

P150517 Graduates Survey

Q2: About how much education-related debt (e.g., student loans, personal loans used to pay for housing or other related expenses) do you currently have?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
None	15%	16%	18% d	10%	19% F	8%	20% H	7%
\$1 - \$10,000	13%	20% D	20% D	1%	17% f	10%	19% H	5%
\$10,001 - \$50,000	27%	42% D	35% D	10%	32%	24%	34% H	18%
\$50,001 - \$100,000	26%	14%	21%	40% BC	21%	33% E	18%	39% G
More than \$100,000	17%	3%	5%	38% BC	9%	25% E	8%	30% G
Not at all sure	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	3% d	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%

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Q3: Which of the following are reasons why you attended your current school?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
It offered a degree program that interested me.	44%	53% D	48% D	34%	51% F	39%	45%	42%
I received financial assistance (e.g., scholarships, grants).	34%	39% d	38% D	26%	36%	33%	35%	32%
I liked the location.	33%	46% CD	31%	28%	38% f	28%	35%	31%
I liked the campus experience (e.g., student activities, sports teams).	33%	33%	41% D	25%	32%	36%	36%	30%
I liked the campus amenities (e.g., dorms, dining halls).	27%	37% D	33% D	16%	29%	28%	32% h	23%

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Q3: Which of the following are reasons why you attended your current school?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
I could afford the base costs (e.g., tuition, room and board).	27%	30%	29%	23%	35% F	21%	28%	25%
Its reputation (e.g., "party school", prestigious) appealed to me.	21%	20%	31% bD	13%	20%	23%	25% H	15%
I wanted to attend school with my friends.	17%	10%	19%	19%	16%	19%	14%	22% G
It was my only option (i.e., was not accepted or did not apply elsewhere).	14%	16%	12%	16%	16%	14%	16%	13%
A member(s) of my family is an alumnus.	13%	4%	15% B	17% B	11%	16%	12%	14%
Other	1%	4% Cd	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
N/A - it was not my choice.	1%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%

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Q4: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following aspects of your academic experience?

My decision to attend college

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
		Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Satisfied	89%	93% d	90%	85%	89%	88%	90%	88%
Very satisfied	53%	65% CD	48%	49%	54%	51%	52%	52%
Somewhat satisfied	36%	28%	42% B	36%	36%	37%	38%	35%
Neutral	8%	6%	6%	12% C	7%	9%	8%	8%
Net: Dissatisfied	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%
Somewhat dissatisfied	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Very dissatisfied	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

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Q4: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following aspects of your academic experience?

My primary field of study

	Expected Degree Level				Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Satisfied	90%	89%	87%	93%	87%	92%	89%	91%
Very satisfied	52%	60% c	47%	51%	59% F	45%	50%	55%
Somewhat satisfied	38%	29%	39%	42% b	28%	47% E	39%	36%
Neutral	8%	10%	8%	6%	8%	7%	8%	7%
Net: Dissatisfied	3%	1%	5% d	1%	5% F	1%	3%	2%
Somewhat dissatisfied	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Very dissatisfied	1%	0%	3%	1%	3% F	0%	1%	1%

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Q4: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following aspects of your academic experience?

My choice of school

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
		Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Satisfied	89%	92% C	82%	93% C	88%	89%	87%	91%
Very satisfied	38%	38%	38%	38%	39%	36%	38%	38%
Somewhat satisfied	50%	54%	44%	54%	49%	53%	49%	53%
Neutral	8%	6%	10%	7%	8%	7%	9%	5%
Net: Dissatisfied	4%	2%	7% D	1%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Somewhat dissatisfied	3%	2%	6% D	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Very dissatisfied	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%

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Q4: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following aspects of your academic experience?

