California State University-Los Angeles
CIRP Freshman Survey
2016 Results

First-time, Full-time Freshmen

California State University-Los Angeles
N=2,398

Public 4yr Colleges-low selectivity
N=12,317

Higher Education Research Institute, University of California at Los Angeles

INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The CIRP Freshman Survey (TFS) collects important information on what your incoming students are like before they experience college. Key sections of the survey examine:

- College admissions decisions
- Financing college
- High school experiences and behaviors
- Knowledge, skills and abilities
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A Note about CIRP Constructs

We use the CIRP Constructs throughout this PowerPoint to help summarize important information about your students from the TFS.

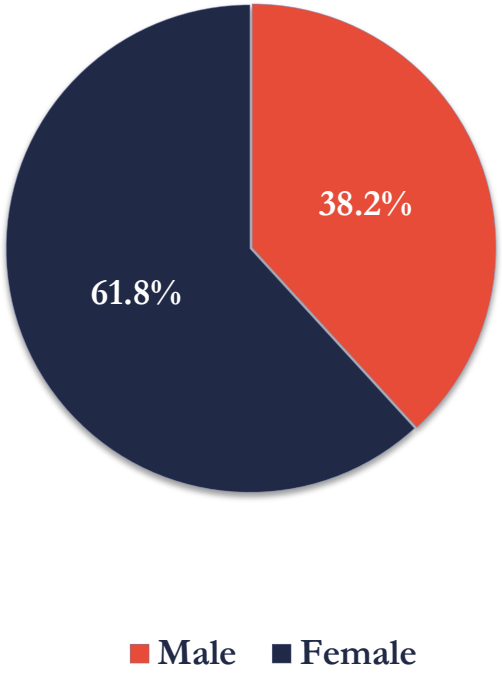
Constructs statistically aggregate the results from CIRP questions that tap into key aspects of the college experience. They focus on student traits and institutional practices contributing to students' academic and social development.

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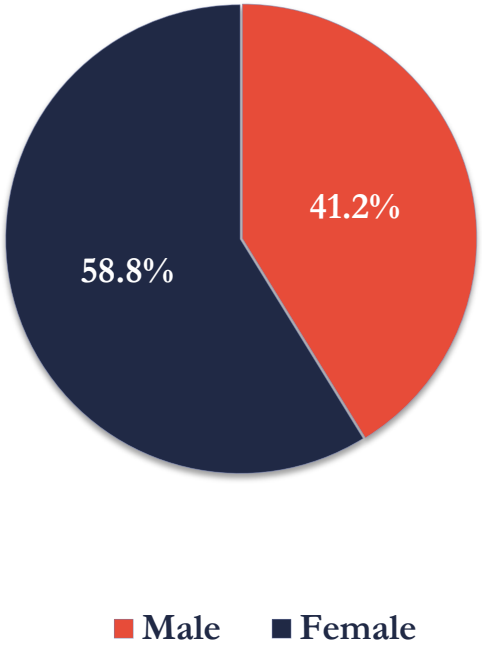
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Your Institution



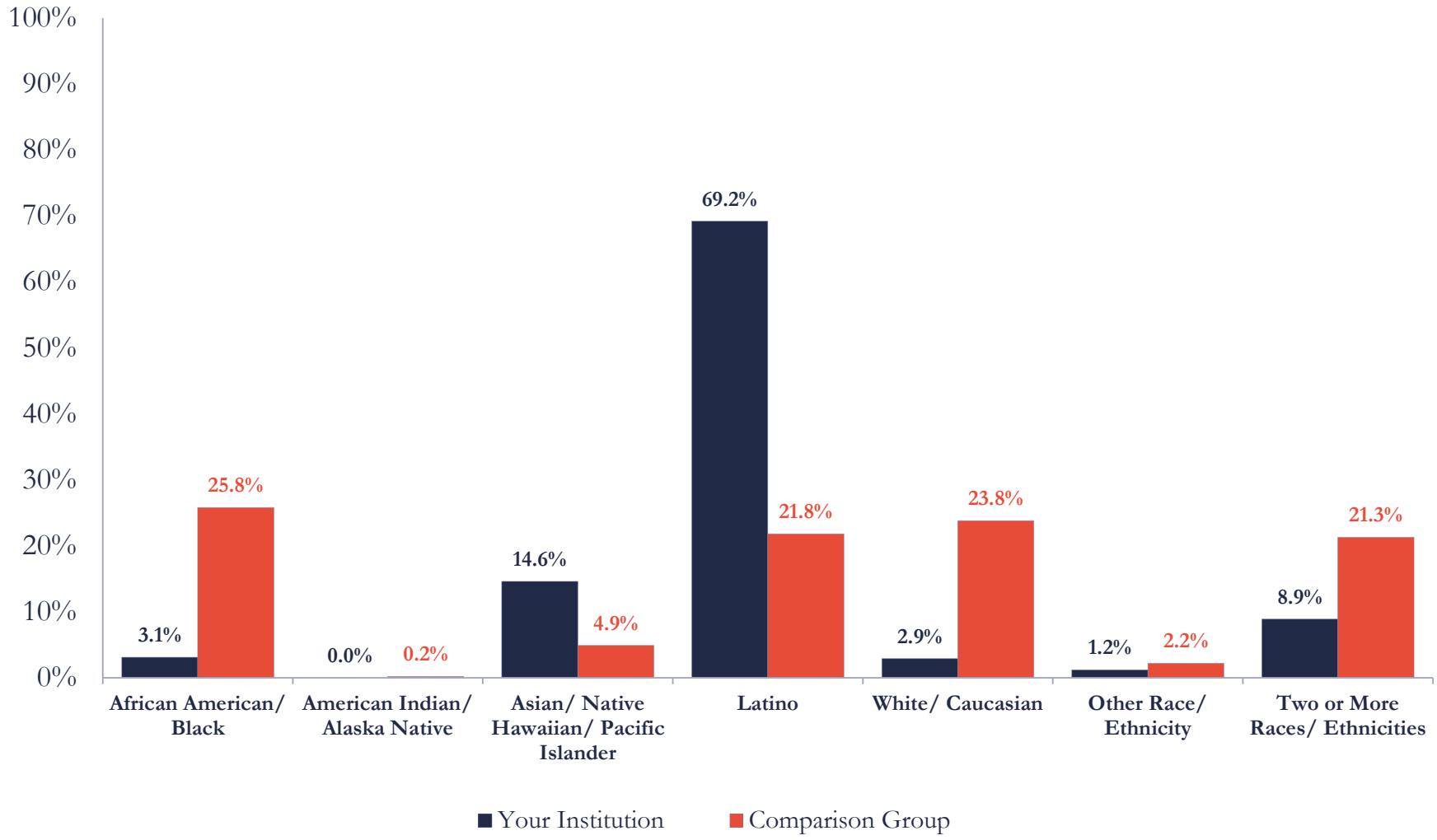
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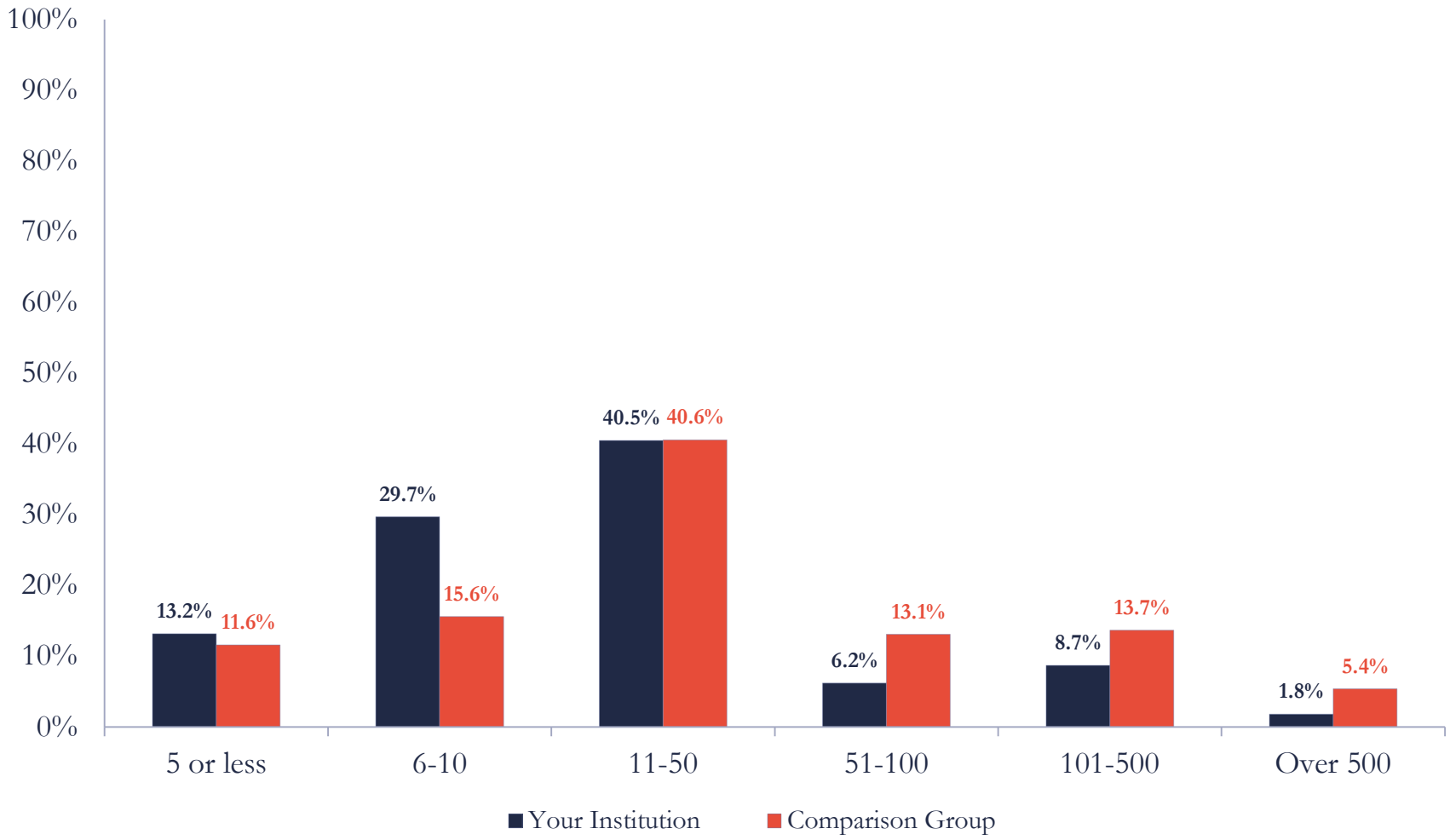
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Demographics

How many miles is this college from your permanent home?



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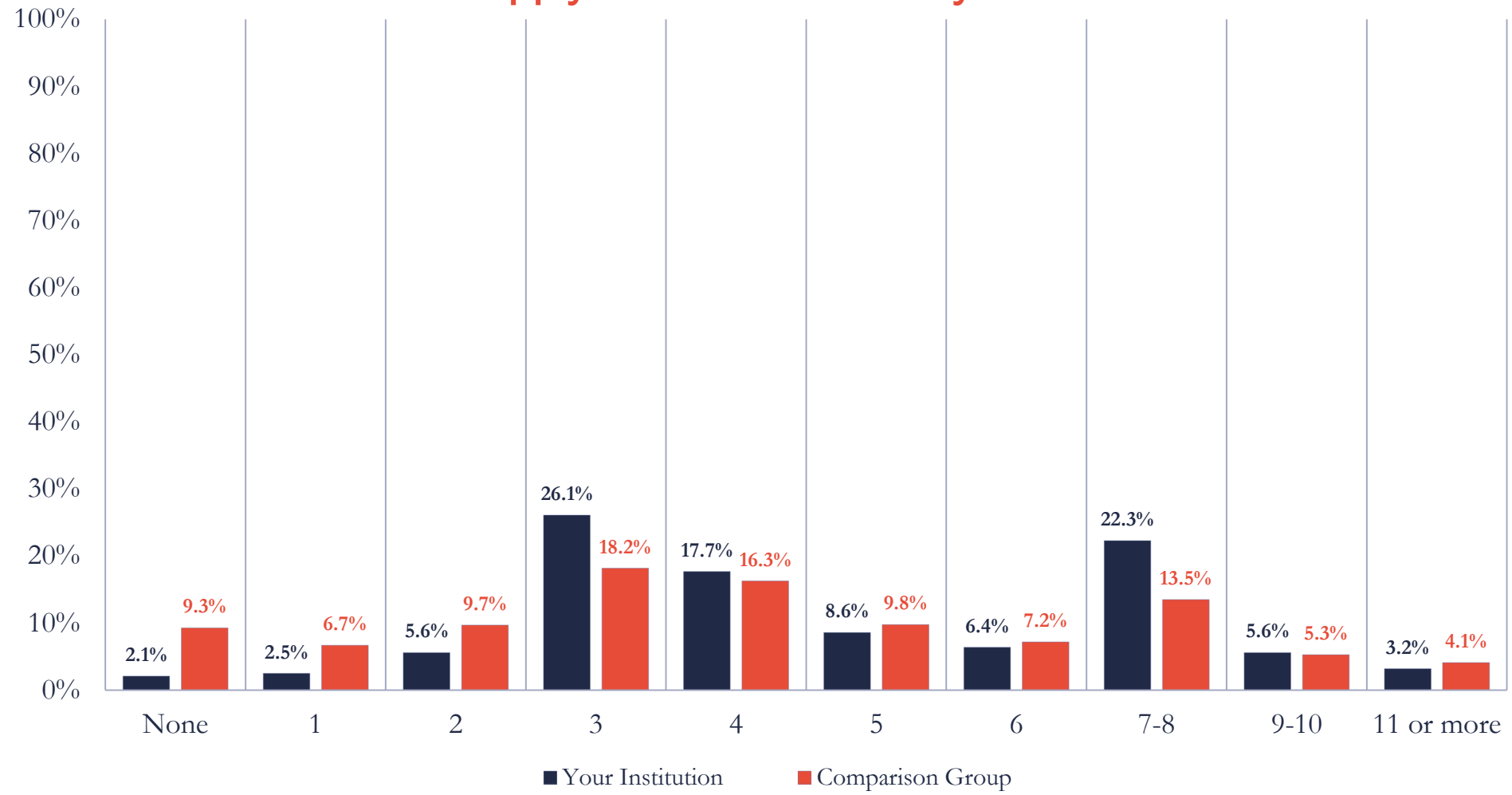
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Many factors impact incoming students' college choice, including the benefits they see in attending college and considerations about which specific college to attend.

