



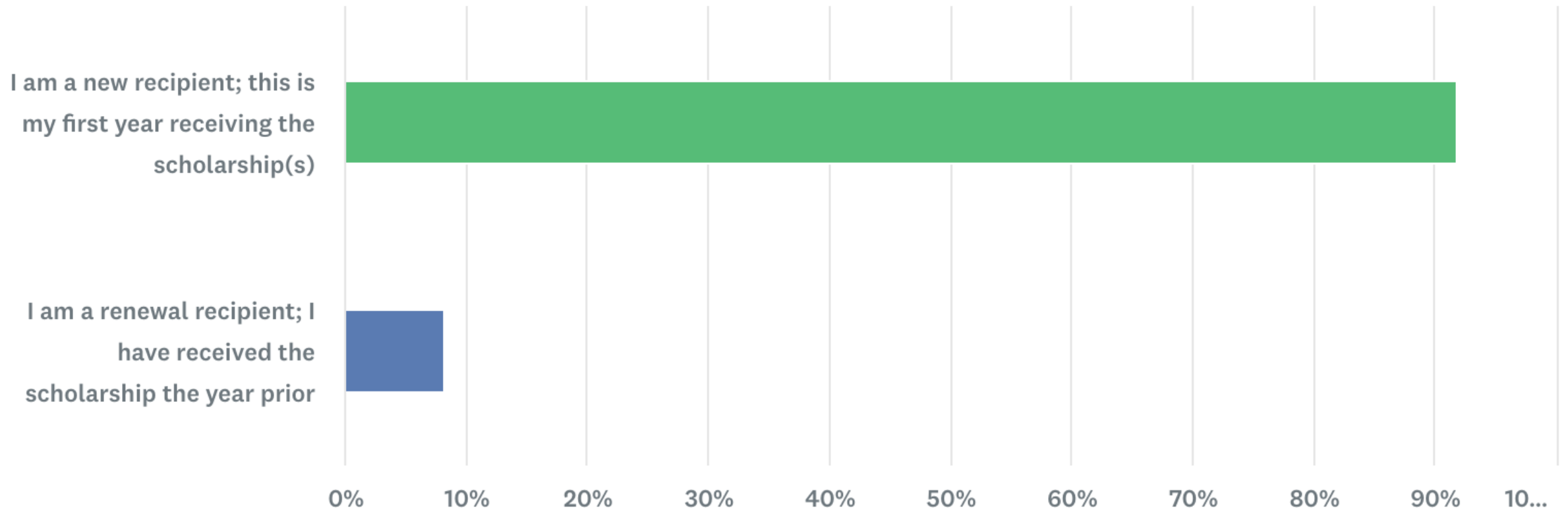
2025 - 2026

Student Scholar Survey Results

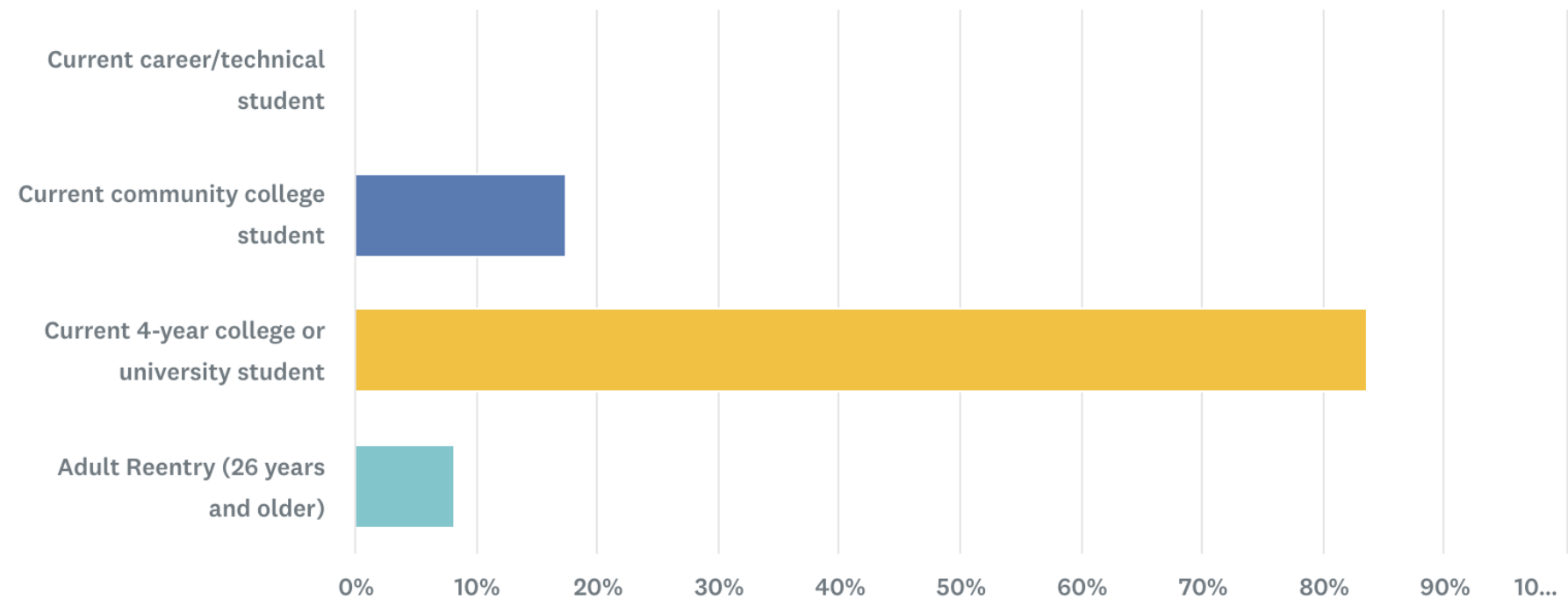


Total Respondents

- 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

