

San Diego Miramar College Graduation Survey

5-year Comparison (2020/21 – 2024/25)

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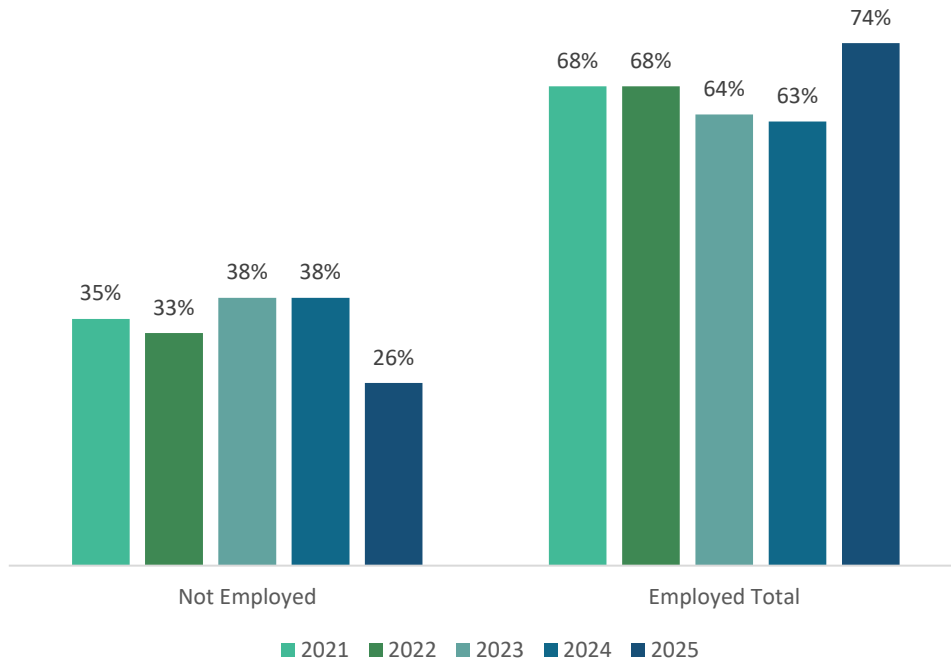
Graduation Survey Student Characteristics



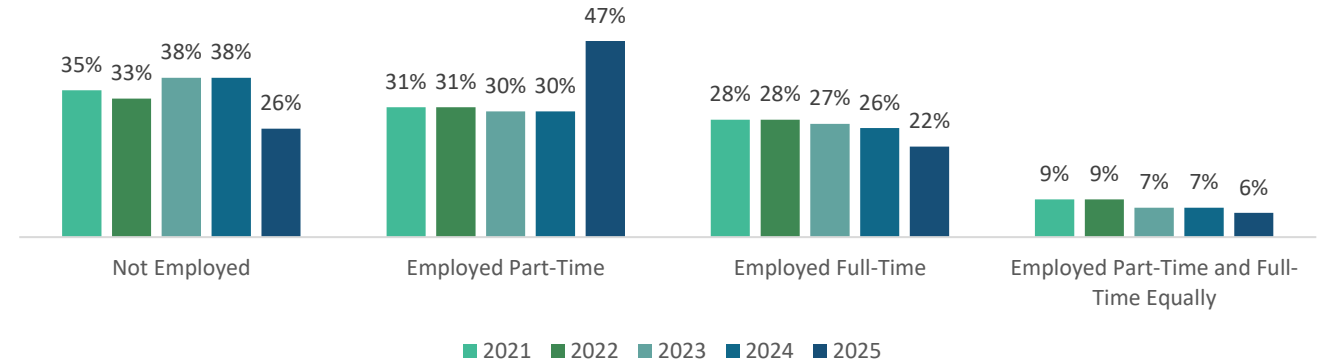
Student Employment

Most students were employed

Employment by Year

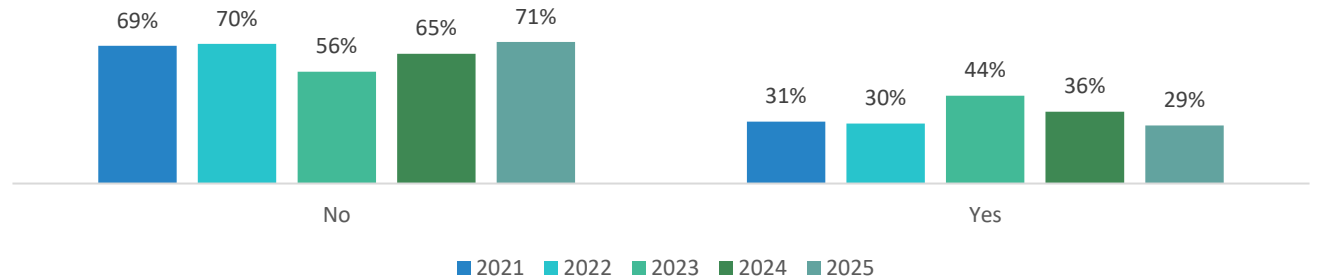


Type of Employment



Fewer students were employed in their field of student in 2025.

Was your work experience directly related to your field of study?

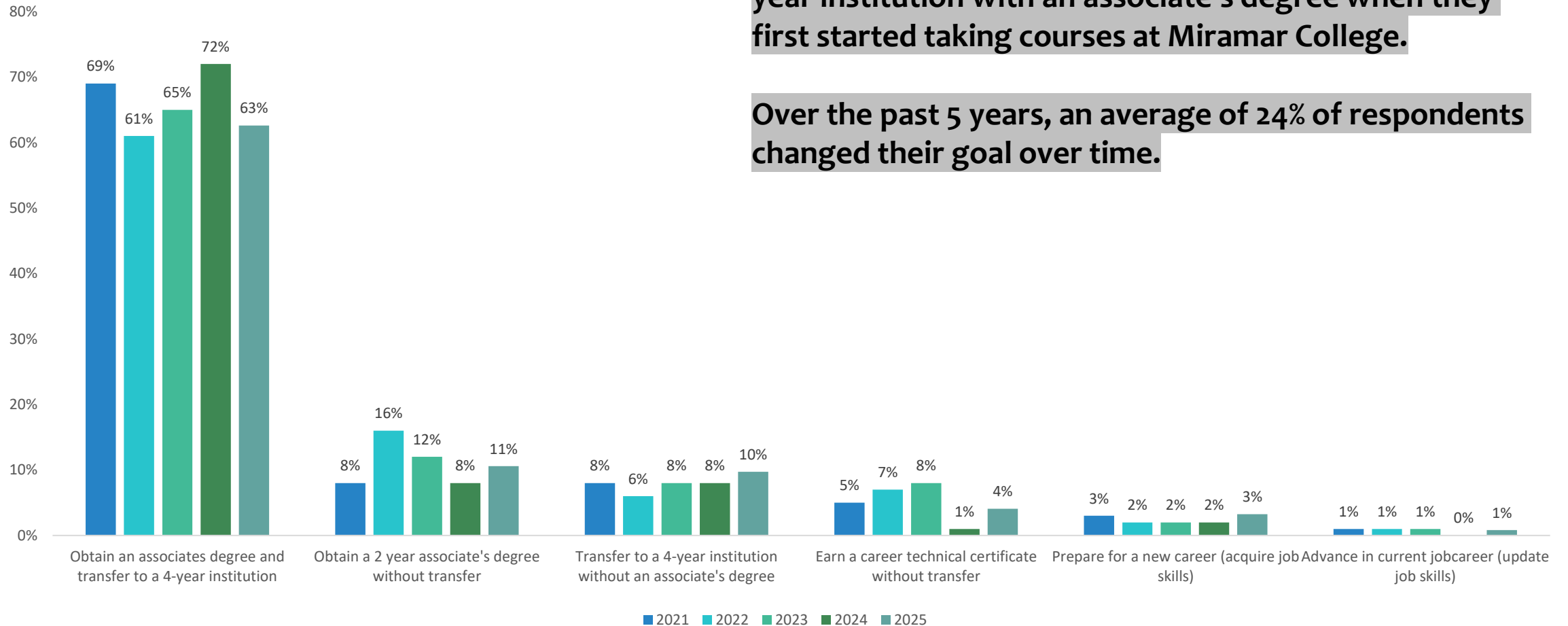




Primary Education Goal

Most respondents' primary goal was to transfer to a 4-year institution with an associate's degree when they first started taking courses at Miramar College.

Over the past 5 years, an average of 24% of respondents changed their goal over time.

