2025-26 CSUSM Exit Survey Results

Selected Questions Frequency Report- Undergraduate Results

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The 2025-26 Exit survey was administered in two waves, in the fall and spring, to all degree-seeking graduating students. For the 2025-26 academic year, a total of 2,367 undergraduate and graduate students responded, achieving a 51.8% response rate.

Data reports from previous Exit Surveys can be found at:
https://www.csusm.edu/ipa/surveys/graduation_survey.html

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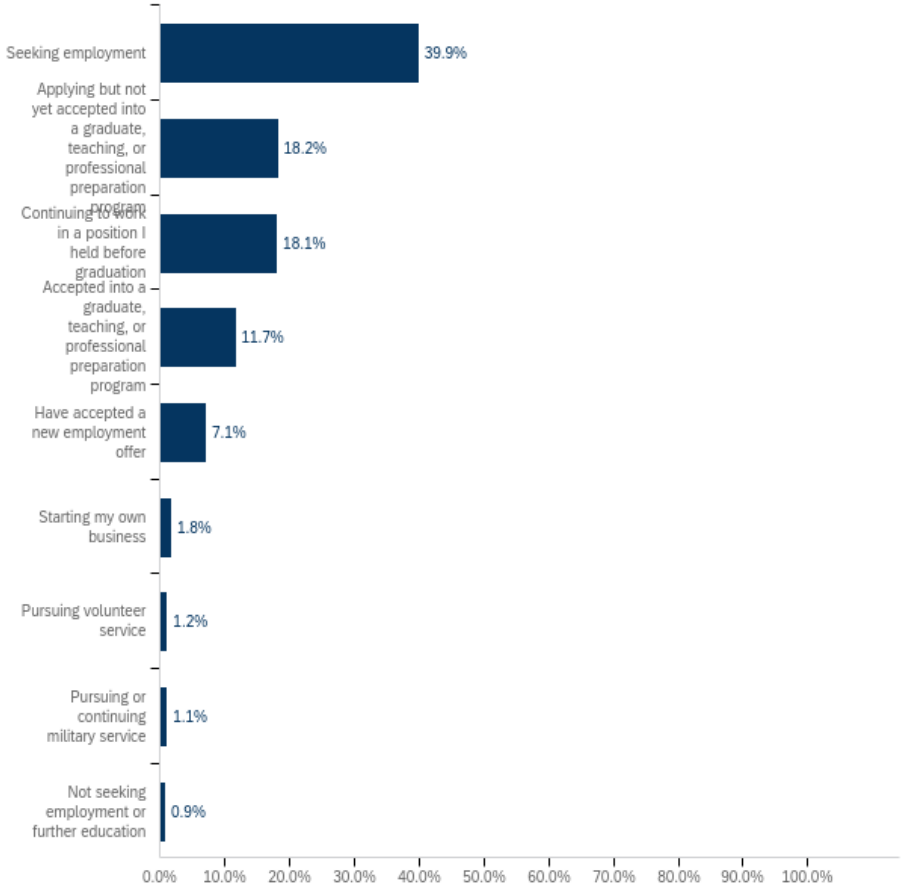
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Post-Graduation Plans

Please choose the option below that best describes your post-graduation plans:



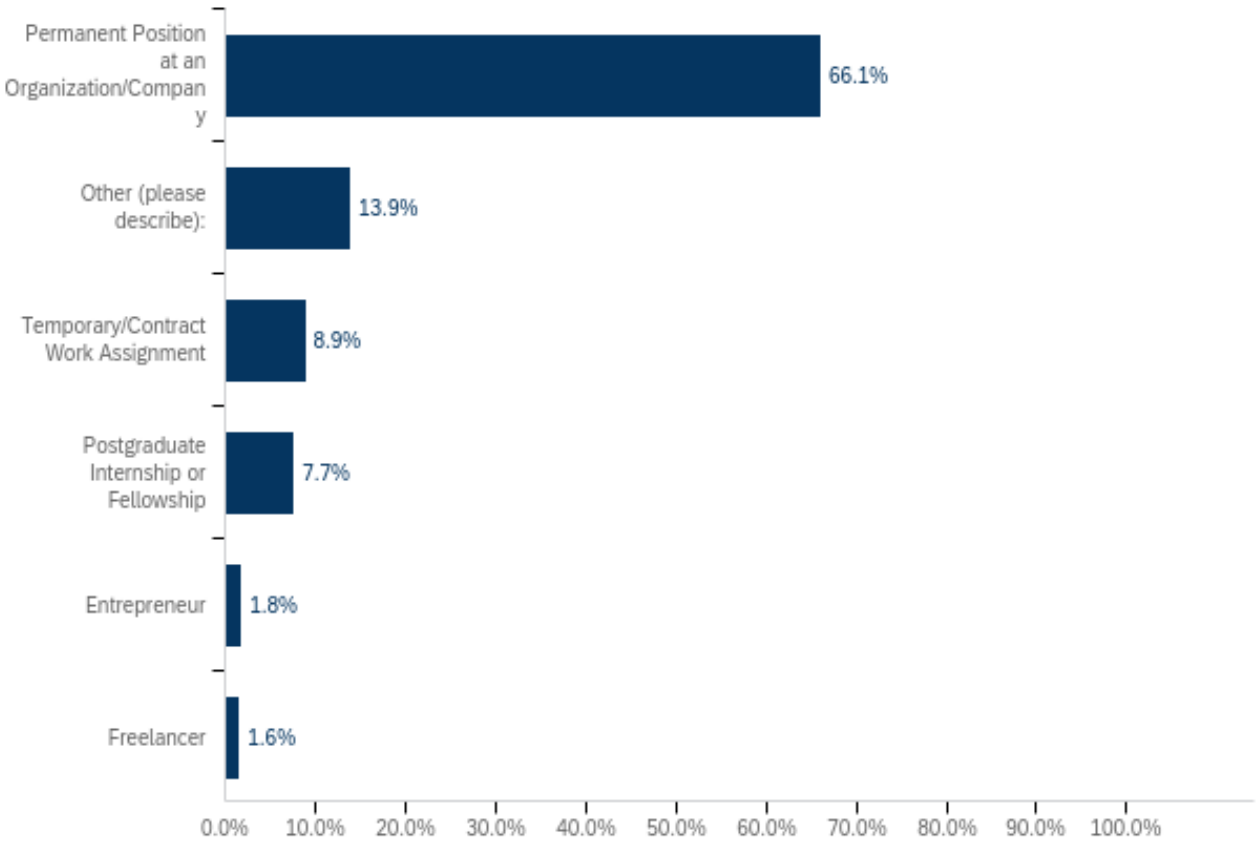
Answer	%	Count
Seeking employment	39.9%	791
Applying but not yet accepted into a graduate, teaching, or professional preparation program	18.2%	361
Continuing to work in a position I held before graduation	18.1%	359
Accepted into a graduate, teaching, or professional preparation program	11.7%	231
Have accepted a new employment offer	7.1%	141
Starting my own business	1.8%	35
Pursuing volunteer service	1.2%	23
Pursuing or continuing military service	1.1%	22
Not seeking employment or further education	0.9%	17
Total	100%	1980

