B.C. Baccalaureate Outcomes
2024 Survey of 2022 Baccalaureate Graduates

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RESPONSE RATE

Survey Response Rate:	45.1001		SFU	
Baccalaureate Graduates Survey Cohort	97	100%	5,128	100%
Survey Respondents and Response Rate	31	32%	1,242	24%

Response Rate
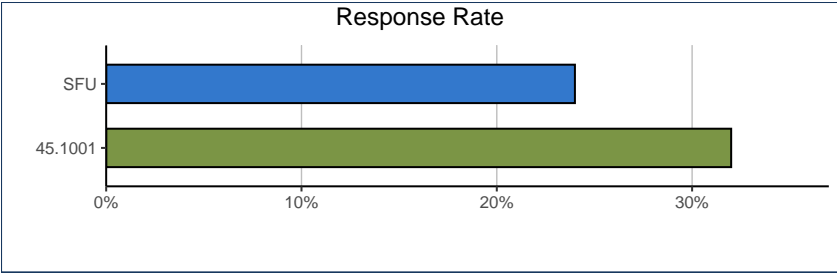
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Self–Reporting Subgroups:	45.1001		SFU	
Disabled	6	19%	153	13%
International	~	~	229	18%
Indigenous	0	0%	21	2%

Self–Reporting Subgroups

Gender:*	45.1001		SFU	
Man/Boy	15	48%	585	47%
Woman/Girl	16	52%	653	53%
Total	31	100%	1,238	100%

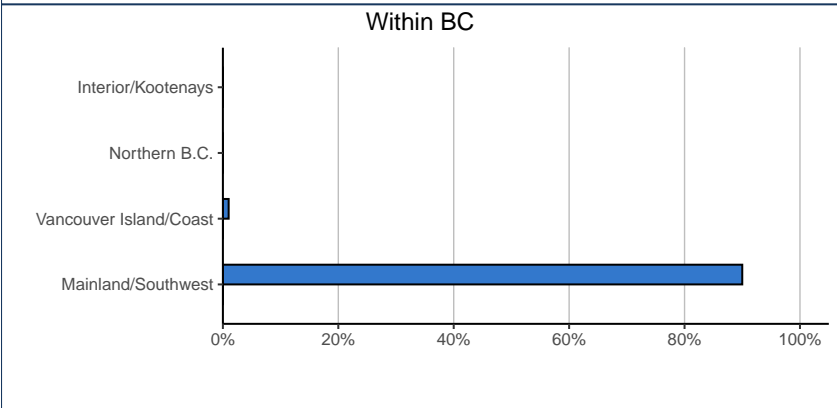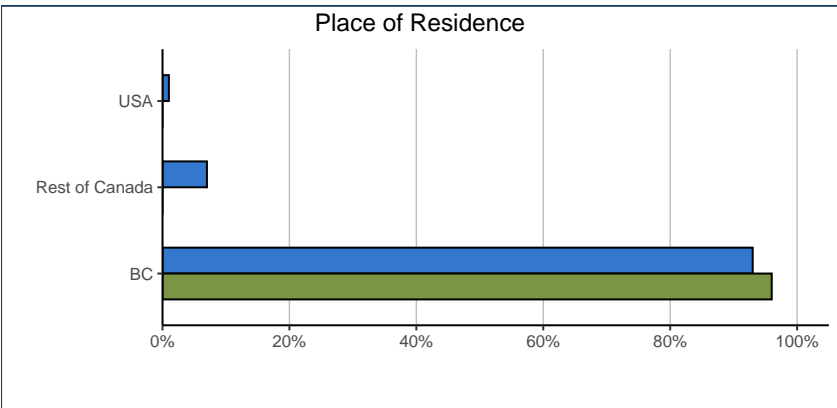*Due to zero or low counts, institution–reported "Non–Binary" demographic data are not included
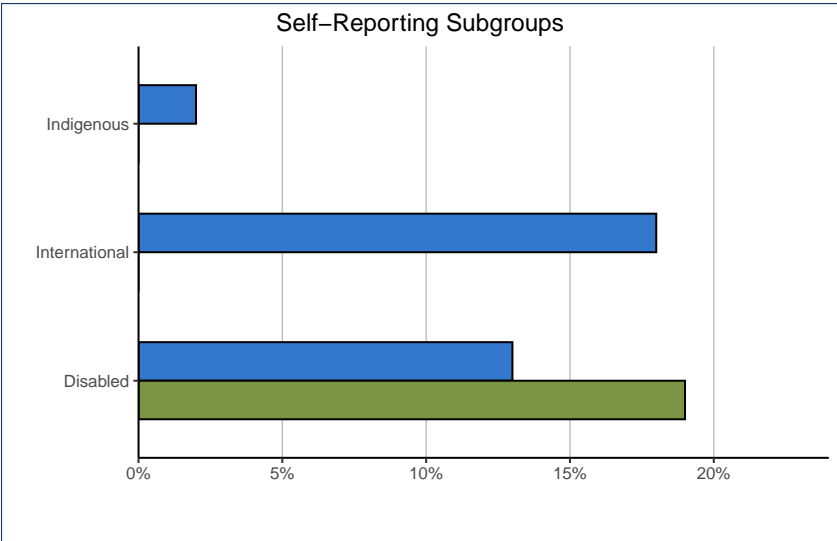
Age (at time of survey):	45.1001		SFU	
< 25	10	32%	147	12%
25 to 29	16	52%	915	74%
30 to 34	~	~	102	8%
35 to 39	~	~	32	3%
40 to 49	0	0%	~	~
50 to 64	0	0%	22	2%
> 64	~	~	~	~
Total	31	100%	1,242	100%
Median Age	25		26	
Average (mean) Age	27		27	