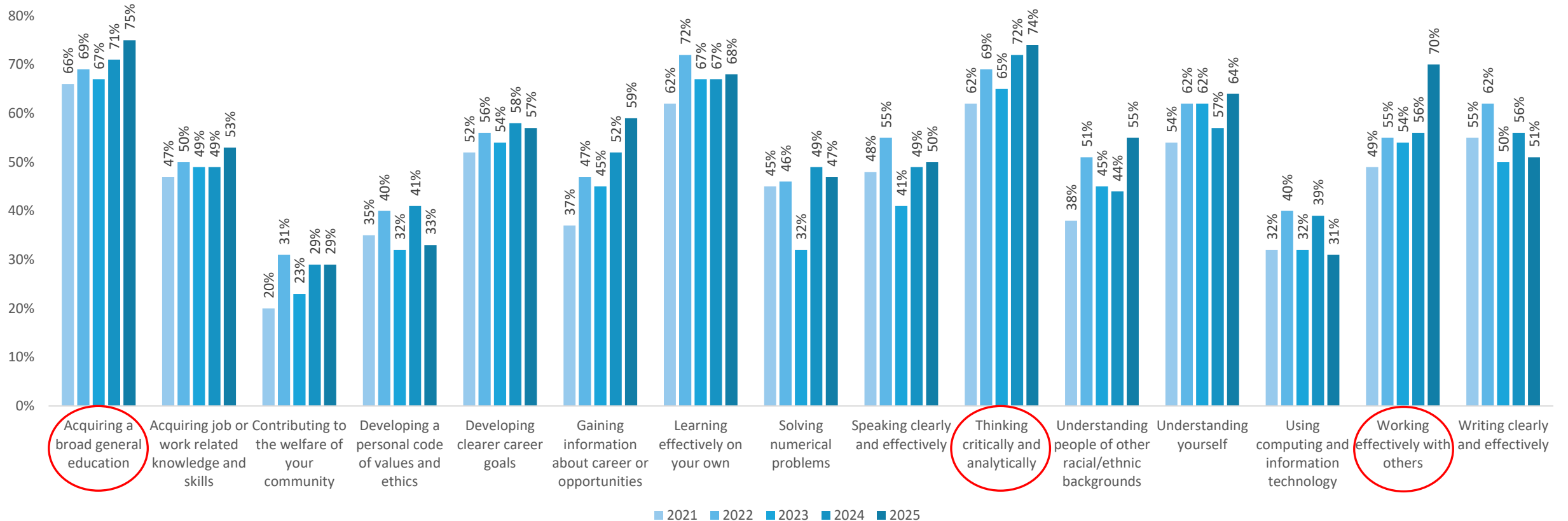


How did attending Miramar College impact graduates?



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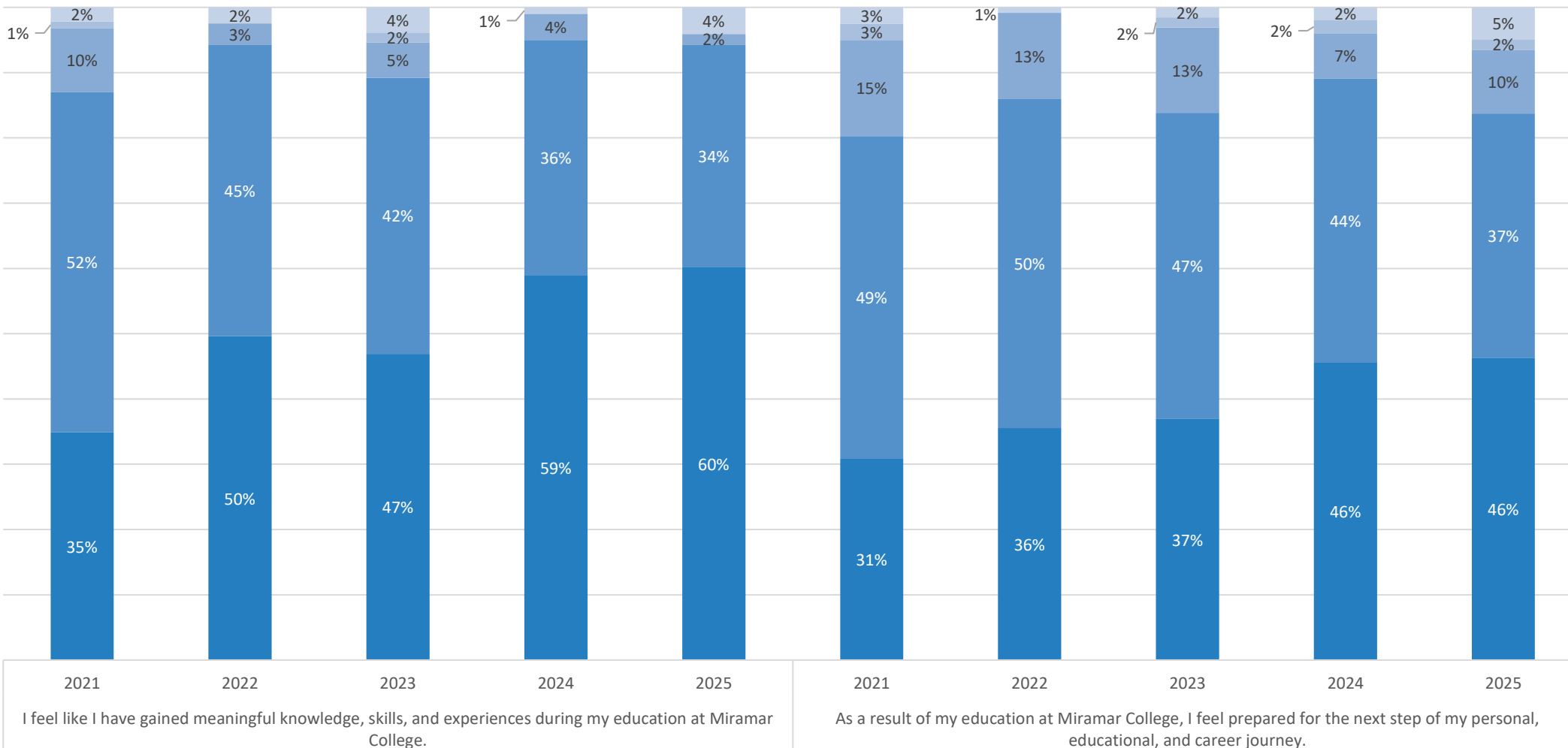
Broader education, thinking critically and analytically, and working effectively with others were the highest rated skills in development.
Most categories have modest to large increases since 2021.



Student Preparation

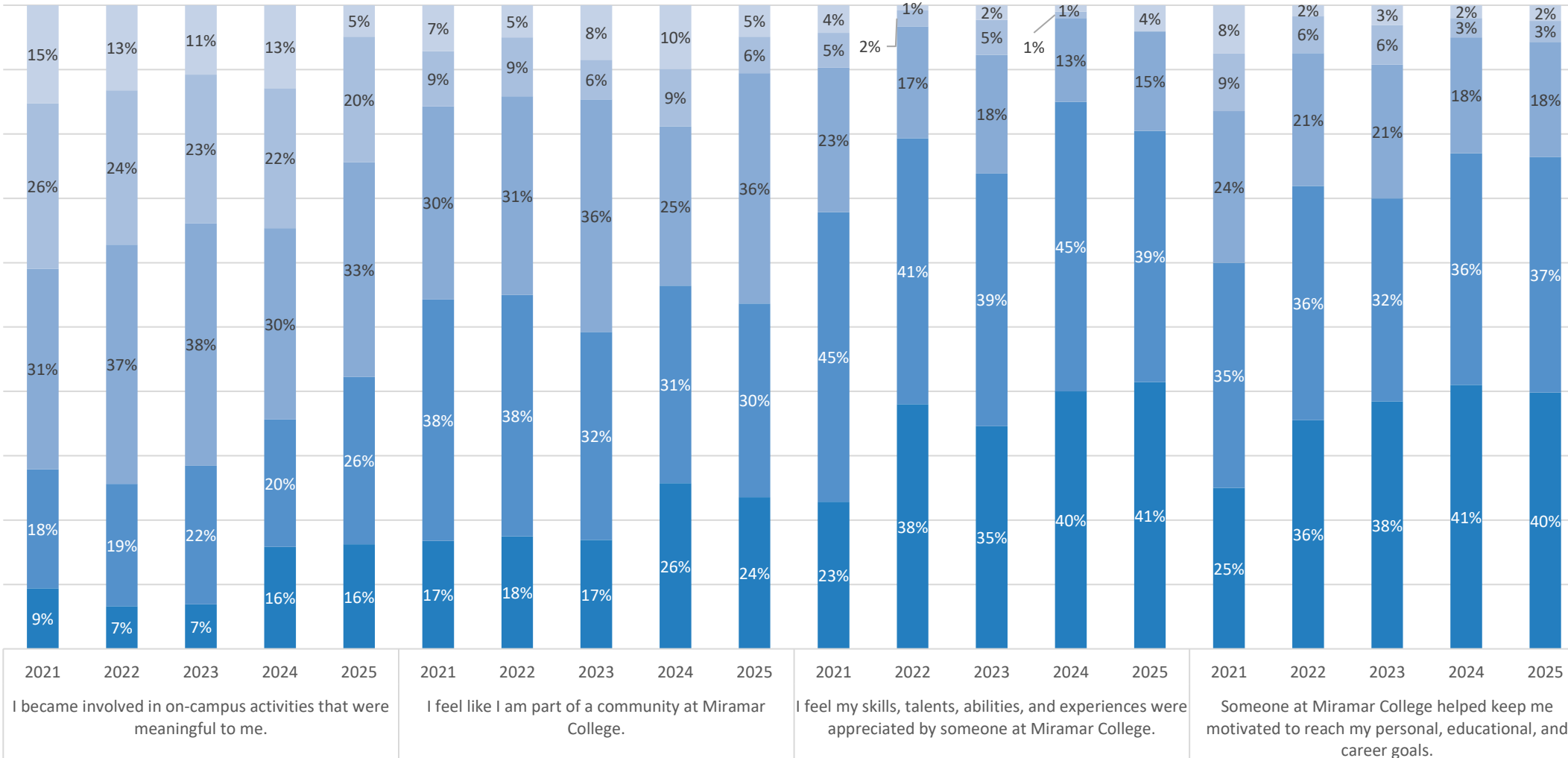
Overall, students felt prepared by their education at Miramar College

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree





Student Satisfaction



42% of respondents joined meaningful on-campus activities.

