed for the majority of their career at SDMC in a previous question. The question was open-ended; responses were analyzed and sorted into categories.

\* Some respondents reported more than one title.

\* Other titles, which were reported:

Many titles, ASG Officer, Career Ambassador, Student Trustee, Parent Partner, SST, ESS Program Aid, Entertainment Performer, Frammer, CSR, Floating Personal Banker, grounds keeper, Freelance Floral Designer, PIF, yeoman

### Question 5: Describe your course modality in the past year

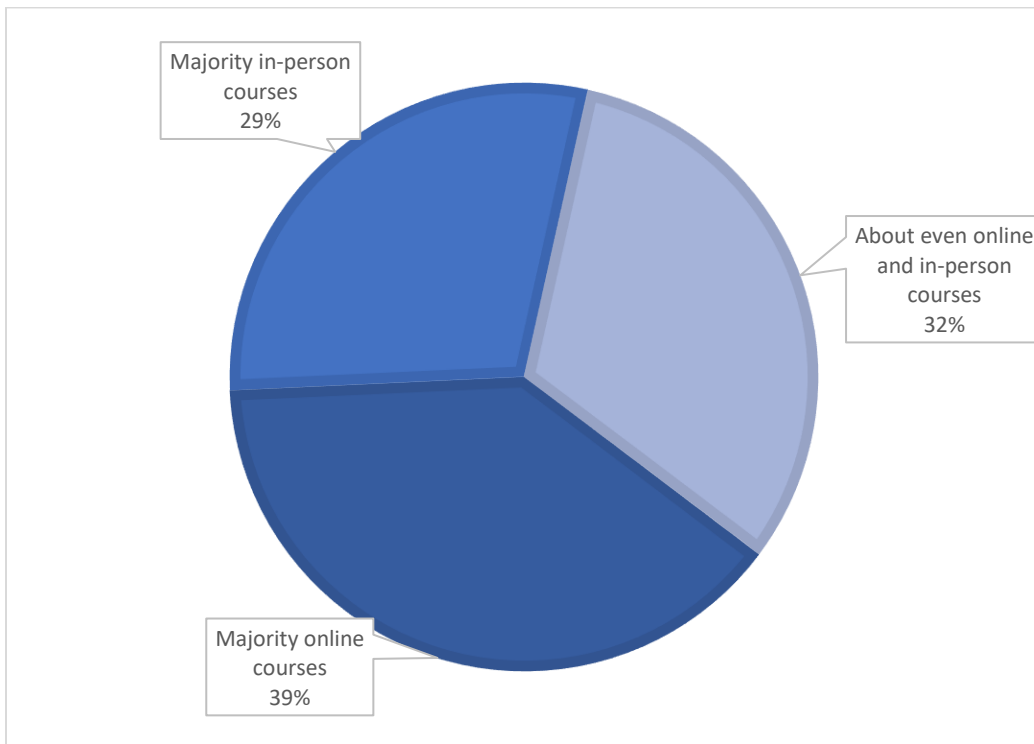
**Table 5**

*Responses to the Question: "Describe your course modality in the past year" (n = 267)*

Answer Choices	Count	%
Majority in-person courses	78	29%
Majority online courses	104	39%
About even online and in-person courses	85	32%
Total	267	100%

**Figure 2**

*Percentages of Respondents by Level of Agreement to Satisfaction Statements (n =267)*



## Question 6: What was your primary education goal when you began taking courses at Miramar College?

Around 72% of respondents said their primary goal when they started at SDMC included transferring to a four-year institution.

**Table 6**

*Responses to the Question: "What was your primary education goal when you began taking courses at Miramar College?" (n = 257)*

Answer choice	Count	%
Obtain an associate's degree and transfer to a 4-year institution	186	72%
Transfer to a 4-year institution without an associate's degree	21	8%
Obtain a 2-year associate's degree without transfer	20	8%
Obtain a 2-year technical degree without transfer	2	1%
Earn a career technical certificate without transfer	9	4%
Prepare for a new career (acquire job skills)	4	2%
Advance in current job/career (update job skills)	1	0%
Maintain certificate or license	4	2%
Educational development	4	2%
Compete credits for high school diploma or GED	3	1%
4-year college student taking courses to meet 4-year college requirements	1	0%
Other (please specify) (click to view)	2	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Question 7: Did your education goal at Miramar College change over time? If yes, please explain how.**

Around 77% of respondents did not change their education goals over time.

**Table 7**

*Responses to the Question: "Did your education goal at Miramar College change over time? If yes, please explain how." (n = 256)*

Answer choice	Count	%
No	198	77%
Yes	58	23%
Total	256	100%

**Question 8: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding your experience at Miramar College.**

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with six positive statements about their experience at Miramar College. The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with most of the statements. The only statement where the majority did not agree/strongly agree was: "I became involved in on-campus activities that were meaningful to me." "I feel like I am part of a community at Miramar College" also got notably less agreement than other statements.

