

2011 GSAC Quality of Life Survey Report

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2011 Quality of Life Survey

Biennially the Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Council's Quality of Life Committee administers and publishes the GSAC Quality of Life Survey in order to identify pertinent issues and concerns relating to academics and mentoring, funding, career education, libraries and work space, housing, health and fitness, family, transportation, public safety, and social life for the GSAS graduate student population.

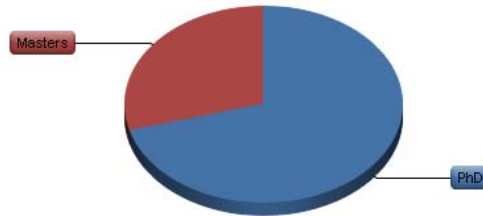
This year GSAC provided an incentive for graduate students to take the Quality of Life Survey by entering all graduate students that completed the survey into a lottery system that identified through a random number generator one respondent who would win an Apple iPad. The incentive was very successful: we received 1,720 survey responses, almost twice as many submissions as two years ago when the survey was last circulated. Given a GSAS student body of approximately 5,000 students, the survey has achieved a response rate of about 34.4%, i.e. more than a third of the entire GSAS student population, which is the highest response rate to the GSAC Quality of Life Survey yet.

Of the 1,720 respondents 1,486 (86%) stated that they considered Morningside Campus to be the campus where they spend most of their time studying, working, and living, while 234 (14%) respondents indicated that the Medical Campus was their "home" campus.

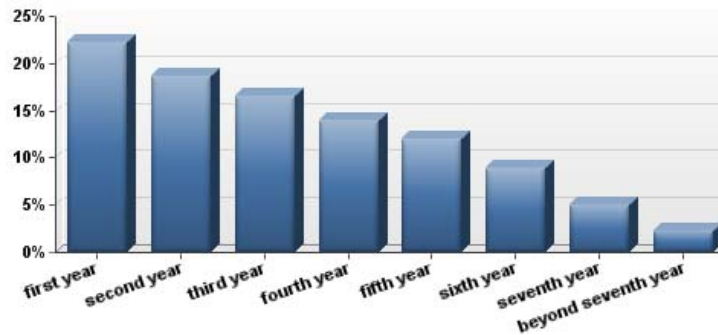
This report contains the results of the health related survey questions of this year's Quality of Life Survey for Morningside Campus respondents (the survey administered differentiated questions at both campuses to take administrative, logistical, and other differences into account). The results are supplemented with relevant question wording, data tables, and graphs. Before presenting the results of the health section of the survey this report will briefly outline the general and academic demographics of the survey respondents.

RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

In terms of academic demographics, of all Morningside Campus GSAS students 71% are PhD students while 29% are MA students.



The majority of PhD respondents are in the first years of their respective programs (with 22% in the first year, 19% in the second year, 17% in the third year, 14% in the fourth year, 12% in the fifth year, 9% in the sixth year, 5% in the seventh year, and 5% beyond their seventh year). The distribution partly reflects the general graduate student population distribution among years in the program as well as greater incentives to respond to the survey as the expected remaining time at Columbia increases.



In terms of non-academic demographics, among all Morningside Campus respondents the gender distribution is 50.4% female, 49.3% male, and .3% transgender. Respondents' age varies from 20-25 years old (38%), 26-30 years old (42%), 31-35 years old (15%), and more than 36 years old (5%). The majority of respondents' ethnicity is White/Caucasian (59.6%), followed by Asian (31.1%), Hispanic/Latin American (5.7%), Black/African American (3.5%), Puerto Rican or other Caribbean (1%), Native American (.3%), and other (4%).

FINANCING GRADUATE EDUCATION

Columbia University and External Fellowships

The survey indicates that 79% of all respondents representing Morningside Campus GSAS students receive a Columbia teaching, research and/or other Columbia fellowship. 30% reported to not receive any fellowship support at all. For the majority of Columbia fellowship recipients the monetary component is between \$20,000-\$24,999 (47%) or above \$25,000 (39%). For those students who receive a Columbia fellowship, the majority (77%) reports that it account for 80-100% of their annual income. This indicates how critical the level of Columbia University fellowships is for GSAS students and their financial situation. Furthermore, 43% of Morningside respondents' Columbia fellowship does not include summer funding, an issue that GSAS's recent fellowship enhancement plan has addressed and now provides summer funding through years 1-5, though students who did not receive summer funding during the last few years feel disadvantaged. Of all Morningside graduate students, about one quarter (23%) reported that they (also) received external fellowships, grants, or other awards. About a quarter of these (27%) received above \$30,000 from their external fellowships and for 24% of the respondents the fellowships ranged between \$20,000 and \$29,999, while for 13% they ranged \$10,000-19,999, and for 31% they pay below \$9,999.

Part-time Jobs and Loans

Almost a quarter of all respondents report to work part time to supplement their stipend income. Of these 12% work for 20 hours or more per week, 14% work 16-20 hours per week, 15% work 11-15 hours per week, and 54% less than 10 hours per week. Among the remaining 5% several report to work full time. Several respondents indicate that limited funding and the need to work to supplement their stipends has significantly increased their time to degree. Among those who work about half work at Columbia. 22% of the respondents indicate that that have taken out a loan to finance their graduate education at Columbia. Of these 29% have taken out loans amounting to over \$50,000, 18% that range between \$30,001 and \$50,000, 32% that range between \$10,001 and \$30,000, while the remainder amounted to below \$10,000.

Areas of Concern

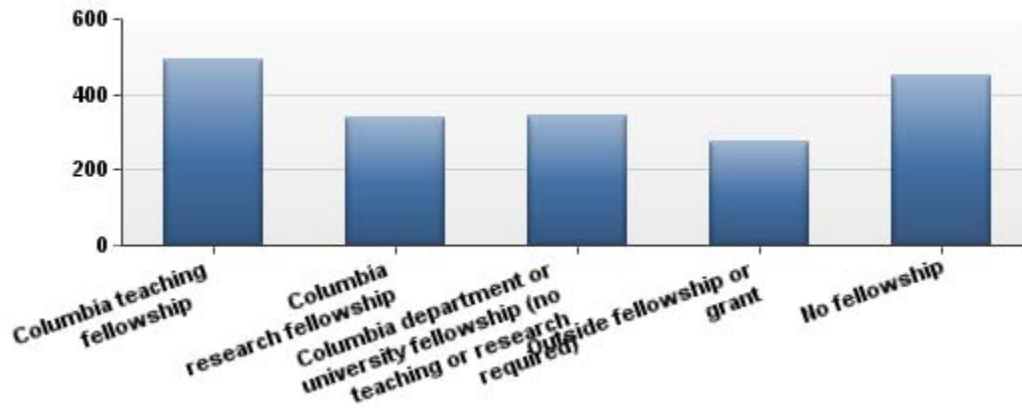
Respondents' individual comments indicate several broad concerns among GSAS students: In general, respondents indicate that Columbia University funding is not sufficient to sustain graduate students' life in the context of continuously increasing living costs in New York City. Some respondents indicate that their financial situation at Columbia has caused them to consider dropping out of their program. Especially students with children remark that their stipends do not allow them to pay for child care

costs. Master's students comment that their funding is particularly insufficient. Students in general wish that more affordable housing was available through the university (several students report having to move out because of annual rent increases) and that they would receive more support from the university in locating lower interest loans to finance their graduate education at Columbia.

Students also remark that the logistics of receiving their stipends are complex, lead to delayed stipend payments, and thus preventing students from paying their bills on time, most importantly university bills which are often due before stipends are paid out for the same semester, putting significant financial strain on students. Similarly, the administration of external fellowships and grants does not typically happen in a timely or unproblematic manner.

The financial aid office and GSAS administration in general is encouraged to read individual respondents' comments and suggestions for further insight into the most pressing concerns graduate students at GSAS have.

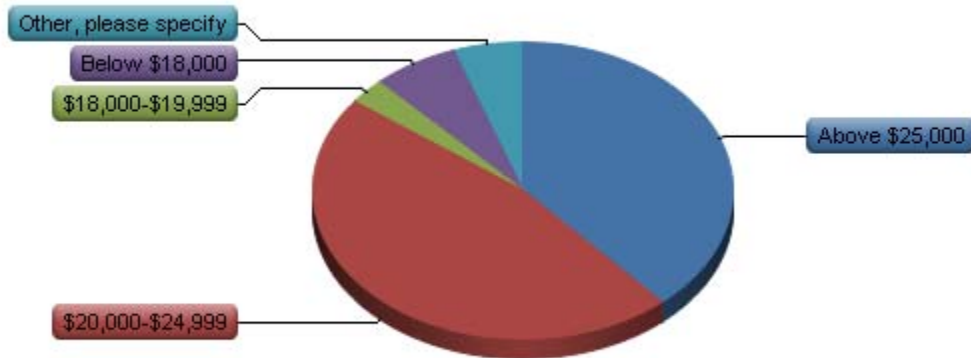
In the academic years 2009-10 or 2010-11, did/do you have any of the following fellowships? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Columbia teaching fellowship	495	33%
2	Columbia research fellowship	342	23%
3	Columbia department or university fellowship (no teaching or research required)	346	23%
4	Outside fellowship or grant	277	18%
5	No fellowship	452	30%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Total Responses	1,507

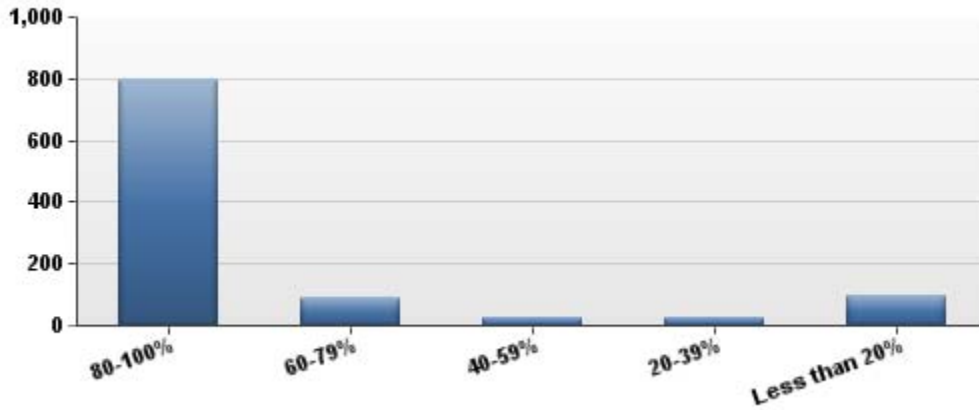
What is the total monetary component of your Columbia fellowship?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Above \$25,000	401	39%
2	\$20,000-\$24,999	486	47%
3	\$18,000-\$19,999	29	3%
4	Below \$18,000	69	7%
5	Other, please specify	56	5%
	Total	1,041	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	1.94
Variance	1.16
Standard Deviation	1.08
Total Responses	1,041

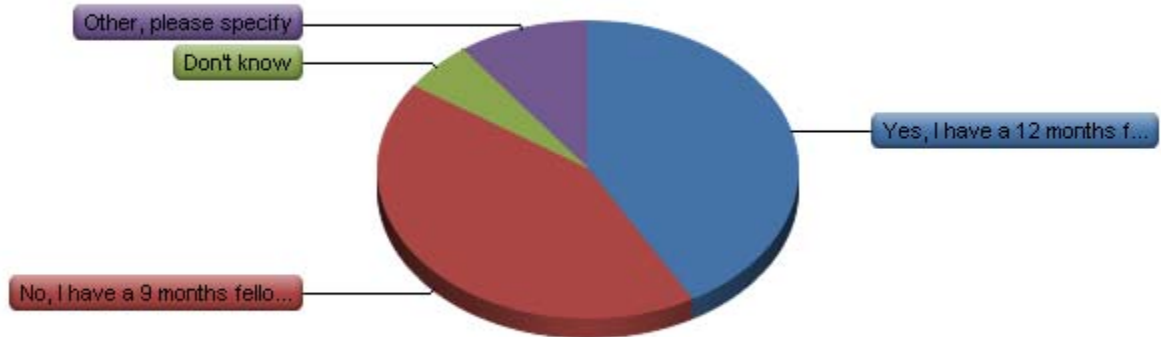
What percentage of your total annual income does your Columbia stipend supply?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	80-100%	800	77%
2	60-79%	94	9%
3	40-59%	28	3%
4	20-39%	25	2%
5	Less than 20%	95	9%
	Total	1,042	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	1.58
Variance	1.54
Standard Deviation	1.24
Total Responses	1,042

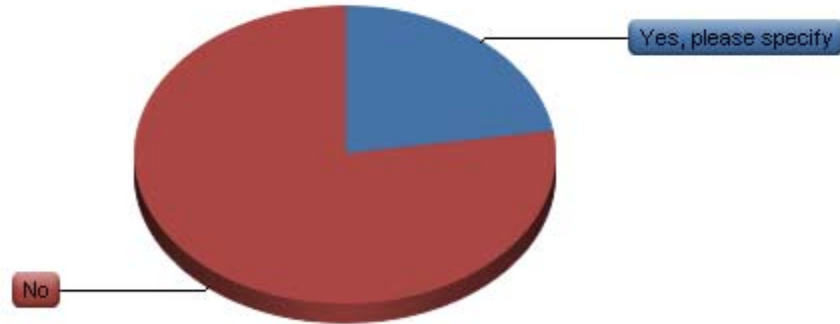
Does your Fellowship include summer funding?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, I have a 12 months fellowship	449	42%
2	No, I have a 9 months fellowship	457	43%
3	Don't know	58	5%
4	Other, please specify	109	10%
	Total	1,073	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.84
Variance	0.85
Standard Deviation	0.92
Total Responses	1,073

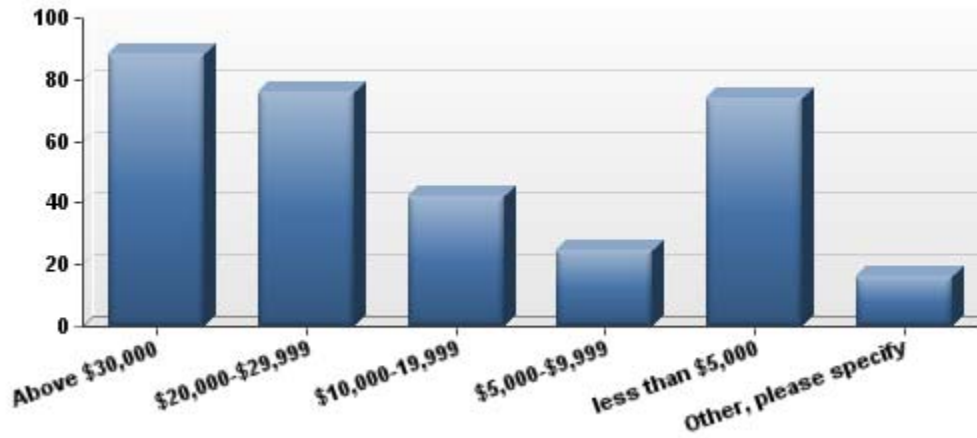
Did you receive any external fellowships, grants, scholarships or other awards?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, please specify	330	23%
2	No	1,135	77%
	Total	1,465	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.77
Variance	0.17
Standard Deviation	0.42
Total Responses	1,465

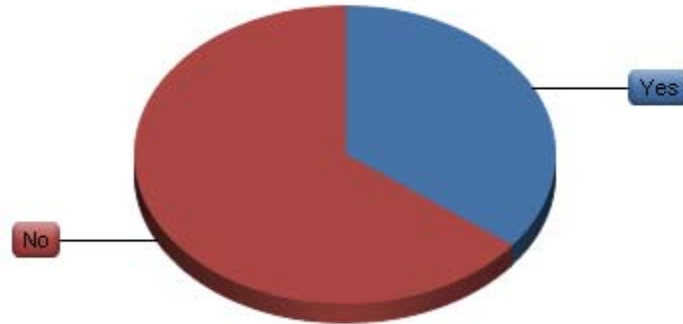
Your external fellowship amount was:



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Above \$30,000	88	27%
2	\$20,000-\$29,999	76	24%
3	\$10,000-19,999	42	13%
4	\$5,000-\$9,999	25	8%
5	less than \$5,000	74	23%
6	Other, please specify	16	5%
	Total	321	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	2.90
Variance	2.78
Standard Deviation	1.67
Total Responses	321

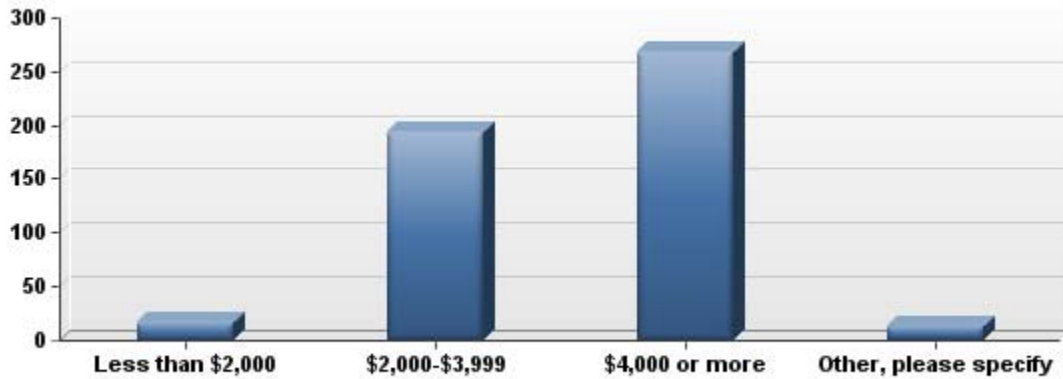
Did you receive summer funding from Columbia in the summer of 2010?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	527	36%
2	No	957	64%
	Total	1,484	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.64
Variance	0.23
Standard Deviation	0.48
Total Responses	1,484

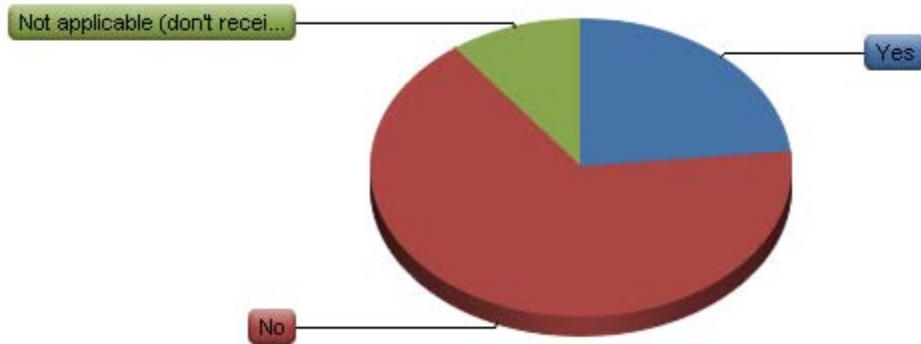
What was the amount of your summer award?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than \$2,000	17	3%
2	\$2,000-\$3,999	194	39%
3	\$4,000 or more	268	54%
4	Other, please specify	13	3%
	Total	492	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.56
Variance	0.37
Standard Deviation	0.61
Total Responses	492

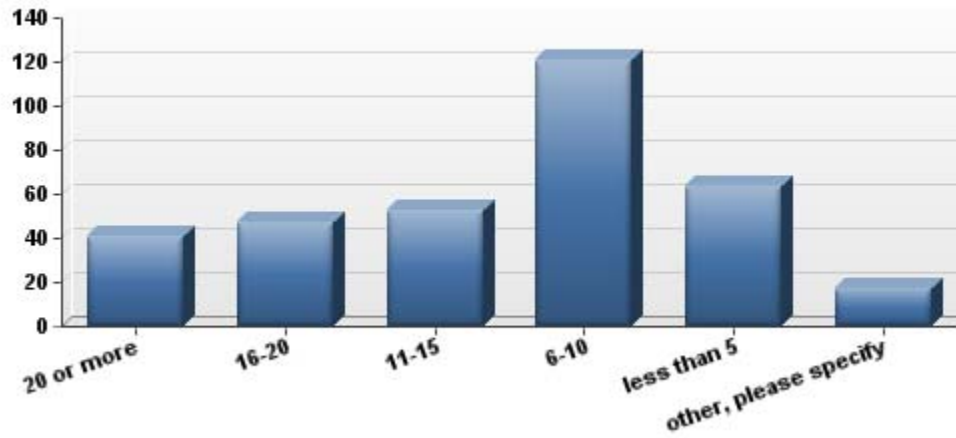
Do you have a part-time job to supplement your stipend income?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	346	23%
2	No	986	66%
3	Not applicable (don't receive stipend)	152	10%
	Total	1,484	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.87
Variance	0.32
Standard Deviation	0.56
Total Responses	1,484

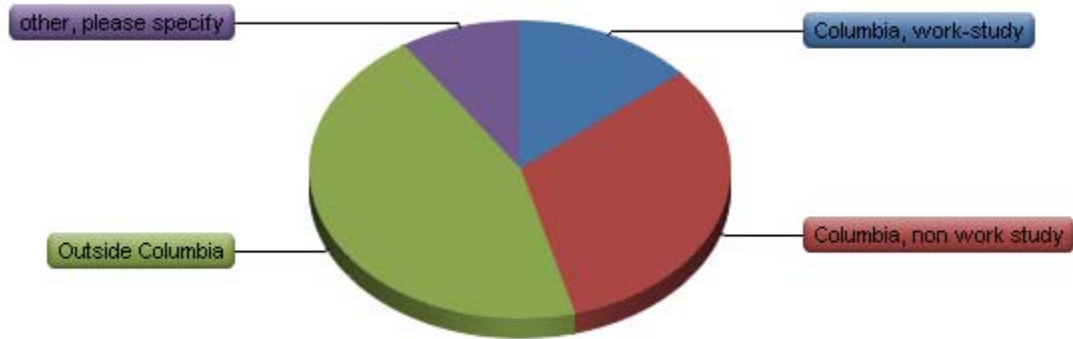
How many hours per week do you work in a part-time job?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	20 or more	41	12%
2	16-20	47	14%
3	11-15	53	15%
4	6-10	121	35%
5	less than 5	64	19%
6	other, please specify	17	5%
	Total	343	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	3.50
Variance	1.92
Standard Deviation	1.38
Total Responses	343

