B.C. Baccalaureate Outcomes
2022 Survey of 2020 Baccalaureate Graduates

Detailed Summary of Survey Results
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RESPONSE RATE

Survey Response Rate:	45.1001		SFU	
Baccalaureate Graduates Survey Cohort	110	100%	5,252	100%
Survey Respondents and Response Rate	44	40%	2,037	39%

Response Rate
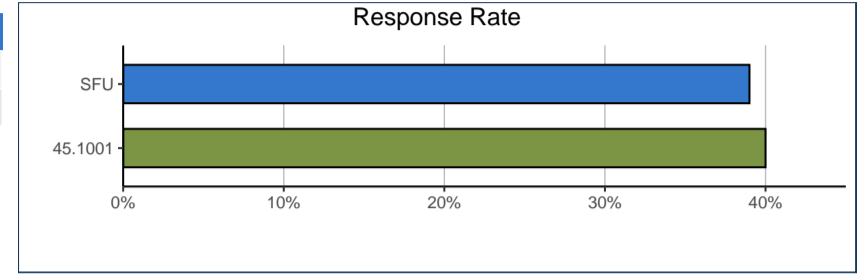
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Self–Reporting Subgroups:	45.1001		SFU	
Disabled	~	~	202	10%
International	7	16%	376	18%
Aboriginal	~	~	40	2%
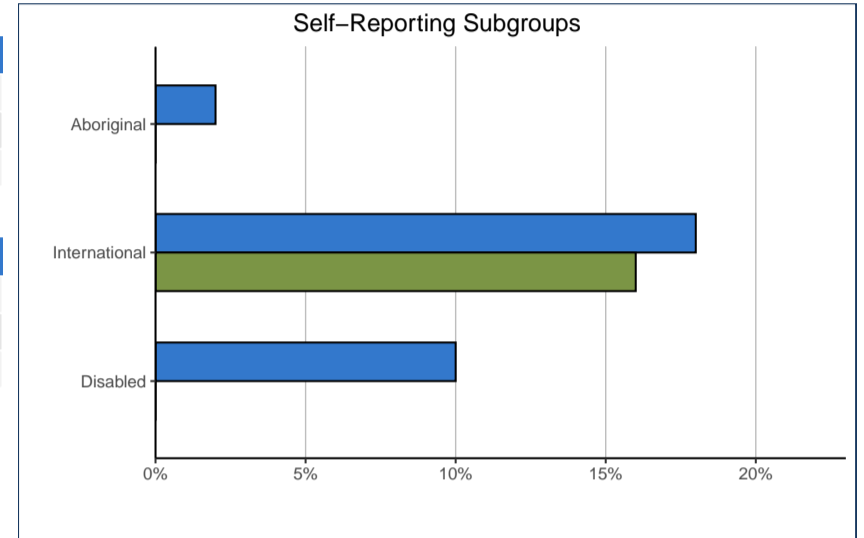
Gender:*	45.1001		SFU	
Male	19	43%	882	43%
Female	25	57%	1,155	57%
Total	44	100%	2,037	100%

*Due to zero or low counts, institution–reported "Non–binary" demographic data are not included.

Self–Reporting Subgroups

Age (at time of survey):	45.1001		SFU	
< 25	10	23%	209	10%
25 to 29	29	66%	1,527	75%
30 to 34	~	~	171	8%
35 to 39	~	~	49	2%
40 to 49	0	0%	60	3%
50 to 64	~	~	~	~
> 64	0	0%	~	~
Total	44	100%	2,037	100%
Median Age	25		26	
Average (mean) Age	26		27	

Age Distribution
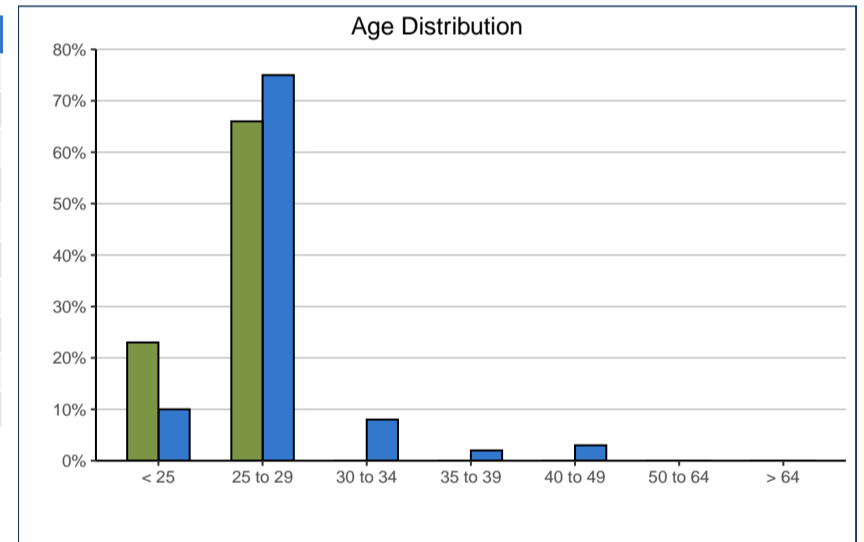
Place of Residence (at time of survey):	45.1001		SFU	
BC – Mainland/Southwest	~	~	1,659	90%
BC – Vancouver Island/Coast	~	~	42	2%
BC – Northern B.C.	0	0%	22	1%
BC – Interior/Kootenays	~	~	24	1%
BC Subtotal	36	86%	1,747	95%
Canada – Alberta	~	~	21	1%
Canada – Ontario	~	~	40	2%
Canada – Other	~	~	15	1%
U.S.A.	~	~	14	1%
Non–BC Subtotal	6	14%	90	5%
Total	42	100%	1,837	100%

