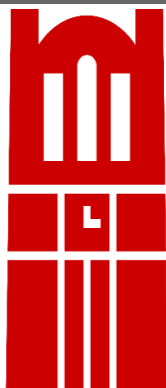


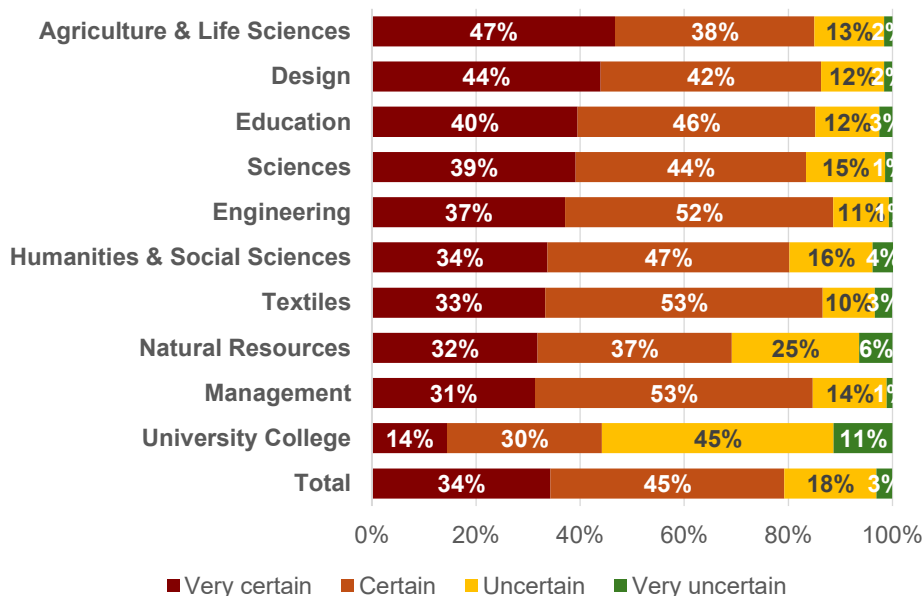
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Applying to NC State

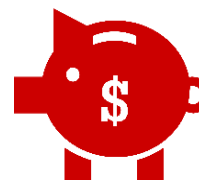


- On average, first-year students applied to 6 colleges for admission
- 61% said NC State was their “first” or “only” choice of colleges to attend
- 84% said NC State’s *academic reputation* was a “strong” (49%) or “very strong” (35%) influence on their decision to attend

Certainty of Academic Major, by College

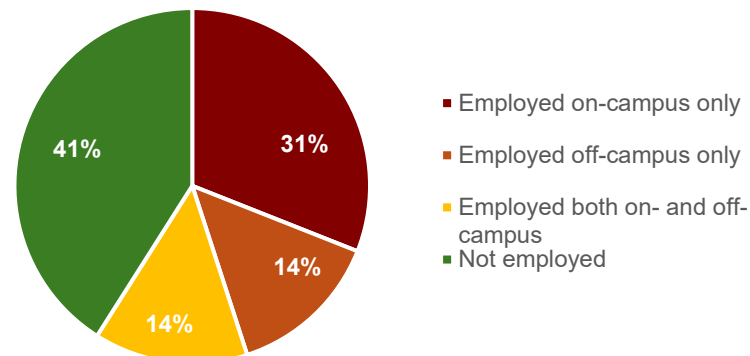


Background Characteristics



- 46% 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
- 9% are first generation college students
- 35% come from a family with combined income of \$100,000 or less
- 40% are taking out loans
- ¾ are using their own money to help with college expense
- 8% are using \$6,000 or more of their own money

Employment Plans of First-Year Students



Skill Development & Importance

When asked about 30 different skills, students gave high ratings to the importance, but relatively low ratings to their current development of:

- Time management
- Ability to manage ongoing stressors
- Recovering from emotional setbacks
- Developing and sustaining an active and healthy lifestyle



Future Plans

45% said they will “probably” or “definitely” participate in a Study Abroad program

59% reported that they plan on pursuing a graduate or professional degree

21% intend to seek post-graduation employment only in North Carolina



Survey Methodology

The Incoming First-Year Student Survey is administered every fall semester after incoming first-year students attend New Student Orientation. In 2024, of the 5,718 first-year students invited to participate in the survey; 3,135 students did so, for a response rate of 54.8%. Reports associated with the 2024 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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What Students Say They are Most Excited About in Coming to NC State

Incoming students were asked to describe, in their own words, what they are most excited about in coming to NC State. Responses were coded into categories which can be seen in the word cloud below, with frequency of response in each category correlated with font size.

