

The image shows a modern building with a large glass facade and a wooden ceiling. The view is from an elevated outdoor seating area with tables and chairs, looking out over a campus at dusk. The sky is a deep blue, and the campus below is illuminated by streetlights. The building's interior, visible through the glass, features bookshelves and study tables.

# ACC Transfer Intent Student Survey 2020

Office of Institutional Research & Analytics

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- Online survey administered to ACC students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester
- Survey open from 4/30 to 5/10
- Response rate 12.2%
  - Invitations sent to 17,375 students enrolled in gateway courses
  - 2,138 responses received

# Noteworthy Findings

- 92% have considered or thought about transferring to a four-year
- 74.2 % responded "very likely" they will transfer
- The two schools with the highest percent responding that they are the first choice for transfer to a four year are:
  - Texas State University (29.5%) and
  - The University of Texas at Austin (30.9%)

# Noteworthy Findings

- 54.3% plan on earning an associate degree before transferring
- 75.7% responded "strongly agree" or "agree" to lining up their ACC coursework to conform to requirements for their major at the transfer institution
- 61.0% stated "yes" they were following a transfer guide or agreement for a particular school
- 43.4% stated that yes the COVID-19 has caused them to modify plans to transfer

# Noteworthy Findings

- **Top three ways students have modified plans:**
  - 39.2% responded (strongly agree or agree) that they are going to spend more time taking courses at ACC before transferring
  - 36.6% responded (strongly agree or agree) that they decided to take fewer courses
  - 32.8%(strongly agree or agree) they had delayed the semester when plan to attend the transfer institution

# Noteworthy Findings

- **Top three factors that might prevent students from attending a four-year college:**
  - 63.9% responded (strongly agree or agree) that the higher cost of tuition and fees at the four-year college or university
  - 42.4% responded (strongly agree or agree) not getting accepted
  - 40.5% responded (strongly agree or agree) loans and personal debt

# Noteworthy Findings

- **Top three aspects of the transfer process ACC students need help with:**
  - 79.2% responded (strongly agree or agree) learning about program-specific admission policies at four-year colleges and universities
  - 75.1% responded (strongly agree or agree) learning about four-year college and university admission policies
  - 73.9% responded (strongly agree or agree) completing the application to transfer to a four-year college or university



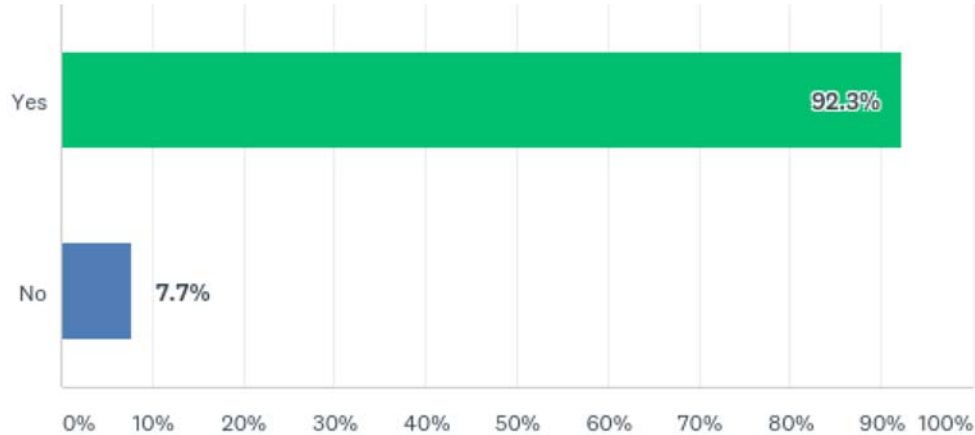




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Answered: 2,130 Skipped: 8



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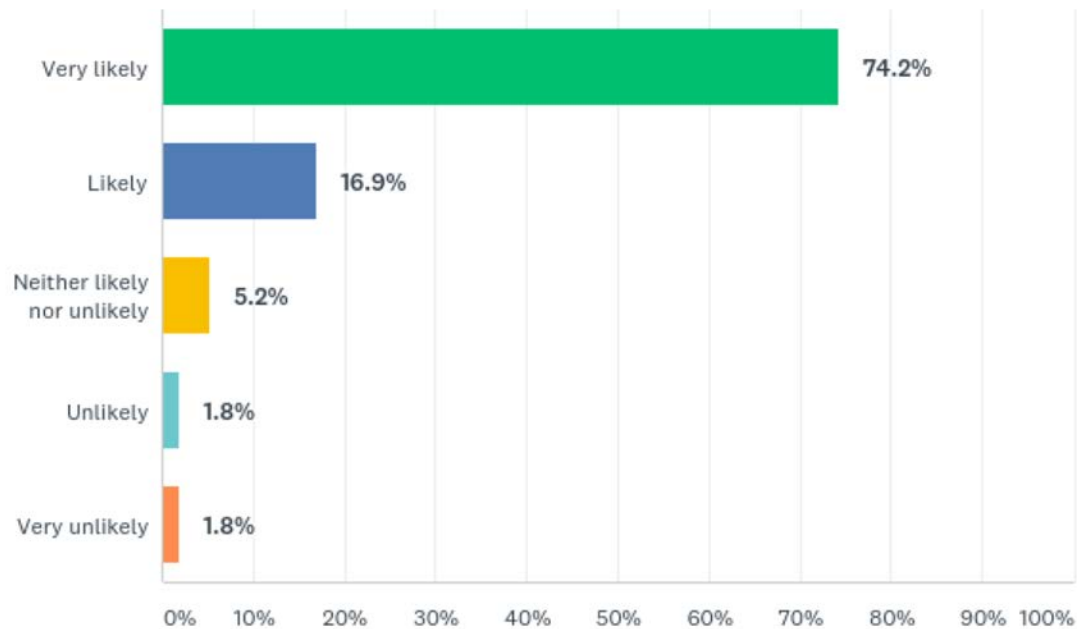
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Answered: 2,130 Skipped: 8

