

San Diego Miramar College

Graduation Survey

5-year Comparison (2021/22 – 2025/26)

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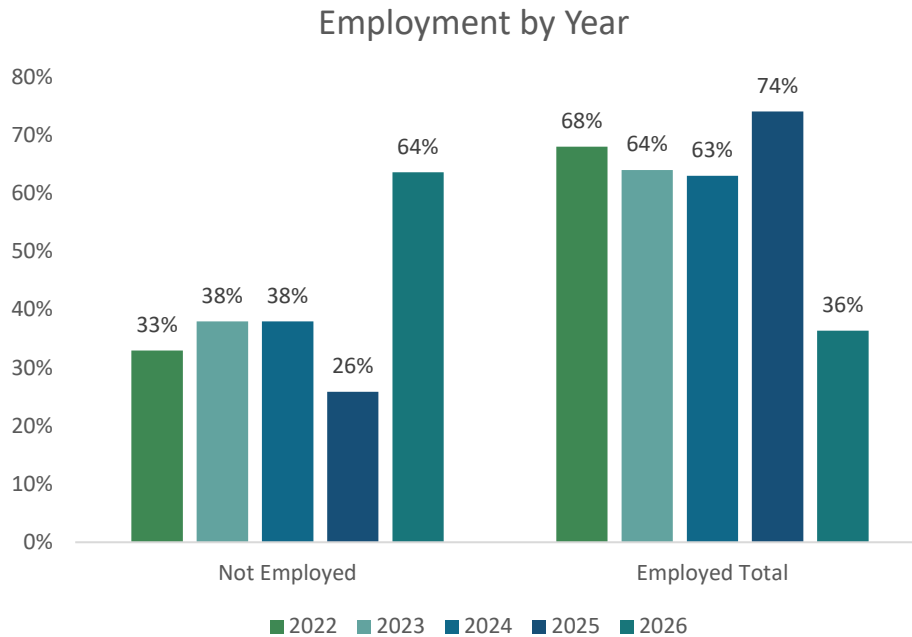


Graduation Survey Student Characteristics

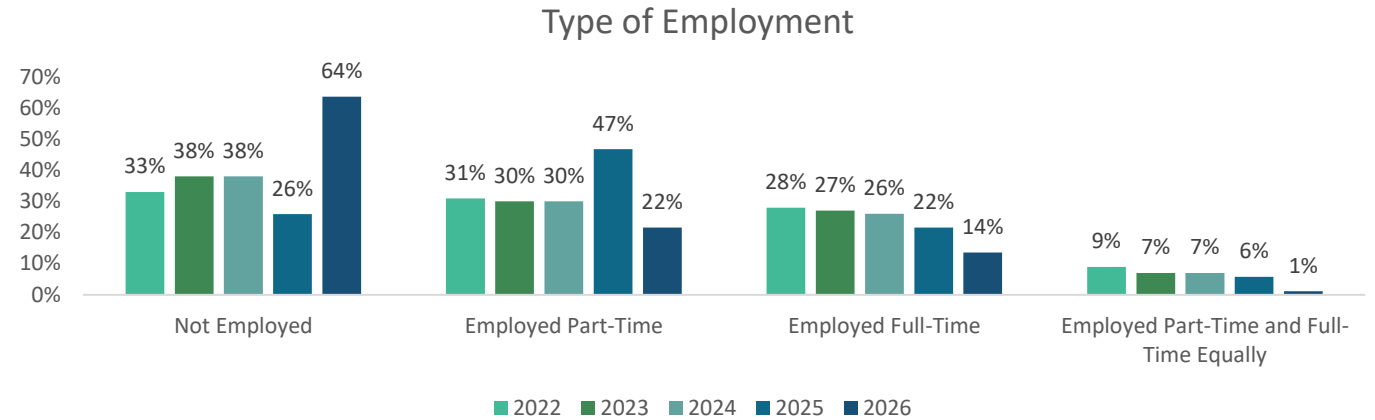


Student Employment

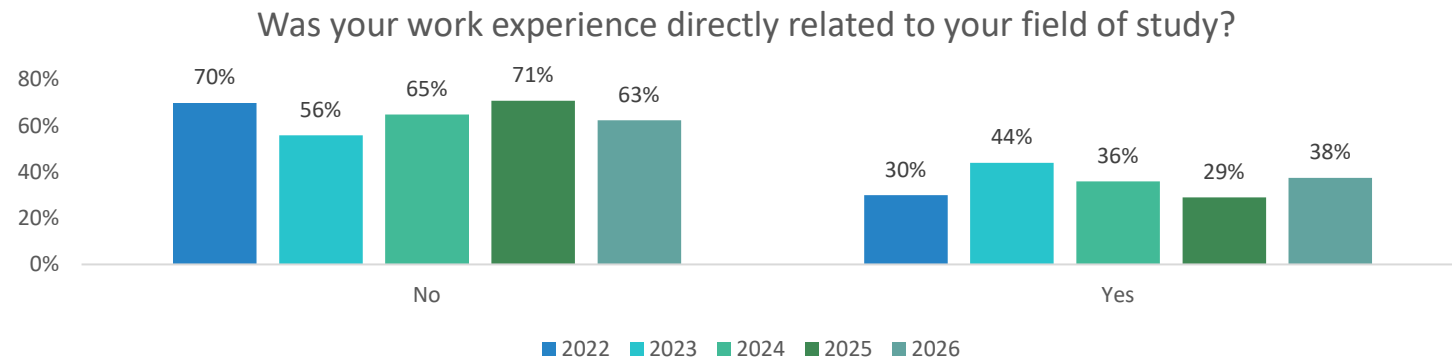
While students were enrolled, most students were not employed in their field of study in 2026



* Note: The question about employment this year was changed to ask for student employment related to their major, which is qualitatively different from previous questions asking about employment in general. This is a potential explanation for the noticeable discrepancy from past years to this year.

