

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Summer & Fall 2021 New Student Survey



Division of Student Affairs
Strategic Planning & Assessment

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Survey Overview



Development

Developed in consultation with over 20 campus partners

Context

Replaces CIRP (saves \$) and serves as a complement to the Graduating Senior Survey

Distribution & Responses

Administered via email to incoming FTIC & transfer students at Tallahassee & Panama City campuses

Response rate (100% completion) - 27.55% (2,607)

Survey Sections

Choosing a University

Visits to Campus (new summer 2021)

Past Year Experiences

College Perceptions

Resilience & Flourishing

Health & Wellness

Diversity & Inclusion

Post-Graduation

Basic Needs Security (revised summer 2021)

Open-Ended Items



Respondent Demographics



34%
Summer



66%
Fall



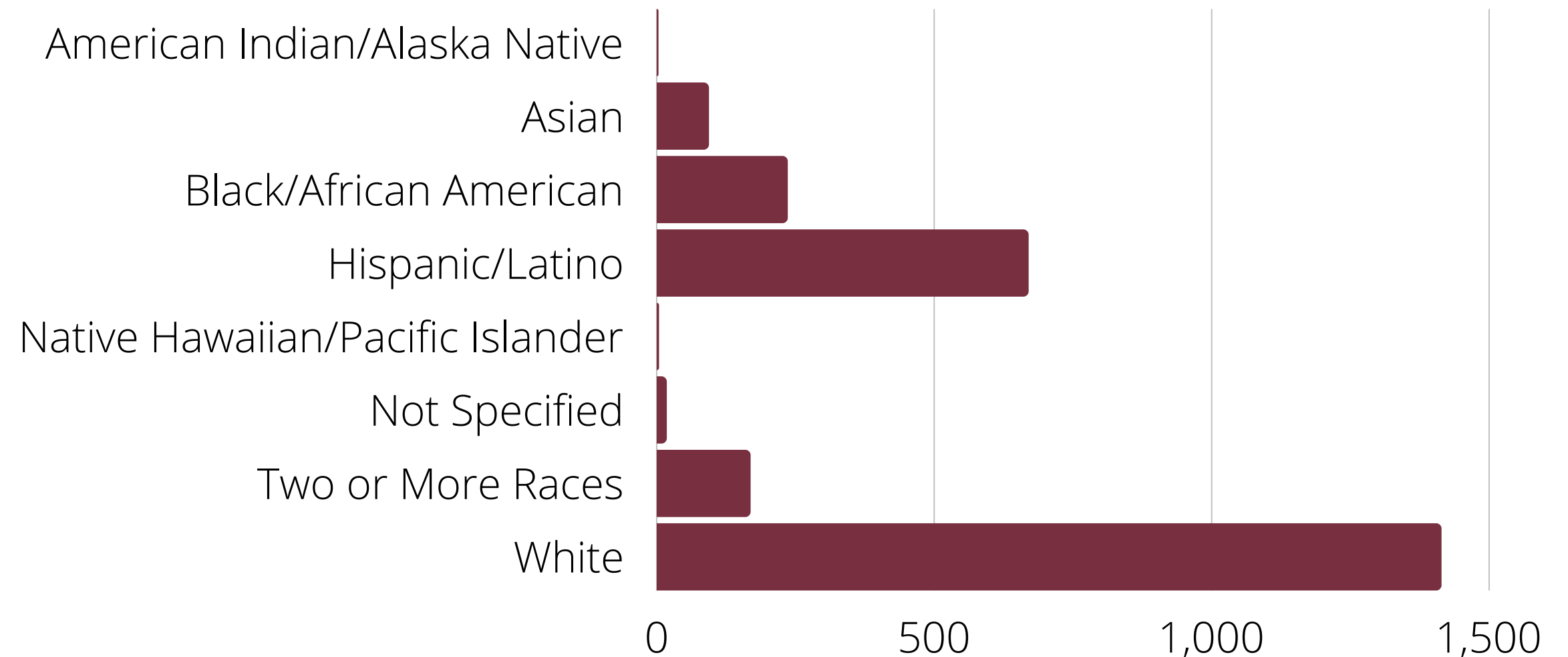
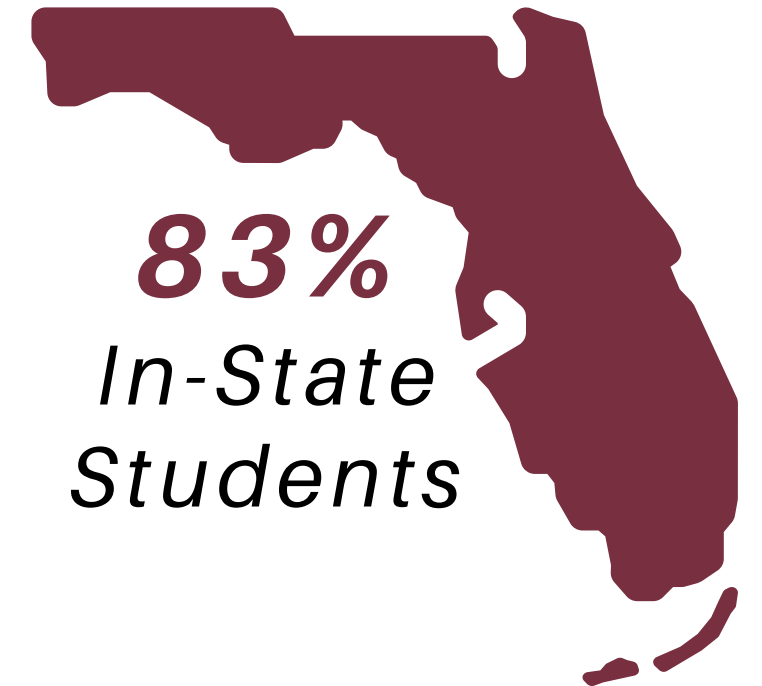
68% Women