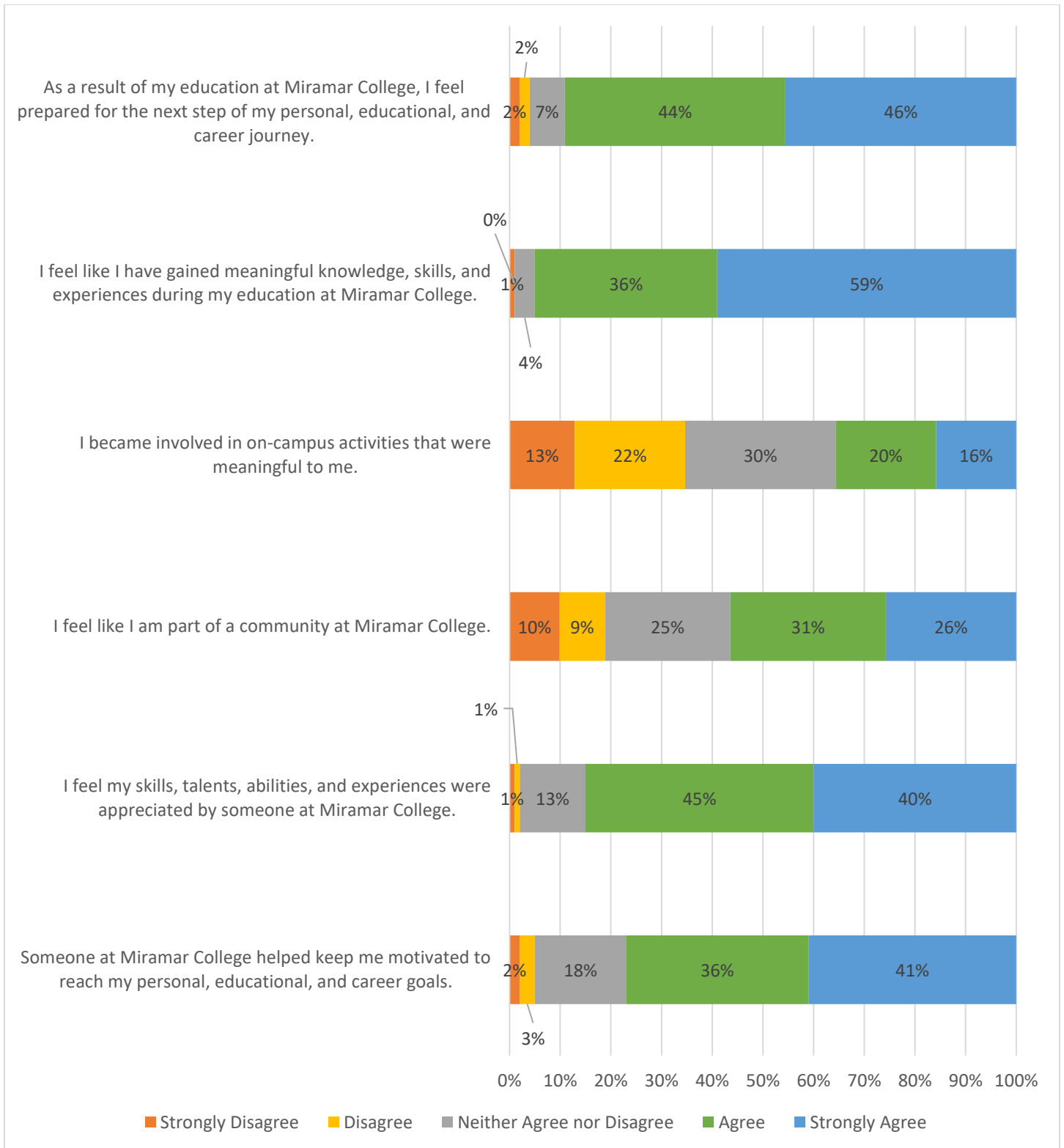
**Table 8**

*Responses to the Question: "Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding your experience at Miramar College." (n = 256)*

	Total	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Someone at Miramar College helped keep me motivated to reach my personal, educational, and career goals.	256	2%	3%	18%	36%	41%
I feel my skills, talents, abilities, and experiences were appreciated by someone at Miramar College.	256	1%	1%	13%	45%	40%
I feel like I am part of a community at Miramar College.	256	10%	9%	25%	31%	26%
I became involved in on-campus activities that were meaningful to me.	256	13%	22%	30%	20%	16%
I feel like I have gained meaningful knowledge, skills, and experiences during my education at Miramar College.	256	1%	0%	4%	36%	59%
As a result of my education at Miramar College, I feel prepared for the next step of my personal, educational, and career journey.	256	2%	2%	7%	44%	46%

**Figure 3**

*Percentages of Respondents by Level of Agreement to Satisfaction Statements (n =256)*



### Question 9: Which on-campus service(s) did you utilize?

About 70% of respondents said they used the Counseling Office, 62% used the Bookstore. 50% of respondents said they used the Library while 49% used the Financial Aid Office. 36% utilized the Transfer Center, 35% used San Diego Promise. All other services were used by less than a third of the respondents.

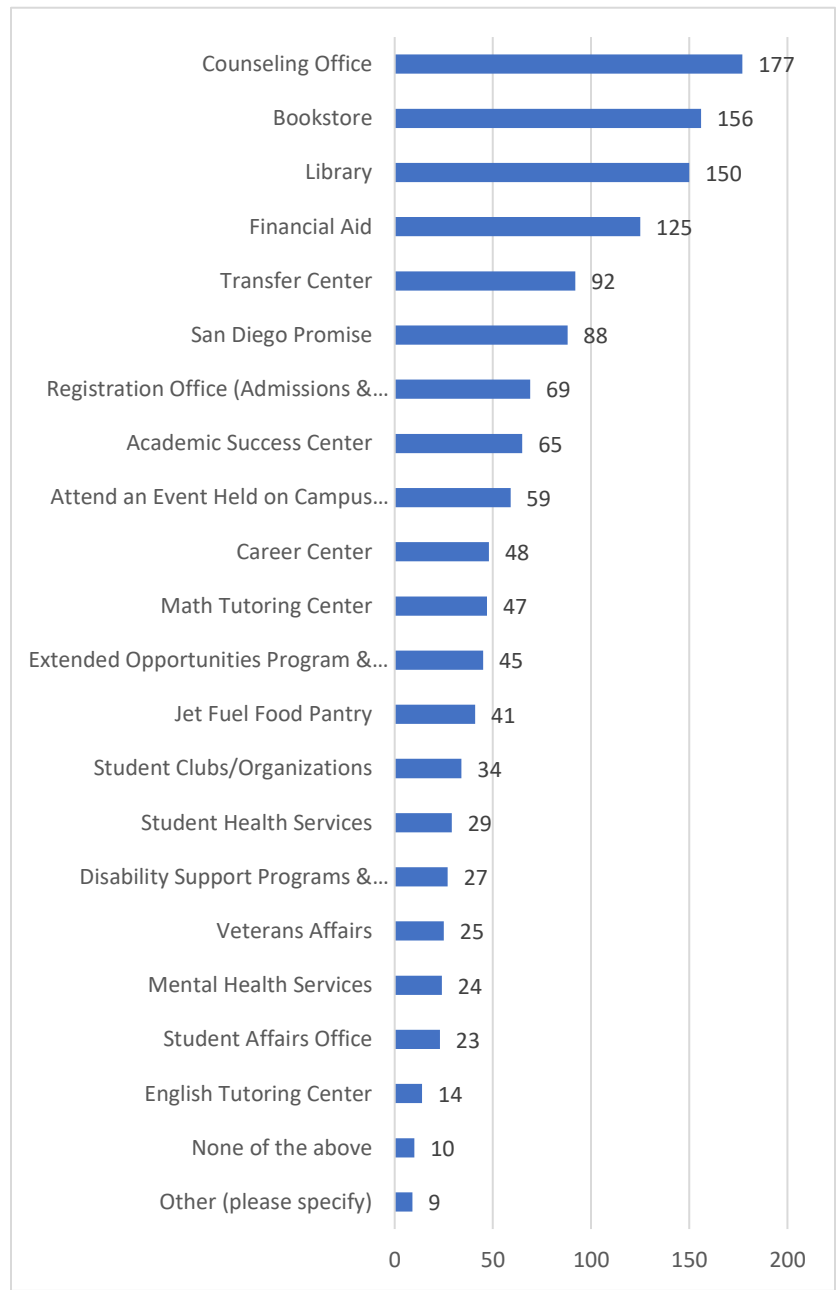
**Table 9**

*Responses to the Question: “Which on-campus service(s) did you utilize?” (n = 253)*

Answer Choice	Count	%
Counseling Office	177	70%
Bookstore	156	62%
Library	150	59%
Financial Aid	125	49%
Transfer Center	92	36%
San Diego Promise	88	35%
Registration Office (Admissions & Records)	69	27%
Academic Success Center	65	26%
Attend an Event Held on Campus During College Hour	59	23%
Career Center	48	19%
Math Tutoring Center	47	19%
Extended Opportunities Program & Services (EOPS)	45	18%
Jet Fuel Food Pantry	41	16%
Student Clubs/Organizations	34	13%
Student Health Services	29	12%
Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS)	27	11%
Veterans Affairs	25	10%
Mental Health Services	24	10%
Student Affairs Office	23	9%
English Tutoring Center	14	6%
None of the above	10	4%
Other (please specify)	9	4%

**Figure 4**

*Percentage of Respondents who Used Services at SDMC (n = 253)*



## Question 10: How often did you use the following service(s)?

Respondents were asked to rate the frequency of their service usage on a scale of 1: seldom, to 3: often. Extended Opportunities Program & Services (EOPS), Veterans Affairs, Financial Aid, and Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS) had the highest average utilization frequency.