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College Admissions Decisions

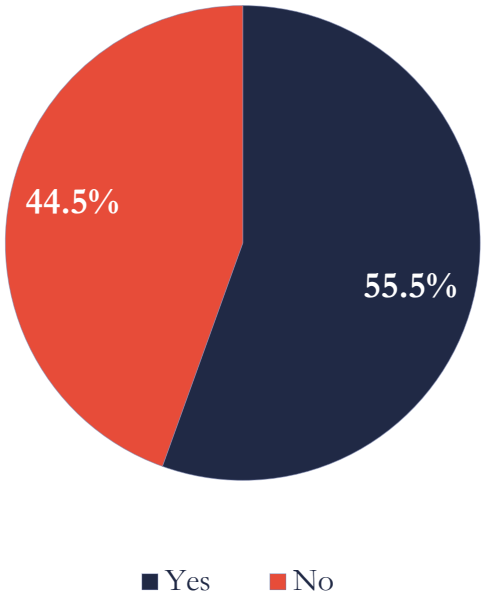
To how many colleges *other than this one* did you apply for admission this year?



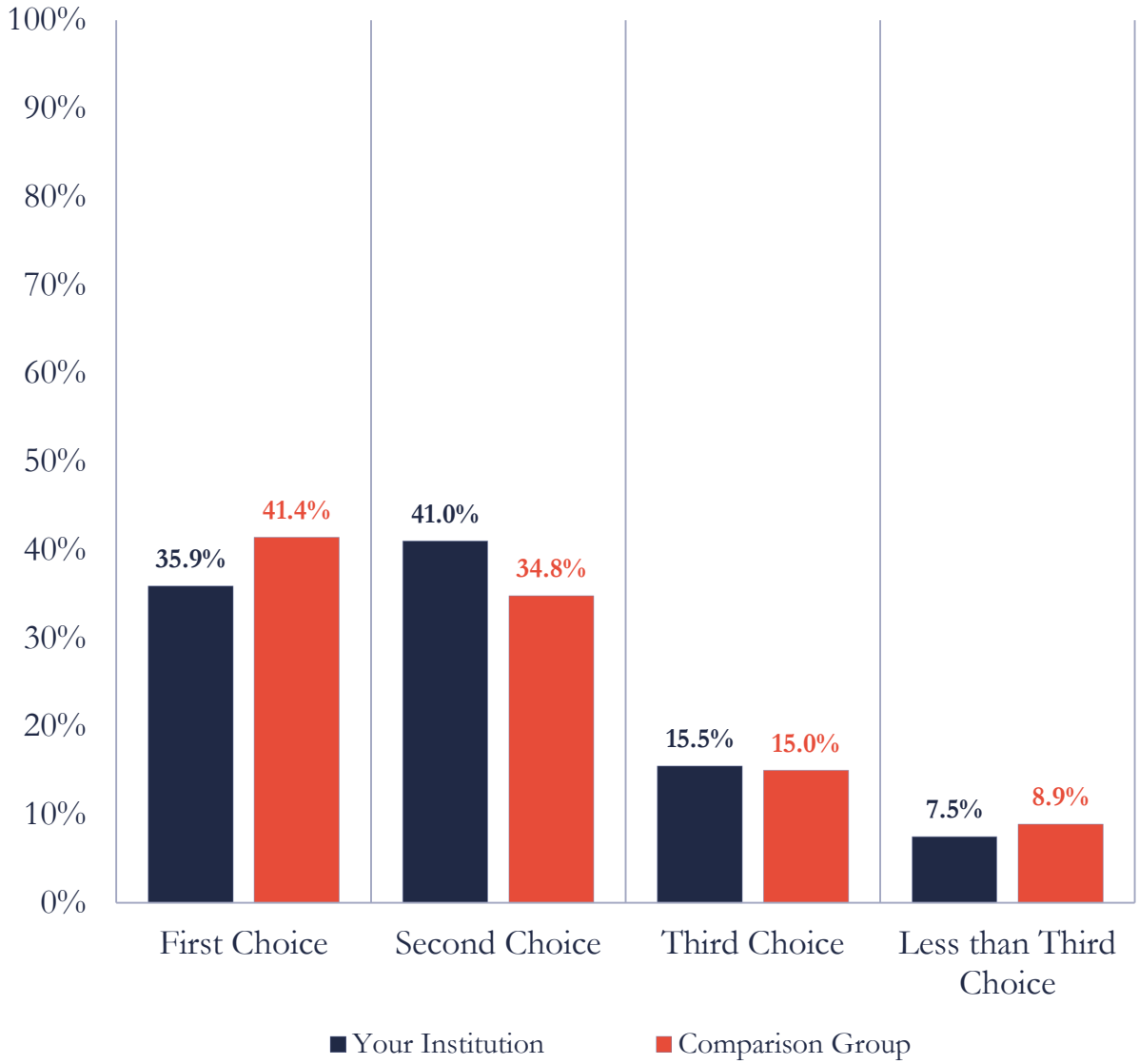
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College Acceptance

Were you accepted by your first choice college?



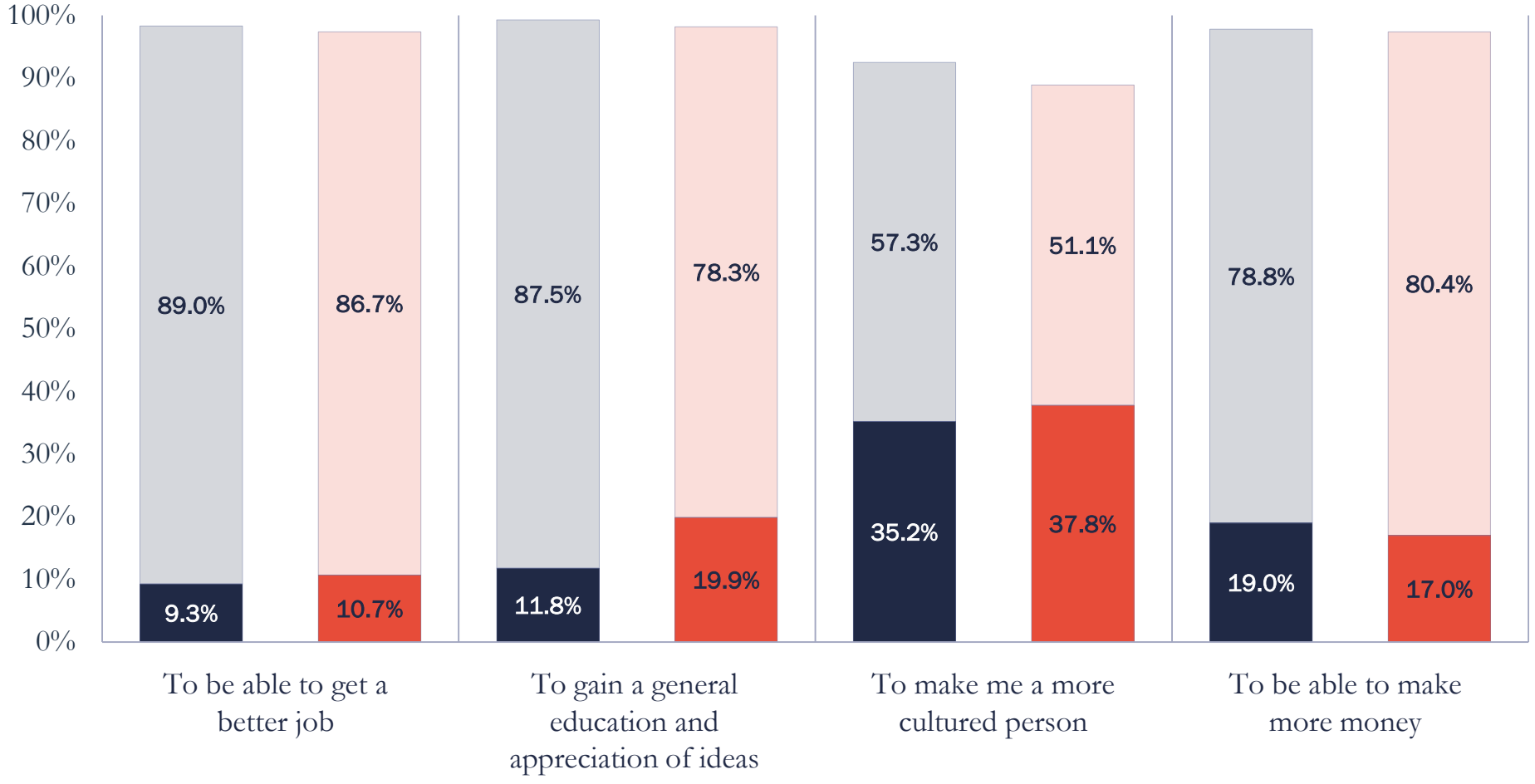
Is this college your ...