My academic performance

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
		Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Satisfied	86%	78%	82%	94% BC	85%	86%	83%	91% g
Very satisfied	41%	40%	41%	42%	44%	38%	43%	39%
Somewhat satisfied	44%	38%	40%	52% bc	41%	48%	40%	52% G
Neutral	10%	15% D	11% d	5%	8%	10%	12% h	5%
Net: Dissatisfied	5%	7% D	7% D	1%	7%	3%	6%	4%
Somewhat dissatisfied	4%	5% D	6% D	0%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Very dissatisfied	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%

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Q5: Which one of the following best describes your current primary post-graduation plan?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Paid work	54%	62% d	56%	48%	48%	60% E	63% H	41%
Pursue additional education (e.g., advanced degree, certification)	27%	27%	31%	24%	37% F	20%	26%	30%
Sabbatical (i.e., take extended time off to reflect, travel, or pursue other goals)	14%	3%	7%	27% BC	9%	18% E	6%	25% G
Unpaid work (e.g., volunteering, unpaid internship)	2%	2%	4% d	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Other, please specify:	1%	2% C	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Not at all sure	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%

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Q6: In general, how excited do you feel about your primary post-graduation plan?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Excited	95%	97%	91%	97% c	94%	96%	96%	93%
Very excited	50%	56%	44%	51%	50%	50%	51%	49%
Somewhat excited	45%	40%	47%	46%	44%	45%	45%	44%
Net: Not excited	5%	3%	9% d	3%	6%	4%	4%	7%
Not very excited	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%
Not at all excited	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2% g

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Q7: Have you pursued post-graduation employment in your primary field of study?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Yes	68%	76% D	77% D	55%	71%	66%	75% H	58%
No	32%	24%	23%	45% BC	29%	34%	25%	42% G

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Q8: Have you secured post-graduation employment in your primary field of study?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=344	N=96 *	N=144	N=104	N=163	N=168	N=220	N=119
Total (Unweighted)	N=374	N=86 *	N=162	N=126	N=193	N=160	N=232	N=132
Yes	79%	76%	75%	88% bC	77%	81%	75%	89% G
No	21%	24% d	25% D	12%	23%	19%	25% H	11%

Table Base: PURSUED POST-GRADUATION JOB IN FIELD

Q9: In general, how would you describe your experience pursuing post-graduation employment in your primary field of study?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=344	N=96 *	N=144	N=104	N=163	N=168	N=220	N=119
Total (Unweighted)	N=374	N=86 *	N=162	N=126	N=193	N=160	N=232	N=132
Net: Easy	56%	71% CD	47%	54%	53%	59%	59%	51%
Very easy	15%	21%	15%	11%	17%	13%	18%	12%
Somewhat easy	40%	50% C	32%	42%	35%	46%	41%	39%
Neutral	25%	20%	25%	31%	23%	27%	25%	27%
Net: Difficult	19%	9%	28% BD	15%	24% F	14%	17%	22%
Somewhat difficult	17%	8%	26% BD	13%	22% f	12%	15%	20%
Very difficult	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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Q10: Compared to the experience you expected, how would you describe your experience pursuing post-graduation employment in your primary field of study?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=344	N=96 *	N=144	N=104	N=163	N=168	N=220	N=119
Total (Unweighted)	N=374	N=86 *	N=162	N=126	N=193	N=160	N=232	N=132
Net: Easier	48%	64% CD	46%	37%	44%	54%	53%	42%
Much easier	15%	26% CD	13%	8%	16%	14%	19% H	9%
Somewhat easier	33%	38%	33%	29%	28%	41% E	34%	33%
As expected	37%	29%	33%	50% BC	36%	36%	35%	38%
Net: More difficult	15%	7%	21% B	13%	20% F	10%	12%	20%
Somewhat more difficult	12%	7%	18% b	11%	17% f	9%	11%	15%
Much more difficult	2%	0%	4%	3%	3%	1%	1%	4%

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Q11: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Earning a college degree is the best way for someone to secure their future.