Table 10

Responses to the Question: "How often did you use the following service(s)?" (n = 177) with Weighted Average

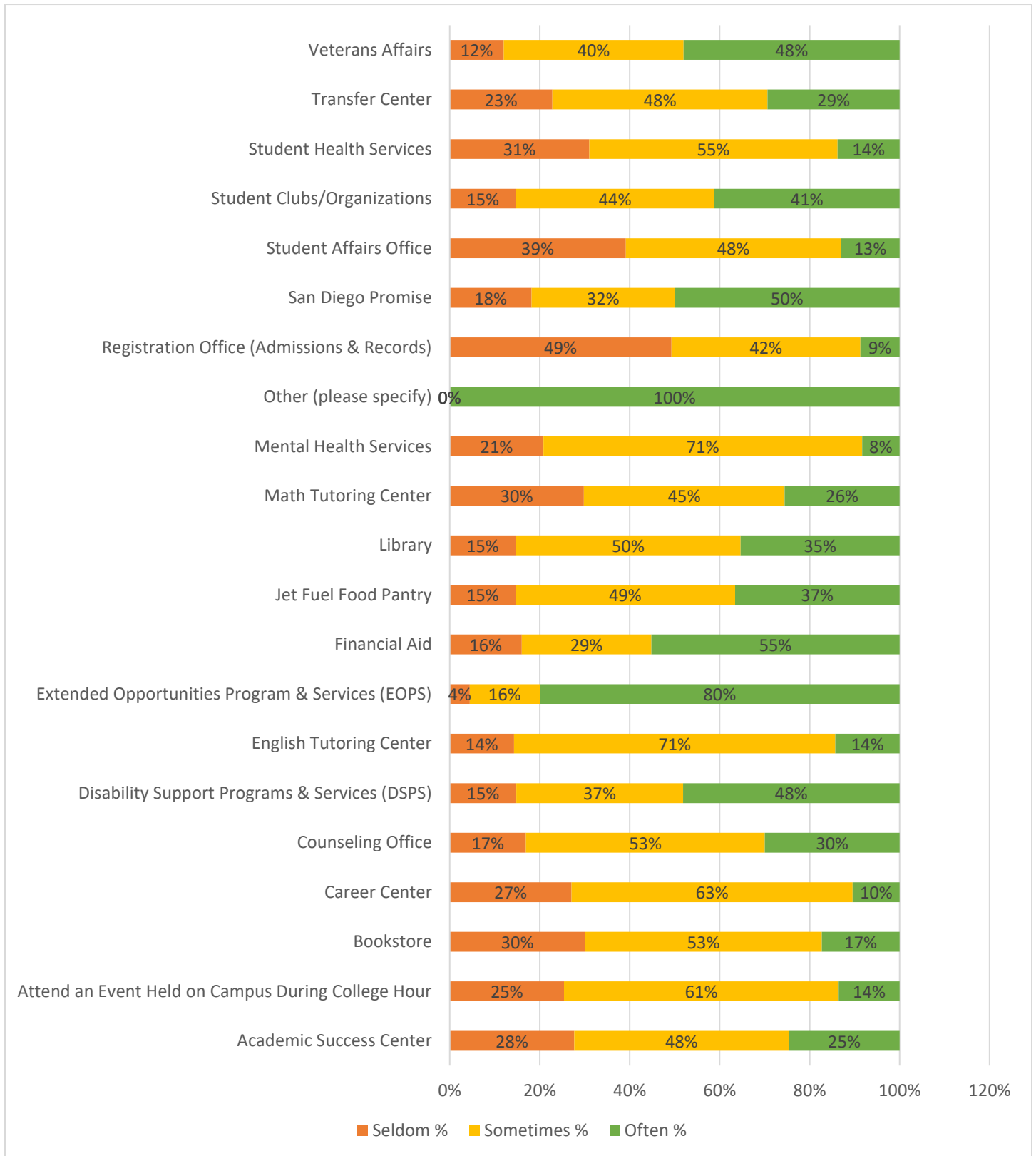
Service	Total Count	1: Seldom	2: Sometimes	3: Often	Weighted Average
Academic Success Center	65	18	31	16	1.97
Attend an Event Held on Campus During College Hour	59	15	36	8	1.88
Bookstore	156	47	82	27	1.87
Career Center	48	13	30	5	1.83
Counseling Office	177	30	94	53	2.13
Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS)	27	4	10	13	2.33
English Tutoring Center	14	2	10	2	2.00
Extended Opportunities Program & Services (EOPS)	45	2	7	36	2.76
Financial Aid	125	20	36	69	2.39
Jet Fuel Food Pantry	41	6	20	15	2.22
Library	150	22	75	53	2.21
Math Tutoring Center	47	14	21	12	1.96
Mental Health Services	24	5	17	2	1.88
Other (please specify)*	9	0	0	9	3.00
Registration Office (Admissions & Records)	69	34	29	6	1.59
San Diego Promise	88	16	28	44	2.32
Student Affairs Office	23	9	11	3	1.74
Student Clubs/Organizations	34	5	15	14	2.26
Student Health Services	29	9	16	4	1.83
Transfer Center	92	21	44	27	2.07
Veterans Affairs	25	3	10	12	2.36

**Note.** This question was only shown to respondents who said they had utilized services in a previous question.

\*Other (please specify) includes: STEM center (4), Cafeteria (1), EOPS (1), EOPS/MESA (1), Rising Scholars (1), Miramar jets womens waterpolo (1)

**Figure 5**

*Service Utilization Frequency for Respondents who Used Services (n = 177)*



## Question 11: What impact did the service(s) have on reaching your goals?

Respondents were asked to rate the impact services had on reaching their goals on a scale of 1: strong negative impact, to 5: strong positive impact. The majority of respondents felt that services had a positive impact or strong positive impact on their reaching their goals.

