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**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
SURVEY**

KEY FINDINGS

DECEMBER 2020 & APRIL 2021

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

The total number
of graduates
who were eligible to
graduate was

7 285



Total sample size was

3 035
graduates

42%

RESPONSE
RATE

This was the



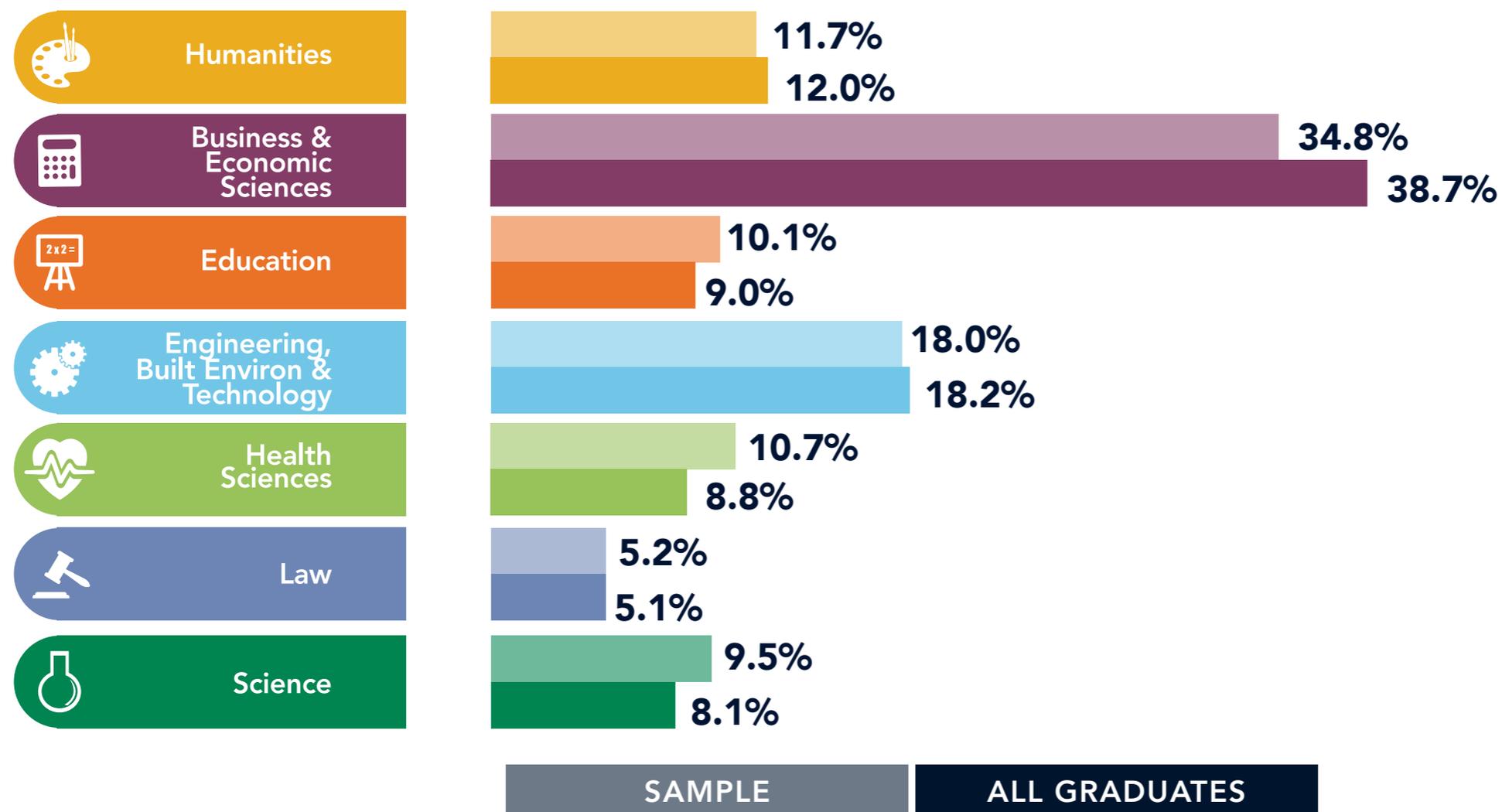
that a fully online
administration was
adopted for
the GDS

POPULATION & SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

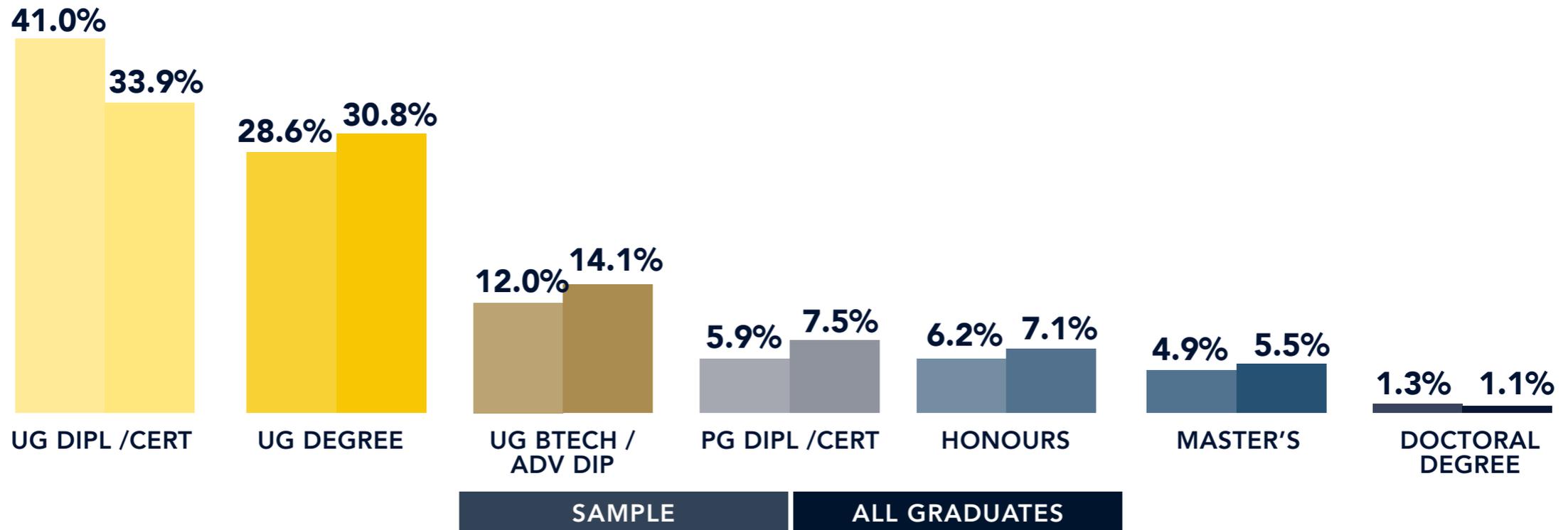
ALL DEC 2020 & APRIL 2021 GRADUATE RESPONDENTS

The population and sample description indicates how representative the sample was of the population of all graduates, and where the sample under- or over-represented the population of graduates.