Place of Residence

Within BC

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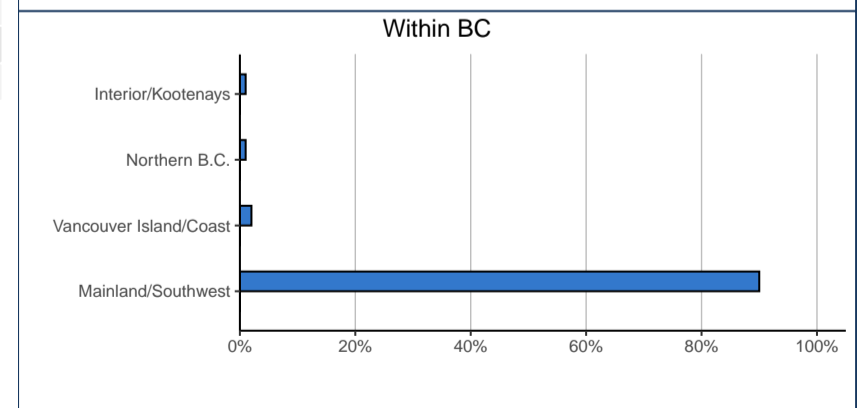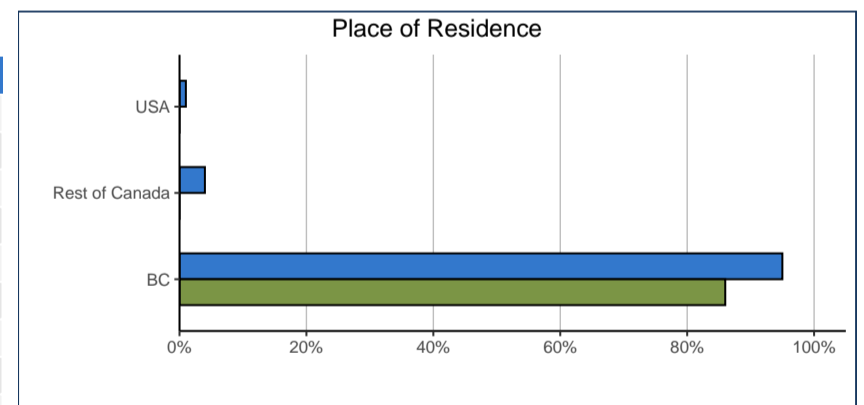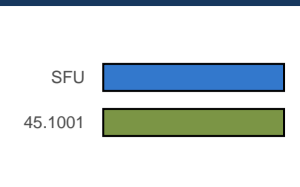
EDUCATION EVALUATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Program Satisfaction:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Satisfied	18	41%	405	20%
Satisfied	22	50%	1,336	67%
Dissatisfied	4	9%	199	10%
Very Dissatisfied	0	0%	44	2%
Total	44	100%	1,984	100%

Usefulness of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Acquired during Program in Work:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Useful	12	40%	534	31%
Somewhat Useful	12	40%	867	51%
Not Very Useful	4	13%	225	13%
Not at All Useful	2	7%	72	4%
Total	30	100%	1,698	100%

Took upgrading, access, bridging, or other preparatory courses during or prior to studies:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	1	2%	163	8%
No	43	98%	1,823	92%

Program Satisfaction

Very Satisfied / Satisfied
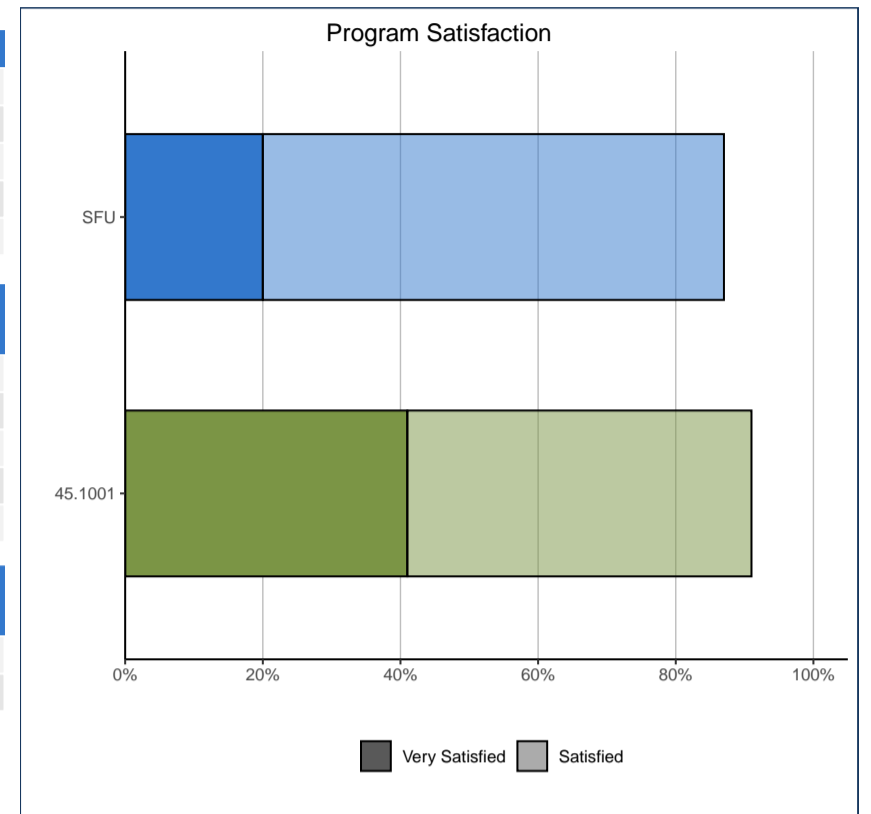
Would select the same program again:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	29	69%	1,232	70%
No	13	31%	531	30%

