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TEXAS TECH



# **SURVEY OF GRADUATE STUDENT ALUMNI**

**SPRING 2025**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Students graduating from Texas Tech University with graduate degrees benefited from expert and supportive faculty and felt they gained the relevant and necessary experience to succeed in their chosen careers. They are innovators and researchers; entrepreneurs; health care providers; educators and university faculty; leaders in business, government and nonprofit sectors; and advancers of the arts and humanities. Their contributions to the workforce enhance society and significantly enrich the local, national and global economies. Below is a synopsis of the survey results:

Around 75% of respondents entered the workforce directly without continuing their education. The other respondents who continued their education, nearly 90% went on to earn a doctoral or master's degrees.

Around 31% of respondents were employed in the administration/leadership/management sector. While just over 69% were employed in other sectors, the next two highest sectors include education, and research and development. Around 29% of respondents are in the education sector and nearly 12% are in the research and development sector.

Around 71% of respondents are employed full-time and 17% are retired. Nearly 59% of respondents are employed in Texas.

Nearly 47% of respondents were born in Texas and around 20% were born outside of the United States and its territories.

Nearly 45% of the respondents earns between \$50,000 to \$100,000. Nearly 15% earn less than \$50,000 and 20% earn between \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Around 86% of the respondents at least somewhat agree that their most recent or current job is related to their Texas Tech Education.

Around 86% of the respondents were very satisfied or satisfied with their overall program quality. 87% were satisfied or very satisfied with the intellectual challenge of their program and 85% were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of faculty.

Around 79% of the respondents were very satisfied or satisfied with the adequacy of facilities and equipment. 78% were very satisfied or satisfied with library or electronic resources and 72% were very satisfied or satisfied graduate student life experiences. However, only 45 percent were very satisfied or satisfied with assistance provided in finding employment.

A majority of our participants felt no improvements were needed. The highest recommendation was due to course accessibility, rigor and/or accommodations. Followed by climate/association with others and career guidance.

## Survey Administration

The survey was administered by Institutional Research of the Texas Tech System. A survey was sent to all alumni of record who earned a graduate degree at Texas Tech. The subset of alumni who were selected was based on graduation years starting from 2023 and going back every five years from there (2018, 2013, 2008, 2003, etc.).

7982 emails requests were sent with 497 emails being bounced back and 417 respondents unsubscribed from the email list. Emails were sent out starting on November 21st, 2024 at 1PM. Weekly reminders were sent out every Tuesday at noon. A total of 1107 responses were recorded, yielding a response rate of about 14%. 683 responses were masters degree recipients, 282 responses were doctoral degree recipients and 142 responses were inconclusive about there classifications.

## Survey Updates

The survey was updated this year to remove most open ended questions to close ended questions. All questions were also made optional and additional questions were added.

Postcards will no longer be mailed due to previous low response rates.

The survey was left open longer for responses. The survey circulated for 14 weeks instead of 8 weeks. Emails were sent at noon instead of the morning.

## Notes

In order to clear any slicers, please click on the Texas Tech Graduate School Logo above.

The Midwest States include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The Southern States include Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The U.S. Territories include American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

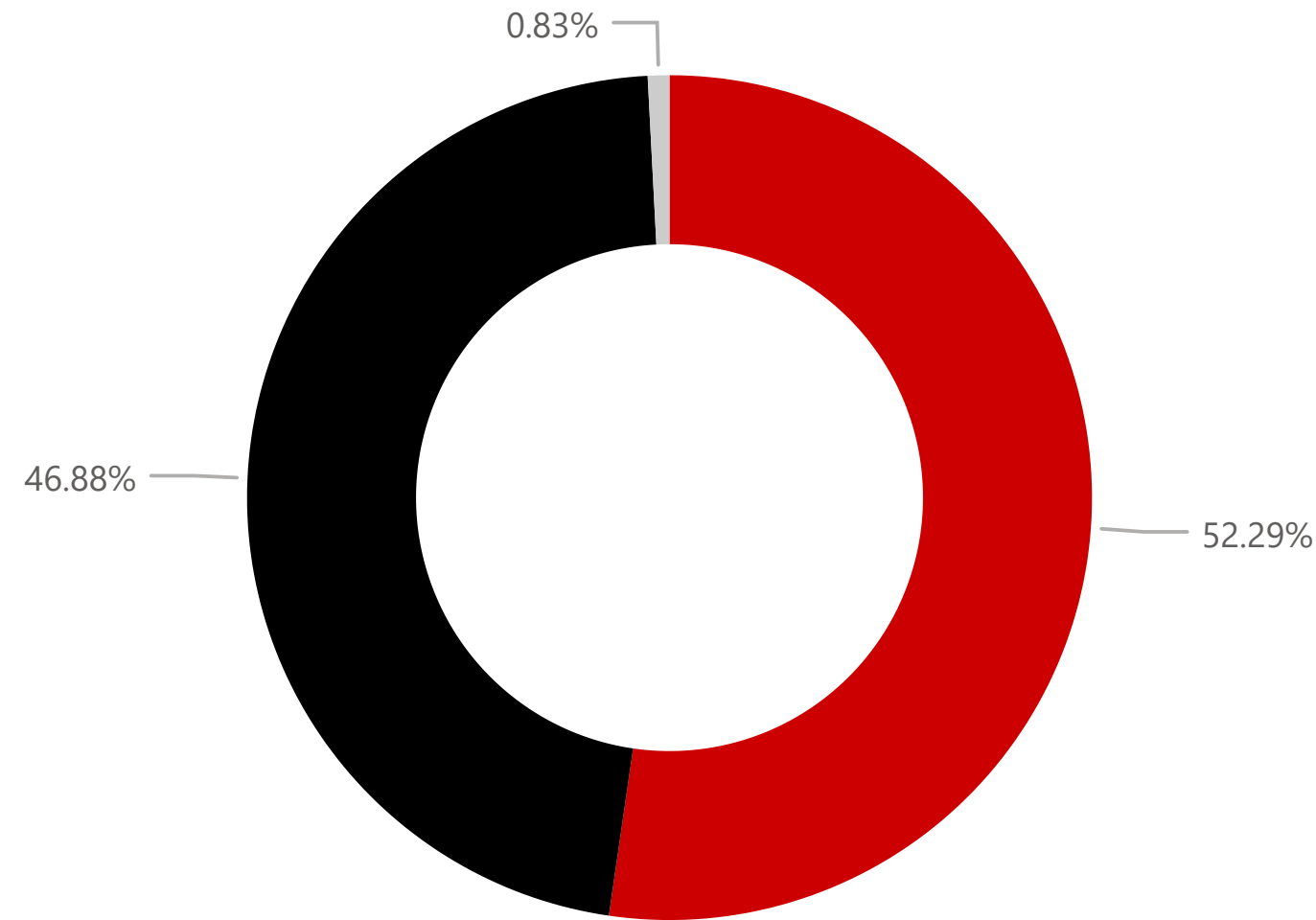
The Northeast States include Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The West & Pacific States include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