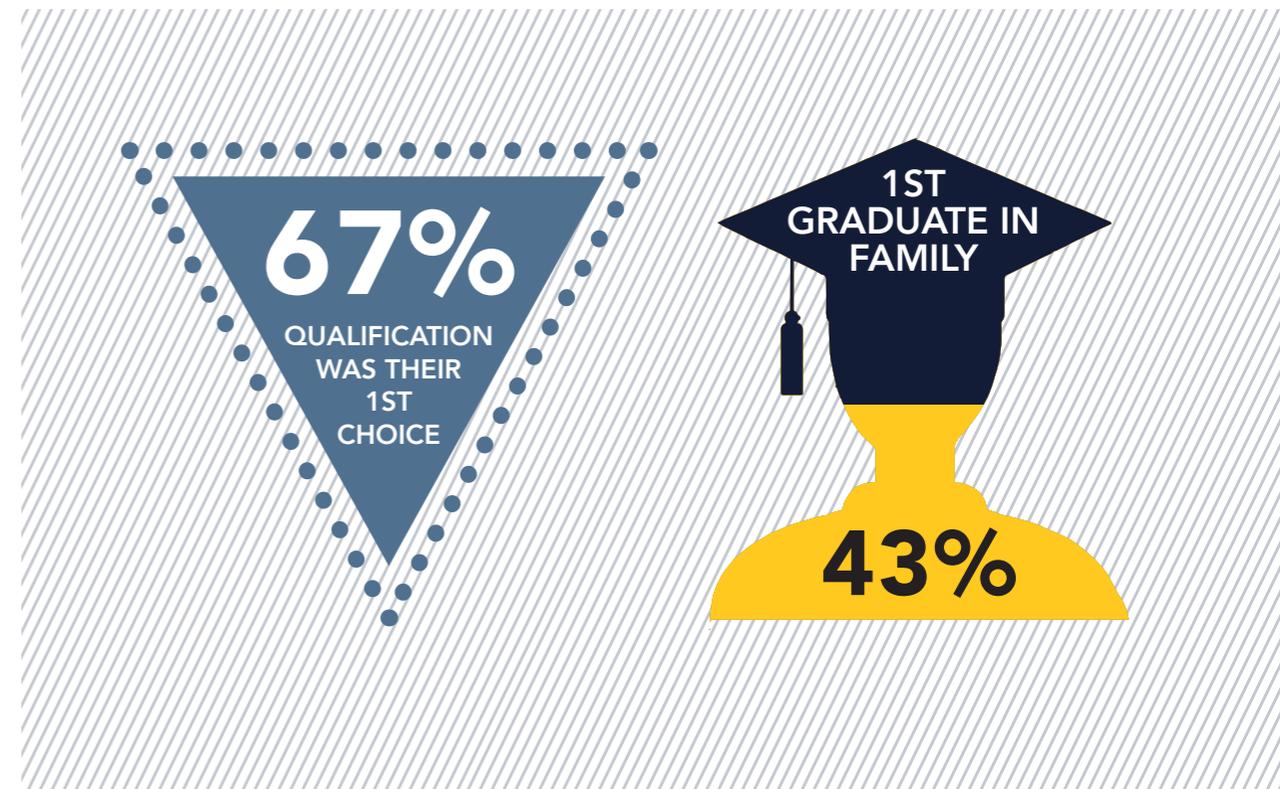
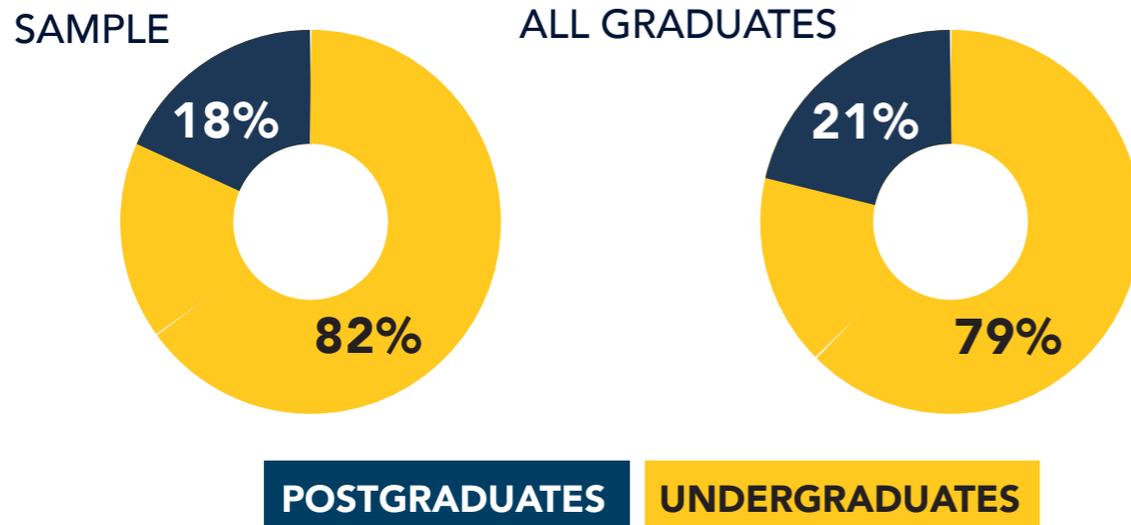
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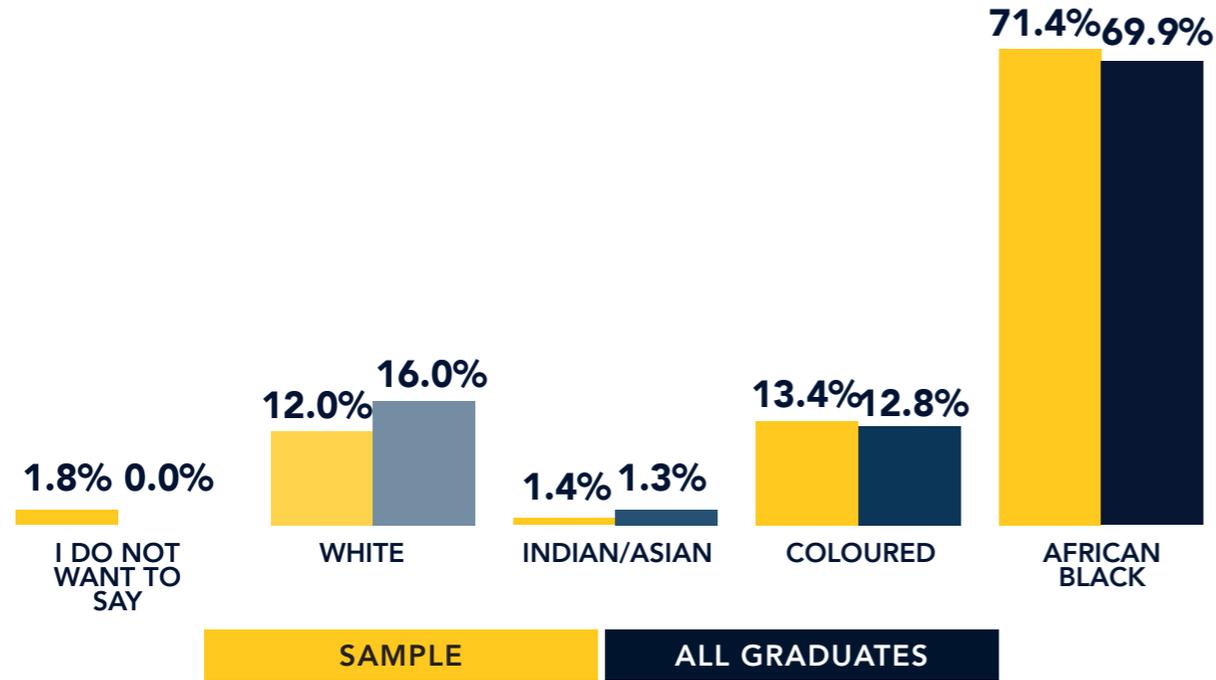
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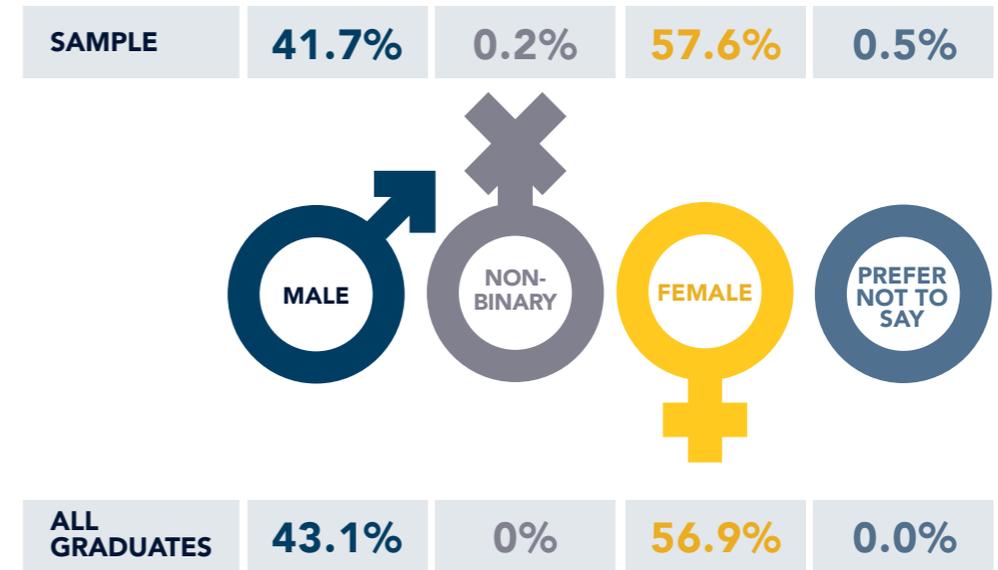
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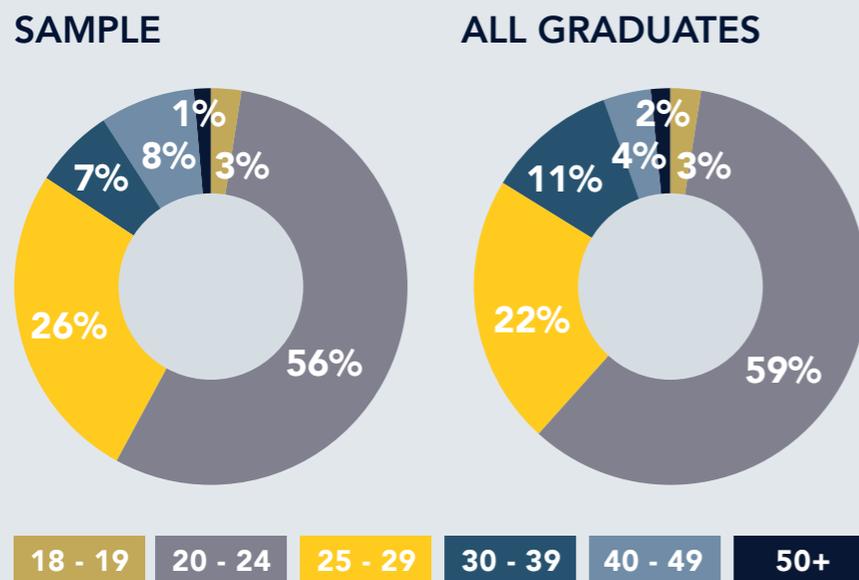
