

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

# 2020 Alumni Survey

College of Education

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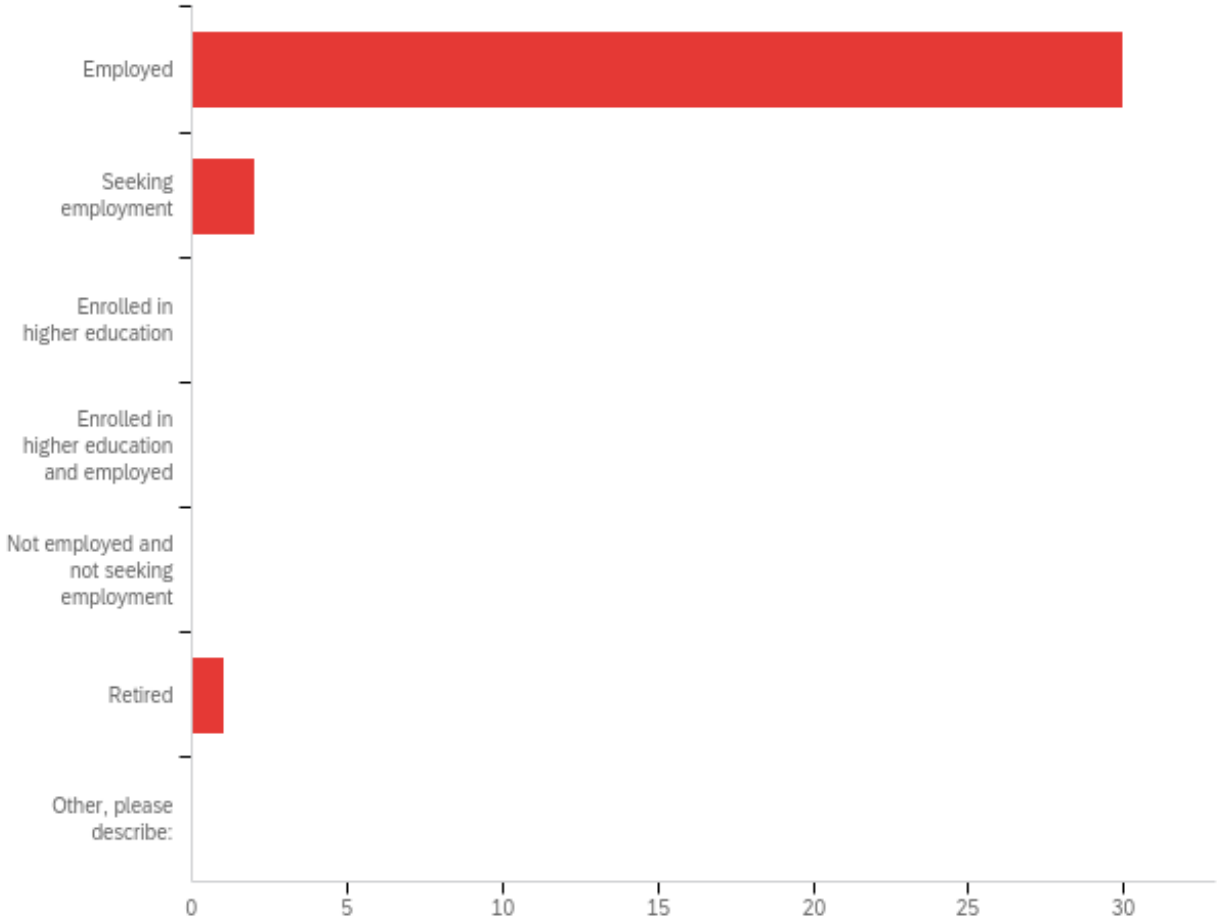
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# 2020 Alumni Survey Results, College of Education

This is a report of selected frequency tables drawn from our 2020 Alumni Survey; it is a subset of the respondents who earned undergraduate degrees from the College of Education in 2010, 2015, or 2019. Sixty-two were surveyed and 33 responded for a response rate of 53%. Please contact the Office of Institutional Research for more detailed analyses or results.

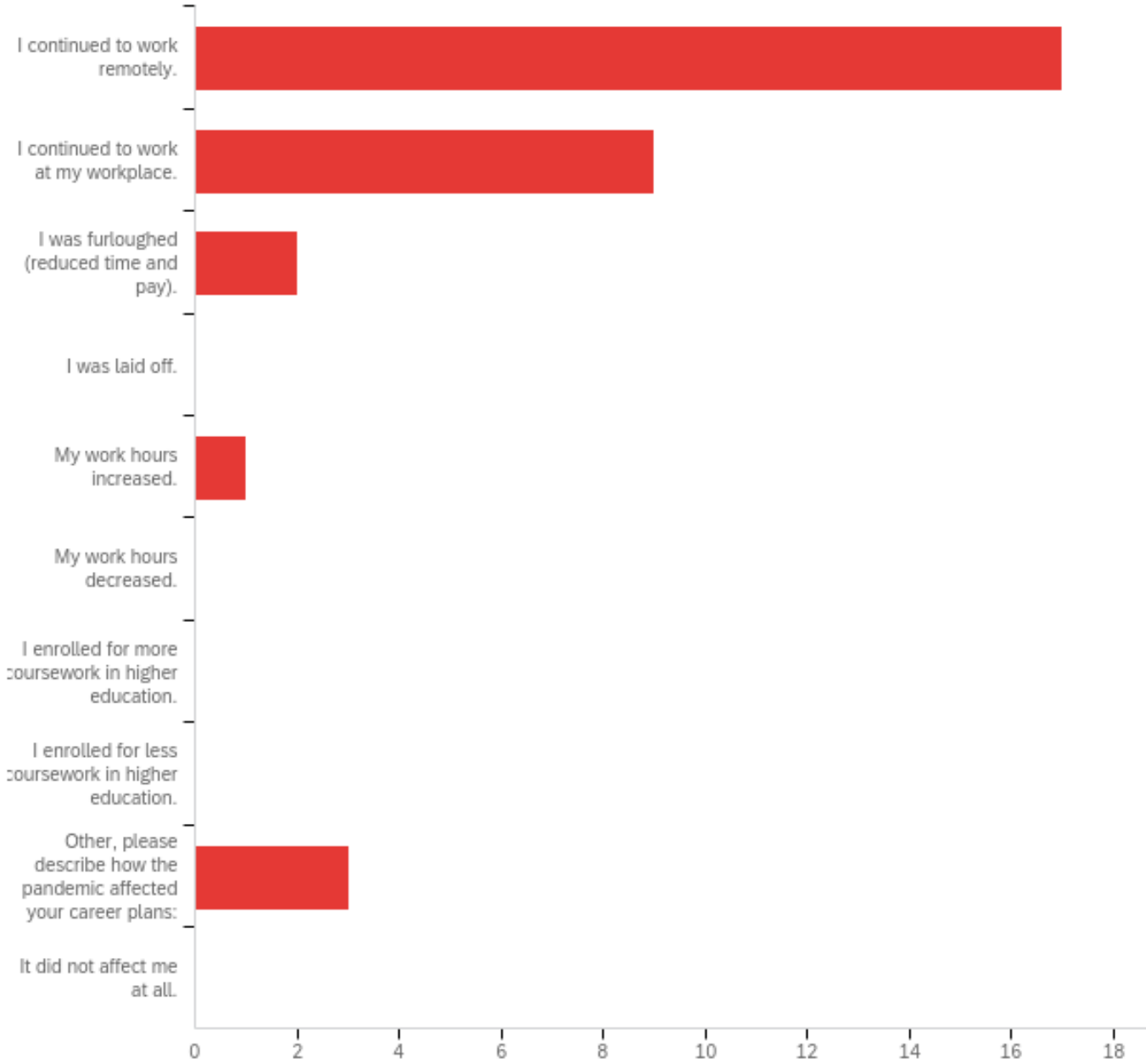
Please mark the status that best fits your situation today.