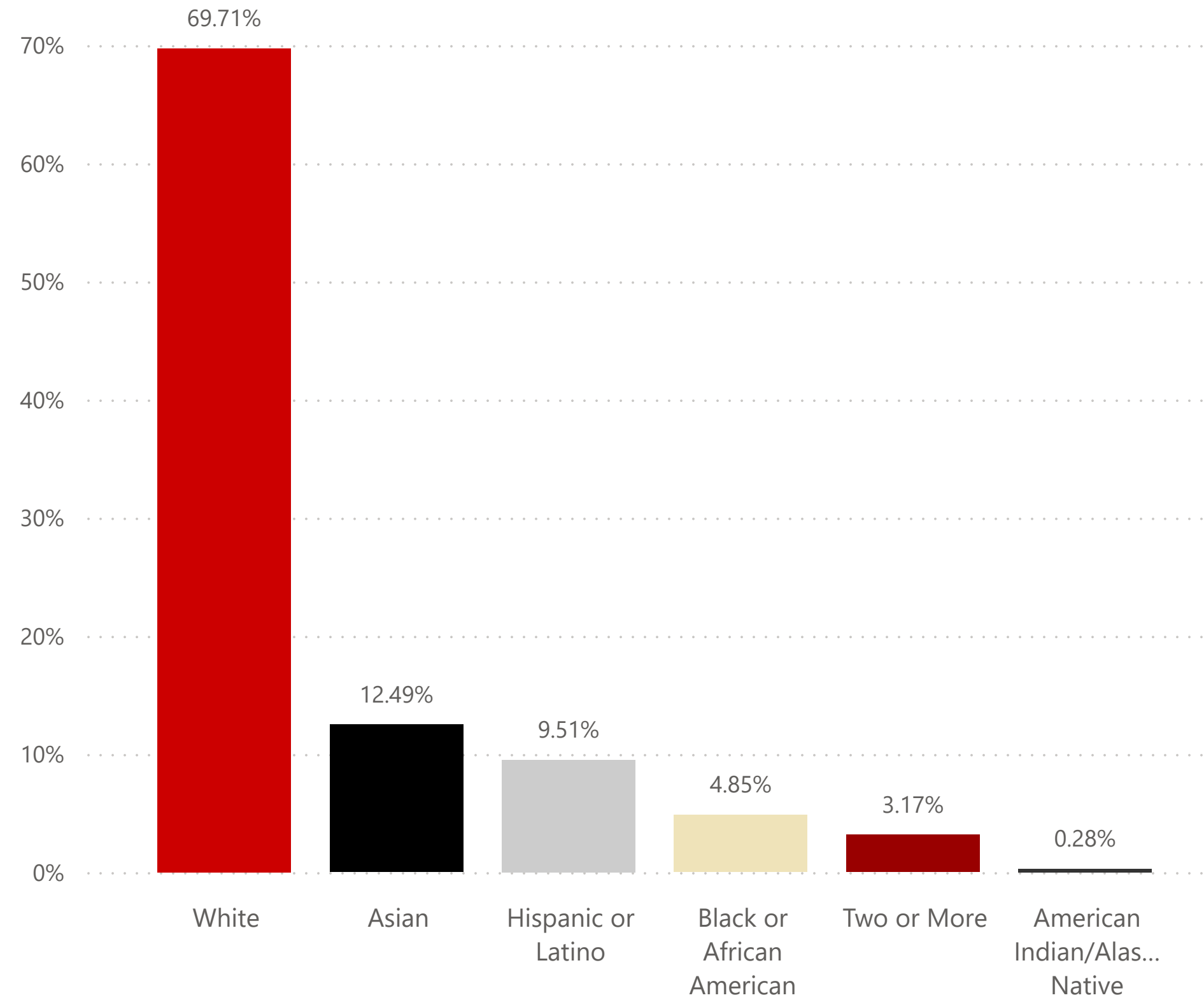
# Demographics

**Gender**

● Male ● Female ● Other

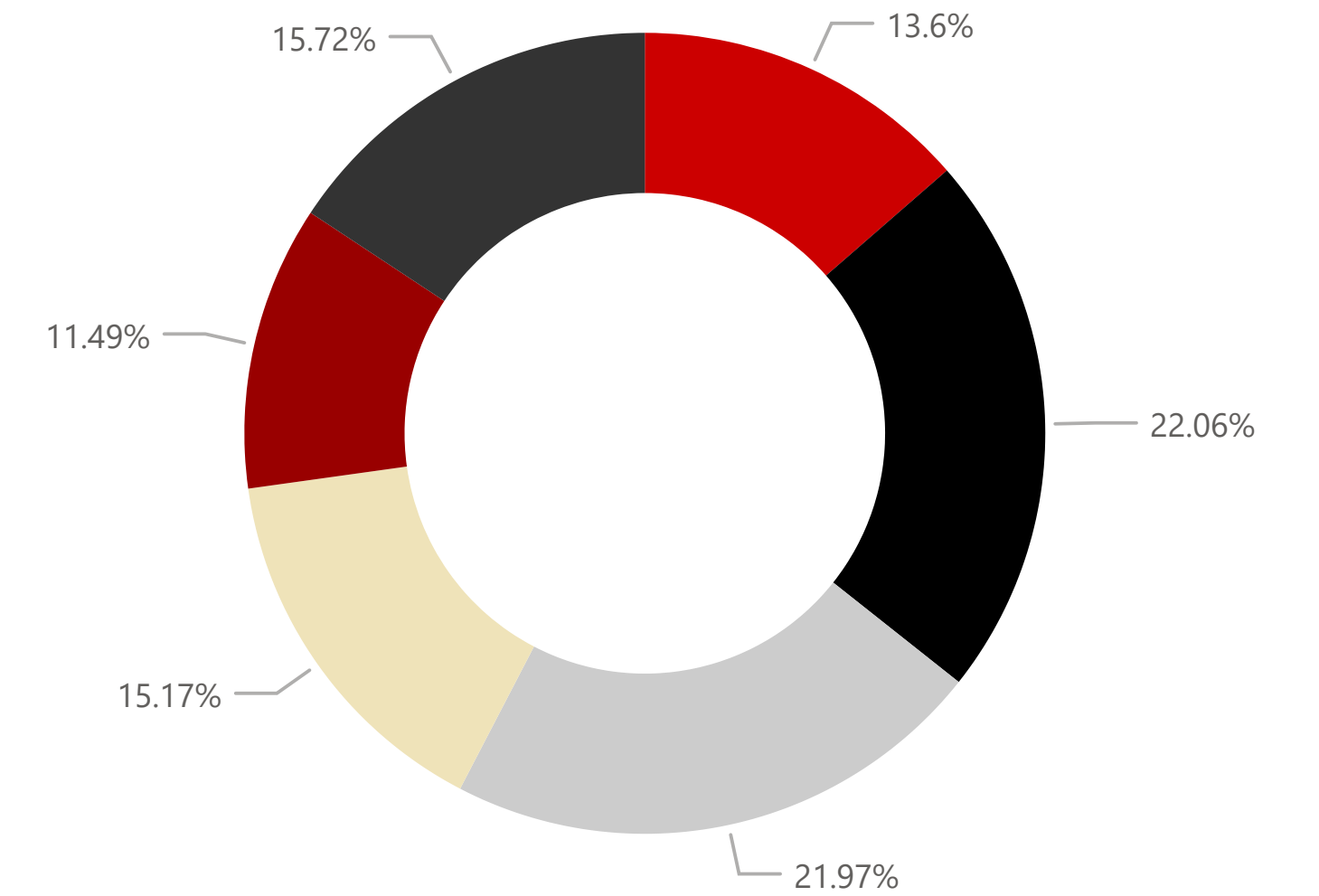


**Race**



**Age**

● 20-29 ● 30-39 ● 40-49 ● 50-59 ● 60-69 ● 70+



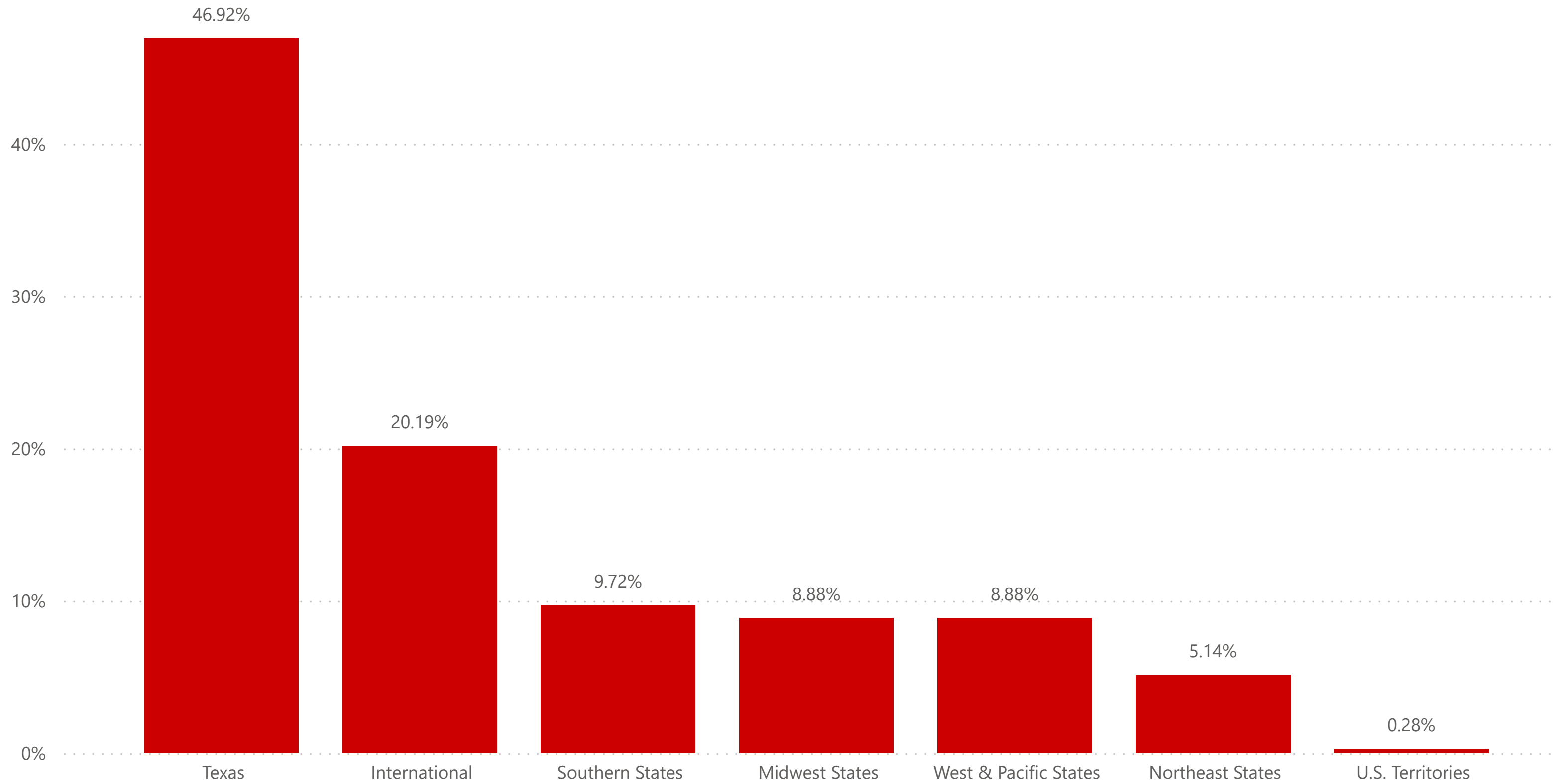
A majority of the participants are Male.