**Table 5**

*Responses to the Question: "What impact did the service(s) have on reaching your goals?" (n = 177) with Weighted Average*

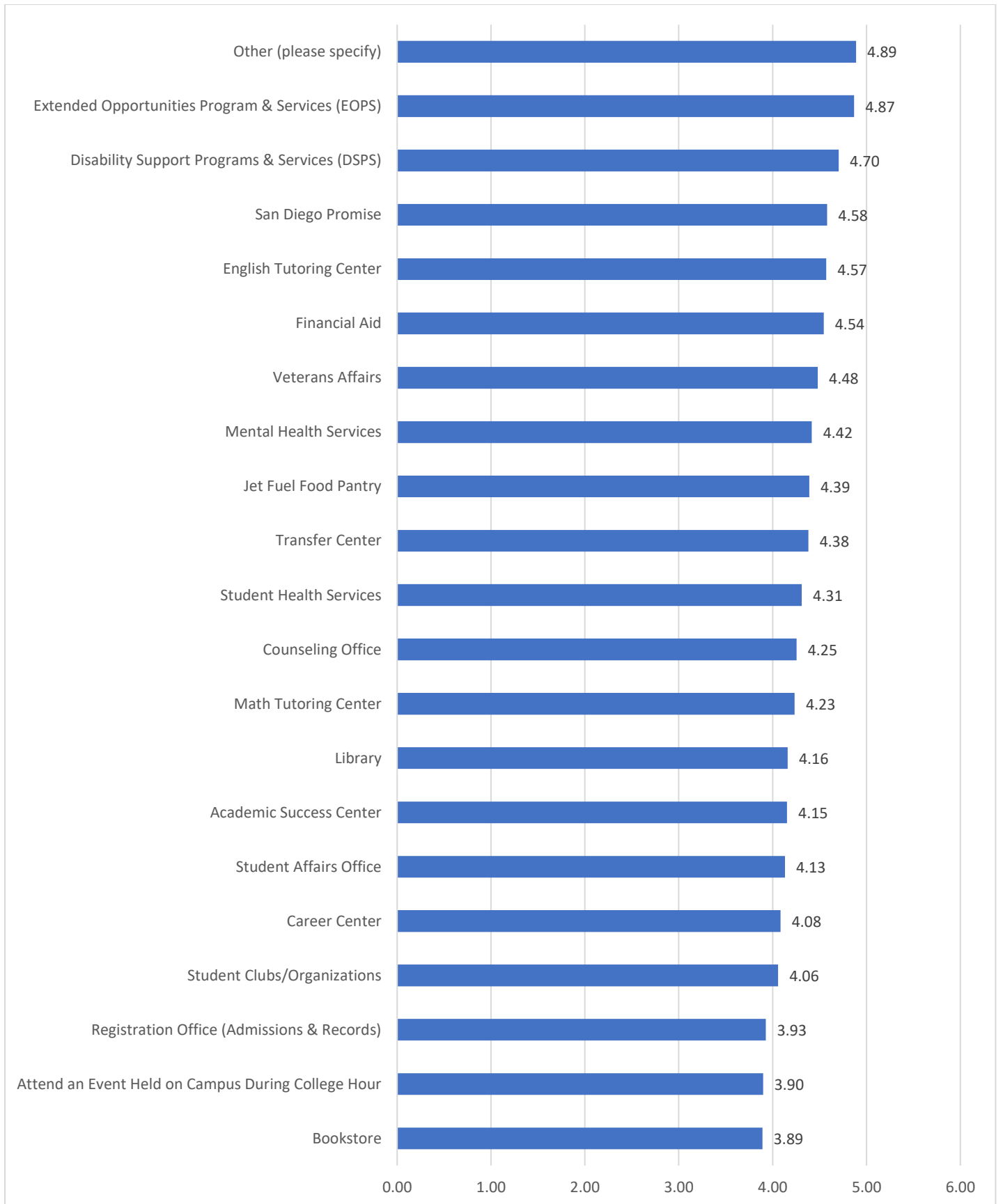
Service	Total	1: Strong negative impact	2: Negative impact	3: No impact	4: Positive impact	5: Strong positive impact	Weighted average
Academic Success Center	65	2%	0%	12%	54%	32%	4.15
Attend an Event Held on Campus During College Hour	59	0%	0%	24%	63%	14%	3.90
Bookstore	156	1%	1%	28%	50%	21%	3.89
Career Center	48	0%	2%	10%	65%	23%	4.08
Counseling Office	177	1%	2%	7%	50%	40%	4.25
Disability Support Programs & Services (DSPS)	27	0%	0%	4%	22%	74%	4.70
English Tutoring Center	14	0%	0%	7%	29%	64%	4.57
Extended Opportunities Program & Services (EOPS)	45	0%	0%	0%	13%	87%	4.87
Financial Aid	125	0%	0%	5%	36%	59%	4.54
Jet Fuel Food Pantry	41	0%	0%	10%	41%	49%	4.39
Library	150	0%	0%	13%	57%	29%	4.16
Math Tutoring Center	47	2%	2%	9%	45%	43%	4.23
Mental Health Services	24	0%	4%	0%	46%	50%	4.42
Other (please specify)*	9	0%	0%	0%	11%	89%	4.89
Registration Office (Admissions & Records)	69	1%	1%	20%	57%	20%	3.93
San Diego Promise	88	1%	0%	1%	35%	63%	4.58
Student Affairs Office	23	0%	4%	9%	57%	30%	4.13
Student Clubs/Organizations	34	3%	3%	18%	38%	38%	4.06
Student Health Services	29	0%	0%	14%	41%	45%	4.31
Transfer Center	92	0%	2%	5%	45%	48%	4.38
Veterans Affairs	25	0%	0%	8%	36%	56%	4.48

**Note.** This question was only shown to respondents who said they had utilized services in a previous question.

**\*Other (please specify) includes: STEM center (4), Cafeteria (1), EOPS (1), EOPS/MESA (1), Rising Scholars (1), Miramar jets womens waterpolo (1)**

**Figure 6**

*Average Service Impact on Reaching Respondent Goals (n = 177)*



Question 12: Please describe what Miramar College has done well in supporting your career, educational and personal goals.

The largest group of respondents said that Professors/Faculty were part of what SDMC had done well in supporting them, followed by General Support/Advice/Guide/Help/Opportunities and Counselors/Counseling Office.