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Yes	92.3%	1,966
No	7.7%	164
Total		2,130

### Q3: How likely is that you will transfer?

Answered: 2,030 Skipped: 108



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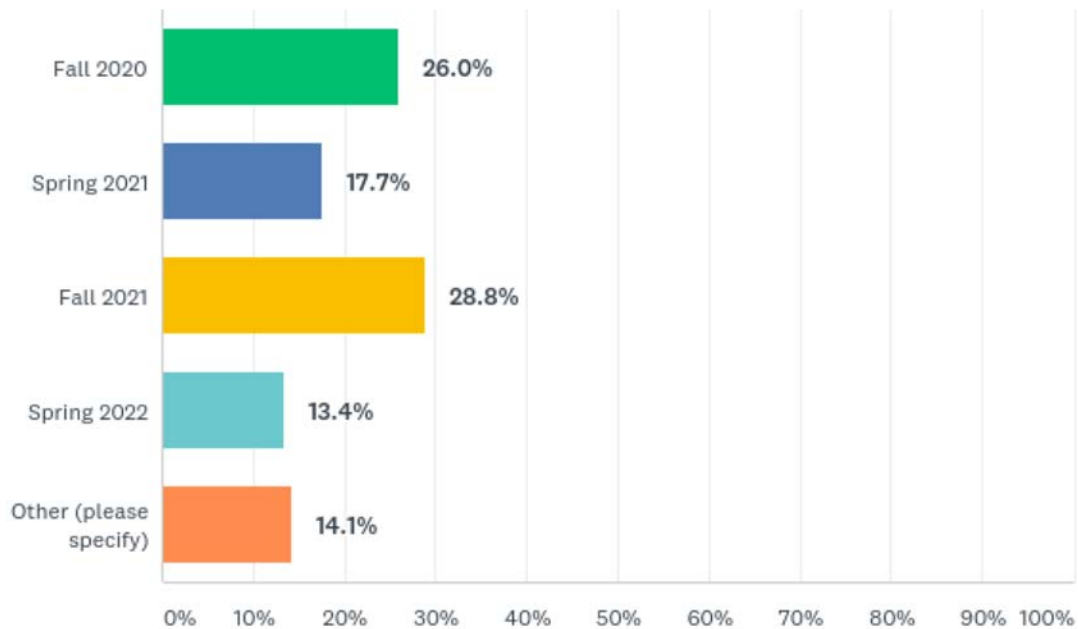
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Answered: 2,030 Skipped: 108

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Very likely	74.2%	1,507
Likely	16.9%	343
Neither likely nor unlikely	5.2%	106
Unlikely	1.8%	37
Very unlikely	1.8%	37
Total		2,030

## Q5: When do you plan to transfer?

Answered: 2,010 Skipped: 128



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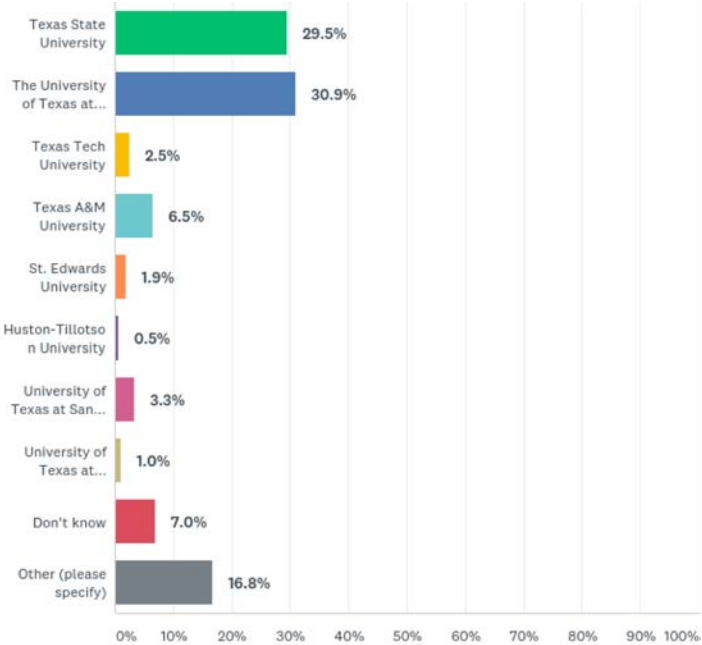
Answered: 2,010 Skipped: 128

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Fall 2020	26.0%	523
Spring 2021	17.7%	355
Fall 2021	28.8%	579
Spring 2022	13.4%	269
Other (please specify)	14.1%	284
<b>Total</b>		<b>2010</b>



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Texas State University	29.5%	593
The University of Texas at Austin	30.9%	622
Texas Tech University	2.5%	50
Texas A&M University	6.5%	131
St. Edwards University	1.9%	39
Huston-Tillotson University	0.5%	11
University of Texas at San Antonio	3.3%	67
University of Texas at Arlington	1.0%	20
Don't know	7.0%	141
Other (please specify)	16.8%	338
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,012</b>