Please mark the status that best fits your situation today.	%	Count
Seeking employment	6.06%	2
Retired	3.03%	1
Other, please describe:	0.00%	0
Not employed and not seeking employment	0.00%	0
Enrolled in higher education and employed	0.00%	0
Enrolled in higher education	0.00%	0
Employed	90.91%	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33</b>

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your employment status or education plans?

Please mark all that apply.



How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your employment status or education plans?	%	Count
Other, please describe how the pandemic affected your career plans:	9.38%	3
My work hours increased.	3.13%	1
My work hours decreased.	0.00%	0
I was laid off.	0.00%	0
I was furloughed (reduced time and pay).	6.25%	2
It did not affect me at all.	0.00%	0
I enrolled for more coursework in higher education.	0.00%	0
I enrolled for less coursework in higher education.	0.00%	0
I continued to work remotely.	53.13%	17
I continued to work at my workplace.	28.13%	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>32</b>

Please describe how the pandemic affected your career plans (open-ended responses):

I'm out of the country. COVID changed my plans and left me in the same country, where the virus is mostly under control. I am working in-person. (I'd like to leave, but nowhere else is as safe.)

We have returned to the school fully in-person-students and staff.

Back to work in-person last week.

Could you provide more detail about your current or most recent job?

This info can help UCCS develop partnerships in the community and beyond.

Job title:	Company/Organization:	City & State:	Website, if applicable:
program coordinator	university of colorado denver anschutz medical campus	Denver, CO	
ED/LD Teacher	Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Virginia Beach, VA	
Academic Advisor	Colorado Early Colleges	Parker, CO	
Teacher	Peak to Peak Charter School	Lafayette, CO	
Director of Advising and Learning Enhancement	Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences	Kansas City, MO	www.kcumb.edu
Teacher	overseas school	Guangdong, China	
Coordinator of Student Initiatives	Show Hope	Franklin, TN	showhope.org/pause
Special education teacher	RE-2 school district	Florence, CO	
Job Location & Development Coordinator	CU Denver	Denver, CO	www.ucdenver.edu

Program Coordinator of Membership and Communications	UCCS Campus Recreation	Colorado Springs, CO	uccs.edu/campusrec
Coordinator fo Civic Engagement	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	
Lead Teacher	Skills Academy DP	Colorado Springs, CO	https://skillsacademydp.com/
Head Coach	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	gomountainlions.com
Transition Specialist	Pikes Peak Community College	Colorado Springs, CO	
Program Advisor	PPCC	Colorado Springs, CO	
Program Asst. I	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	www.uccs.edu
Teacher	D8	Colorado Springs, CO	
Assistant Dean	UCCS College of Education	Colorado Springs, CO	coe.uccs.edu
Program Manager	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	UCCS.edu/campusconnections
Teacher	CSSD #11	Colorado Springs, CO	www.d11.org
Case Manager	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	
Admissions Counselor	Univ of Colorado Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs, CO	https://www.uccs.edu/
Toddler Lead Teacher	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	
School Counselor	HSD2	Colorado Springs CO	
Instructional Coach	Calhan School District	Calhan, CO	calhanschool.org
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Program Manager	ACUI	Bloomington, IN	
Fourth Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher	Amarillo Independent School District	Amarillo, TX	https://www.amaisd.org/

Which of the following occupational categories is the best fit for your current (or most recent) job?

These categories are based on the Standard Occupational Classification System.

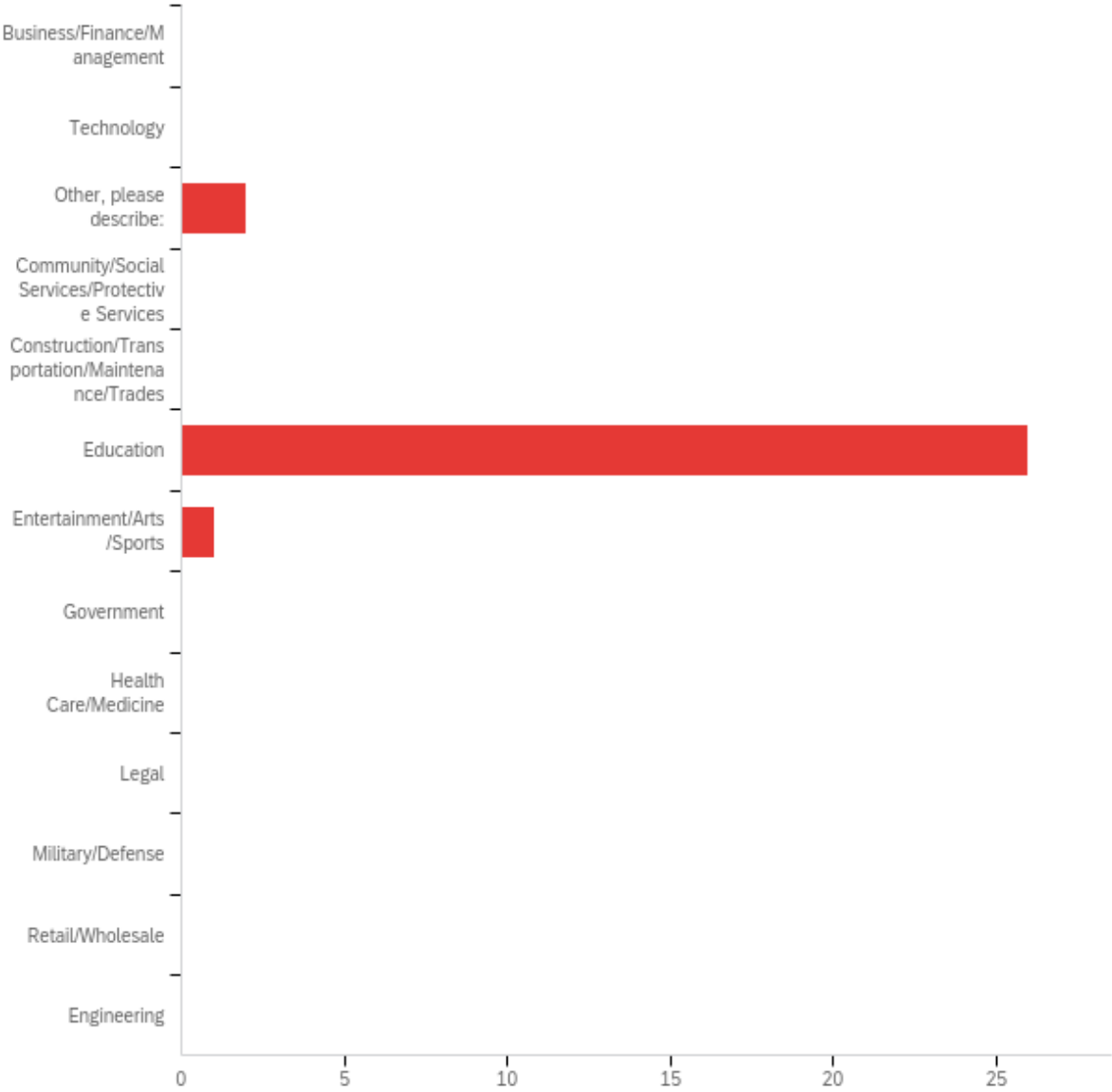
	%	Count
Technology	0.00%	0
Retail/Wholesale	0.00%	0
Other, please describe:	6.90%	2
Military/Defense	0.00%	0
Legal	0.00%	0
Health Care/Medicine	0.00%	0
Government	0.00%	0
Entertainment/Arts/Sports	3.45%	1
Engineering	0.00%	0
Education	89.66%	26
Construction/Transportation/Maintenance/Trades	0.00%	0
Community/Social Services/Protective Services	0.00%	0
Business/Finance/Management	0.00%	0