Post-Graduation Plans by College

Question	CHABSS		CEHHS		CSTEM		COBA	
Continuing to work in a position I held before graduation	18.7%	177	17.4%	58	14.5%	52	21.2%	72
Have accepted a new employment offer	5.6%	53	7.2%	24	8.6%	31	9.7%	33
Seeking employment	37.2%	353	25.4%	85	50.1%	180	51.0%	173
Pursuing volunteer service	1.3%	12	1.5%	5	1.4%	5	0.3%	1
Accepted into a graduate, teaching, or professional preparation program	13.7%	130	15.3%	51	8.6%	31	5.6%	19
Applying but not yet accepted into a graduate, teaching, or professional preparation program	20.3%	192	31.1%	104	13.6%	49	4.7%	16
Pursuing or continuing military service	0.8%	8	0.9%	3	0.6%	2	2.7%	9
Starting my own business	1.4%	13	0.3%	1	2.2%	8	3.8%	13
Not seeking employment or further education	1.1%	10	0.9%	3	0.3%	1	0.9%	3
Total	Total	948	Total	334	Total	359	Total	339

Results for Employed Students

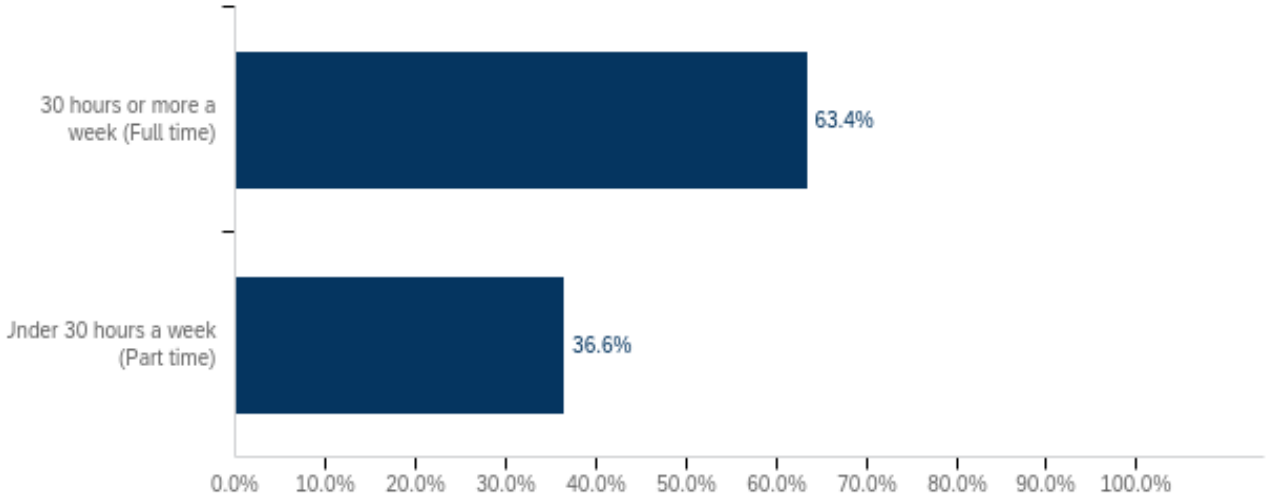
You indicated that you have accepted a new employment offer or are continuing to work in a job you held before graduation. What is your employment type?*



Answer	%	Count
Permanent Position at an Organization/Company	66.1%	328
Other (please describe):	13.9%	69
Temporary/Contract Work Assignment	8.9%	44
Postgraduate Internship or Fellowship	7.7%	38
Entrepreneur	1.8%	9
Freelancer	1.6%	8
Total	100%	496

Question shown only to respondents who indicated that they were employed. *

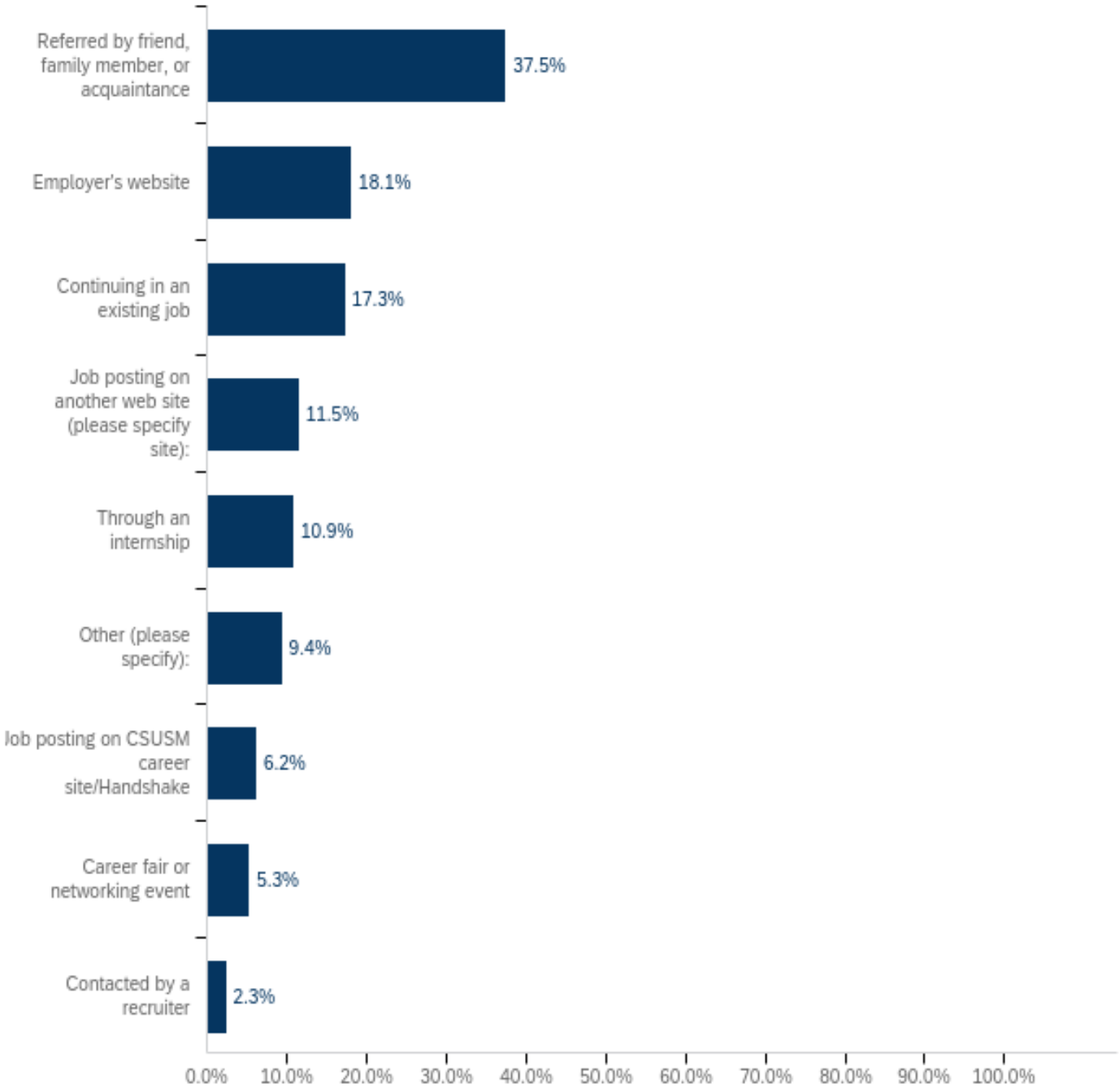
How many hours per week are you working?*