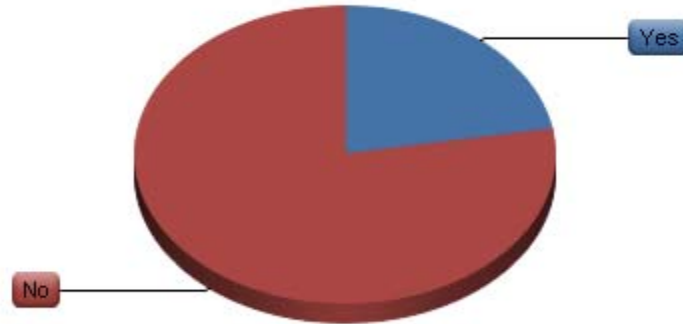
Where do you work? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Columbia, work-study	52	15%
2	Columbia, non work study	120	36%
3	Outside Columbia	168	50%
4	other, please specify	35	10%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Total Responses	336

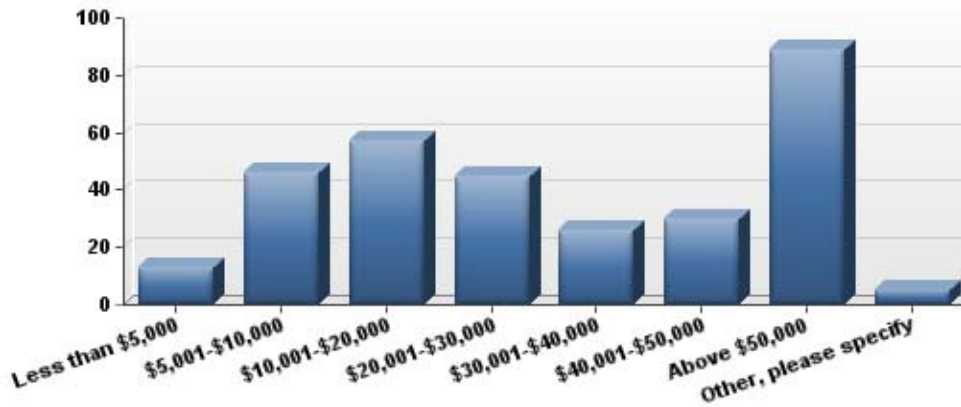
Have you taken out loans to finance your current graduate degree at Columbia?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	332	22%
2	No	1,158	78%
	Total	1,490	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.78
Variance	0.17
Standard Deviation	0.42
Total Responses	1,490

Your total loan amount to date is:



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than \$5,000	13	4%
2	\$5,001-\$10,000	46	15%
3	\$10,001-\$20,000	57	18%
4	\$20,001-\$30,000	45	14%
5	\$30,001-\$40,000	26	8%
6	\$40,001-\$50,000	30	10%
7	Above \$50,000	89	29%
8	Other, please specify	5	2%
	Total	311	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	4.59
Variance	4.11
Standard Deviation	2.03
Total Responses	311

HOUSING

Columbia University Housing

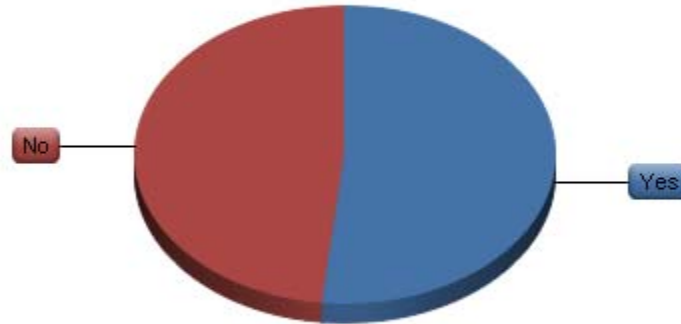
More than half of all respondents (52%) indicate that they live in Columbia University housing. Of those who live off-campus, 37% state they live off-campus because they prefer living away from the university, 18% were not offered CU housing, 8% report that CU housing did not offer sufficient space for their family, 19% could not afford CU housing, while the remainder did not choose CU housing because of the late timing of the offer, CU housing did not meet their expectations with respect to quality and price (mostly too small, too loud, too dark, and too expensive), because students were not offered couple housing, or because of distance from campus.

By those who live in Columbia University Housing, it is rated good or very good by the majority on maintenance and safety; laundry and garbage facilities receive less good ratings. Individual comments mostly concern varying responsiveness by superintendents, reliability of doormen, the lack of addressing larger and longer-term maintenance issues in favor of acute issues, heating issues, and rodent and pest problems. This year's Quality of Life Survey Report is able to provide the CU Housing Office with more specific insight into exactly where students face issues with respect to their housing, as all respondents were asked to indicate which University Housing building they occupy. CU Housing will thus be able to respond to specific concerns more directly and efficiently. The Columbia University Housing office is rated by the majority as fair or good with respect to efficiency of service, providing help with solving problems, courtesy of staff, and help finding housing. In particular, the ability to reach the office is a concern to many respondents, as is the office's efficiency in dealing with students' housing concerns.

Off-Campus Housing Assistance Office

OCHA was rated by the majority of respondents as fair or good regarding efficiency of service, providing help with solving problems, courtesy of staff, and help finding housing. Respondents voiced complaints with respect to the limited support, outdated and inefficient OCHA website, and even higher rent prices than other non-CU housing in New York. Also not a lot of students seem to be aware of its existence.

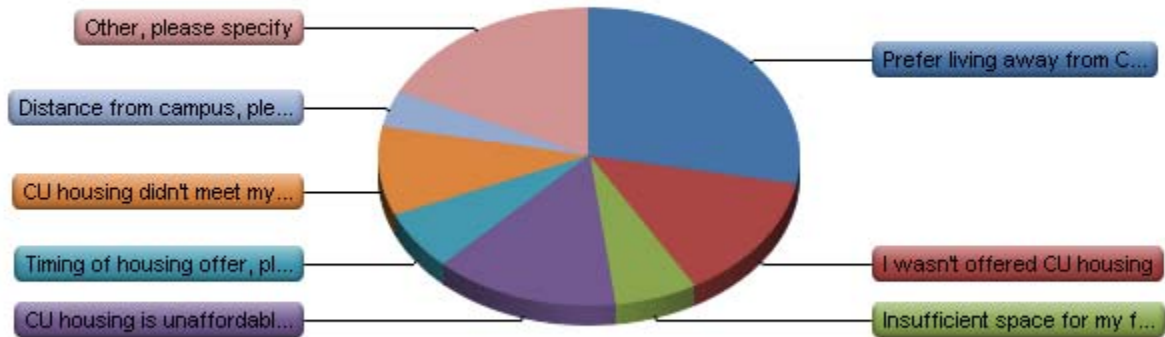
Do you live in Columbia University housing?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	782	52%
2	No	731	48%
	Total	1,513	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.48
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	1,513

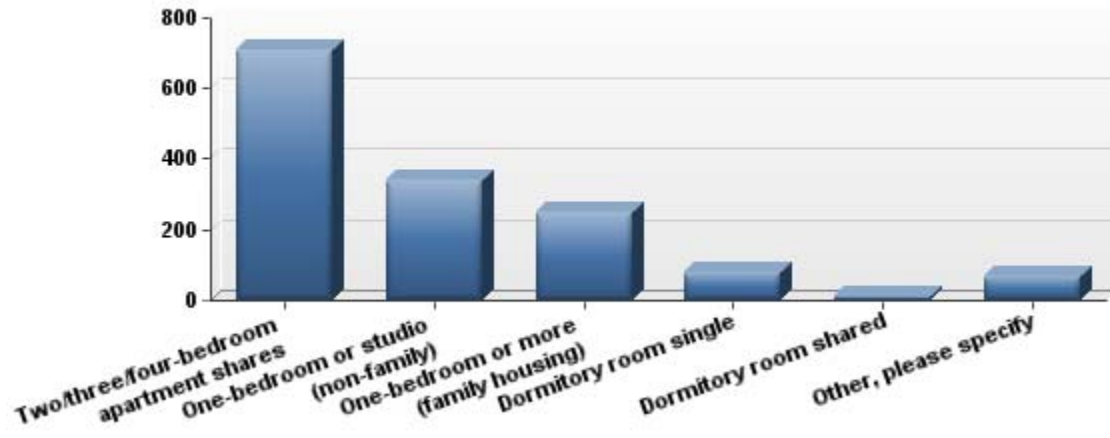
Why do you live off-campus? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Prefer living away from Columbia University	258	37%
2	I wasn't offered CU housing	126	18%
3	Insufficient space for my family at CU housing	58	8%
4	CU housing is unaffordable for me	129	19%
5	Timing of housing offer, please specify	59	9%
6	CU housing didn't meet my expectations, please specify	89	13%
7	Distance from campus, please specify	36	5%
8	Other, please specify	165	24%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	694

What type of housing do you occupy?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Two/three/four-bedroom apartment shares	708	48%
2	One-bedroom or studio (non-family)	341	23%
3	One-bedroom or more (family housing)	252	17%
4	Dormitory room single	81	6%
5	Dormitory room shared	13	1%
6	Other, please specify	68	5%
	Total	1,463	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	2.01
Variance	1.70
Standard Deviation	1.30
Total Responses	1,463

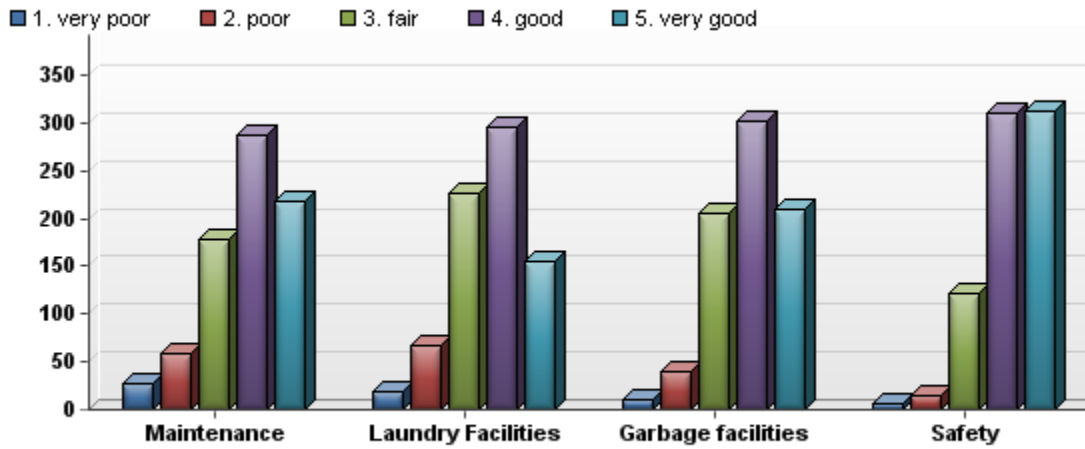
How much is your monthly rent?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	More than \$1,700	161	11%
2	\$1,500 - \$1,700	118	8%
3	\$1,200 - \$1,499	257	18%
4	\$1,000 - \$1,199	184	13%
5	\$900 - \$999	313	22%
6	\$800 - \$899	230	16%
7	\$700 - \$799	69	5%
8	Less than \$700	67	5%
9	Other, please specify	35	2%
	Total	1,434	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Mean	4.31
Variance	4.08
Standard Deviation	2.02
Total Responses	1,434

Please rate the following aspects of Columbia University Housing on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):

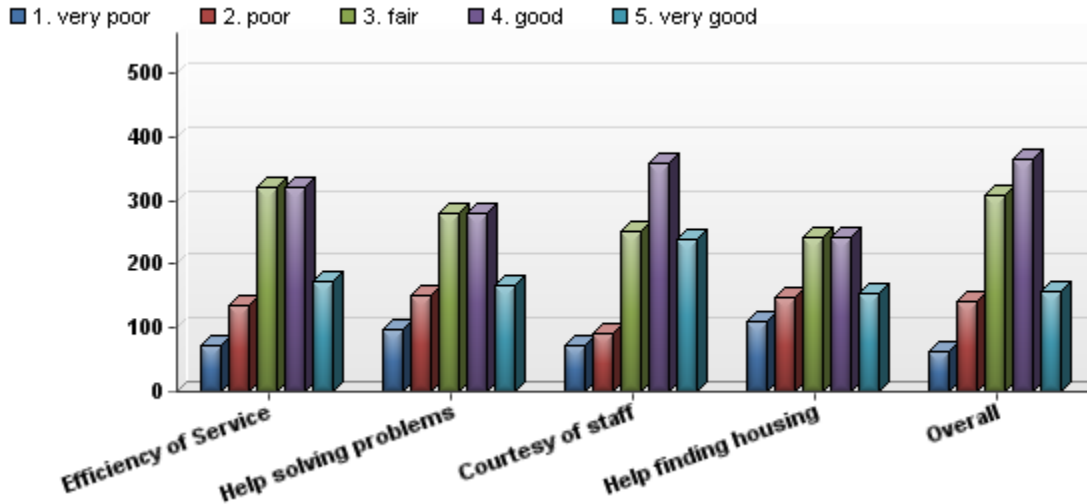


#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Maintenance	27	58	179	287	218	769	3.79
2	Laundry Facilities	19	68	227	296	155	765	3.65
3	Garbage facilities	10	39	206	302	209	766	3.86
4	Safety	7	15	121	311	313	767	4.18

Statistic	Maintenance	Laundry Facilities	Garbage facilities	Safety
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.79	3.65	3.86	4.18
Variance	1.09	0.96	0.85	0.69
Standard Deviation	1.05	0.98	0.92	0.83
Total Responses	769	765	766	767

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	275

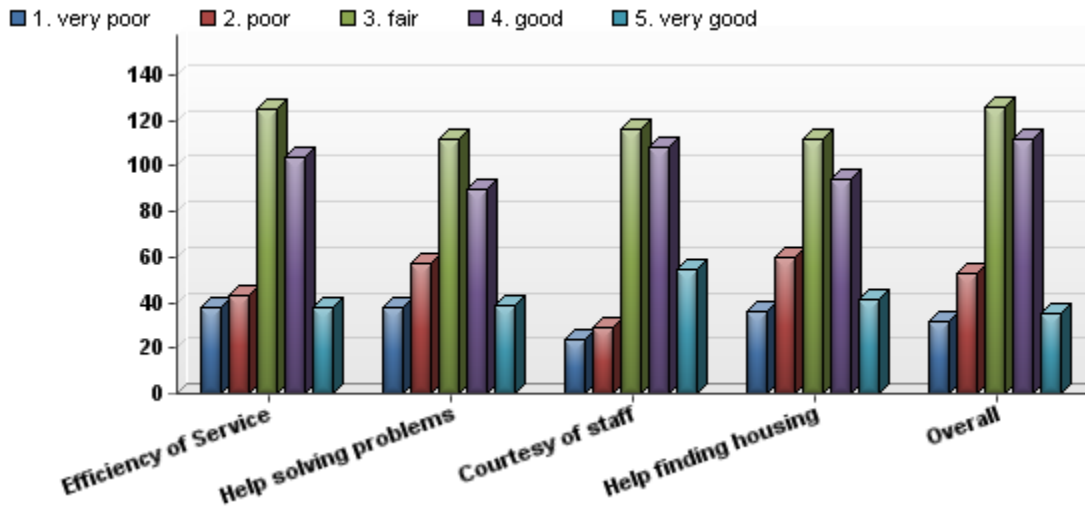
Please rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of the Columbia University Housing Office on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Efficiency of Service	73	135	320	320	174	1,022	3.38
2	Help solving problems	97	151	280	281	166	975	3.27
3	Courtesy of staff	72	90	252	358	239	1,011	3.60
4	Help finding housing	110	149	241	242	155	897	3.20
5	Overall	63	140	308	364	157	1,032	3.40

Statistic	Efficiency of Service	Help solving problems	Courtesy of staff	Help finding housing	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.38	3.27	3.60	3.20	3.40
Variance	1.27	1.45	1.32	1.58	1.18
Standard Deviation	1.13	1.20	1.15	1.26	1.09
Total Responses	1,022	975	1,011	897	1,032

Please rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of the Off-Campus Housing Assistance Office (OCHA) on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Efficiency of Service	38	43	125	104	38	348	3.18
2	Help solving problems	38	57	112	90	39	336	3.10
3	Courtesy of staff	24	29	116	108	55	332	3.42
4	Help finding housing	36	60	112	94	41	343	3.13
5	Overall	32	53	126	112	35	358	3.18

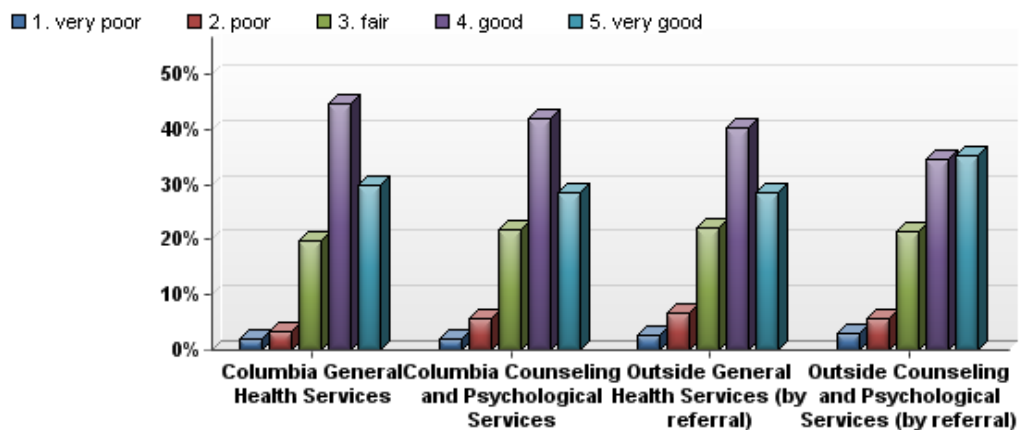
Statistic	Efficiency of Service	Help solving problems	Courtesy of staff	Help finding housing	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.18	3.10	3.42	3.13	3.18
Variance	1.27	1.35	1.19	1.33	1.18
Standard Deviation	1.13	1.16	1.09	1.16	1.09
Total Responses	348	336	332	343	358

STUDENT HEALTH AT MORNINGSIDE CAMPUS

Columbia University Health Services (CUHS)

With respect to Columbia University Health Services, of all Morningside respondents 21% stated they visit CUHS once a year, 40% once or twice a semester, 12% three or more times a semester, while 25% never visit CUHS (see detailed question wording, data tables, and graphs).

The majority of respondents rated the quality of service as "good" or "very good" in general health services (74.6%) and counseling and psychological services (70.5%). Outside services by referral were mostly rated "good" or "very good" as well for general health services (68.6%) and counseling or psychological services (69.7%).



About 20% of respondents rated CUHS as "fair" while 5.5% rated CU general health services as "poor" or "very poor" and 7.7% rated CU counseling and psychological services as "poor" or "very poor". The individual responses to the open ended comment request indicates specific issues students encounter at CUHS in both general health and counseling and psychological services. Issues pertain in particular to the level of professionalism, politeness, and attention of both professional and administrative staff. A summary of the main issues follows:

CUHS

- unfriendly, rude, disrespectful, uncaring, at times even hostile staff that is unsympathetic to students at the on-campus CUHS offices and Wien Hall
- unsatisfactory level of professionalism among MDs and NPs: students describe experiences of unfriendly and rushed MDs and NPs that do not have time to answer all of students' questions,

misdiagnoses, rudeness, disclosure of test results to the wrong student, MDs and NPs telling students that their health concerns are unfounded when in fact a serious health problem exists, inability of MDs and NPs to give adequate advice to students regarding their health concerns, unwillingness to give students referrals

- primary care doctors are not aware of students' medical history and current condition; no consistency, random assignment of PCPs ; no continuity in staff, too high turnover
- Lack of systematic preventive care at CUHS
- Perceptions that CUHS is more concerned with limiting expenditures for the insurance company than with students' health
- difficulty of scheduling appointments in less than two weeks, online and over the phone
- perception that CUHS is not oriented toward graduate students
- services and cultural competence for trans students, including trans-friendly referrals is dissatisfactory
- mistakes made by the diagnostics lab
- lack of sufficient orientation by CUHS to explain CUHS and CU insurance procedures and rules
- unacceptably long waiting times at appointments
- Depressing offices at CUHS

Counseling and Psychological Services:

- students who call in acute distress are put through to voice mails instead of being helped on the spot
- students find the process for accessing Columbia psychological services (leaving a message to request an appointment) intimidating
- even in times of crisis students can get appointments with counselors only once every two weeks and only a limited number of sessions annually; students should be able to see a therapists on an on-need basis
- eagerness to refer students to outside counseling; dissatisfaction that CPS refers students to off-campus counselors; CU students need counselors who are adept to the issues students face and who are difficult to find off-campus
- understaffed
- lack of empathy toward students among some counselors
- group counseling session get canceled without offering alternatives
- last minute individual session cancellations and without following up
- some counselors do not meet for the entire allotted time per session
- perception that CPS is not oriented toward graduate students

Morningside Dental Associates

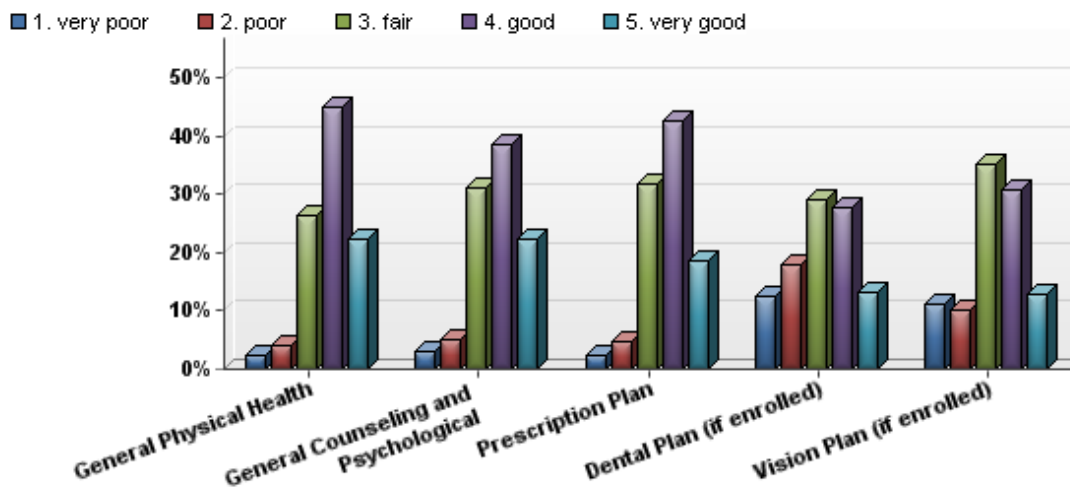
- unprofessional, 'dangerously incompetent', rude staff
- outdated, poor service
- dental treatments performed caused damage

Among students who visit CUHS more often (three or more times a semester) the service quality ratings are more clearly differentiated, i.e. proportionately CUHS is rated more often as "very poor" or "poor" than by students who visit CUHS less frequently; at the same time it is also rated proportionately more often as "good" or "very good" than by other students. In other words a smaller share of those respondents who visit CUHS frequently default to the middle "fair" category in their ratings than respondents who visit CUHS rarely or never. This suggests that an examination of the experiences and an effort to meet the needs of students who rely on CUHS for more than their routine check-up or occasional cold might be an important priority for CUHS in improving services for those who depend on it most.