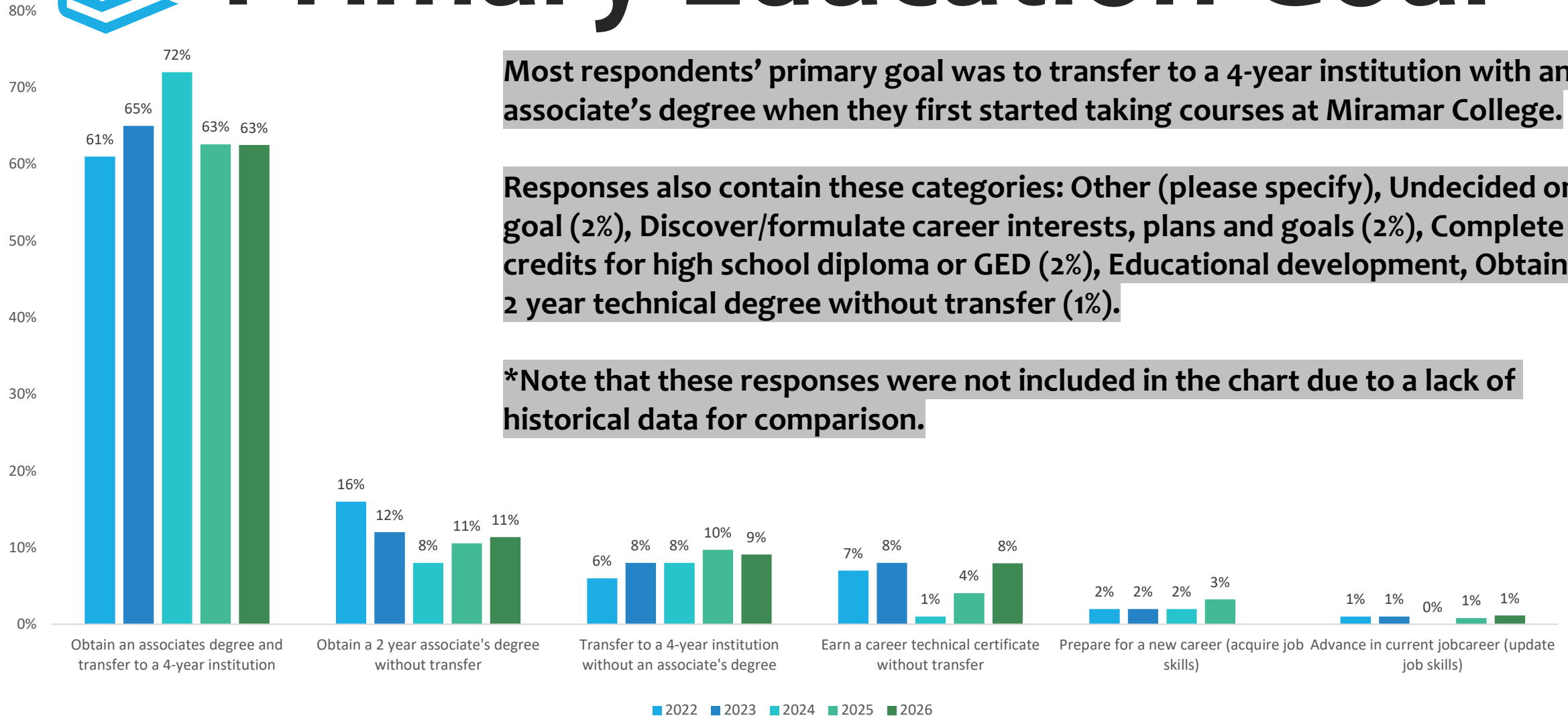


Slightly more students were employed in their field of student in 2026 compared to previous years with the exception of 2023.