The race of the participants is majority white followed by Asian and Hispanic or Latino.

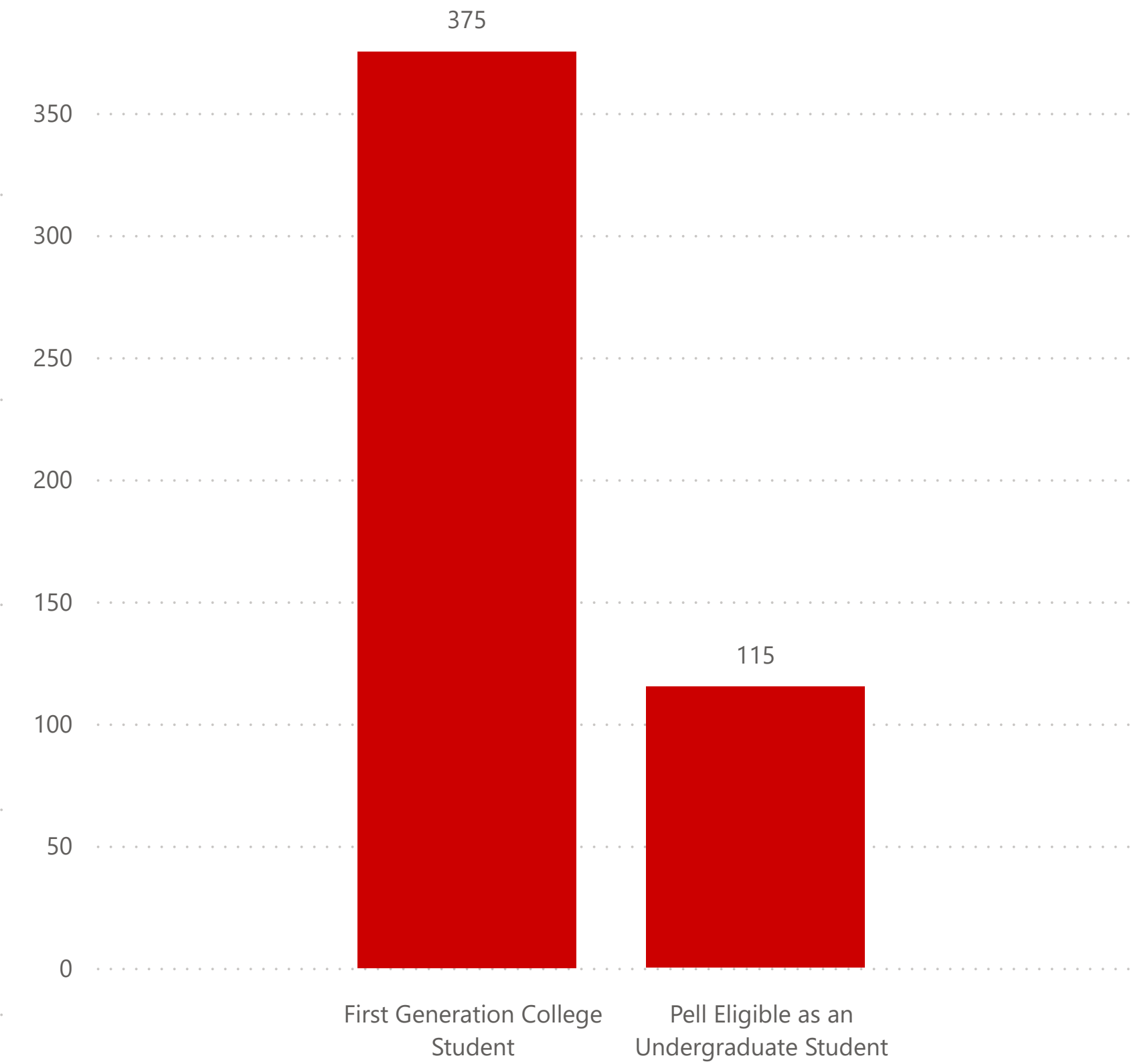
Most of the participants are between 30 to 49 years old.

# Demographics

**Birth Place**



**Additional Demographics**

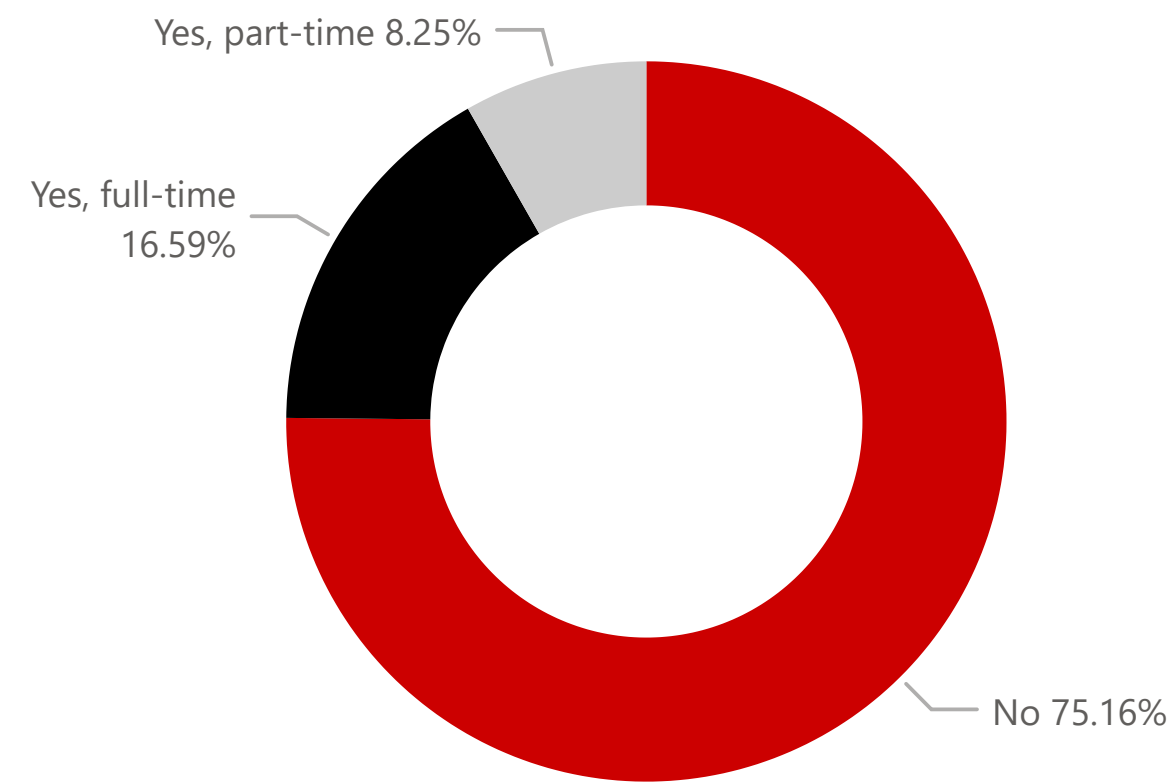


Nearly half of the participants were born in Texas. With 20% being born outside of the United States and its territories.