Columbia University Health Insurance

Among all Morningside Campus respondents 85% have CU Health Insurance and among those 981 (81%) are enrolled in the basic insurance plan while 236 (19%) are enrolled in the comprehensive insurance plan. In terms of relating the frequency with which respondents visit CUHS and the choice of their insurance plan, the share of respondents who are enrolled in the comprehensive plan increases with the frequency of their CUHS visits (see cross tabulation).

Respondents were asked to rate the coverage quality of their insurance plan in different areas and the majority of responses evaluated their coverage quality as "good" or "very good" in general physical health (67.21%), general counseling and psychological services (61.07%), and prescriptions (61.27%).



However, a significant share of respondents rated their insurance coverage as "poor" or "very poor" in general physical health (6.5%), general counseling and psychological services (8%), and prescriptions (7.1%). The individual responses to the open ended comment request provide insight into some of the specific problems students experience with respect to their insurance coverage, including lack of

transparency of insurance regulations, affordability of insurance, and insurance coverage limits. A summary of the main issues follows:

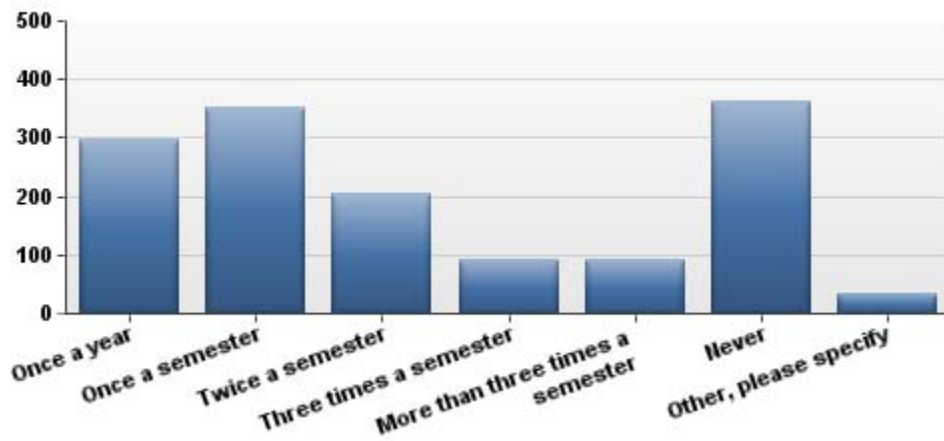
- lack of transparency regarding coverage of CU health insurance plans, referral procedures, especially for international students leads to high unintended costs for students
- co-pay is too expensive for GSAS students, especially given NYC prices
- inadequate coverage of medication and vaccines; even though much of it is field work related for dissertation research
- complicated, opaque referral process and requirements lead to high unintended costs for students
- high combined costs of CU insurance and CUHS
- dissatisfaction with the CU dental plan; high co-pays; lack of transparency regarding coverage
- lack of adequate dental and vision coverage and service
- lack of 100% coverage of emergency room visits
- too strict requirements for getting a waiver from the obligatory Columbia health insurance; many international students pay for CU insurance even though their own plan has better coverage
- decreasing Aetna network
- lack of option to upgrade to the comprehensive more than once a year
- lack of option to enroll dependents in the comprehensive plan/for reasonable insurance costs; no preventive care for dependents
- some students still haven't received their Aetna insurance card despite repeated calls, which has led to increased costs for students
- students feel that they have no advocate who steps in on their behalf in conflicts with Aetna
- inadequacy of CU health insurance for chronically ill students
- demands that graduate student insurance should be more like that of faculty and staff

With respect to respondents enrolled in dental and vision plans most rate the coverage quality of these plans as "fair". In their individual comments students express a demand for dental and vision coverage through their CU insurance plan.

In general, respondents enrolled in the comprehensive plan and those who visit CUHS more frequently (note the overlap of these subgroups discussed above) tend to give higher coverage quality ratings than those enrolled in the basic plan (see cross tabulations).

How Often do you go to Columbia Student Health Services?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Once a year	299	21%
2	Once a semester	352	24%
3	Twice a semester	207	14%
4	Three times a semester	93	6%
5	More than three times a semester	93	6%
6	Never	364	25%
7	Other, please specify	34	2%
	Total	1,442	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	3.39
Variance	3.90
Standard Deviation	1.97
Total Responses	1,442

Please rate the quality of the SERVICE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) for the following categories:

#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Columbia General Health Services	21	36	205	461	309	1,032	3.97
2	Columbia Counseling and Psychological Services	10	27	105	202	138	482	3.89
3	Outside General Health Services (by referral)	14	36	122	220	156	548	3.85
4	Outside Counseling and Psychological Services (by referral)	9	16	62	99	101	287	3.93

#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Columbia General Health Services	2.03%	3.49%	19.86%	44.67%	29.94%	1,032	3.97
2	Columbia Counseling and Psychological Services	2.07%	5.60%	21.78%	41.91%	28.63%	482	3.89
3	Outside General Health Services (by referral)	2.55%	6.57%	22.26%	40.15%	28.47%	548	3.85
4	Outside Counseling and Psychological Services (by referral)	3.14%	5.57%	21.60%	34.49%	35.19%	287	3.93

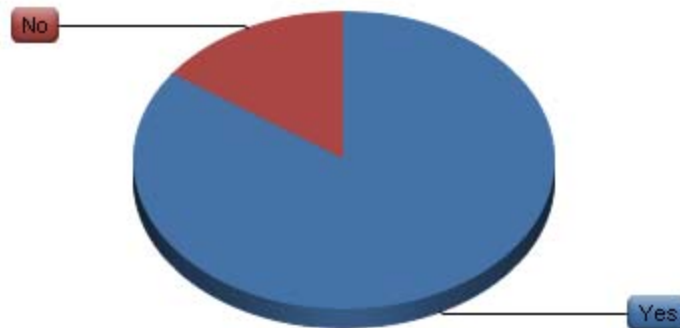
Statistic	Columbia General Health Services	Columbia Counseling and Psychological Services	Outside General Health Services (by referral)	Outside Counseling and Psychological Services (by referral)
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.97	3.89	3.85	3.93
Variance	0.82	0.91	0.98	1.07
Standard Deviation	0.91	0.95	0.99	1.04
Total Responses	1,032	482	548	287

Cross Tabulation of Frequency of CU Health Services Visits and Service Quality Ratings

		How Often do you go to Columbia Student Health Services?							Total
		Once a year	Once a semester	Twice a semester	Three times a semester	More than three times a semester	Never	Other, please specify	
Please rate the quality of the SERVICE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) for the followin... - Columbia General Health Services	1. very poor	3 1.13%	5 1.45%	4 1.95%	3 3.23%	5 5.49%	0 0.00%	1 5.00%	21 2.06%
	2. poor	9 3.38%	8 2.32%	6 2.93%	6 6.45%	4 4.40%	0 0.00%	3 15.00%	36 3.53%
	3. fair	57 21.43%	66 19.13%	48 23.41%	13 13.98%	13 14.29%	0 0.00%	4 20.00%	201 19.71%
	4. good	127 47.74%	161 46.67%	84 40.98%	45 48.39%	33 36.26%	0 0.00%	6 30.00%	456 44.71%
	5. very good	70 26.32%	105 30.43%	63 30.73%	26 27.96%	36 39.56%	0 0.00%	6 30.00%	306 30.00%
	Total	266 100.00%	345 100.00%	205 100.00%	93 100.00%	91 100.00%	0 100.00%	20 100.00%	1020 100.00%
Please rate the quality of the SERVICE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) for the followin... - Columbia Counseling and Psychological Services	1. very poor	2 1.92%	2 1.45%	1 0.97%	1 2.08%	4 5.48%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	10 2.11%
	2. poor	4 3.85%	1 0.72%	12 11.65%	3 6.25%	3 4.11%	0 0.00%	2 28.57%	25 5.29%
	3. fair	31 29.81%	29 21.01%	25 24.27%	9 18.75%	10 13.70%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	104 21.99%
	4. good	38 36.54%	71 51.45%	36 34.95%	21 43.75%	29 39.73%	0 0.00%	4 57.14%	199 42.07%
	5. very good	29 27.88%	35 25.36%	29 28.16%	14 29.17%	27 36.99%	0 0.00%	1 14.29%	135 28.54%
	Total	104 100.00%	138 100.00%	103 100.00%	48 100.00%	73 100.00%	0 100.00%	7 100.00%	473 100.00%
Please rate the quality of the SERVICE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) for the followin... - Outside General Health Services (by referral)	1. very poor	5 4.35%	3 1.65%	1 0.88%	2 3.13%	3 5.26%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	14 2.59%
	2. poor	6 5.22%	12 6.59%	7 6.19%	3 4.69%	6 10.53%	0 0.00%	1 11.11%	35 6.48%
	3. fair	32 27.83%	41 22.53%	31 27.43%	10 15.63%	6 10.53%	0 0.00%	1 11.11%	121 22.41%
	4. good	48 41.74%	73 40.11%	40 35.40%	29 45.31%	23 40.35%	0 0.00%	6 66.67%	219 40.56%
	5. very good	24 20.87%	53 29.12%	34 30.09%	20 31.25%	19 33.33%	0 0.00%	1 11.11%	151 27.96%
	Total	115 100.00%	182 100.00%	113 100.00%	64 100.00%	57 100.00%	0 100.00%	9 100.00%	540 100.00%
Please rate the quality of the SERVICE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) for the followin... - Outside Counseling and Psychological Services (by referral)	1. very poor	2 2.86%	3 3.37%	0 0.00%	1 3.57%	3 7.32%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	9 3.19%
	2. poor	5 7.14%	5 5.62%	2 4.00%	0 0.00%	2 4.88%	0 0.00%	1 25.00%	15 5.32%
	3. fair	21 30.00%	21 23.60%	9 18.00%	6 21.43%	3 7.32%	0 0.00%	1 25.00%	61 21.63%
	4. good	23 32.86%	31 34.83%	21 42.00%	7 25.00%	16 39.02%	0 0.00%	1 25.00%	99 35.11%
	5. very good	19 27.14%	29 32.58%	18 36.00%	14 50.00%	17 41.46%	0 0.00%	1 25.00%	98 34.75%
	Total	70 100.00%	89 100.00%	50 100.00%	28 100.00%	41 100.00%	0 100.00%	4 100.00%	282 100.00%

Do you have CU health insurance?

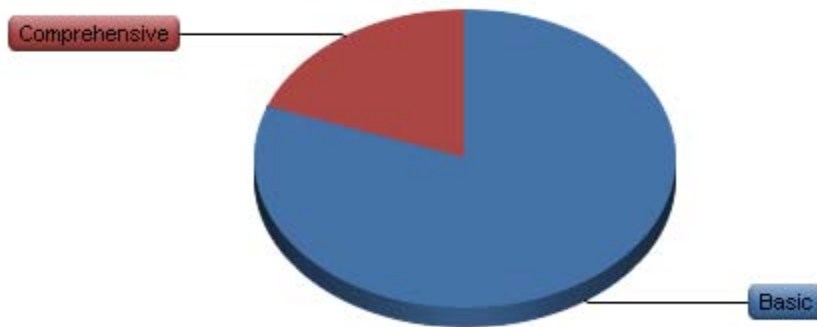
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	1,232	85%
2	No	221	15%
	Total	1,453	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.15
Variance	0.13
Standard Deviation	0.36
Total Responses	1,453

Which health insurance plan do you have?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Basic	981	81%
2	Comprehensive	236	19%
	Total	1,217	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.19
Variance	0.16
Standard Deviation	0.40
Total Responses	1,217

Cross Tabulation of Frequency of CU Health Services Visits and Insurance Plan

		How Often do you go to Columbia Student Health Services?							Total
		Once a year	Once a semester	Twice a semester	Three times a semester	More than three times a semester	Never	Other, please specify	
Which health insurance plan do you have?	Basic	252 90.65%	249 76.15%	132 70.21%	60 68.18%	57 66.28%	200 94.34%	21 77.78%	971 80.51%
	Comprehensive	26 9.35%	78 23.85%	56 29.79%	28 31.82%	29 33.72%	12 5.66%	6 22.22%	235 19.49%
	Total	278 100.00%	327 100.00%	188 100.00%	88 100.00%	86 100.00%	212 100.00%	27 100.00%	1206 100.00%

Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the following categories: [NOTE: Columbia's basic and comprehensive plans do not cover vision or dental services. Students have the option of buying into a discount vision and dental plan. Please rate the vision and dental categories only if you are enrolled in the optional plans. Otherwise check N/A.]

#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	General Physical Health	24	44	275	469	234	1,046	3.81
2	General Counseling and Psychological	20	35	214	267	155	691	3.73
3	Prescription Plan	19	42	272	367	160	860	3.71
4	Dental Plan (if enrolled)	41	59	96	91	43	330	3.11
5	Vision Plan (if enrolled)	23	21	72	63	26	205	3.23

#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	General Physical Health	2.29%	4.21%	26.29%	44.84%	22.37%	1,046	3.81
2	General Counseling and Psychological	2.89%	5.07%	30.97%	38.64%	22.43%	691	3.73
3	Prescription Plan	2.21%	4.88%	31.63%	42.67%	18.60%	860	3.71
4	Dental Plan (if enrolled)	12.42%	17.88%	29.09%	27.58%	13.03%	330	3.11
5	Vision Plan (if enrolled)	11.22%	10.24%	35.12%	30.73%	12.68%	205	3.23

Statistic	General Physical Health	General Counseling and Psychological	Prescription Plan	Dental Plan (if enrolled)	Vision Plan (if enrolled)
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.81	3.73	3.71	3.11	3.23
Variance	0.83	0.92	0.81	1.47	1.32
Standard Deviation	0.91	0.96	0.90	1.21	1.15
Total Responses	1,046	691	860	330	205

Cross Tabulation of Insurance Plan and Coverage Quality Ratings

		Which health insurance plan do you have?		Total
		Basic	Comprehensive	
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - General Physical Health	1. very poor	21 2.55%	3 1.38%	24 2.30%
	2. poor	36 4.37%	8 3.67%	44 4.22%
	3. fair	237 28.76%	37 16.97%	274 26.30%
	4. good	367 44.54%	99 45.41%	466 44.72%
	5. very good	163 19.78%	71 32.57%	234 22.46%
	Total	824 100.00%	218 100.00%	1042 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - General Counseling and Psychological	1. very poor	16 2.90%	4 2.94%	20 2.91%
	2. poor	28 5.07%	7 5.15%	35 5.09%
	3. fair	182 32.97%	32 23.53%	214 31.10%
	4. good	206 37.32%	58 42.65%	264 38.37%
	5. very good	120 21.74%	35 25.74%	155 22.53%
	Total	552 100.00%	136 100.00%	688 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - Prescription Plan	1. very poor	17 2.56%	2 1.04%	19 2.22%
	2. poor	33 4.98%	9 4.66%	42 4.91%
	3. fair	230 34.69%	41 21.24%	271 31.66%
	4. good	276 41.63%	88 45.60%	364 42.52%
	5. very good	107 16.14%	53 27.46%	160 18.69%
	Total	663 100.00%	193 100.00%	856 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - Dental Plan (if enrolled)	1. very poor	31 11.83%	10 14.93%	41 12.46%
	2. poor	45 17.18%	14 20.90%	59 17.93%
	3. fair	81 30.92%	15 22.39%	96 29.18%
	4. good	75 28.63%	15 22.39%	90 27.36%
	5. very good	30 11.45%	13 19.40%	43 13.07%
	Total	262 100.00%	67 100.00%	329 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - Vision Plan (if enrolled)	1. very poor	17 9.88%	6 18.75%	23 11.27%
	2. poor	18 10.47%	3 9.38%	21 10.29%
	3. fair	63 36.63%	9 28.13%	72 35.29%
	4. good	54 31.40%	8 25.00%	62 30.39%
	5. very good	20 11.63%	6 18.75%	26 12.75%
	Total	172 100.00%	32 100.00%	204 100.00%

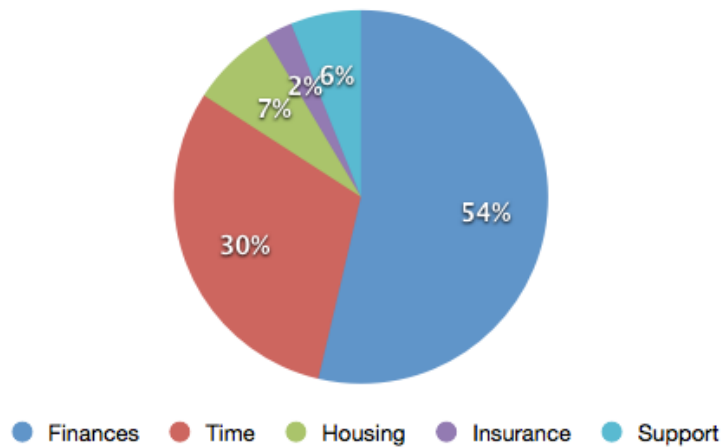
Cross Tabulation of Frequency of CU Health Services Visits and Insurance Plan Coverage Quality Ratings

		How Often do you go to Columbia Student Health Services?							Total
		Once a year	Once a semester	Twice a semester	Three times a semester	More than three times a semester	Never	Other, please specify	
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - General Physical Health	1. very poor	7 2.83%	7 2.23%	4 2.15%	1 1.18%	2 2.47%	1 0.97%	2 10.00%	24 2.32%
	2. poor	9 3.64%	8 2.55%	11 5.91%	4 4.71%	2 2.47%	6 5.83%	3 15.00%	43 4.15%
	3. fair	74 29.96%	71 22.61%	43 23.12%	16 18.82%	12 14.81%	53 51.46%	4 20.00%	273 26.35%
	4. good	112 45.34%	161 51.27%	76 40.86%	42 49.41%	34 41.98%	31 30.10%	7 35.00%	463 44.69%
	5. very good	45 18.22%	67 21.34%	52 27.96%	22 25.88%	31 38.27%	12 11.65%	4 20.00%	233 22.49%
	Total	247 100.00%	314 100.00%	186 100.00%	85 100.00%	81 100.00%	103 100.00%	20 100.00%	1036 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - General Counseling and Psychological	1. very poor	5 3.40%	7 3.89%	3 2.40%	1 1.69%	1 1.37%	1 1.12%	2 20.00%	20 2.93%
	2. poor	5 3.40%	4 2.22%	6 4.80%	3 5.08%	8 10.96%	6 6.74%	2 20.00%	34 4.98%
	3. fair	52 35.37%	46 25.56%	35 28.00%	21 35.59%	14 19.18%	44 49.44%	1 10.00%	213 31.19%
	4. good	59 40.14%	83 46.11%	46 36.80%	18 30.51%	25 34.25%	28 31.46%	3 30.00%	262 38.36%
	5. very good	26 17.69%	40 22.22%	35 28.00%	16 27.12%	25 34.25%	10 11.24%	2 20.00%	154 22.55%
	Total	147 100.00%	180 100.00%	125 100.00%	59 100.00%	73 100.00%	89 100.00%	10 100.00%	683 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - Prescription Plan	1. very poor	7 3.76%	4 1.59%	1 0.66%	1 1.30%	2 2.74%	2 2.08%	2 13.33%	19 2.24%
	2. poor	6 3.23%	6 2.38%	10 6.62%	5 6.49%	7 9.59%	5 5.21%	2 13.33%	41 4.82%
	3. fair	61 32.80%	77 30.56%	41 27.15%	23 29.87%	16 21.92%	51 53.13%	0 0.00%	269 31.65%
	4. good	89 47.85%	121 48.02%	65 43.05%	30 38.96%	24 32.88%	26 27.08%	6 40.00%	361 42.47%
	5. very good	23 12.37%	44 17.46%	34 22.52%	18 23.38%	24 32.88%	12 12.50%	5 33.33%	160 18.82%
	Total	186 100.00%	252 100.00%	151 100.00%	77 100.00%	73 100.00%	96 100.00%	15 100.00%	850 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - Dental Plan (if enrolled)	1. very poor	9 12.00%	10 9.90%	4 8.51%	6 25.00%	6 27.27%	3 6.25%	2 28.57%	40 12.35%
	2. poor	12 16.00%	17 16.83%	13 27.66%	9 37.50%	3 13.64%	4 8.33%	1 14.29%	59 18.21%
	3. fair	22 29.33%	29 28.71%	17 36.17%	2 8.33%	3 13.64%	20 41.67%	2 28.57%	95 29.32%
	4. good	26 34.67%	32 31.68%	7 14.89%	4 16.67%	4 18.18%	13 27.08%	1 14.29%	87 26.85%
	5. very good	6 8.00%	13 12.87%	6 12.77%	3 12.50%	6 27.27%	8 16.67%	1 14.29%	43 13.27%
	Total	75 100.00%	101 100.00%	47 100.00%	24 100.00%	22 100.00%	48 100.00%	7 100.00%	324 100.00%
Please rate the quality of your COVERAGE on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the follow... - Vision Plan (if enrolled)	1. very poor	5 10.20%	6 10.91%	2 9.09%	4 25.00%	3 20.00%	1 2.50%	1 33.33%	22 11.00%
	2. poor	4 8.16%	5 9.09%	4 18.18%	2 12.50%	3 20.00%	3 7.50%	0 0.00%	21 10.50%
	3. fair	19 38.78%	18 32.73%	6 27.27%	6 37.50%	2 13.33%	19 47.50%	1 33.33%	71 35.50%
	4. good	16 32.65%	18 32.73%	6 27.27%	3 18.75%	5 33.33%	11 27.50%	1 33.33%	60 30.00%
	5. very good	5 10.20%	8 14.55%	4 18.18%	1 6.25%	2 13.33%	6 15.00%	0 0.00%	26 13.00%
	Total	49 100.00%	55 100.00%	22 100.00%	16 100.00%	15 100.00%	40 100.00%	3 100.00%	200 100.00%

FAMILY LIFE

Among the respondents 38% reported that they are married or partnered. 7% of respondents stated that they are parents, having on average 1.23 children (73% have one child, 25% have two children). 248 respondents have considered starting a family in graduate school but decided against it. The chart below indicates, based on individual comments by 147 respondents, the specific reasons why they decided against starting a family.