54% felt a sense of community at Miramar College.

80% felt appreciated by someone at Miramar College.

77% felt motivated by someone at Miramar College.

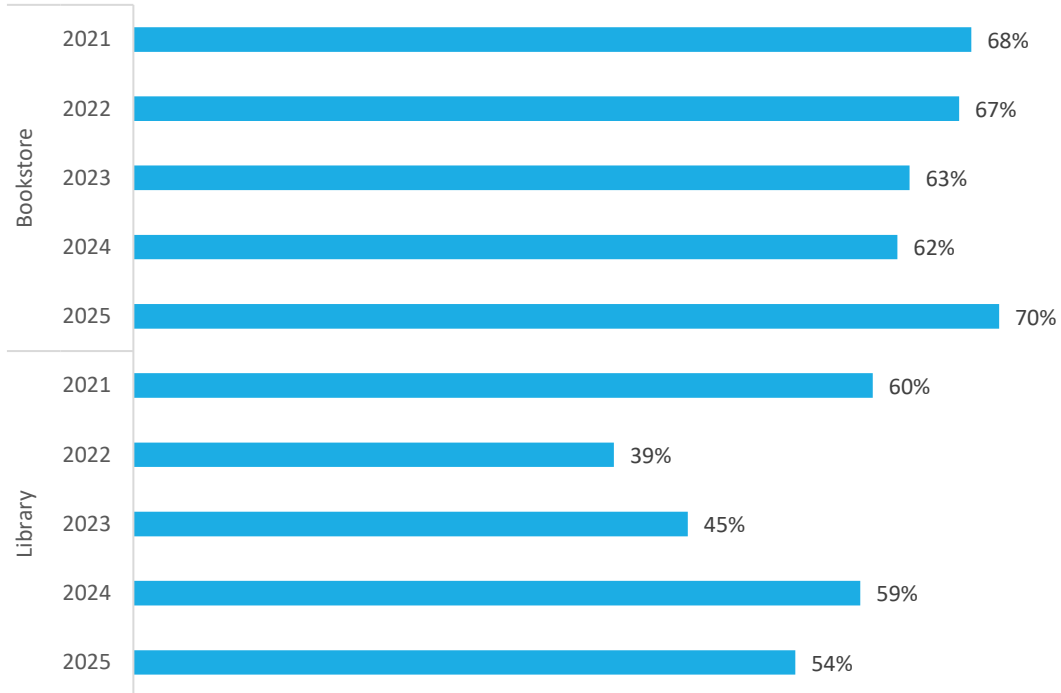
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What impact did services have?

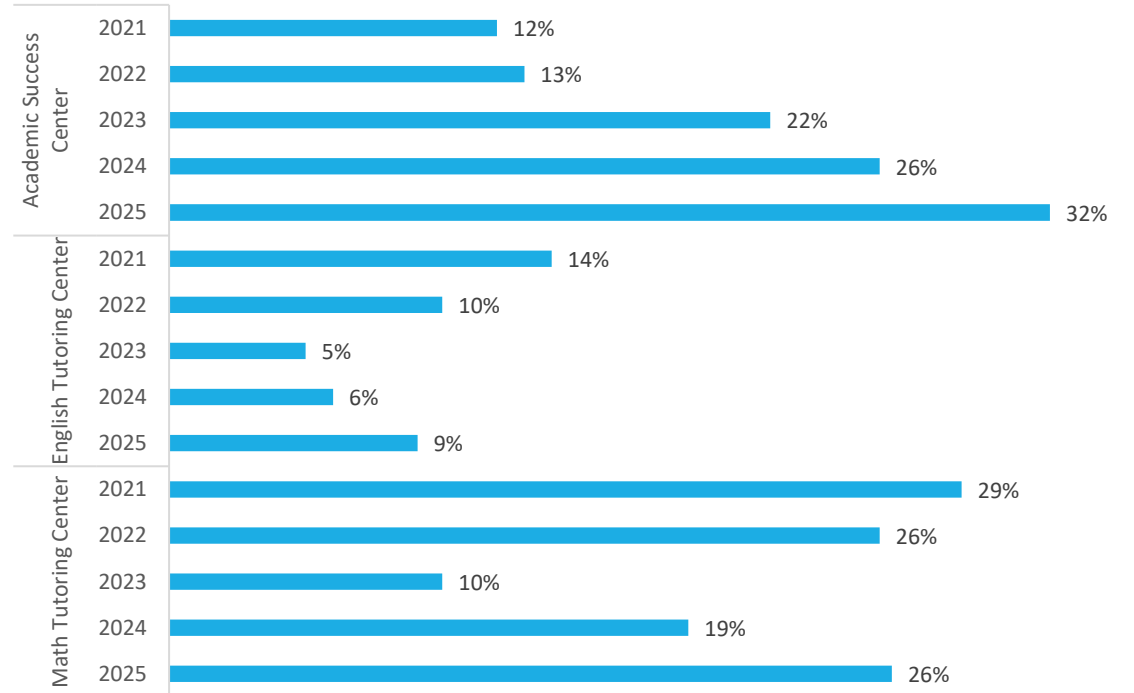


Student Services Utilization

Bookstore & Library



ASC, Math Tutoring, English Tutoring

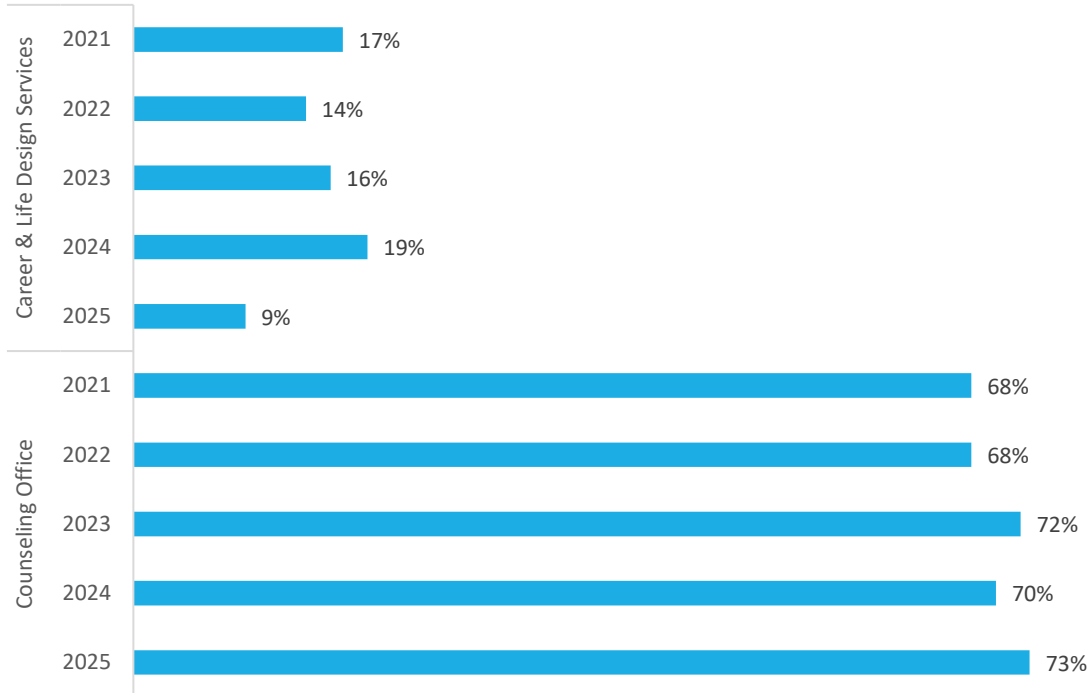


The Academic Success Center has seen the most growth in utilization among tutoring services