Answer	%	Count
30 hours or more a week (Full time)	63.4%	295
Under 30 hours a week (Part time)	36.6%	170
Total	100%	465

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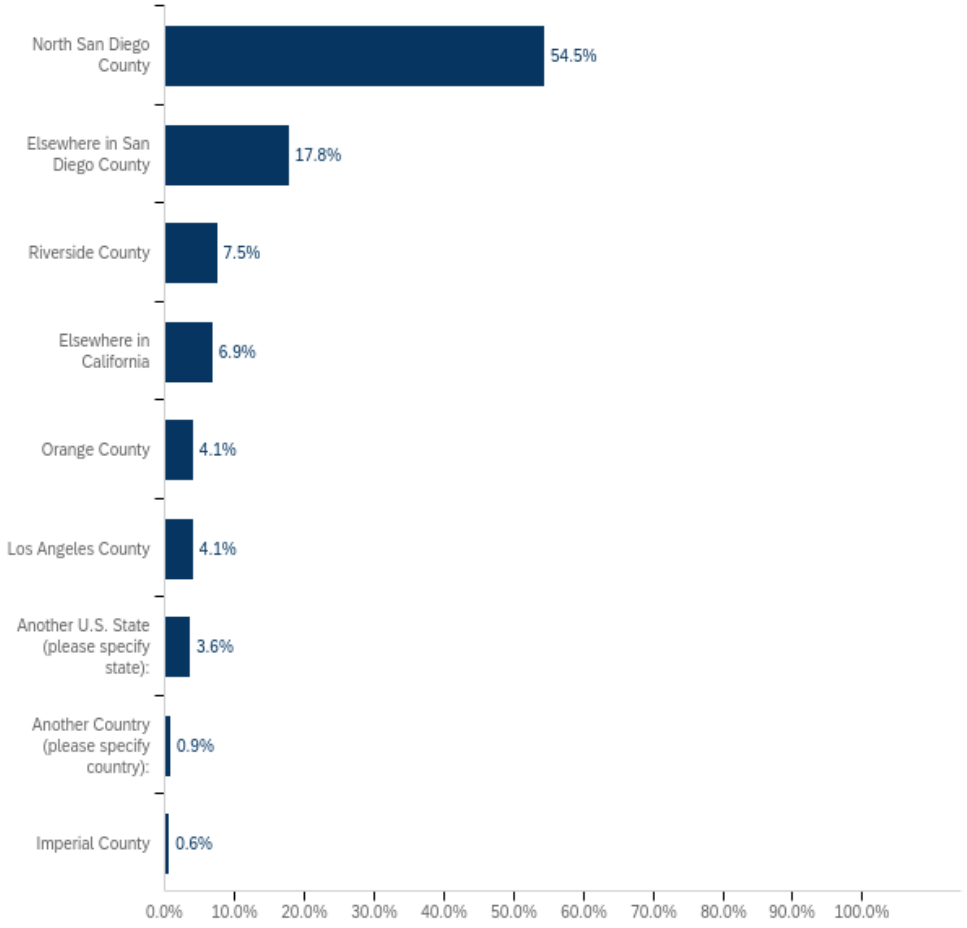
How did you find your job?*



Answer	%	Count
Referred by friend, family member, or acquaintance	37.5%	176
Job posting on CSUSM career site/Handshake	6.2%	29
Job posting on another web site (please specify site):	11.5%	54
Employer's website	18.1%	85
Career fair or networking event	5.3%	25
Through an internship	10.9%	51
Contacted by a recruiter	2.3%	11
Continuing in an existing job	17.3%	81
Other (please specify):	9.4%	44
Total	100%	469