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
		Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Agree	91%	89%	87%	95% C	88%	94% e	91%	90%
Strongly agree	44%	40%	39%	52% C	50% f	40%	42%	47%
Somewhat agree	46%	49%	48%	44%	38%	54% E	49%	43%
Net: Disagree	9%	11%	13% D	5%	12% f	6%	9%	10%
Somewhat disagree	8%	10% D	10% D	3%	10% f	5%	7%	9%
Strongly disagree	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

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Q11: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I have an acceptable amount of student loan debt.

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
		Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
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Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Agree	86%	76%	86% b	93% Bc	79%	93% E	83%	92% G
Strongly agree	42%	34%	36%	52% BC	37%	47%	38%	48% g
Somewhat agree	45%	42%	50%	42%	42%	47%	46%	44%
Net: Disagree	14%	24% cD	14% d	7%	21% F	7%	17% H	8%
Somewhat disagree	7%	12% d	8%	4%	11% F	4%	10% H	3%
Strongly disagree	6%	12% D	6%	2%	9% F	3%	7%	5%

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Q11: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I think my college education will allow me to have the lifestyle I want.

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
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Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Agree	94%	94%	92%	97%	94%	95%	93%	97%
Strongly agree	51%	58% C	42%	55% C	51%	51%	48%	55%
Somewhat agree	44%	35%	50% B	42%	43%	43%	45%	42%
Net: Disagree	6%	6%	8%	3%	6%	5%	7%	3%
Somewhat disagree	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%	6% h	2%
Strongly disagree	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%

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Q11: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

The post-graduation employment opportunities available to me make attending college worthwhile.

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
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Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Agree	94%	95%	91%	96%	92%	95%	95%	92%
Strongly agree	47%	45%	49%	46%	48%	47%	46%	49%
Somewhat agree	47%	49%	43%	49%	44%	48%	49%	44%
Net: Disagree	6%	5%	9%	4%	8%	5%	5%	8%
Somewhat disagree	5%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	4%	7%
Strongly disagree	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%

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Q11: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I feel passionate about my primary field of study.

	Total A	Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
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Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Agree	92%	93%	92%	91%	91%	92%	92%	92%
Strongly agree	51%	58%	50%	47%	53%	50%	52%	49%
Somewhat agree	41%	35%	42%	44%	38%	42%	40%	42%
Net: Disagree	8%	7%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%
Somewhat disagree	7%	6%	5%	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Strongly disagree	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

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Q11: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I picked my primary field of study because I wanted strong post-graduation employment options (e.g., number of jobs, expected compensation).

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Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Net: Agree	89%	92%	86%	91%	89%	89%	91%	87%
Strongly agree	42%	56% CD	41%	33%	46%	39%	44%	38%
Somewhat agree	48%	36%	45%	59% BC	43%	50%	47%	49%
Net: Disagree	11%	8%	14%	9%	11%	11%	9%	13%
Somewhat disagree	9%	6%	13% d	7%	9%	9%	7%	12% g
Strongly disagree	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%

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Q12: Thinking about college students' post-graduation outlook, do you think today's graduates are better off or worse off compared to those who graduated college 5 years ago?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
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Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Better off	46%	52%	43%	46%	40%	54% E	48%	46%
About the same	38%	37%	32%	45% C	40%	36%	38%	40%
Worse off	13%	8%	21% BD	8%	17% F	9%	12%	13%
Not sure	2%	2%	5% D	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%

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Q13: Thinking about college students' post-graduation outlook, do you think those who graduate 5 years from now will be better off or worse off compared to today's graduates?

		Expected Degree Level			Student Type		School Type	
	Total A	Associate's B	Bachelor's C	Graduate D	In-State E	Not In-State F	Public G	Private H
Total	N=505	N=126	N=188	N=191	N=229	N=254	N=291	N=205
Total (Unweighted)	N=505	N=116	N=209	N=180	N=252	N=216	N=299	N=189
Better off	48%	46%	45%	52%	45%	52%	44%	55% g
About the same	39%	43%	36%	40%	38%	39%	41%	37%
Worse off	9%	3%	15% BD	6%	10%	7%	10%	6%
Not sure	4%	8% d	4%	2%	6% F	1%	6% h	2%

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