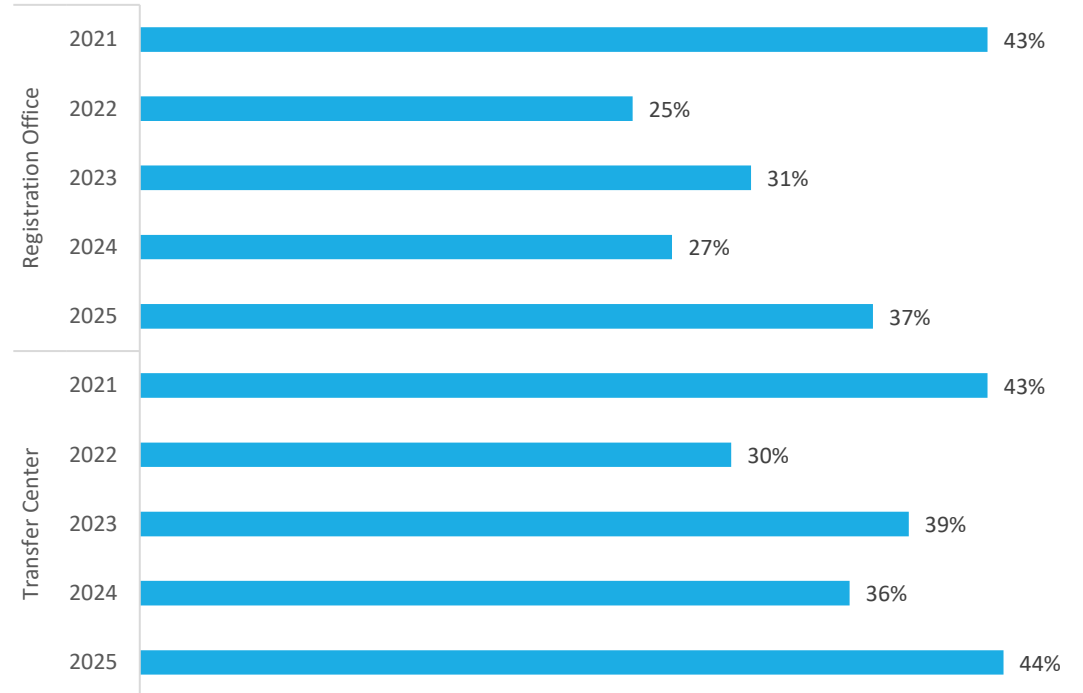


Student Services Utilization

Career & Life Design Services and Counseling Office



Registration Office and Transfer Center

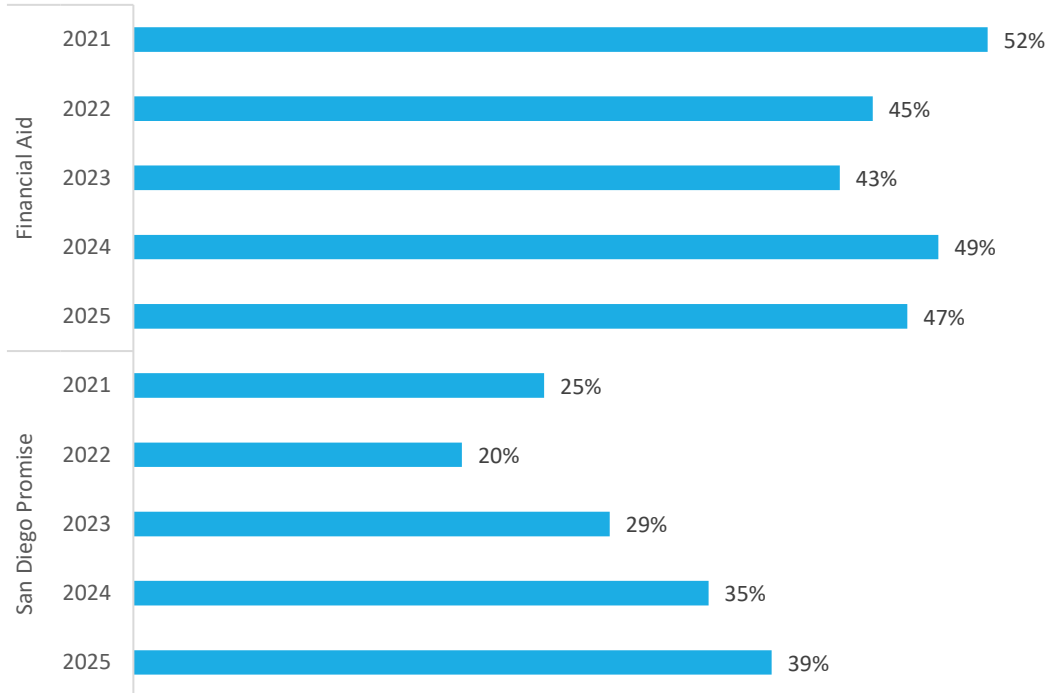


Utilization of Career & Life Design Services has decreased.
Use of the Counseling Office has increased slightly.

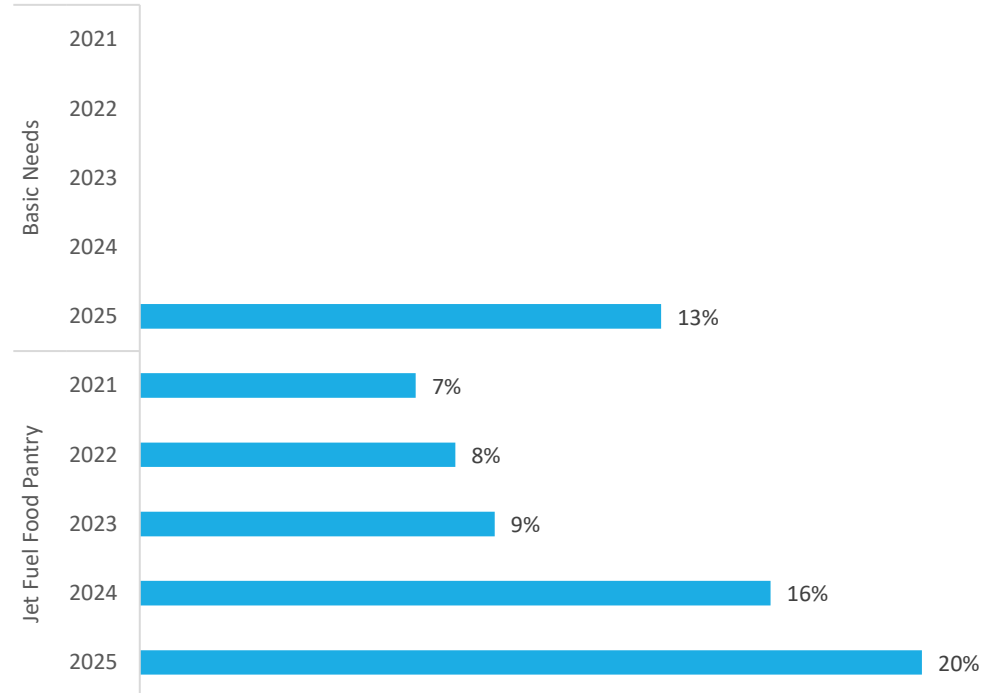


Student Services Utilization

Financial Aid and San Diego Promise



Basic Needs and Jet Fuel Food Pantry

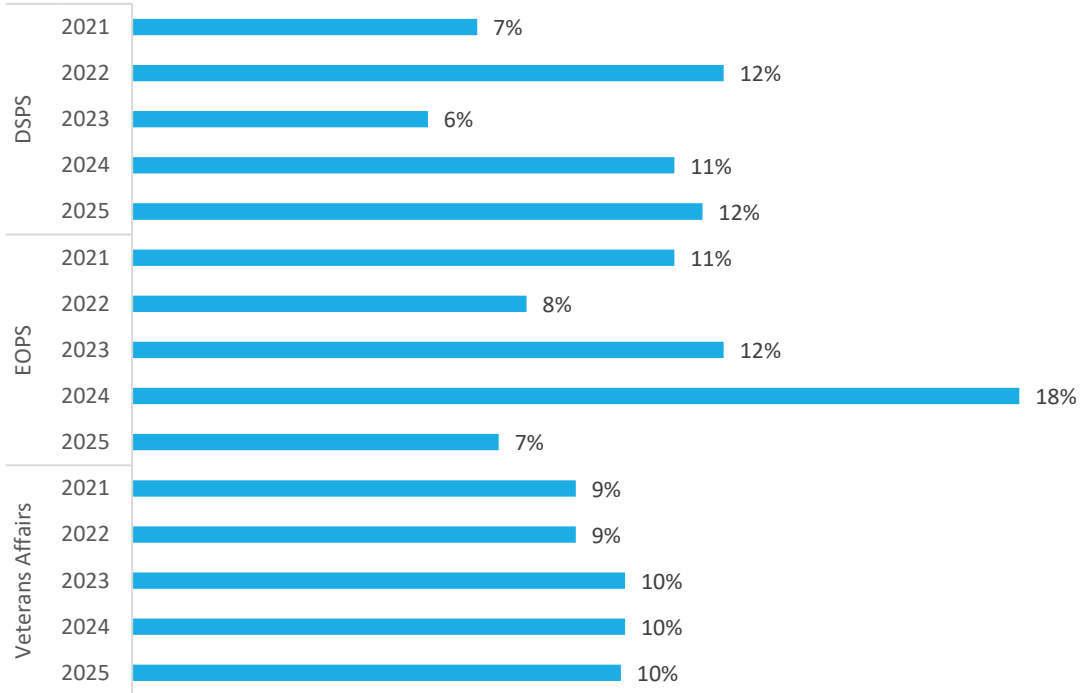


Utilization of the San Diego Promise Program and the Jet Fuel Food Pantry has increased significantly.