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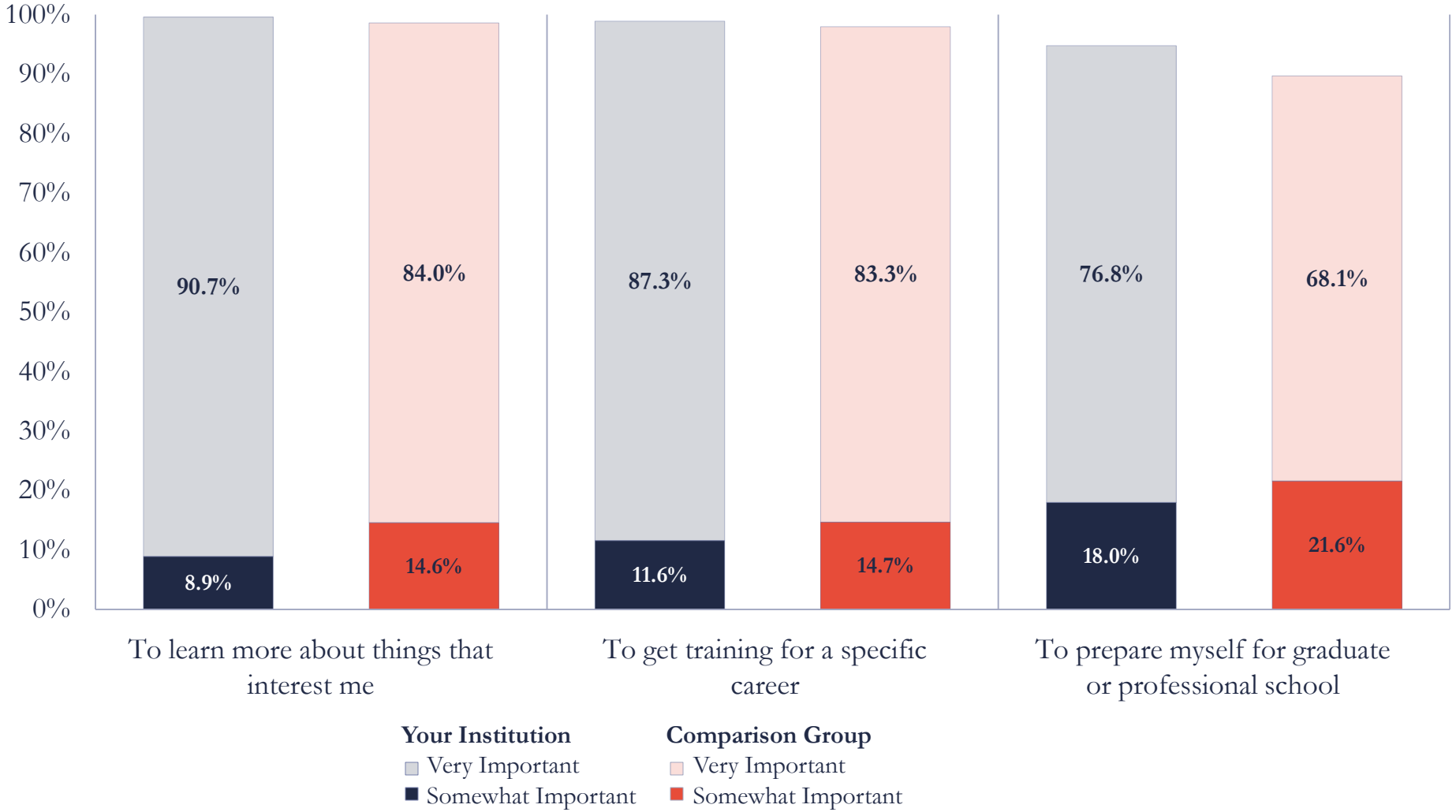
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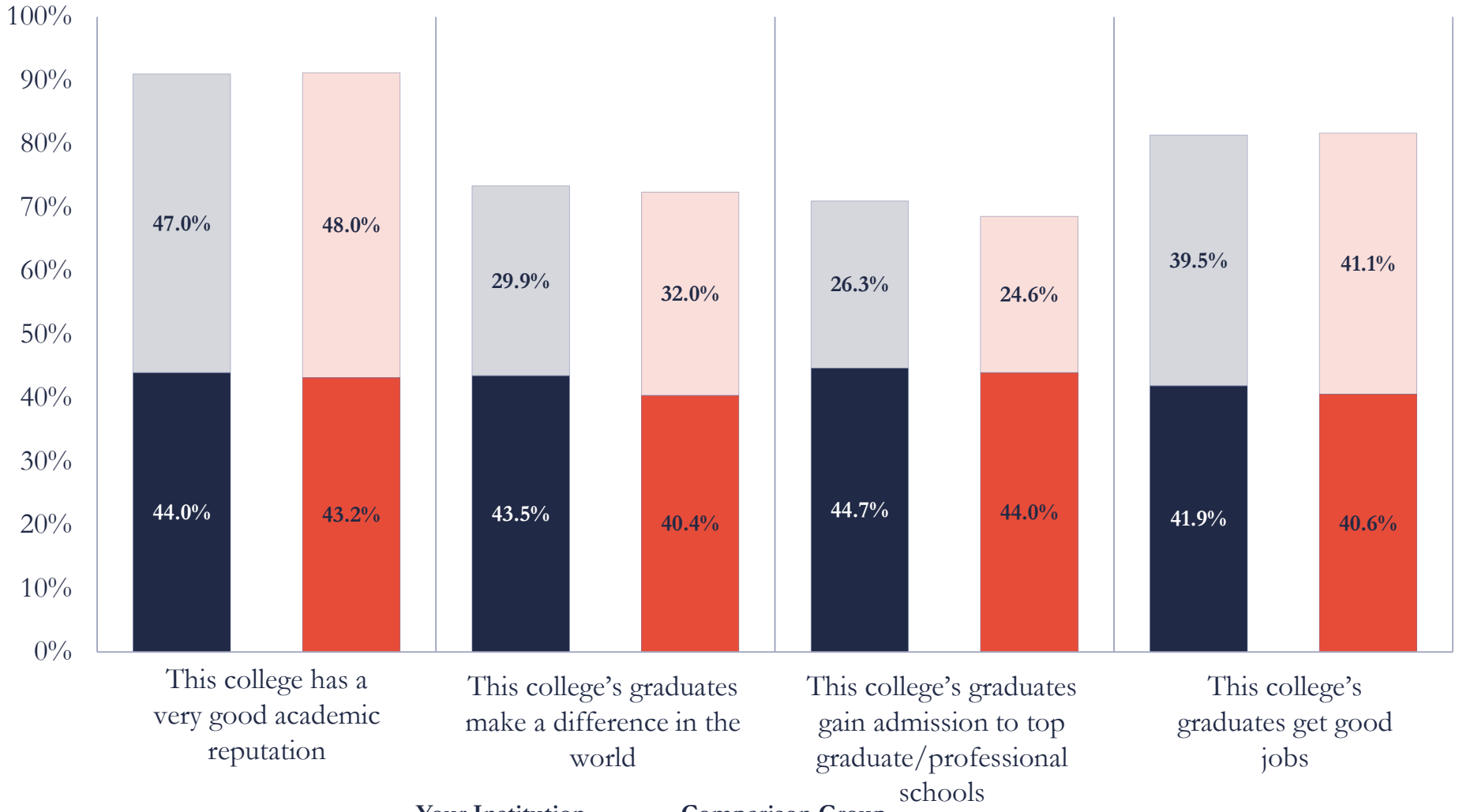
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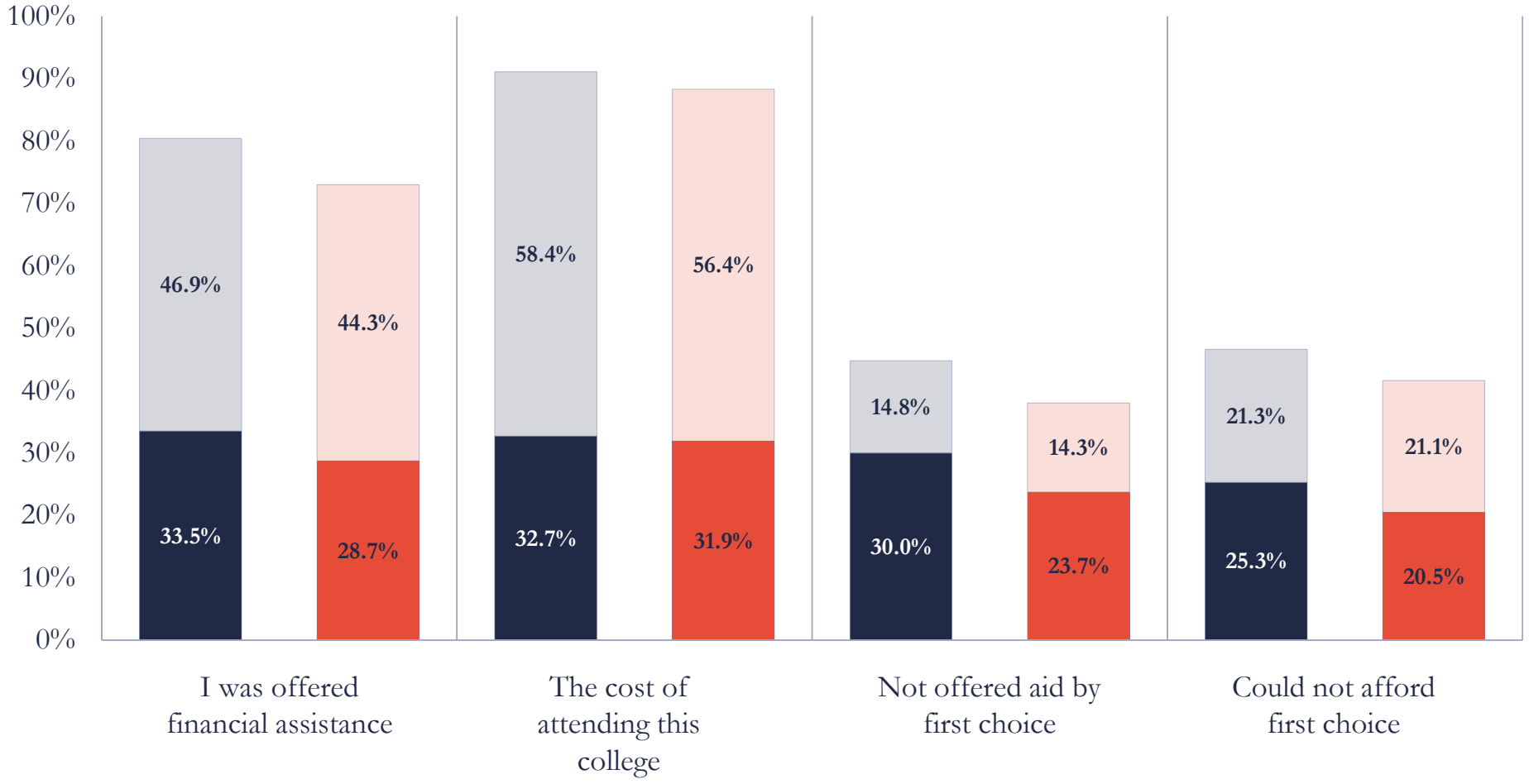
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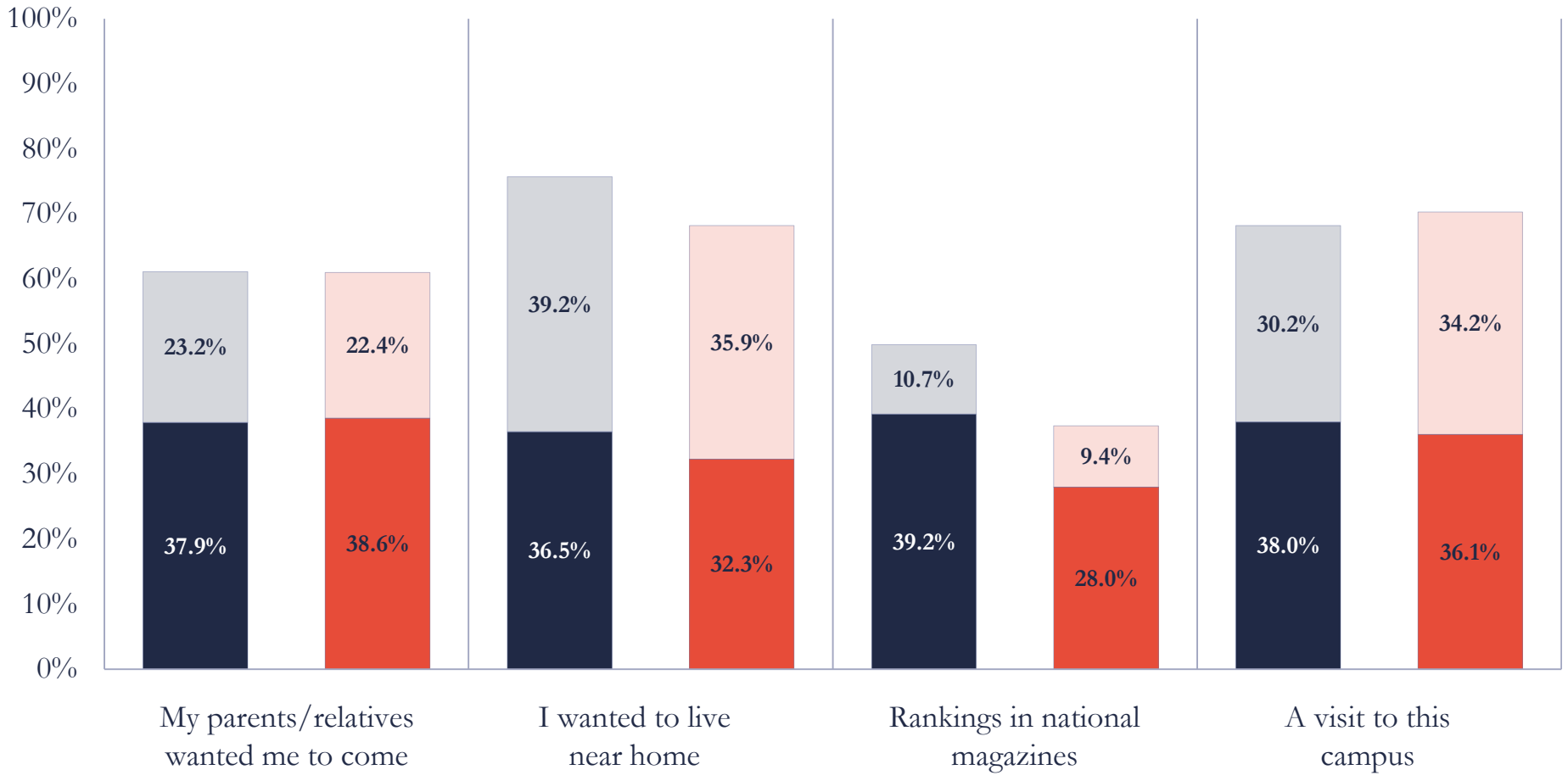
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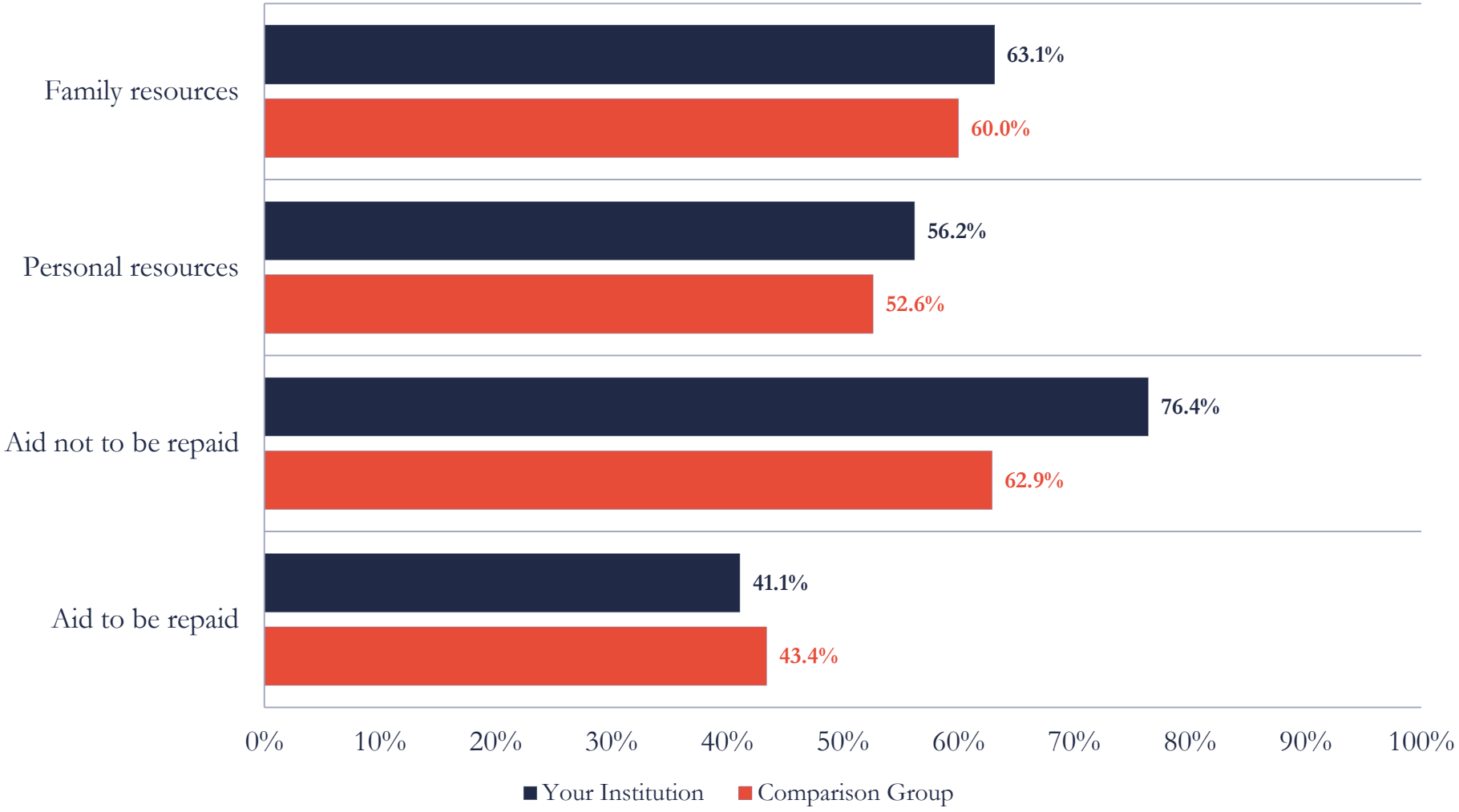
Financing College