32% Men

98% *Tallahassee Campus*



84% *First Time in College*



COLLEGE APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	Home Telephone
Address (Mailing Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
E-Mail Address			Other Telephone

Current Income

High School Graduate Or General Education (GED) Test Passed?	Yes	No
list the highest grade completed		
School, Military (Most recent first)	Credits Earned	Graduate
	Quarterly or	Other (Specify)

#1

*60% of
respondents
identified FSU
as their first
choice
institution*

*FTIC - 56%
FSUPC - 71%
Transfer - 87%*

WHAT WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN YOUR DECISION TO ATTEND FSU?

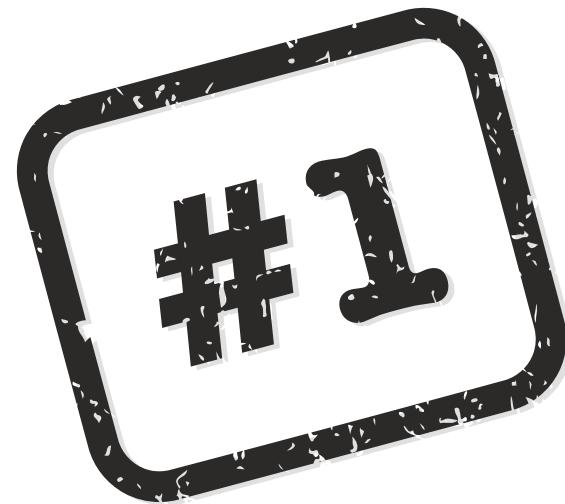
Top 5 Factors from 14 options

Tallahassee Campus



*Academic
reputation*

28%



*Intended major
reputation*

20%



*Cost of
attendance*

12%



*Physical campus
environment*

10%



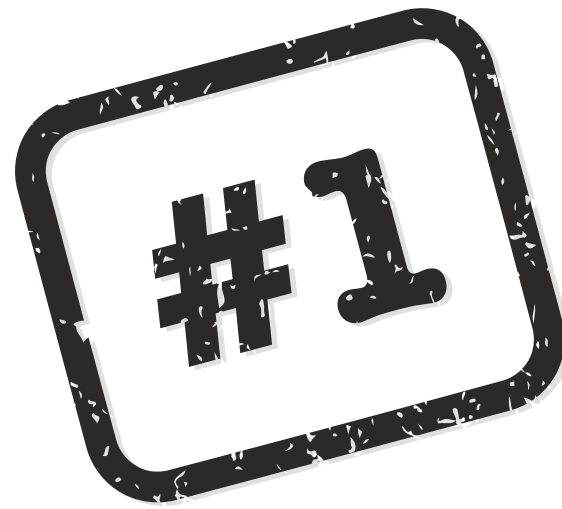
*Scholarships/
financial aid
available*

10%

WHAT WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN YOUR DECISION TO ATTEND FSU?