Age Distribution
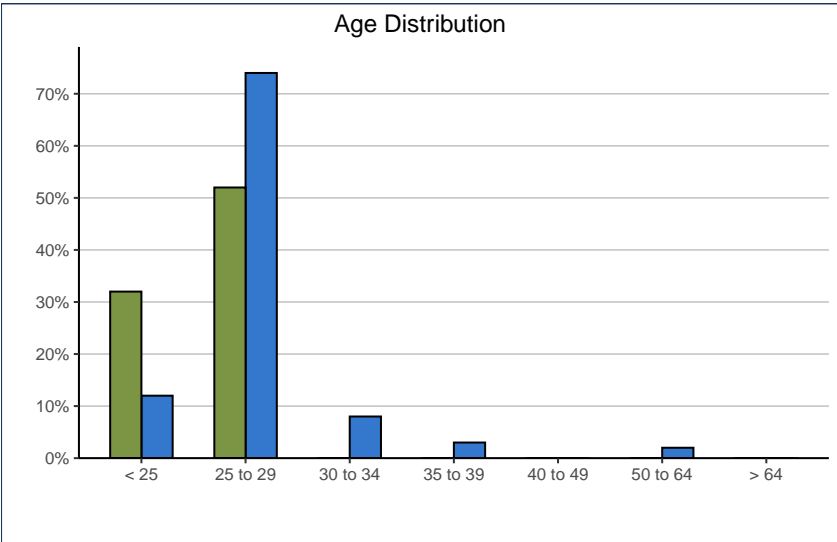
Place of Residence (at time of survey):	45.1001		SFU	
BC – Mainland/Southwest	~	~	981	90%
BC – Vancouver Island/Coast	~	~	13	1%
BC – Northern B.C.	0	0%	~	~
BC – Interior/Kootenays	0	0%	~	~
BC Subtotal	24	96%	1,009	93%
Canada – Alberta	0	0%	22	2%
Canada – Ontario	~	~	30	3%
Canada – Other	0	0%	18	2%
U.S.A.	0	0%	8	1%
Non–BC Subtotal	~	~	78	7%
Total	~	~	1,087	100%