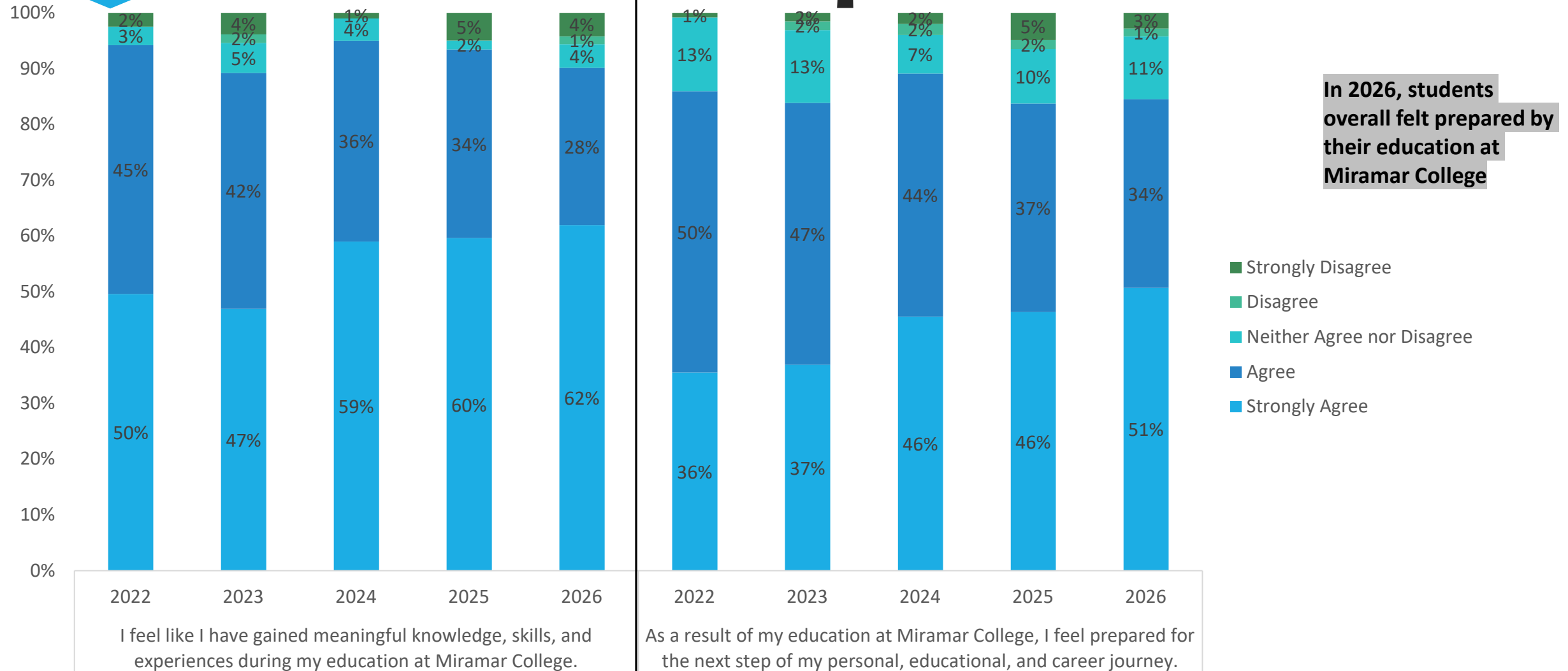
Primary Education Goal



How did attending Miramar College impact graduates?

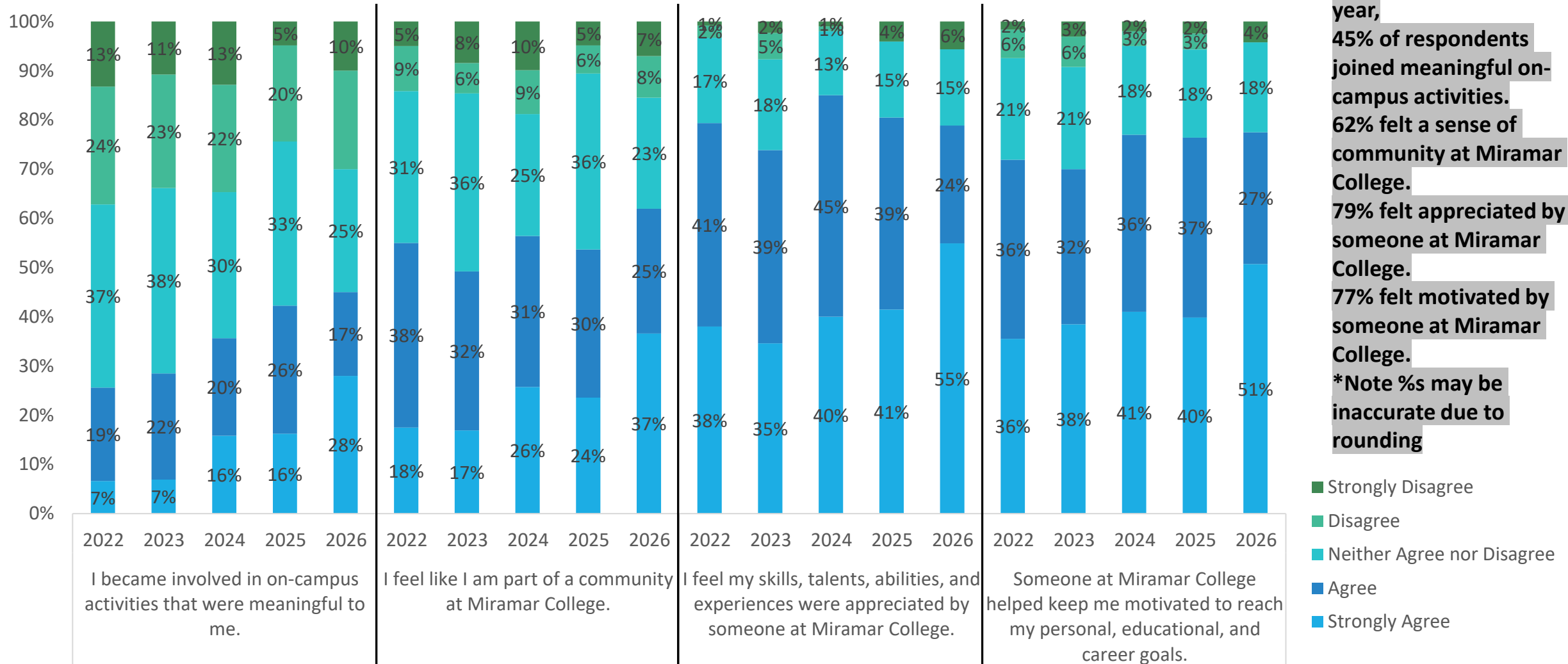


Student Preparation





Student Satisfaction



How did Miramar College help graduates reach their goals?

Supporting Students

Successes

- Students reported that Miramar College did well in supporting them through the support of services, resources, and professors both in and out of the classroom

Opportunities for Improvement

- Services and resources did well when students know about them, but many students mentioned a need for better access to resources. Students indicated that they were never reached out or aware of services that would have helped them

What did graduates say we did well in supporting them reaching their goals (Top 4)?