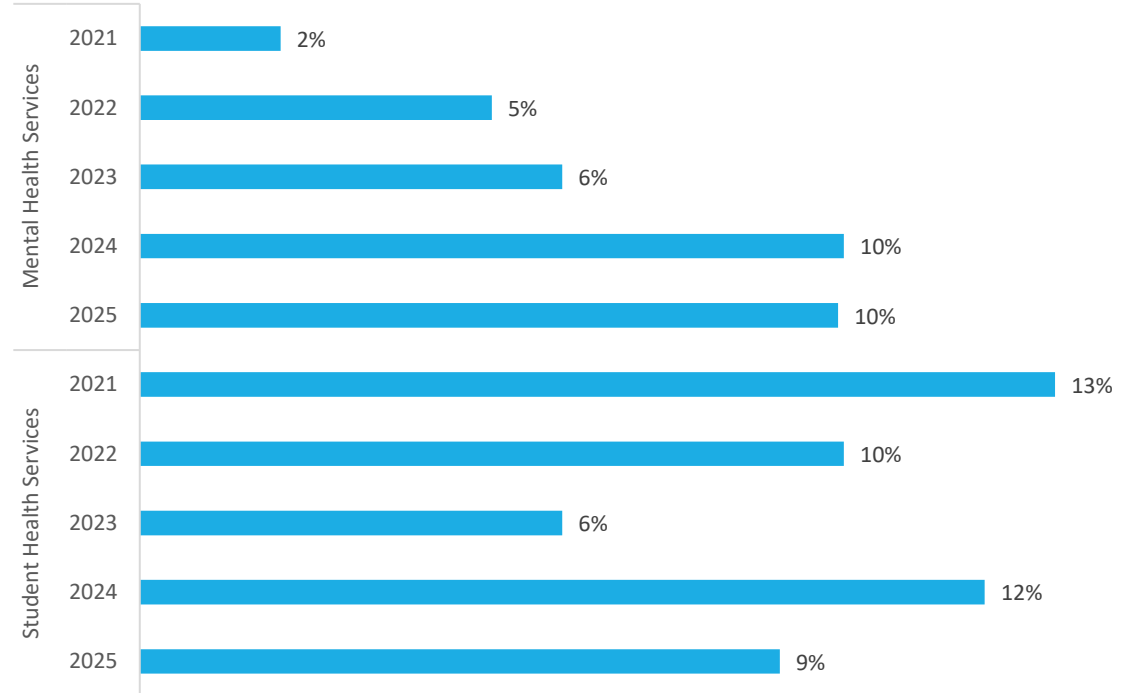


Student Services Utilization

DSPS, EOPS, Veterans Affairs



Mental Health Services and Student Health Services

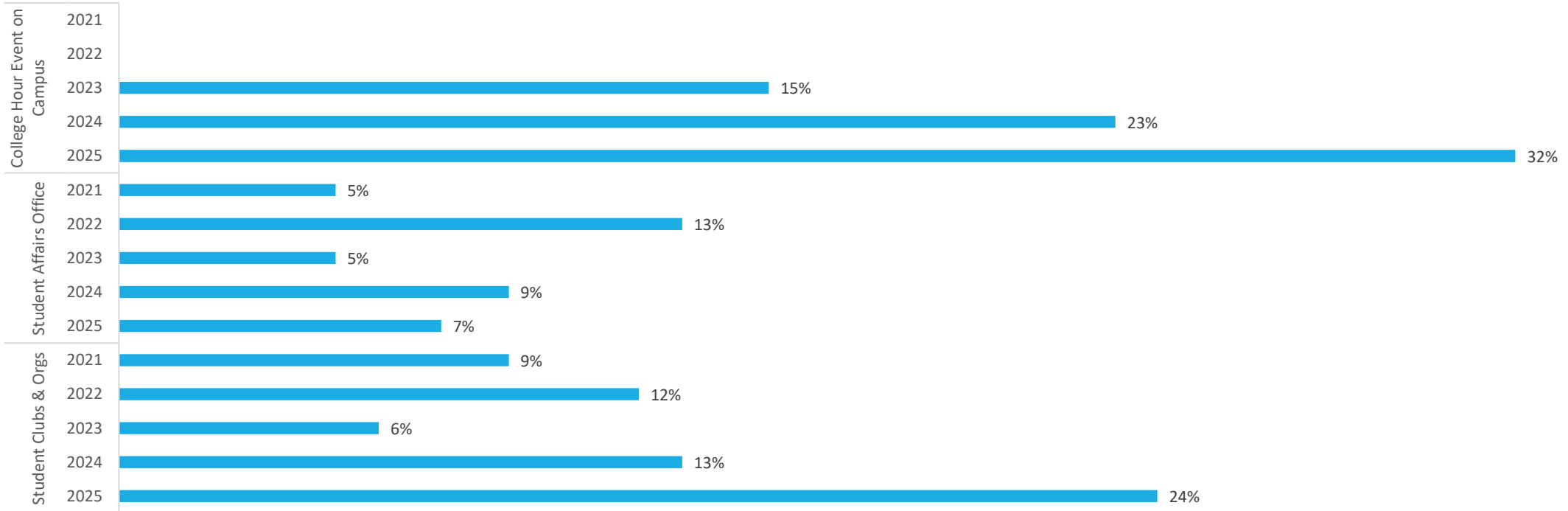


Utilization of DSPS and Mental Health Services has increased since 2021.



Student Services Utilization

College Hour Event on Campus, Student Affairs Office, Student Clubs & Orgs

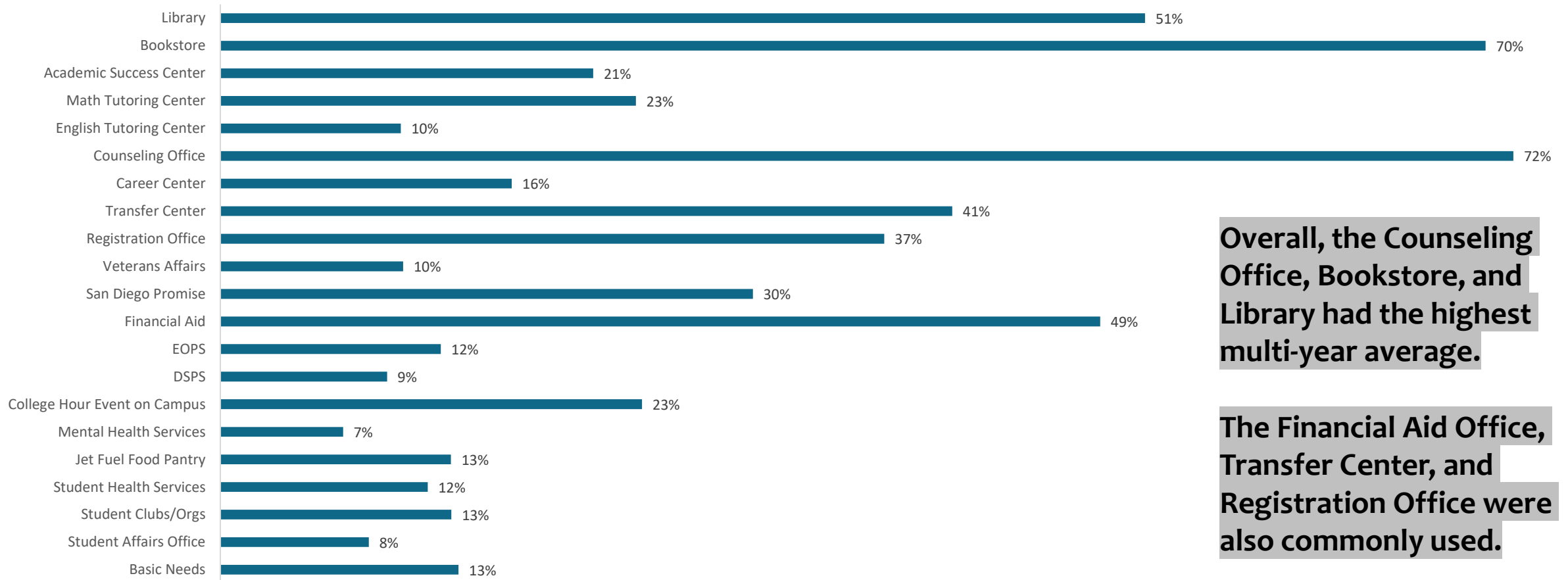


Attendance of on-campus College Hour events and participation in Student Clubs & Organizations have grown significantly.