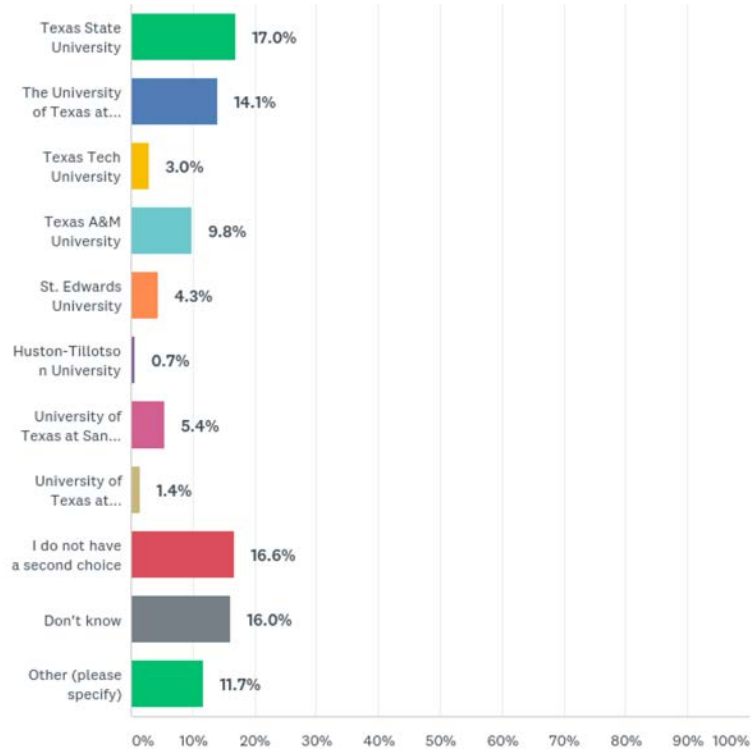
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## Q7: What is your second choice for a transfer four-year college or university?

Answered: 2,013 Skipped: 125



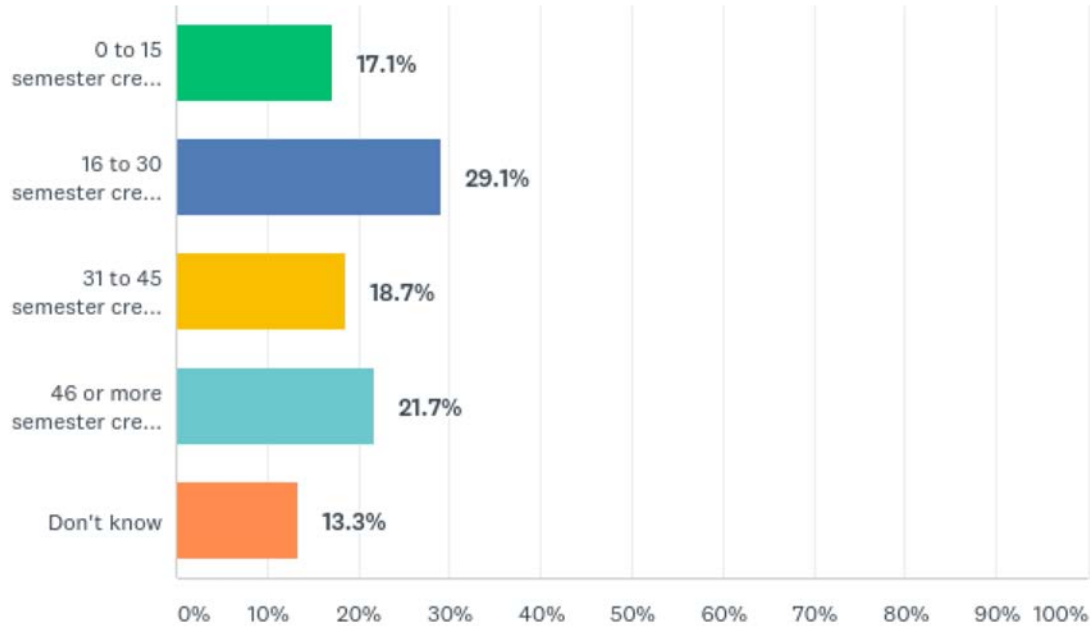
## Q7: What is your second choice for a transfer four-year college or university?

Answered: 2,013 Skipped: 125

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Texas State University	17.0%	342
The University of Texas at Austin	14.1%	283
Texas Tech University	3.0%	60
Texas A&M University	9.8%	198
St. Edwards University	4.3%	87
Huston-Tillotson University	0.7%	14
University of Texas at San Antonio	5.4%	108
University of Texas at Arlington	1.4%	28
I do not have a second choice	16.6%	335
Don't know	16.1%	323
Other (please specify)	11.7%	235
<b>Total</b>		<b>2013</b>

## Q8: By the end of the Spring 2020 semester, how many credit hours will you have?

Answered: 2,014 Skipped: 124





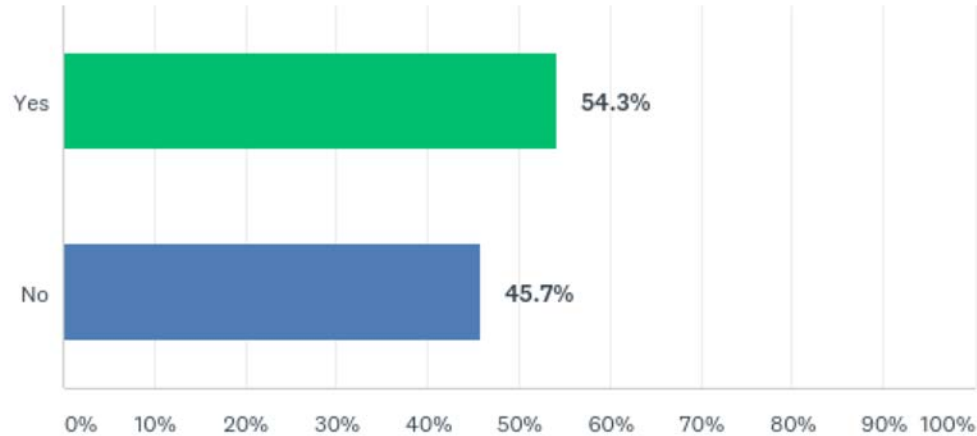
## Q8: By the end of the Spring 2020 semester, how many credit hours will you have?