Top 5 Factors from 14 options

Panama City Campus



*Intended major
reputation*

26%



*Academic
reputation*

24%



*Close proximity
to family*

21%



72%

Visited campus in-person

19%

Visited campus virtually

21%

Did not visit campus

Visiting Campus

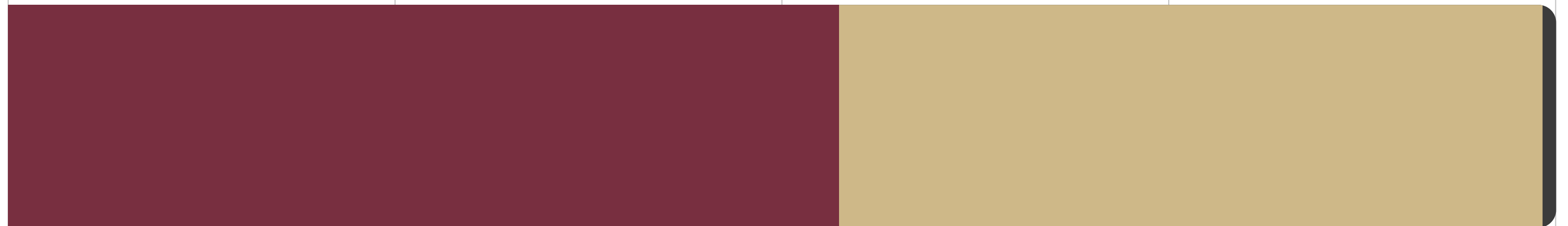
What was the impact of visiting campus on your decision to enroll at FSU?

● Positive Impact ● No Impact ● Negative Impact

**In Person
Visit**



**Virtual
Visit**



WHEN YOU WERE CONSIDERING FSU, HOW DID THE FOLLOWING FACTOR INTO YOUR DECISION?

Percent of respondents at Tallahassee campus who said proximity to family was a 'con'



40% *American Indian/Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian/Other*

31% *Asian*

19% *Black*

31% *Hispanic/Latinx*

22% *Two or more races*

18% *Unspecified*

23% *White*



89%

of respondents said establishing a strong friend network was very or extremely important in their first year

32%

of respondents said they were concerned 'a lot' or 'a great deal' about developing or maintaining social connections

TOP SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONDENTS USE

1



2



3



4





81%

of respondents engaged in aerobic exercise or sports at least 1 - 2 times per week in the past year

63%

of respondents engaged in muscular/weight training exercises at least 1 - 2 times per week in the past year