Student Services Utilization

5 Year Average Utilization



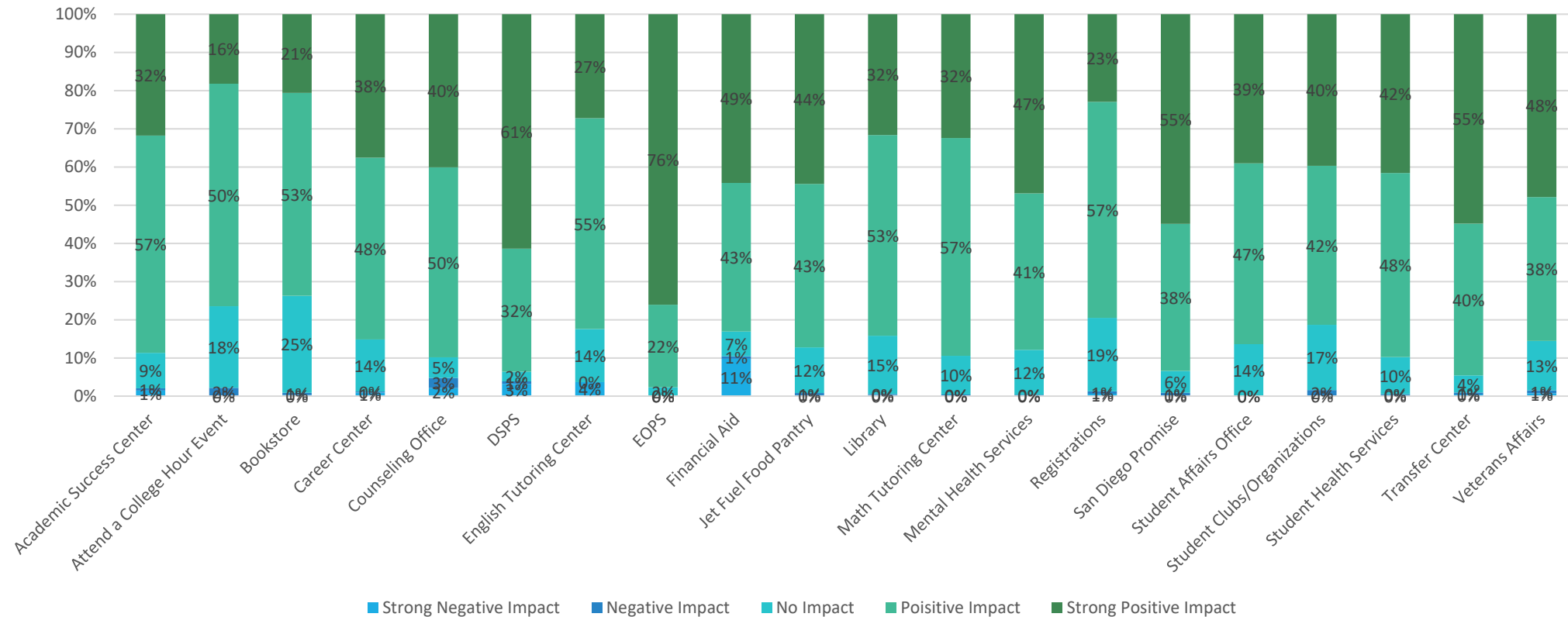
Overall, the Counseling Office, Bookstore, and Library had the highest multi-year average.

The Financial Aid Office, Transfer Center, and Registration Office were also commonly used.



How did Student Services help students reach their goals?

5-Year Average Impact



All student services had a positive or strong positive impact on students reaching their goals. Counseling Office, DSPS, EOPS, Financial Aid, San Diego Promise, Student Health Services, and Transfer Center all had over 90% positive/strong positive impact.

How did Miramar College help graduates reach their goals?

Supporting Students

Successes

- Students reported that Miramar College did well in supporting them through faculty, counseling, career support, class accessibility/quality, and general motivation/support

Opportunities for Improvement

- Students mentioned a need for improvement in counseling, communication, course accessibility/quality, and campus engagement

What did graduates say we did well in supporting them reaching their goals?

Top 5

2024	2025
24% - Professors/Faculty	30% - Professors/Faculty
20% - Counseling/Guidance	26% - Counseling/Guidance
14% - Career Support/Readiness	22% - Career Support/Readiness
14% - Financial Aid/Affordability	18% - Class Selection/Accessibility/Quality
14% - Vague (resources, opportunities, unspecified)	18% - General Motivation/Support/Welcoming

What did they say we could have done better in supporting them?

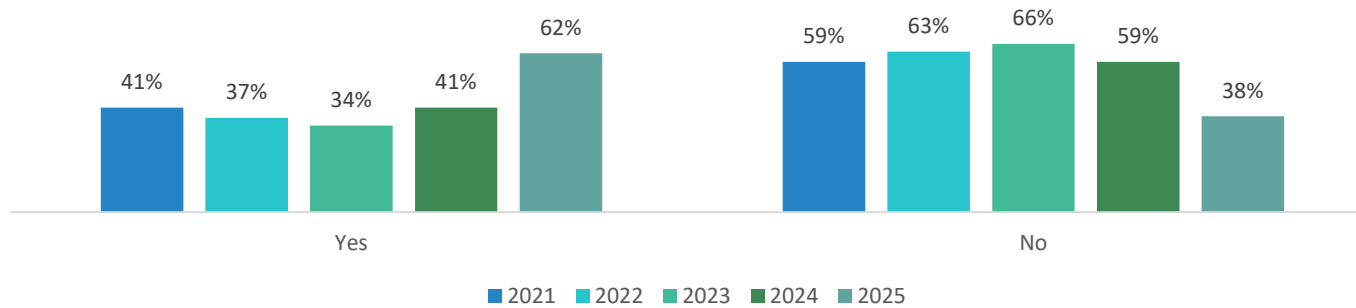
Top 5

2024	2025
28% - Counseling/Guidance	25% - Counseling/Guidance
17% - Class Selection/Accessibility/Quality	18% - Resource Awareness/Improved Communication
15% - Resource Awareness/Improved Communication	16% - Class Selection/Accessibility/Quality
13% - Campus Engagement/Clubs/Events/Community	15% - Campus Engagement/Clubs/Events/Community
7% - Professors/Faculty	10% - Transfer Support



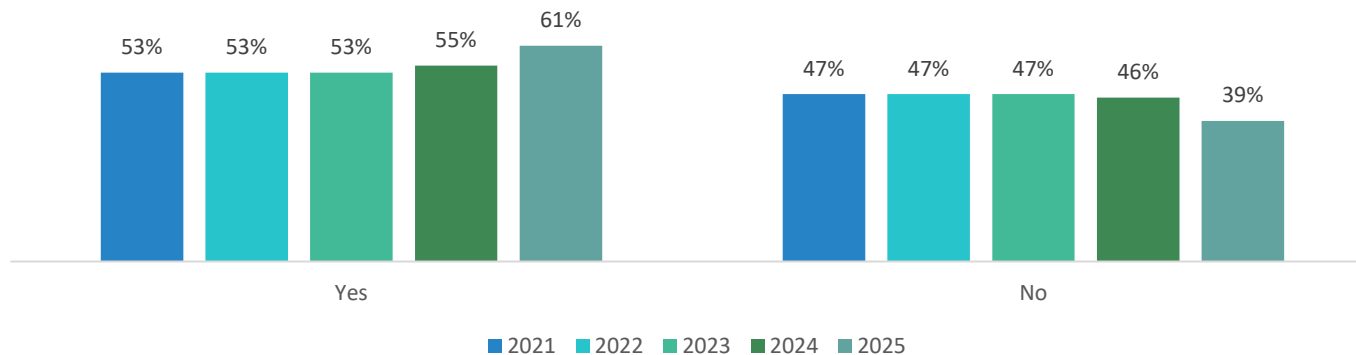
Student Barriers

Did you face any barriers which impacted you completing your degree/certification program?



There was a significant increase in the proportion of students reporting barriers in 2025.

Did Miramar College do well in helping you overcome these barriers?



61% of the respondents answered “Yes” to whether Miramar College did well in overcoming barriers.



Most Reported Barriers

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1. Class difficulty/pacing	1-tie. COVID-19/Remote Learning	1. COVID-19/Remote Learning	1. Working while studying	1. Financial barriers
2. COVID-19/Remote Learning	1-tie. Monetary Barriers	2-tie. Family Responsibilities/Issues	2. Financial barriers	2. Working while studying
3. Work	3. Family Responsibilities/Issues	2-tie. Work	3-tie. COVID-19	3-tie. Family Responsibilities/Issues
4. Counseling Issues	4-tie. Mental/Physical Health	4-tie. Lack of Guidance	3-tie. Personal/Family Issues	3-tie. Mental Health Issues
5. Monetary barriers	4-tie. Course Scheduling/Enrollment Issues	4-tie. Monetary barriers	5. Mental Health Issues	5-tie. Deciding Major/Extra Classes; Lack of Motivation/Support; Time Management

The most common barriers students reported were financial barriers, working while studying, family responsibilities/issues, and mental health issues.

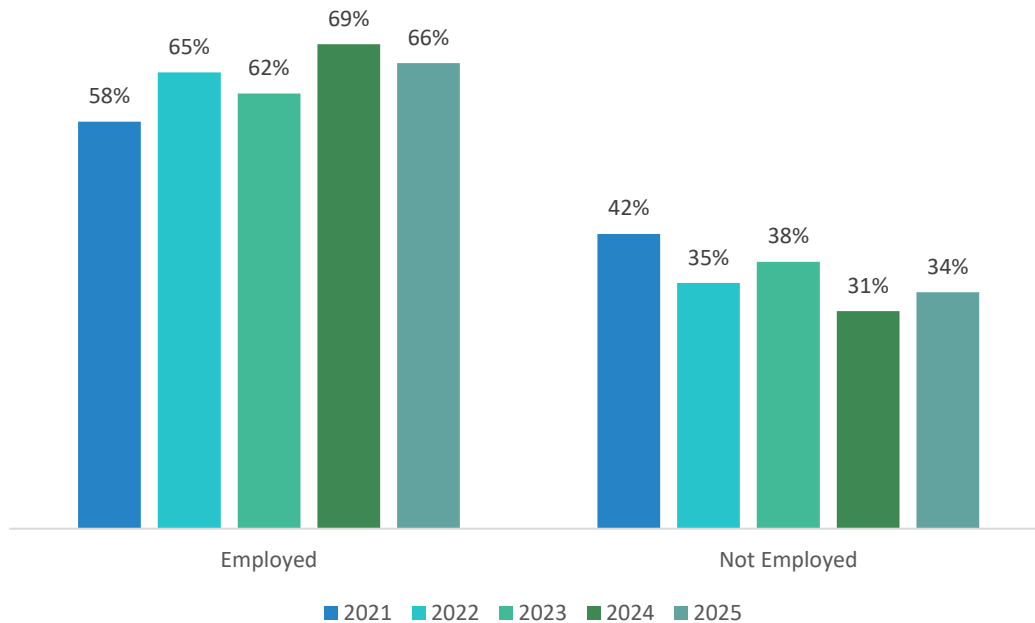
The above 5-Year comparison chart is color coded for related/reoccurring themes.