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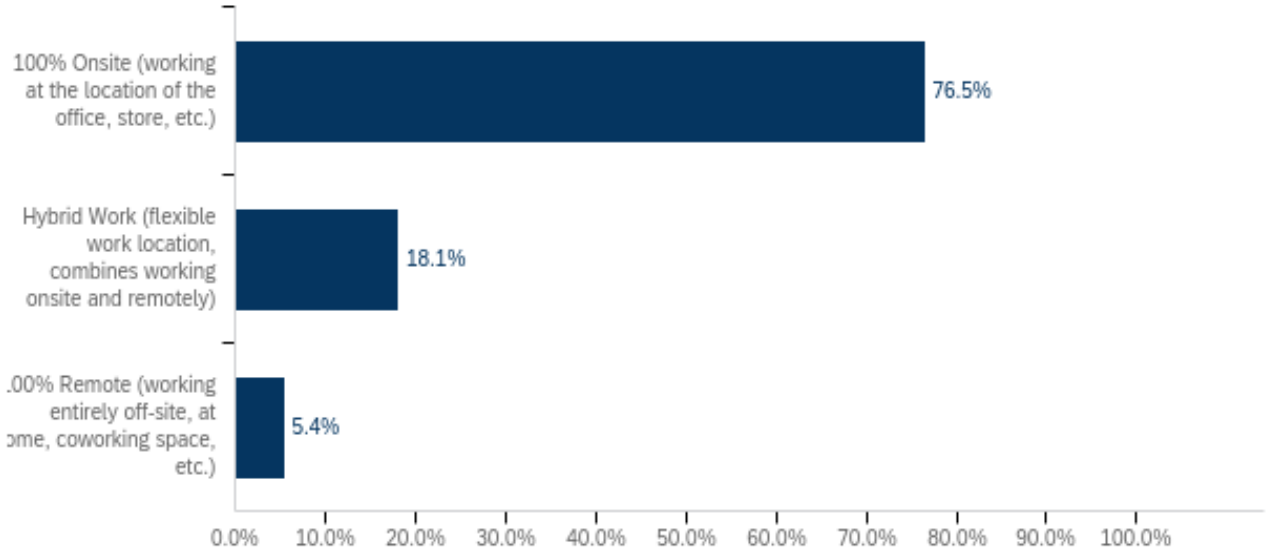
Where is your employer located?*



Answer	%	Count
North San Diego County	54.5%	254
Elsewhere in San Diego County	17.8%	83
Riverside County	7.5%	35
Orange County	4.1%	19
Imperial County	0.6%	3
Los Angeles County	4.1%	19
Elsewhere in California	6.9%	32
Another U.S. State (please specify state):	3.6%	17
Another Country (please specify country):	0.9%	4
Total	100%	466

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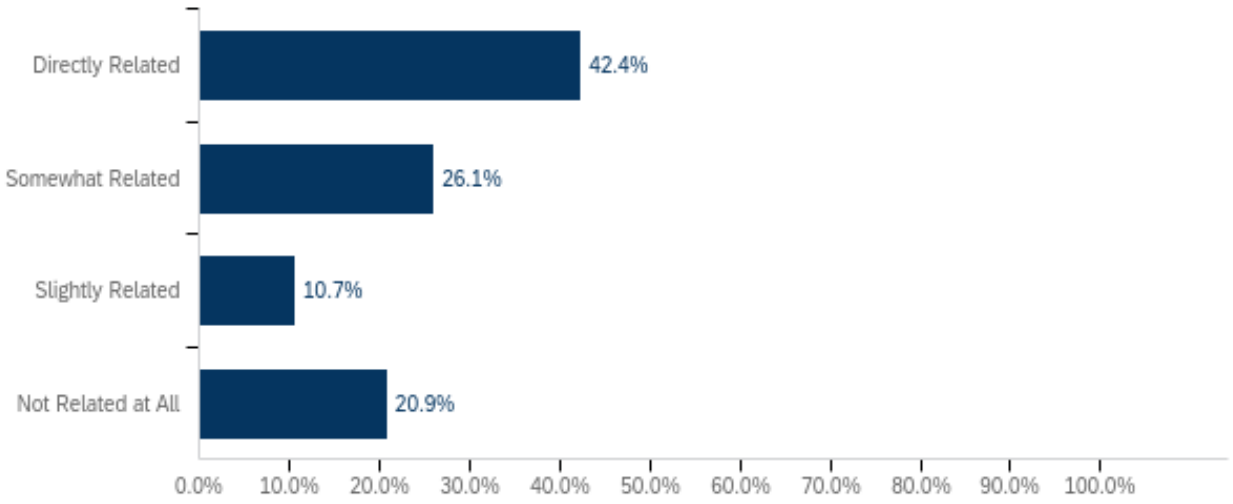
What is your work modality?*



Answer	%	Count
100% Onsite (working at the location of the office, store, etc.)	76.5%	355
Hybrid Work (flexible work location, combines working onsite and remotely)	18.1%	84
100% Remote (working entirely off-site, at home, coworking space, etc.)	5.4%	25
Total	100%	464

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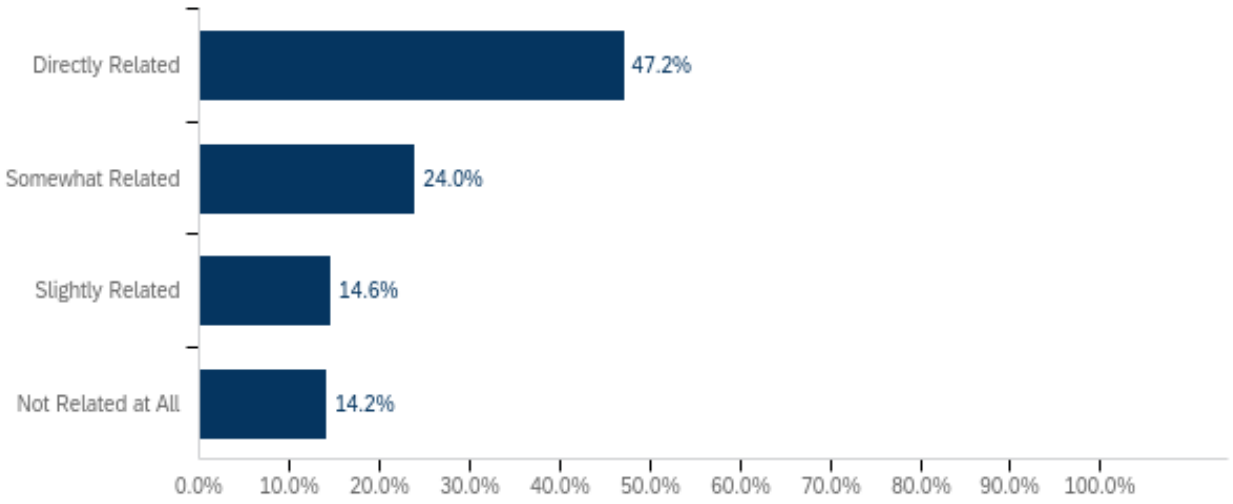
How related is this job to your CSUSM major/field of study?*



Answer	%	Count
Directly Related	42.4%	195
Somewhat Related	26.1%	120
Slightly Related	10.7%	49
Not Related at All	20.9%	96
Total	100%	460

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How related is this job to your career goals?*