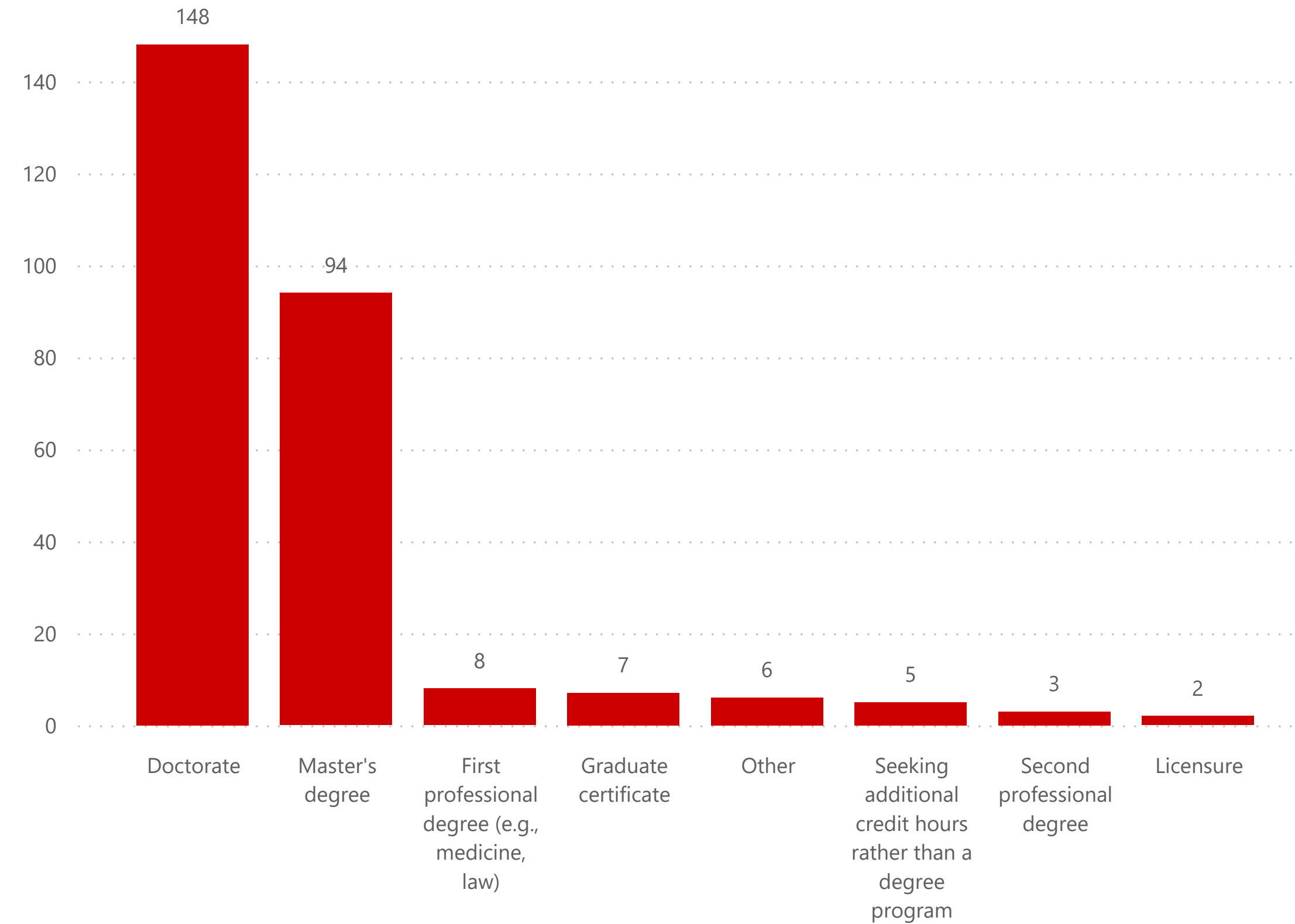
375 of the participants are first generation college students and 115 received pell grant as an undergraduate.

# Advancing Education

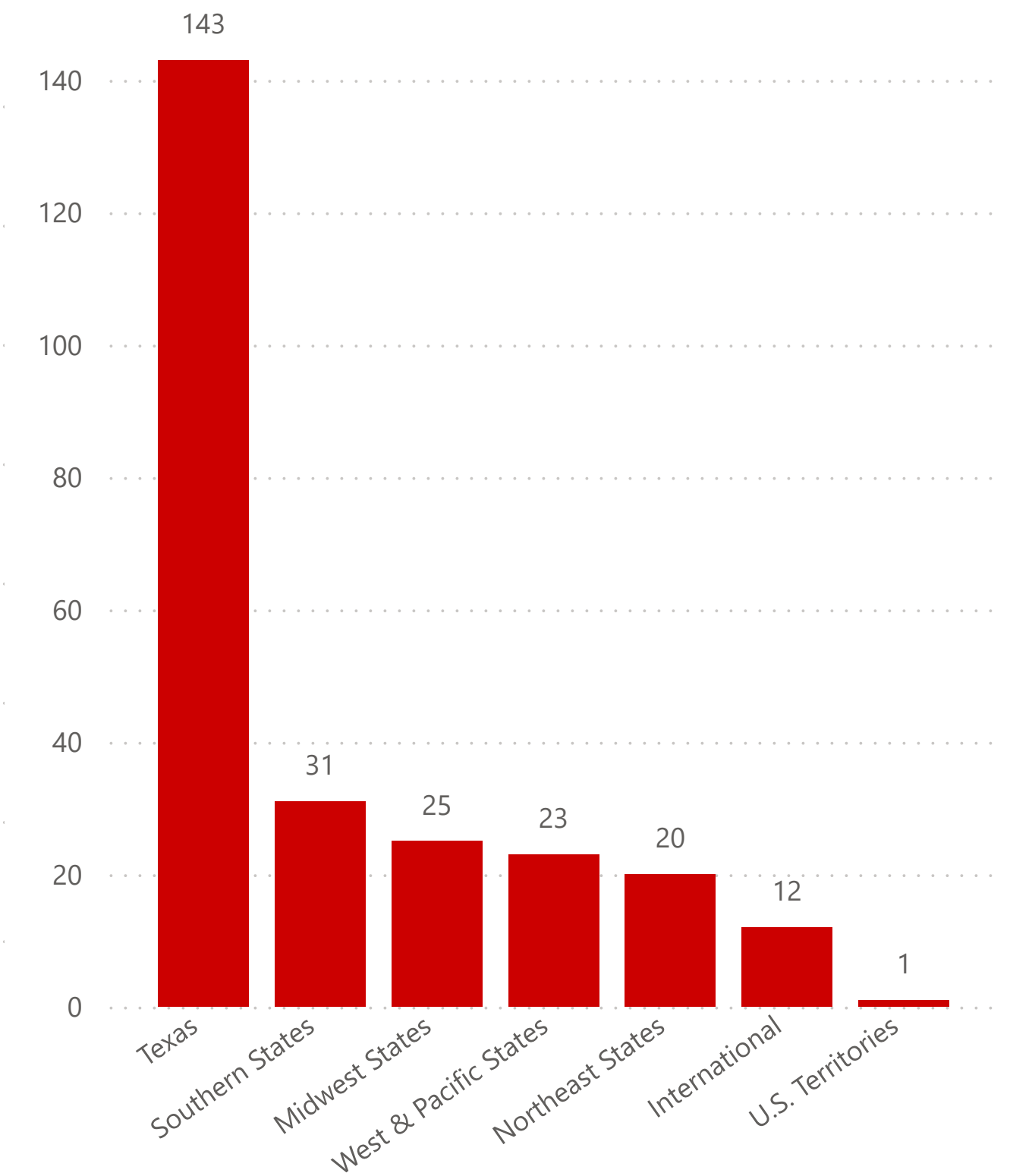
Did you Advance Your Education After Texas Tech?



Highest Degree you Have Achieved?