2025	2026
30% - Professors/Faculty 26% - Counseling/Guidance 22% - Career Support/Readiness 18% - Class Selection/Accessibility/Quality	55% - Student Support Services & Resources 55% - Education & Professors 24% - Community / Social Support 11% - Environment & Scheduling (Class / Resource Schedules and Availability)

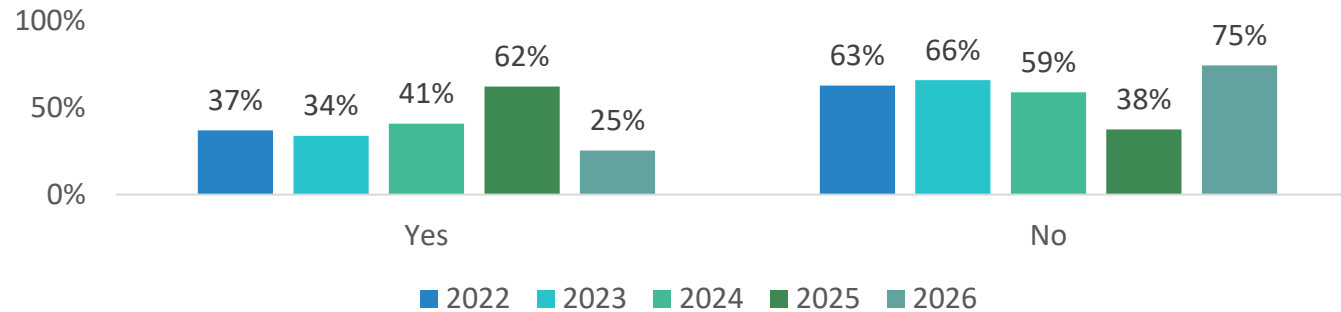
What did they say we could have done better in supporting them (Top 4)?

2025	2026
25% - Counseling/Guidance 18% - Resource Awareness/Improved Communication 16% - Class Selection/Accessibility/Quality 15% - Campus Engagement/Clubs/Events/Communit	42% - Resource Accessibility 6% - Supplies, Equipment, & Facilities 6% - Direct Communication 4% - Schedule / Course Availability



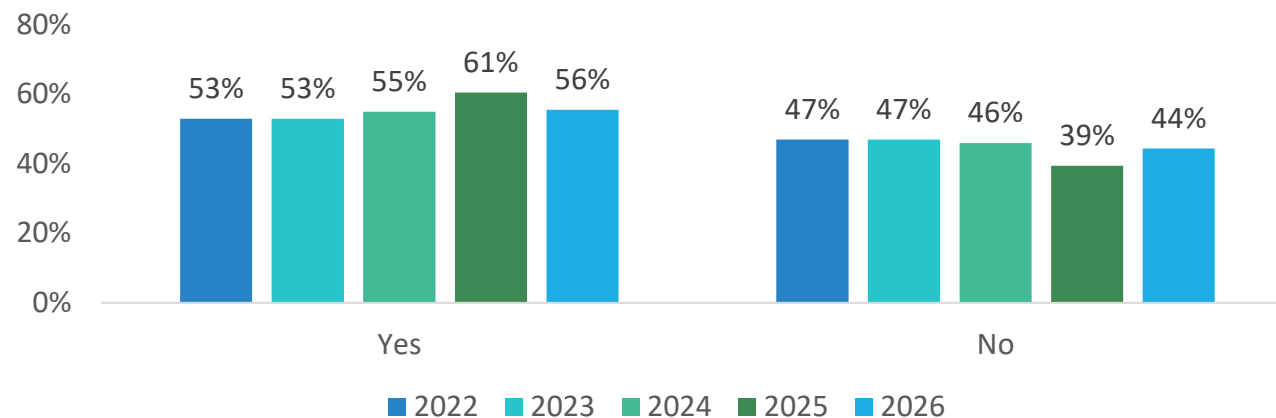
Student Barriers

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



There was a decrease in the proportion of students reporting barriers in 2026.

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



Out of those who did experience barriers in 2026, 56% of the respondents answered “Yes” to whether Miramar College did well in overcoming barriers.



Most Reported Barriers

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1-tie. COVID-19/Remote Learning	1. COVID-19/Remote Learning	1. Working while studying	1. Financial barriers	1. Financial barriers
1-tie. Monetary Barriers	2-tie. Family Responsibilities/Issues	2. Financial barriers	2. Working while studying	2. Employment
3. Family Responsibilities/Issues	2-tie. Work	3-tie. COVID-19	3-tie. Family Responsibilities/Issues	3. Health
4-tie. Mental/Physical Health	4-tie. Lack of Guidance	3-tie. Personal/Family Issues	3-tie. Mental Health Issues	4. Children/Family
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	5-tie. Class Accessibility; Cultural Differences; Food Insecurity; Lack of Housing; Discrimination; Transportation

The most common barriers students reported for the 2026 year were financial barriers, employment, health, family problems, and class accessibility.