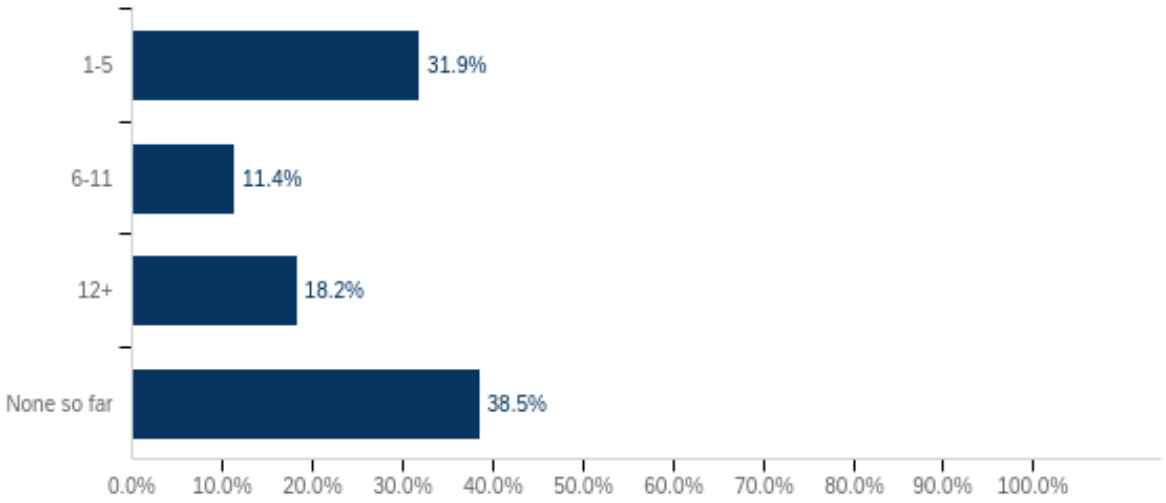


Answer	%	Count
Directly Related	47.2%	216
Somewhat Related	24.0%	110
Slightly Related	14.6%	67
Not Related at All	14.2%	65
Total	100%	458

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Results for Students Still Seeking Employment

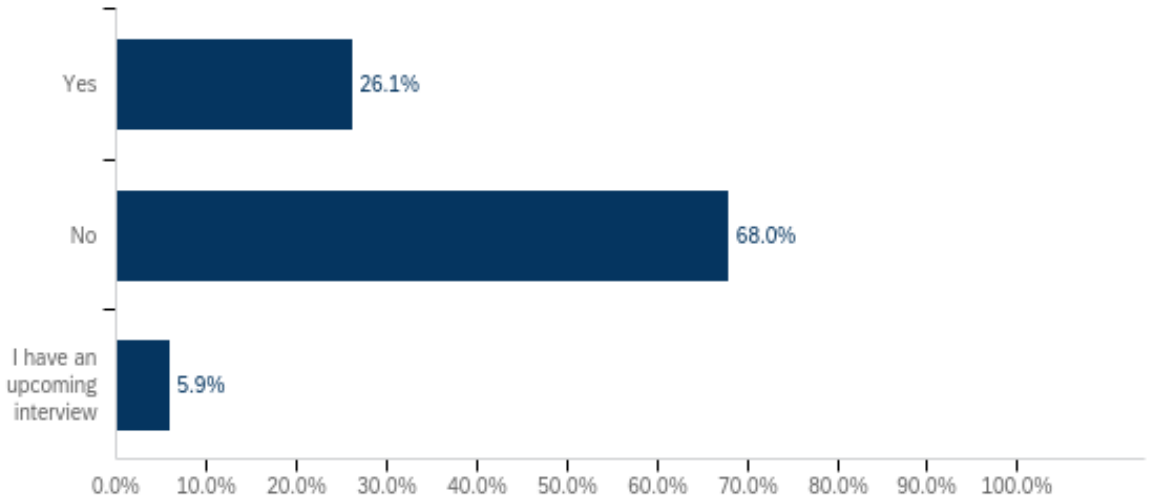
How many jobs have you applied for in the last three months?*



Answer	%	Count
1-5	31.9%	250
6-11	11.4%	89
12+	18.2%	143
None so far	38.5%	302
Total	100%	784

Question shown only to respondents who indicated that they were still-seeking employment. *