Economic factors play an important role in students' decisions about college.

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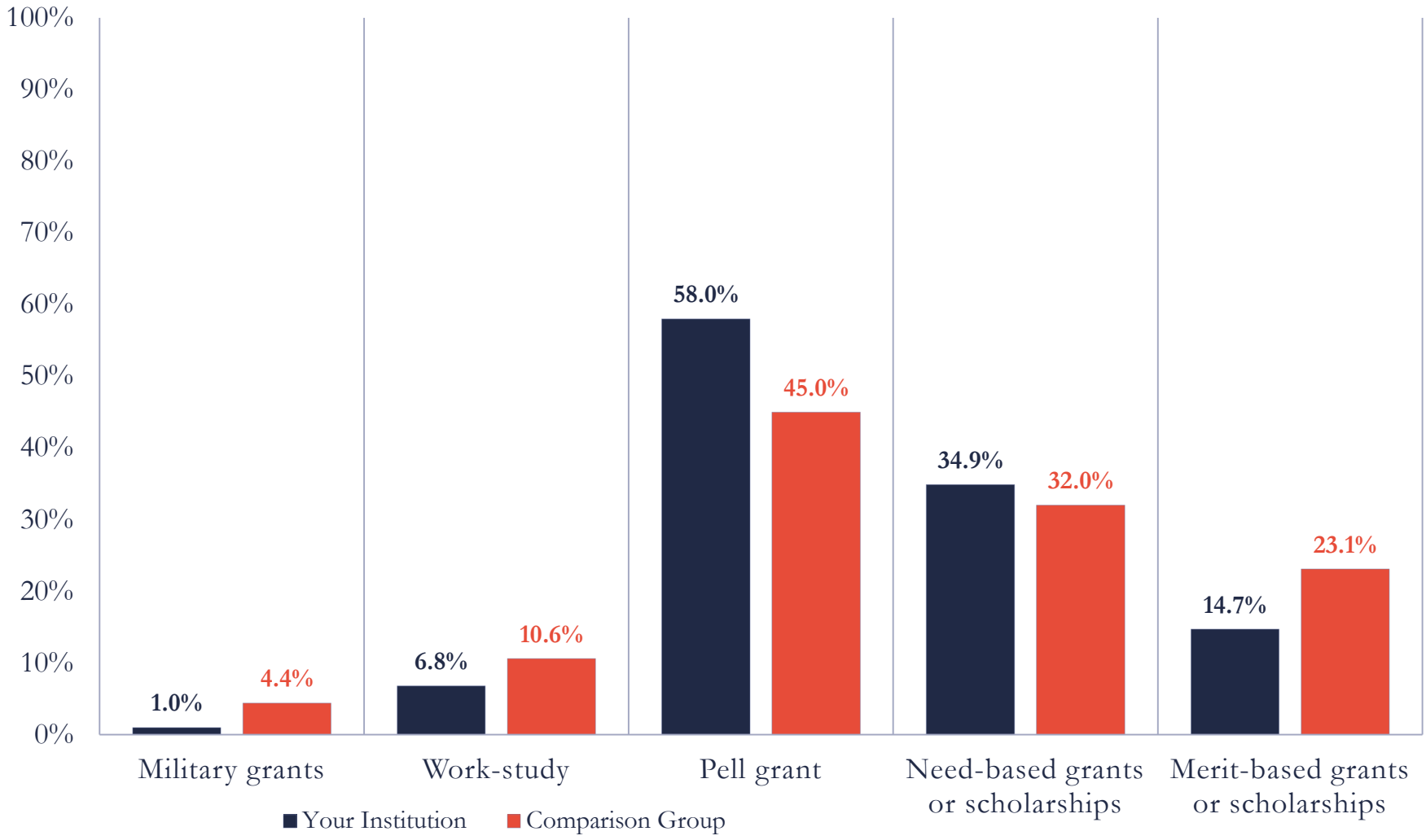
Students' first-year funding sources:



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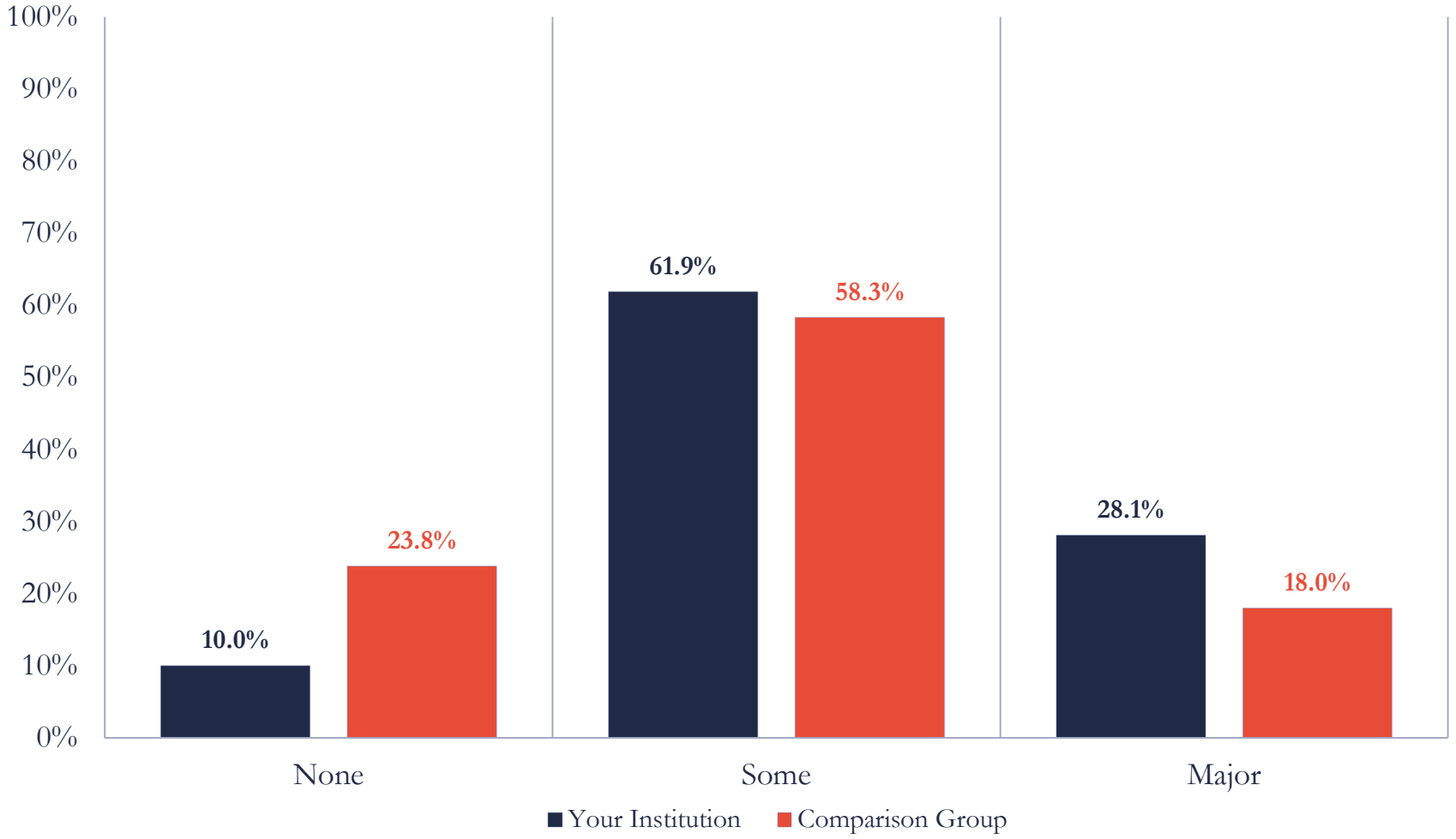
Did you receive any of the following forms of financial aid?



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Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?



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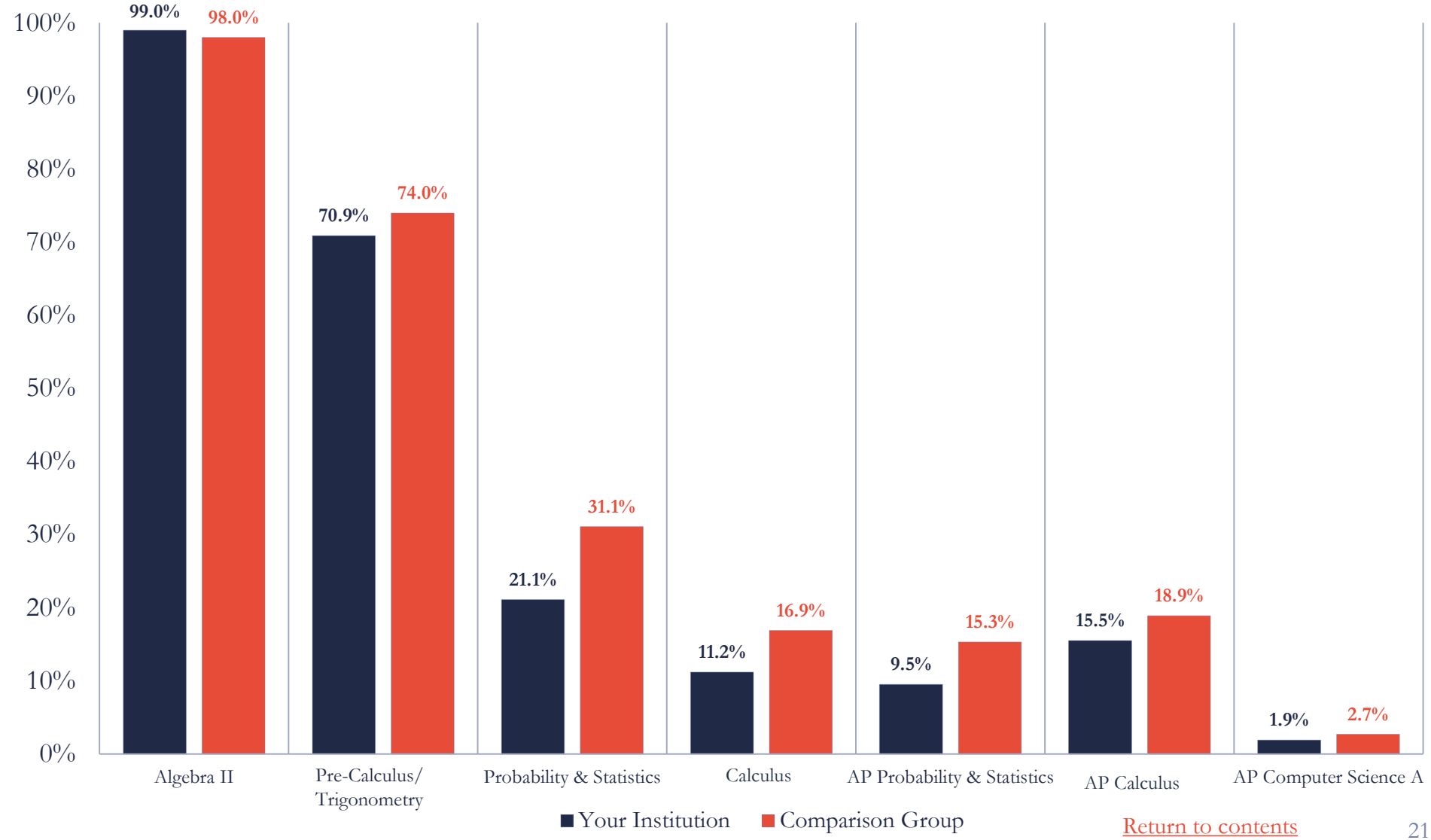
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Understanding students' established behaviors in high school helps foster skills, knowledge, and abilities in the curriculum and co-curriculum.