<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>29</b>
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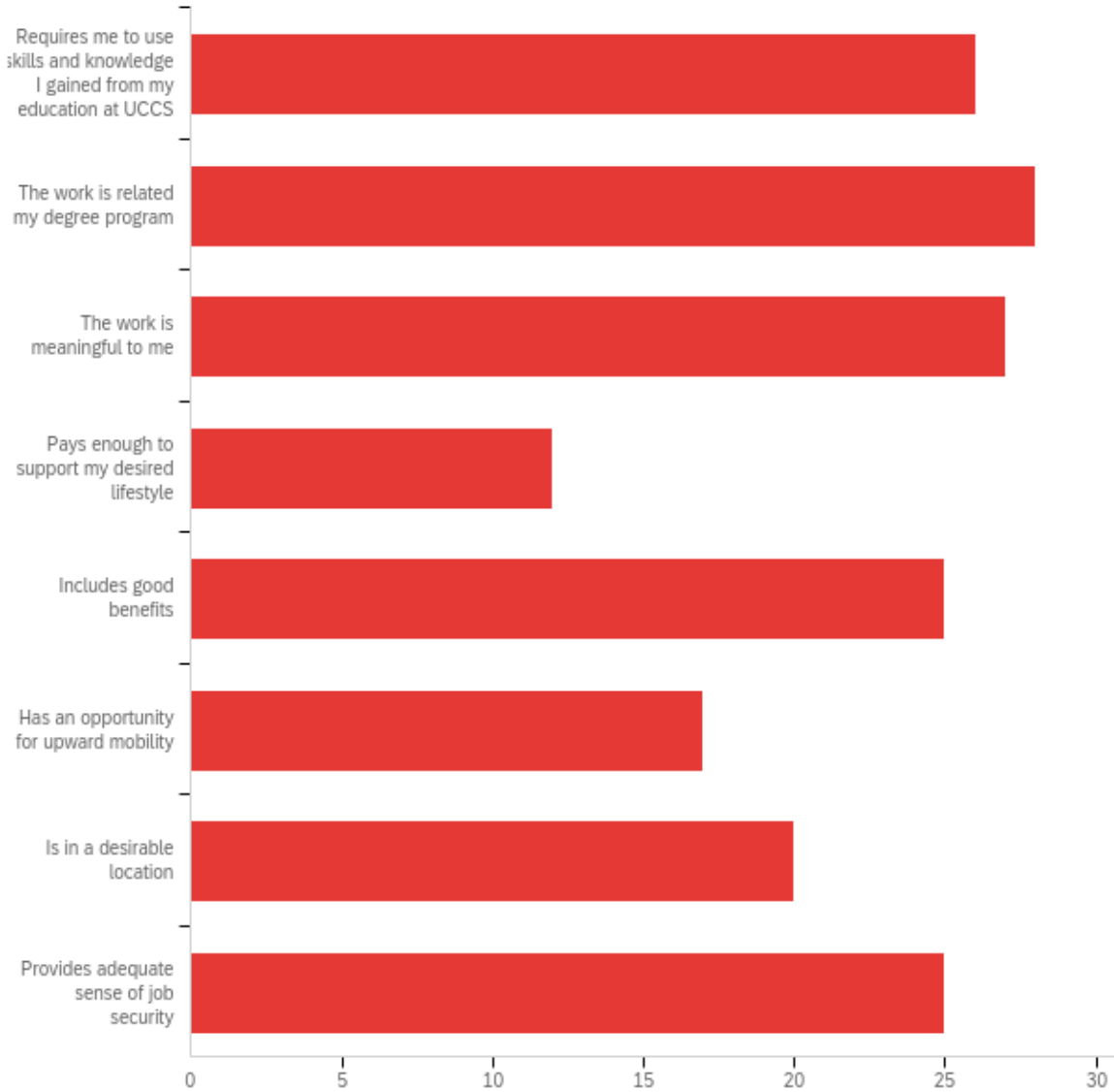
**Other, please describe** (open-ended responses):

Nonprofit  
Recreation & Marketing

*Which of the following occupational categories is the best fit for your current job?*



Please indicate if the following statements apply to your current (or most recent) job.