Have you interviewed for a job?*

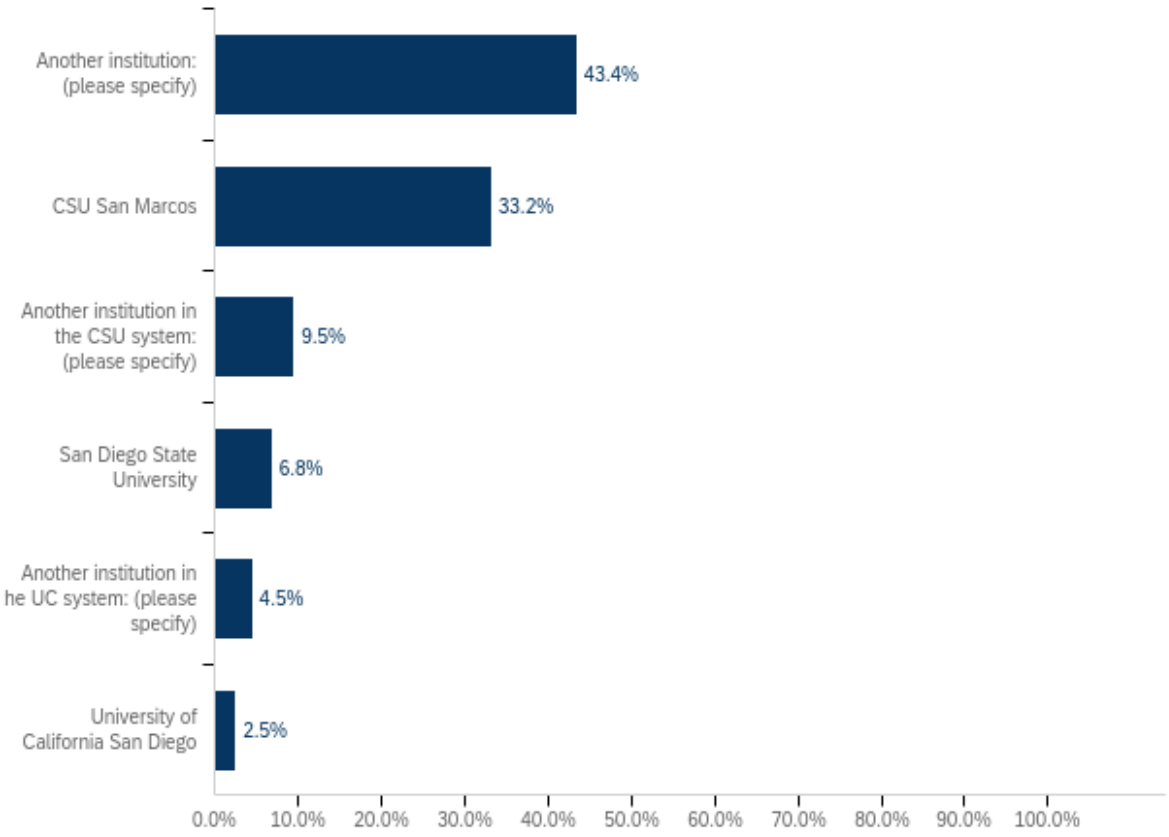


Answer	%	Count
Yes	26.1%	205
No	68.0%	533
I have an upcoming interview	5.9%	46
Total	100%	784

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Results for Students Continuing their Education

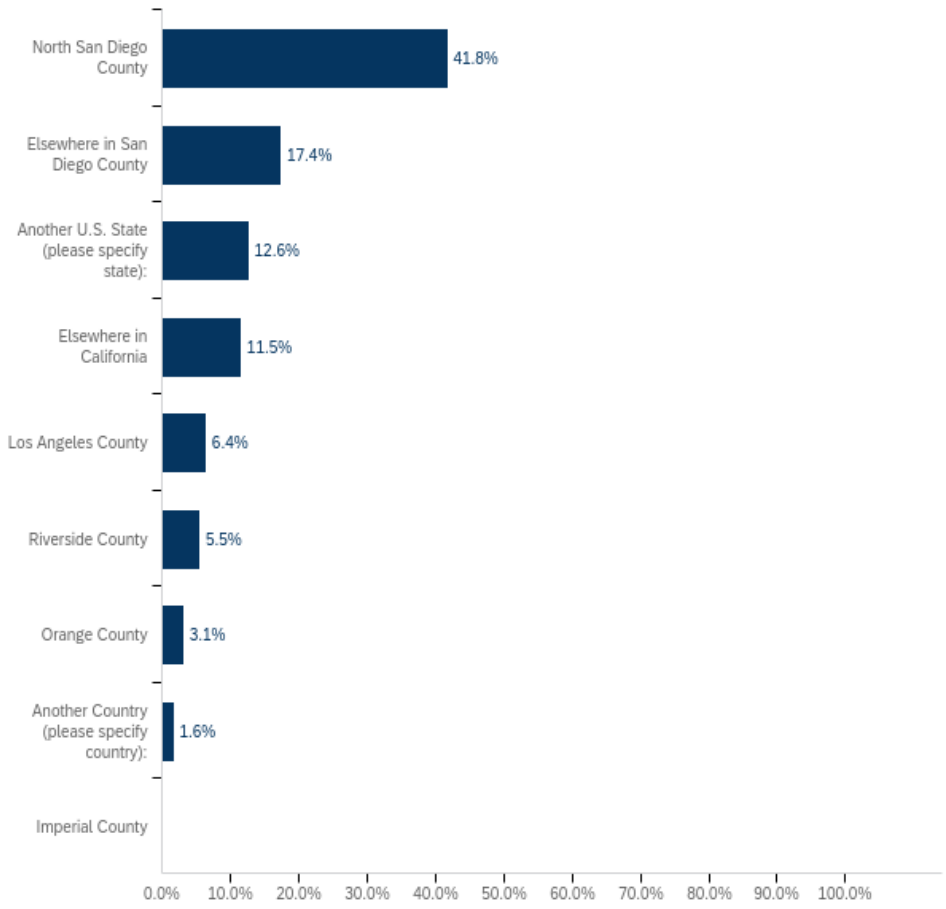
You indicated that you are applying or have been accepted to a graduate, teaching, or professional preparation program. What's the name of the institution you will be attending?*



Answer	%	Count
Another institution in the UC system: (please specify)	4.5%	25
Another institution in the CSU system: (please specify)	9.5%	53
Another institution: (please specify)	43.4%	242
CSU San Marcos	33.2%	185
University of California San Diego	2.5%	14
San Diego State University	6.8%	38
Total	100%	557

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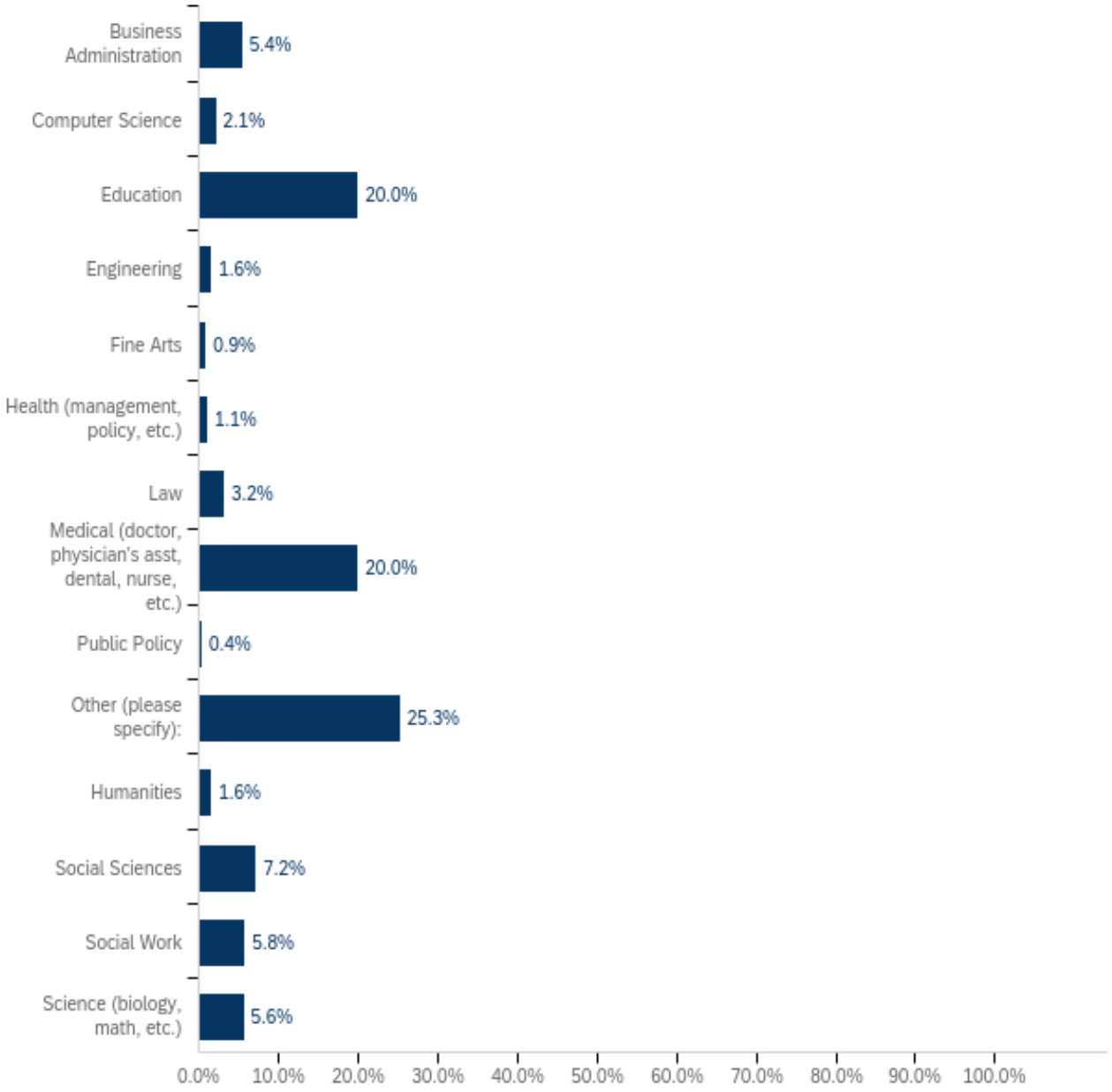
Where is this institution located?*