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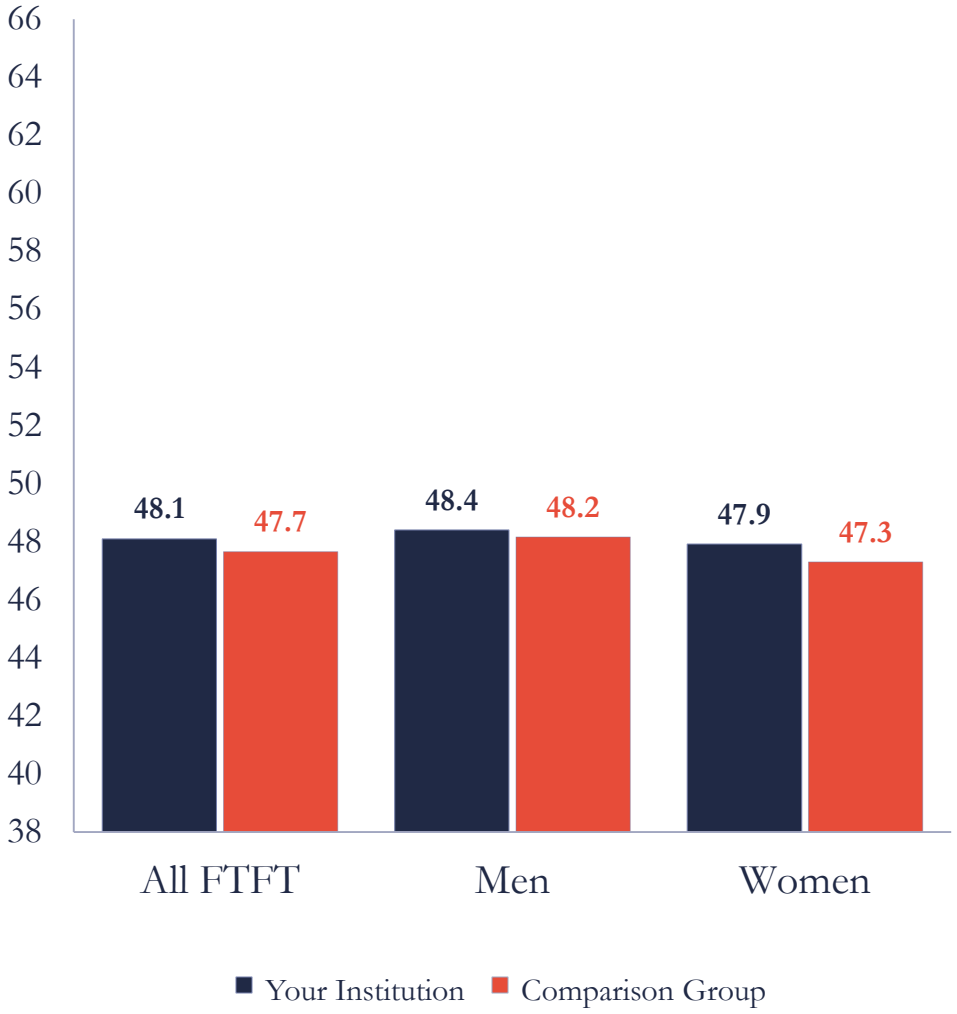
Please mark which of the following courses you have completed.



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Habits of Mind

Habits of Mind is a unified measure of the behaviors and traits associated with academic success. These learning behaviors are seen as the foundation for lifelong learning.



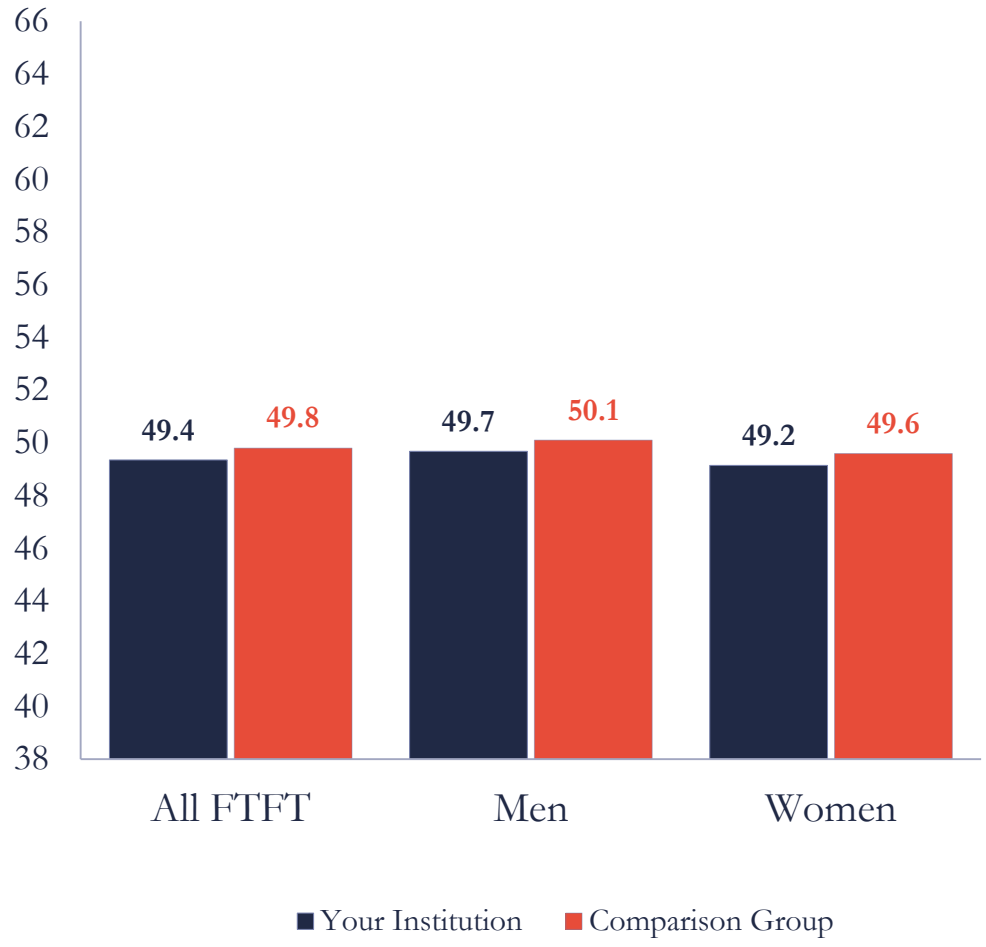
Construct Items

- Support your opinion with a logical argument
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others
- Seek alternative solutions to a problem
- Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received
- Ask questions in class
- Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class
- Accept mistakes as part of the learning process
- Look up scientific research articles and resources
- Analyze multiple sources of information before coming to a conclusion
- Take on a challenge that scares you

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Pluralistic Orientation

Pluralistic Orientation measures skills and dispositions appropriate for living and working in a diverse society.



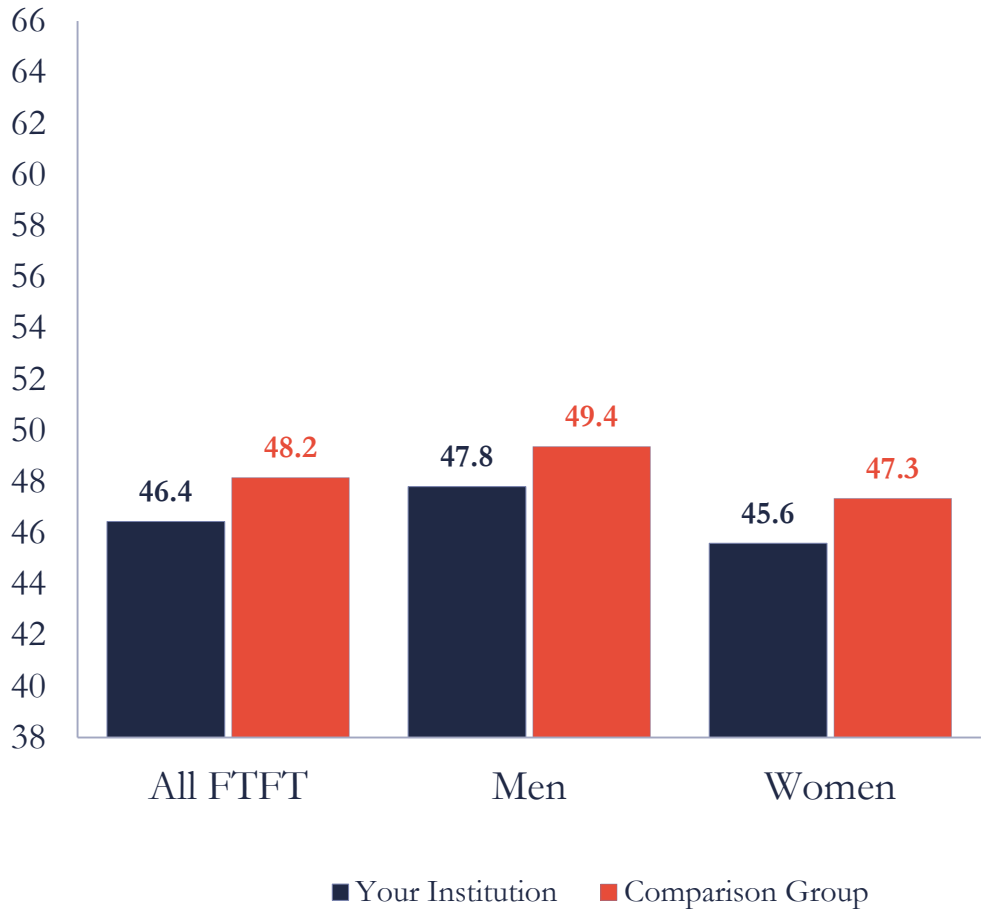
Construct Items

- Tolerance of others with different beliefs
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people
- Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues
- Openness to having my views challenged
- Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective

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Academic Self-Concept

Self-awareness and confidence in academic environments help students learn by encouraging their intellectual inquiry. *Academic Self-Concept* is a unified measure of students' beliefs about their abilities and confidence in academic environments.