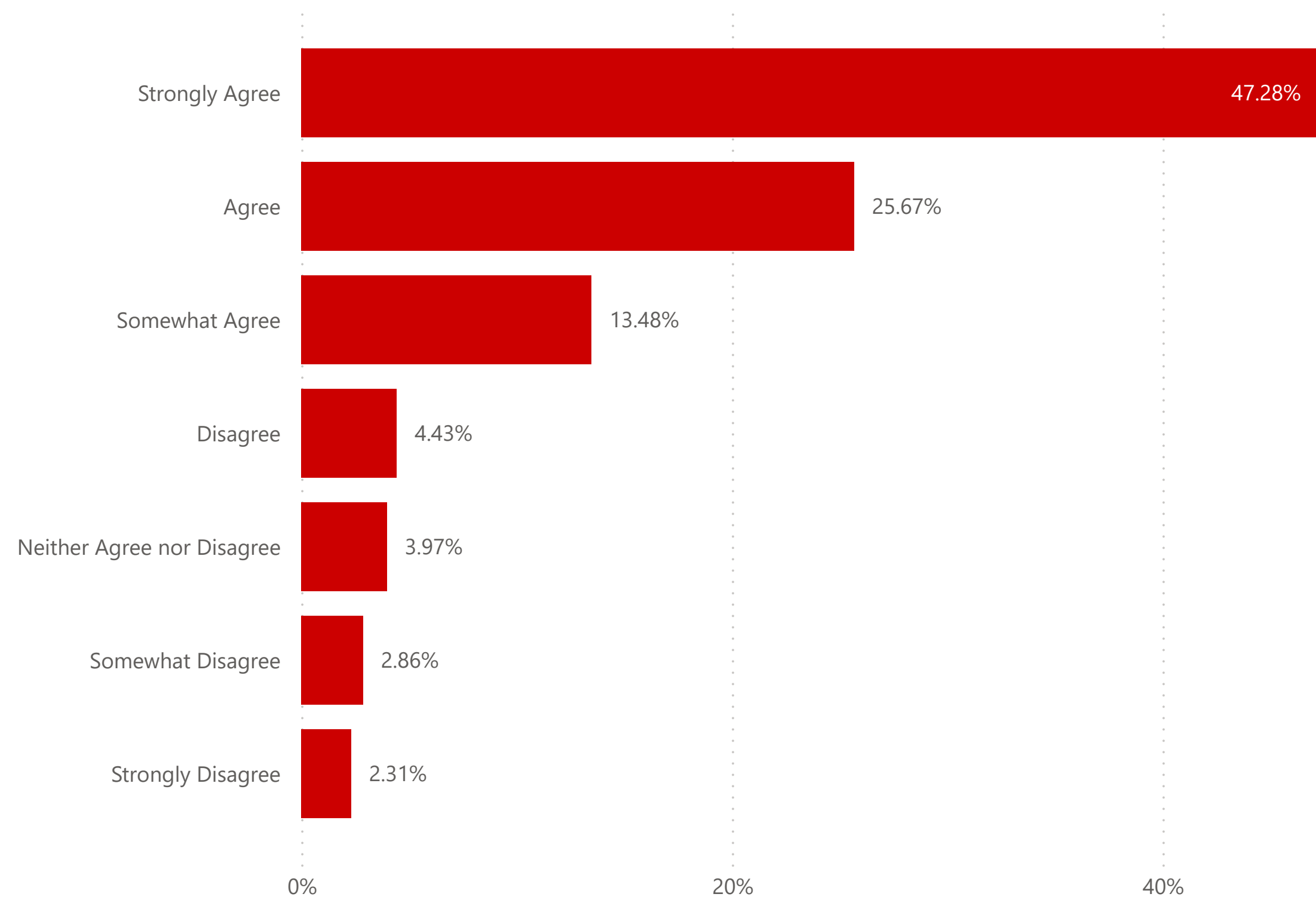
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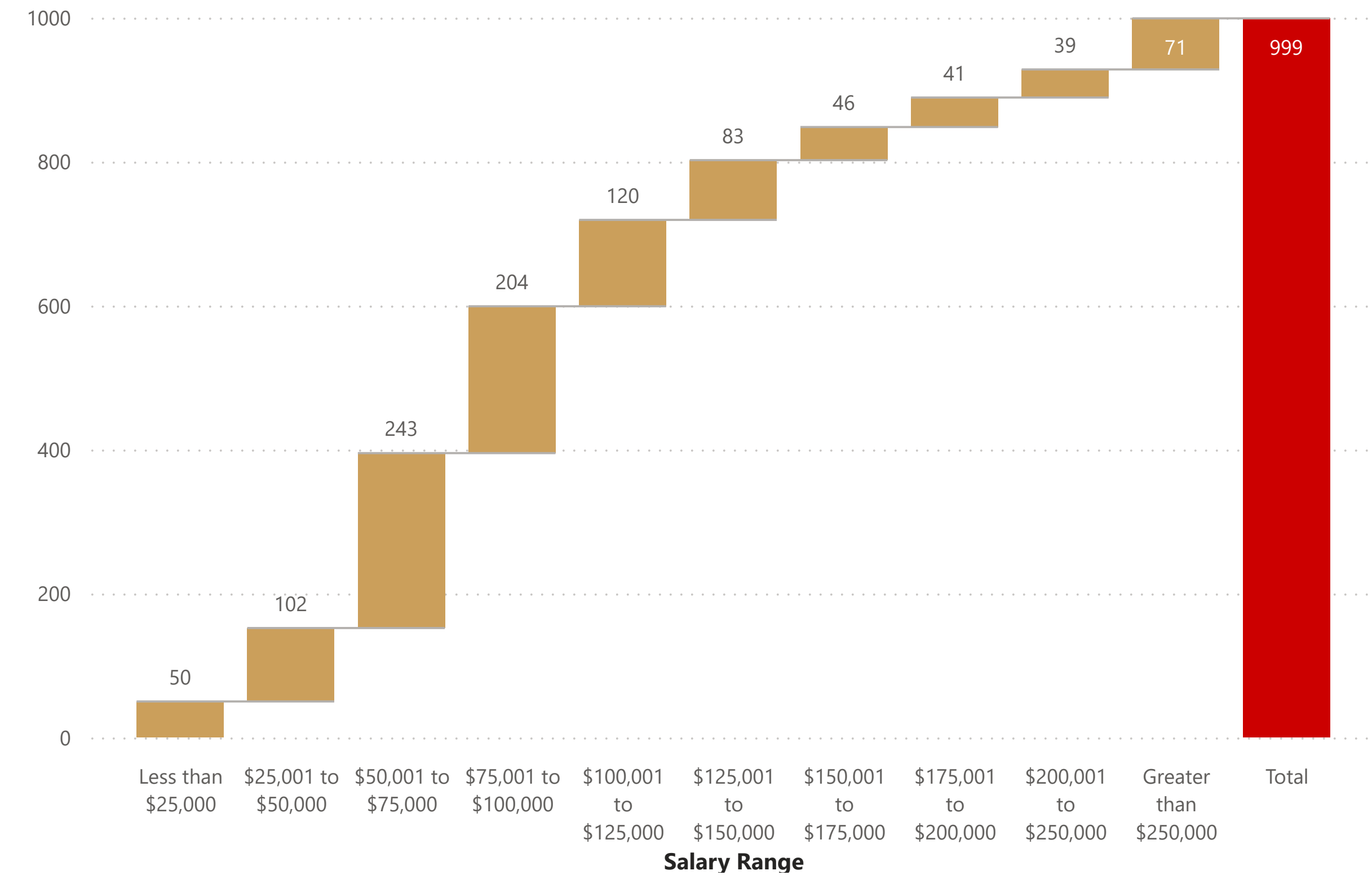
Nearly 25% of participants continue their education after Texas Tech. Most of those participants earned a doctorate or a master's degree. A majority of them continued their education in Texas and Southern/Midwest States.