**Table 6**

*Responses to the Question: "Please describe what Miramar College has done well in supporting your career, educational and personal goals." (n = 217)*

<b>Answer category</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Professors/Faculty	22%	47
General Support/Advice/Guide/Help/Opportunities	16%	35
Counselors/Counseling Office	14%	31
Personal/Professional Growth	12%	27
Services and Resources	11%	24
Financial aid/Affordability	11%	23
Career Planning/Advice	10%	21
Other ("Everything", or unspecified, N.A.)	9%	20
Transfer support/ Transfer Center	8%	18
Educational/Academic Planning	8%	17
Certification/Degree	5%	10
Online Courses/Flexible Scheduling	4%	9
Class selections/availability	4%	8
EOPS	4%	8
Information	3%	7
Staff	3%	7
Campus Engagement/Clubs/Events/Community	3%	7
Accessibility	3%	6
Academic Success Center/Tutoring	2%	4
Health/Mental Health	2%	4
Jet Fuel Food Pantry	1%	3
Promise Program	1%	3
Library/Study Space	1%	3
Veteran Affairs Office	1%	2
DSPS	0%	1

**Note.** This question was open-ended; responses were analyzed and sorted into categories. Some responses included more than one category.



**Question 13: Please describe what Miramar College could have done better in supporting you in reaching your career, educational and personal goals.**

Respondents reported a wide variety of ways that SDMC could have supported them better. 41% of participants said that there is nothing Miramar could've done better in supporting them reaching their goals. 15% of respondents wrote that Counselor/Counseling Office could have done better. 9% of respondents wrote that they would like to be engaged in more campus events and have a sense of community on Miramar campus. 8% of students wrote that they would like campus resources/opportunities to be advertised better to students.

**Table 7**

*Responses to the Question: "Please describe what Miramar College could have done better in supporting you in reaching your career, educational and personal goals." (n = 217)*

<b>Answer category</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Nothing/Everything was great	41%	90
Counselor/Counseling Office	15%	32
Campus Events/Engagement/Community	9%	19
Resources/Opportunities/Program Advertisement	8%	18
Class Offerings/Frequency/Schedule	8%	17
Other/Unspecified	7%	16
Quality/Clarity of Advice/Info/Resources	7%	16
Professors Quality/Variety	4%	9
Class/Online Class Quality	4%	8
Website/Web portal	2%	4
Staff	1%	3
Transfer Concerns	1%	3
Financial Aid	1%	3
Tutor/Tutoring Center/Study Assist	1%	2

**Note.** This question was open-ended; responses were analyzed and sorted into categories. Some responses included more than one category.

## Question 14: Has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

Over half of the respondents indicated that they felt their experience at SDMC had contributed to their development in “Acquiring a broad general education”, “Writing clearly and effectively”, “Thinking critically and analytically”, “Working effectively with others”, “Learning effectively on your own”, “Understanding yourself”, “Developing clearer career goals”, and “Gaining information about career opportunities”.

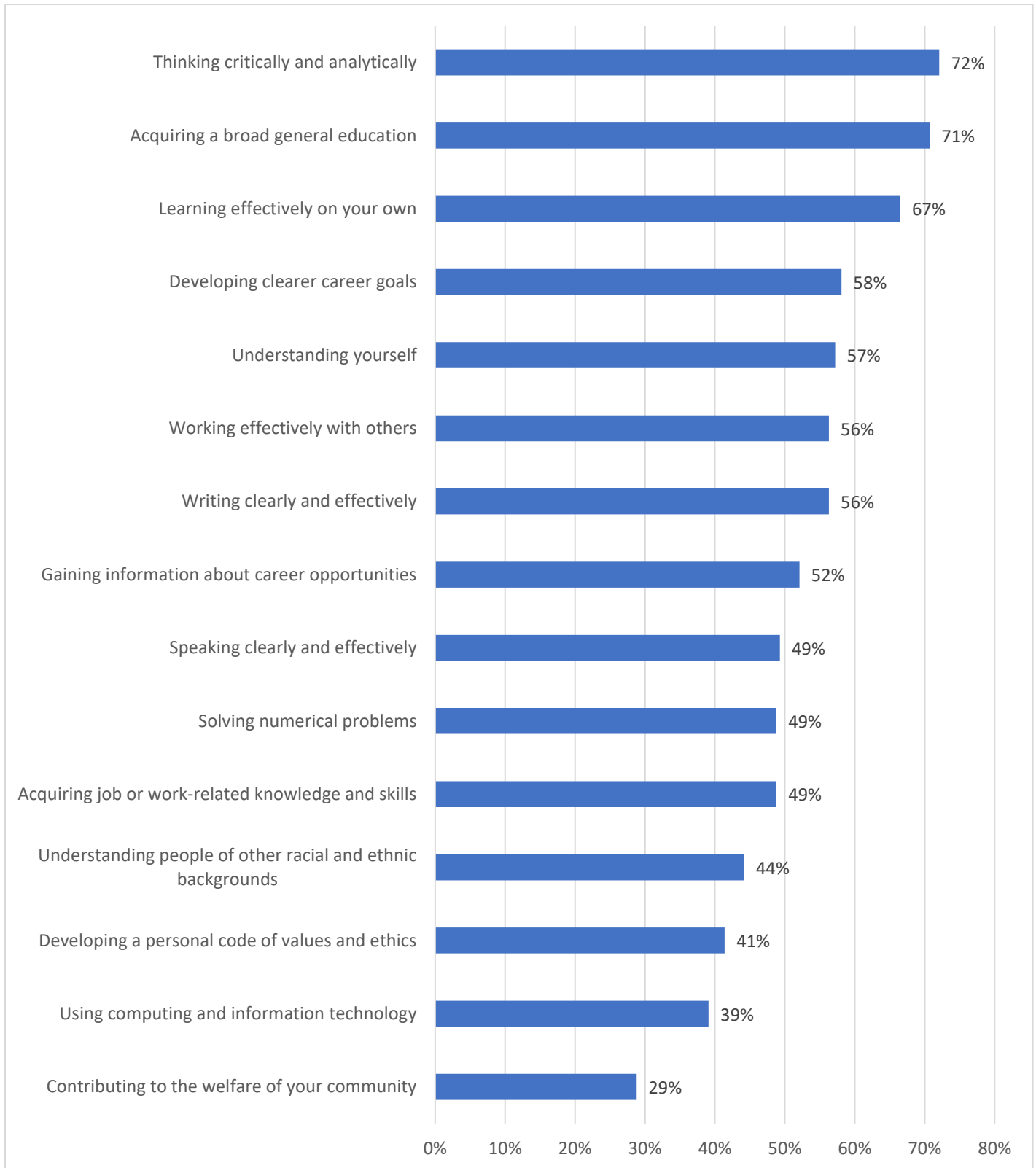
**Table 8**

*Responses to the Question: “Has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?” (n = 215)*

Answer choice	Count	%
Acquiring a broad general education	152	71%
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	105	49%
Writing clearly and effectively	121	56%
Speaking clearly and effectively	106	49%
Thinking critically and analytically	155	72%
Solving numerical problems	105	49%
Using computing and information technology	84	39%
Working effectively with others	121	56%
Learning effectively on your own	143	67%
Understanding yourself	123	57%
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	95	44%
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	89	41%
Contributing to the welfare of your community	62	29%
Developing clearer career goals	125	58%
Gaining information about career opportunities	112	52%

**Figure 7**

*Percentage of Respondents who Felt SDMC Contributed to Their Development in Each Area (n = 215)*



**Question 15: How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?**

Respondents were asked to rate the extent their experience at SDMC contributed to several development areas on a scale of 1: very little, to 3: very much. On average, respondents indicated their experience at the college had contributed to their growth closer to “very much.”

