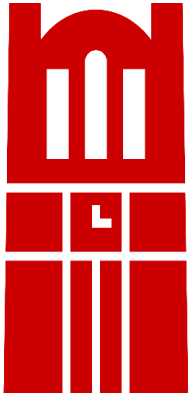# 2022 Incoming First-Year Student Survey: Fast Facts

- On average, first-year students applied to 6 colleges for admission
- ¼ said "*academic reputation*" was the most influential factor in attending NC State
- 97% reported they were "very" or "moderately satisfied" with NC State's admission process

- 42% said their high school prepared them "very well" for college
- 49% said they prepared themselves "very well" for college

- 2/5 are from a rural/small town
- 19% are first generation college students
- 41% come from a family with combined income > $100,000
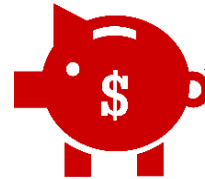
- 43% are taking out loans
- ¾ are using their own money to help with college expense
- One-in-ten are using $6,000 or more of their own money

Certainty of Academic Major, by College

College	Very certain	Certain	Uncertain	Very uncertain
Education	55%	25%	17%	3%
Ag & Life Sciences	48%	38%	13%	2%
Textiles	47%	44%	5%	5%
Design	44%	49%	7%	0%
Natural Resources	42%	44%	13%	2%
Humanities & Social Sci	35%	42%	19%	4%
Sciences	34%	49%	16%	1%
Engineering	33%	55%	11%	1%
Management	31%	52%	17%	0%
Exploratory Studies	13%	27%	47%	14%
Total	33%	46%	18%	3%

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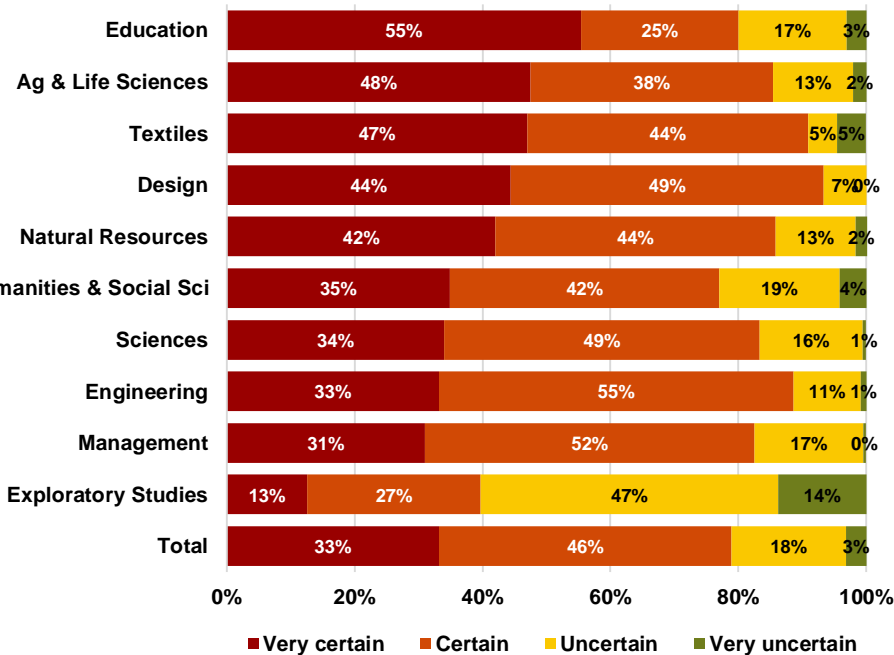
Employment Plans of First-Year Students

- ■ Employed on campus only — 26%
- ■ Employed off campus only — 16%
- ■ Employed both on and off campus — 10%
- ■ Not employed — 49%

When asked about 48 different skills, students gave very high ratings to the importance, but very low ratings to their current development of:

- Time management
- Ability to manage ongoing stressors
- Recovering from emotional setbacks

¾ said it is likely that they will participate in a Study Abroad program

57% reported that they plan on pursuing a graduate or professional degree

20% intend to seek post-graduation employment only in North Carolina

What Students Say They are Most Excited About in Joining NC State

Survey Methodology

The Incoming First-Year Student Survey is administered every fall semester after incoming first-year students attend New Student Orientation. In 2022, of the 5,542 first-year students invited to participate in the survey; 3,008 students did so, for a response rate of 54%. Reports associated with the 2022 Incoming First-Year Survey are available on the Institutional Strategy and Analysis website. For more information, contact Institutional Strategy and Analysis at studentsurveys@ncsu.edu.

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