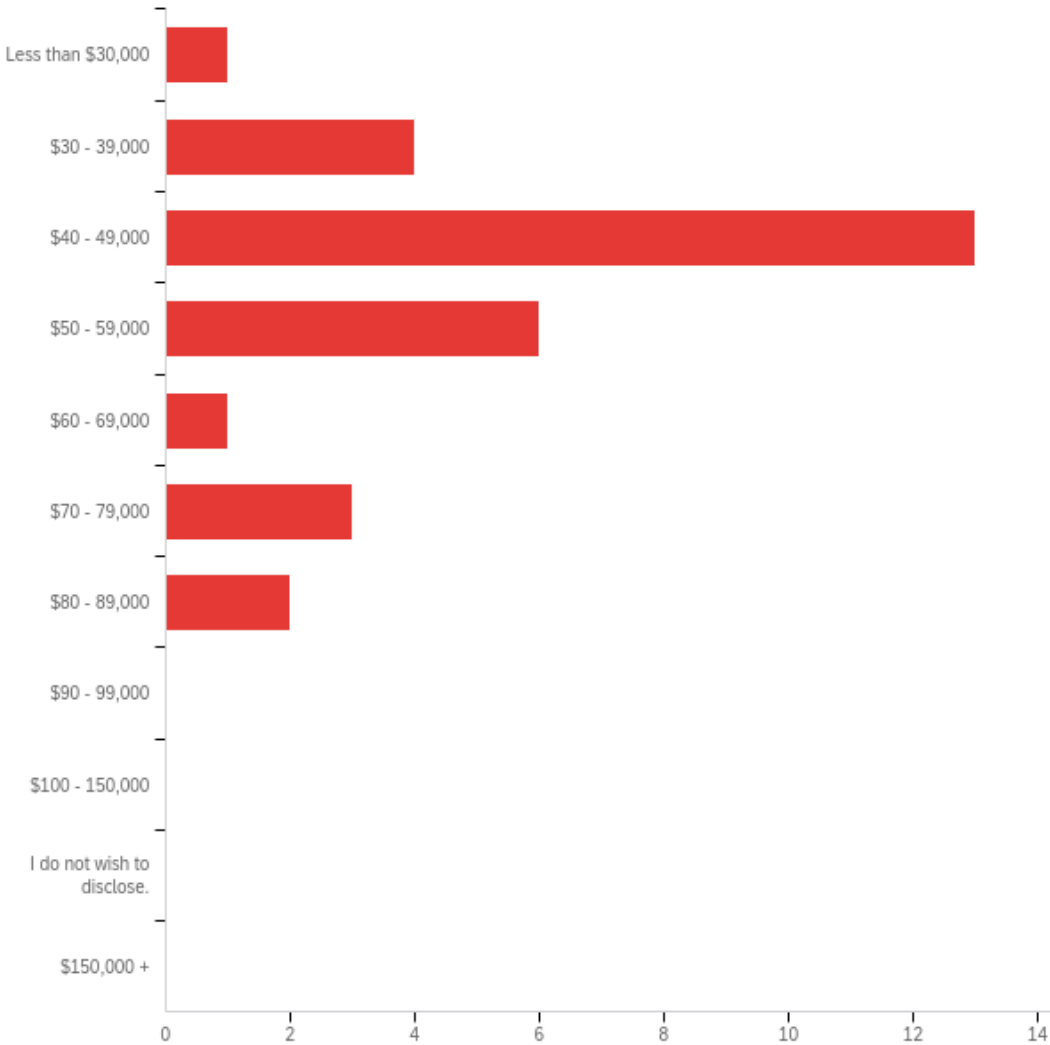


Please indicate if the following statements apply to your current (or most recent) job.	%	Count
The work is related to my degree program	15.56%	28
The work is meaningful to me	15.00%	27
Requires me to use skills and knowledge I gained from my education at UCCS	14.44%	26
Provides adequate sense of job security	13.89%	25
Pays enough to support my desired lifestyle	6.67%	12
Is in a desirable location	11.11%	20
Includes good benefits	13.89%	25
Has an opportunity for upward mobility	9.44%	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>180</b>



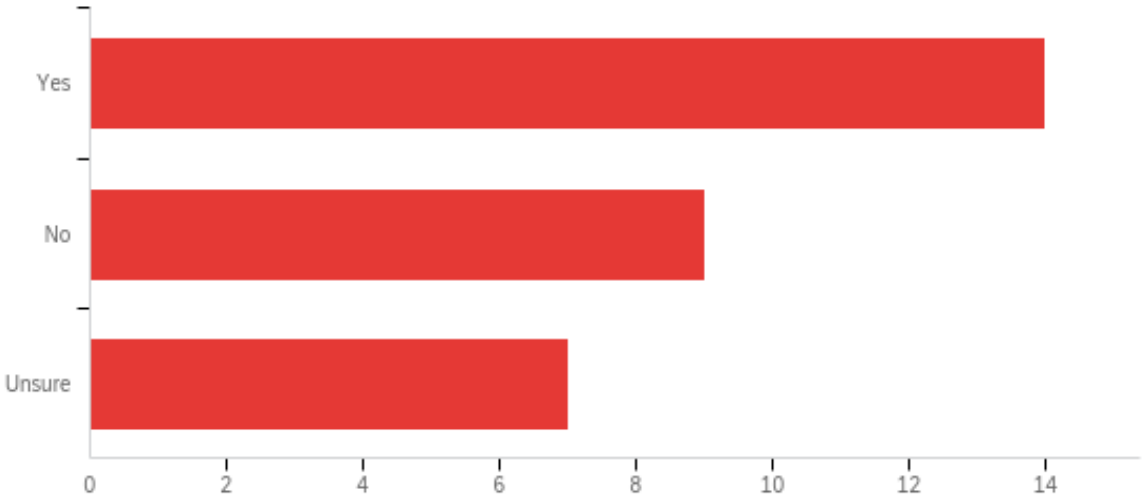
Please estimate your current annual salary.

Note: adjust your estimate to reflect the salary as if you are working 100% time. For example, if you are earning 25k and working 50% time, then your annual estimate should be 50k.



Please estimate your current annual salary	%	Count
Less than \$30,000	3.33%	1
I do not wish to disclose.	0.00%	0
\$100 - 150,000	0.00%	0
\$90 - 99,000	0.00%	0
\$80 - 89,000	6.67%	2
\$70 - 79,000	10.00%	3
\$60 - 69,000	3.33%	1
\$50 - 59,000	20.00%	6
\$40 - 49,000	43.33%	13
\$30 - 39,000	13.33%	4
\$150,000 +	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>

Did your degree enhance your salary?

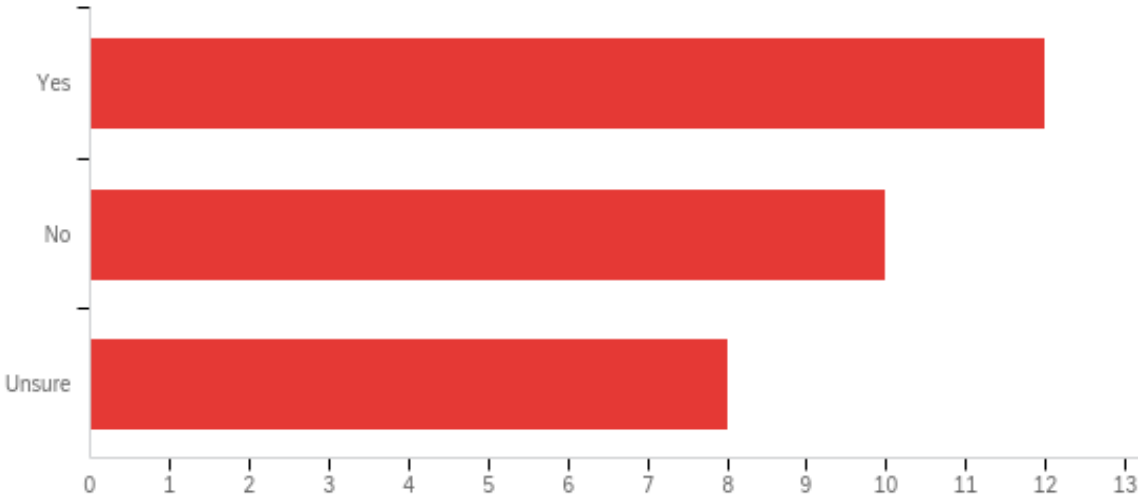


Did your degree enhance your salary?	%	Count
Yes	46.67%	14
No	30.00%	9
Unsure	23.33%	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>

Please estimate in dollars how much you think your degree enhanced your annual salary.