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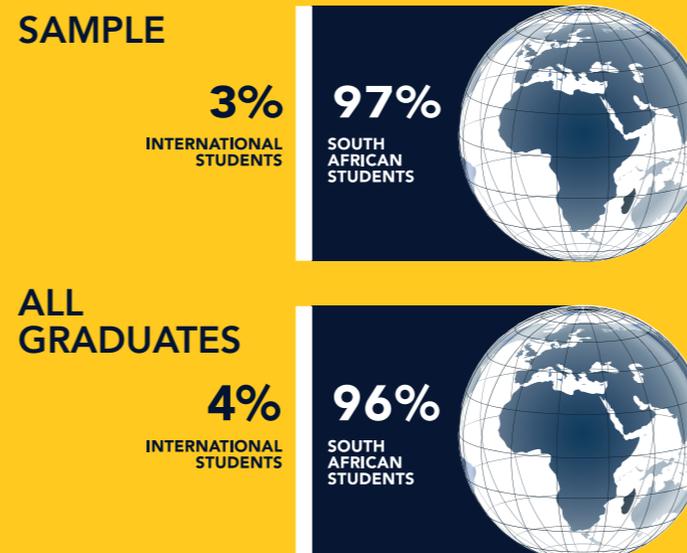
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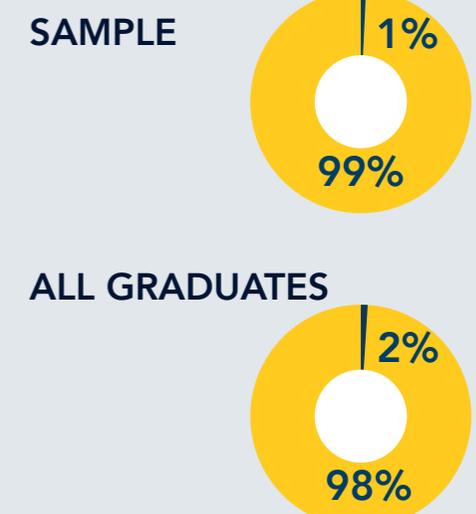
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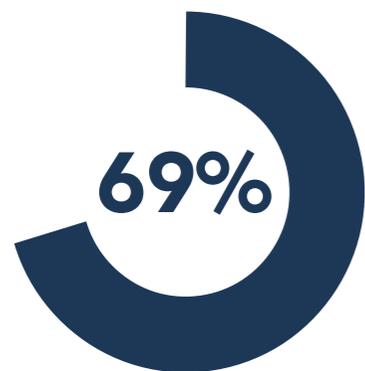
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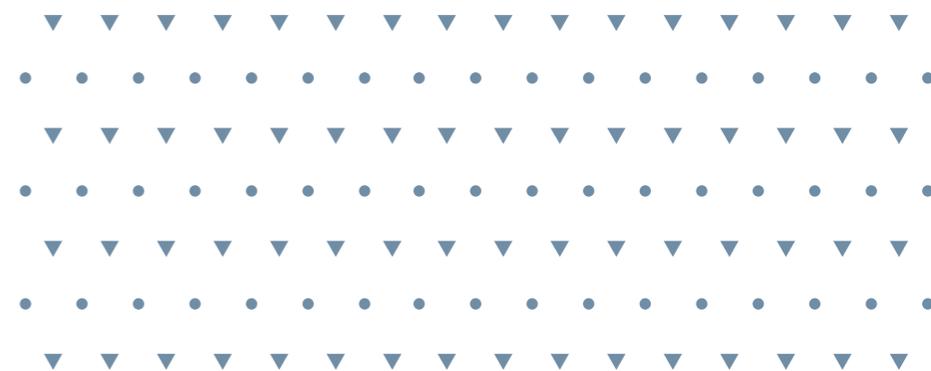