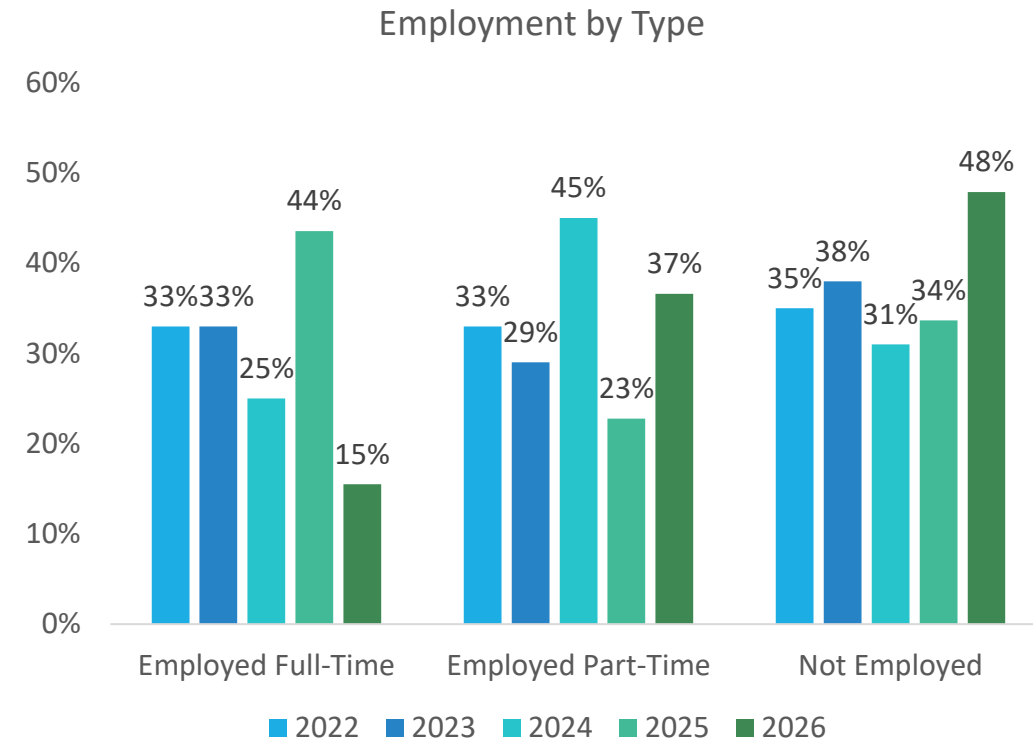
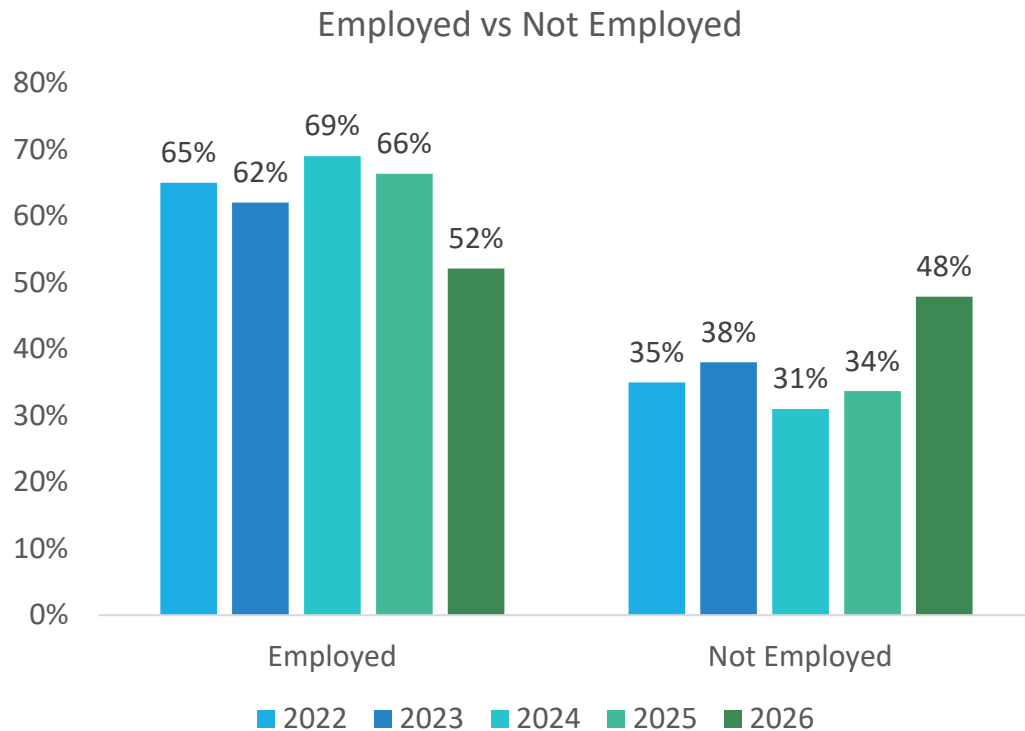
The above 5-Year comparison chart is color coded for related/reoccurring themes.

*** White and Grey are for all comparisons that don't have a clear connection**

What are our graduates' goals now?



Are graduates currently employed?