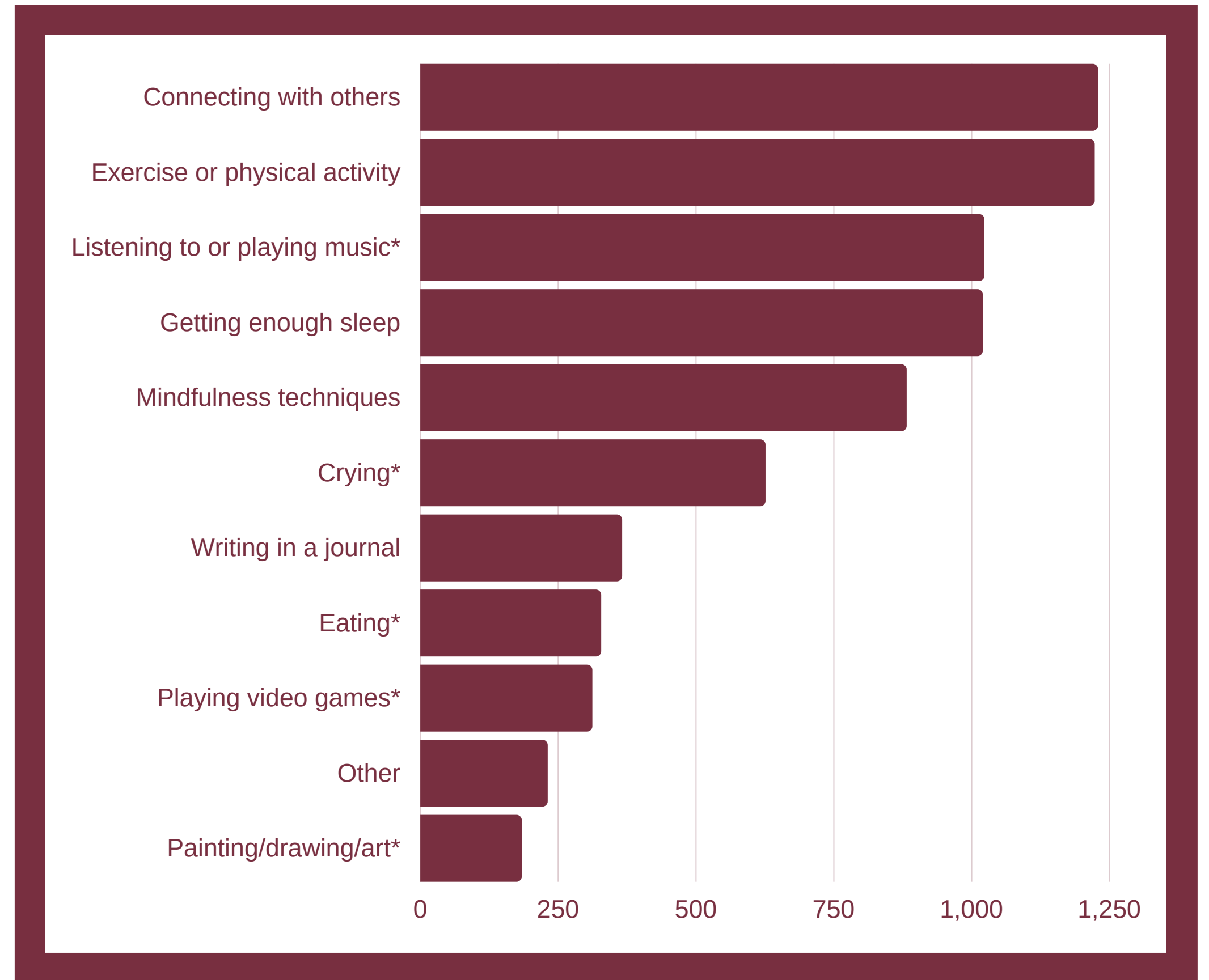
66%

of respondents engaged in aerobic flexibility exercises at least 1 - 2 times per week in the past year

How do you cope with stress?

Some other write-in options included alcohol, alone time, bath or shower, church/prayer, cleaning, driving, ignoring stress, reading, therapy, TV shows/movies, and work.

Items with an asterisk (*) were added to the fall 2021 survey based on write-in options from the summer 2021 survey.





78%

of respondents plan to participate in
community service

75%

of respondents plan to participate in
an internship or co-op experience

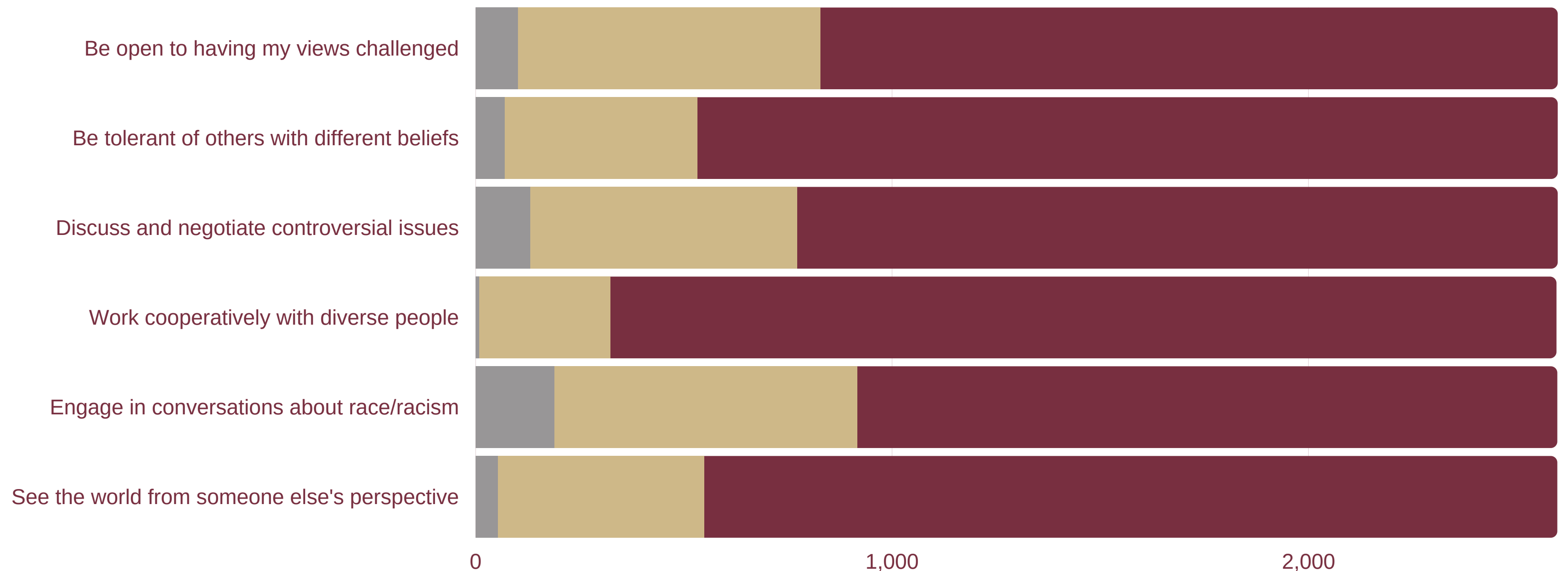
72%

of respondents plan to participate in
a registered student organization

Engaging with Others

Rate yourself compared to the average person your age.

Below average Average Above average





82%

*of respondents
feel prepared
or very
prepared to
ask for help
when they
need it*

Resilience

Resilience is "the human capacity to deal with, overcome, learn from, or even be transformed by the inevitable adversities of life" (Grotberg, 2003, p. 1). The 25-item Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale was developed by researchers working with patients with PTSD. The focus of the abbreviated two-item scale (CD-RISC 2) is the ability of participants to bounce back.