**Table 15**

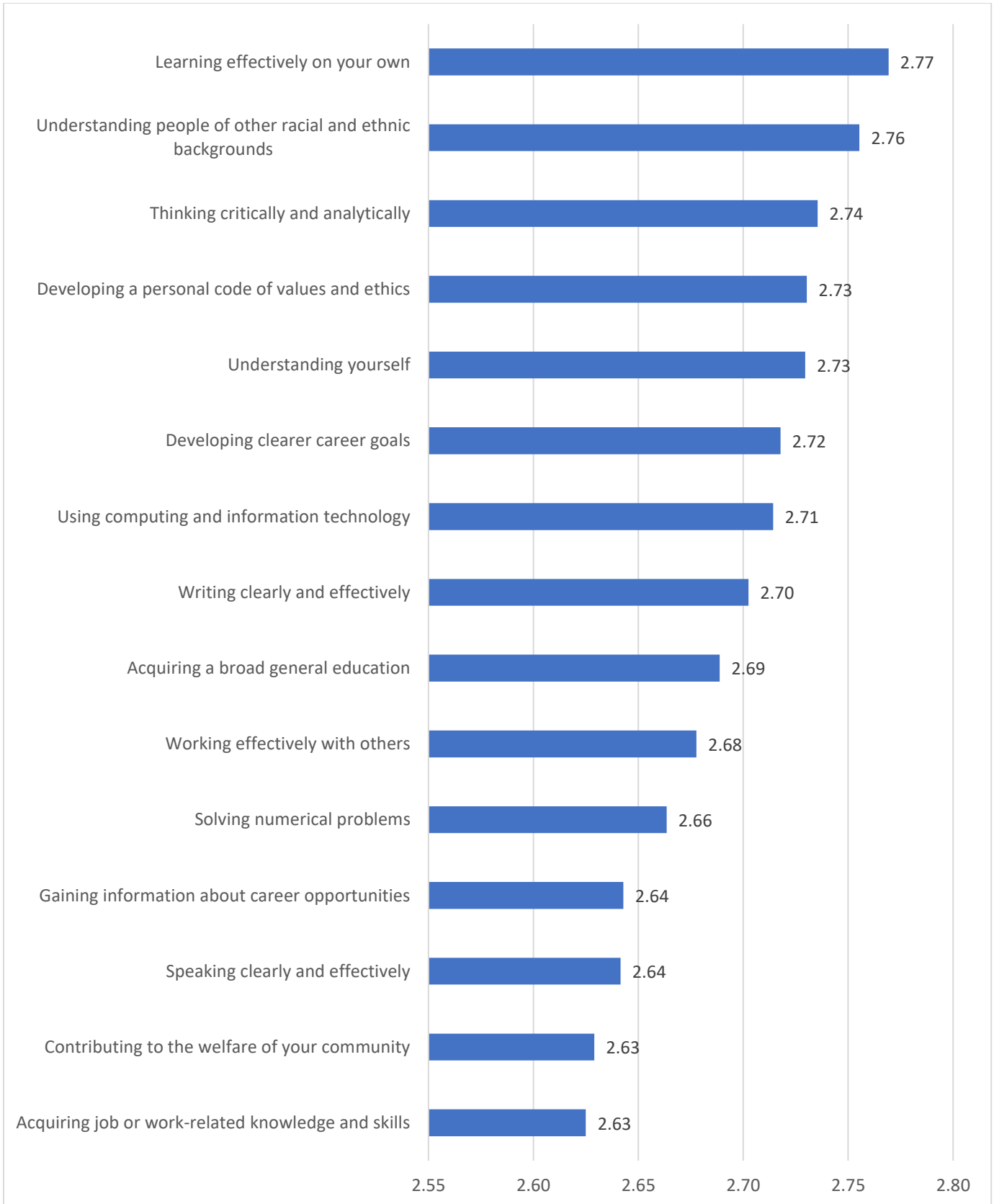
*Responses to the Question: “How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?” (n = 155) with Weighted Average*

Development area	Count	1: Very little	2: Some	3: Very much	Weighted average
Acquiring a broad general education	151	1%	30%	70%	2.69
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	104	3%	32%	65%	2.63
Writing clearly and effectively	121	0%	30%	70%	2.70
Speaking clearly and effectively	106	2%	32%	66%	2.64
Thinking critically and analytically	155	1%	25%	74%	2.74
Solving numerical problems	104	2%	30%	68%	2.66
Using computing and information technology	84	1%	26%	73%	2.71
Working effectively with others	121	2%	29%	69%	2.68
Learning effectively on your own	143	2%	19%	79%	2.77
Understanding yourself	122	0%	27%	73%	2.73
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	94	1%	22%	77%	2.76
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	89	2%	22%	75%	2.73
Contributing to the welfare of your community	62	3%	31%	66%	2.63
Developing clearer career goals	124	2%	23%	74%	2.72
Gaining information about career opportunities	112	4%	27%	69%	2.64

**Note.** Respondents were only asked to rate development areas they indicated had been impacted by their experience at SDMC in a previous question.

**Figure 8**

*Average Extent SDMC Experience Contributed to Development Areas (n = 155)*



## Question 16: Did you face any barriers which impacted your completing your degree/certificate program?

59% of respondents reported that they did not face any barriers which impacted their degree/certificate completion, while 41% indicated that they did.

**Table 9**

*Responses to the Question: "Did you face any barriers which impacted your completing your degree/certificate program?" (n = 216)*

Answer choice	Count	%
No	128	59
Yes	88	41
Total	216	100

## Question 17: Please list the barriers that impacted your completing your degree/certificate program.

The most common barriers mentioned by respondents are working while studying, financial barrier, COVID, personal/family Issues, and mental health issues.

**Table 17**

*Responses to the Question: "Please list the barriers that impacted your completing your degree/certificate program." (n = 85)*

Answer category	Count	%
Working while studying	15	18%
Financial barrier	12	14%
COVID	11	13%
Personal/Family Issues	11	13%
Other	10	12%
Mental health issues	10	12%
Counseling issues	9	11%
Lack of guidance; First generation	7	8%
Class scheduling	7	8%
Childcare	6	7%
Transportation	6	7%
Personal health	5	6%
Bereavement	4	5%
Online learning	4	5%
No barriers	3	4%
Homelessness	2	2%
Language barrier	2	2%
Visa/Immigration	2	2%

**Note.** This question was only shown to respondents who said they faced barriers in a previous question. The question was open-ended; responses were analyzed and sorted into categories. Some respondents included more than one category.

Question 18: Did Miramar College do well in helping you overcome these barriers? If so, please explain how.