Reasons for students who had considered having children deciding not to (n=147)

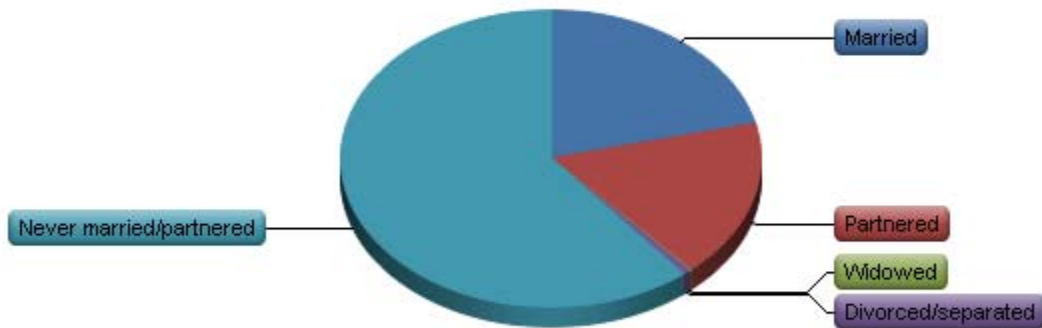


In terms of non-academic support, among the parent respondents, 14% indicate that Columbia housing has not been accommodating of their family situation; 21% indicated that housing somewhat accommodated them (17% moderately, 31% well, and 17% very well accommodative).

In terms of child care, 35% use a private daycare facility, while only 4% use a Columbia-affiliated daycare facility. A CU childcare option would directly benefit 20% of female graduate student parents, who do not otherwise have access to full-time childcare. At the moment these women rely on other arrangements such as family and friends, or arranging shifts with husband/partner.

What is your current marital or relationship status?

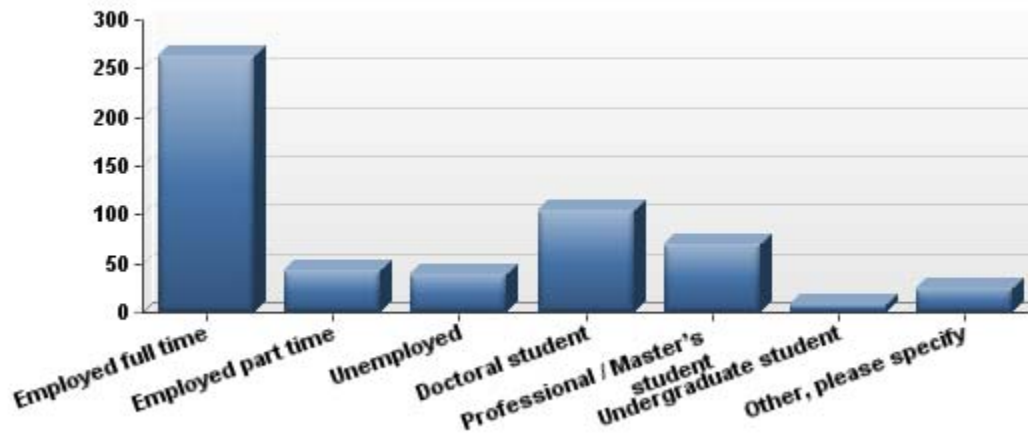
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Married	299	21%
2	Partnered	244	17%
3	Widowed	1	0%
4	Divorced/separated	9	1%
5	Never married/partnered	860	61%
	Total	1,413	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.63
Variance	3.07
Standard Deviation	1.75
Total Responses	1,413

What is your spouse/partner's current employment/educational status?

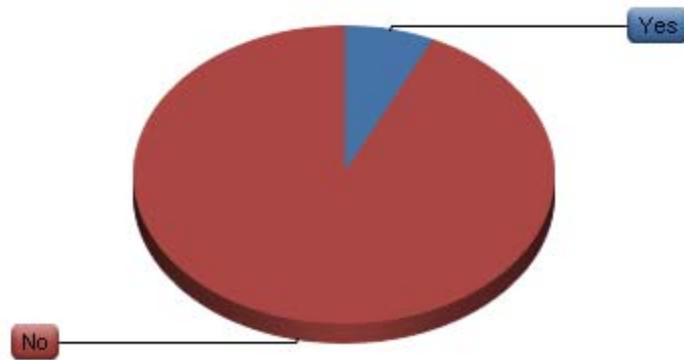
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Employed full time	261	47%
2	Employed part time	44	8%
3	Unemployed	40	7%
4	Doctoral student	104	19%
5	Professional / Master's student	69	13%
6	Undergraduate student	8	1%
7	Other, please specify	24	4%
	Total	550	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	2.63
Variance	3.37
Standard Deviation	1.83
Total Responses	550

Are you a parent?

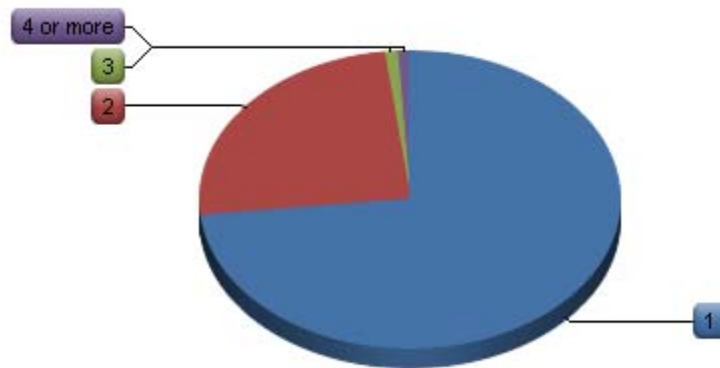
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	102	7%
2	No	1,370	93%
	Total	1,472	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.93
Variance	0.06
Standard Deviation	0.25
Total Responses	1,472

How many children do you have?

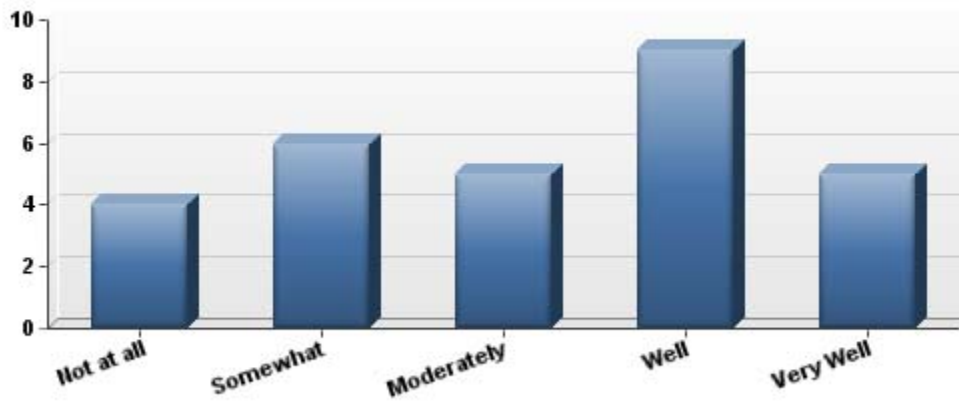
#	Answer	Response	%
1	1	73	73%
2	2	25	25%
3	3	1	1%
4	4 or more	1	1%
	Total	100	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.30
Variance	0.29
Standard Deviation	0.54
Total Responses	100

How has Columbia housing been accommodating your family situation?

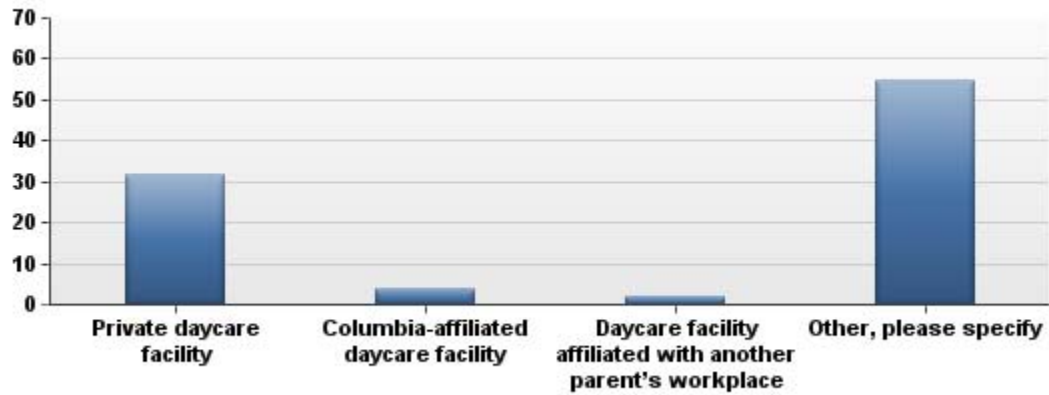
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not at all	4	14%
2	Somewhat	6	21%
3	Moderately	5	17%
4	Well	9	31%
5	Very Well	5	17%
	Total	29	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.17
Variance	1.79
Standard Deviation	1.34
Total Responses	29

What are your current childcare arrangements?

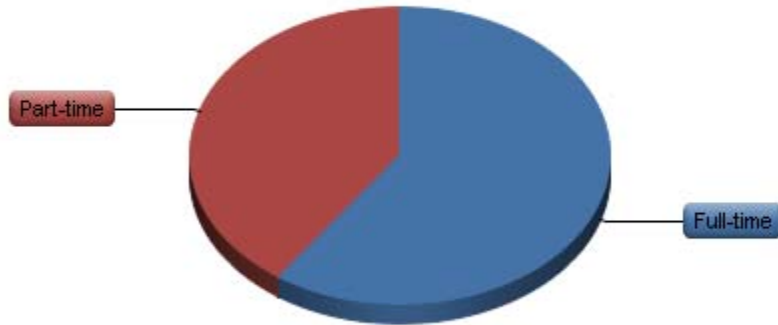
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Private daycare facility	32	35%
2	Columbia-affiliated daycare facility	4	4%
3	Daycare facility affiliated with another parent's workplace	2	2%
4	Other, please specify	54	59%
	Total	92	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.85
Variance	2.02
Standard Deviation	1.42
Total Responses	92

Are these current arrangements full-time or part-time childcare?

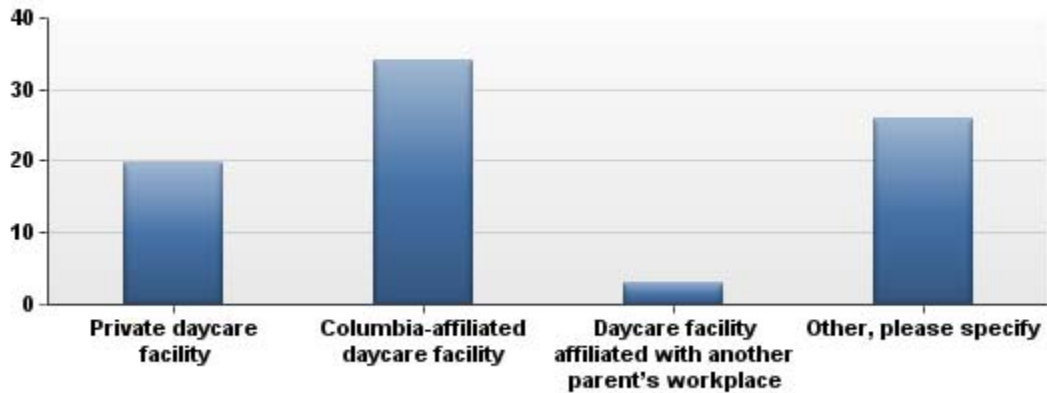
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Full-time	49	60%
2	Part-time	32	40%
	Total	81	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.40
Variance	0.24
Standard Deviation	0.49
Total Responses	81

What are your preferred childcare arrangements?

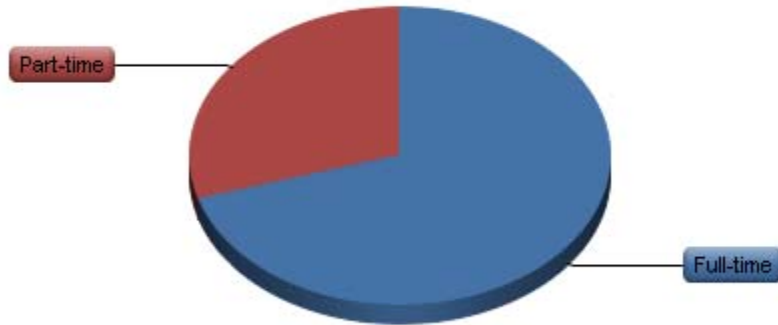
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Private daycare facility	19	23%
2	Columbia-affiliated daycare facility	34	41%
3	Daycare facility affiliated with another parent's workplace	3	4%
4	Other, please specify	26	32%
	Total	82	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.44
Variance	1.36
Standard Deviation	1.17
Total Responses	82

Are these preferred childcare arrangements full-time or part-time?

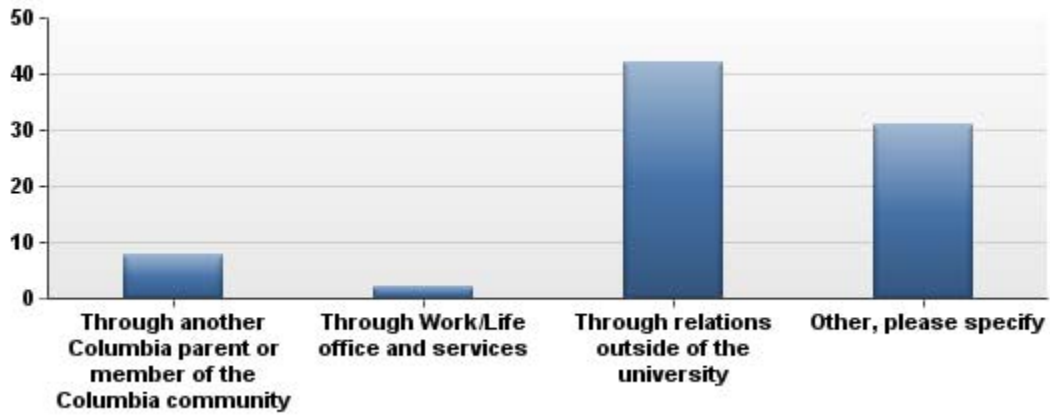
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Full-time	51	70%
2	Part-time	22	30%
	Total	73	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.30
Variance	0.21
Standard Deviation	0.46
Total Responses	73

How did you find your current childcare facility or childcare arrangement?

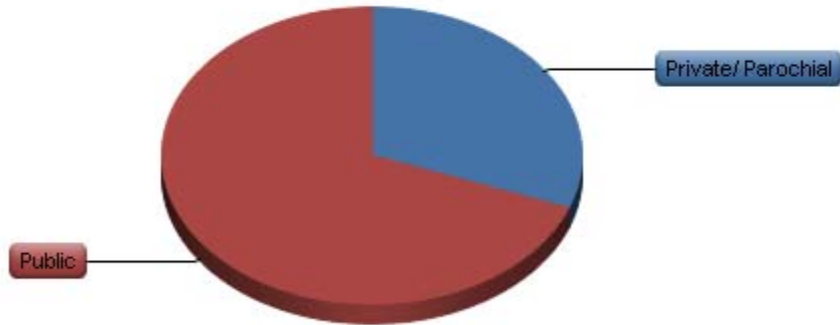
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Through another Columbia parent or member of the Columbia community	8	10%
2	Through Work/Life office and services	2	3%
3	Through relations outside of the university	41	51%
4	Other, please specify	31	39%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Total Responses	80

If your children are of school age, what kind of school do they attend?

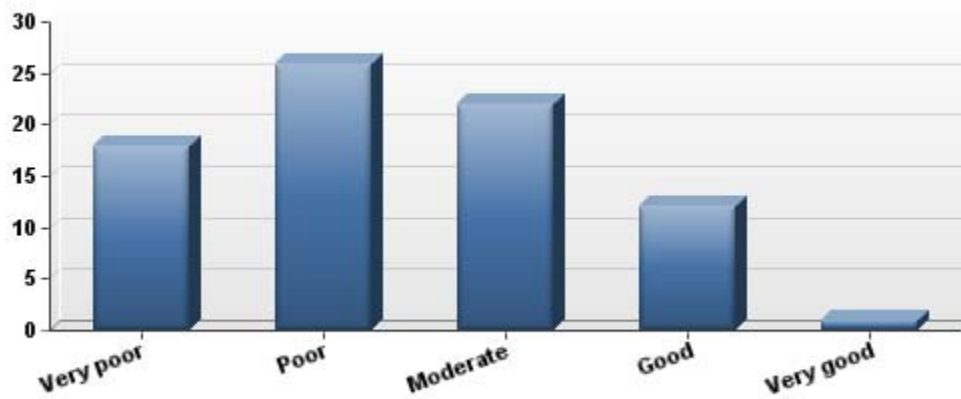
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Private/ Parochial	8	31%
2	Public	18	69%
	Total	26	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.69
Variance	0.22
Standard Deviation	0.47
Total Responses	26

53. How would you rate Columbia's support of graduate student parents?

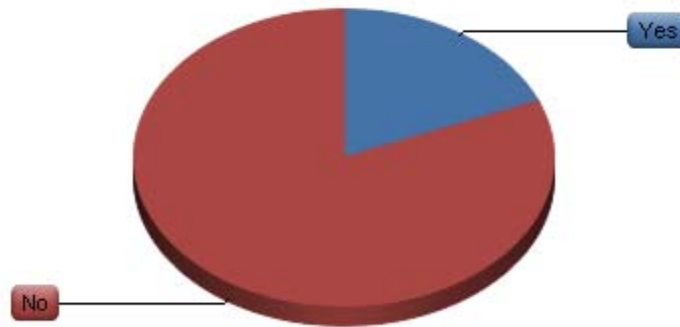
#	Answer	Response	%
1	Very poor	18	23%
2	Poor	25	32%
3	Moderate	22	28%
4	Good	12	15%
5	Very good	1	1%
	Total	78	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.40
Variance	1.10
Standard Deviation	1.05
Total Responses	78

Have you considered having a child while in graduate school?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	243	19%
2	No	1,051	81%
	Total	1,294	100%



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.81
Variance	0.15
Standard Deviation	0.39
Total Responses	1,294

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	756

TRANSPORTATION

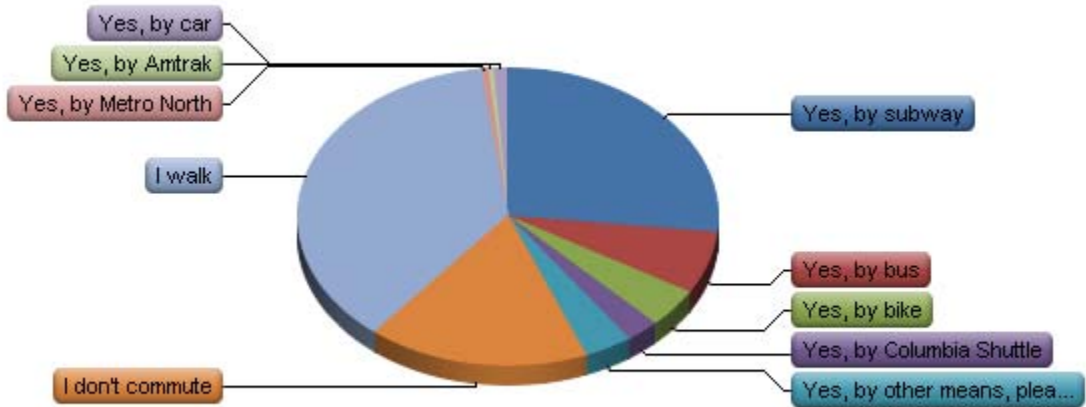
Of all graduate student respondents, almost half indicate that they use public transport to commute to Columbia (33% by subway, 8% by bus, 1% by Metro North), 3% use the Columbia Shuttle, 5% bike to Columbia, and 1% commute by car. Respondents indicate that 55% of them spend the cost of a monthly metro card (\$104) to commute to Columbia; 29% paid less than that and 10% more than \$104.

In terms of inter-campus commuting, 18% travel to the Medical campus more than once a week, while 6% travel uptown 1-3 times per month and 21% less than once per semester.

26% of all respondents own a bicycle, and of those, 71% store it in their apartment, 16% in their building's basement, and 5% on the street. Of the other three quarters who do not own a bike, 41% would like to have one, but decided against it due to lack of storage (29%) and lack of money (12%). In particular, a majority of students would like to see more bike rooms and racks associated with University and University Housing buildings.

In general, respondents commented that they would like to have the option of purchasing metro cards with a discount or with pre-tax dollars as Columbia employees are able to do. Similarly, students would like to see a partnership with NJ Transit. Also, drivers would be interested in parking permit options. In terms of intercampus shuttles, both the CUMC and Lamont shuttles could increase in frequency and convenience, according to respondents' individual comments and suggestions. Furthermore, students appreciate the escort service, but face long wait times, especially in the winter, and more cars at its disposal might alleviate the situation.