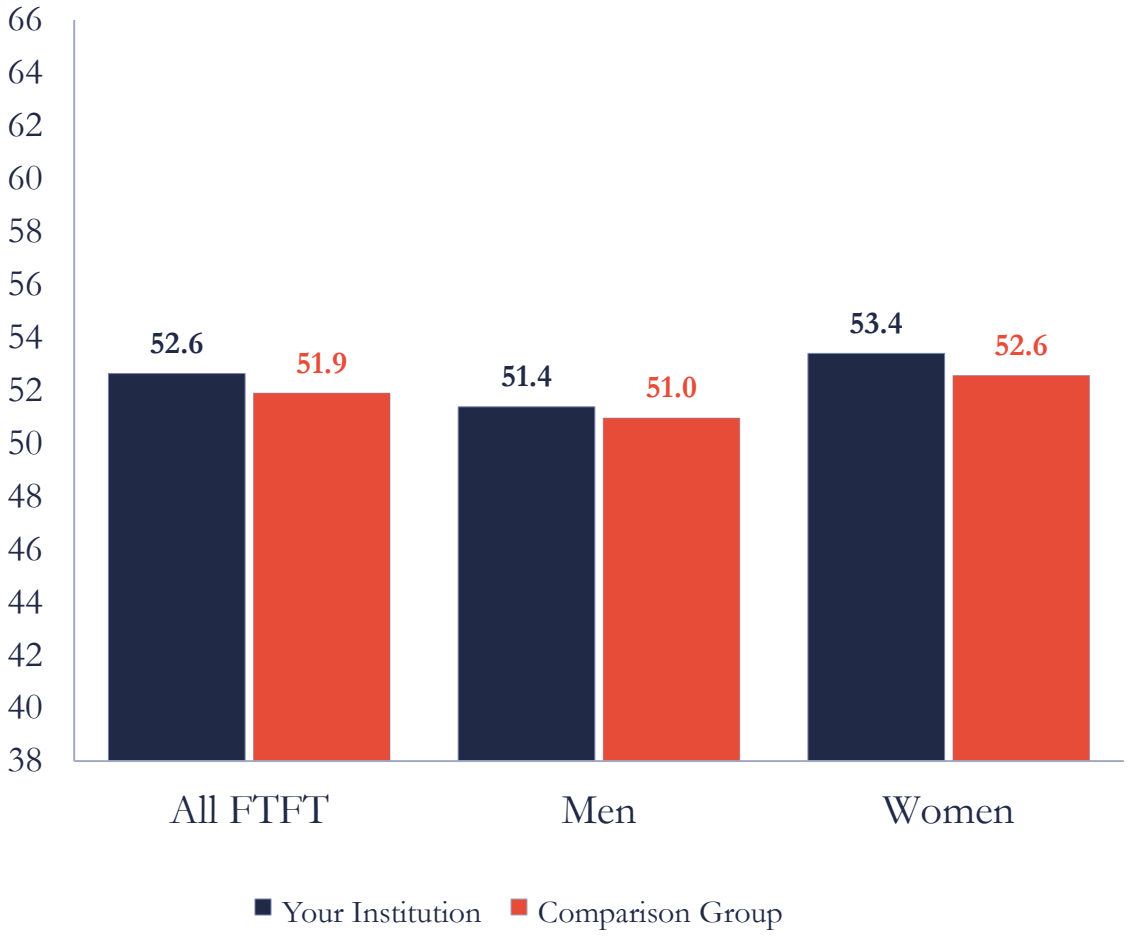
Construct Items

- Self-rated academic ability
- Self-rated mathematical ability
- Self-rated self-confidence (intellectual)
- Self-rated drive to achieve

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Civic Engagement

Engaged citizens are a critical element in the functioning of our democratic society. *Civic Engagement* measures the extent to which students are motivated and involved in civic, electoral and political activities.



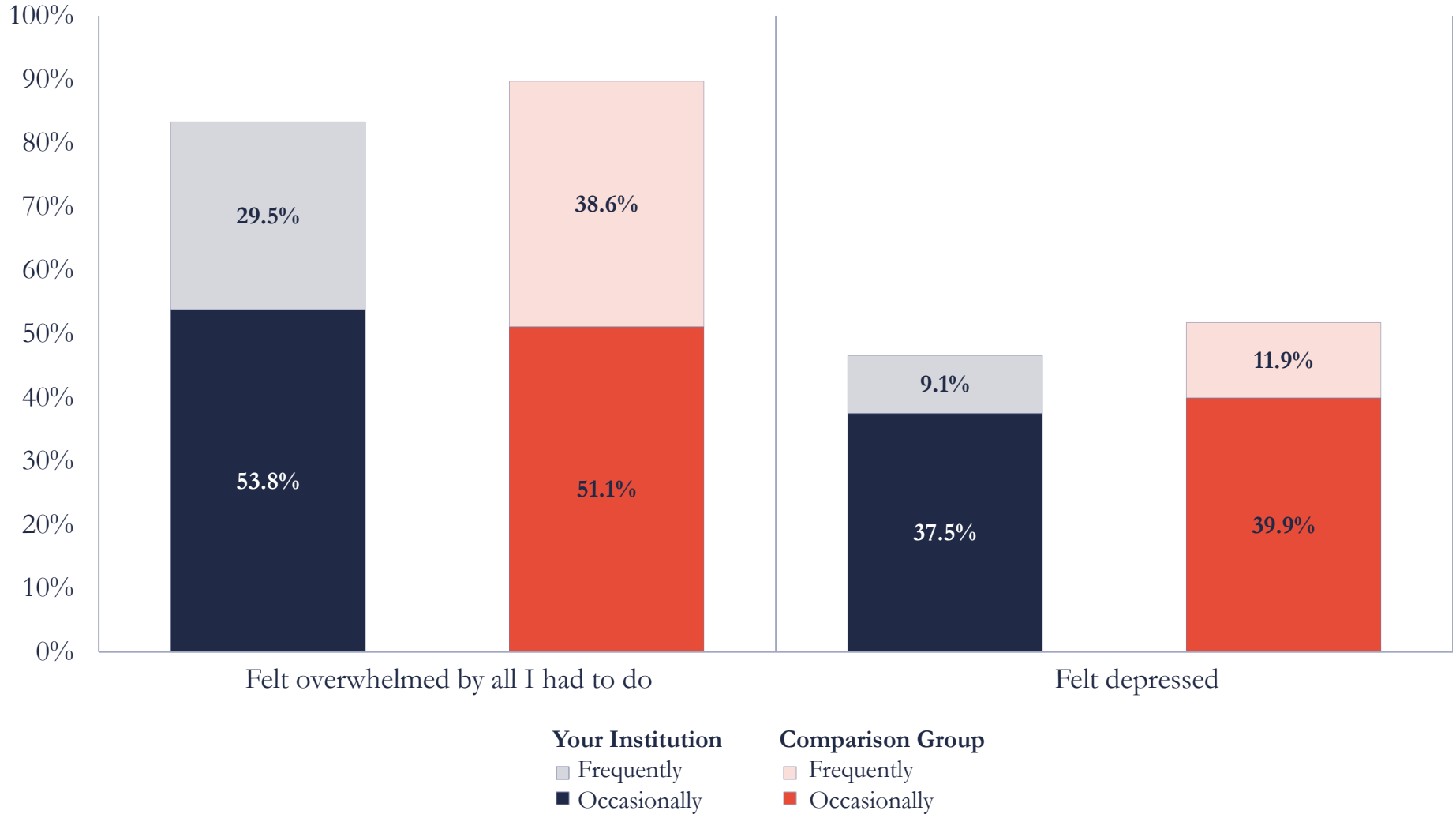
Construct Items

- Publicly communicated your opinion about a cause
- Demonstrated for a cause
- Keeping up to date with political affairs
- Influencing social values
- Helped raise money for a cause or campaign
- Performed volunteer work

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Health and Wellness

Students' physical and emotional well-being can affect many important aspects of the student experience including academic performance and persistence. These items gauge student behaviors, attitudes, and experiences related to health and wellness.



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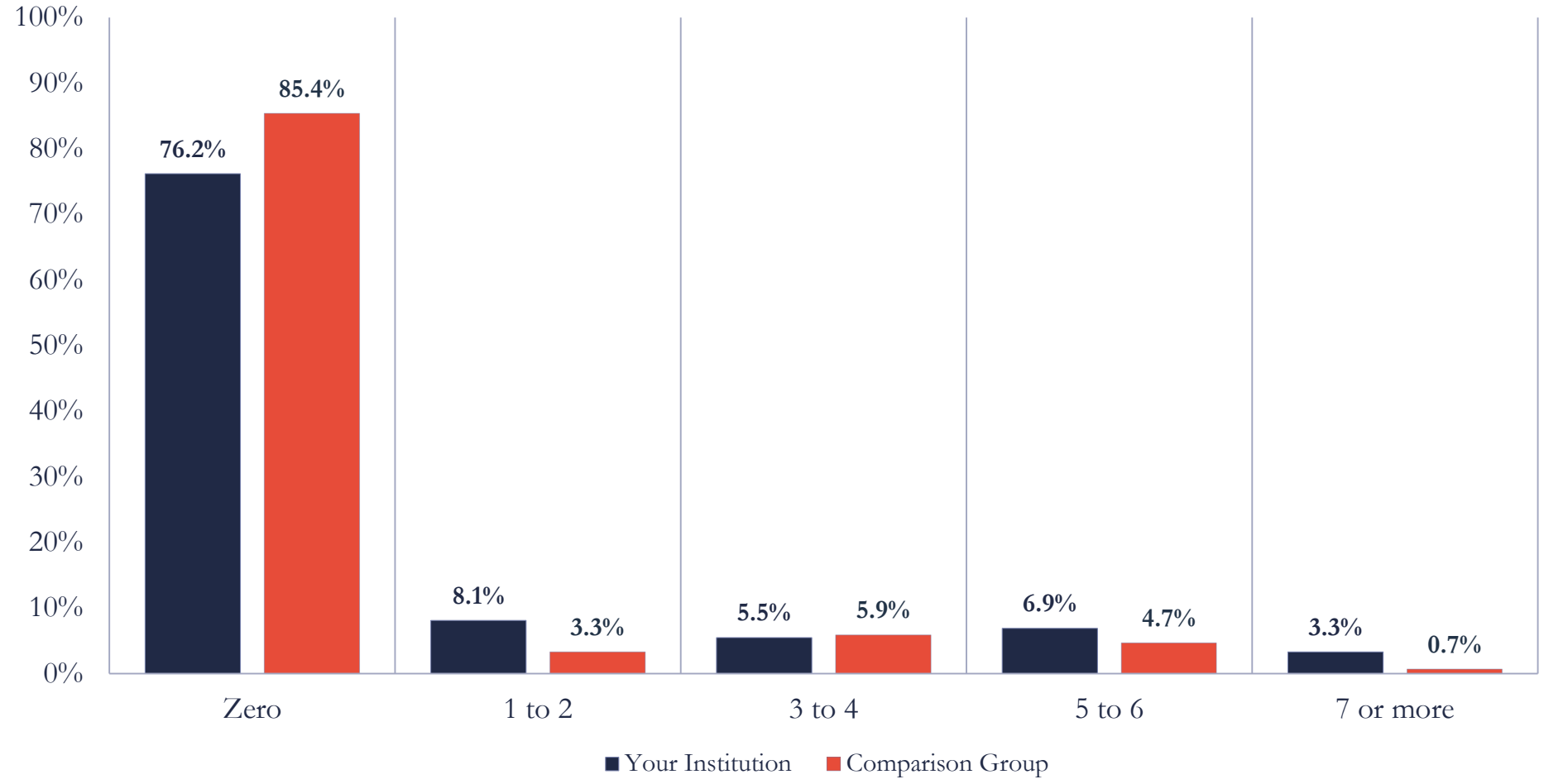
College Preparation

These items illustrate students' academic preparation.

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Summer Bridge Program

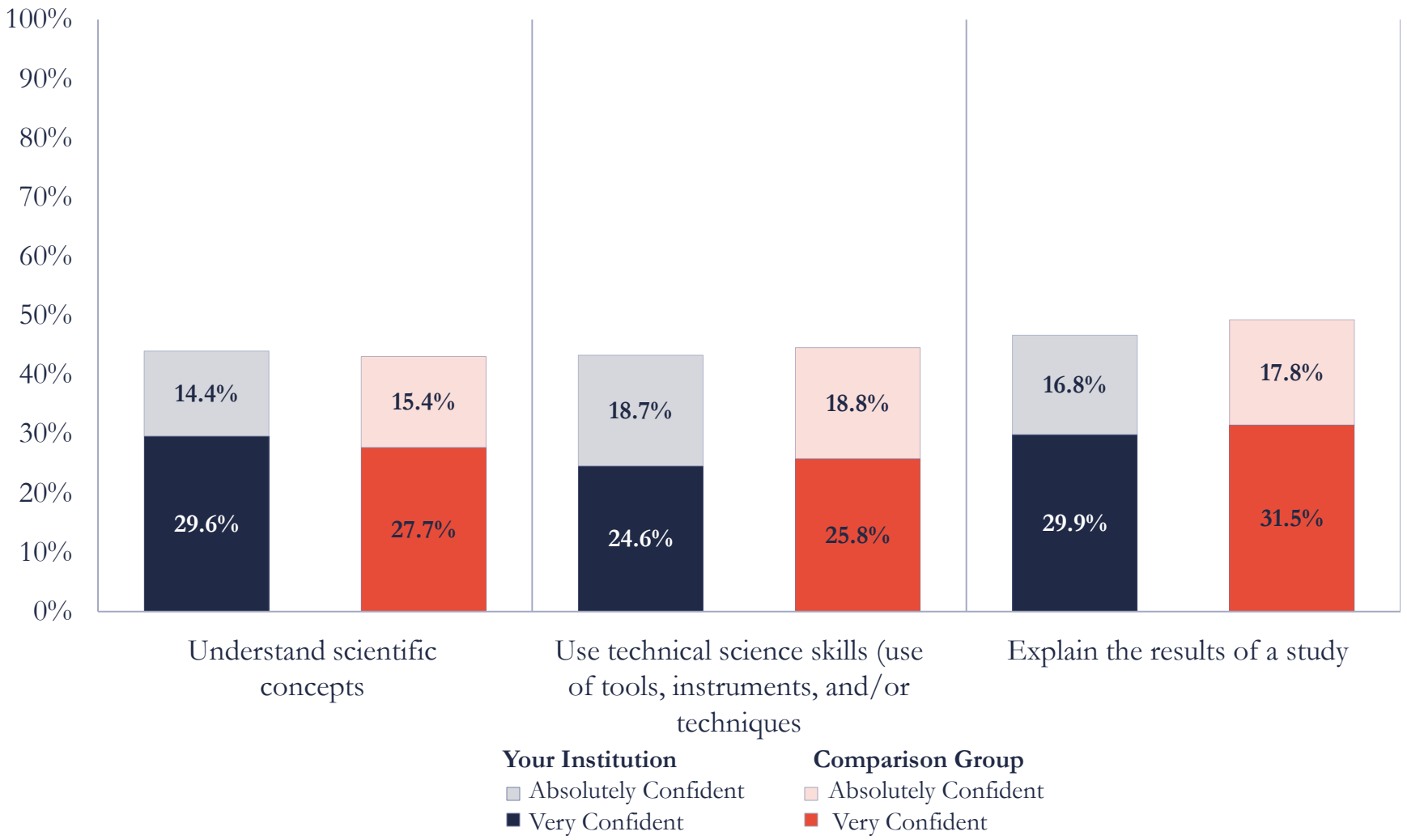
How many weeks this summer did you participate in a bridge program at this institution?