Quality of Instruction:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Good	15	34%	440	22%
Good	27	61%	1,384	69%
Poor	2	5%	161	8%
Very Poor	0	0%	23	1%
Total	44	100%	2,008	100%
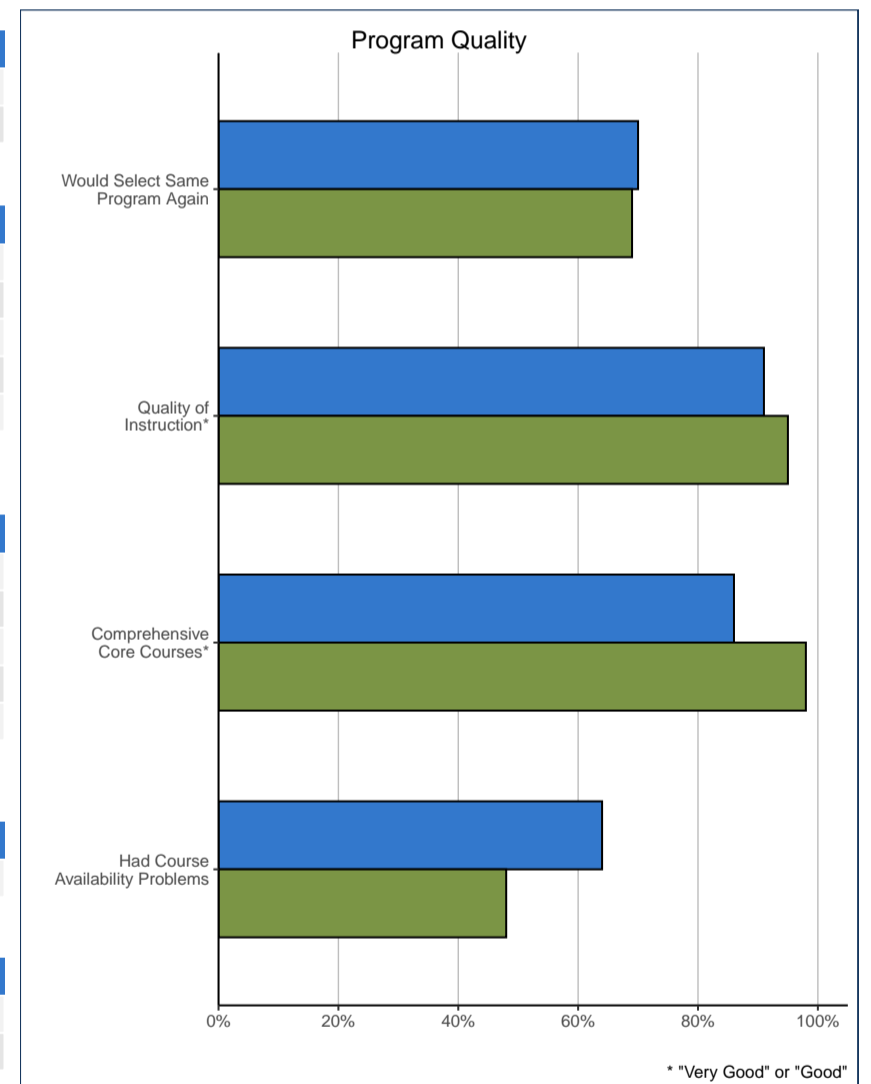
Comprehensiveness of Core Courses:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Good	14	33%	459	23%
Good	28	65%	1,245	63%
Poor	0	0%	233	12%
Very Poor	1	2%	38	2%
Total	43	100%	1,975	100%

Course Availability:	45.1001		SFU	
Encountered course availability problems	21	48%	1,279	64%

Financial Constraints:	45.1001		SFU	
Had to interrupt studies for financial reasons	7	16%	246	12%
Had to take program part–time for financial reasons	11	25%	410	20%

Program Quality

Would Select Same Program Again
Quality of Instruction*
Comprehensive Core Courses*
Had Course Availability Problems

* "Very Good" or "Good"

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

| Skill Development: How helpful was institution?	45.1001				
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful	# Resp.
Written Communication	45%	45%	5%	5%	44
Oral Communication	34%	52%	14%	0%	44
Reading and Comprehension	52%	36%	9%	2%	44
Group Collaboration	26%	45%	24%	5%	42
Critical Anlysis	50%	48%	2%	0%	44
Problem Resolution	20%	55%	20%	5%	44
Use of Mathematics	9%	6%	50%	34%	32
Conducting Research	59%	41%	0%	0%	44
Learning on Your Own	45%	48%	7%	0%	44

