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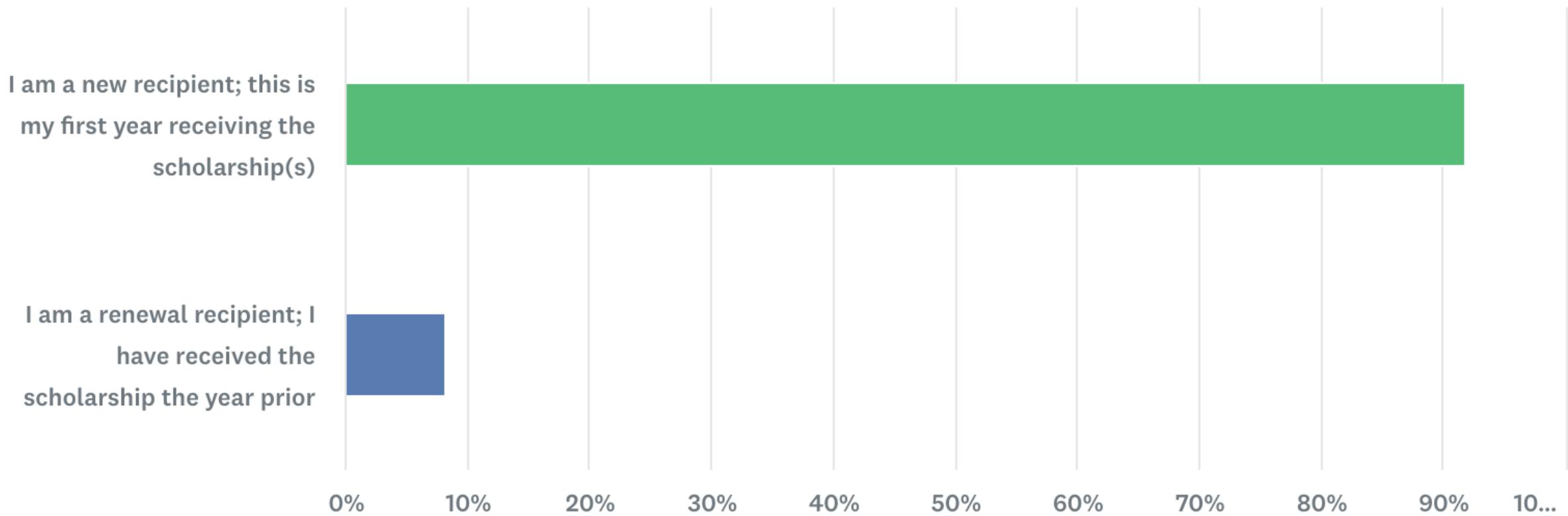
2025 - 2026