Flourishing

The Flourishing Scale "was designed to measure social-psychological prosperity, an expansion of psychological well-being" (Diener et al., 2009, p. 144).

Resilience

On a scale of 0 - 8, respondents scored an average of 6.5 (SD=1.28) on the Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale (CD-RISC 2), slightly lower than the mean score in the general population of 6.91.



Flourishing

On a scale of 8 - 56, respondents scored an average of 48.69 (SD=6.24) on the Flourishing Scale, higher than the mean of 45.3 (SD=6.2) in the study of college students used to validate the scale.



"I expect my classes at
FSU to be _____ than
classes I took last year."

52%

More Difficult

43%

About As Difficult

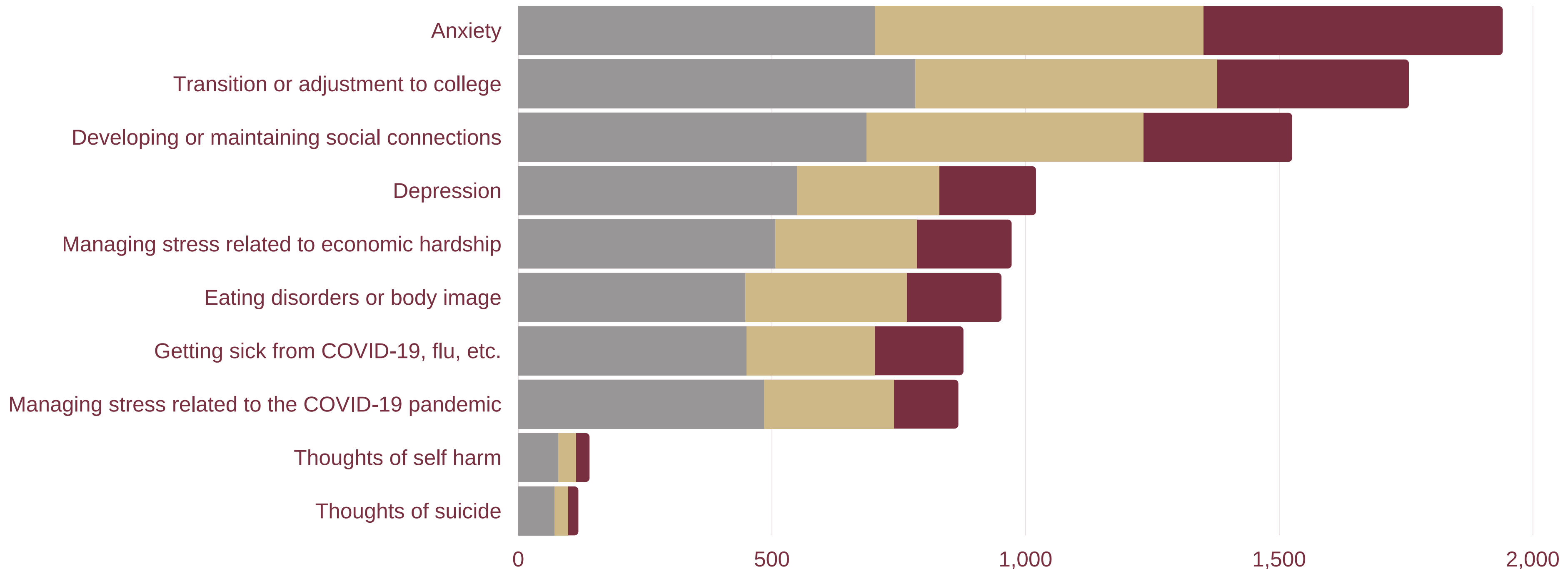
6%

Less Difficult

Concerns

To what extent do you think the following might be a concern for you in the upcoming semester?

- A moderate amount
- A lot
- A great deal





50%

*of respondents
agree with the
statement
"I am
concerned
about my
ability to pay
for college."*

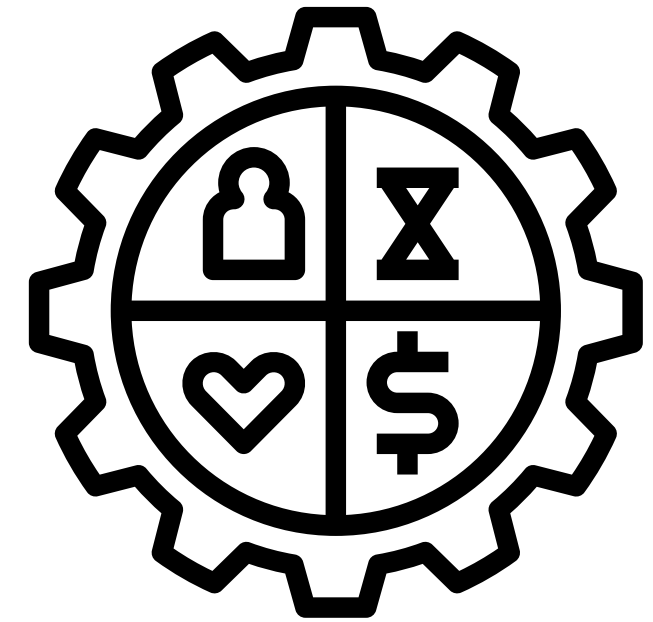
WHAT CONCERNS YOU MOST ABOUT YOUR FIRST YEAR AT FSU?