Answer	%	Count
North San Diego County	41.8%	228
Elsewhere in San Diego County	17.4%	95
Another U.S. State (please specify state):	12.6%	69
Elsewhere in California	11.5%	63
Los Angeles County	6.4%	35
Riverside County	5.5%	30
Orange County	3.1%	17
Another Country (please specify country):	1.6%	9
Imperial County	0.0%	0
Total	100%	546

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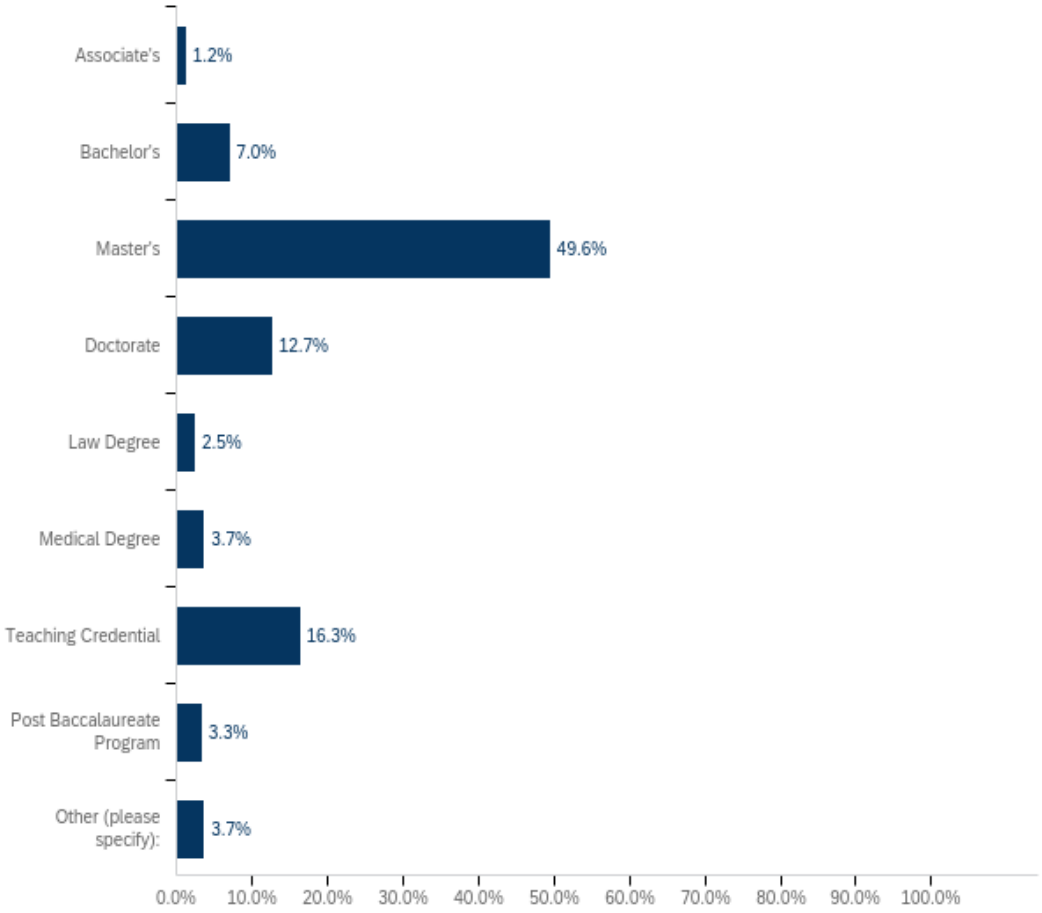
What will be your program of study?*



Answer	%	Count
Business Administration	5.4%	31
Computer Science	2.1%	12
Education	20.0%	114
Engineering	1.6%	9
Fine Arts	0.9%	5
Health (management, policy, etc.)	1.1%	6
Law	3.2%	18
Medical (doctor, physician's asst, dental, nurse, etc.)	20.0%	114
Public Policy	0.4%	2
Other (please specify):	25.3%	144
Humanities	1.6%	9
Social Sciences	7.2%	41
Social Work	5.8%	33
Science (biology, math, etc.)	5.6%	32
Total	100%	570

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What's the degree you're pursuing?*