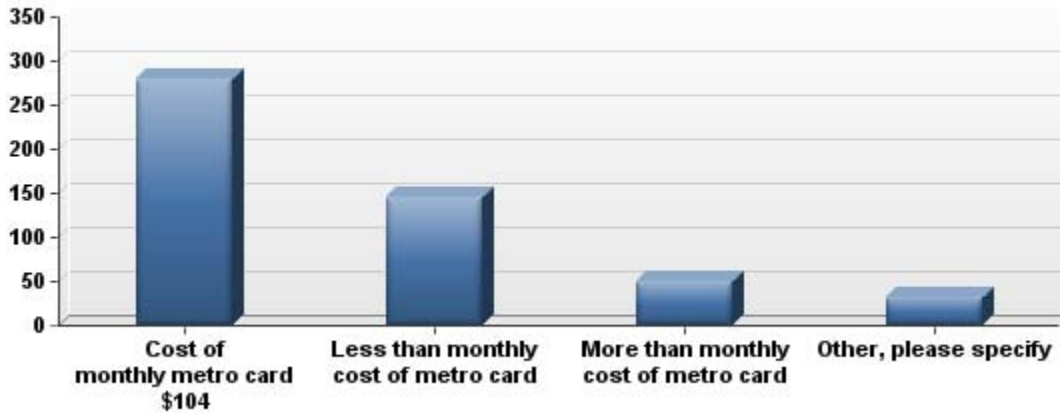
Do you commute to Columbia? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, by subway	493	33%
2	Yes, by bus	125	8%
3	Yes, by bike	78	5%
4	Yes, by Columbia Shuttle	47	3%
5	Yes, by other means, please specify	68	5%
6	I don't commute	310	21%
8	I walk	682	46%
9	Yes, by Metro North	11	1%
10	Yes, by Amtrak	7	0%
15	Yes, by car	22	1%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	15
Total Responses	1,479

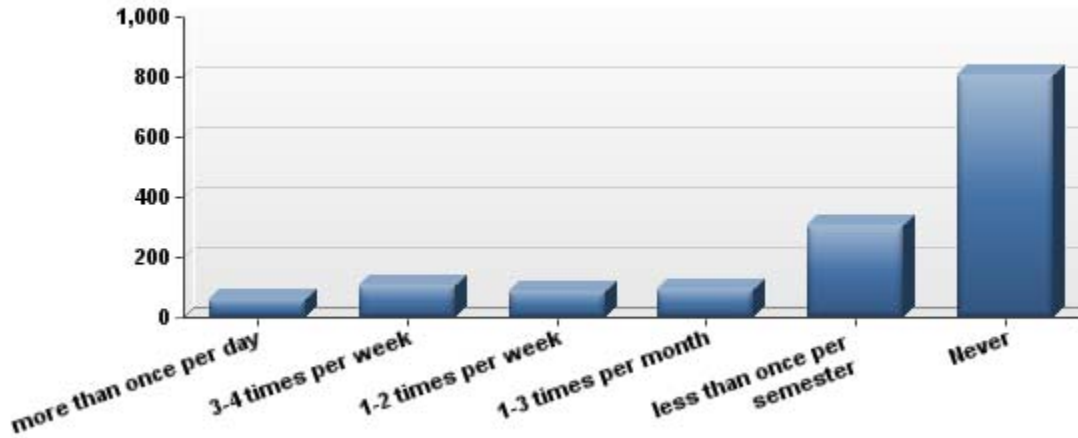
How much money do you spend monthly on transportation to commute to Columbia?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Cost of monthly metro card \$104	280	55%
2	Less than monthly cost of metro card	146	29%
3	More than monthly cost of metro card	50	10%
4	Other, please specify	31	6%
	Total	507	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.67
Variance	0.79
Standard Deviation	0.89
Total Responses	507

How often do you need to travel to the other campus (Morningside Campus to Medical Campus) during school days, on average?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	more than once per day	58	4%
2	3-4 times per week	110	8%
3	1-2 times per week	86	6%
4	1-3 times per month	93	6%
5	less than once per semester	308	21%
7	Never	809	55%
	Total	1,464	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	5.54
Variance	3.53
Standard Deviation	1.88
Total Responses	1,464

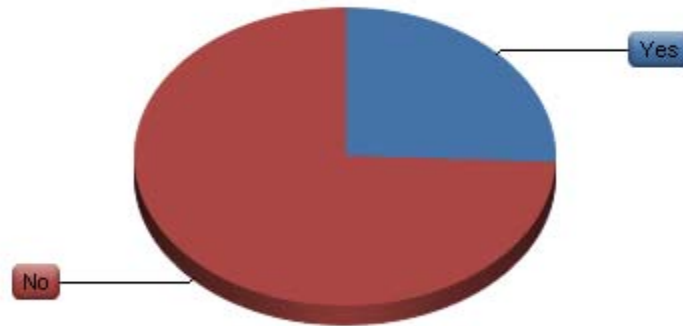
How much money do you roughly spend specifically on traveling between campuses during school days?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	less than \$5 per semester	372	60%
2	\$1-\$10 per month	73	12%
3	\$11-\$30 per month	84	13%
4	\$31-\$50 per month	40	6%
5	\$51-\$100 per month	32	5%
6	more than \$100 per month	22	4%
	Total	623	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	1.96
Variance	2.02
Standard Deviation	1.42
Total Responses	623

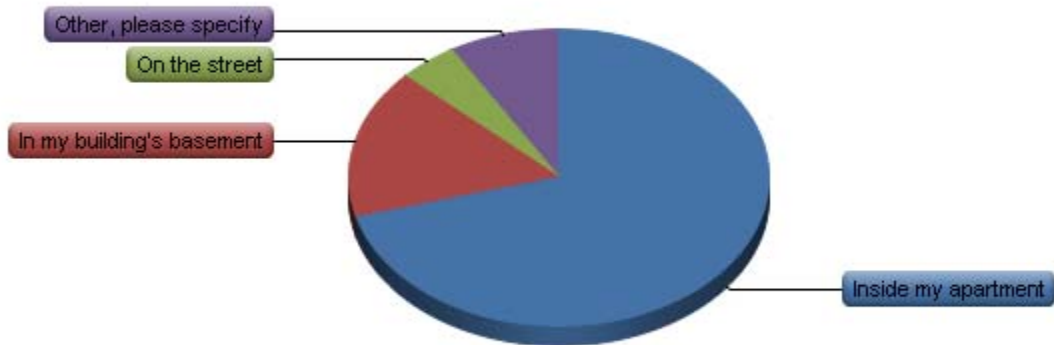
Do you own a bicycle?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	379	26%
2	No	1,096	74%
	Total	1,475	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.74
Variance	0.19
Standard Deviation	0.44
Total Responses	1,475

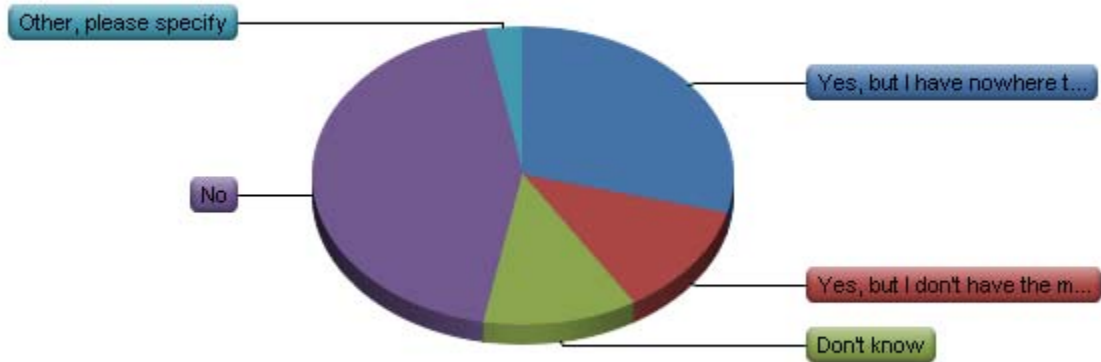
Where do you store your bike?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Inside my apartment	265	71%
2	In my building's basement	61	16%
3	On the street	17	5%
4	Other, please specify	32	9%
	Total	375	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.51
Variance	0.85
Standard Deviation	0.92
Total Responses	375

64. Would you like to own a bike?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, but I have nowhere to store it	317	29%
2	Yes, but I don't have the money	132	12%
3	Don't know	127	12%
4	No	480	44%
5	Other, please specify	32	3%
	Total	1,088	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.80
Variance	1.81
Standard Deviation	1.34
Total Responses	1,088

LIBRARIES AND SPACE

Libraries

The most used Columbia Libraries on Morningside Campus are Butler (73%), Lehman (35%), Avery (33%), Business and Economics (21%), Engineering (21%), Mathematics (19%), and Barnard (19%). Respondents mostly comment on the high noise levels and crowdedness in Columbia's main libraries and their apparent focus on catering to undergraduate students, at the cost of research and other graduate level activities, especially in comparison with other Ivy League libraries. Students would like to see more 24 hour rooms in CU libraries. With regards to Avery in particular, users who rely on the space to consult its non-circulating books and resources complain that valuable space is occupied by users, especially business students, not affiliated with Art History and without the need to use these resources. Respondents also remark on the low quality of chairs in many libraries, especially in Lehman, and those that have wooden chairs.

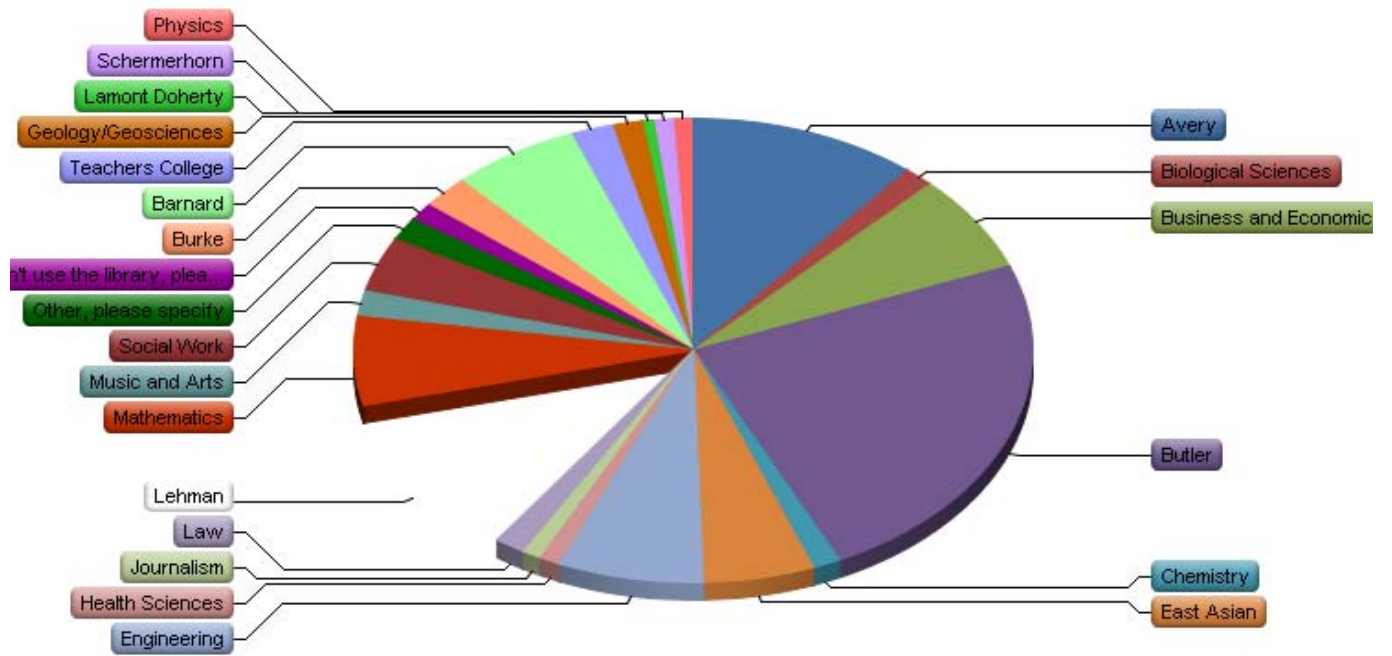
Study and Work Space




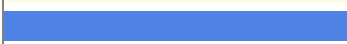



















In terms of study space, 45% of the respondents state that they do not have a dedicated study space on campus; of those who do, 5% have an office for themselves, 26% have a shared office, 7% have a carrel, 3% have a dedicated space in a library, and 5% have a desk in their lab. Respondents indicate they usually study and/or work in a dedicated space on campus (20%), in a shared space on campus (16%), at home or another location off-campus (36%), and at the library (25%).

66% of the respondents do not think that there is enough space for graduate students on campus to hang out or hold events. 40% of all respondents would use a graduate student center to work, hang out, or have events a few times per week, 28% would utilize it a few times per month, and 23% a few times per semester. The survey provides further insight into the functions that students are looking for in a graduate student center what times of day they would use it, and informed the planning of the new GSAS Graduate Student Center in 301 Philosophy currently underway.

In addition to broad support for the GSAS Graduate Student Center, respondents across departments also remarked on the importance of providing more dedicated graduate space in departments to encourage continuous exchange among students within the same department. Furthermore, space considerations should also include the needs of commuting students and provide for bike storage, work space and places to heat lunches from home.

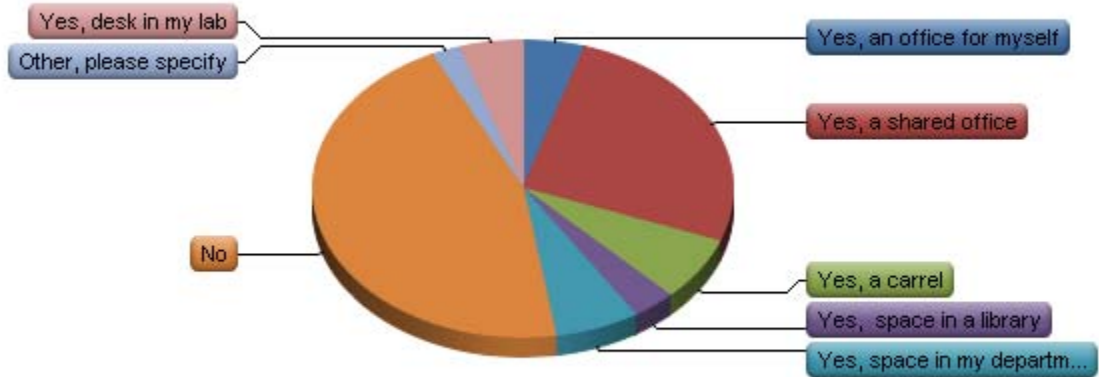
Which Columbia Libraries do you use? (check all that apply)



#	Answer		Response	%
1	Avery		490	33%
2	Biological Sciences		64	4%
3	Business and Economics		306	21%
4	Butler		1,076	73%
5	Chemistry		60	4%
6	East Asian		238	16%
7	Engineering		311	21%
8	Health Sciences		45	3%
9	Journalism		40	3%
10	Law		67	5%
11	Lehman		514	35%
12	Mathematics		277	19%
13	Music and Arts		80	5%
14	Social Work		172	12%
15	Other, please specify		73	5%
18	I don't use the library, please specify why not		55	4%
20	Burke		103	7%
21	Barnard		274	19%
22	Teachers College		91	6%
23	Geology/Geosciences		65	4%
24	Lamont Doherty		24	2%
25	Schermerhorn		42	3%
26	Physics		43	3%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	26
Total Responses	1,477

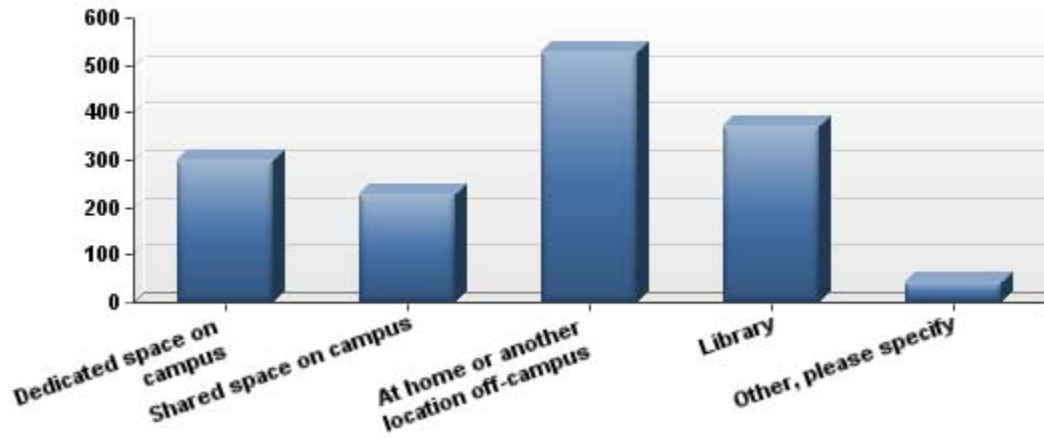
Do you have any dedicated study space on campus?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, an office for myself	70	5%
2	Yes, a shared office	383	26%
3	Yes, a carrel	102	7%
4	Yes, space in a library	49	3%
5	Yes, space in my department	95	6%
6	No	667	45%
7	Other, please specify	32	2%
9	Yes, desk in my lab	73	5%
	Total	1,471	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Mean	4.55
Variance	4.55
Standard Deviation	2.13
Total Responses	1,471

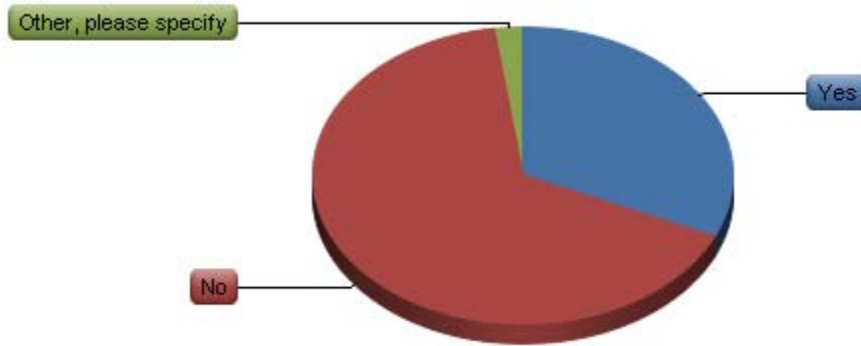
Where do you usually study and/or work?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Dedicated space on campus	298	20%
2	Shared space on campus	228	16%
3	At home or another location off-campus	530	36%
4	Library	371	25%
5	Other, please specify	43	3%
	Total	1,470	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.75
Variance	1.27
Standard Deviation	1.13
Total Responses	1,470

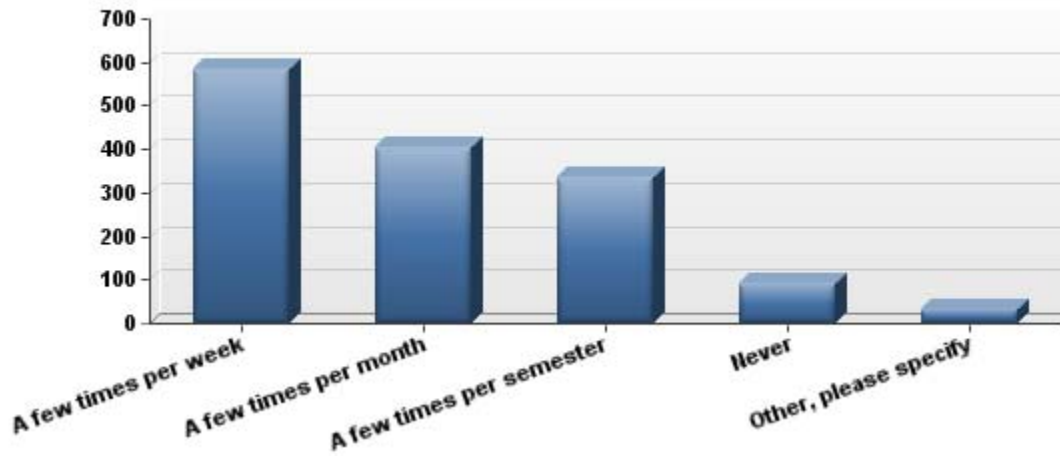
Do you think that there is enough space for graduate students on campus to hang out or hold events?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	403	32%
2	No	838	66%
3	Other, please specify	28	2%
	Total	1,269	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.70
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	1,269

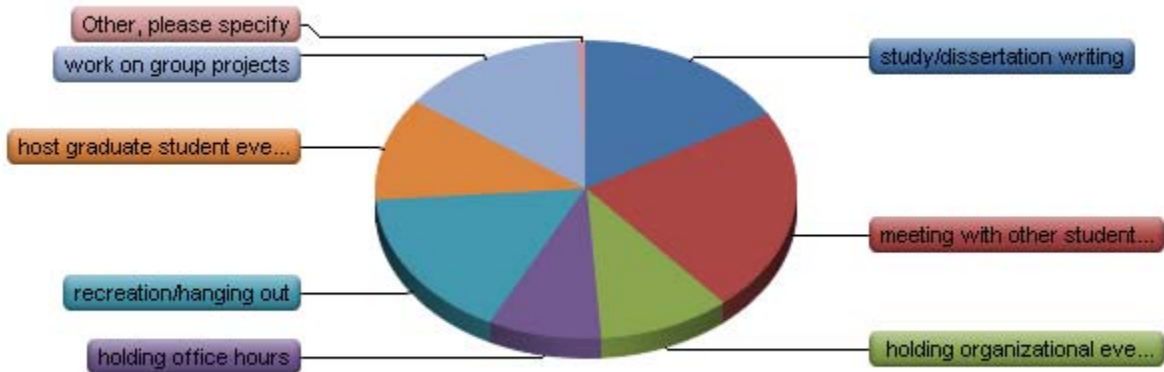
If a graduate student center existed where students could work, hang out, or have events, how often would you use it?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	A few times per week	585	40%
2	A few times per month	407	28%
3	A few times per semester	338	23%
4	Never	94	6%
5	Other, please specify	33	2%
	Total	1,457	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.03
Variance	1.10
Standard Deviation	1.05
Total Responses	1,457