Answered: 2,014 Skipped: 124

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
0 to 15 semester credit hours	17.1%	344
16 to 30 semester credit hours	29.2%	587
31 to 45 semester credit hours	18.7%	377
46 or more semester credit hours	21.8%	438
Don't know	13.3%	268
<b>Total</b>		<b>2014</b>

## Q9: Do you plan to earn your associate's degree prior to transfer?

Answered: 2,014 Skipped: 124



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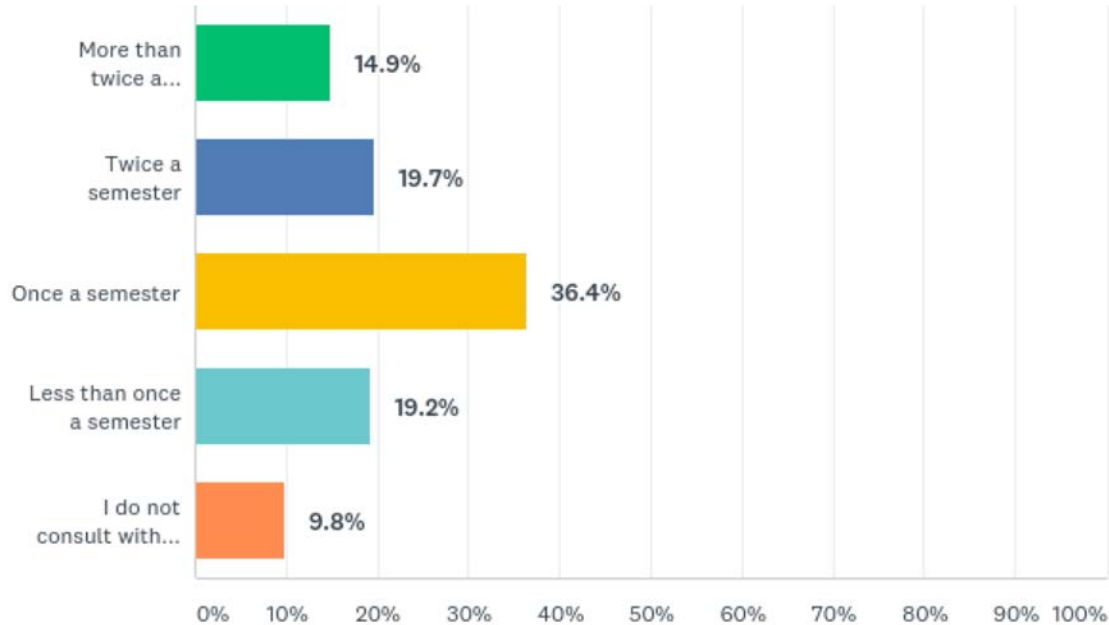
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Answered: 2,014 Skipped: 124

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Yes	54.3%	1093
No	45.7%	921
<b>Total</b>		<b>2014</b>

## Q10: On average, how often do you visit with or talk to an ACC academic or faculty advisor or another faculty member to help you make decisions about which courses to take?

Answered: 2,016 Skipped: 122



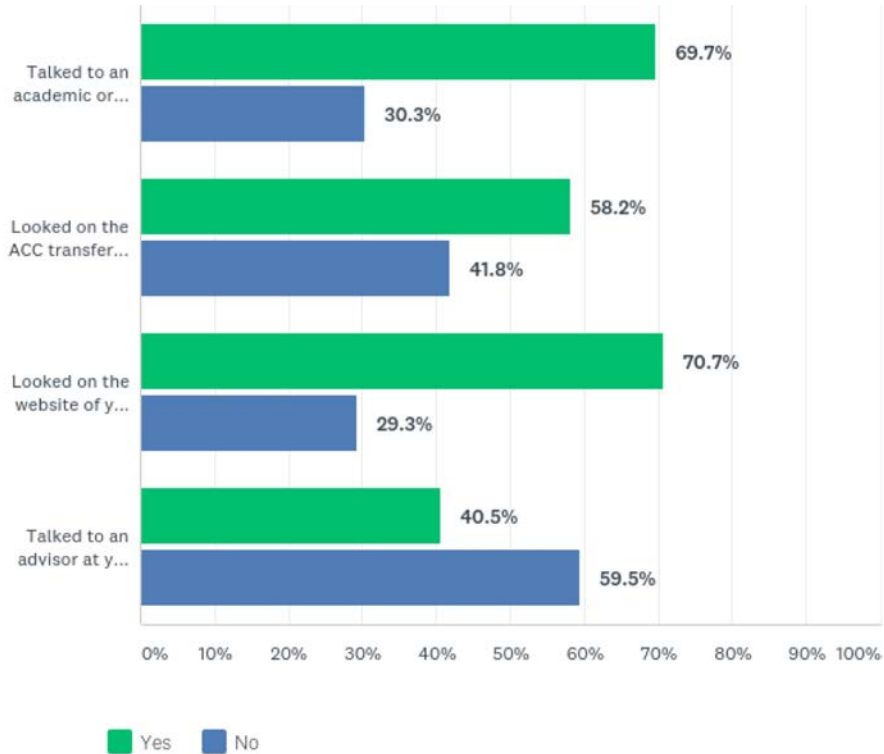
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Answered: 2,016 Skipped: 122

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
More than twice a semester	14.9%	300
Twice a semester	19.7%	398
Once a semester	36.4%	734
Less than once a semester	19.2%	387
I do not consult with an academic or faculty advisor for course planning	9.8%	197
<b>Total</b>		<b>2016</b>