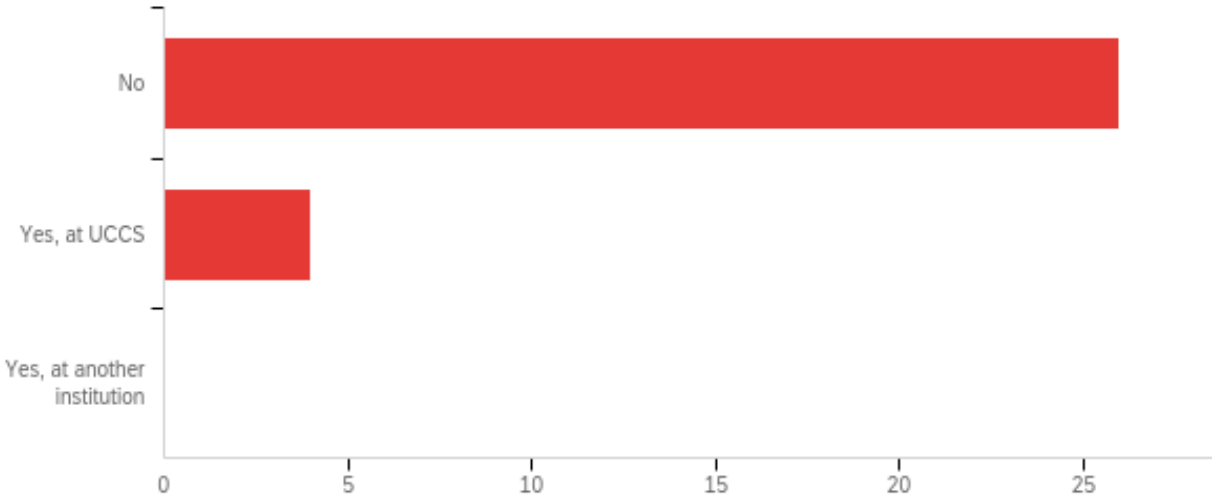
Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Please estimate in dollars how much you think your degree enhanced your annual salary.	0.00	33000.00	8000.00	8959.17	80266666.67	15

Did your degree help you advance or be promoted within your career?



Did your degree help you advance or be promoted within your career?	%	Count
Yes	40.00%	12
Unsure	26.67%	8
No	33.33%	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>

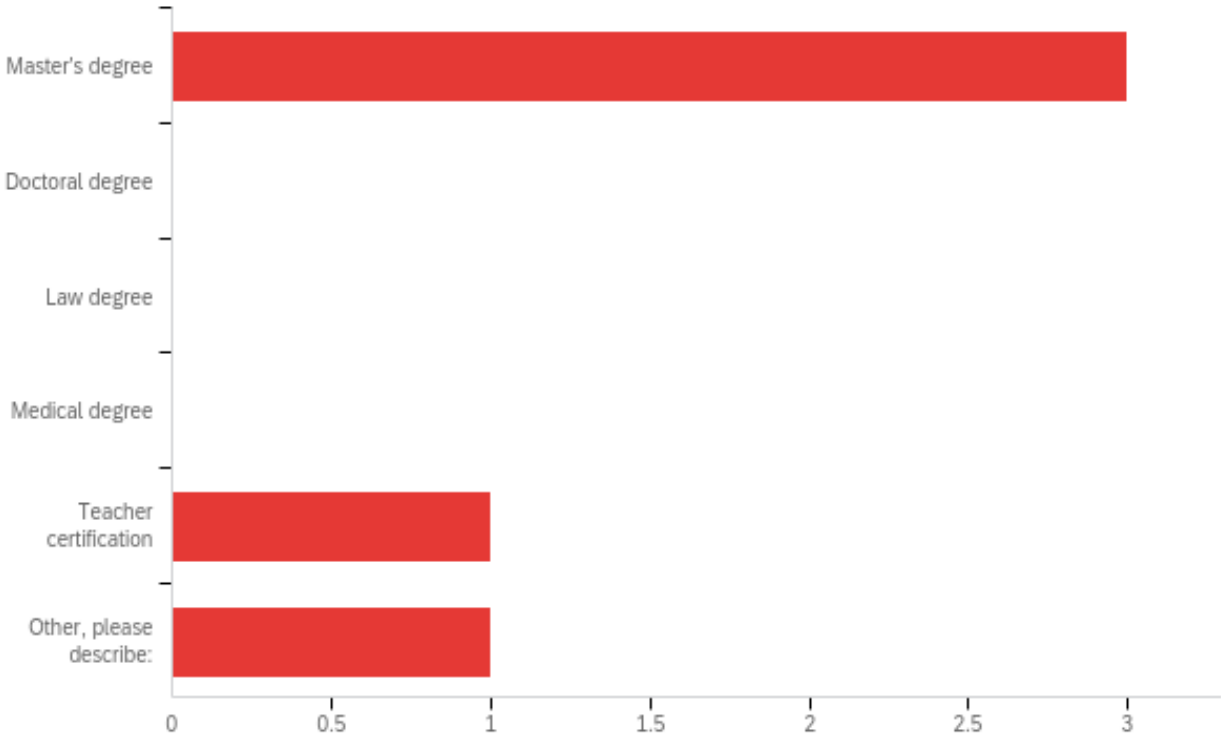
Have you enrolled in another degree/certificate program after graduating from UCCS?



Have you enrolled in another degree/certificate program after graduating from UCCS?	%	Count
Yes, at another institution	0.00%	0
Yes, at UCCS	13.33%	4
No	86.67%	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>

What type of degree/certificate program did you pursue?

Check all that apply.

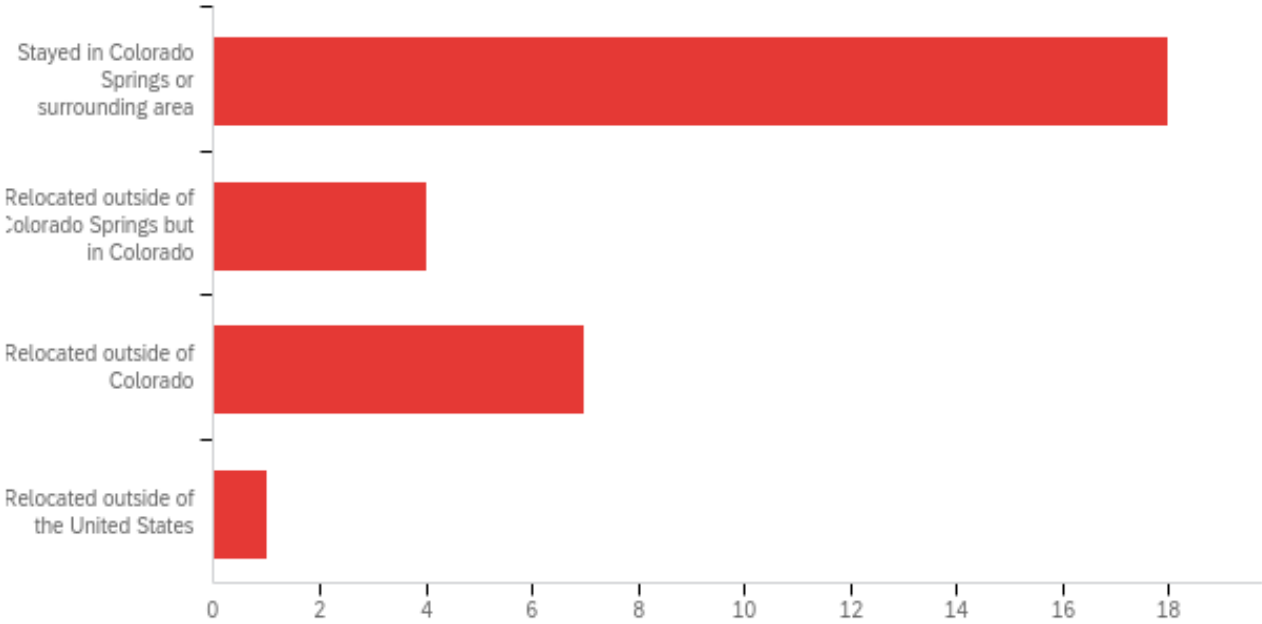


What type of degree/certificate program did you pursue?	%	Count
Teacher certification	20.00%	1
Other, please describe:	20.00%	1
Medical degree	0.00%	0
Master's degree	60.00%	3
Law degree	0.00%	0
Doctoral degree	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b>

Where did you pursue another degree (or where are you attending now)?