Student Scholar Survey Results

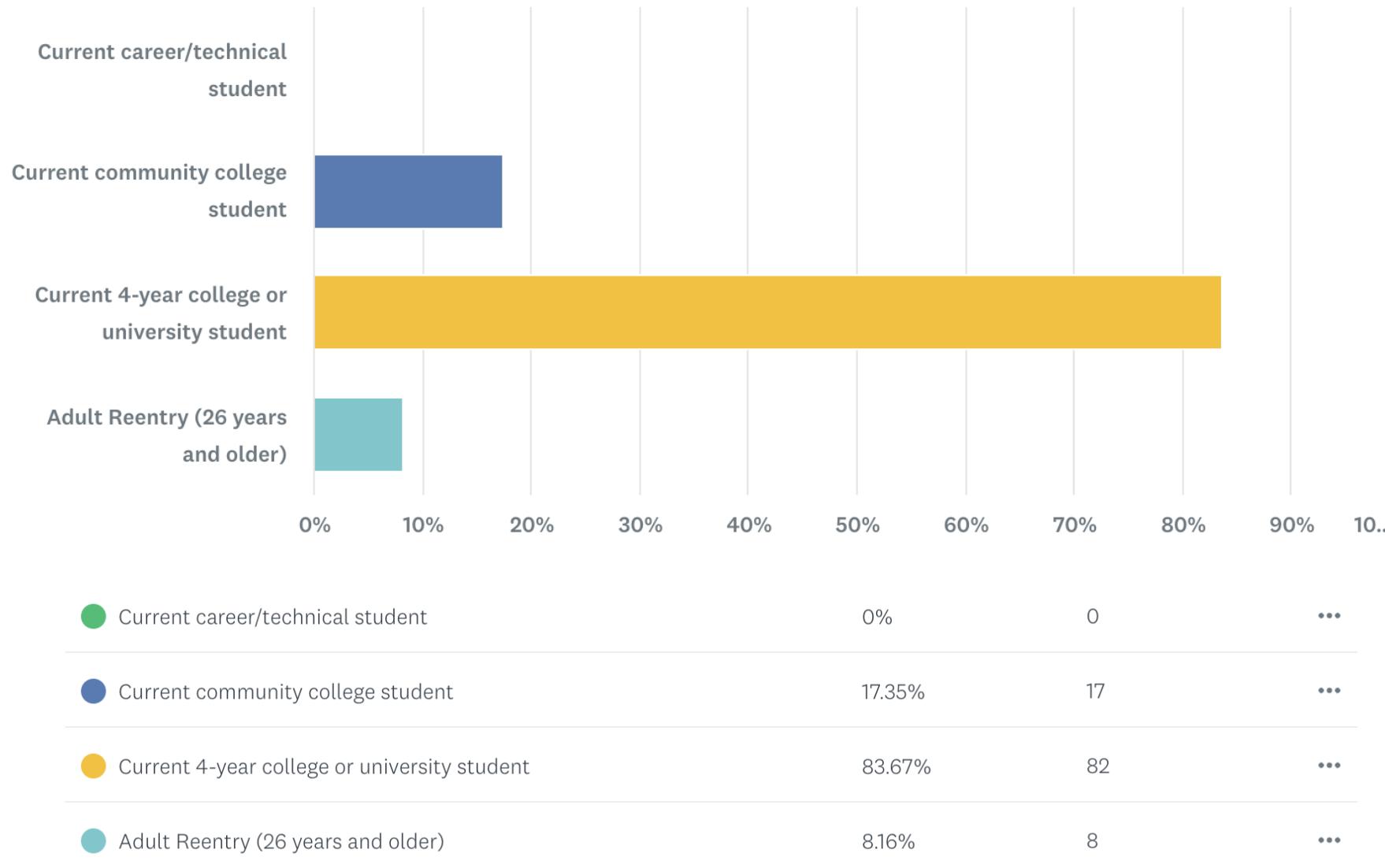


Total Respondents

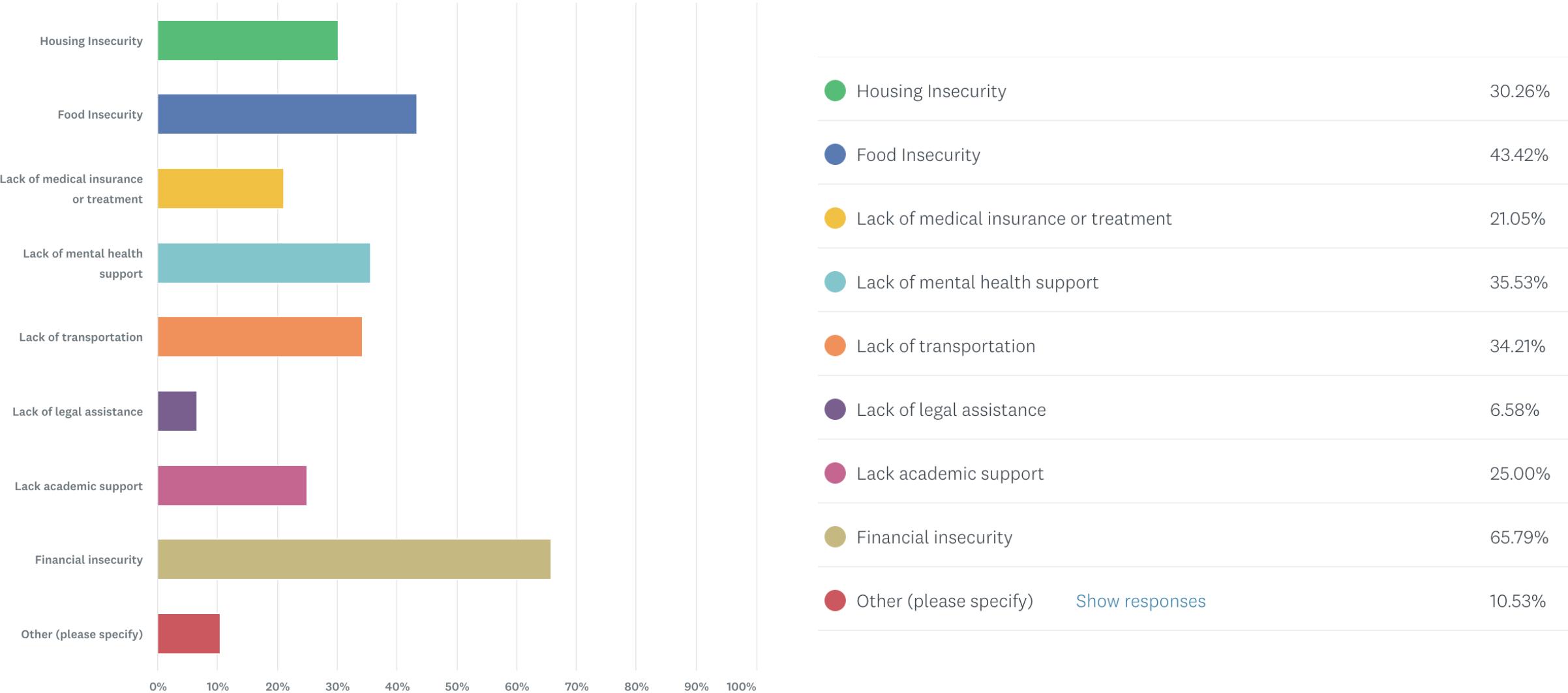
- Online survey was conducted 10/22 – 11/14
- **98 scholarship recipients** responded out of 136 surveyed - 72% response rate
- **92%** were new scholarship recipients
- **8%** returning scholarship recipients