Place of Residence

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EDUCATION EVALUATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Program Satisfaction:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Satisfied	11	37%	285	23%
Satisfied	17	57%	791	65%
Dissatisfied	2	7%	115	9%
Very Dissatisfied	0	0%	27	2%
Total	30	100%	1,218	100%

Usefulness of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Acquired during Program in Work:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Useful	8	36%	302	31%
Somewhat Useful	8	36%	488	50%
Not Very Useful	4	18%	128	13%
Not at All Useful	2	9%	50	5%
Total	22	100%	968	100%

Took upgrading, access, bridging, or other preparatory courses during or prior to studies:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	0	0%	97	8%
No	31	100%	1,103	92%

Program Satisfaction

Legend: Very Satisfied, Satisfied

Would select the same program again:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	19	73%	751	69%
No	7	27%	341	31%

Quality of Instruction:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Good	11	37%	273	22%
Good	18	60%	837	68%
Poor	1	3%	98	8%
Very Poor	0	0%	15	1%
Total	30	100%	1,223	100%

Comprehensiveness of Core Courses:	45.1001		SFU	
Very Good	11	38%	267	22%
Good	17	59%	773	64%
Poor	1	3%	147	12%
Very Poor	0	0%	29	2%
Total	29	100%	1,216	100%

Course Availability:	45.1001		SFU	
Encountered course availability problems	15	50%	777	64%

| Financial Constraints:	45.1001		SFU	
Had to interrupt studies for financial reasons	5	16%	130	11%
Had to take program part–time for financial reasons	5	16%	248	20%