What are our graduates' goals now?

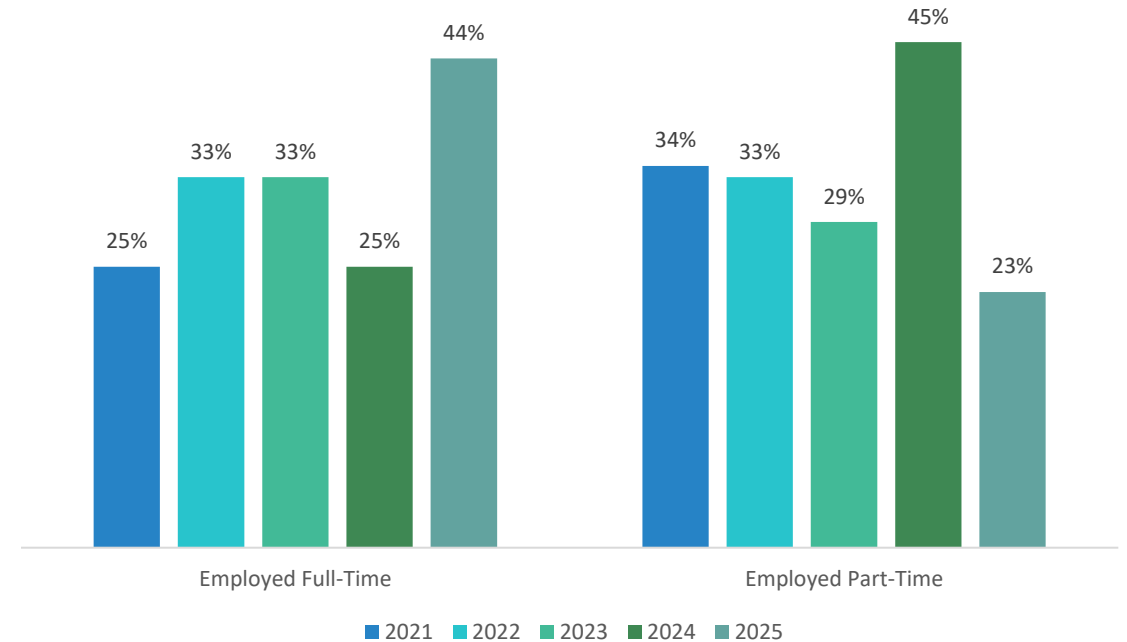


Are graduates currently employed?

Employed vs Not Employed



Employment by Type

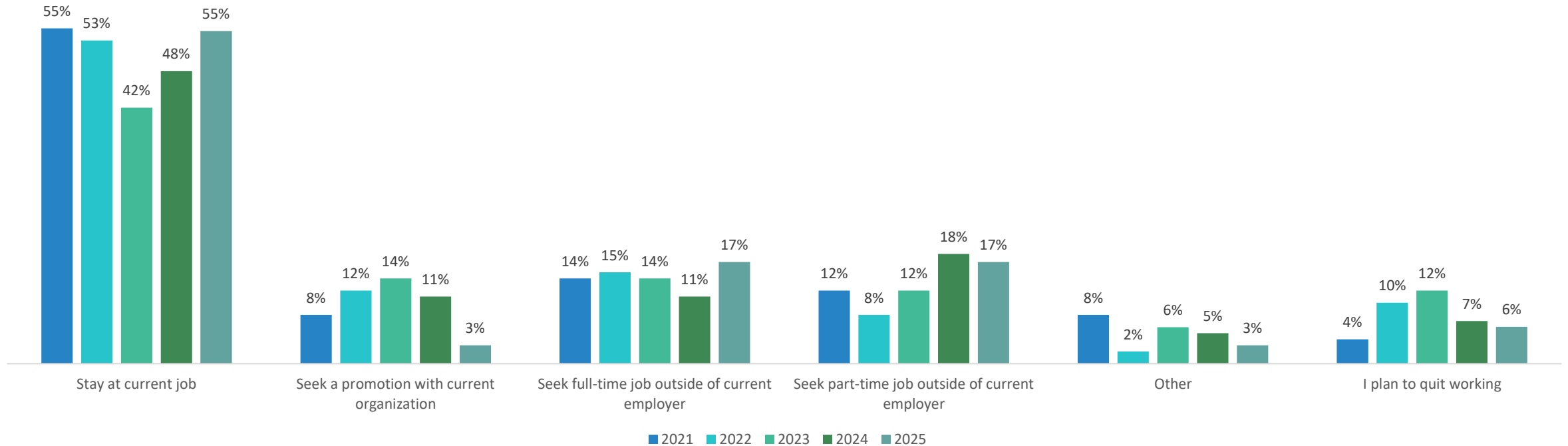


**Most respondents reported being employed.
The employment rate among respondents has grown from previous years.
Of those who were employed, most were Full-Time.**



Employment plans in the next six months

Employed graduates (full- and part-time) plan to...

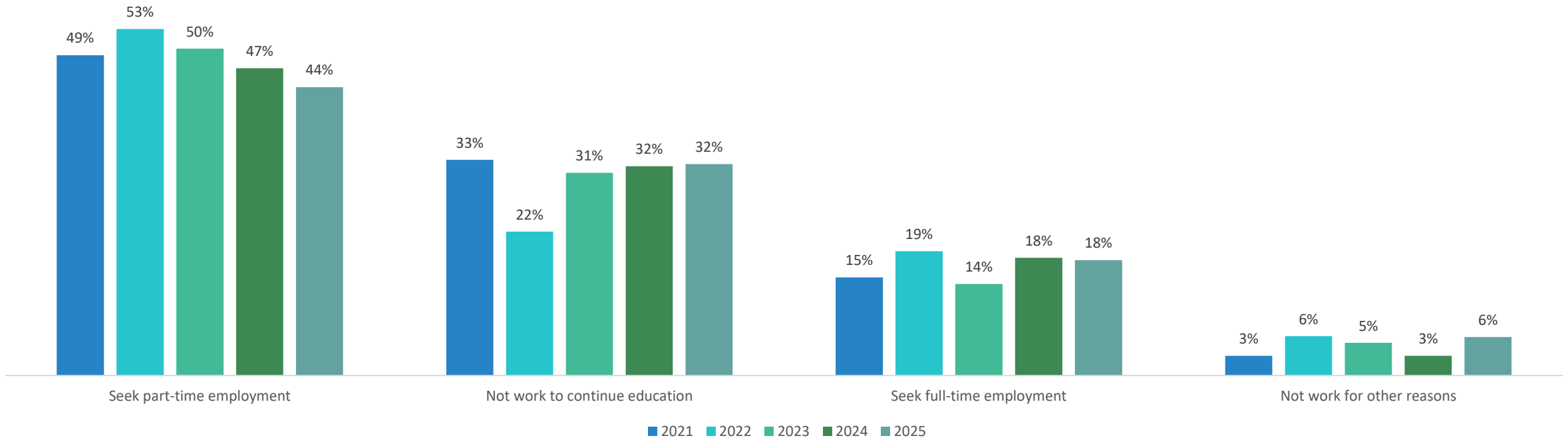


58% of employed graduates plan to stay with their current employer (55% stay in same position, 3% seek promotion).
34% plan to seek a new employer (17% part-time, 17% full-time).
6% indicated that they will quit working.



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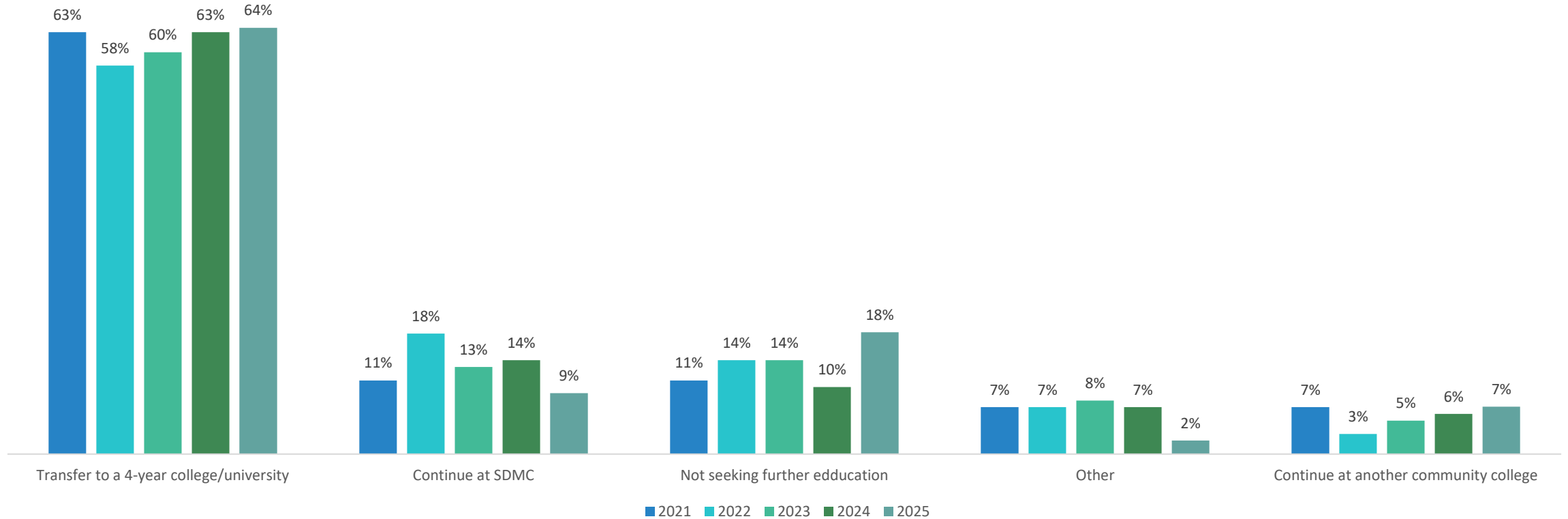
Non-working graduates plan to...