## Q11: Please indicate what you have done so far to plan for your transfer to a four-year college or university.

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: 123





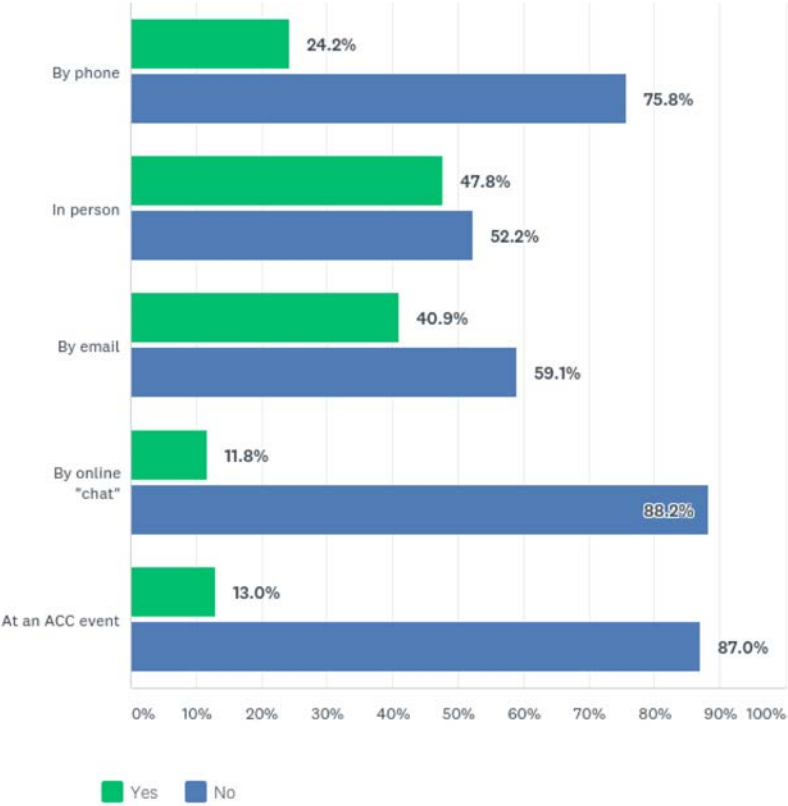
## Q11: Please indicate what you have done so far to plan for your transfer to a four-year college or university.

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: 123

	Yes		No		Total
	%	N	%	N	N
Talked to an academic or faculty advisor or other faculty member at ACC	69.7%	1399	30.3%	607	2,006
Looked on the ACC transfer website	58.2%	1154	41.8%	830	1,984
Looked on the website of your preferred transfer institution to learn more about the transfer process, deadlines, and requirements	70.7%	1410	29.3%	585	1,995
Talked to an advisor at your preferred transfer institution	40.5%	806	59.5%	1184	1,990

# Q12: If you talked to an advisor at your preferred transfer institution please tell us how you consulted with the advisor.

Answered: 1,726 Skipped: 412



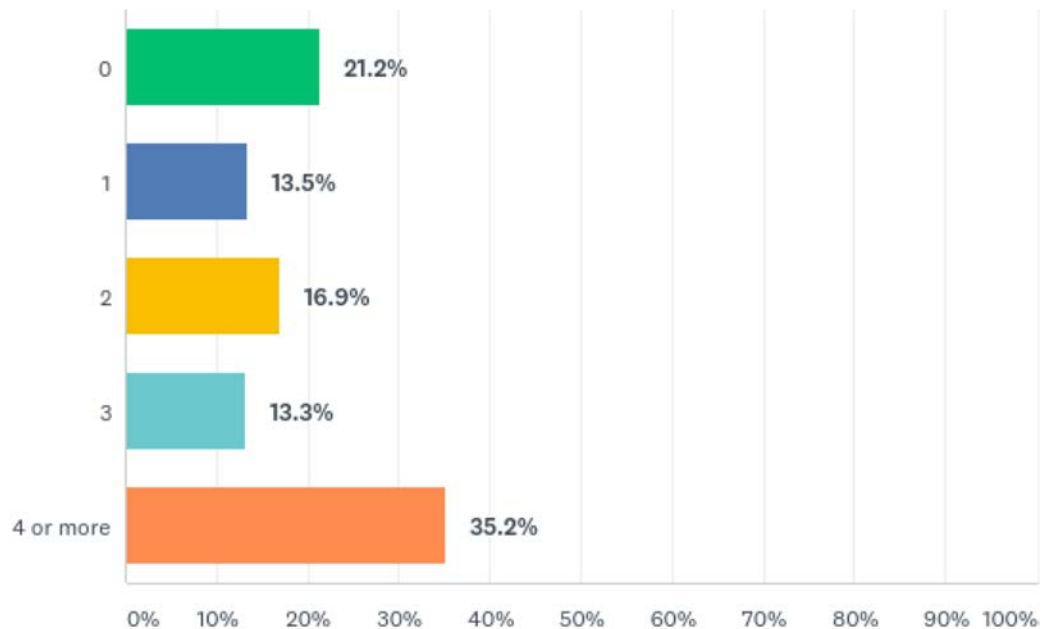
## Q12: If you talked to an advisor at your preferred transfer institution please tell us how you consulted with the advisor.

Answered: 1,726 Skipped: 412

	Yes		No		Total N
	%	N	%	N	
By phone	24.2%	364	75.8%	1139	1,503
In person	47.8%	766	52.2%	838	1,604
By email	40.9%	634	59.1%	915	1,549
By online "chat"	11.8%	171	88.2%	1276	1,447
At an ACC event	13.0%	190	87.0%	1270	1,460

### Q13: How many major-specific courses have you completed (excluding General Education courses like English 1301, Math 1314, etc.)?