Skill Development: How helpful was institution?	SFU				
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful	# Resp.
Written Communication	28%	55%	14%	3%	1,941
Oral Communication	22%	56%	18%	3%	1,969
Reading and Comprehension	28%	57%	13%	2%	1,970
Group Collaboration	24%	52%	21%	3%	1,980
Critical Anlysis	38%	52%	9%	2%	2,006
Problem Resolution	21%	55%	21%	3%	1,943
Use of Mathematics	19%	45%	27%	9%	1,595
Conducting Research	30%	50%	17%	4%	1,894
Learning on Your Own	38%	48%	12%	2%	1,982

Helpful with Skill Development

"Very Helpful" or "Helpful"
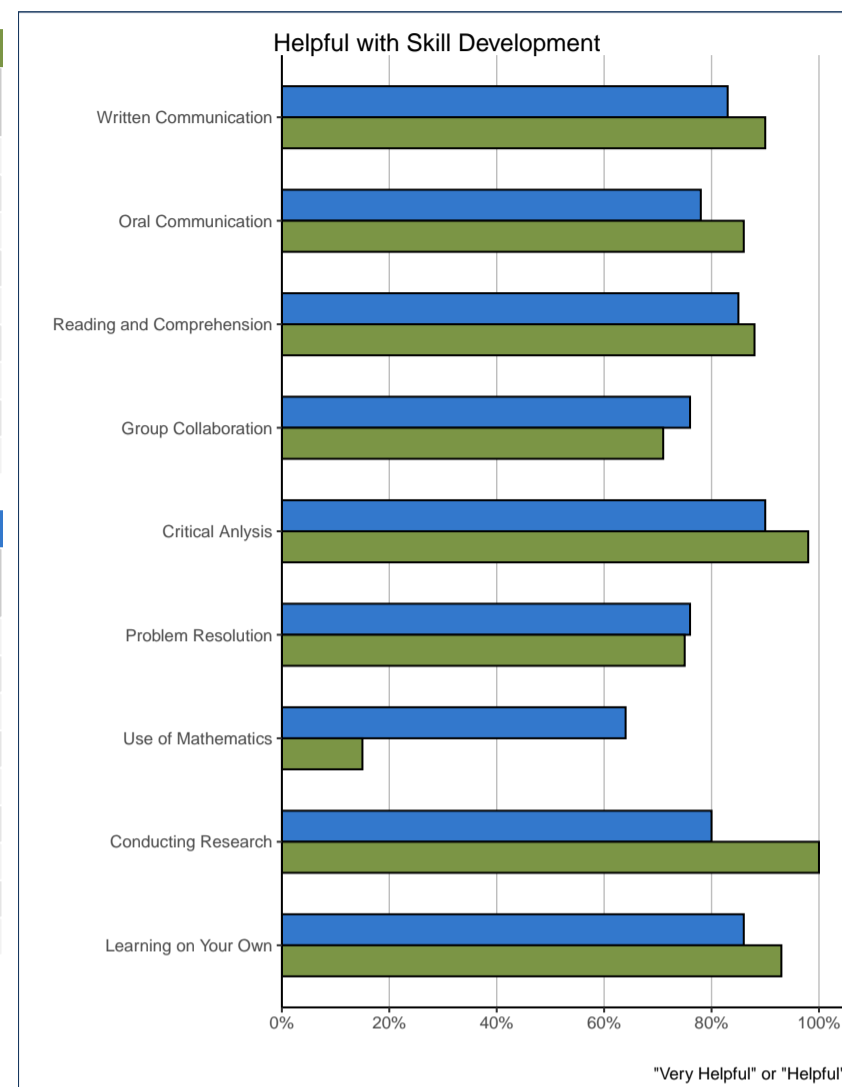
FURTHER EDUCATION

Took further education since 2020 graduation:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	29	66%	893	44%
Not currently enrolled	7	16%	395	19%
Currently enrolled full–time	19	43%	329	16%
Currently enrolled part–time	3	7%	158	8%
No	15	34%	1,133	56%
Total	44	100%	2,026	100%

Have you taken further education since graduation?

Yes – Currently enrolled part–time   Yes – Currently enrolled full–time
Yes – Not currently enrolled   No
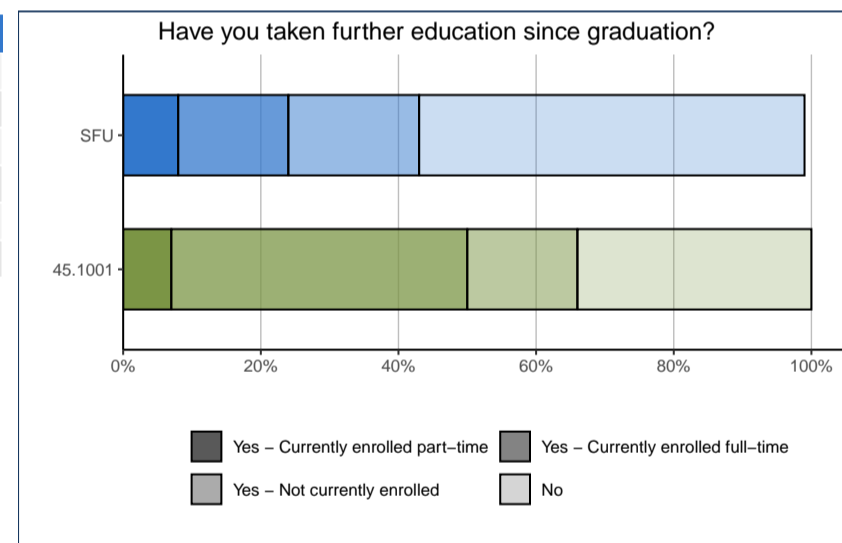
Type of Formal Post–Secondary Education:	45.1001		SFU	
Masters Degree	9	32%	229	26%
Doctoral Degree	1	4%	29	3%
Another Undergraduate Degree	10	36%	188	21%
Certificate or Diploma below Bachelor level	3	11%	136	15%
Professional Association Certification	3	11%	133	15%
Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma	1	4%	119	14%
Other	1	4%	44	5%
Total	28	100%	878	100%