**62% of unemployed graduates plan to find employment (44% part-time, 18% full-time).
38% plan to not work (32% continue education, 6% other reasons).**



Education plans in the next six months



64% of graduates plan to transfer to a 4-year university.

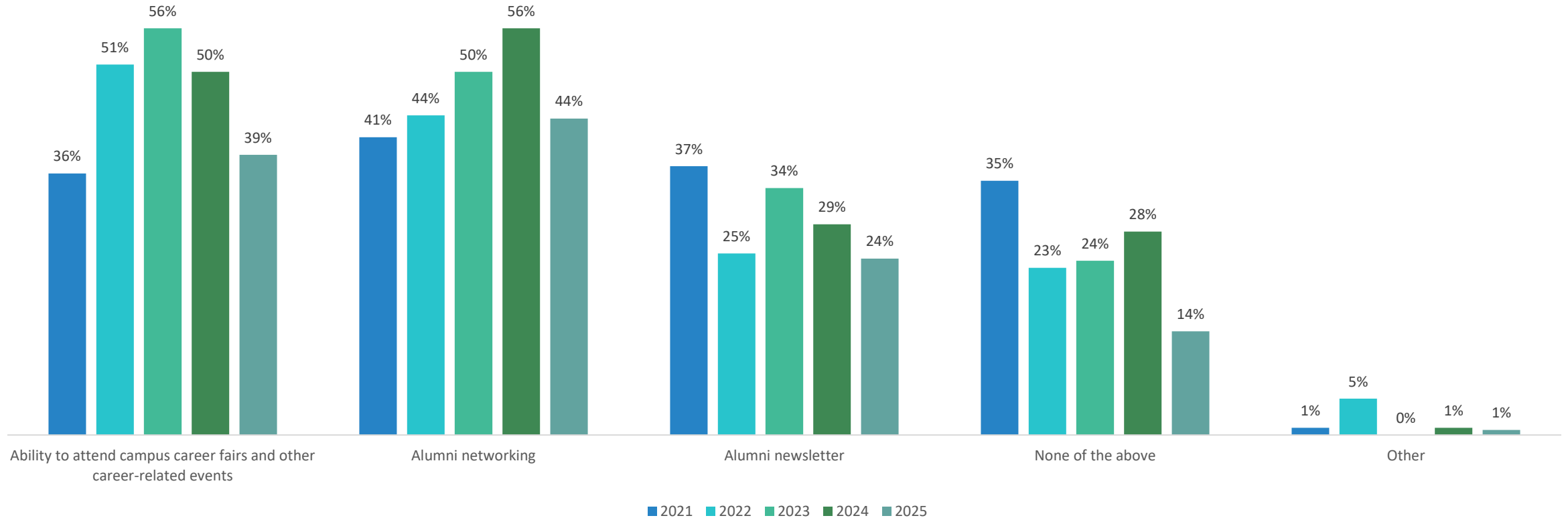
16% plan to continue at community college (9% Miramar College, 7% another college).

18% do not plan to seek further education.



Miramar Alumni Services

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

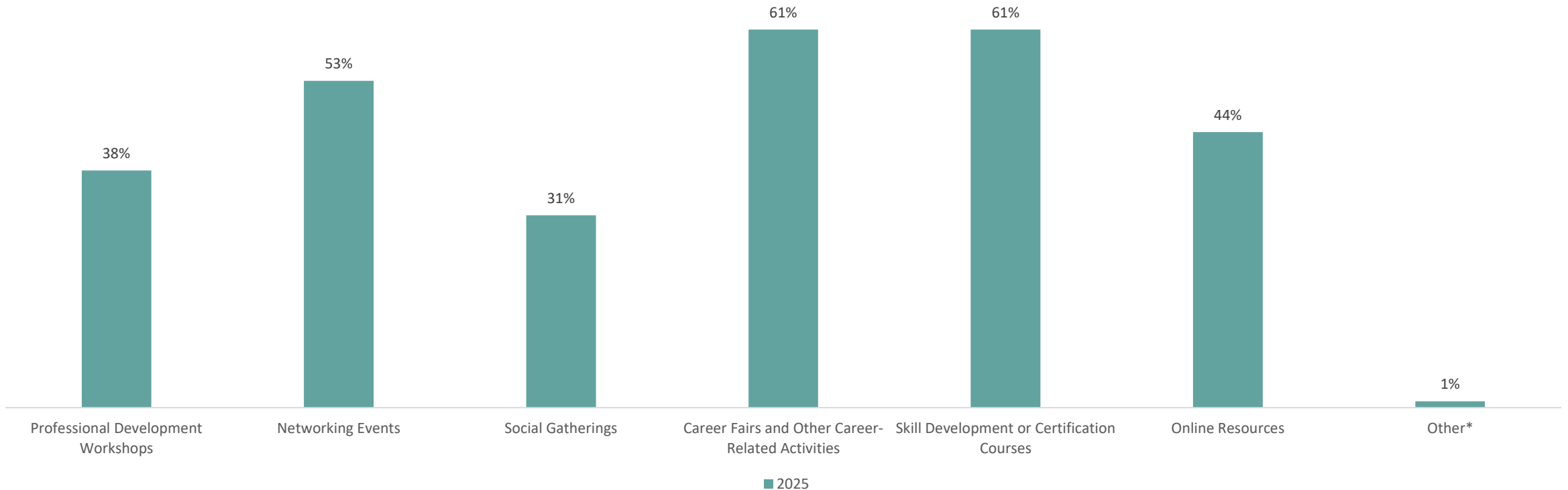


Graduates are most interested in alumni networking (44%) and on-campus career events (39%).



Miramar Alumni Events

What types of alumni events would you be most likely to attend?

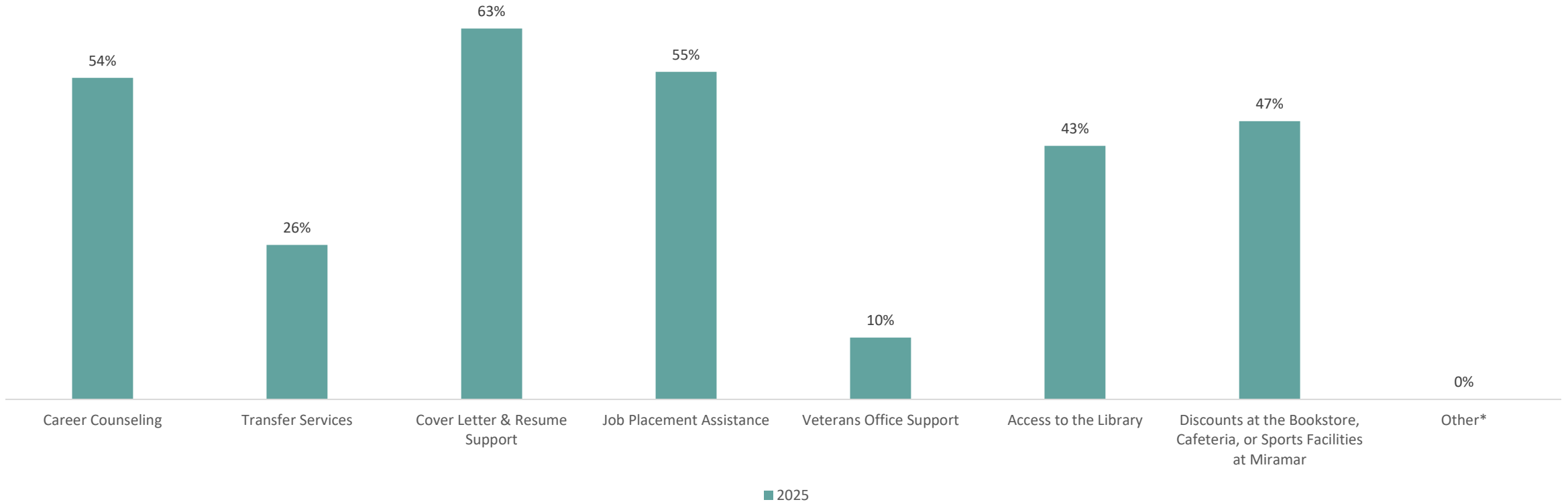


Graduates are most interested in career-related activities (61%) and skill development or certification courses (61%).



Miramar Alumni Perks

What alumni perks or benefits would encourage you to stay engaged?



Graduates are most interested in cover letter & resume support (63%), job placement assistance (55%), and career counseling (54%).