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Science/Research Self-Efficacy

How confident are you that you can do the following?



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Expectations for College: Major and Career

Understanding students' intended majors and career aspirations helps them plot an intentional and meaningful course of study.

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Expectations: Major

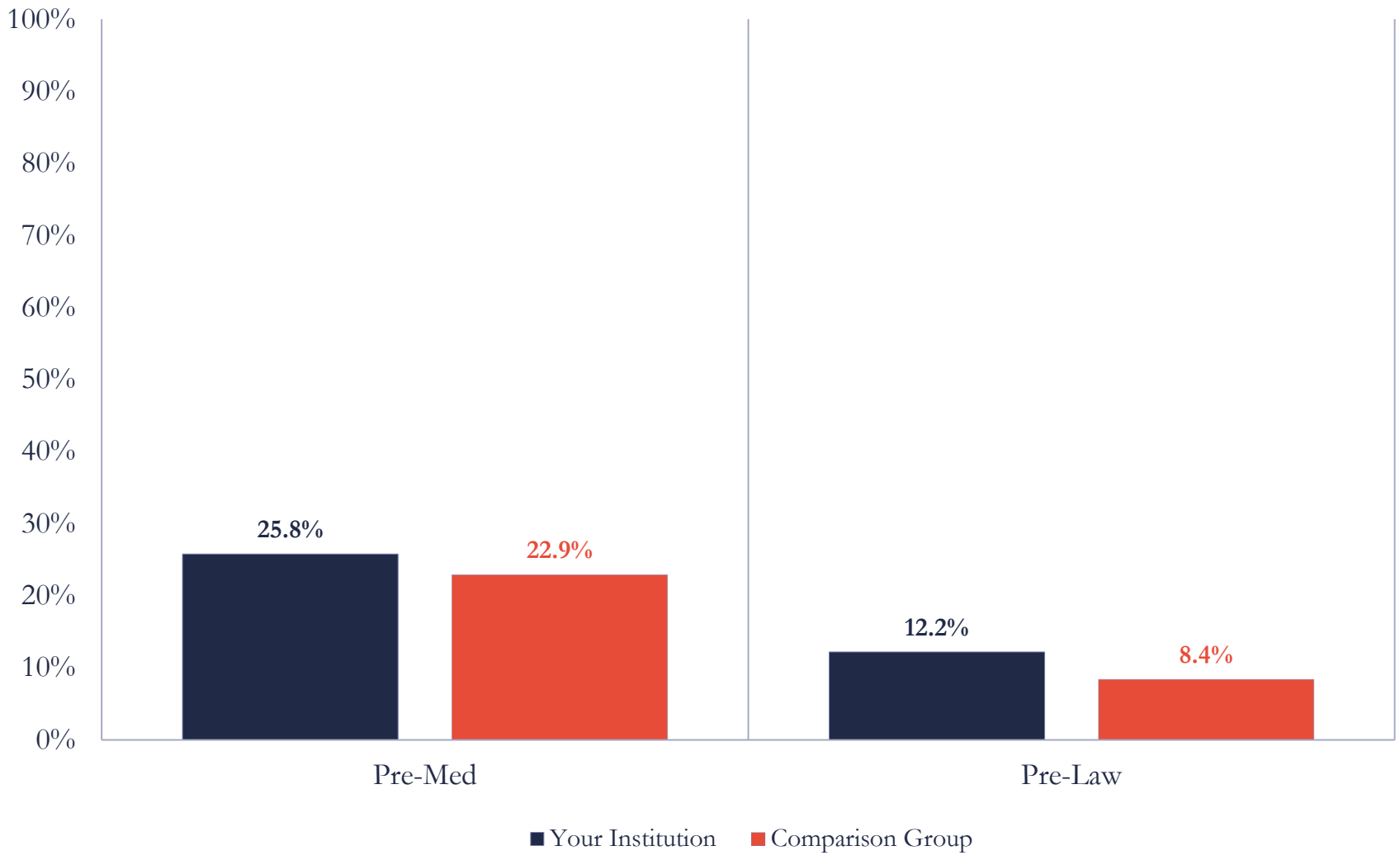
Please indicate your intended major.

	Your Inst	Comp Group
Agriculture	0.0%	0.4%
Biological & Life Sciences	7.3%	10.0%
Business	10.6%	14.2%
Education	2.4%	4.9%
Engineering	8.9%	6.7%
English	0.8%	1.0%
Health Professions	18.9%	17.5%
History or Political Science	2.0%	2.6%
Arts & Humanities	2.5%	3.5%
Fine Arts	7.5%	6.1%
Mathematics or Computer Science	4.8%	5.5%
Physical Science	1.7%	1.9%
Social Science	11.0%	9.9%
Justice and Security	8.3%	5.1%
Library Science	0.0%	0.0%
Other Non-technical	3.0%	2.2%
Undecided	10.2%	8.2%

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Expectations: Major

Do you consider yourself Pre-Med or Pre-Law?



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Expectations: Career

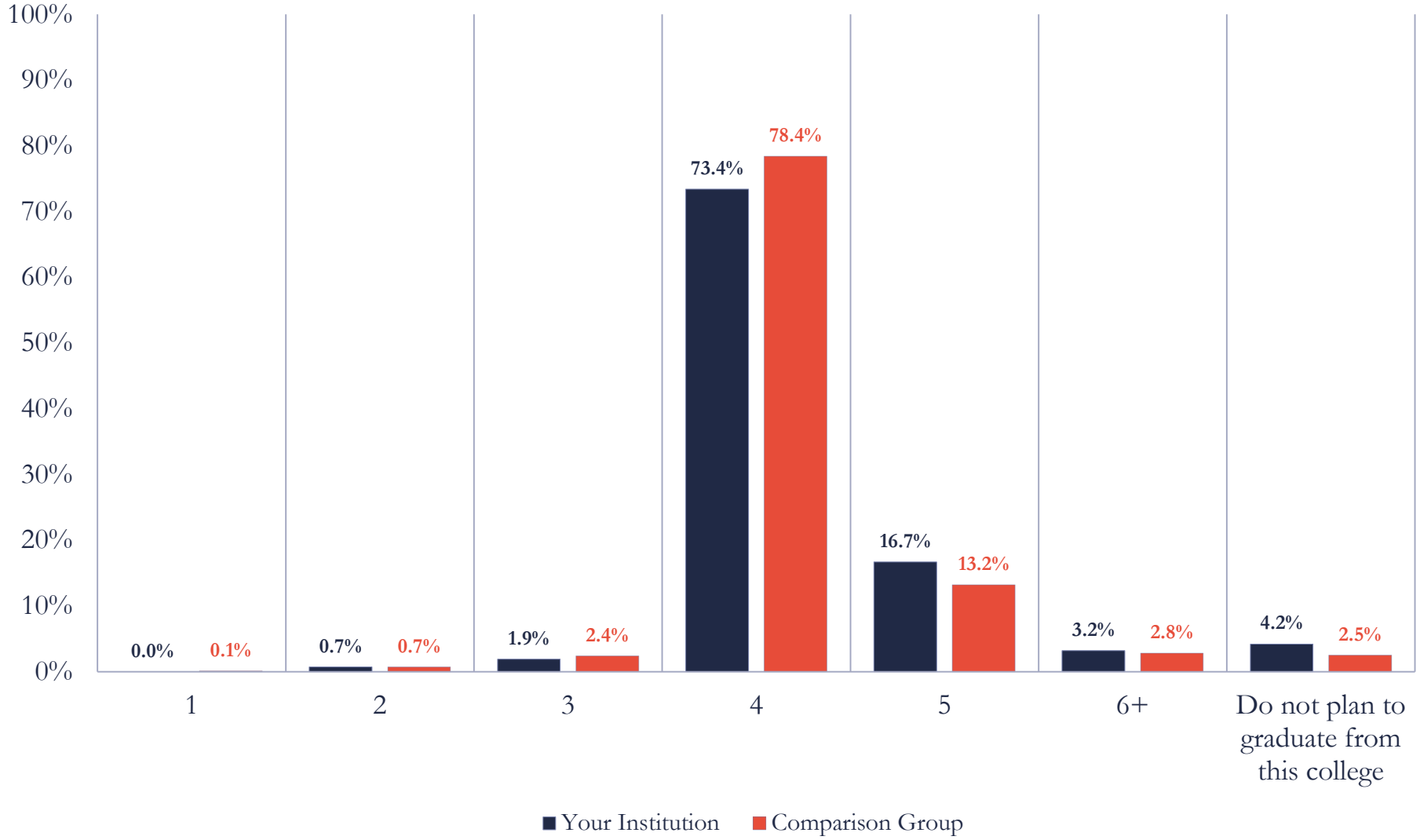
Please indicate your intended career.

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Agriculture/Natural Resources	0.1%	0.9%
Artist	8.2%	9.3%
Business	10.5%	12.3%
Business (Admin Assistant)	0.5%	0.4%
Clergy	0.0%	0.7%
College Faculty	0.2%	0.2%
Communications	1.7%	2.4%
Doctor (MD or DDS)	6.3%	7.4%
Education (elementary/secondary)	4.1%	6.8%
Engineer	9.1%	4.1%
Government	6.2%	4.4%
Health Professional	10.0%	11.0%
Homemaker/Stay-at-Home Parent	0.1%	0.4%
Information Technology Professional	3.0%	3.7%
Lawyer	2.3%	2.8%
Military	0.1%	1.3%
Nurse	9.9%	6.5%
Research Scientist	1.8%	2.4%
Service Industry	0.2%	0.4%
Skilled worker	0.1%	3.4%
Social/Non-Profit Services	0.3%	0.5%
Other	12.2%	10.1%

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Expectations: Time-to-Degree

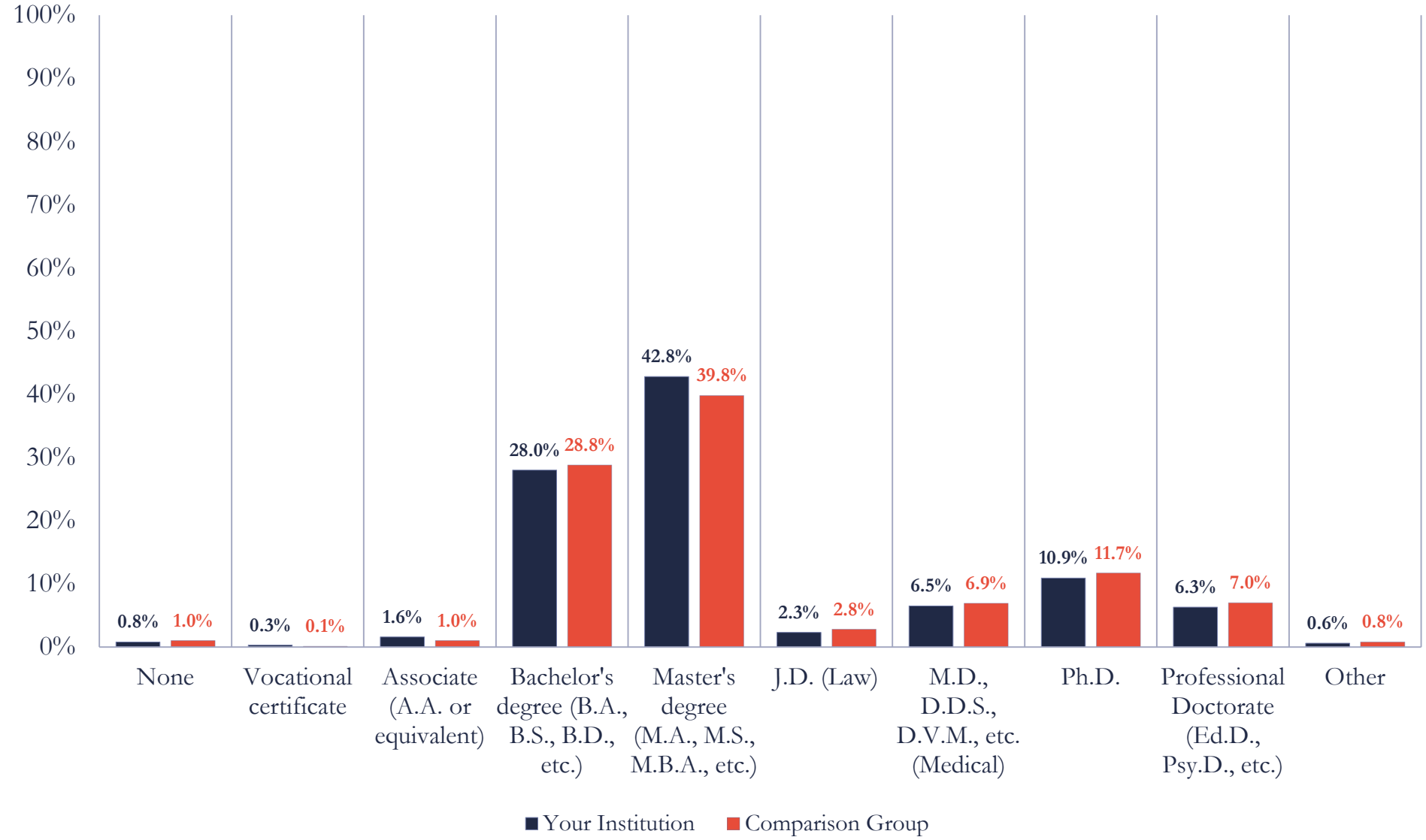
How many years do you expect it will take you to graduate from this college?