Daily Life



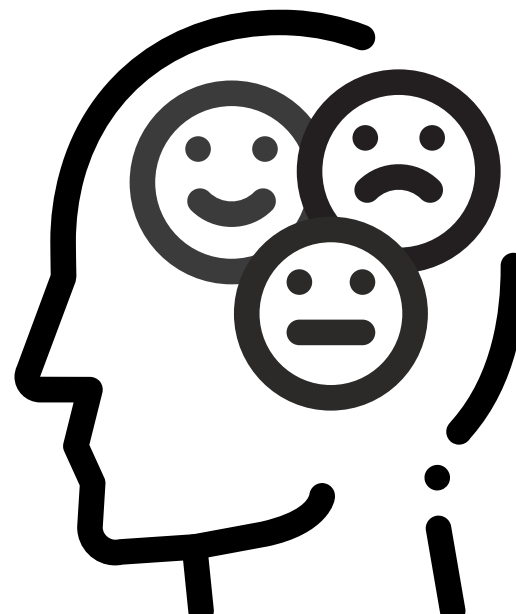
Academic



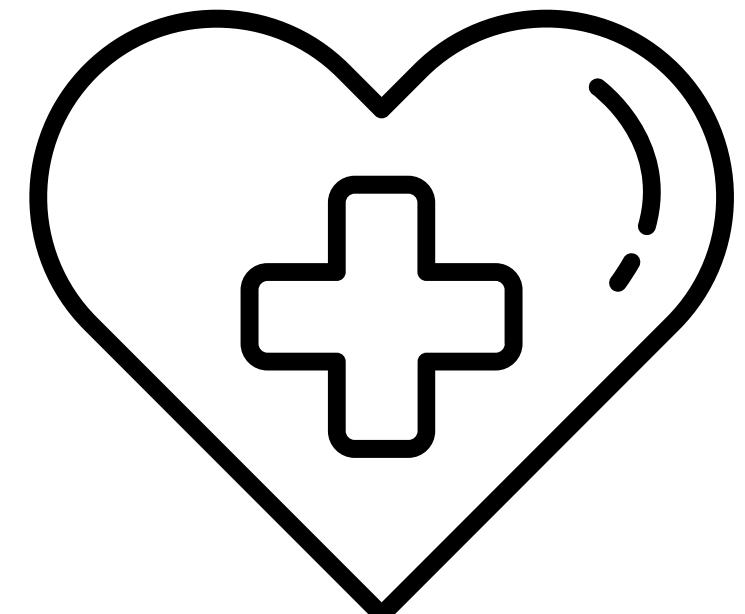
Resources



Social



Emotional



Health & Wellness



Percent of respondents
who plan to have a job
during their first year

64%

First Time in College

76%

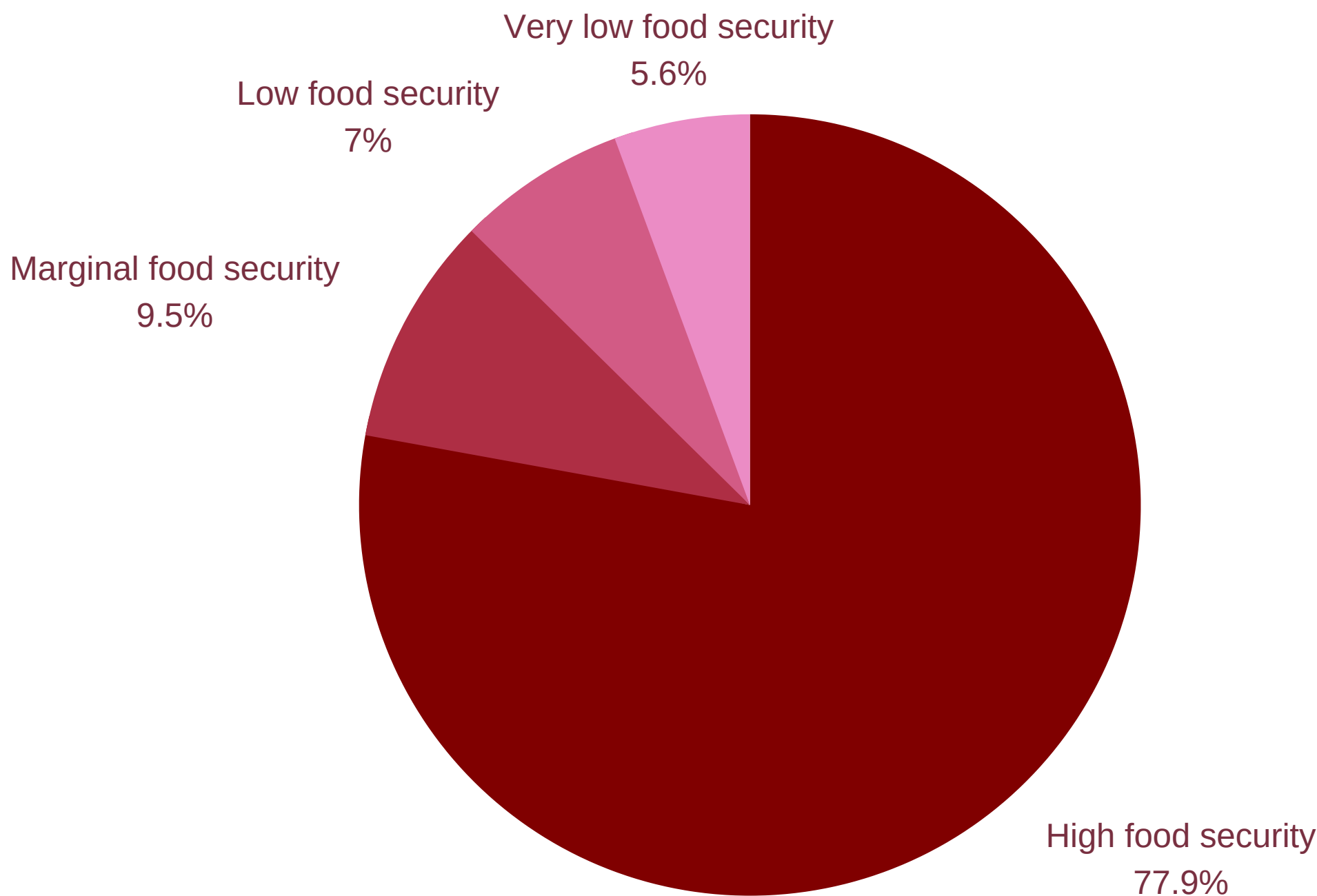
Transfer

83%

FSU Panama City

Food Security

Calculated using the USDA Food Security Survey Module