# Career After Texas Tech

**My Current or Most Recent Job is Closely Related to my Texas Tech Education**



**Salary**

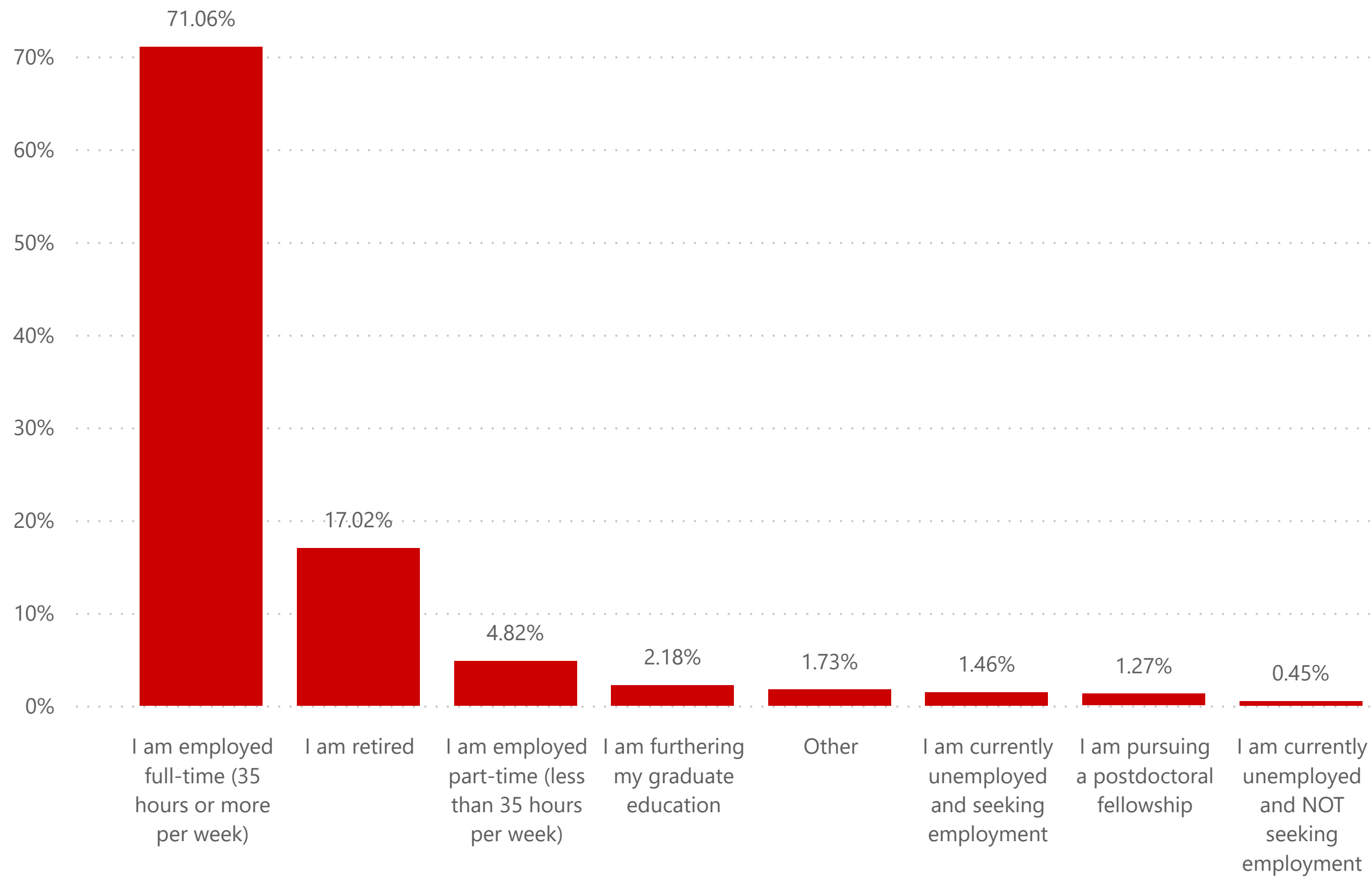


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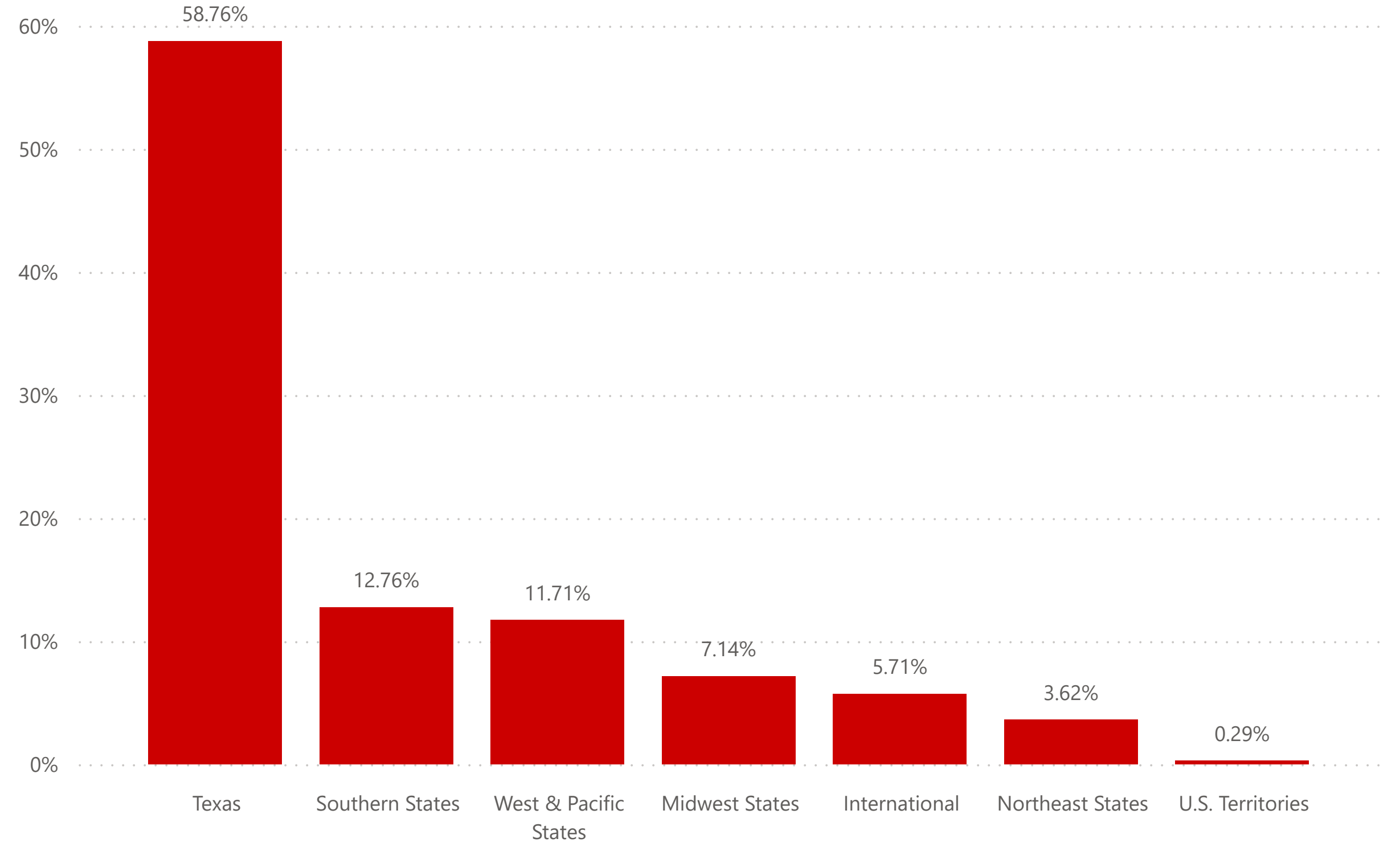
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**Current Employment Status**