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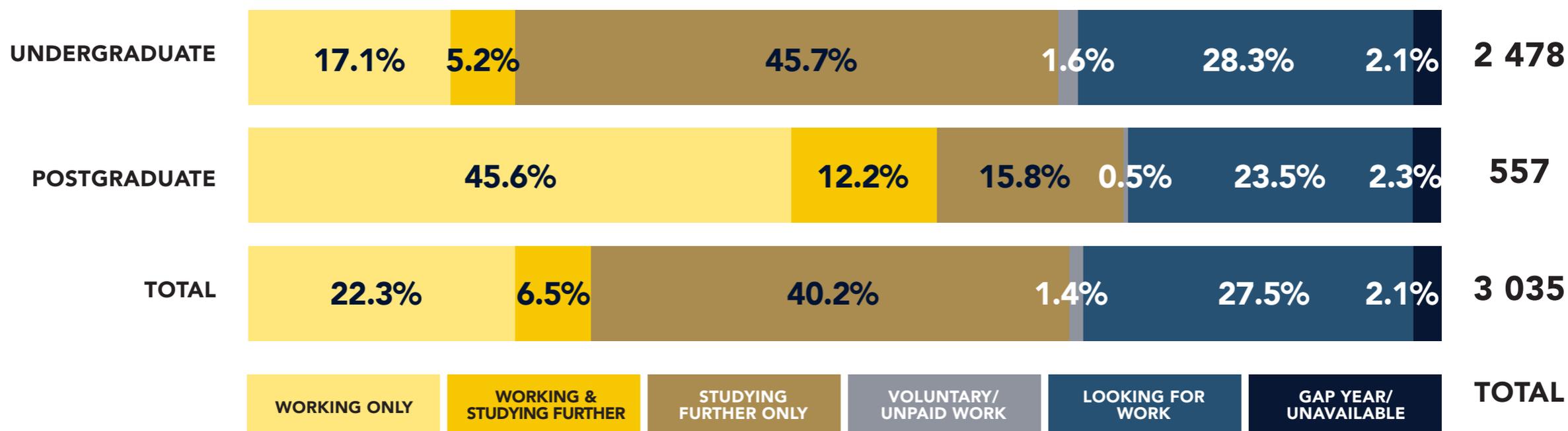
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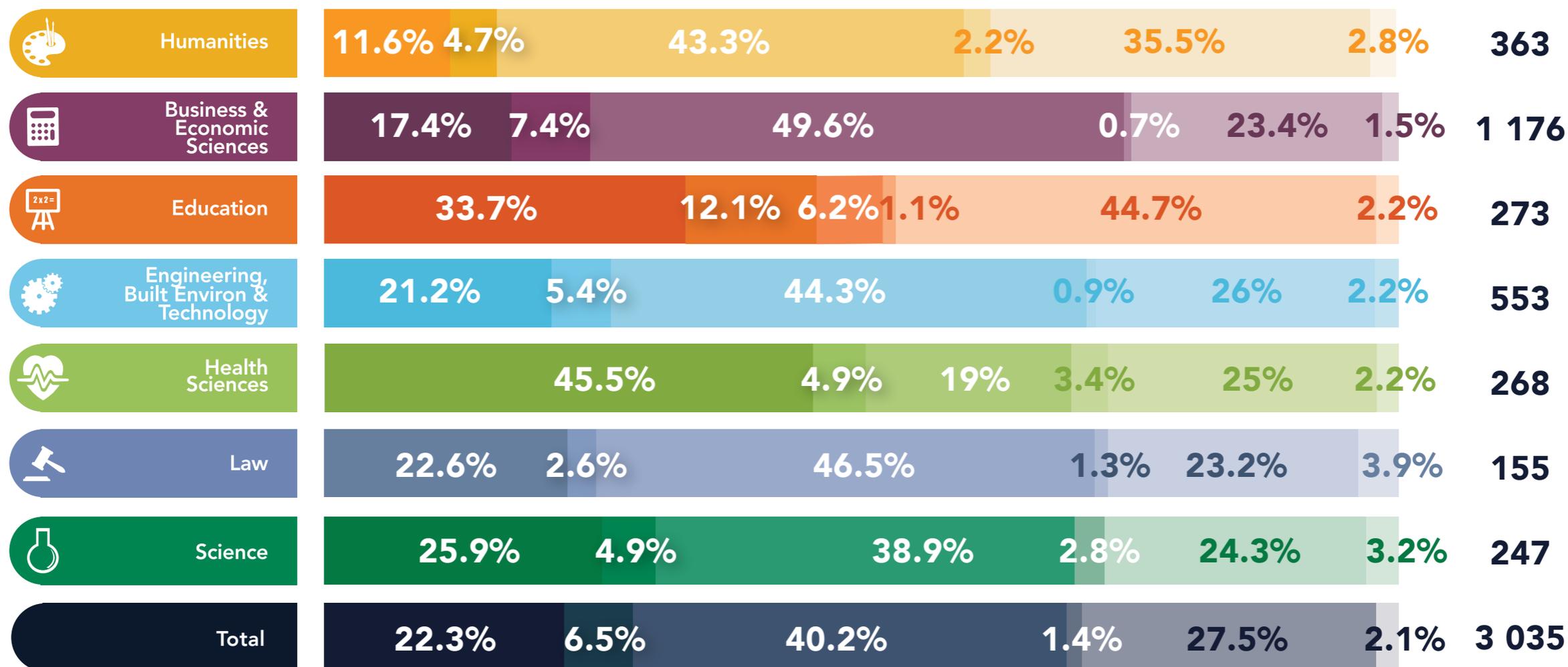
69% of all graduates indicated that they had secured plans in the form of employment, or advanced education.



DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATE RESPONDENTS BY LEVEL OF STUDY

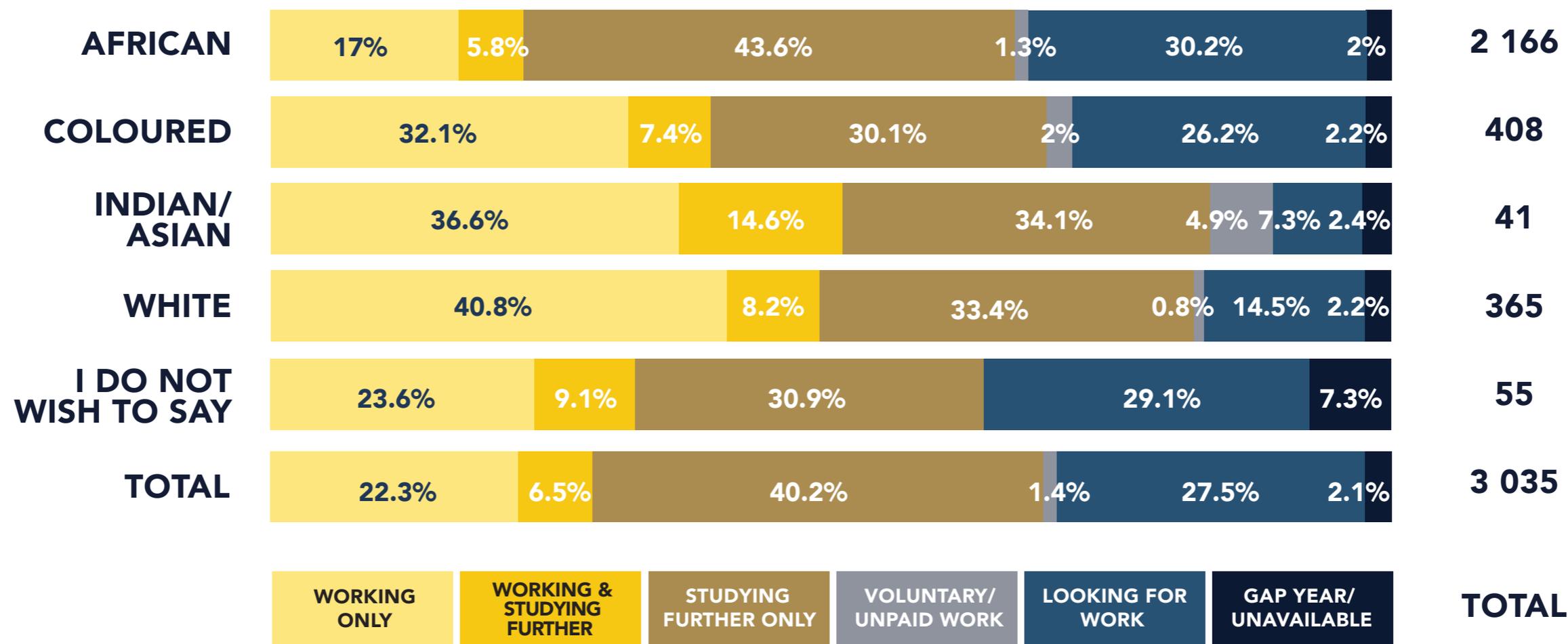


DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATE RESPONDENTS BY FACULTY



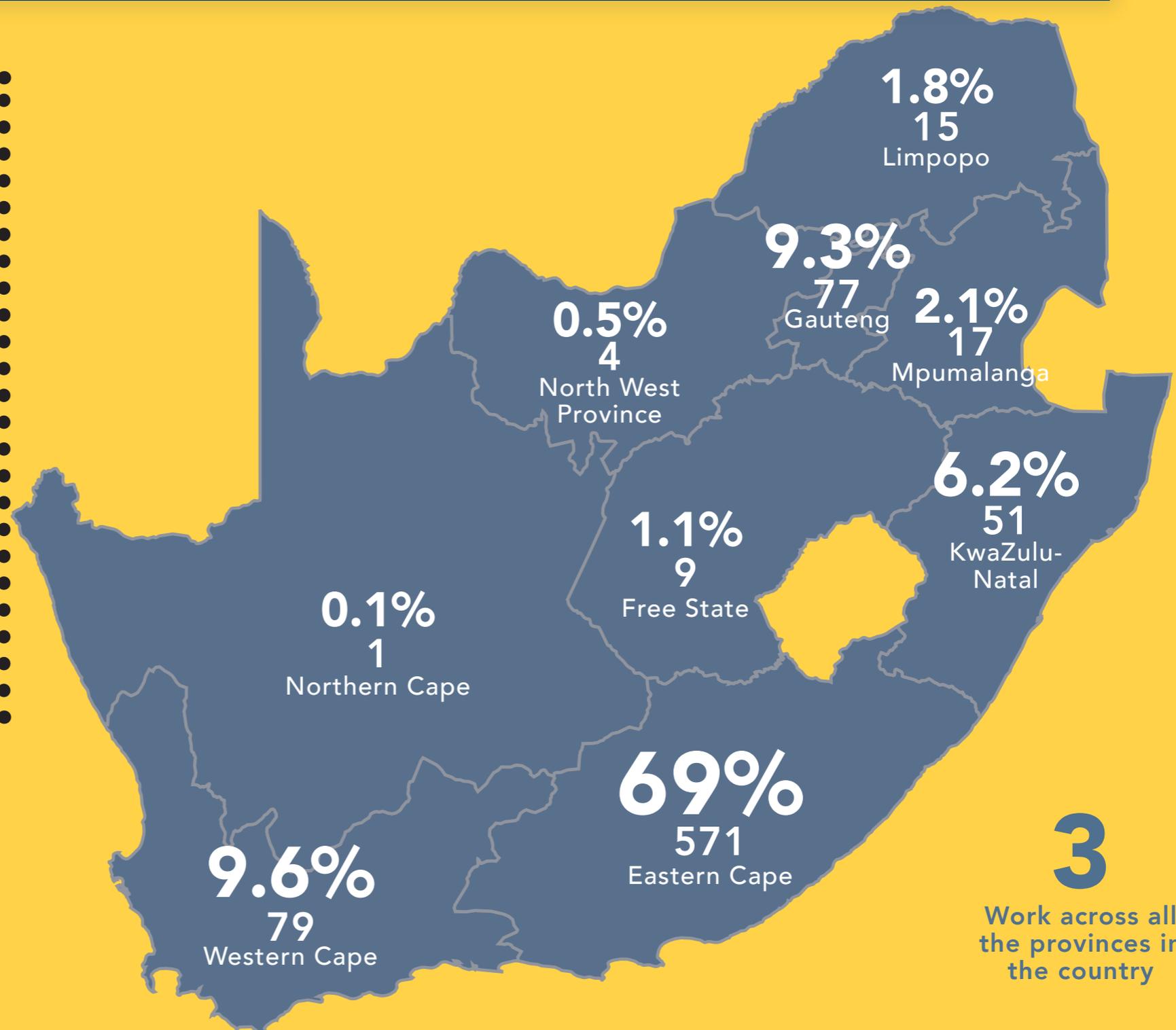
WORKING ONLY	WORKING & STUDYING FURTHER	STUDYING FURTHER ONLY	VOLUNTARY/ UNPAID WORK	LOOKING FOR WORK	GAP YEAR/ UNAVAILABLE	TOTAL
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DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATE RESPONDENTS BY POPULATION GROUP



NUMBER OF GRADUATES WORKING IN EACH PROVINCE

Of the 873 graduate respondents "working" or "in paid employment," 827 (or 94.7%) were working in South Africa, and 23 (or 2.6%) outside of South Africa. 23 (or 2.6%) did not specify the country they were working in.