Percent of Respondents with Marginal, Low, or Very Low Food Security by Race/Ethnicity

40% *American Indian/Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian/Other*

24% *Asian*

42% *Black*

28% *Hispanic/Latinx*

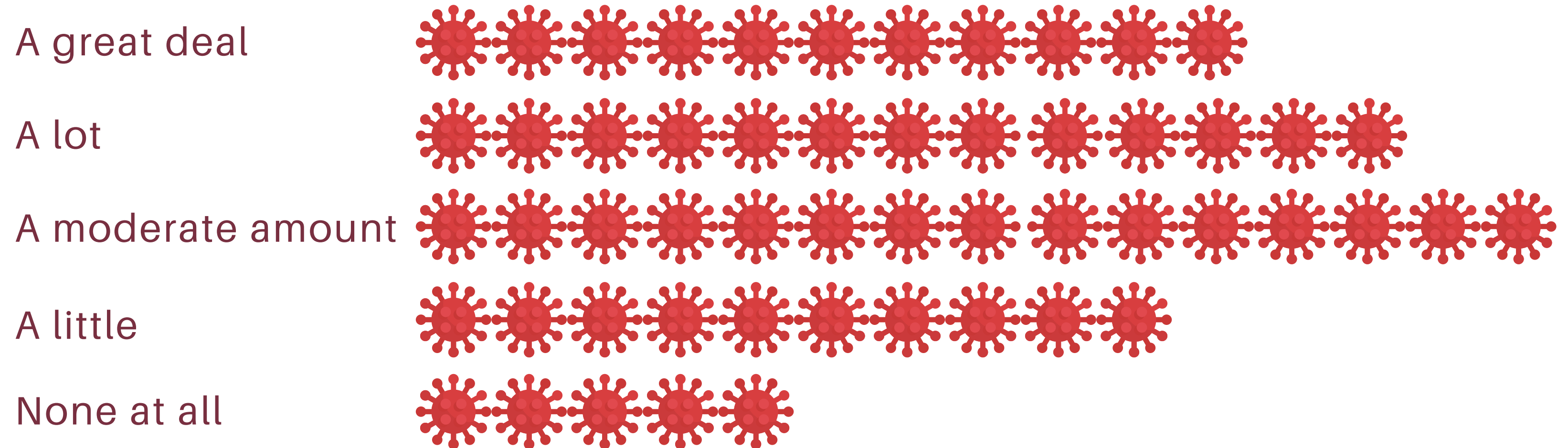
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Mental Health

To what degree did the COVID-19 pandemic impact your mental health?