Further Education/Training Type

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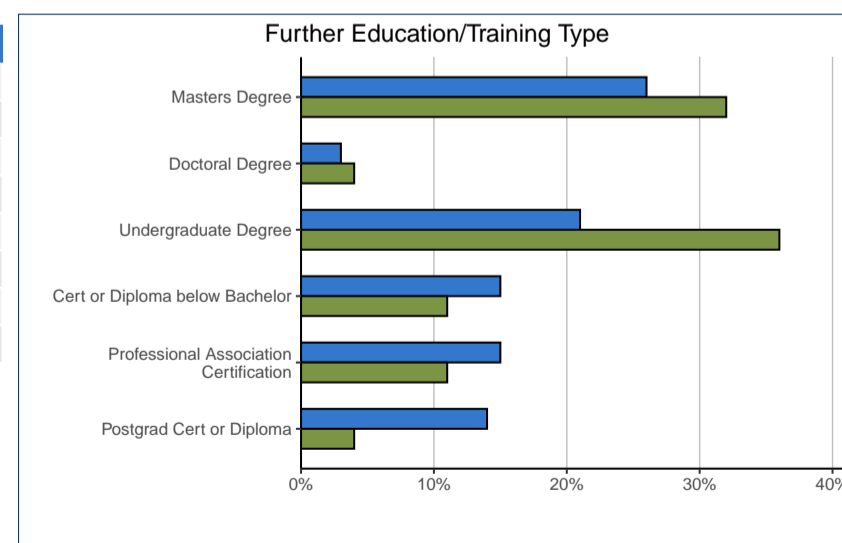
EMPLOYMENT

Labour Fource Status:	45.1001		SFU	
In Labour Force (working or seeking work)	33	75%	1,830	92%
Not in Labour Force	11	25%	168	8%
Total	44	100%	1,998	100%

Employment:	45.1001		SFU	
Employment Rate*	30	68%	1,708	84%
Unemployment Rate**	3	9.1%	122	6.7%

*Percent = Total employed divided by total number of respondents
**Percent = Total unemployed divided by total number in Labour Force
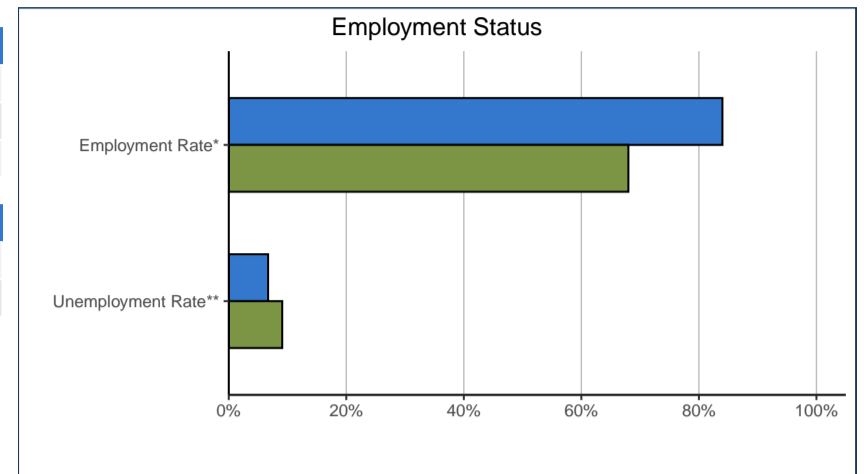
Employment Status

Status of Graduates NOT in Labour Force:	45.1001		SFU	
Attending School FT	7	64%	103	61%
Attending School PT	1	9%	8	5%
Other	3	27%	57	34%
Total NOT in Labour Force	11	100%	168	100%
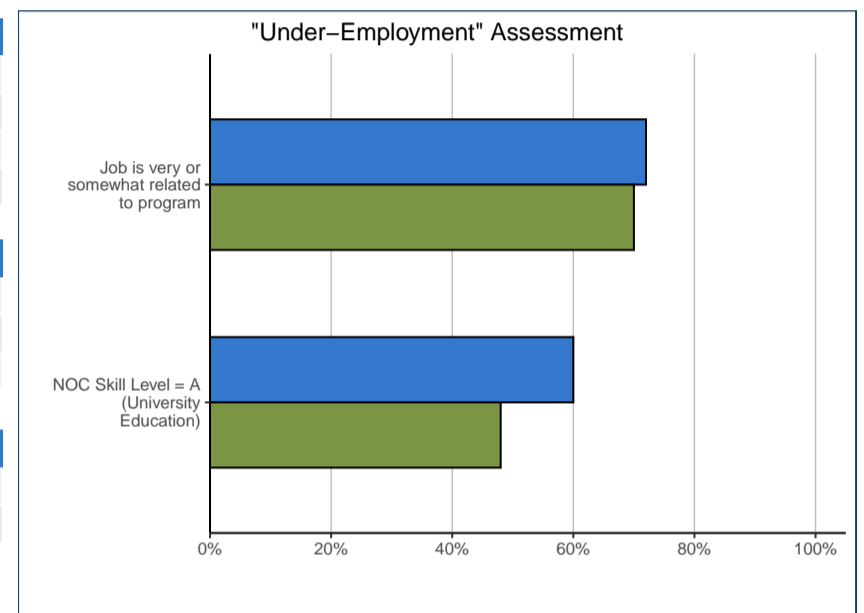
Primary Employment Type:	45.1001		SFU	
Paid worker	28	93%	1,608	94%
Self–employed	2	7%	96	6%
Total	30	100%	1,704	100%