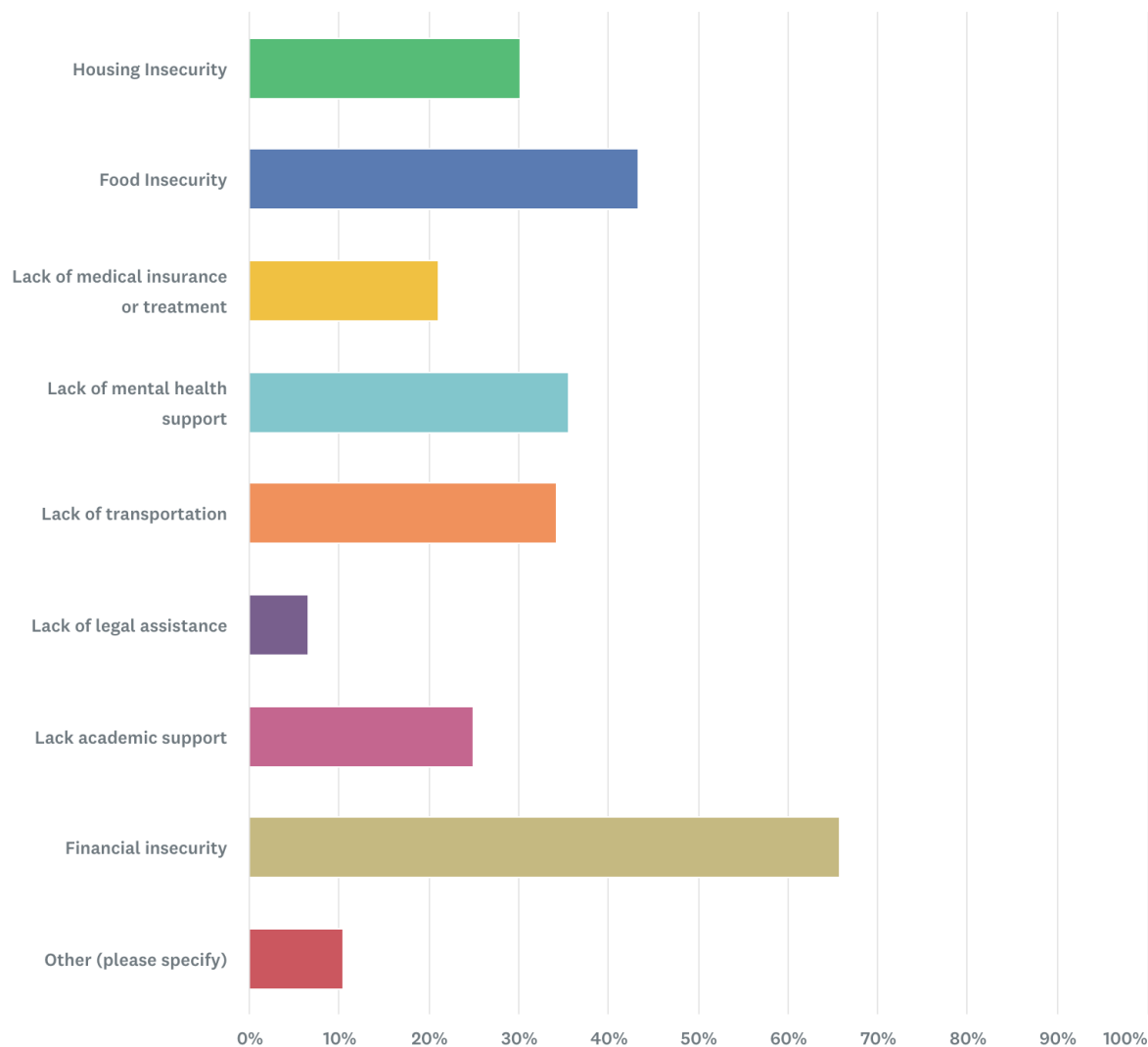


Current Enrollment Status



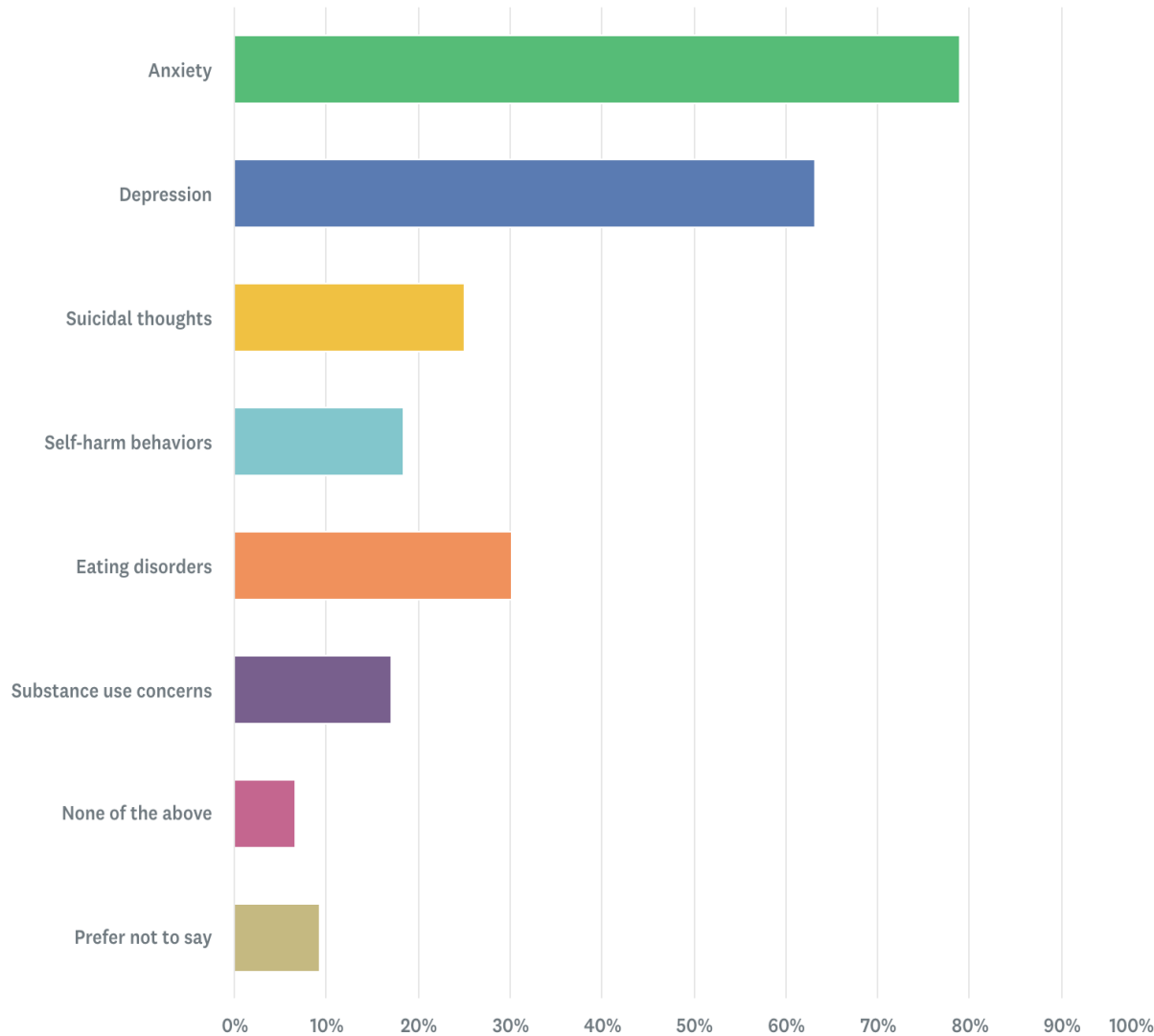
<div></div> Current career/technical student	0%	0	...
<div></div> Current community college student	17.35%	17	...
<div></div> Current 4-year college or university student	83.67%	82	...
<div></div> Adult Reentry (26 years and older)	8.16%	8	...