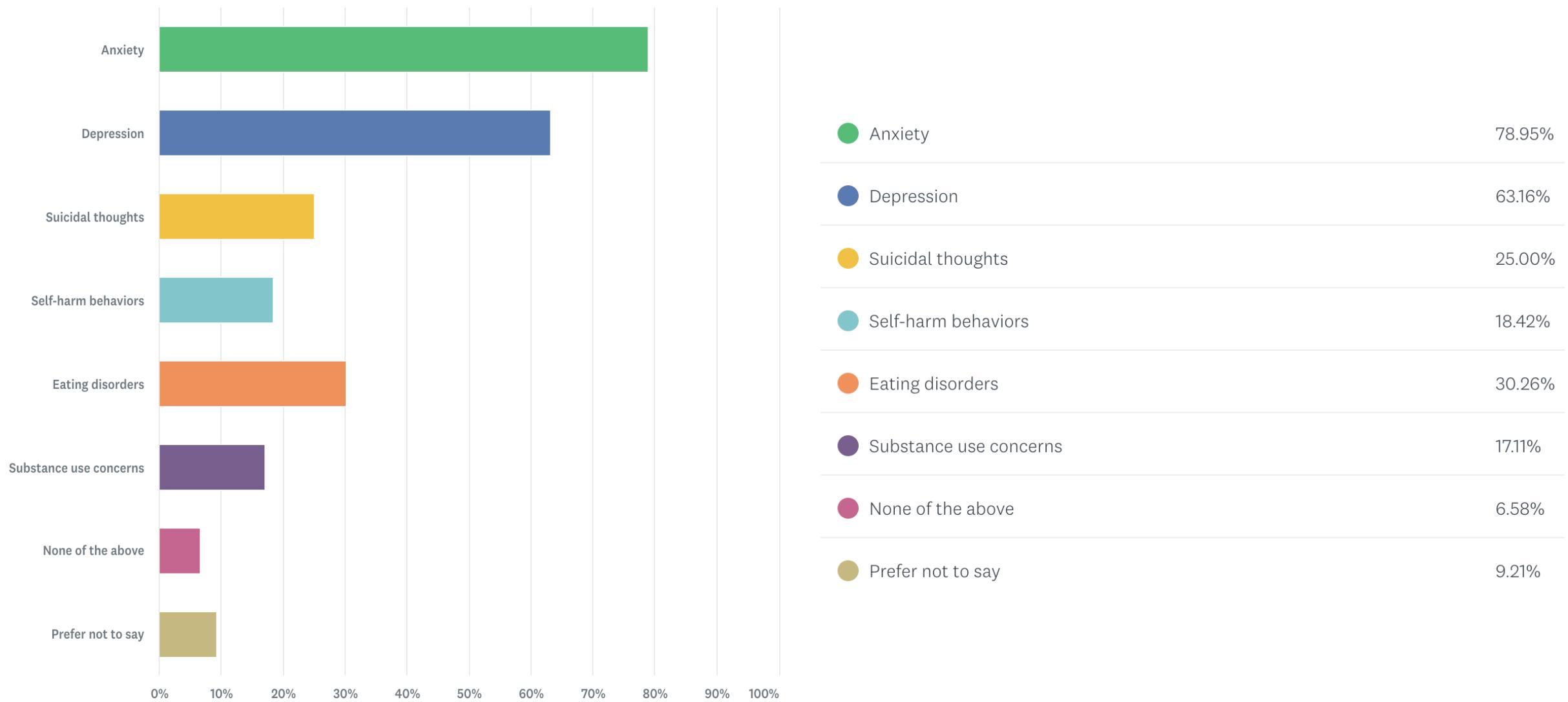
Current Enrollment Status



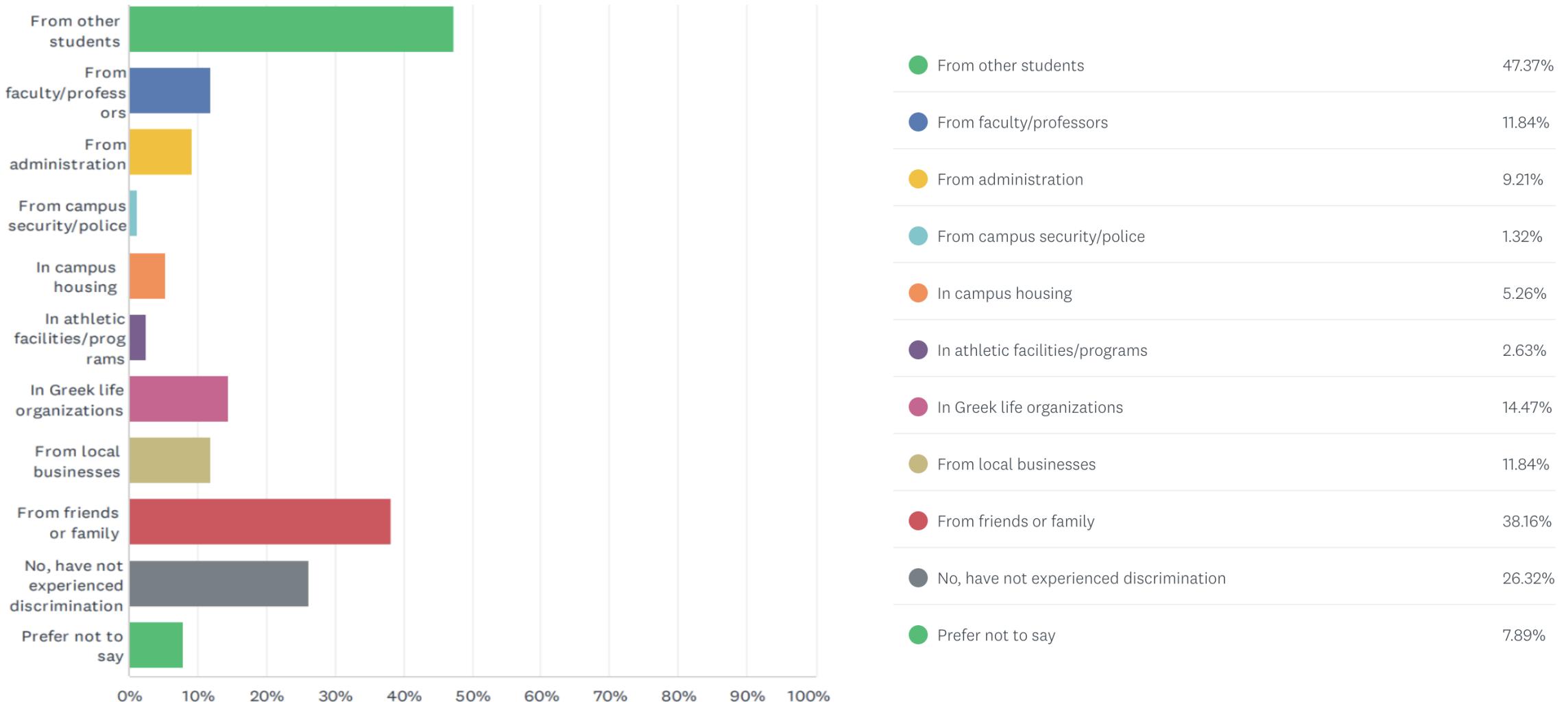
What other areas of support or unmet needs are you experiencing?



Have you experienced any of the following in the past year?



In the past academic year, have you experienced or witnessed discrimination based on LGBTQ+ identity?



Greatest Challenges Being Faced

Student Responses

- “Not being seen more as just as an LGBTQ+ student”
- “Feeling safe in my local community that is very conservative”
- “Lack of familial support, older generation mentoring/ closeness”
- “Family expectations and financial insecurity if I do come out”
- “One of the greatest challenges as a transgender woman student is the inclusivity of programs, support, and even amenities for LGBTQ+ students”



One Thing That NRCF Can Do To Support Student Responses

- “Have accessible resources available for any concerns students may have, such as financial support or even peer support”
- “Support services specifically for students that can be reached and workshops to better understand the scholarship process”
- “If there’s one thing NRCF could do to support me, it would be to help create stronger connections and mentorship opportunities for LGBTQ+ students. Having access to a supportive network of peers and mentors who understand both the personal and academic challenges we face can make a real difference”
- “Resources for online mental health support”



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