Program Quality

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

* "Very Good" or "Good"
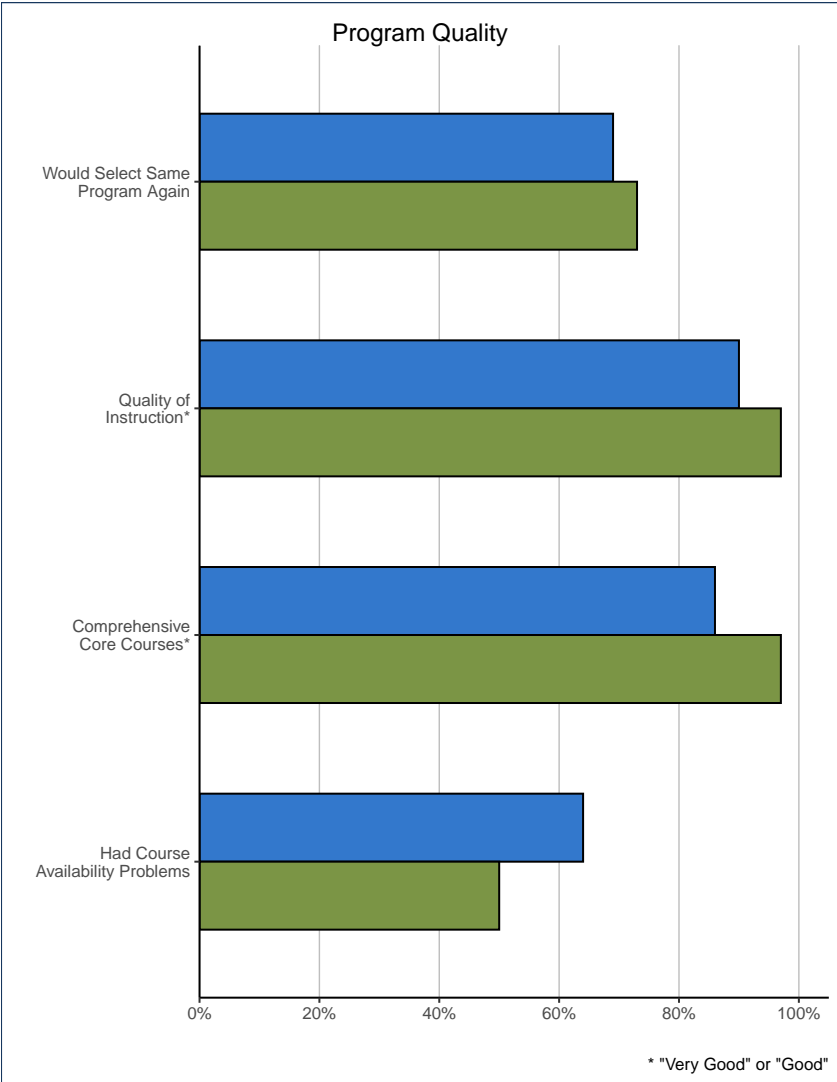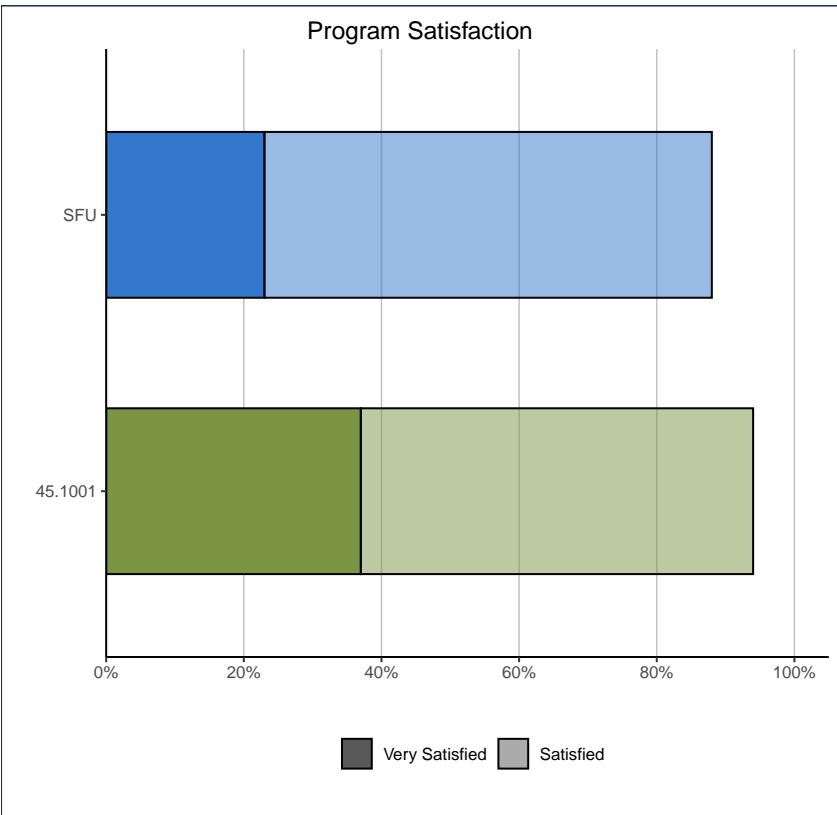
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Skill Development: How helpful was institution?	45.1001				
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful	# Resp.
Written Communication	45%	45%	10%	0%	31
Oral Communication	30%	57%	13%	0%	30
Reading and Comprehension	42%	52%	6%	0%	31
Group Collaboration	10%	48%	32%	10%	31
Critical Anlysis	39%	58%	3%	0%	31
Problem Resolution	17%	53%	23%	7%	30
Use of Mathematics	5%	32%	55%	9%	22
Conducting Research	27%	60%	10%	3%	30
Learning on Your Own	21%	61%	14%	4%	28

Skill Development: How helpful was institution?	SFU				
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at All Helpful	# Resp.
Written Communication	28%	55%	15%	2%	1,206
Oral Communication	21%	57%	19%	3%	1,206
Reading and Comprehension	31%	53%	14%	2%	1,212
Group Collaboration	23%	51%	21%	4%	1,211
Critical Anlysis	39%	52%	7%	2%	1,229
Problem Resolution	23%	54%	19%	4%	1,192
Use of Mathematics	21%	45%	28%	7%	998
Conducting Research	29%	49%	18%	4%	1,149
Learning on Your Own	39%	48%	10%	3%	1,210