Answered: 2,005 Skipped: 133



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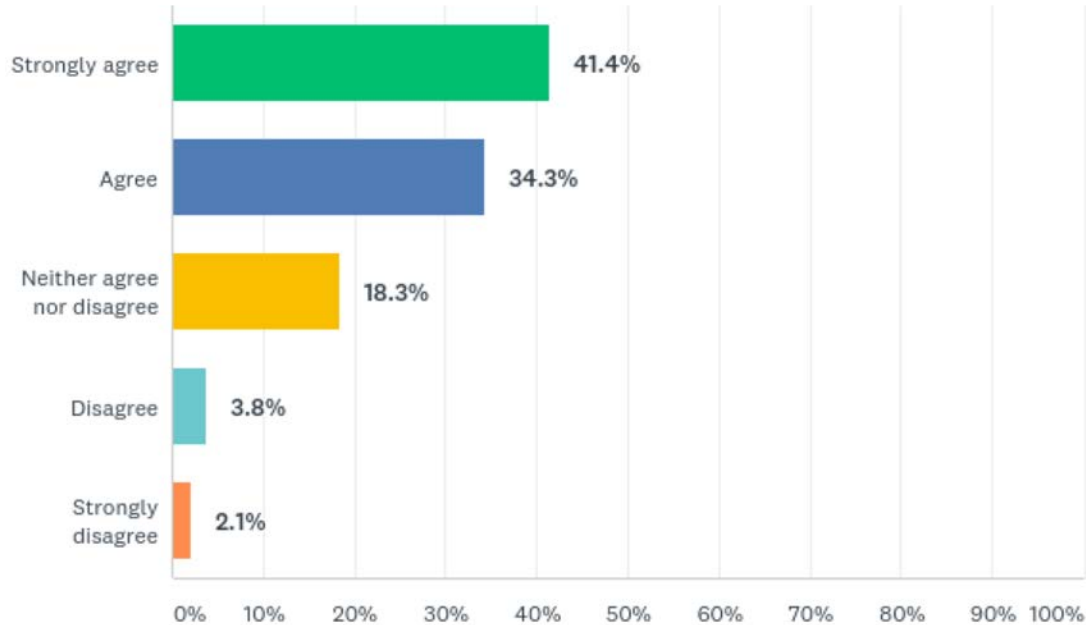
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Answered: 2,005 Skipped: 133

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	21.2%	426
1	13.5%	270
2	16.9%	338
3	13.3%	266
4 or more	35.2%	705
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,005</b>

## Q14: I have lined up my ACC course work with the course work required in my major at my transfer institution to ensure I am taking the right courses.

Answered: 2,008 Skipped: 130



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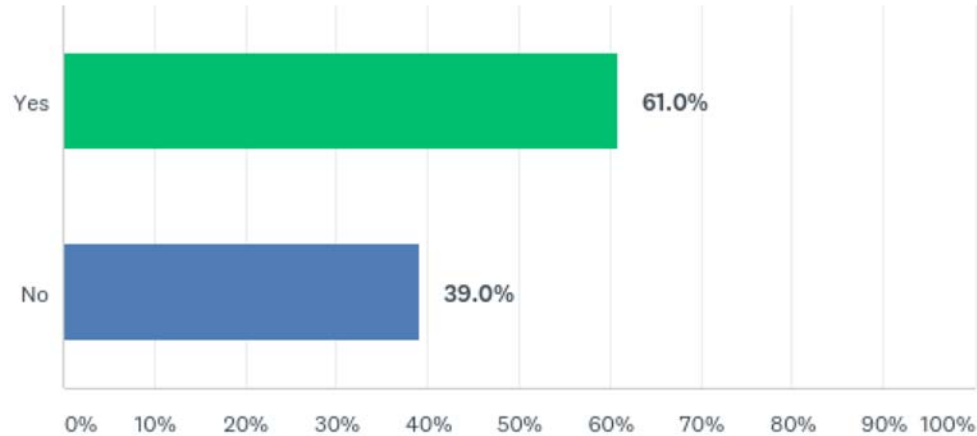
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Answered: 2,008 Skipped: 130

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Strongly agree	41.4%	831
Agree	34.3%	689
Neither agree nor disagree	18.3%	368
Disagree	3.8%	77
Strongly disagree	2.1%	43
<b>Total</b>		<b>2008</b>

## Q15: Are you following a transfer guide or transfer agreement for a particular four-year college or university?

Answered: 2,008 Skipped: 130





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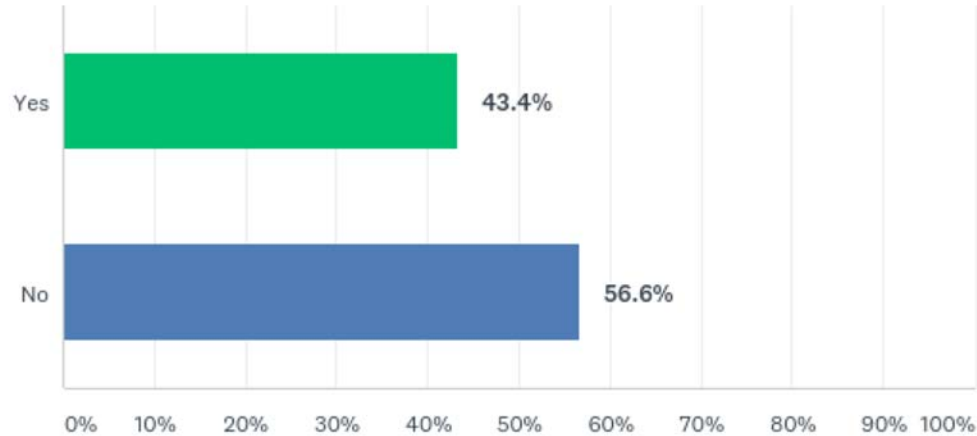
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Answered: 2,008 Skipped: 130

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Yes	61.0%	1,224
No	39.0%	784
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,008</b>

## Q16: Has the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic caused you to modify your plans to transfer to a four-year college or university?