Over half the respondents reported that Miramar College was able to help overcome barriers they faced.

**Table 18**

*Responses to the Question: “Did Miramar College do well in helping you overcome these barriers? If so, please explain how.” (n = 88)*

Answer choice	Count	%
Yes (please explain below)*	<b>48</b>	<b>55%</b>
Counseling Services	12	25%
Unspecified/Other Resources	9	19%
EOPS	8	17%
Financial Aid	8	17%
Professors/Faculty	7	15%
Class Options/Online Course	7	15%
Mental Health Resources	3	6%
Tutoring/ASC	2	4%
Library	2	4%
Work Opportunities	1	2%
Veteran Resources	1	2%
Transfer Center	1	2%
No	<b>40</b>	<b>45%</b>

**Note.** This question was only shown to respondents who said they faced barriers in a previous question.

\* Respondents who selected “Yes” were asked to elaborate in an open-ended text field. Responses were analyzed and sorted into categories. Some respondents provided more than one answer.

### Question 19: Are you currently employed?

24% of respondents reported that they were employed full-time, while 45% reported they are employed part-time. The proportion of unemployed respondents was 31%.

**Table 10**

*Responses to the Question: “Are you currently employed?” (n=216)*

Answer choice	Count	%
No	66	31
Yes, part-time	97	45
Yes, full-time	53	24
Total	216	100

### Question 20: What are your employment plans for the next six months? (Not currently employed)

About 65% of currently-unemployed respondents said they planned to search for a job in the next six months.

**Table 20**

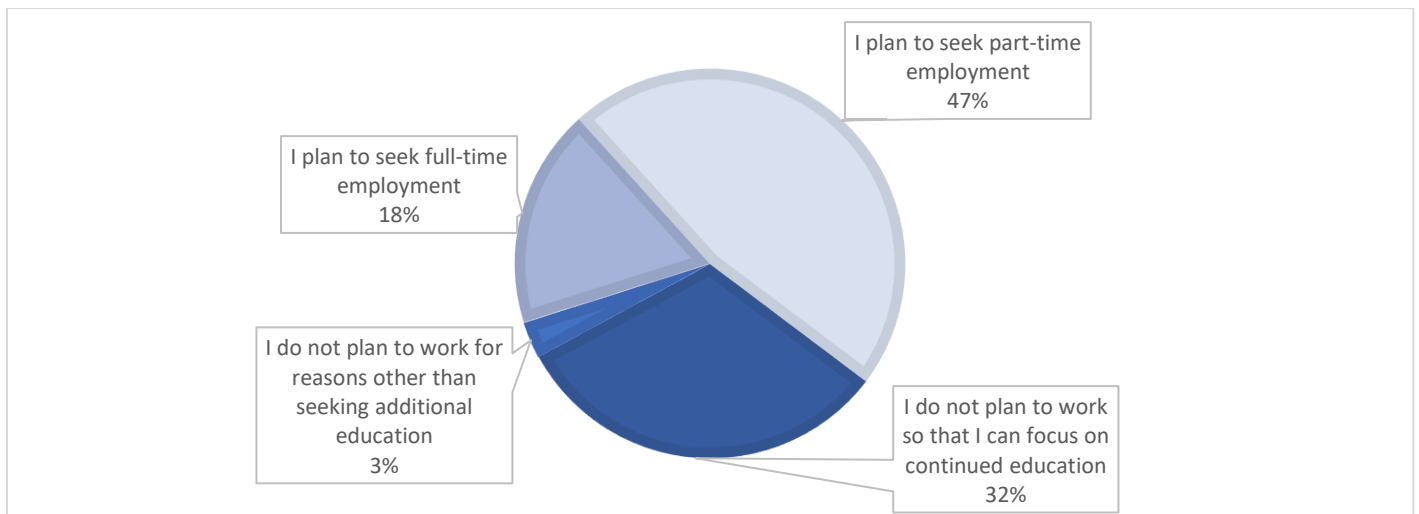
*Currently Unemployed Respondents’ Responses to the Question: “What are your employment plans for the next six months?” (n = 42)*

Answer choice	Count	%
I plan to seek part-time employment	31	47%
I do not plan to work so that I can focus on continued education	21	32%
I plan to seek full-time employment	12	18%
I do not plan to work for reasons other than seeking additional education	2	3%
Total	66	100

**Note.** This question was shown only to respondents who said that they were not currently employed in a previous question.

**Figure 9**

*Unemployed Respondents’ Employment Plans for the Next Six Months (n = 66)*





**Question 21: What are your employment plans for the next six months? (Currently employed)**

The majority of employed respondents said they planned to stay at their current job. Only about a quarter of respondents reported that they plan to seek different employment.

**Table 21**

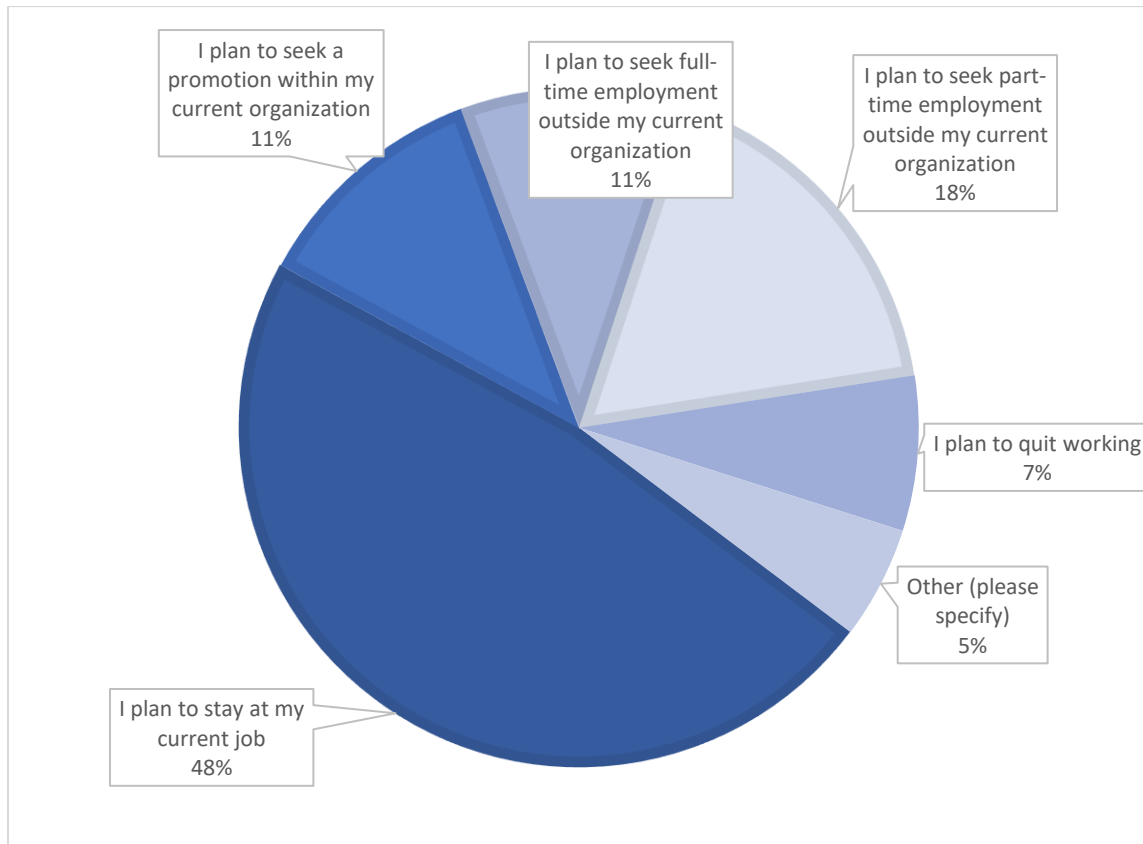
*Currently Employed Respondents’ Responses to the Question: “What are your employment plans for the next six months?” (n = 149)*