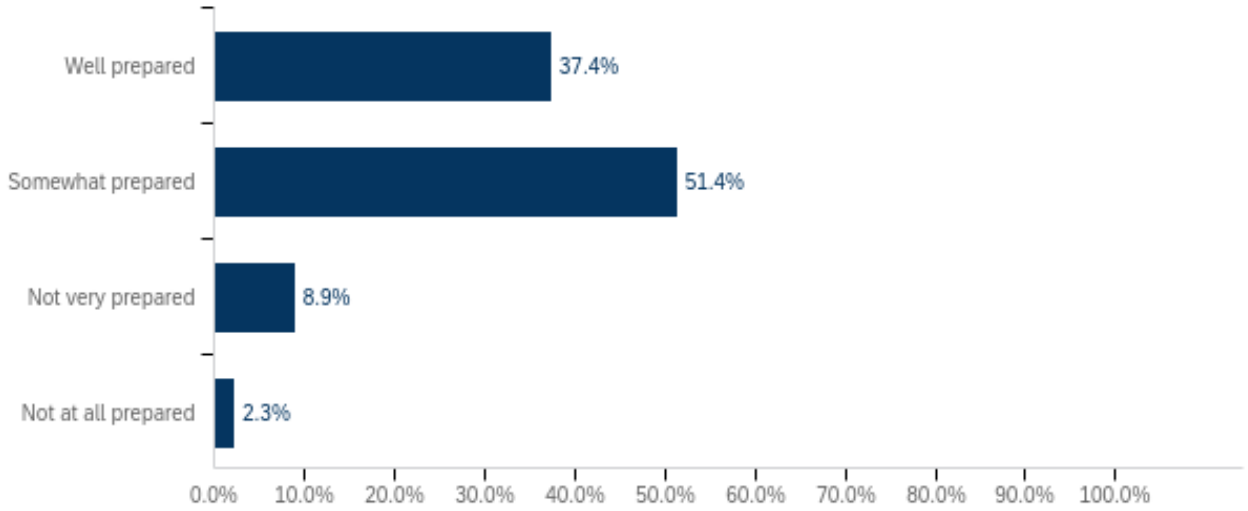


Answer	%	Count
Associate's	1.2%	7
Bachelor's	7.0%	40
Master's	49.6%	282
Doctorate	12.7%	72
Law Degree	2.5%	14
Medical Degree	3.7%	21
Teaching Credential	16.3%	93
Post Baccalaureate Program	3.3%	19
Other (please specify):	3.7%	21
Total	100%	569

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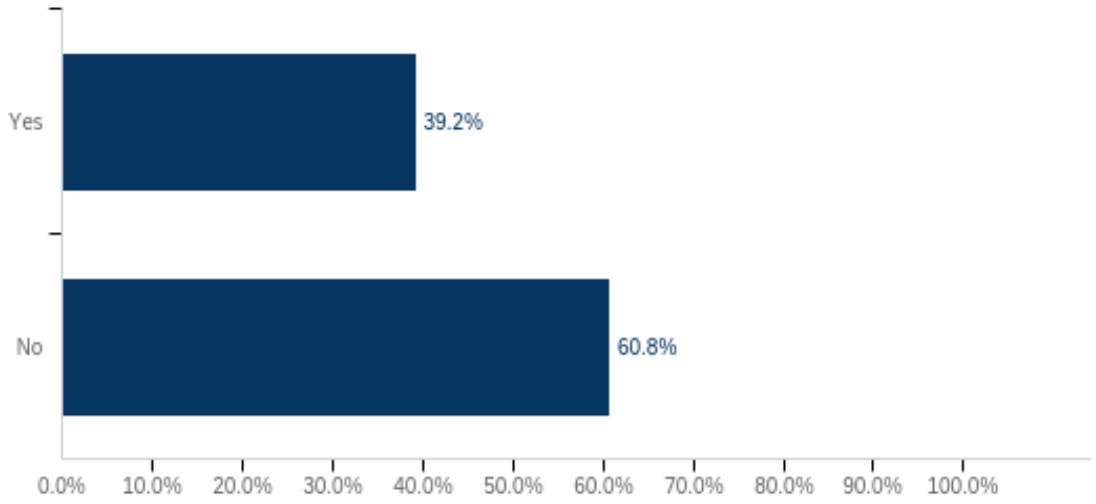
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How prepared do you feel for life after graduation?



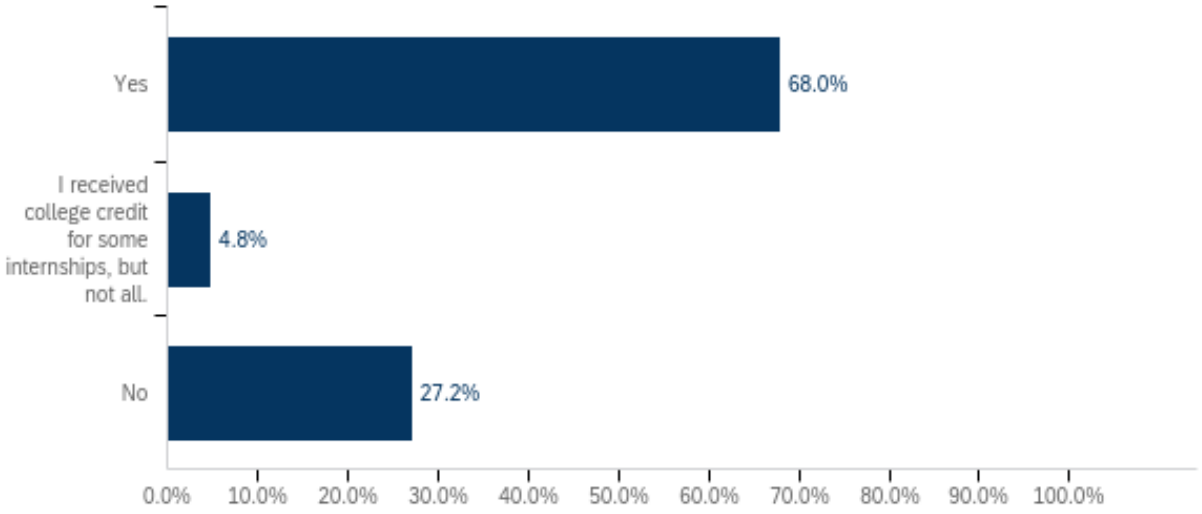
Answer	%	Count
Well prepared	37.4%	715
Somewhat prepared	51.4%	982
Not very prepared	8.9%	171
Not at all prepared	2.3%	43
Total	100%	1911

Did you participate in an internship while at CSUSM?



Answer	%	Count
Yes	39.2%	749
No	60.8%	1161
Total	100%	1910

Did you receive college credit for your internship(s)?*



Did you receive college credit for your internship(s)?	Percentage
Yes	68.0%
I received college credit for some internships, but not all.	4.8%
No	27.2%
Total	744