Name of institution: N/A

Did you relocate after or since earning your UCCS degree?

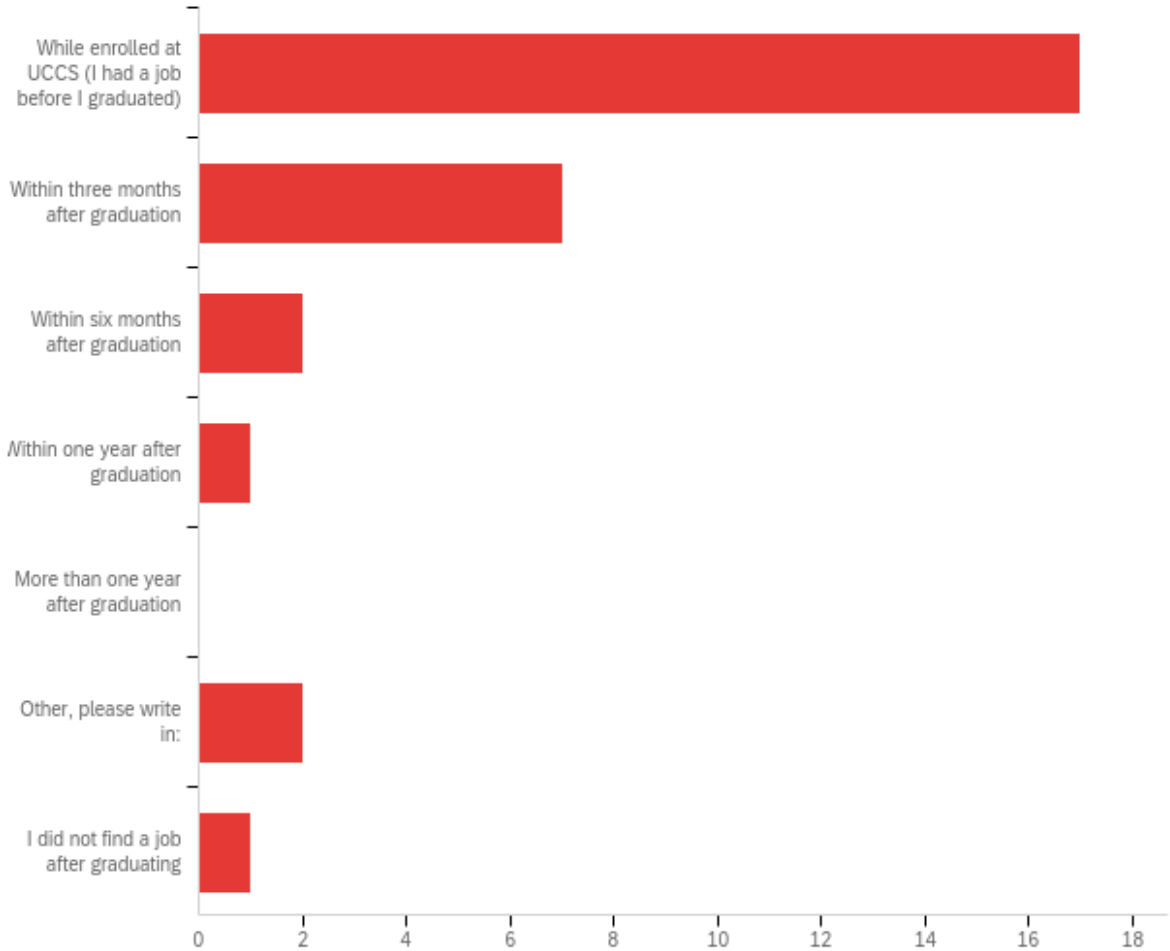


Did you relocate after or since earning your UCCS degree?	%	Count
Stayed in Colorado Springs or surrounding area	60.00%	18
Relocated outside of the United States	3.33%	1
Relocated outside of Colorado Springs but in Colorado	13.33%	4
Relocated outside of Colorado	23.33%	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>

What prompted you to relocate? (open-ended responses)

- The position I was offered
- Opportunity and experience something new
- Rural program stipend
- Being closer to family and cost of living in Colorado
- Family
- Military
- The organization I now work for is in a different state.
- love denver!
- Closer to job
- Job in Spokane and then family moved to New York
- Employment
- More job opportunities

When did you get your first job after graduating from UCCS?