NUMBER OF GRADUATES WORKING IN EACH COUNTRY



The proportions of respondents employed in South Africa compared to rest of the world:

South Africa:	827	94.7%
The rest of the world:	23	2.6%
Did not specify:	23	2.6%

DID NOT SPECIFY A COUNTRY

23

TOP EMPLOYERS

1.

NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY

38
GRADUATES

2.



basic education
Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Province of the
EASTERN CAPE
EDUCATION

35
GRADUATES

3.



health
Department:
Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Province of the
EASTERN CAPE
HEALTH

32
GRADUATES

9.



5
GRADUATES

9.



5
GRADUATES

9.



5
GRADUATES

5.



11
GRADUATES

4.



creating new futures
Kariega, Gqeberha, Makhanda & Graaff-Reinet

13
GRADUATES

8.

sappi

6
GRADUATES

7.



7
GRADUATES

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Volkswagen
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GRADUATES

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higher education
& training
Department:
Higher Education and Training
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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GRADUATES

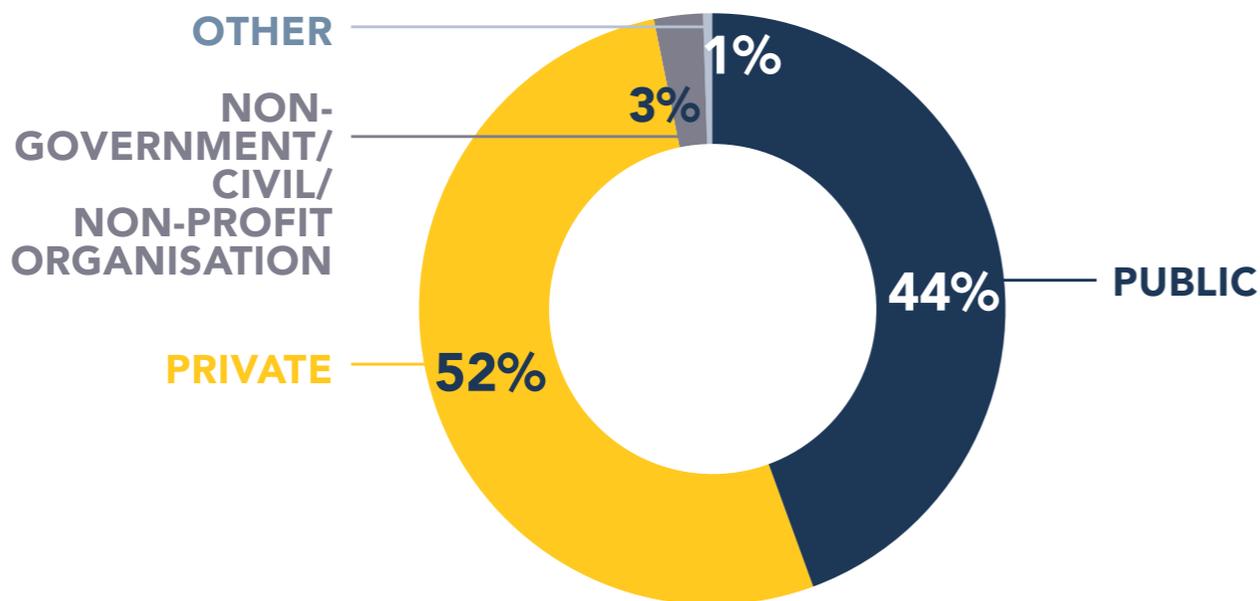
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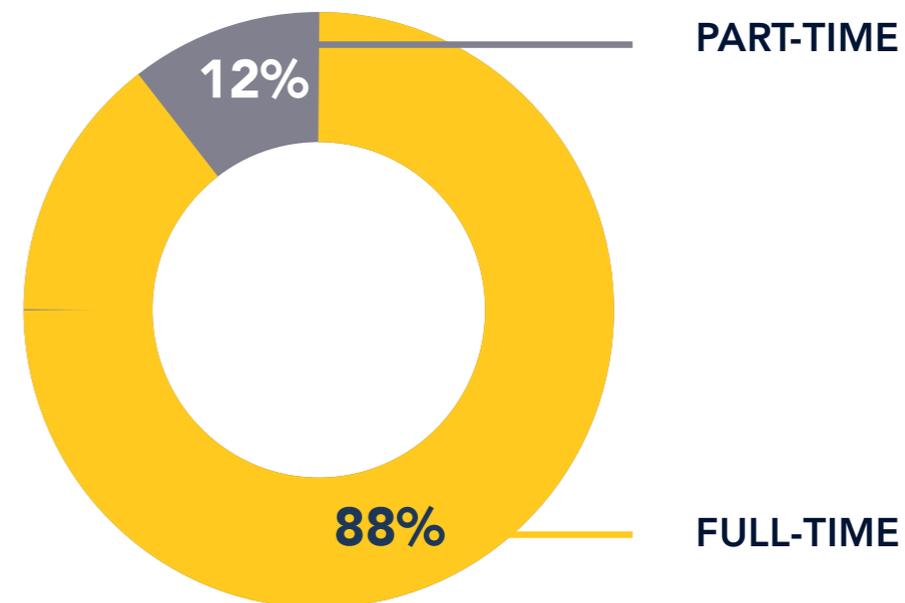
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GRADUATES

EMPLOYMENT SECTOR AND CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

IN WHAT TYPE OF SECTOR ARE YOU EMPLOYED?



IS THIS A FULL- OR PART-TIME POSITION?