Answer choice	Count	%
I plan to stay at my current job	71	48%
I plan to seek a promotion within my current organization	17	11%
I plan to seek full-time employment outside my current organization	16	11%
I plan to seek part-time employment outside my current organization	26	17%
I plan to quit working	11	7%
Other (please specify)	8	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100</b>

**Note.** This question was shown only to respondents who said that they were currently employed in a previous question.  
 \* Open-ended responses to “Other (please specify)” included looking for a second job.

**Figure 10**

*Employed Respondents’ Employment Plans for the Next Six Months (n = 149)*



Question 22: What are your education plans for the next six months?

60% of the respondents planned to transfer to a 4-year university and about 18% planned to continue their education at a community college.

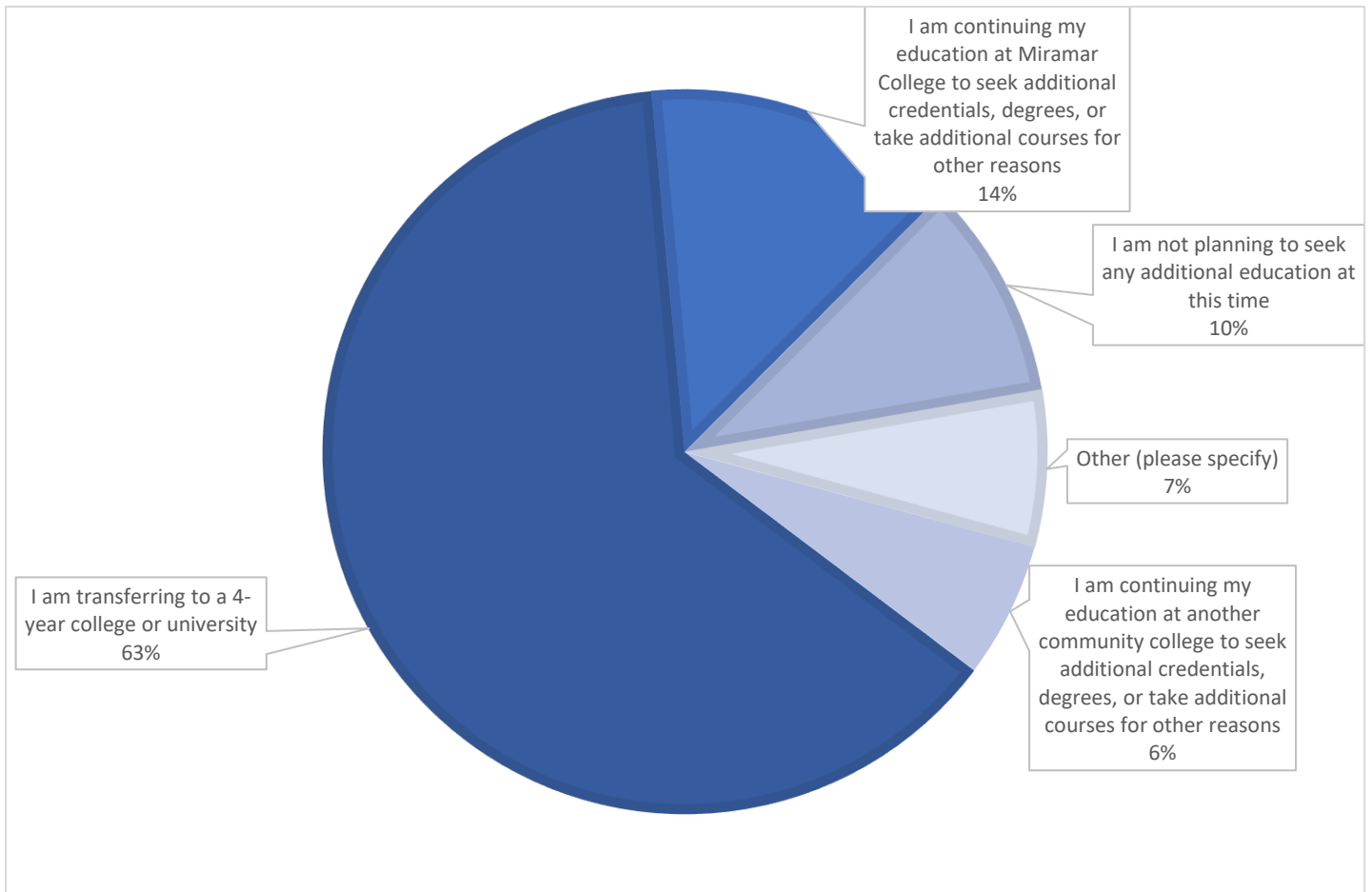
Table 22

Responses to the Question: "What are your education plans for the next six months?" (n = 111)

Answer choice	Count	%
I am transferring to a 4-year college or university	136	63%
I am continuing my education at Miramar College to seek additional credentials, degrees, or take additional courses for other reasons	30	14%
I am not planning to seek any additional education at this time	21	10%
Other (please specify)	15	7%
I am continuing my education at another community college to seek additional credentials, degrees, or take additional courses for other reasons	13	6%
Total	215	100%

Figure 11

Respondents' Education Plans for the Next Six Months (n = 111)



**Question 23: Which of the following supports and services would be helpful to you as a graduate of Miramar College?**

56% of the respondents said they would find alumni networking opportunities helpful, and half of the respondents are interested to come back to campus to attend career fairs and other career-related events.

**Table 23**

*Responses to the Question: “Which of the following supports and services would be helpful to you as a graduate of Miramar College?” (n = 207)*

Answer choice	Count	%
Alumni networking	116	56%
Ability to attend campus career fairs and other career-related events	104	50%
Alumni newsletter	61	29%
None of the above	58	28%
Other (please specify)	3	1%

*Note.* Some respondents provided more than one answer choice.

**Figure 12**