Answered: 2,012 Skipped: 126



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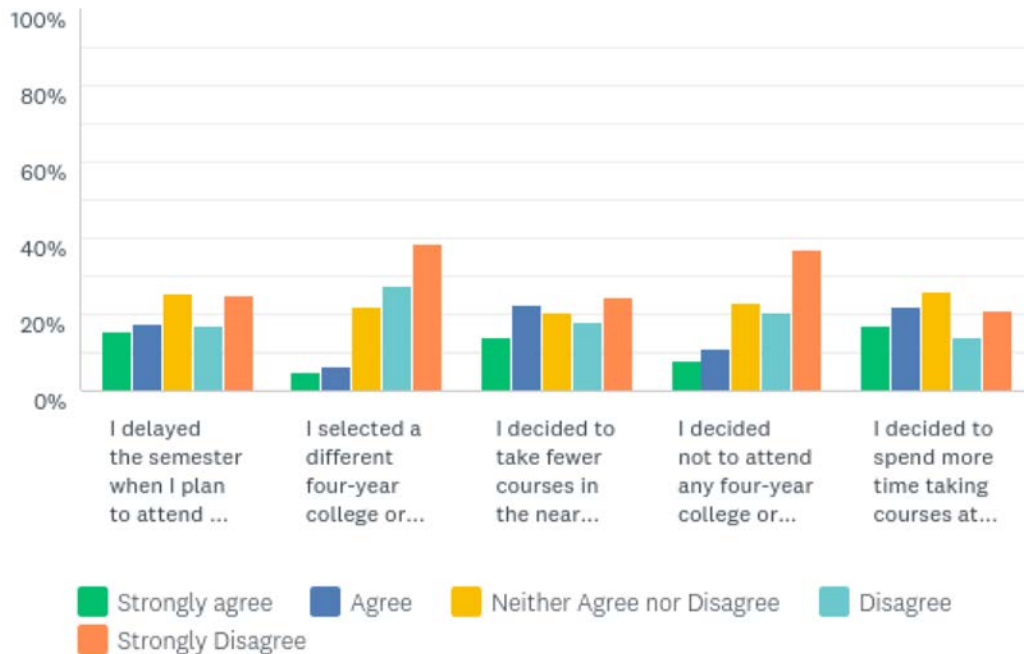
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Answered: 2,012 Skipped: 126

Answer Choices	Responses	
	%	N
Yes	43.39%	873
No	56.61%	1,139
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,012</b>

## Q17: If the COVID-19 pandemic caused you to modify your transfer plans please indicate your agreement with each of the items listed below.

Answered: 1,701 Skipped: 437



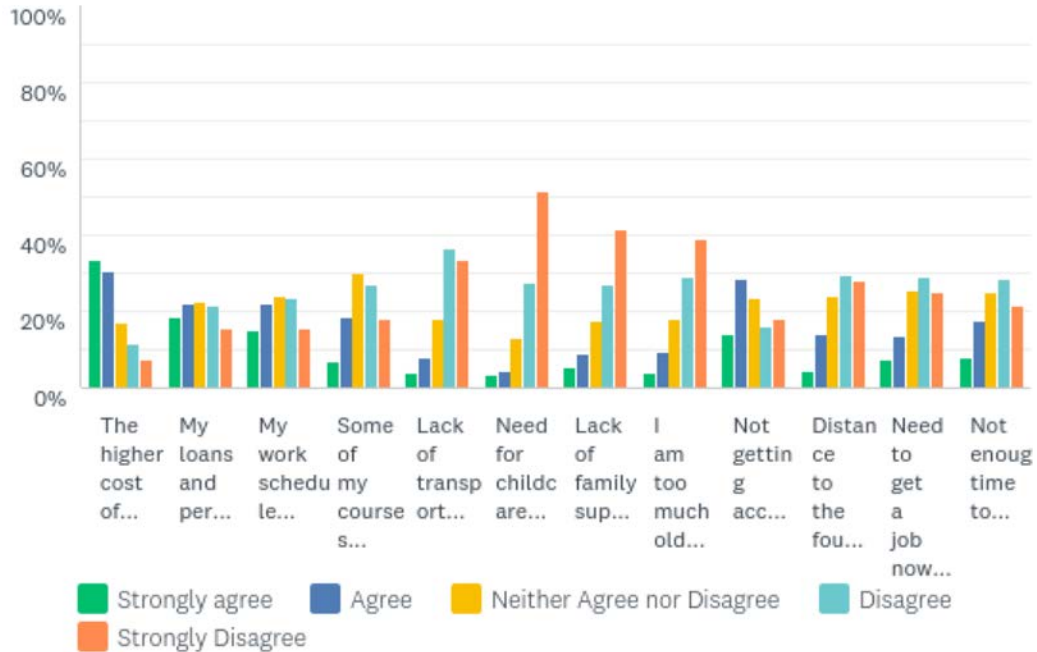
## Q17: If the COVID-19 pandemic caused you to modify your transfer plans please indicate your agreement with each of the items listed below.