66
SELF-EMPLOYED

7.6%
of the 873
"working"
respondents



2.2%
of 3 035
ALL Dec 2020
and April 2021
respondents

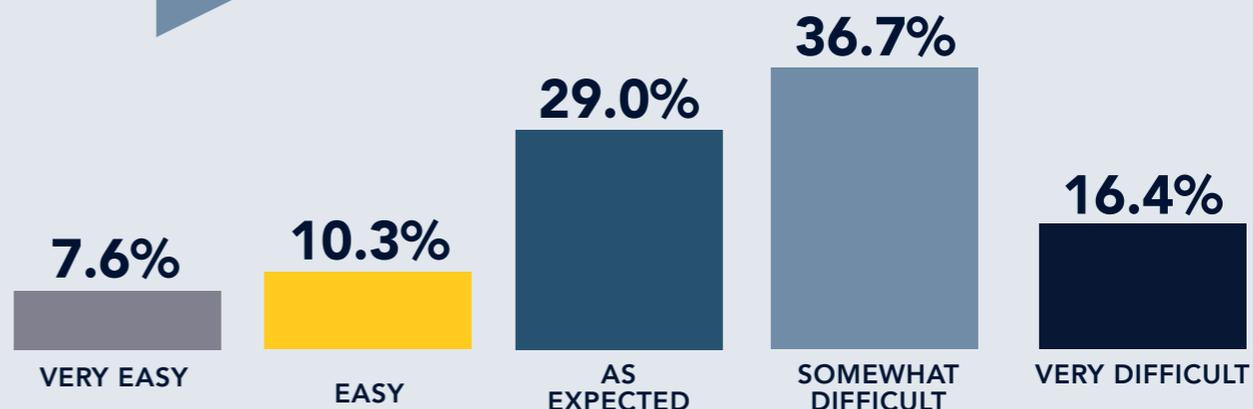


EASE OF FINDING EMPLOYMENT AND IMPORTANCE OF QUALIFICATION

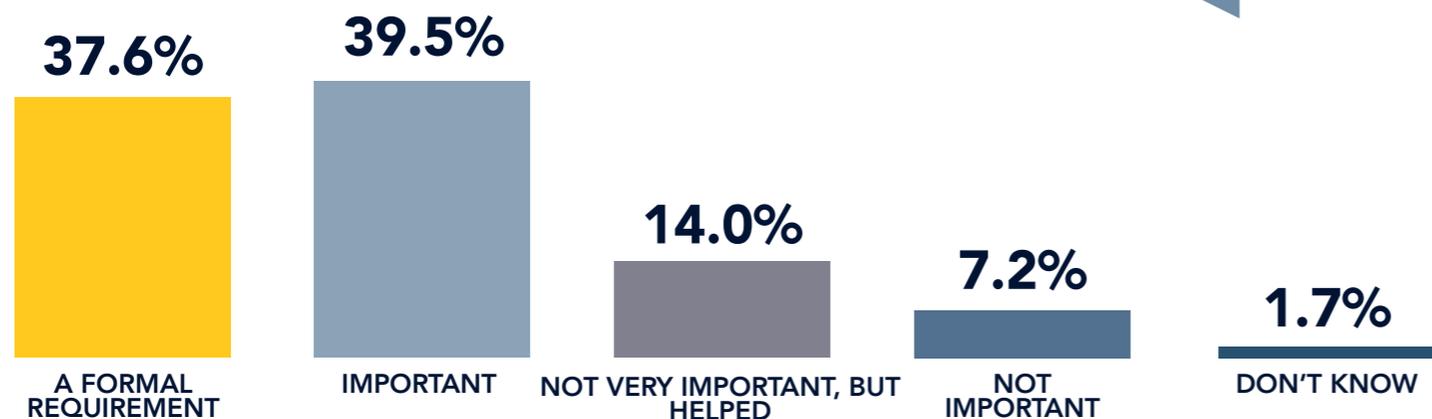
53%

found it "Somewhat difficult" or "Very difficult" to find work in their field of study

IN YOUR OPINION, HOW EASY WAS IT TO FIND EMPLOYMENT IN YOUR FIELD OF STUDY?



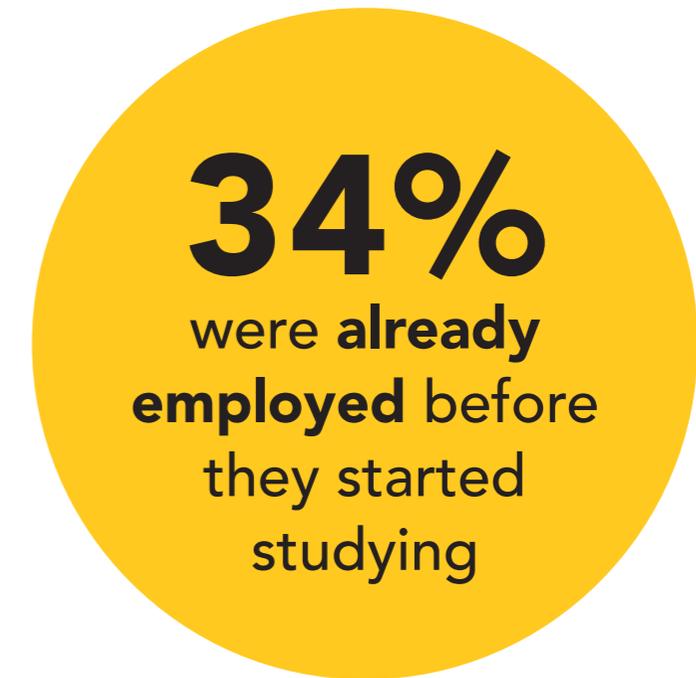
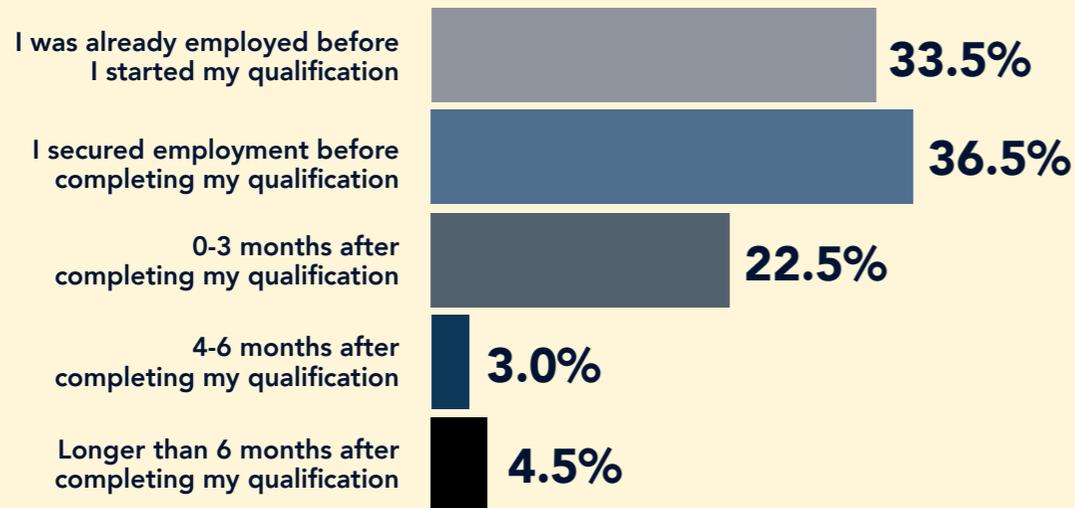
HOW IMPORTANT WAS THE QUALIFICATION YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN YOUR JOB?