Job Characteristics:	45.1001		SFU	
I hold more than one job*	9	30%	301	18%
My main job is full–time (>= 30 hours per week)**	20	74%	1,432	89%

*Of total Employed
**Of those who provided data on hours/week worked

"Under–Employment" Assessment

How related is your main job to your program?	45.1001		SFU	
Very Related	7	23%	624	37%
Somewhat Related	14	47%	605	35%
Not Very Related	4	13%	245	14%
Not at All Related	5	17%	231	14%
Total	30	100%	1,705	100%
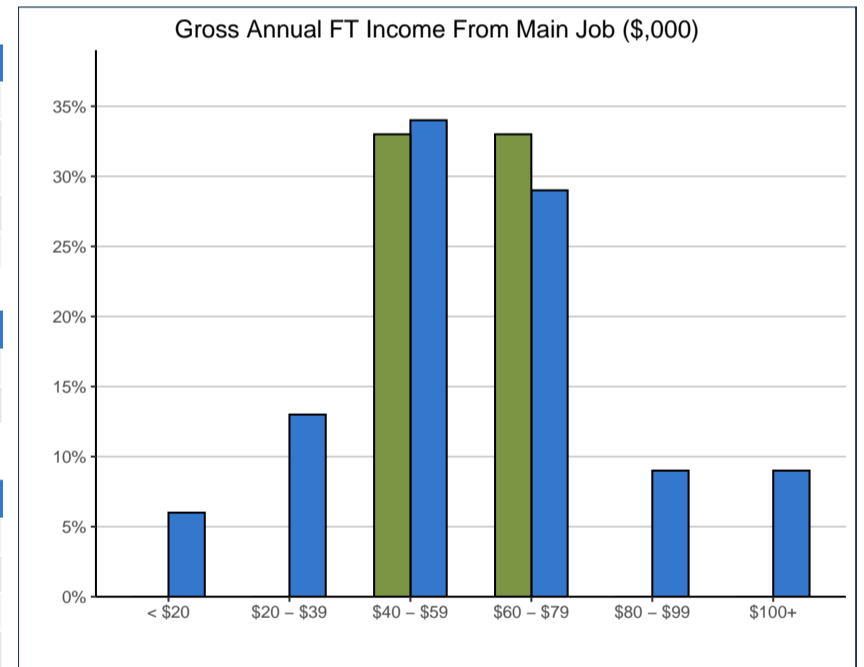
"Under–employment" Assessment:	45.1001		SFU	
Job is very or somewhat related to program	21	70%	1,229	72%
NOC Skill Level = A (University Education)*	13	48%	945	60%

*Of total valid responses

Gross Annual Income from Main Job:*	45.1001		SFU	
Less than $20,000	~	~	68	6%
$20,000 to $39,999	~	~	161	13%
$40,000 to $59,999	7	33%	413	34%
$60,000 to $79,999	7	33%	351	29%
$80,000 to $99,999	~	~	107	9%
$100,000 and Above	~	~	108	9%
Total	21	100%	1,208	100%
Median Annual Income (full–time) ($)	63,800		60,000	
Average Annual Income (full–time) ($)	67,523		66,030	

*Where data provided

Gross Annual FT Income From Main Job ($,000)

NOC Skill Type of Main Job:	45.1001		SFU	
Business, finance & administration	9	33%	446	28%
Natural & applied sciences & related	1	4%	331	21%
Health	0	0%	52	3%
Education, law and social, community & government	11	41%	460	29%
Art, culture, recreation & sport	1	4%	100	6%
Sales & service	5	19%	162	10%
Trades, transport & equipment operators & related	0	0%	13	1%
Natural resources, agriculture & related production	0	0%	3	0%
Manufacturing & utilities	0	0%	3	0%
Total	27	100%	1,570	100%