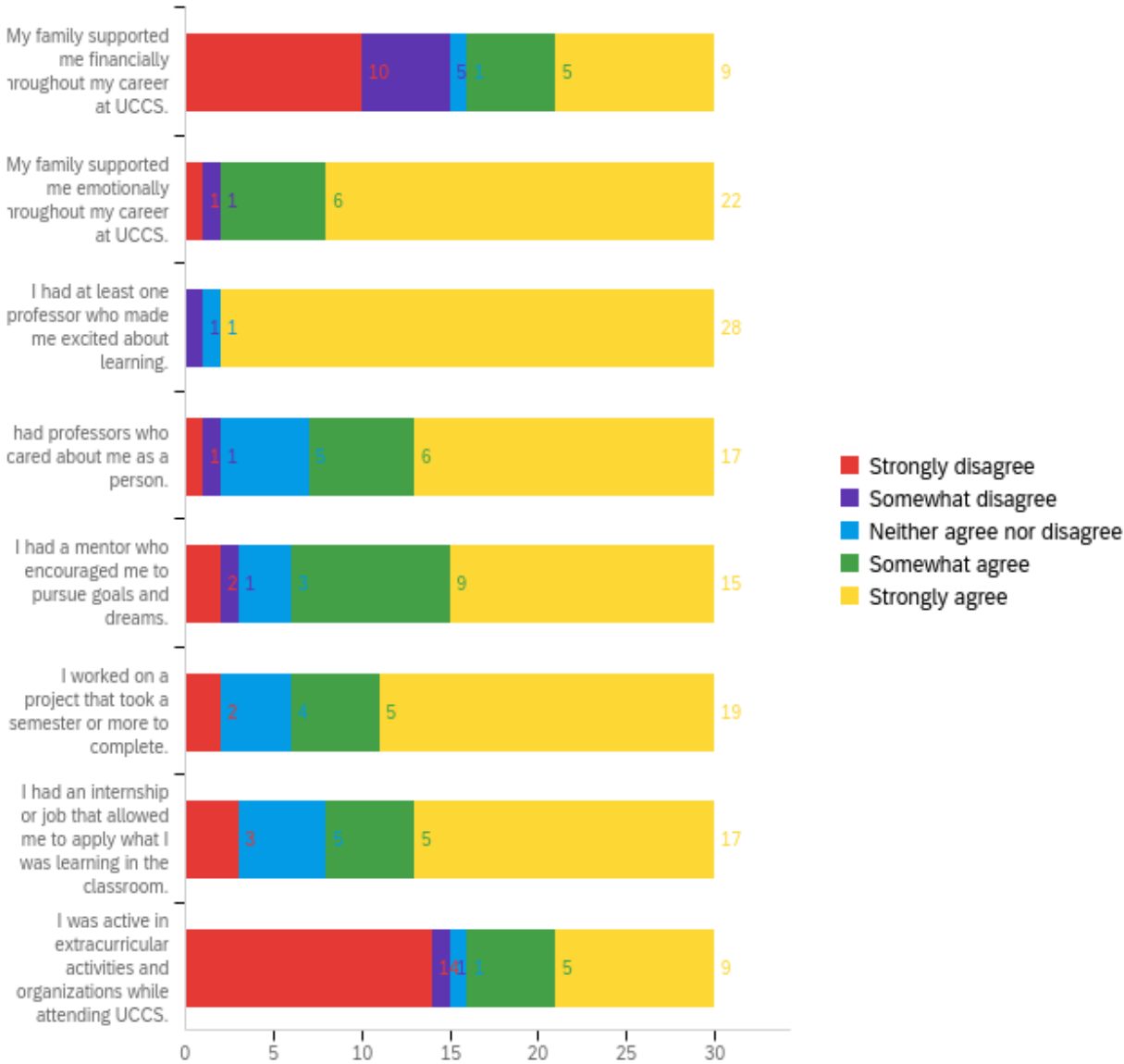


When did you get your first job after graduating from UCCS?	%	Count
Within three months after graduation	23.33%	7
Within six months after graduation	6.67%	2
Within one year after graduation	3.33%	1
While enrolled at UCCS (I had a job before I graduated)	56.67%	17
Other, please write in:	6.67%	2
More than one year after graduation	0.00%	0
I did not find a job after graduating	3.33%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>

Other, please write in: (open-ended responses)

I was already working while working on degree.  
 I was already employed this enhanced my skills

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:  
 (as they pertain to your experiences at UCCS)



Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:	Strongly disagree		Somewhat disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Somewhat agree		Strongly agree		Total
	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	(N)
My family supported me financially throughout my career at UCCS.	33.33	10	16.67	5	3.33	1	16.67	5	30.00	9	30
My family supported me emotionally throughout my career at UCCS.	3.33	1	3.33	1	0.00	0	20.00	6	73.33	22	30
I worked on a project that took a semester or more to complete.	6.67	2	0.00	0	13.33	4	16.67	5	63.33	19	30
I was active in extracurricular activities and organizations while attending UCCS.	46.67	14	3.33	1	3.33	1	16.67	5	30.00	9	30
I had professors who cared about me as a person.	3.33	1	3.33	1	16.67	5	20.00	6	56.67	17	30
I had at least one professor who made me excited about learning.	0.00	0	3.33	1	3.33	1	0.00	0	93.33	28	30
I had an internship or job that allowed me to apply what I was learning in the classroom.	10.00	3	0.00	0	16.67	5	16.67	5	56.67	17	30
I had a mentor who encouraged me to pursue goals and dreams.	6.67	2	3.33	1	10.00	3	30.00	9	50.00	15	30

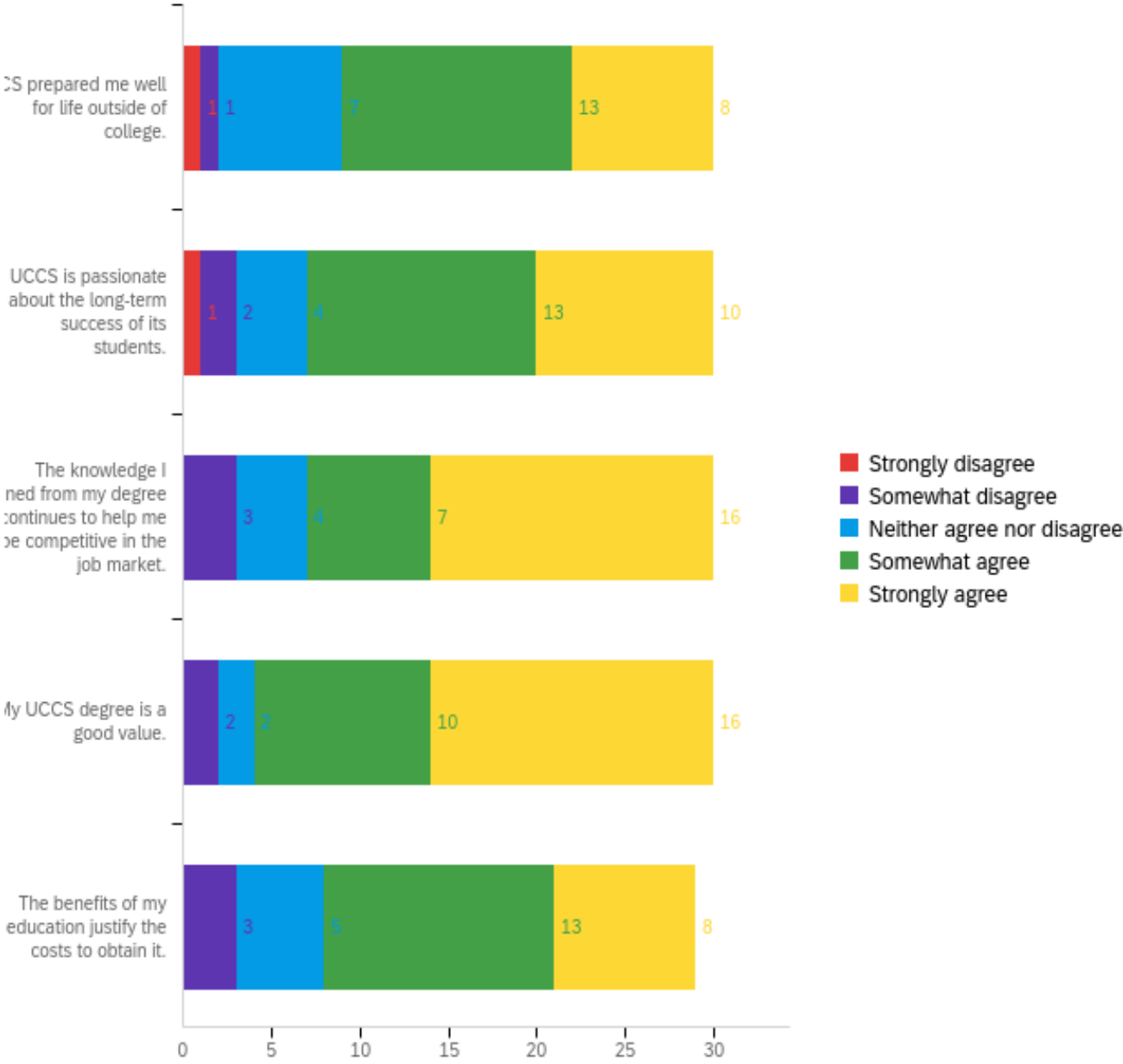
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements

(As they pertain to your experiences at UCCS)

	Strongly disagree		Somewhat disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Somewhat agree		Strongly agree		Total
	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	(N)
UCCS prepared me well for life outside of college.	3.33	1	3.33	1	23.33	7	43.33	13	26.67	8	30
UCCS is passionate about the long-term success of its students.	3.33	1	6.67	2	13.33	4	43.33	13	33.33	10	30
The knowledge I gained from my degree continues to help me be competitive in the job market.	0.00	0	10.00	3	13.33	4	23.33	7	53.33	16	30
My UCCS degree is a good value.	0.00	0	6.67	2	6.67	2	33.33	10	53.33	16	30
The benefits of my education justify the costs to obtain it.	0.00	0	10.34	3	17.24	5	44.83	13	27.59	8	29



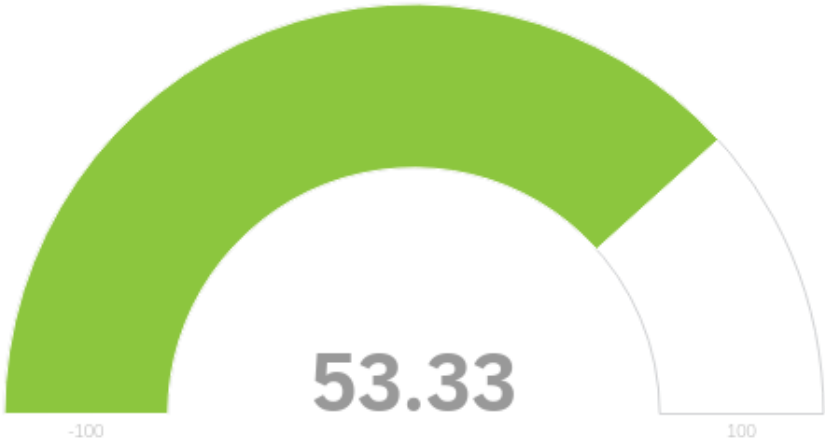
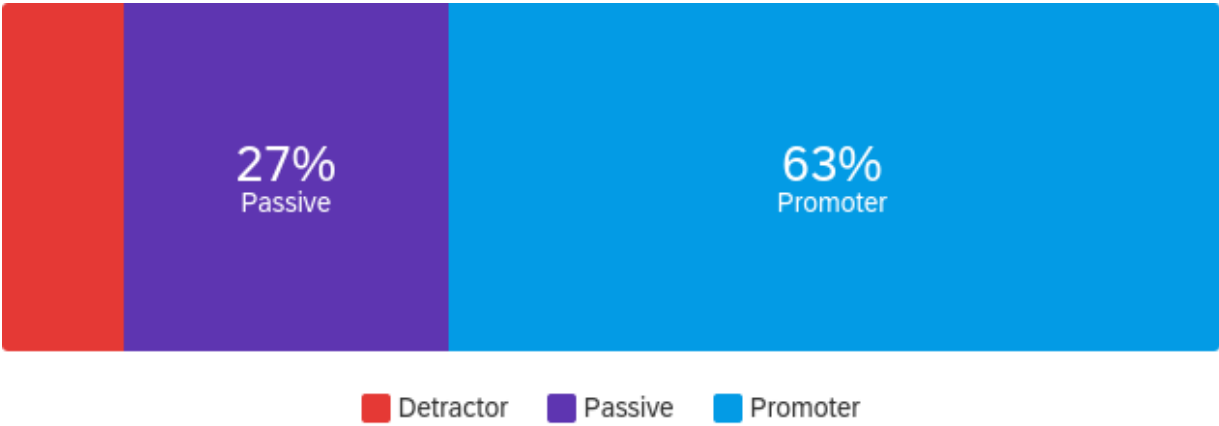
Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to your experiences at UCCS.



### College of Education Net Promoter Score

On a scale from 0-10, how likely are you to recommend UCCS to a potential student?

The net promotor score (NPS) is a measure of customer satisfaction and score represents the likelihood that the respondent will recommend the institution to other consumers. The score ranges from -100 to +100 and we aim for a score between 30-50.



## Why did you rate UCCS the way you did?

Mostly because of my student employee experience in the University Center. Without that experience, I may not have been able to graduate from UCCS with my undergrad nor would I have pursued a graduate degree.

I did not always feel like I was seen by the professors. I struggled and there was little reach out to help me. It felt like I was on my own. The strengths I brought to my learning did not seem to be valued. If they were, it was not communicated to me. The program talked about diversity and said all the right things, but the reality was, if you were not the round peg to go in the round hole, you were not "in". I was there to really learn. Others seemed to be there for just the degree and they were treated with more respect. That discouraged me as that seemed to be valued more. There were a few times I almost dropped out because of this "outside" feeling. But, I did not want to quit. I gave an 8 because the quality of lessons, and texts and work was high. I enjoyed the learning part of my education. I think the program is strong, but the culture was not so much for me.

The program met my needs and the campus, staff, and faculty all exceeded my expectations. It's a great university with lots of opportunities for students of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Great professors with actual field experience.

After talking with my colleagues, I believe that the courses and opportunities I was given at UCCS far exceed those offered in the same degree field at other institutions. I believe I had expectations that were set higher, and that my professors were current in the topics surrounding education.

It was a good experience. I felt safe and could learn at UCCS. I made friends in the dorms and kept working at UCCS even after graduation.

If a student connects well with a UCCS faculty/staff/student organization, then they will be successful. However, seeing the lack of diversity in the faculty and department leadership can contribute to a sense of not belonging.

UCCS offers a wide-variety of degree options and the education associated to the degrees is equal to or greater than other universities/colleges. The UCCS staff are knowledgeable and caring. The campus is beautiful!!!

It was a great experience!

I love a lot about UCCS but I believe more can be done to make UCCS more competitive and exciting for students. More faculty should be encouraged to pursue personal relationships with students.

UCCS has great culture and learning environments for diverse students

Great program and good value.

I have worked at UCCS as an employee for the past 20 years as well as attend as a student to gain my masters degree. I have experienced UCCS from an employee view as well as a student. UCCS is a rewarding place to not only work for but to also receive an education taught by professors who truly care about their students. I feel blessed to have come to UCCS.

Every institution of higher education has its issues but I struggled with some staff and faculty even once I became a staff member and I feel often times favorites are played on campus. It can affect students negatively.

I had an incredible experience as a student at UCCS! From when I first started to where I am now, I am able to reflect on the impact that my education and the friendships I made there have had on my identity as a professional in my current position. The school continues to grow and I think this is exciting for future students looking to attend UCCS.

It was a excellent program that was useful

UCCS is amazing. It became a second home to me as a student.

I hope the financial aid office does a better job informing undergrads now than they did when I was an undergrad.