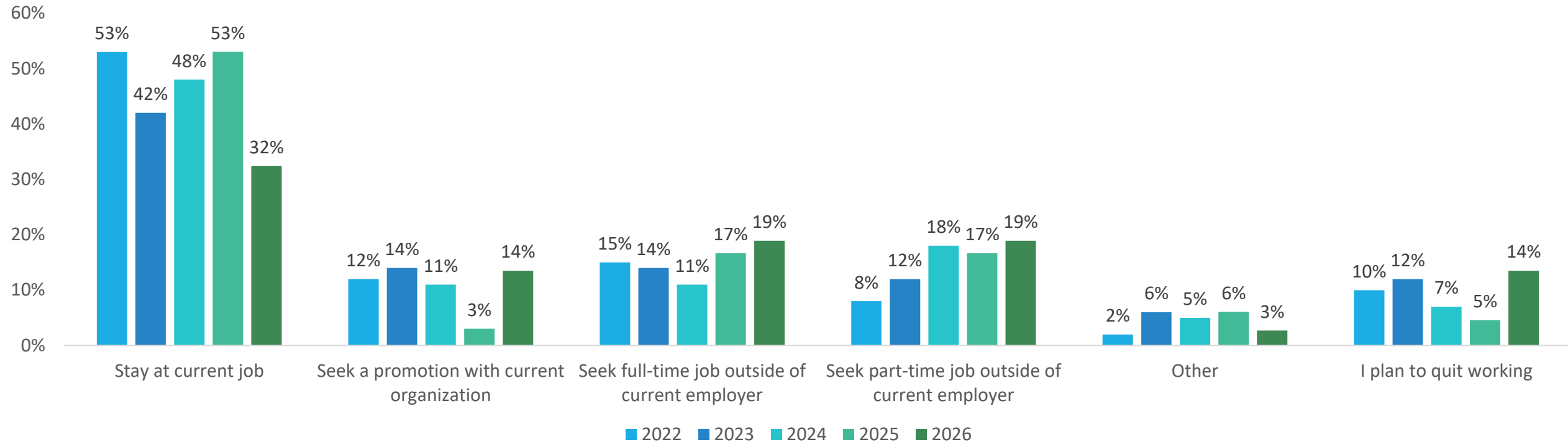


**A slight majority of respondents reported being employed.
The employment rate among respondents has decreased from previous years.
Of those who were employed, most were Part-Time.**



Employment plans in the next six months

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

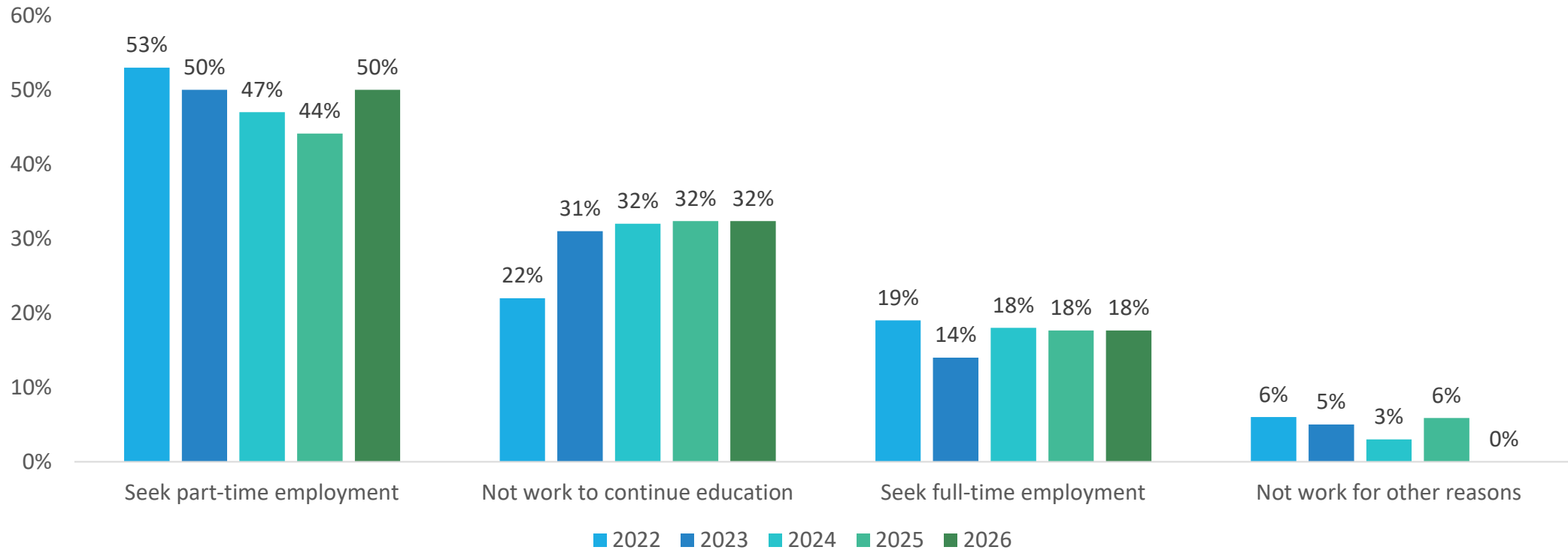


46% of employed graduates plan to stay with their current employer (32% stay in same position, 14% seek promotion). 38% plan to seek a new employer (19% part-time, 19% full-time). 14% indicated that they will quit working.



Employment plans in the next six months

Unemployed graduates plan to...