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



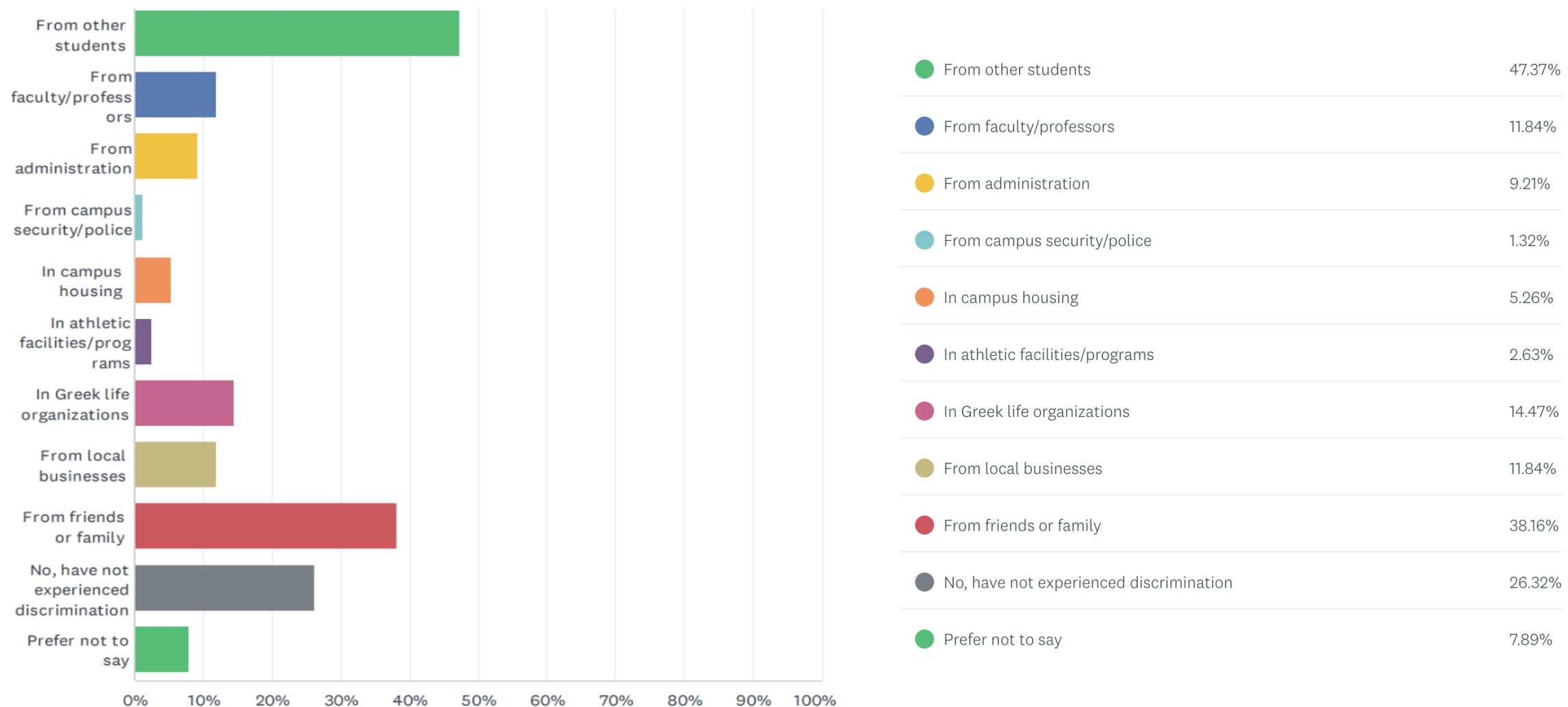
<div></div> Housing Insecurity	30.26%
<div></div> Food Insecurity	43.42%
<div></div> Lack of medical insurance or treatment	21.05%
<div></div> Lack of mental health support	35.53%
<div></div> Lack of transportation	34.21%
<div></div> Lack of legal assistance	6.58%
<div></div> Lack academic support	25.00%
<div></div> Financial insecurity	65.79%
<div></div> Other (please specify) Show responses	10.53%

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



<div></div> Anxiety	78.95%
<div></div> Depression	63.16%
<div></div> Suicidal thoughts	25.00%
<div></div> Self-harm behaviors	18.42%
<div></div> Eating disorders	30.26%
<div></div> Substance use concerns	17.11%
<div></div> None of the above	6.58%
<div></div> Prefer not to say	9.21%

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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