Employed Graduates by NOC Skill Type

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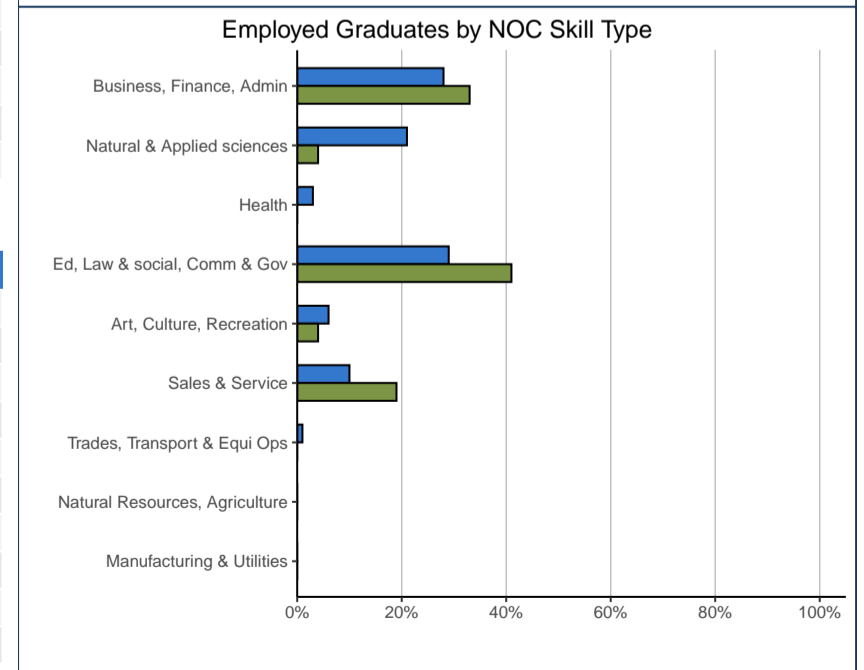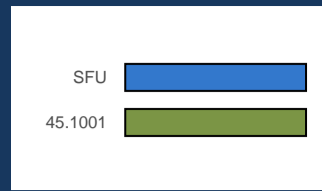
EMPLOYMENT, continued

NOC Skill Level of Main Job:	45.1001		SFU	
A. University education	13	48%	945	60%
B. College education/trade apprenticeship	8	30%	452	29%
C. Secondary school + job–specific training	5	19%	159	10%
D. No formal education	1	4%	18	1%
Total	27	100%	1,574	100%
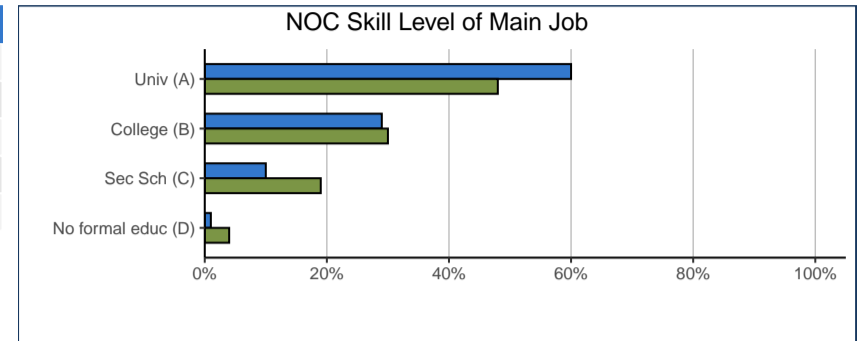
NOC Skill Level of Main Job

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How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	# Resp.
Written Communication	73%	20%	3%	3%	30
Oral Communication	77%	20%	3%	0%	30
Reading and Comprehension	80%	17%	3%	0%	30
Group Collaboration	77%	23%	0%	0%	30
Critical Anlysis	80%	17%	0%	3%	30
Problem Resolution	80%	20%	0%	0%	30
Use of Mathematics	15%	41%	11%	33%	27
Conducting Research	55%	21%	10%	14%	29
Learning on Your Own	63%	23%	7%	7%	30
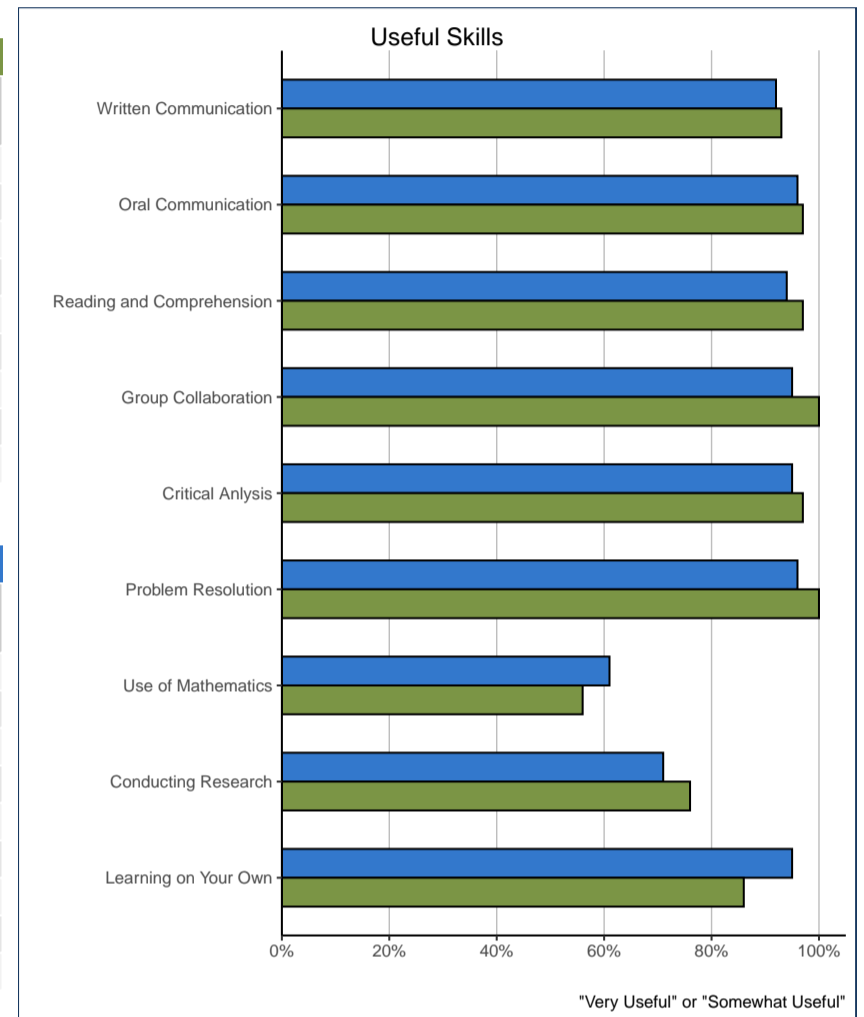
	SFU				
How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	# Resp.
Written Communication	63%	29%	5%	3%	1,691
Oral Communication	70%	26%	3%	1%	1,694
Reading and Comprehension	66%	28%	4%	2%	1,692
Group Collaboration	72%	23%	4%	1%	1,695
Critical Anlysis	68%	27%	4%	1%	1,696
Problem Resolution	73%	23%	3%	1%	1,694
Use of Mathematics	26%	35%	23%	15%	1,649
Conducting Research	34%	37%	17%	12%	1,668
Learning on Your Own	66%	29%	4%	2%	1,691