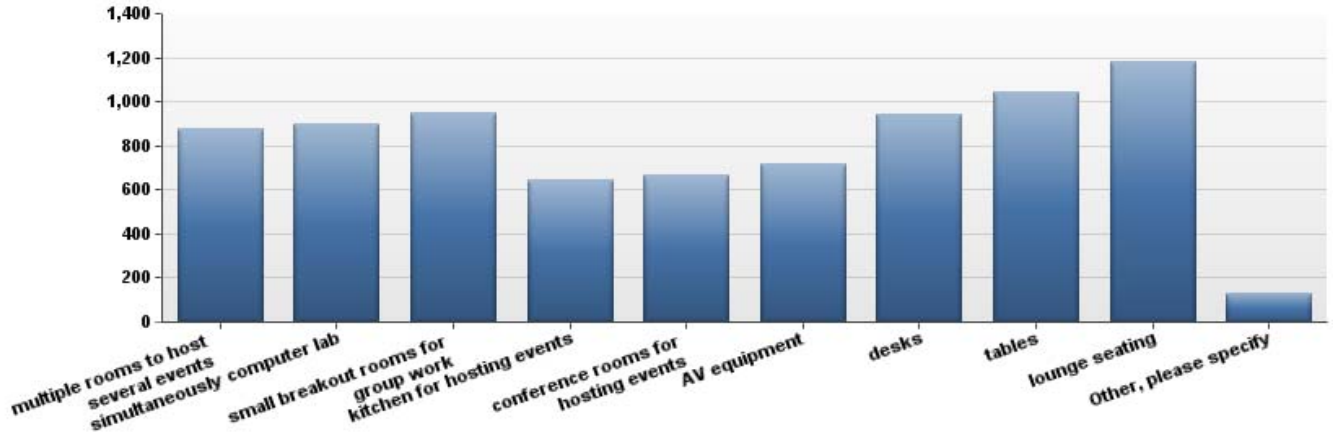
If a graduate student center existed what would you use it for? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	study/dissertation writing	853	62%
2	meeting with other students/colleagues	1,134	82%
3	holding organizational events	520	38%
4	holding office hours	437	32%
5	recreation/hanging out	836	60%
6	host graduate student events	572	41%
7	work on group projects	735	53%
8	Other, please specify	37	3%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	1,382

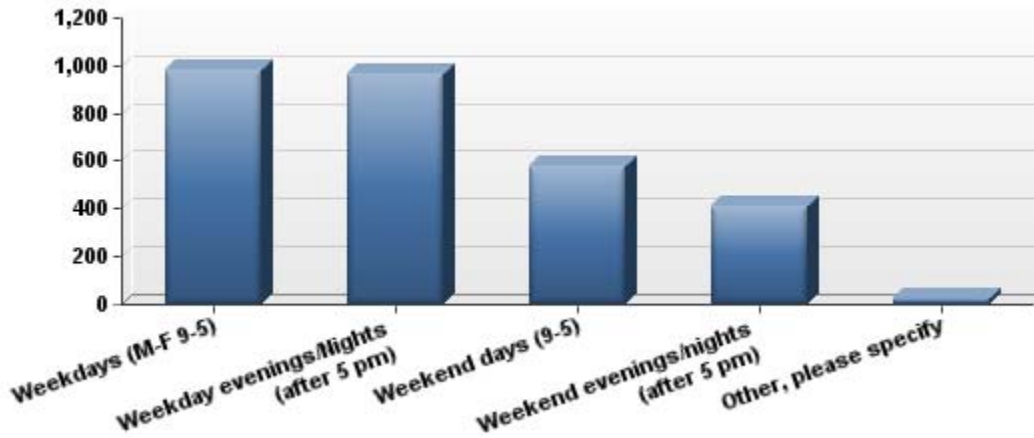
What do you think a Graduate Student center should feature? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	multiple rooms to host several events simultaneously	875	61%
2	computer lab	896	62%
3	small breakout rooms for group work	950	66%
4	kitchen for hosting events	649	45%
5	conference rooms for hosting events	670	47%
6	AV equipment	715	50%
7	desks	946	66%
8	tables	1,047	73%
9	lounge seating	1,183	82%
10	Other, please specify	131	9%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	10
Total Responses	1,435

When would you use a Graduate Student center? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Weekdays (M-F 9-5)	980	71%
2	Weekday evenings/Nights (after 5 pm)	968	70%
3	Weekend days (9-5)	576	42%
4	Weekend evenings/nights (after 5 pm)	414	30%
5	Other, please specify	21	2%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Total Responses	1,375

FITNESS

Respondents rate the Dodge Fitness Center fair/good on facilities, fair on equipment availability, fair/good on classes offered, good on courtesy of staff, and fair/good on cleanliness. A large part of graduate student respondents (39%) never use the Dodge Fitness Center. 14% use it several times a semester, 8% 1-3 times a month, 30% use it 1-3 times a week, while 6% use it daily. 16% of all respondents use another gym (1% use Bard Athletic Center), either in their building, or a New York gym.

Dodge users most of their time on the cardio equipment, and some of their time in the weight rooms and on the track, with few of them spending time in the pool and on the basketball/squash courts. With respect to the fees, only 11% think that the gym fee is appropriate, 24% believe that the gym could improve for that price, 30% think the gym is overpriced for the quality of service. Respondents comment that paying for the gym should be optional for all graduate students, and that it is too small and that there is not enough equipment to accommodate the student body of the university. Similarly, pool hours are too limited in the view of many respondents. Also much improvement is suggested regarding the lockers and shower areas.

How often do you use the Dodge Fitness Center?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	574	39%
2	Several Times a Semester	210	14%
3	Once a Month	39	3%
4	2-3 Times a Month	79	5%
5	Once a Week	111	8%
6	2-3 Times a Week	323	22%
7	Daily	87	6%
8	Other, please specify	42	3%
	Total	1,465	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	3.32
Variance	5.62
Standard Deviation	2.37
Total Responses	1,465

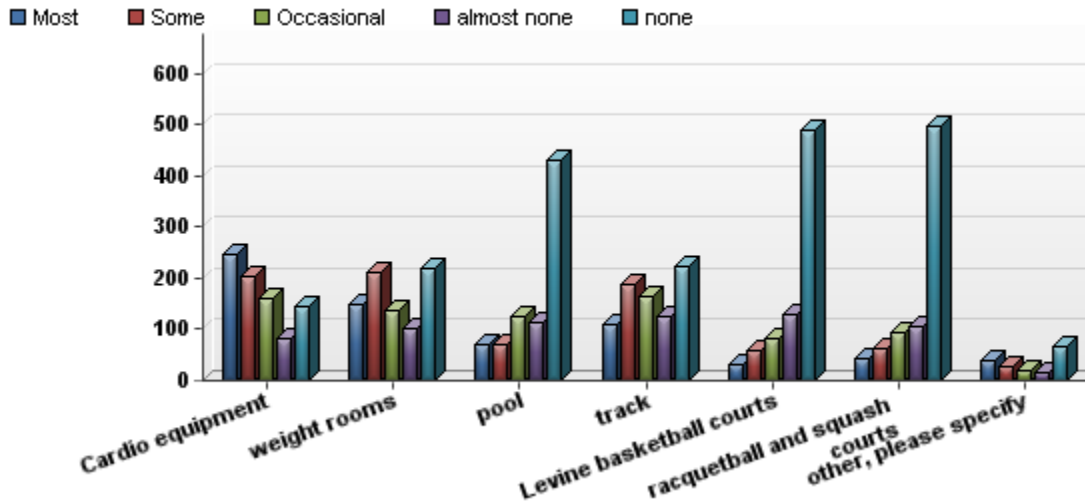
Please rate the following aspects of the Dodge Fitness Center on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Facilities	46	90	272	358	106	872	3.44
2	Equipment availability	80	195	300	212	62	849	2.98
3	Classes offered	22	50	181	225	80	558	3.52
4	Courtesy of staff	14	38	204	366	181	803	3.82
5	Cleanliness	40	93	257	363	123	876	3.50
6	Overall	24	88	298	376	86	872	3.47

Statistic	Facilities	Equipment availability	Classes offered	Courtesy of staff	Cleanliness	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.44	2.98	3.52	3.82	3.50	3.47
Variance	1.01	1.15	0.95	0.80	1.02	0.81
Standard Deviation	1.01	1.07	0.98	0.89	1.01	0.90
Total Responses	872	849	558	803	876	872

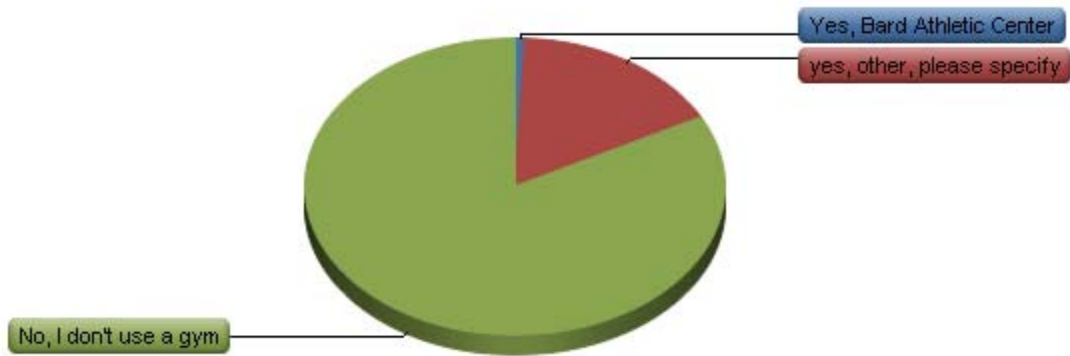
How much of your time at the gym do you spend in each area?



#	Question	Most	Some	Occasional	almost none	none	Responses	Mean
1	Cardio equipment	248	202	161	81	144	836	2.61
2	weight rooms	149	211	137	103	219	819	3.04
3	pool	72	71	126	114	432	815	3.94
4	track	109	188	164	127	224	812	3.21
5	Levine basketball courts	33	57	83	131	492	796	4.25
6	racquetball and squash courts	42	62	93	107	498	802	4.19
7	other, please specify	39	28	19	14	66	166	3.24

Statistic	Cardio equipment	weight rooms	pool	track	Levine basketball courts	racquetball and squash courts	other, please specify
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	2.61	3.04	3.94	3.21	4.25	4.19	3.24
Variance	2.06	2.18	1.83	1.99	1.32	1.48	2.92
Standard Deviation	1.44	1.48	1.35	1.41	1.15	1.22	1.71
Total Responses	836	819	815	812	796	802	170

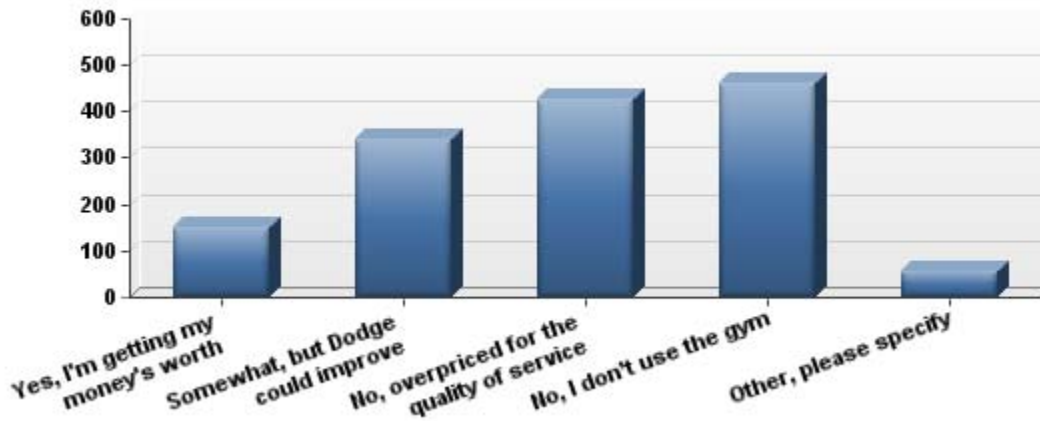
Do you use another gym?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, Bard Athletic Center	11	1%
2	yes, other, please specify	233	16%
4	No, I don't use a gym	1,169	83%
	Total	1,413	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	3.65
Variance	0.61
Standard Deviation	0.78
Total Responses	1,413

Do you think the fee that you pay for the gym (currently \$157 per semester) is fair for the service provided?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, I'm getting my money's worth	152	11%
2	Somewhat, but Dodge could improve	342	24%
3	No, overpriced for the quality of service	426	30%
4	No, I don't use the gym	463	32%
5	Other, please specify	55	4%
	Total	1,438	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.95
Variance	1.13
Standard Deviation	1.06
Total Responses	1,438

ACADEMICS AND MENTORING

Information and Communication

Respondents indicate that only 53% of them are provided with clear information regarding degree requirements and evaluations by their department, while 28% receive such information only during orientation, and 16% have never received any such information. Often information is incomplete or unclear, and information could be provided more frequently and in a more coherent and organized way. Graduate students rate their department website as good in providing information regarding degree requirements, in maintaining a student directory, in informing about events and about faculty and courses. The ratings were not as good with respect to providing other student resources.

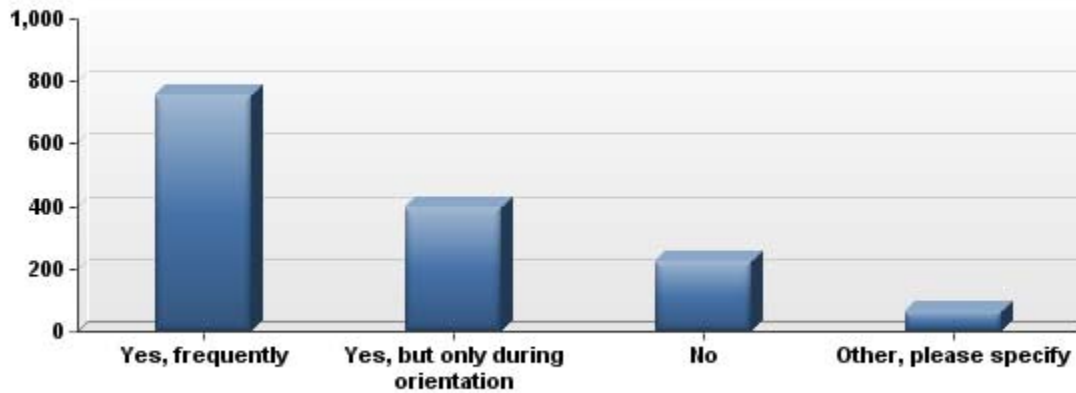
Mentoring and Advising

84% of respondents indicate that they have an academic mentor and/or advisor, while 12% do not and 3% do not know. 38% seek academic advice or mentorship 2 or more times per month, 21% about once per month, 31% about twice per semester, and while 10% never seek such advice. Mentors and/or advisors are rated as good or very good with respect to their availability, quality of mentorship, concern for their mentee's academic success, and professionalism. The ratings for the DGS or department leadership regarding their availability, concern for graduate students, and professionalism are mostly good. 36% indicate that they are very satisfied with the mentorship they receive, 35% rate their satisfaction as good, 17% as fair, while 8% and 4% rate it as poor or very poor respectively.

Graduate Student Council

65% of all respondents state that there is a graduate student council in their department that represents the graduate students' interests vis-à-vis the department faculty and leadership. Three quarters of the students who are not represented by a departmental graduate student council believe it would be beneficial if their department had a graduate student council and indicate that it should have the following purposes: represent graduate students' concerns to faculty and department leadership (60%); organize social events (41%); and organize regular 'town hall meetings' with department leadership (24%).

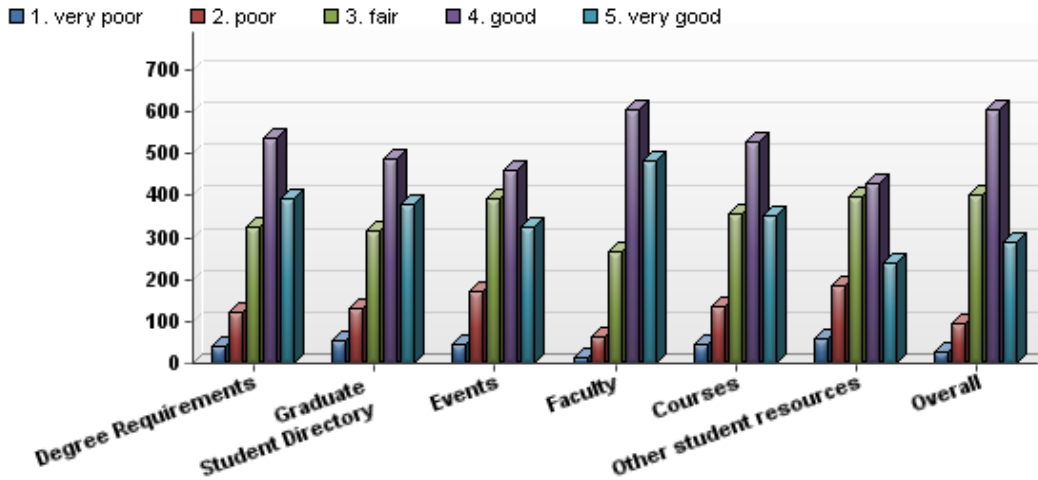
Does your department provide you with clear information regarding your degree requirements and evaluations?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes, frequently	758	53%
2	Yes, but only during orientation	396	28%
3	No	223	16%
4	Other, please specify	61	4%
	Total	1,438	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.71
Variance	0.77
Standard Deviation	0.88
Total Responses	1,438

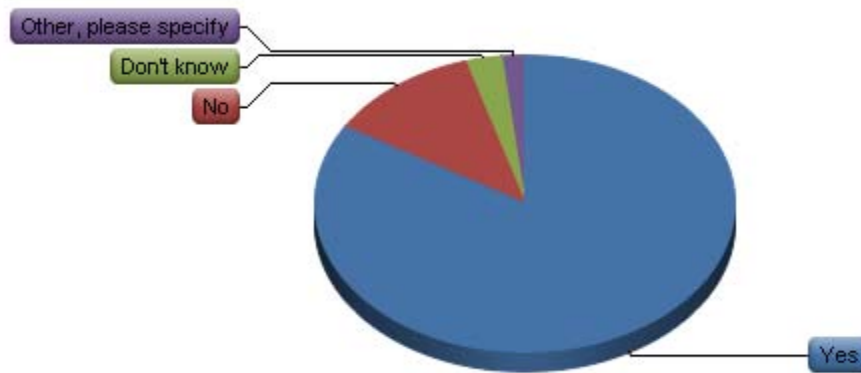
Please rate the following aspects of your department's website on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Degree Requirements	39	122	324	538	395	1,418	3.80
2	Graduate Student Directory	52	130	314	488	380	1,364	3.74
3	Events	45	170	394	462	323	1,394	3.61
4	Faculty	13	62	267	605	481	1,428	4.04
5	Courses	45	135	358	529	352	1,419	3.71
6	Other student resources	57	186	399	428	241	1,311	3.47
7	Overall	26	97	404	606	289	1,422	3.73

tistic	Degree Requirements	Graduate Student Directory	Events	Faculty	Courses	Other student resources	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.80	3.74	3.61	4.04	3.71	3.47	3.73
Variance	1.06	1.17	1.14	0.78	1.08	1.16	0.85
Standard Deviation	1.03	1.08	1.07	0.88	1.04	1.08	0.92
Total Responses	1,418	1,364	1,394	1,428	1,419	1,311	1,422

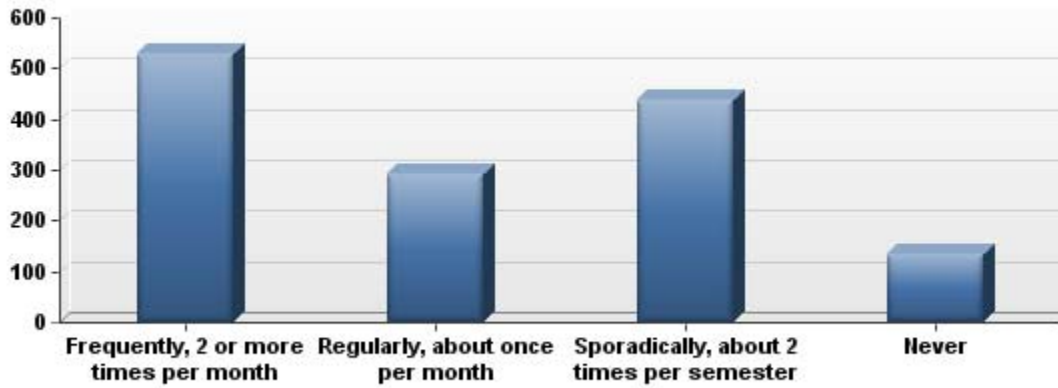
Do you have an academic mentor and/or adviser?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	1,216	84%
2	No	171	12%
3	Don't know	41	3%
4	Other, please specify	26	2%
	Total	1,454	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.23
Variance	0.34
Standard Deviation	0.58
Total Responses	1,454

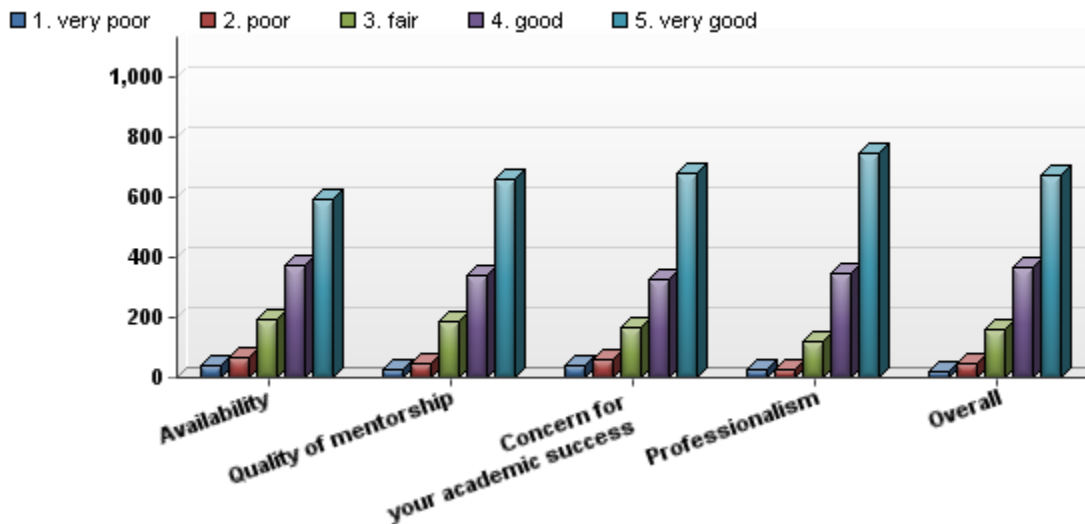
How often do you seek academic advice or mentorship?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Frequently, 2 or more times per month	527	38%
2	Regularly, about once per month	294	21%
3	Sporadically, about 2 times per semester	439	31%
4	Never	136	10%
	Total	1,396	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.13
Variance	1.07
Standard Deviation	1.03
Total Responses	1,396