**Location of your Current or Most Recent Employer**

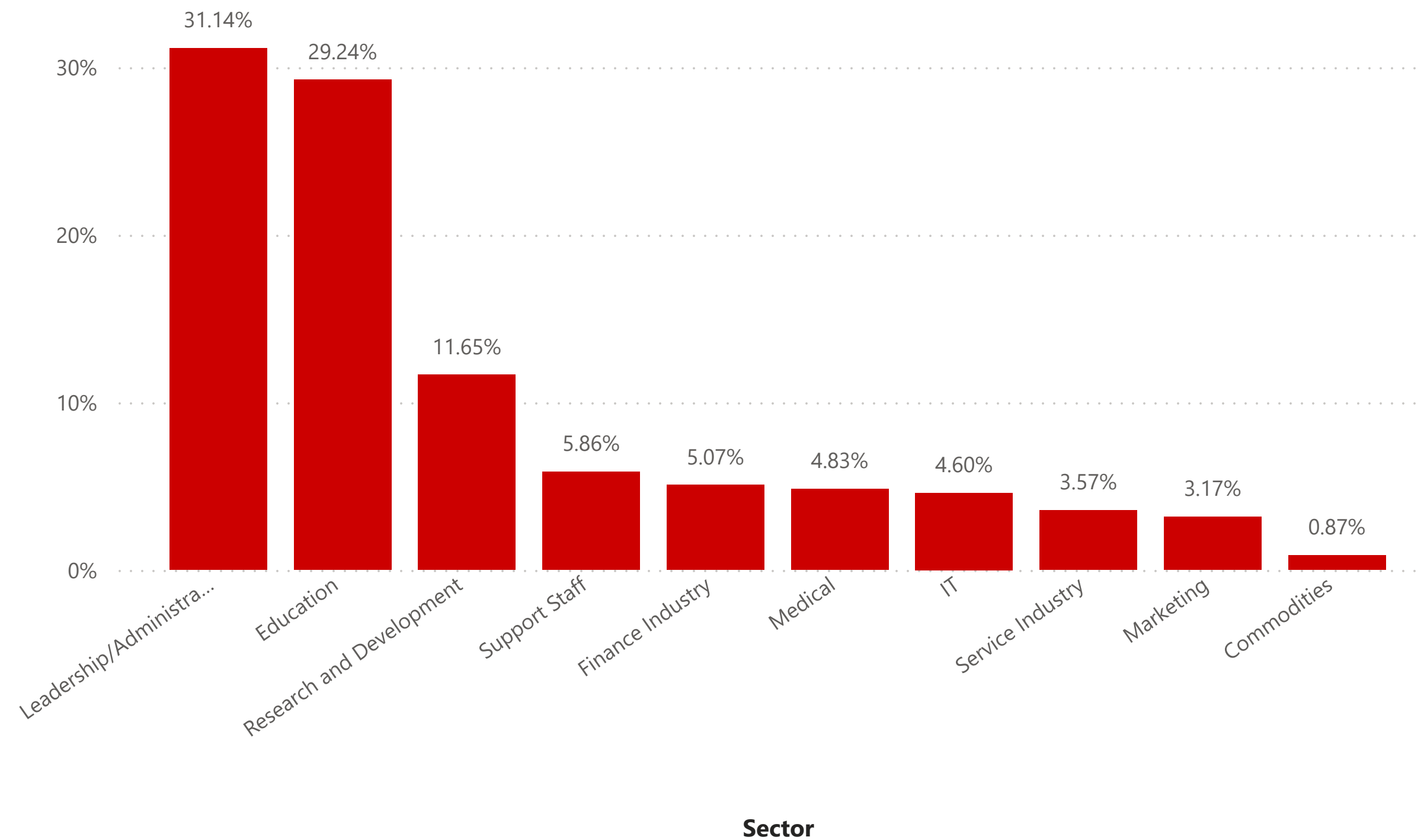


A majority of the participants are employed full time with nearly 17% being retired. Most participants are employed in Texas and Southern/West & Pacific States.

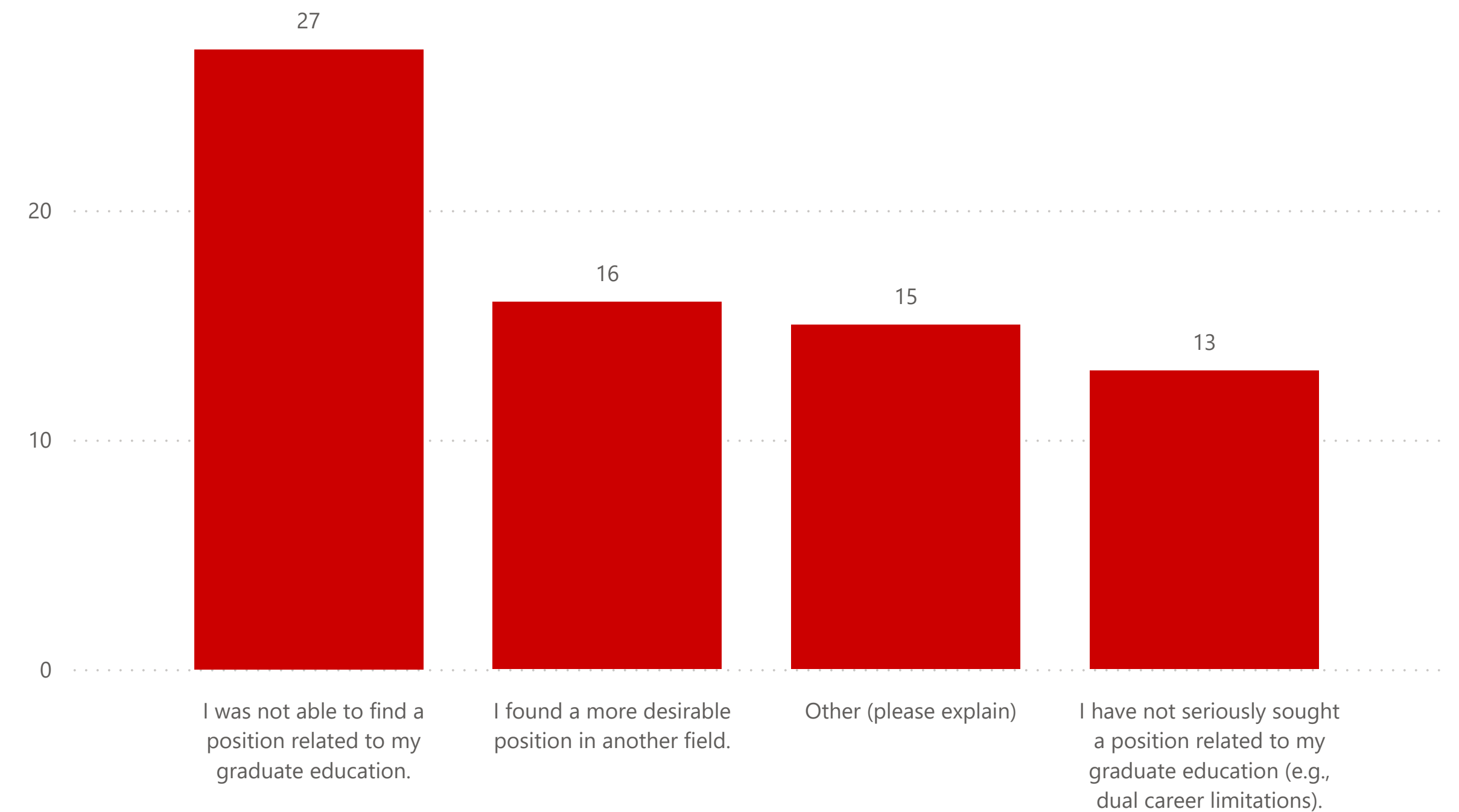


# Career After Texas Tech

**Which Sector Best Describes your Current or Most Recent Employer**



**If Current or Most Recent Career is Unrelated to Your Texas Tech Education, What Best Describes Your Position?**



Nearly 72% of the participant works in the leadership/administration/management, education, and research/development Sectors. 71 participants were not able to find a career based on their Texas Tech Education based on their most recent or current job. 27 weren't able to find a position related to their education while the rest might of found a better position in a different career or didn't look for a career in the field related to their Texas Tech education.

# Academic and Nonacademic Elements

**How satisfied were you with the following elements of your graduate program? Percentages reflect those who responded very satisfied or satisfied.**