Useful Skills

"Very Useful" or "Somewhat Useful"

Top 10 Full–time Occupations of 45.1001 Graduates:			45.1001
NOC	NOC Skill Level	Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**
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* Data not displayed where n < 5
** Percentages cited are of those employed

Top 10 Full–time Occupations of SFU Graduates:			SFU
NOC	NOC Skill Level	Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**
4032	A	Elementary school and kindergarten teachers	6%
2173	A	Software engineers and designers	5%
XXXX	O	Unclassified occupations	5%
1123	A	Professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations	4%
4031	A	Secondary school teachers	4%
2174	A	Computer programmers and interactive media developers	3%
1111	A	Financial auditors and accountants	3%
1221	B	Administrative officers	3%
4212	B	Social and community service workers	2%
5241	B	Graphic designers and illustrators	2%

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EDUCATION FINANCING

Funding Sources (3 sources allowed):*	45.1001		SFU	
Personal savings, investments	14	33%	556	28%
Employment while studying	12	28%	982	50%
Family/Friends	32	74%	1,299	66%
Personal bank loans	1	2%	78	4%
Government student loans	10	23%	509	26%
Scholarships/Bursaries/Grants	18	42%	562	29%
Other	8	19%	448	23%
Total	43		1,968	

* Percentage of respondents who identified this source

Financial Debt Incurred to Finance Bac. Ed.:*	45.1001		SFU	
Incurred any form of financial debt	14	32%	690	35%
Incurred government–sponsored student loan debt	12	27%	564	28%

* Percentage of respondents who provided data

Education Funding Sources

(bar chart: Personal savings, investments; Employment while studying; Family/Friends; Personal bank loans; Government student loans; Scholarships/Bursaries/Grants; x-axis 0% to 100%)

Financial Debt Amount:*	45.1001		SFU	
< $1,000	0	0%	0	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	2	17%	16	3%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	44	8%
$10,000 to $14,999	1	8%	67	13%
$15,000 to $19,999	3	25%	49	9%
$20,000 to $29,999	0	0%	107	20%
$30,000 to $39,999	2	17%	85	16%
$40,000 or More	4	33%	154	30%
Total	12	100%	522	100%
Median Financial Debt ($)	23,000		25,000	

* Includes only cases where financial debt was incurred

Financial Debt Incurred ($,000)

(bar chart: x-axis < $1, $1–$4, $5–$9, $10–$14, $15–$19, $20–$29, $30–$39, $40+; y-axis 0% to 35%)

Gov't–Sponsored Student Loan Debt Amount:*	45.1001		SFU	
< $1,000	0	0%	0	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	1	10%	16	4%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	43	11%
$10,000 to $14,999	0	0%	36	9%
$15,000 to $19,999	3	30%	40	10%
$20,000 to $29,999	0	0%	85	22%
$30,000 to $39,999	2	20%	59	15%
$40,000 or More	4	40%	103	27%
Total	10	100%	382	100%
Median Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt ($)	32,000		25,000	

* Includes only cases where government–sponsored debt was incurred

Government–Sponsored Debt Incurred ($,000)

(bar chart: x-axis < $1, $1–$4, $5–$9, $10–$14, $15–$19, $20–$29, $30–$39, $40+; y-axis 0% to 45%)

Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding:*	45.1001		SFU	
None – Loan repaid in full	3	30%	157	34%
< $1,000	0	0%	2	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	0	0%	20	4%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	34	7%
$10,000 to $14,999	3	30%	30	7%
$15,000 to $19,999	0	0%	35	8%
$20,000 to $29,999	2	20%	64	14%
$30,000 to $39,999	0	0%	53	12%
$40,000 or More	2	20%	61	13%
Total	10	100%	456	100%
Median Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding** ($)	21,000		22,500	

* Includes only cases where government–sponsored debt was incurred, and valid "amount remaining" was provided
** Median amounts shown are based on those who had remaining government student loan debt

Outstanding Government–Sponsored Debt ($,000)

(bar chart: x-axis None, < $1, $1–$4, $5–$9, $10–$14, $15–$19, $20–$29, $30–$39, $40+; y-axis 0% to 35%)