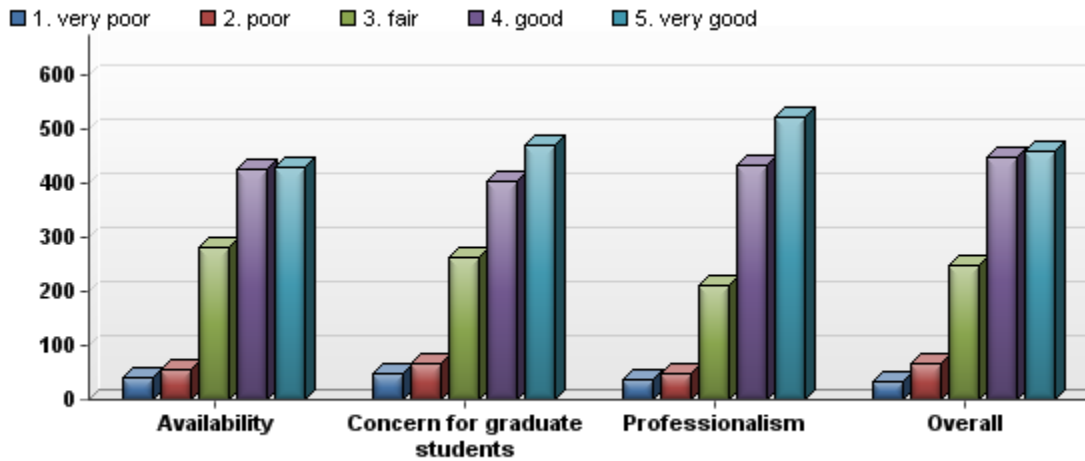
Please rate your mentor and/or adviser in the following categories on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Availability	42	69	195	375	594	1,275	4.11
2	Quality of mentorship	28	49	190	340	660	1,267	4.23
3	Concern for your academic success	37	57	167	328	679	1,268	4.23
4	Professionalism	27	25	123	349	747	1,271	4.39
5	Overall	23	45	163	366	672	1,269	4.28

Statistic	Availability	Quality of mentorship	Concern for your academic success	Professionalism	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.11	4.23	4.23	4.39	4.28
Variance	1.12	0.97	1.06	0.80	0.89
Standard Deviation	1.06	0.99	1.03	0.90	0.94
Total Responses	1,275	1,267	1,268	1,271	1,269

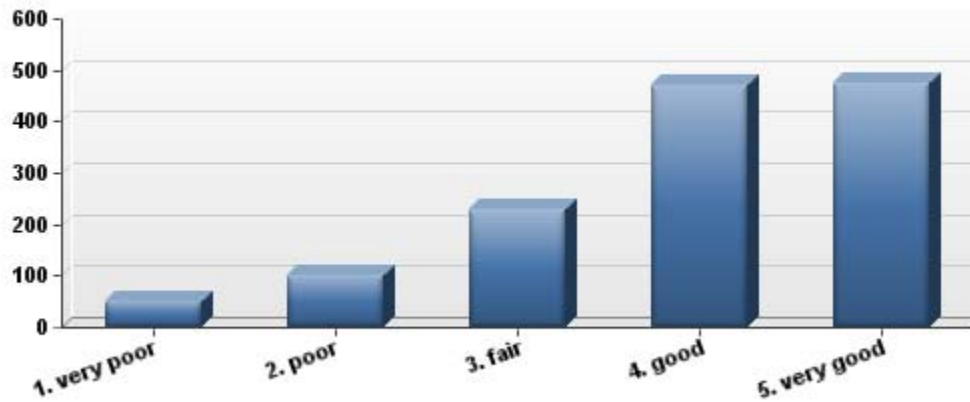
Please rate your Director of Graduate Studies or department leadership in general in the following categories on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Availability	40	57	282	427	429	1,235	3.93
2	Concern for graduate students	50	68	264	403	472	1,257	3.94
3	Professionalism	38	50	211	434	521	1,254	4.08
4	Overall	34	66	250	447	459	1,256	3.98

Statistic	Availability	Concern for graduate students	Professionalism	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.93	3.94	4.08	3.98
Variance	1.05	1.16	1.01	1.02
Standard Deviation	1.02	1.08	1.01	1.01
Total Responses	1,235	1,257	1,254	1,256

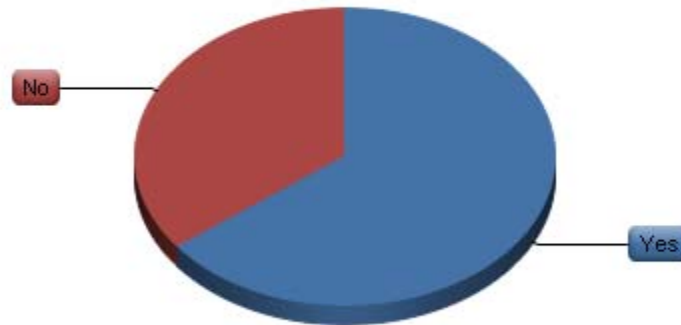
Please rate your satisfaction with the mentorship you receive on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Answer	Response	%
1	1. very poor	50	4%
2	2. poor	101	8%
3	3. fair	229	17%
4	4. good	470	35%
5	5. very good	475	36%
	Total	1,325	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.92
Variance	1.17
Standard Deviation	1.08
Total Responses	1,325

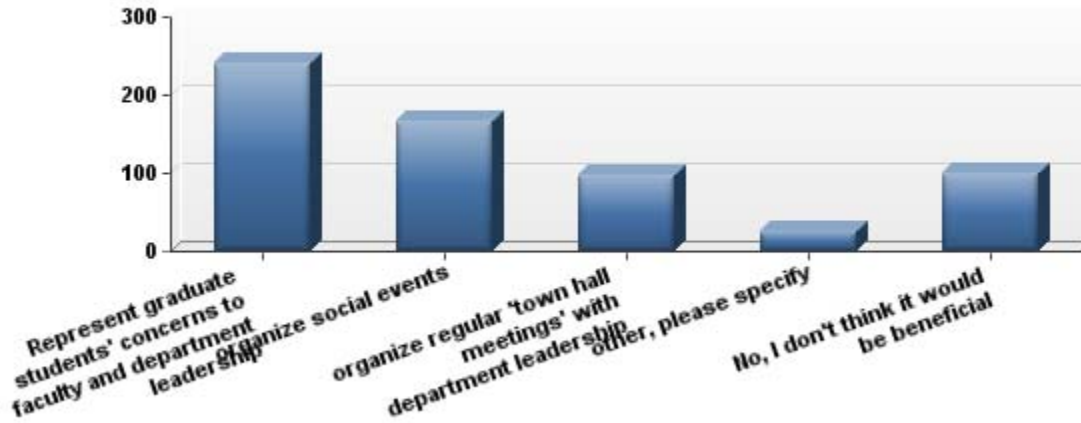
Is there a graduate student council in your department that represents the graduate students' interests vis-à-vis the department faculty and leadership?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	819	65%
2	No	449	35%
	Total	1,268	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.35
Variance	0.23
Standard Deviation	0.48
Total Responses	1,268

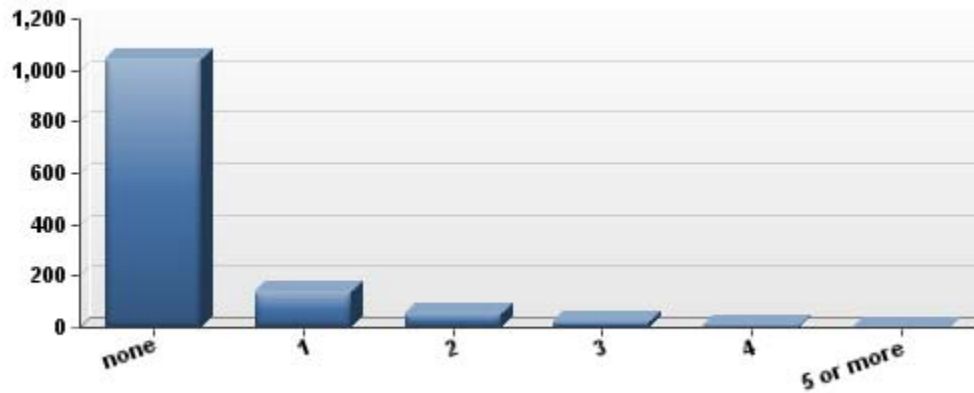
Do you think it would be beneficial if your department had a graduate student council and if so, what should be its purpose(s)? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Represent graduate students' concerns to faculty and department leadership	242	60%
2	organize social events	167	41%
3	organize regular 'town hall meetings' with department leadership	98	24%
4	other, please specify	26	6%
6	No, I don't think it would be beneficial	100	25%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	404

On average, how many incompletes ("IN") do you take on final papers in one year?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	none	1,041	82%
2	1	144	11%
3	2	56	4%
4	3	20	2%
5	4	10	1%
6	5 or more	2	0%
	Total	1,273	100%

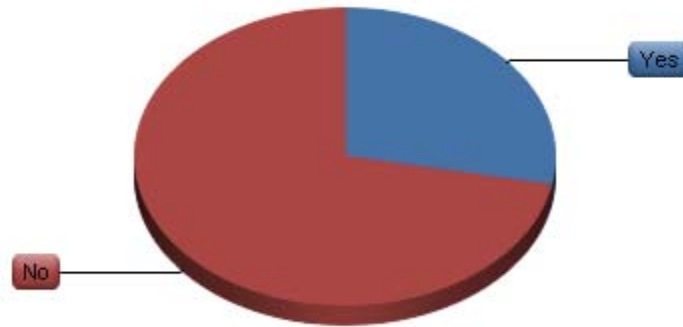
Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	1.29
Variance	0.51
Standard Deviation	0.72
Total Responses	1,273

CAREER EDUCATION

28% of all respondents state that they have used or tried to use services offered by the Center of Career Education (CCE). Of those, 47% indicate that they were able to find the service they were looking for at CCE, 9% indicated that they were not, and 44% state that they were somewhat able to find the service they were seeking. Of those respondents who have used or tried to use services at CCE rated, 15% rated these services as highly valuable, 39% as valuable, 37% as somewhat helpful, and 8% as not useful at all. among all respondents 58% indicate that they would like CCE to provide organized internship/externship programs, 53% would like to take advantage of support to gain oversea experience through research and internships, 53% would like to be offered opportunities to network with alumni, 48% would welcome opportunities to meet recruiters to gain insight into the recruiting process, and 51% would appreciate opportunities for counseling on non-mainstream jobs, such as publishing. Other suggestions include soft-skills workshops, networking skills workshops, NSF fellowship support, and advice for spousal career development. In terms of specific suggestions for improvement, 43% of the respondents suggest to improve the location to a more visible place on campus, 69% suggest to classify email content and allow students to subscribe to different categories of information in order to make email communication more relevant to graduate students. 47% suggest that seminars and workshops could be advertised more efficiently. Other suggestions include to increase the number of graduate student oriented events, to have more research oriented talks, to adjust the emphasis on banking and consulting to other career paths as well, to send reminders of appointments and events students have registered for, and to bring in more organizations to introduce their work and career opportunities.

With regards to respondents' career education backgrounds, 37% state that they have not had any experience looking for a job prior to coming to Columbia; 11% state that they had some experience, and received comprehensive instructions on job-searching basics from their previous school; 27% state that they had some experience, but never received comprehensive instructions on job-searching basics, and 24% indicate that came into graduate school with a lot of experience on seeking employment opportunities.

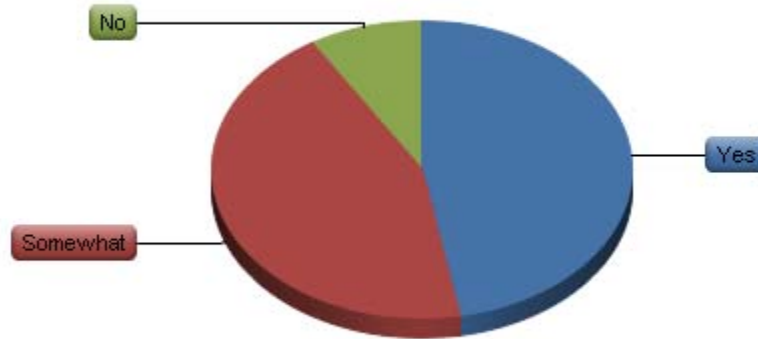
Have you used or tried to use any service offered by the Center of Career Education (CCE)?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	406	28%
2	No	1,039	72%
	Total	1,445	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.72
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	1,445

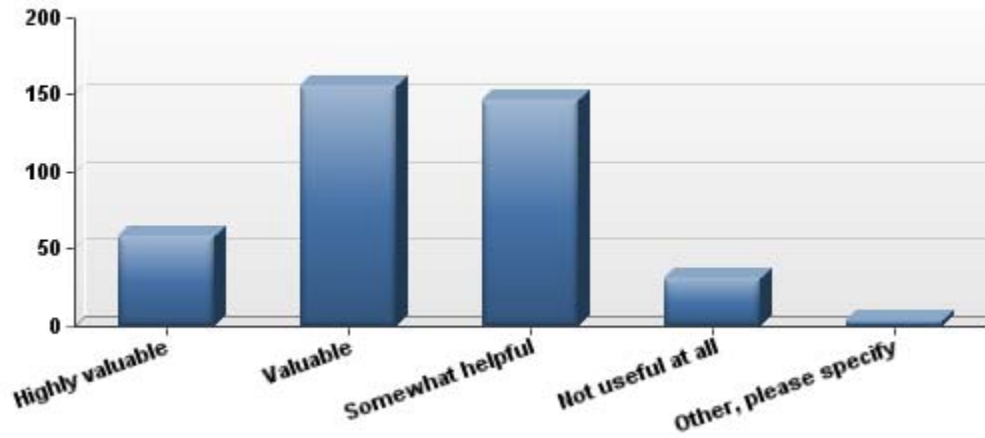
Were you able to find the service that you wanted at CCE?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	188	47%
2	Somewhat	176	44%
3	No	35	9%
	Total	399	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.62
Variance	0.41
Standard Deviation	0.64
Total Responses	399

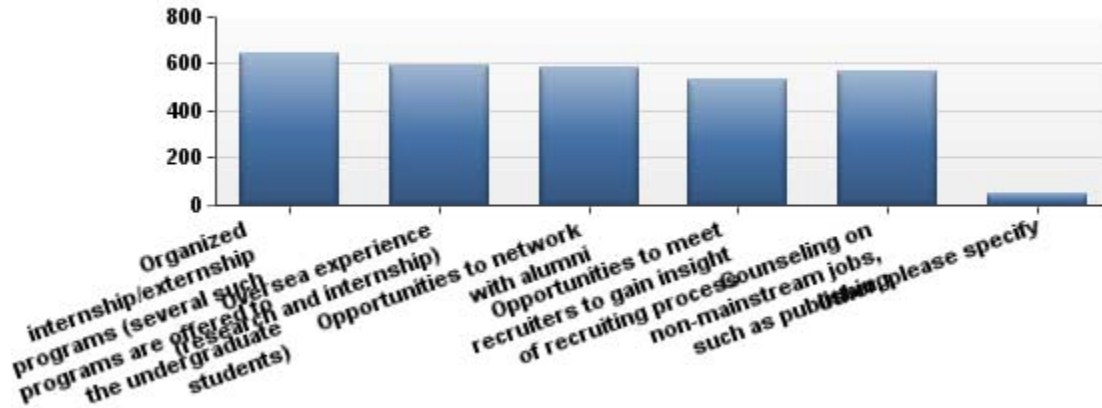
How would you rate the service that you have received at CCE?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Highly valuable	59	15%
2	Valuable	156	39%
3	Somewhat helpful	147	37%
4	Not useful at all	31	8%
5	Other, please specify	4	1%
	Total	397	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.41
Variance	0.76
Standard Deviation	0.87
Total Responses	397

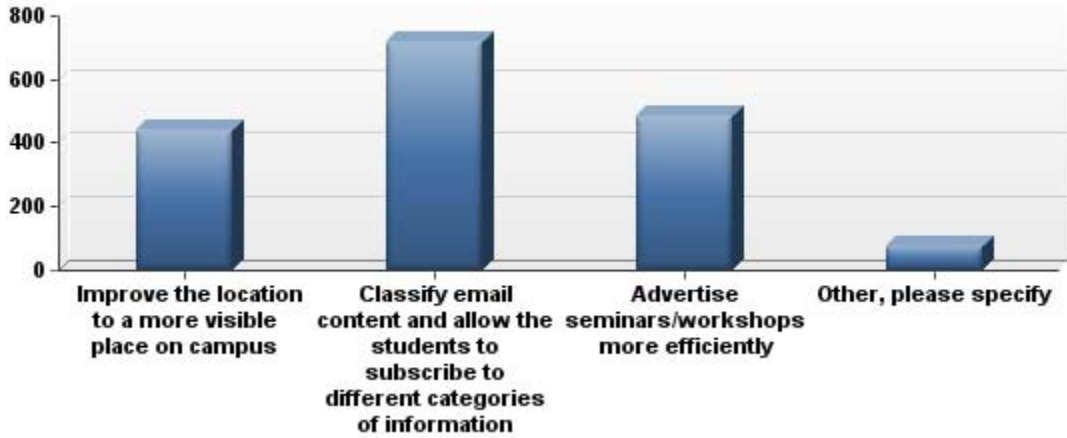
**What type of services would you like to see included in the CCE programs?
(check all that apply)**



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Organized internship/externship programs (several such programs are offered to the undergraduate students)	648	58%
2	Overseas experience (research and internship)	592	53%
3	Opportunities to network with alumni	586	53%
4	Opportunities to meet recruiters to gain insight of recruiting process	535	48%
5	Counseling on non-mainstream jobs, such as publishing	570	51%
6	Other, please specify	49	4%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	1,108

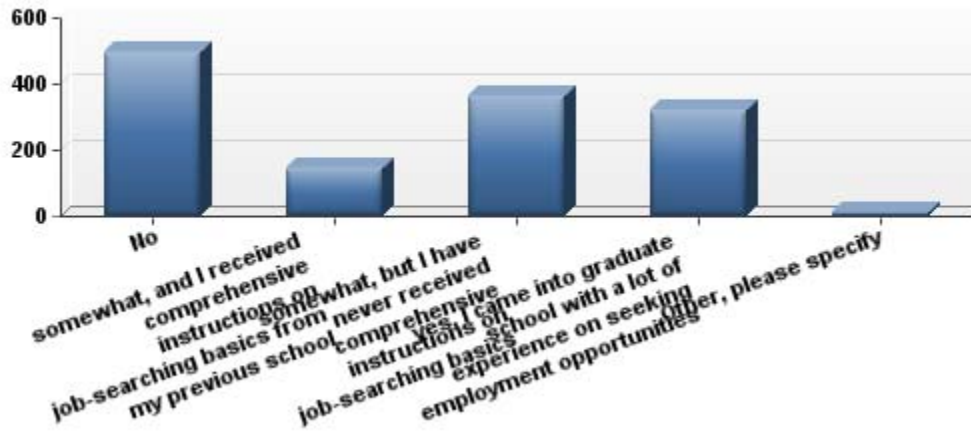
How could CCE improve their service to GSAS students? (check all that apply)



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Improve the location to a more visible place on campus	443	43%
2	Classify email content and allow the students to subscribe to different categories of information	717	69%
3	Advertise seminars/workshops more efficiently	487	47%
4	Other, please specify	77	7%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Total Responses	1,037

Have you had any experience looking for a job prior to coming to Columbia?



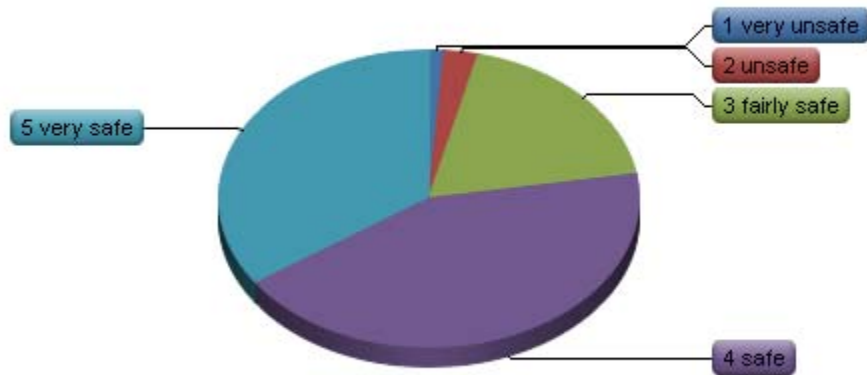
#	Answer	Response	%
1	No	499	37%
2	somewhat, and I received comprehensive instructions on job-searching basics from my previous school	147	11%
3	somewhat, but I have never received comprehensive instructions on job-searching basics	366	27%
4	yes, I came into graduate school with a lot of experience on seeking employment opportunities	323	24%
5	Other, please specify	11	1%
	Total	1,346	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.41
Variance	1.51
Standard Deviation	1.23
Total Responses	1,346

PUBLIC SAFETY

Morningside graduate students feel largely safe on and near Morningside Campus: 35% feel very safe, 43% feel safe, 19% feel fairly safe; 3% feel unsafe and 1% very unsafe. The results are not as positive for the medical Campus: Morningside graduate students indicate that they felt less safe on and near CUMC: only 13% feel very safe, 25% safe, 42% feel fairly safe; 16% feel unsafe at CUMC and 4% very unsafe. Of all respondents the majority (81%) state that they never use the CU escort or shuttle services, 13% use it a few times per semester, 3% a few times per month, and 4% a few times per week. Respondents mostly rate the shuttle service as fair or good, the escort service as fair or good, CU department of Public Safety as mostly good or very good, and Columbia's efforts to keep students safe as mostly good or very good. Respondents' comments and suggestions concern card swipe accessed doors and assuring their maintenance, increased patrolling of 168th subway station, tightening doormen controls (students remark that their doormen seem to let anyone into their building), a shuttle service across 125th St to East Harlem, a neighbor home to many graduate students, appreciation of the registration and engraving service of electronic devices and suggestions for increased safety patrols of officers .