 = 50 respondents



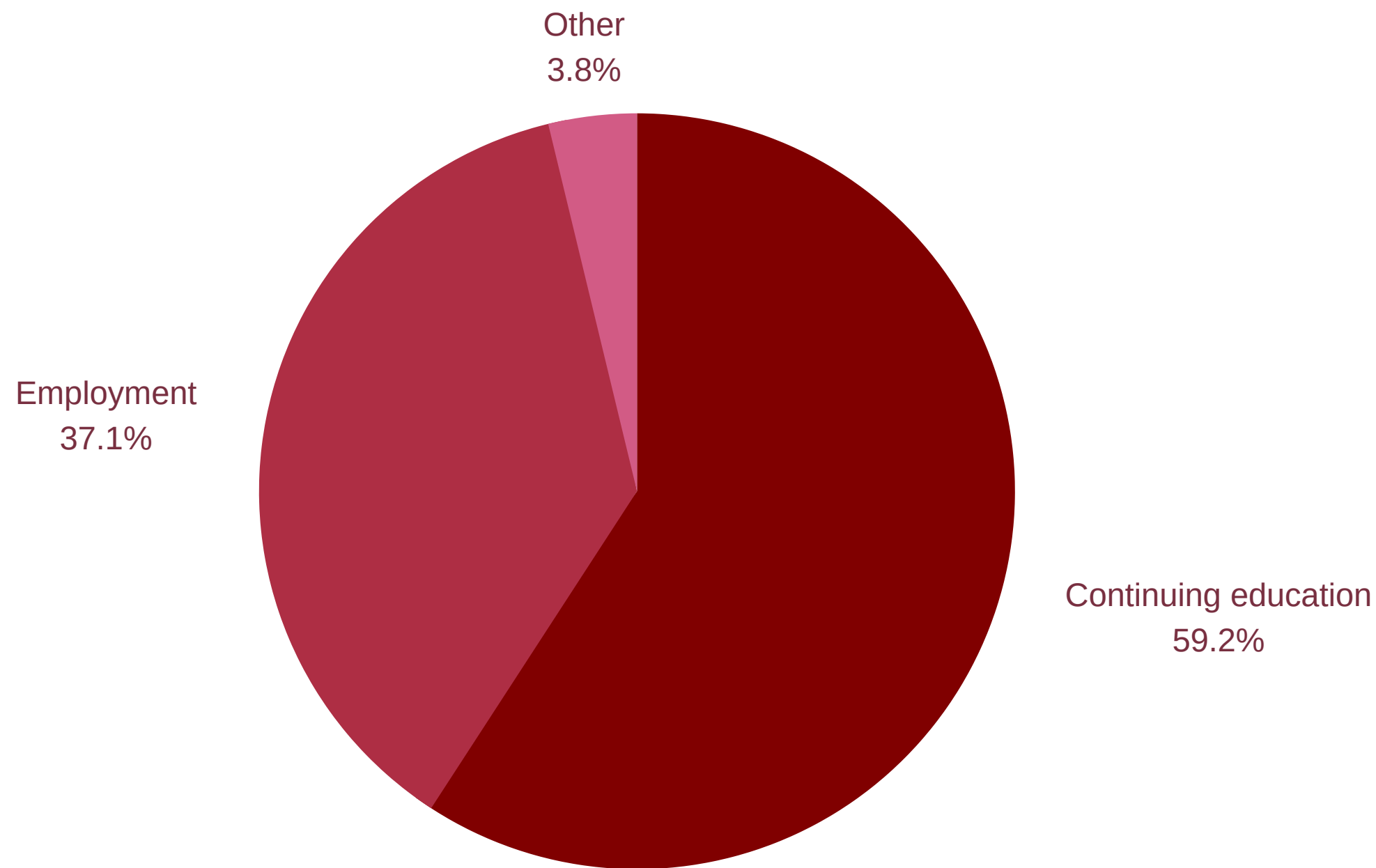
98%

of respondents feel prepared to
succeed academically at FSU

98%

of respondents said it was important
or very important to earn great
grades during their first year

Post-graduation Plans



Other includes military service, taking time off, unpaid national/global service, or starting/raising a family

Top Industries/Fields where Respondents Plan to Seek Employment



Hospital & Healthcare (19%)



Law and Legal Services (9%)



Biotech, biological or biomedical sciences (8%)



Psychology (7%)



Engineering (6%)

Outreach to Respondents



Academic Concerns

Access to Technology

Collegiate Recovery Program

Discrimination

Disordered Eating

Food or Housing Insecurity

Financial Concerns

Job Seeking

Life Management

Mental Health

Self-Harm/Suicide

Social Connections

Study Support

Transition

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?

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