For **77%** of respondents their qualification was "A formal requirement" or "Important" in securing their job

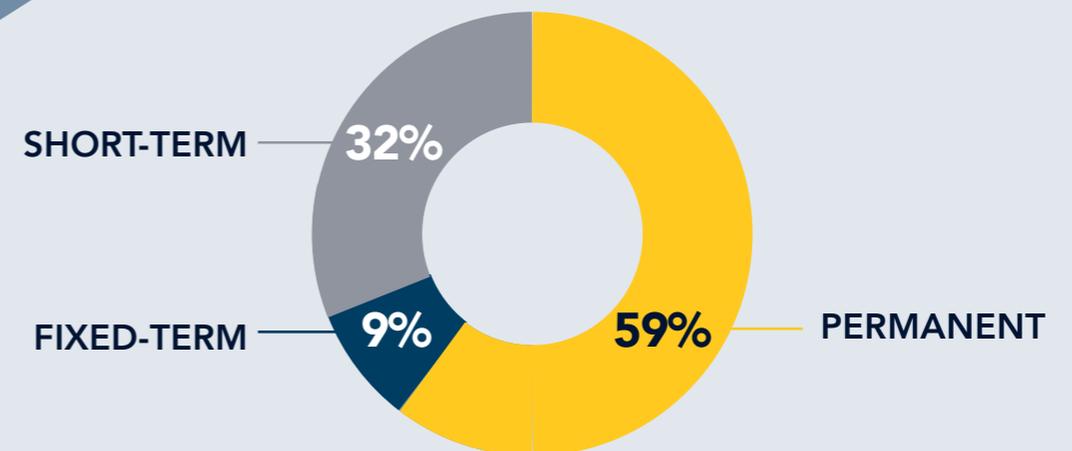
TIME TO AND NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT

HOW SOON AFTER COMPLETION OF YOUR QUALIFICATION DID YOU FIND EMPLOYMENT?



60%
indicated that they were
employed in their first
full-time job (other than
holiday jobs)

THIS POSITION IS ...



EMPLOYMENT IN FIELD OF STUDY

74.2%

OF ALL RESPONDENTS ARE
IN A JOB RELATING TO THEIR
FIELD OF STUDY

DID YOU FIND EMPLOYMENT RELATING TO YOUR FIELD OF STUDY?

YES

74%

UNDERGRADUATE

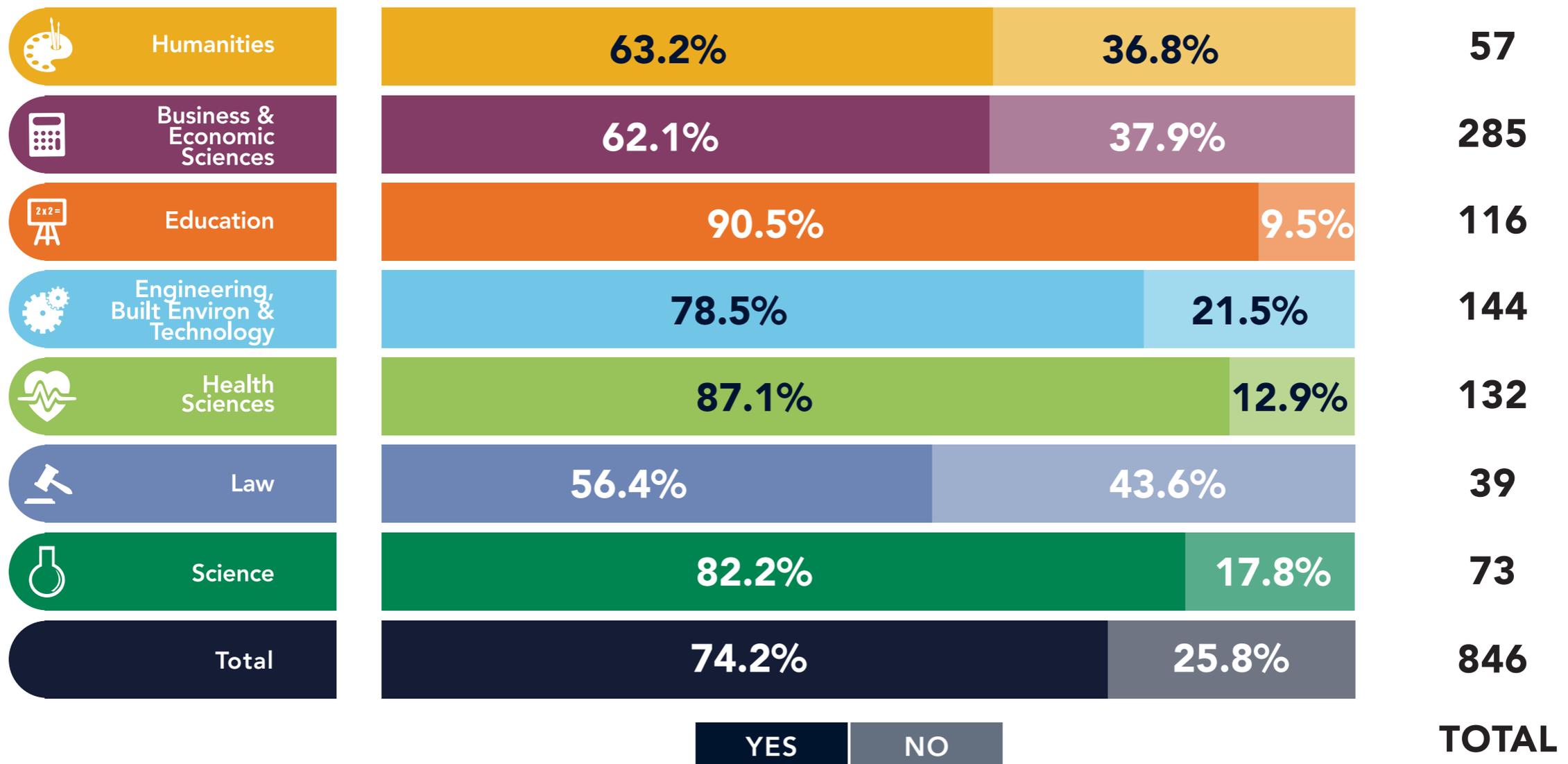
YES

74%

POSTGRADUATE

EMPLOYMENT IN FIELD OF STUDY BY FACULTY

DID YOU FIND EMPLOYMENT RELATING TO YOUR FIELD OF STUDY?



% of those "working"/ "in paid employment" who are in a job relating to thier qualification.

FURTHER STUDIES

46.7%

1 417 of the 3 035
graduate respondents
were studying further

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY 1 256 89%

UNISA

26 2%

Cape Peninsula University of Technology

9 1%



RHODES UNIVERSITY

7 1%



UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

7 1%



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

6 0%

OTHER PUBLIC SA UNIVERSITIES

40 3%

OTHER SA HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

37 3%

INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

7 1%