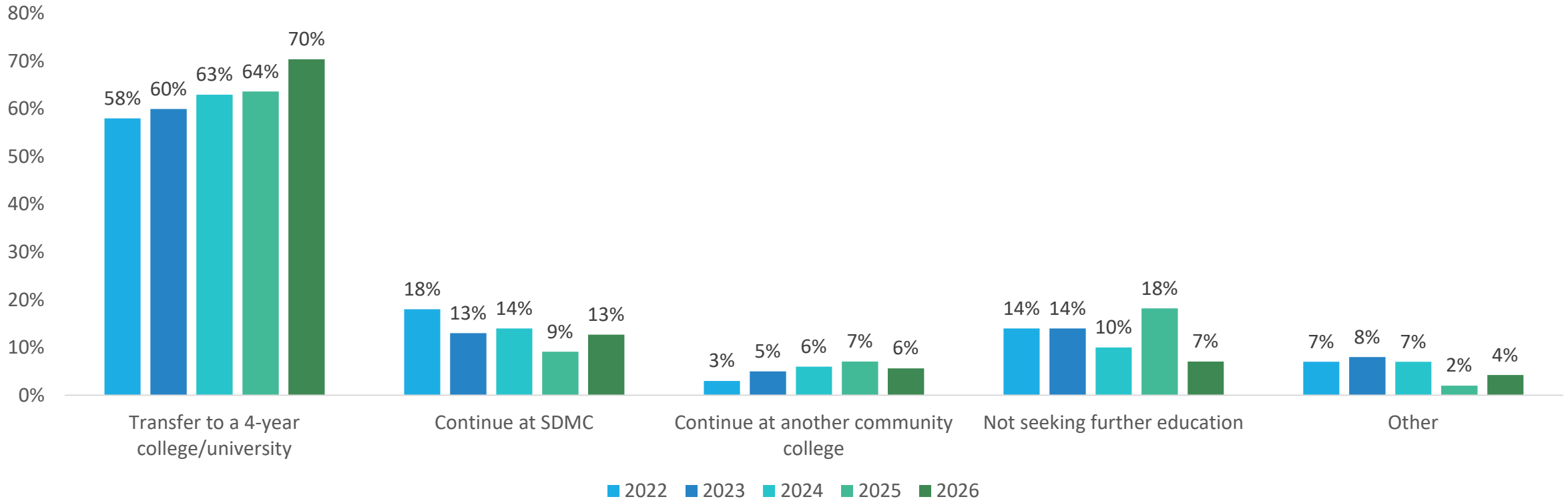


**68% of unemployed graduates plan to find employment (50% part-time, 18% full-time).
32% plan to not work (32% continue education, 0% other reasons).**



Education plans in the next six months

What are your education plans for the next six months?

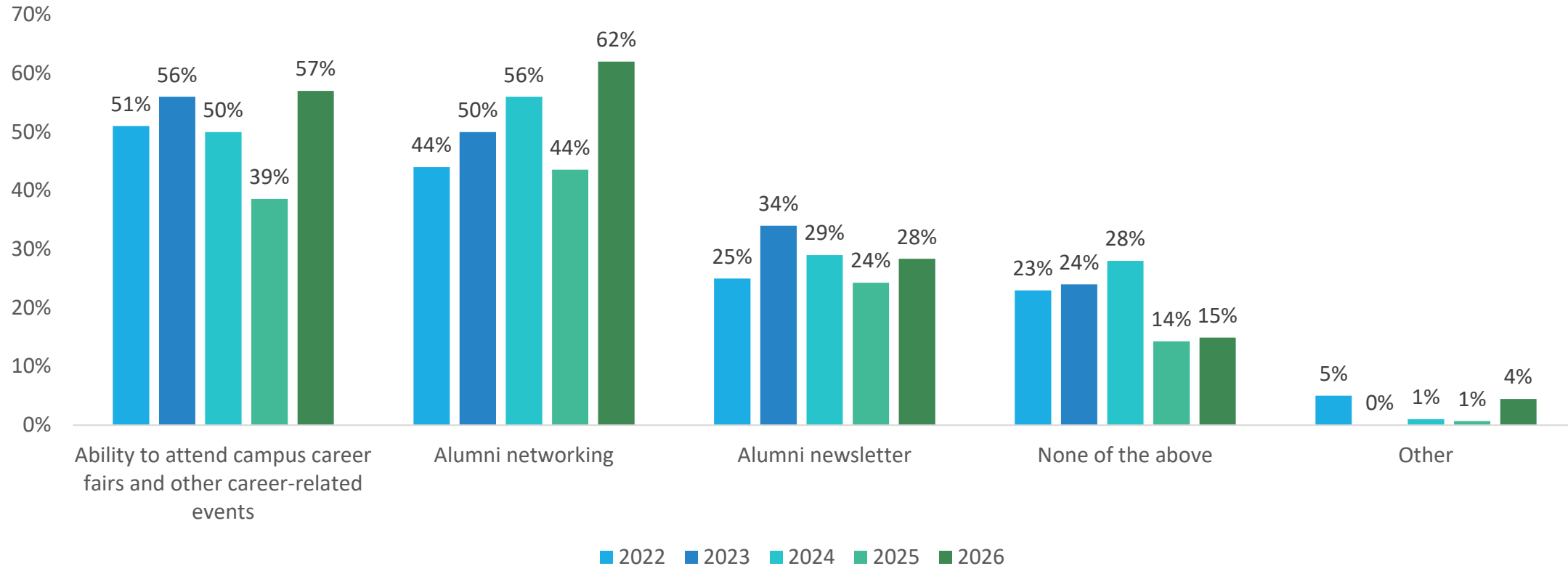


For the 2026 year, 70% of graduates plan to transfer to a 4-year university. 19% plan to continue at community college (13% Miramar College, 6% another college). 7% do not plan to seek further education.