Answered: 1,701 Skipped: 437

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total N
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	
I delayed the semester when I plan to attend the transfer (four-year) institution.	15.5%	261	17.3%	291	25.4%	427	16.9%	285	24.9%	419	1683
I selected a different four-year college or university as my first choice.	5.1%	85	6.7%	113	22.0%	368	27.6%	462	38.7%	648	1676
I decided to take fewer courses in the near future.	13.9%	234	22.7%	382	20.7%	349	18.0%	304	24.7%	417	1686
I decided not to attend any four-year college or university in the fall 2020 semester	8.2%	137	11.1%	186	23.2%	389	20.6%	346	36.9%	619	1677
I decided to spend more time taking courses at ACC before transferring to a four-year college or university	17.1%	289	21.9%	369	25.9%	436	14.2%	239	20.9%	353	1686
Other (please specify)											79

## Q18: Please indicate your agreement with each item below that might prevent you from attending a four-year college or university.

Answered: 1,967 Skipped: 171



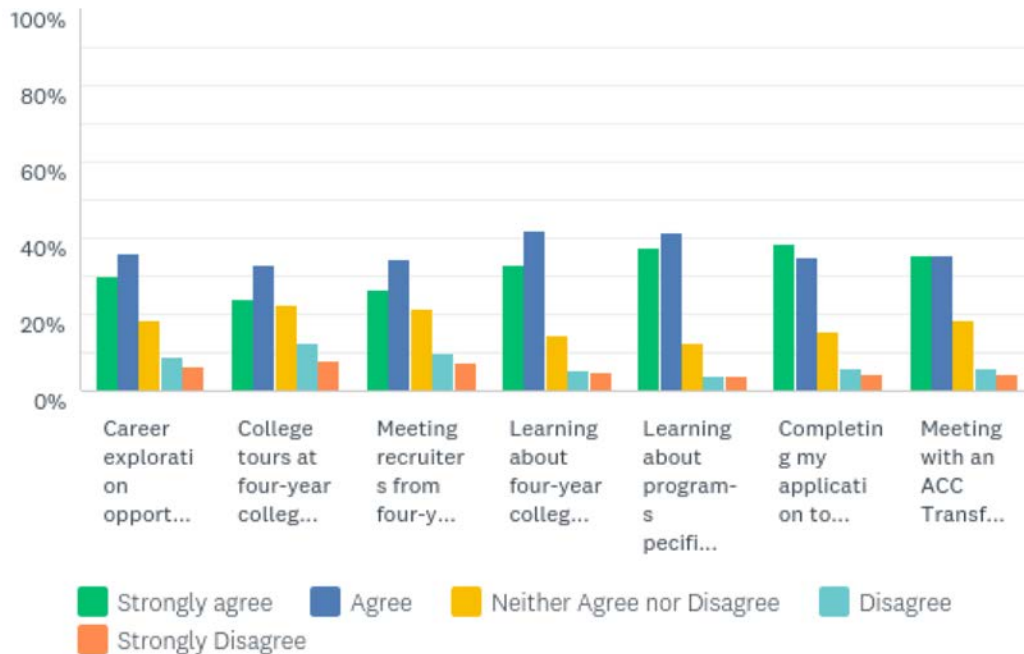
## Q18: Please indicate your agreement with each item below that might prevent you from attending a four-year college or university.

Answered: 1,967 Skipped: 171

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total N
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	
The higher cost of tuition and fees at the four-year college or university	33.5%	654	30.4%	594	17.1%	334	11.4%	223	7.6%	149	1954
My loans and personal debt	18.4%	358	22.1%	431	22.5%	439	21.5%	419	15.5%	302	1949
My work schedule conflicting with classes	14.9%	291	21.9%	426	24.2%	472	23.5%	458	15.5%	303	1950
Some of my courses won't transfer	7.0%	136	18.6%	362	29.8%	578	26.8%	520	17.8%	346	1942
Lack of transportation	4.1%	79	8.0%	155	18.0%	349	36.3%	704	33.7%	653	1940
Need for childcare or eldercare options	3.4%	66	4.3%	84	13.1%	254	27.5%	533	51.7%	1002	1939
Lack of family support for me to continue my education	5.4%	105	8.9%	173	17.4%	338	26.9%	522	41.4%	803	1941
I am too much older or younger than typical four-year college or university students	4.2%	81	9.7%	188	18.0%	349	29.1%	566	39.1%	760	1944
Not getting accepted at the four-year college or university	14.1%	275	28.3%	551	23.6%	460	16.1%	313	17.9%	348	1947
Distance to the four-year college or university is too far	4.6%	89	14.0%	271	23.8%	461	29.7%	575	27.9%	541	1937
Need to get a job now rather than after completing a four-year degree	7.5%	145	13.3%	259	25.3%	491	28.9%	561	25.0%	485	1941
Not enough time to attend classes and complete assignments after all my other responsibilities	7.9%	153	17.6%	342	24.8%	481	28.3%	549	21.5%	417	1942
Other (please specify)											27

## Q19: Please indicate your agreement with each item below that you would like help with in the transfer process.

Answered: 1,970 Skipped: 168





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Answered: 1,970 Skipped: 168

	Strongly Agree		Agree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	
Career exploration opportunities	29.9%	582	36.1%	704	18.6%	363	9.1%	177	6.4%	124	1950
College tours at four-year colleges and universities	23.9%	465	33.2%	646	22.4%	435	12.3%	240	8.2%	159	1945
Meeting recruiters from four-year colleges and universities	26.3%	514	34.6%	676	21.6%	422	10.1%	197	7.3%	143	1952
Learning about four-year college and university admission policies	32.9%	644	42.2%	825	14.4%	281	5.5%	108	5.0%	98	1956
Learning about program-specific admission policies at four-year colleges and universities	37.6%	735	41.7%	815	12.6%	246	4.0%	79	4.2%	82	1957
Completing my application to transfer to a four-year college or university	38.7%	757	35.2%	687	15.6%	304	6.0%	118	4.5%	88	1954
Meeting with an ACC Transfer Specialist	35.7%	696	35.5%	693	18.4%	359	6.1%	119	4.3%	84	1951
Other (please specify)											12