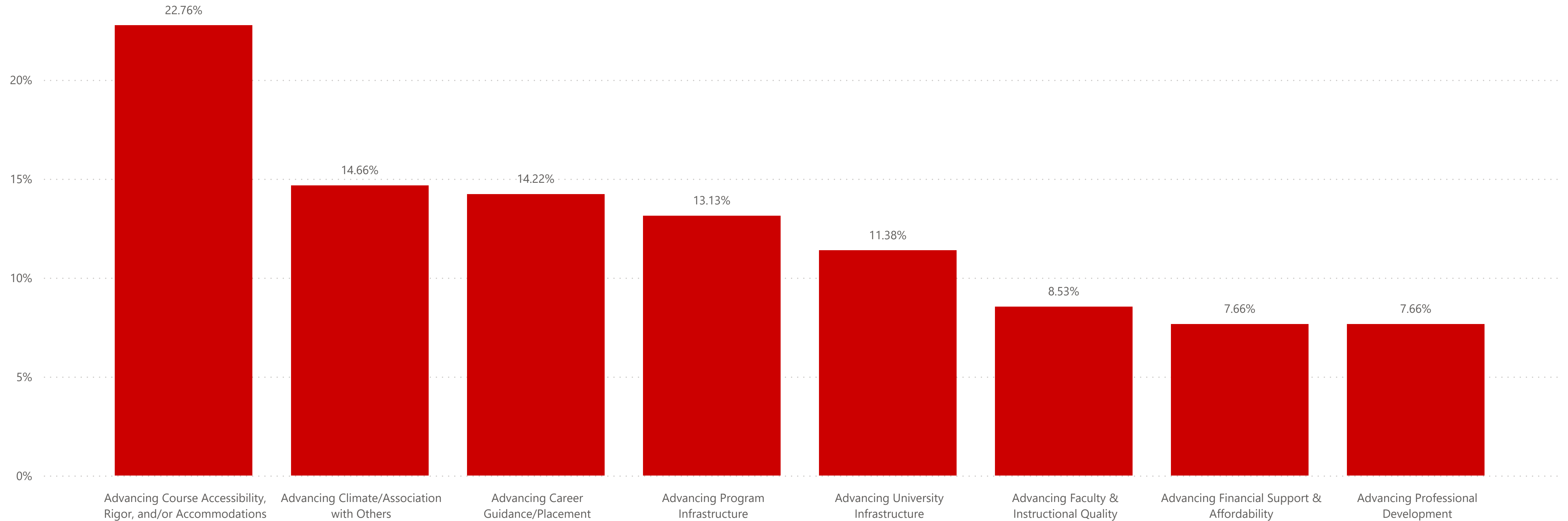


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# Recommendations

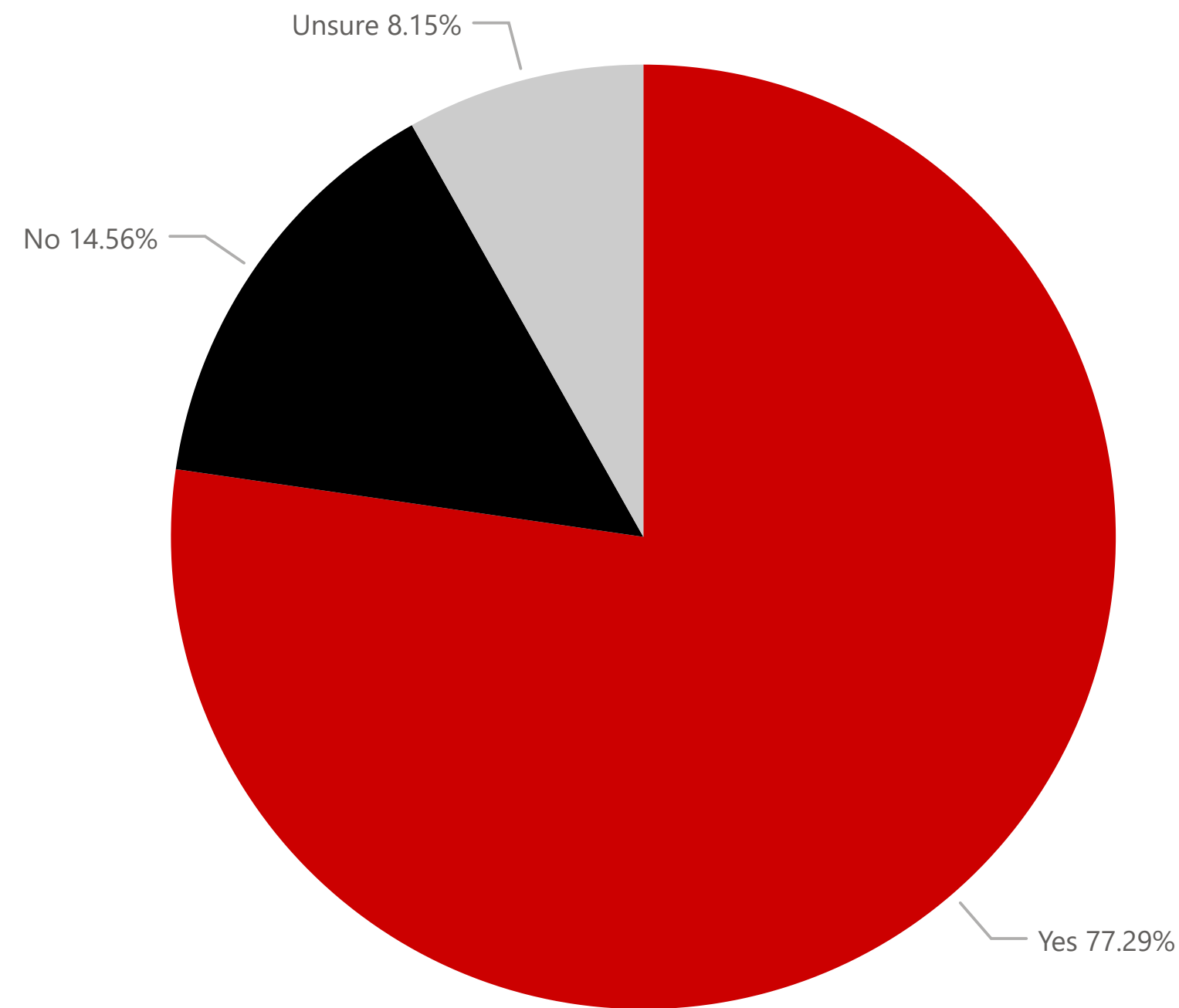
What recommendations regarding your Texas Tech graduate education experience could have been enhanced.



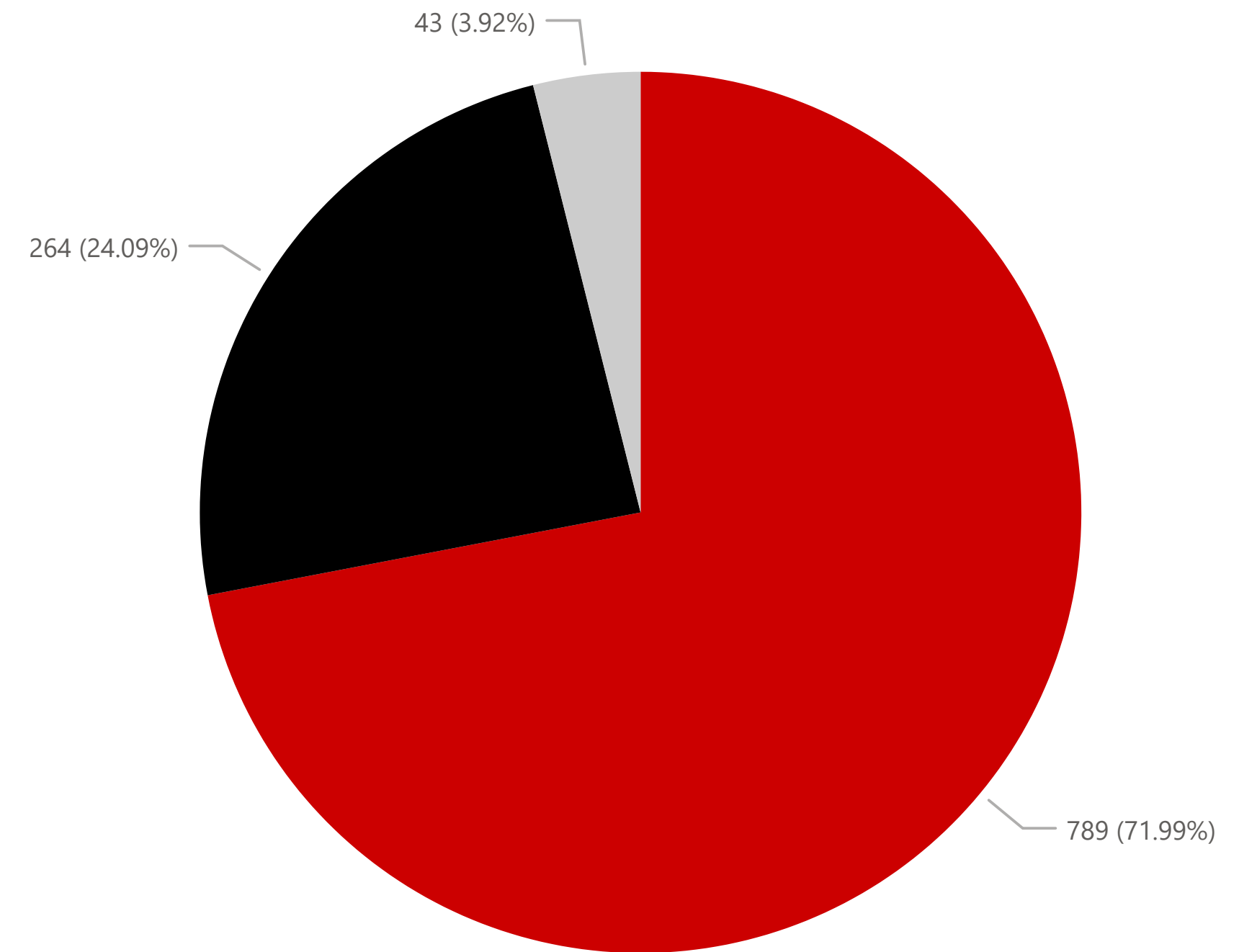
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# Relations with Texas Tech After Graduation

Have you Recommended Texas Tech Graduate School to Anyone?



Have you attended any Texas Tech Alumni Events?



Over 70% of our participants have recommend Texas Tech to someone and/or attended a Texas Tech Alumni Event.



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