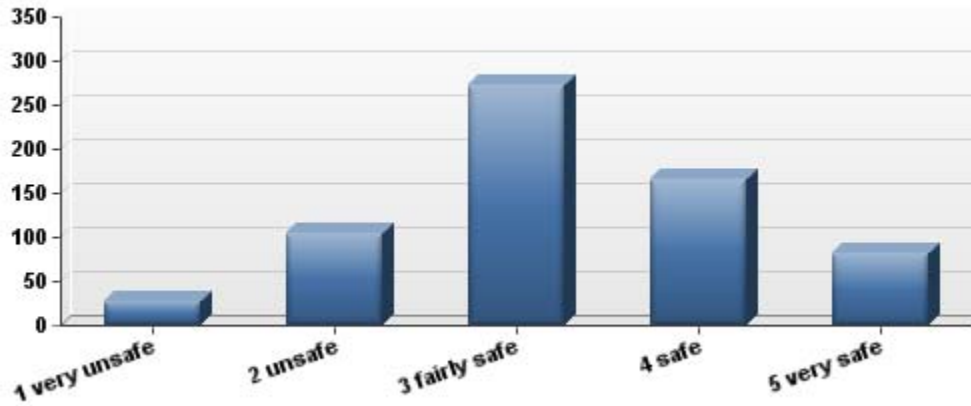
On a scale of 1 (very unsafe) to 5 (very safe), how safe do you feel on and near Morningside Campus?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	1 very unsafe	17	1%
2	2 unsafe	37	3%
3	3 fairly safe	266	19%
4	4 safe	615	43%
5	5 very safe	496	35%
	Total	1,431	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	4.07
Variance	0.74
Standard Deviation	0.86
Total Responses	1,431

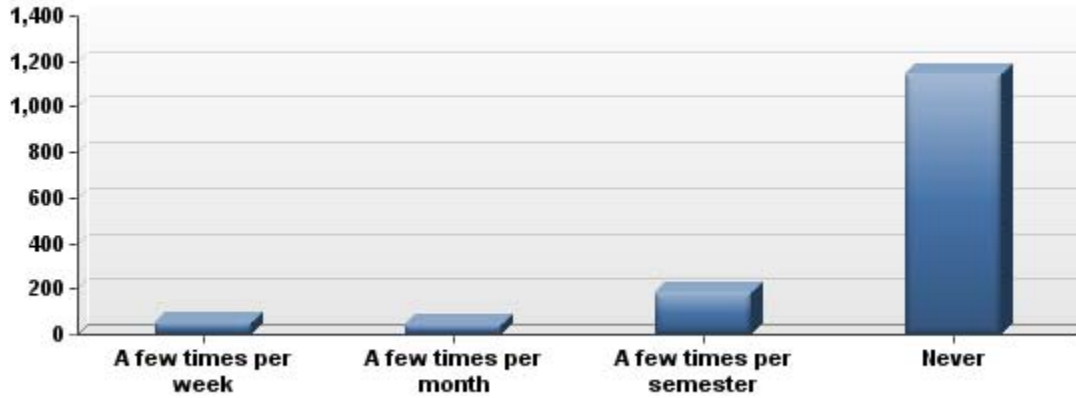
On a scale of 1 (very unsafe) to 5 (very safe), how safe do you feel on and near Medical Center Campus?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	1 very unsafe	28	4%
2	2 unsafe	104	16%
3	3 fairly safe	273	42%
4	4 safe	165	25%
5	5 very safe	82	13%
	Total	652	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.26
Variance	1.02
Standard Deviation	1.01
Total Responses	652

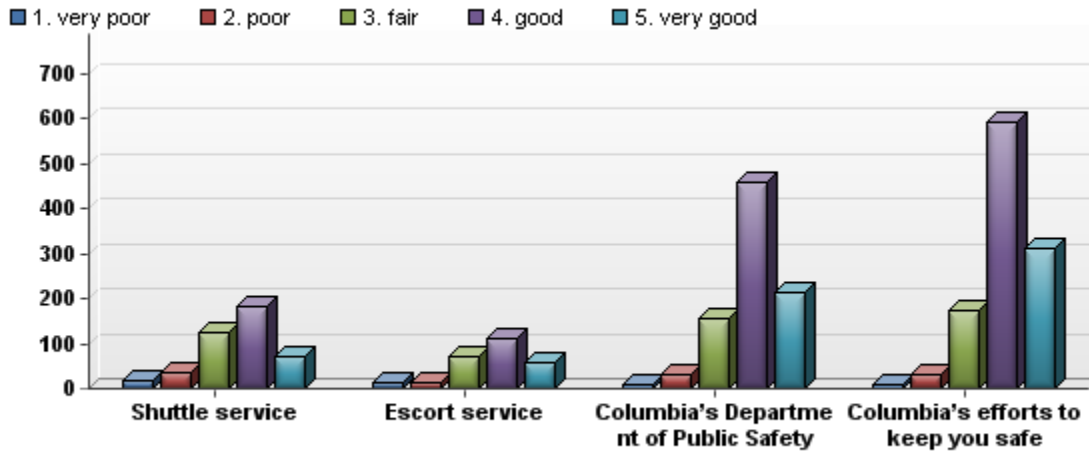
How often do you use the CU escort or shuttle services?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	A few times per week	50	4%
2	A few times per month	44	3%
3	A few times per semester	184	13%
4	Never	1,149	81%
	Total	1,427	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	3.70
Variance	0.48
Standard Deviation	0.69
Total Responses	1,427

Please rate the following aspects on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Shuttle service	16	35	127	182	70	430	3.59
2	Escort service	13	14	73	110	60	270	3.70
3	Columbia's Department of Public Safety	9	30	158	458	213	868	3.96
4	Columbia's efforts to keep you safe	8	32	173	592	310	1,115	4.04

Statistic	Shuttle service	Escort service	Columbia's Department of Public Safety	Columbia's efforts to keep you safe
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.59	3.70	3.96	4.04
Variance	0.96	1.05	0.66	0.61
Standard Deviation	0.98	1.02	0.81	0.78
Total Responses	430	270	868	1,115

SOCIAL LIFE

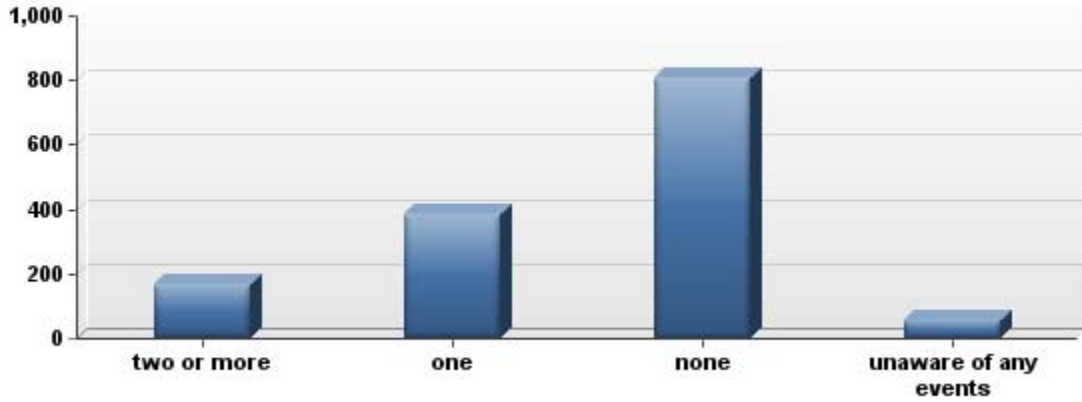
Graduate students take advantage of social life opportunities on Morningside Campus, through to a limited extent. 57% of all respondents indicate that they have not attended any mixers and/or GSAC events during the past academic year; 27% have attended one, 12% have attended two or more of the events. Respondents rate the quality of GSAC events mostly as good (43%) or fair (38%). Suggestions for future events include holding mixers in larger spaces, and to hold them on campus more than in bars; to hold events that connect departments within humanities, social sciences, etc; more family friendly events, organizing ice skating more often.

71% of all respondents indicate that they are aware of the CU Arts Initiative, and rate it overall as good, the variety of events offered is rated mostly as good or very good, the discounts and availability of tickets are rated mostly as good or fair, Ticket Office hours are rated mostly as fair or good and the website mostly as good or very good.

Respondents indicate that their departments vary widely in how often they organize mixers or social events, from once a month or more (25%), two times a semester (27%), once a semester (28%), once a year (6%), to never (4%).

Respondents feel that the graduate student community's connectedness is average (38%), while 31% and 13% think it is below and way below average respectively. Only 16% of respondents feel that it is connected above average and 2% feel it is way above average. Asking students in turn how likely they are to give monetary contributions to Columbia after graduation, 22% are not at all likely, 38% somewhat unlikely, 34% likely, and 6% very unlikely.

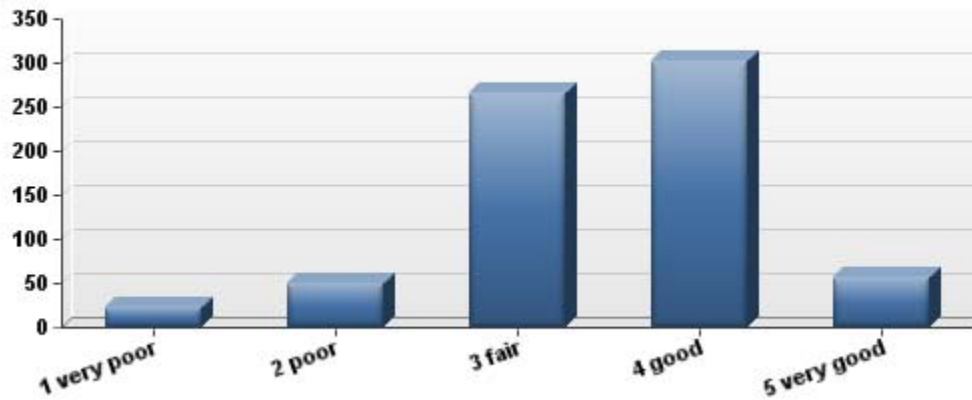
How many mixers and/or GSAC events have you attended this academic year?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	two or more	166	12%
2	one	385	27%
3	none	808	57%
4	unaware of any events	58	4%
	Total	1,417	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.53
Variance	0.57
Standard Deviation	0.75
Total Responses	1,417

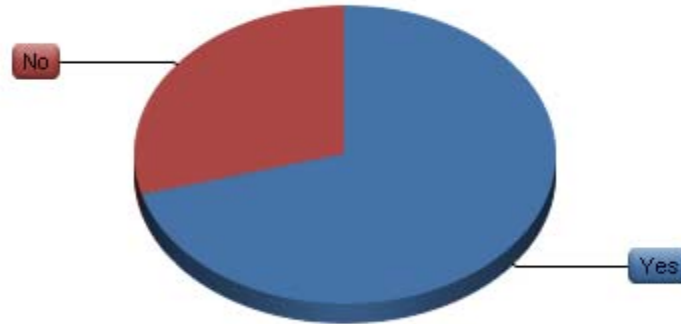
Please rate the quality of GSAC events on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good):



#	Answer	Response	%
1	1 very poor	23	3%
2	2 poor	51	7%
3	3 fair	265	38%
4	4 good	302	43%
5	5 very good	56	8%
	Total	697	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.45
Variance	0.75
Standard Deviation	0.87
Total Responses	697

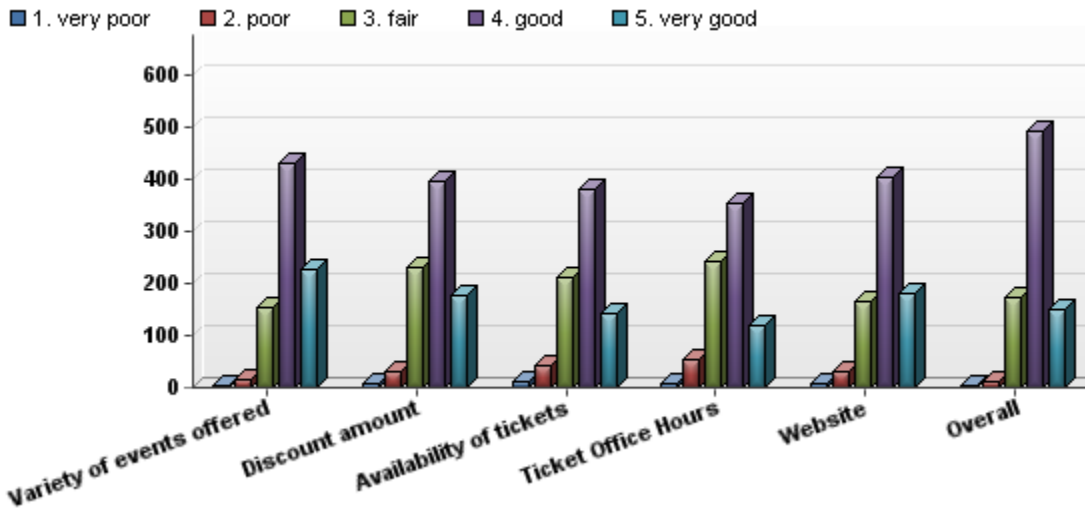
Are you aware of the CU Arts Initiative?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	1,005	71%
2	No	419	29%
	Total	1,424	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.29
Variance	0.21
Standard Deviation	0.46
Total Responses	1,424

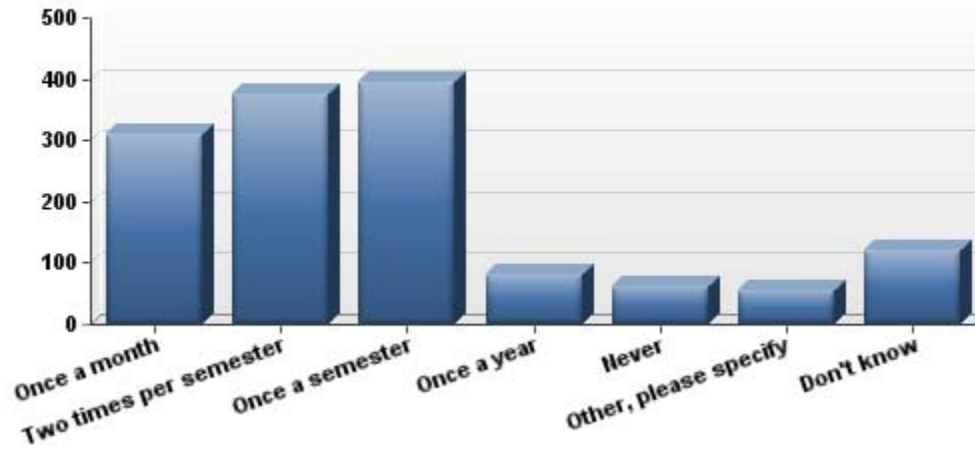
Please rate the CU Arts Initiative on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good) in the following categories:



#	Question	1. very poor	2. poor	3. fair	4. good	5. very good	Responses	Mean
1	Variety of events offered	3	17	155	430	226	831	4.03
2	Discount amount	6	32	229	398	176	841	3.84
3	Availability of tickets	11	44	211	381	142	789	3.76
4	Ticket Office Hours	8	52	241	353	120	774	3.68
5	Website	6	32	167	405	179	789	3.91
6	Overall	3	11	172	492	149	827	3.93

Statistic	Variety of events offered	Discount amount	Availability of tickets	Ticket Office Hours	Website	Overall
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	4.03	3.84	3.76	3.68	3.91	3.93
Variance	0.57	0.67	0.74	0.73	0.66	0.47
Standard Deviation	0.76	0.82	0.86	0.85	0.81	0.69
Total Responses	831	841	789	774	789	827

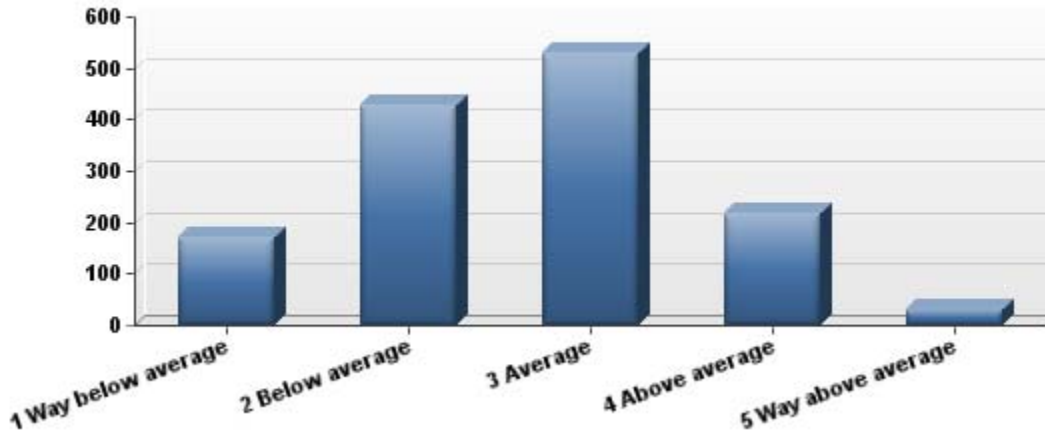
How often does your department organize mixers or social events?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Once a month	311	22%
2	Two times per semester	375	27%
3	Once a semester	396	28%
4	Once a year	82	6%
5	Never	63	4%
6	Other, please specify	57	4%
8	Don't know	122	9%
	Total	1,406	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	2.99
Variance	3.93
Standard Deviation	1.98
Total Responses	1,406

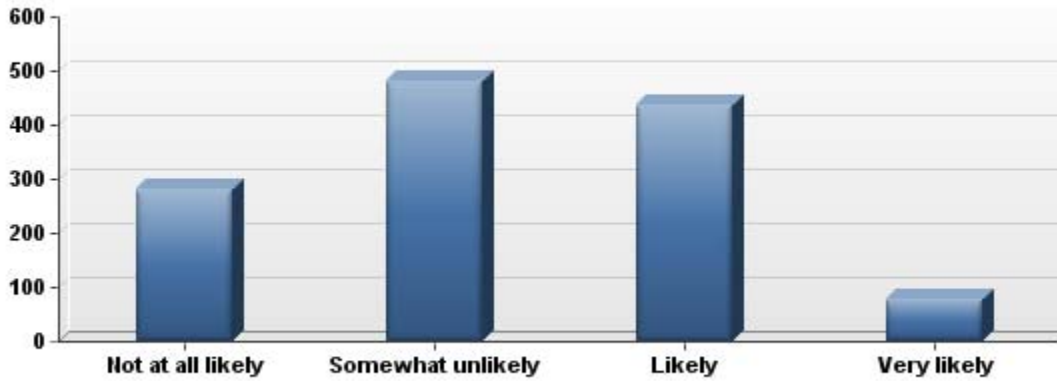
How close-knit do you feel the graduate student community is on a scale of 1 (way below average) to 5 (way above average)?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	1 Way below average	173	13%
2	2 Below average	429	31%
3	3 Average	529	38%
4	4 Above average	219	16%
5	5 Way above average	30	2%
	Total	1,380	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.64
Variance	0.93
Standard Deviation	0.96
Total Responses	1,380

How likely are you to give monetary contributions to Columbia once you graduate?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not at all likely	281	22%
2	Somewhat unlikely	482	38%
3	Likely	437	34%
4	Very likely	77	6%
	Total	1,277	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.24
Variance	0.75
Standard Deviation	0.86
Total Responses	1,277

GSAC

With respect to the role of the Graduate Student Advisory Council, students do not take advantage of the information GSAC provides on its website as much as they could: 61% state that they have never used GSAC's website, 26% less than a month, 10% 1-3 times a month, and only 2% use it 1-3 times a week. Students would find the following features useful on the GSAC website: advertise events (56%), submit requests for space fee waivers (29%), submit event funding requests (32%), apply for group recognition (24%), engage in group discussions or blogs (22%), craigslist-like board for the graduate community only (68%). Other suggestions for GSAC include to make the GSAC website more organized and efficient, and to advertise it more.

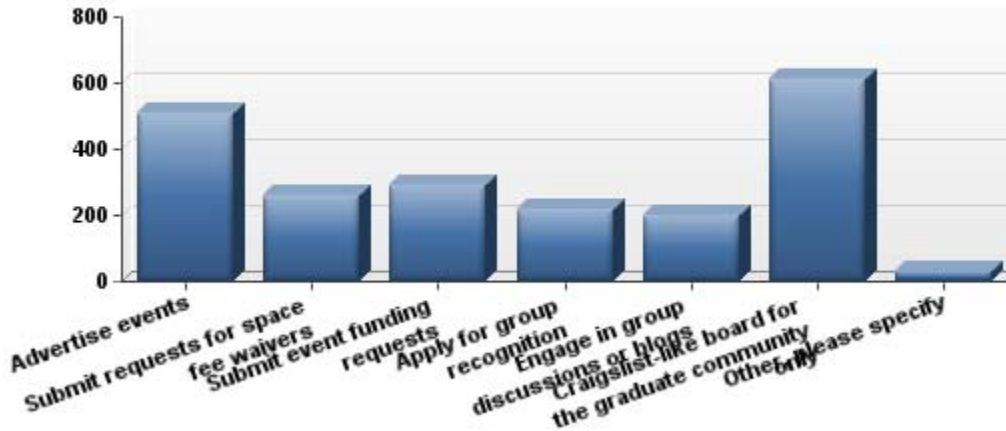
How often do you use the GSAC website?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	868	61%
2	Less than Once a Month	363	26%
3	Once a Month	96	7%
4	2-3 Times a Month	44	3%
5	Once a Week	20	1%
6	2-3 Times a Week	17	1%
7	Other, please specify	8	1%
	Total	1,416	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	1.64
Variance	1.13
Standard Deviation	1.06
Total Responses	1,416

**Which of the following features would you find useful on the GSAC website?
(check all that apply)**



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Advertise events	510	56%
2	Submit requests for space fee waivers	261	29%
3	Submit event funding requests	290	32%
4	Apply for group recognition	218	24%
5	Engage in group discussions or blogs	203	22%
6	Craigslist-like board for the graduate community only	613	68%
7	Other, please specify	32	4%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Total Responses	904