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Expectations: Degree Aspirations

What is the highest academic degree that you intend to attain?



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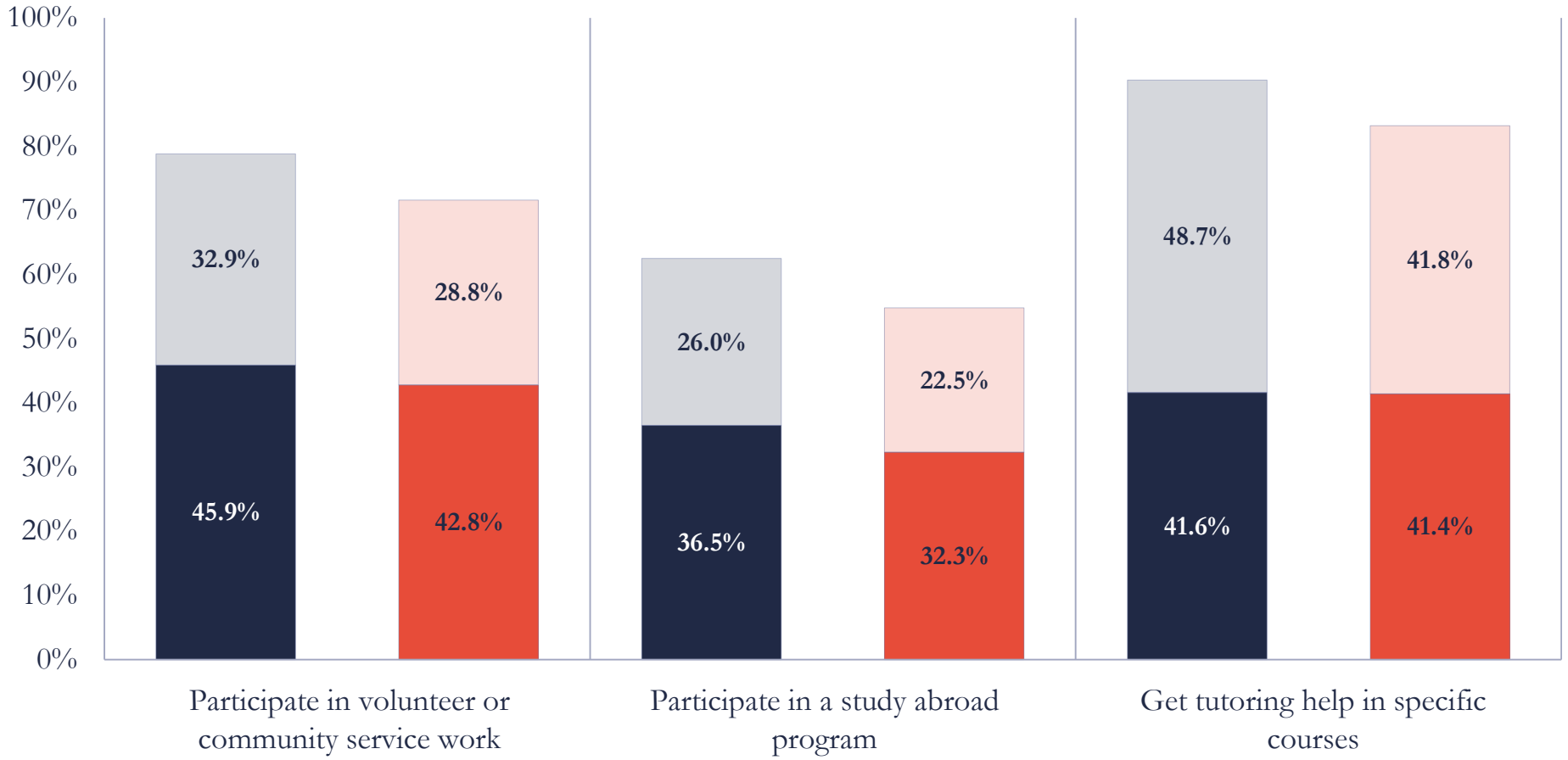
Expectations for College Life

Understanding students' expectations helps provide opportunities for students to grow intellectually, interpersonally, and affectively.

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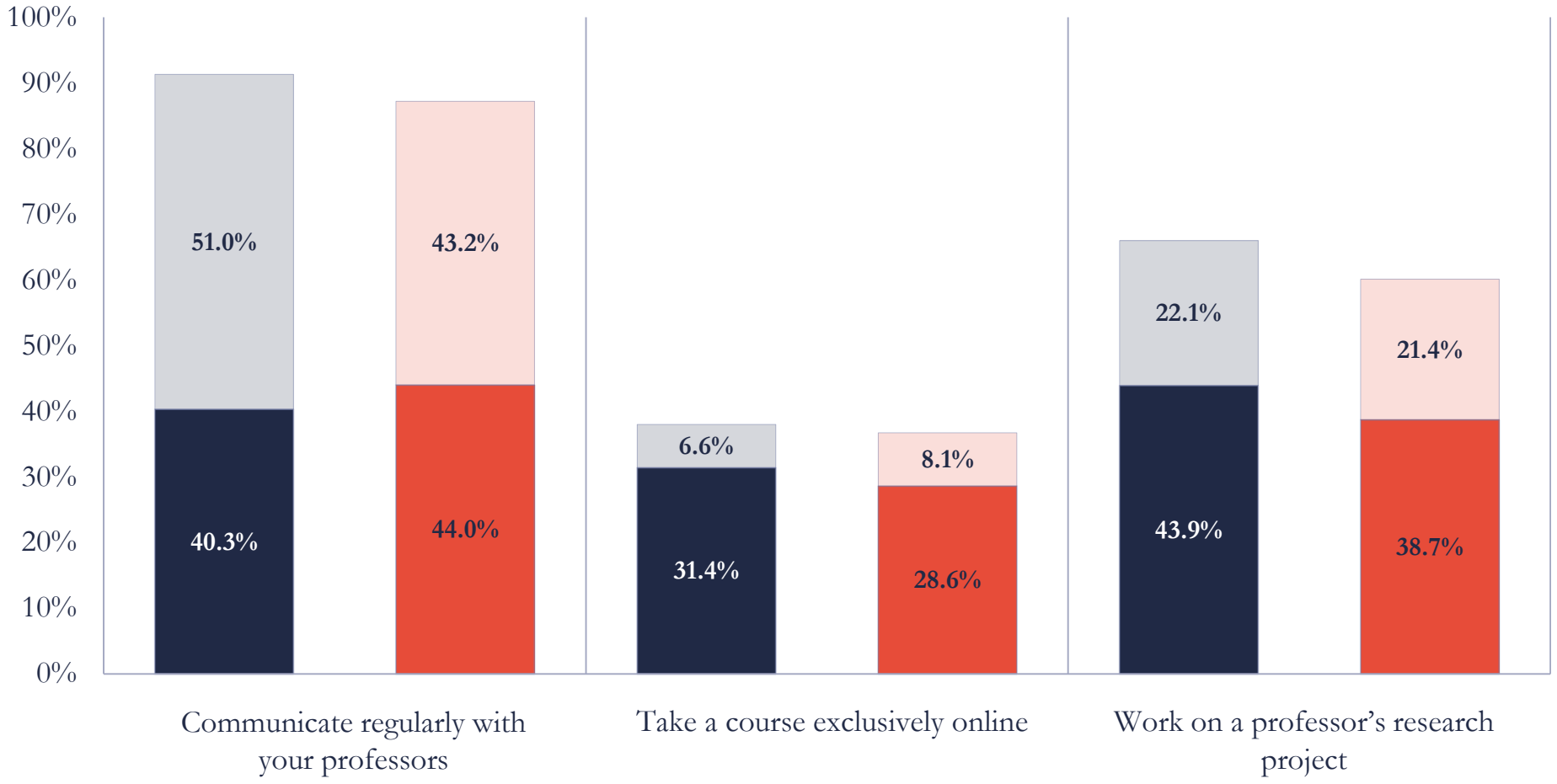
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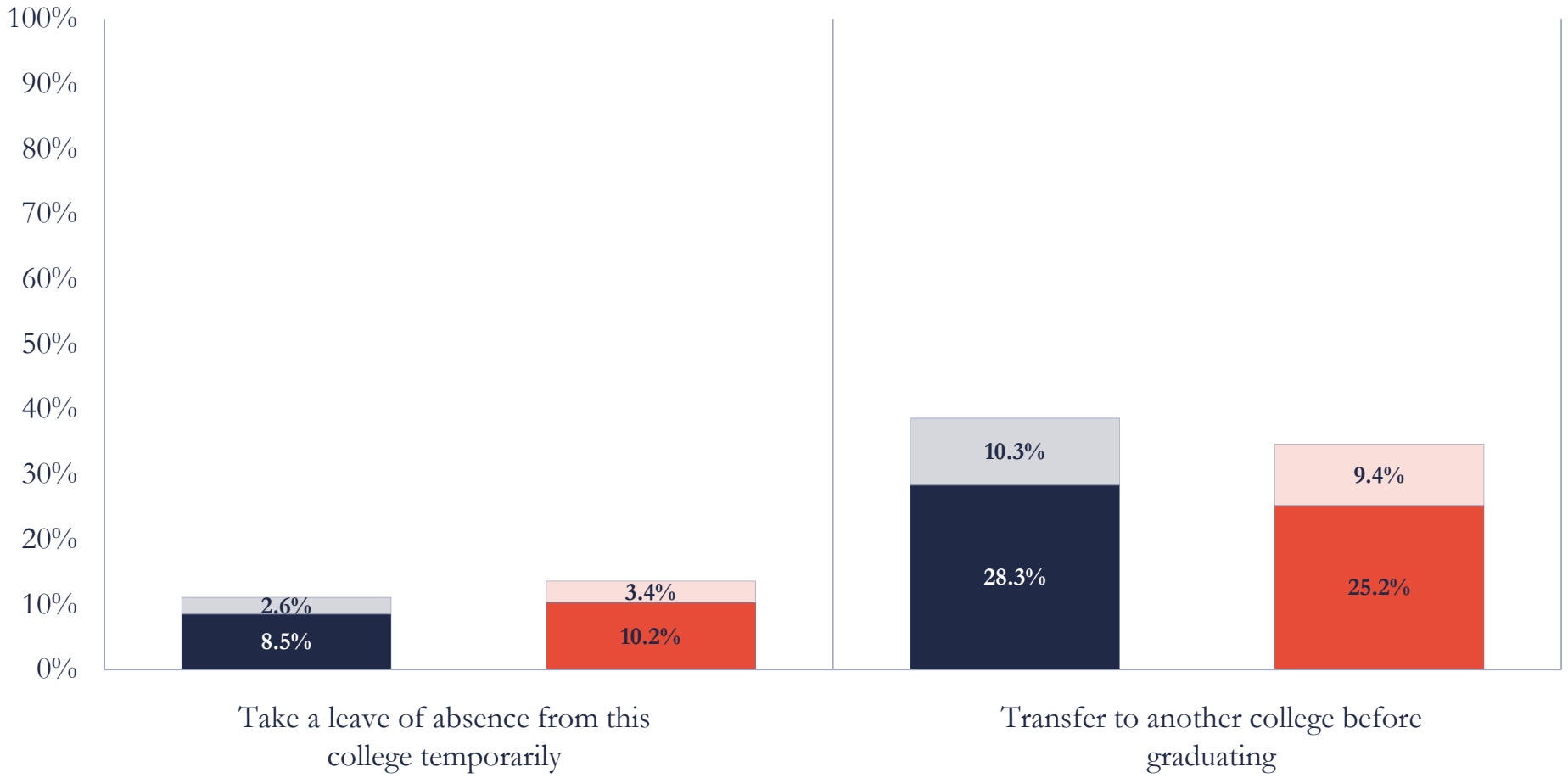
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The more you get to know your students, the better you can understand their needs.

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