Miramar Alumni Services

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

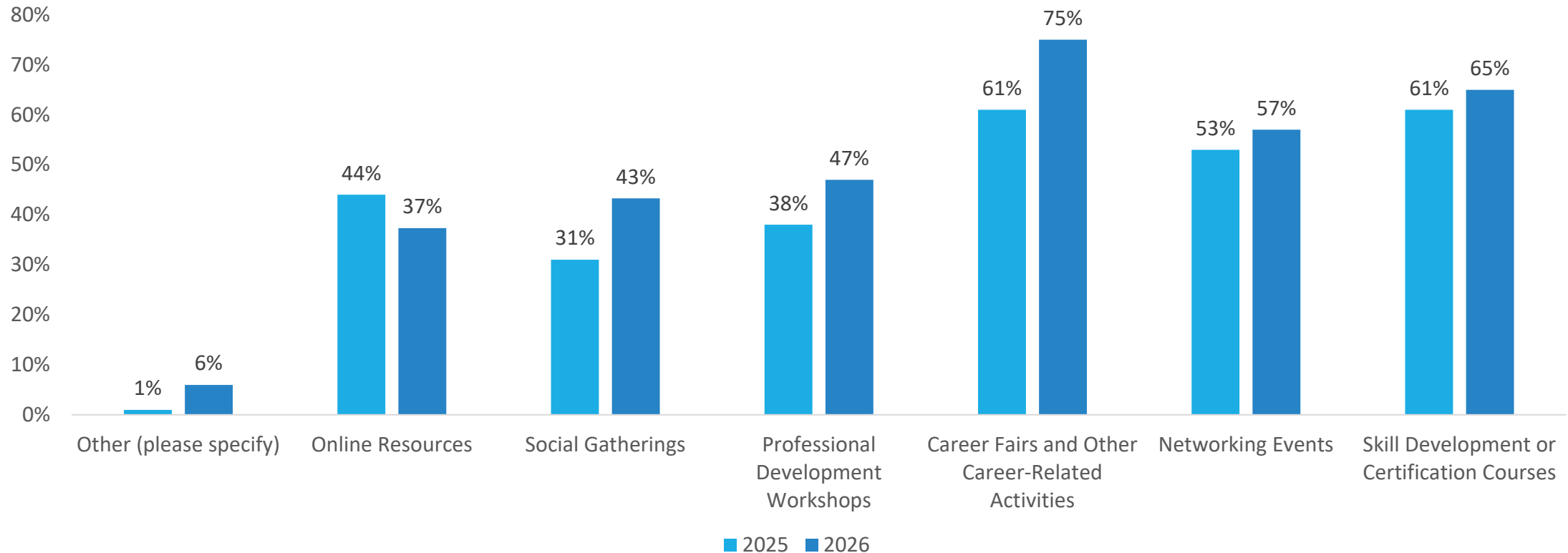


Graduates are most interested in alumni networking (62%) and on-campus career events (57%).



Miramar Alumni Events

What alumni events would you be most likely to attend?

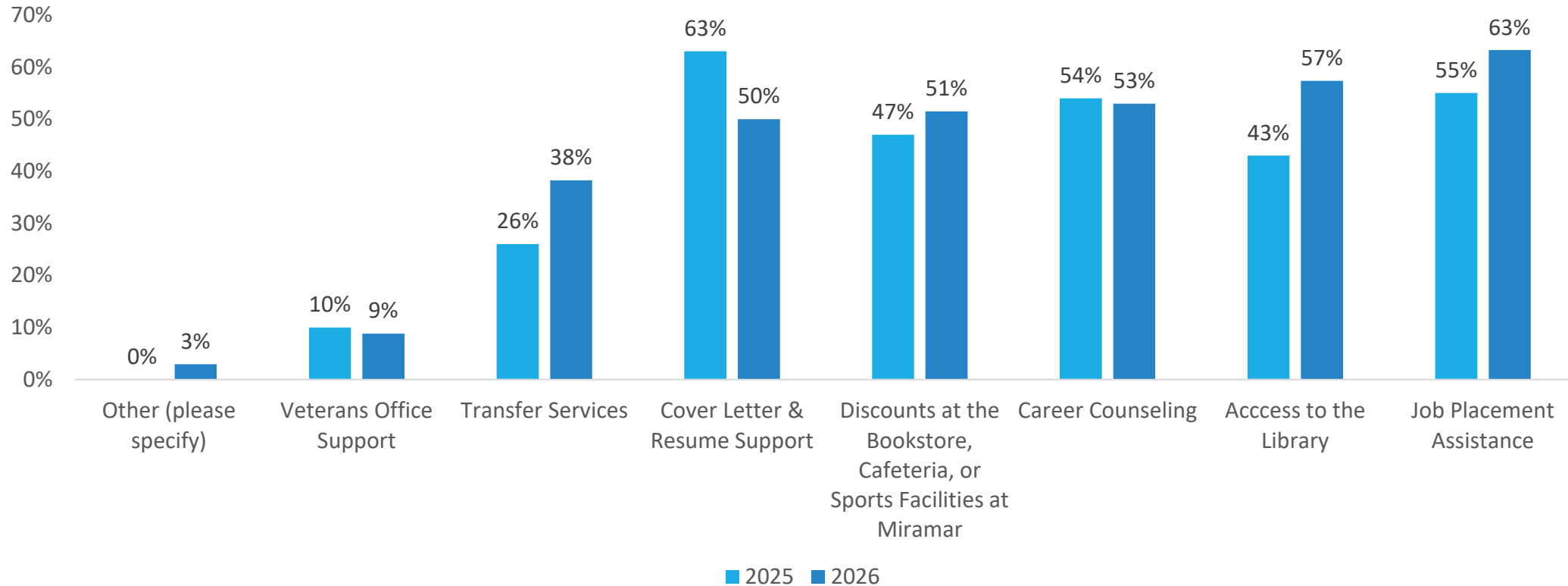


Graduates are most interested in Career Fairs and Other Career-Related Activities and Skill Development or Certification Courses at 75% and 65%, respectively. 57% said they would be likely to attend Networking Events.



Miramar Alumni Perks

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



Graduates are most interested in Job Placement Assistance (63%), Access to the Library (57%), and Career Counseling (53%).