Helpful with Skill Development

"Very Helpful" or "Helpful"
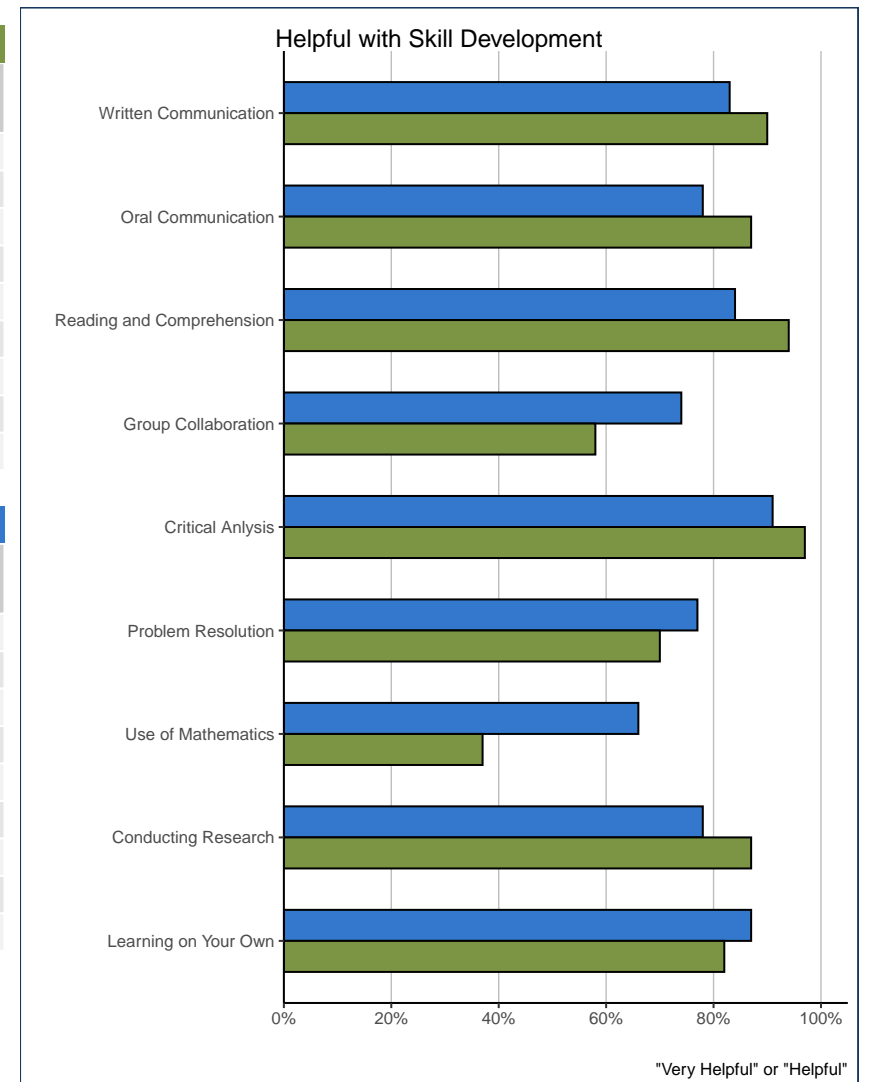
FURTHER EDUCATION

Took further education since 2022 graduation:	45.1001		SFU	
Yes	14	45%	528	43%
Not currently enrolled	3	10%	221	18%
Currently enrolled full–time	9	29%	217	18%
Currently enrolled part–time	1	3%	83	7%
No	17	55%	705	57%
Total	31	100%	1,233	100%

Have you taken further education since graduation?

Legend: Yes – Currently enrolled part–time; Yes – Currently enrolled full–time; Yes – Not currently enrolled; No
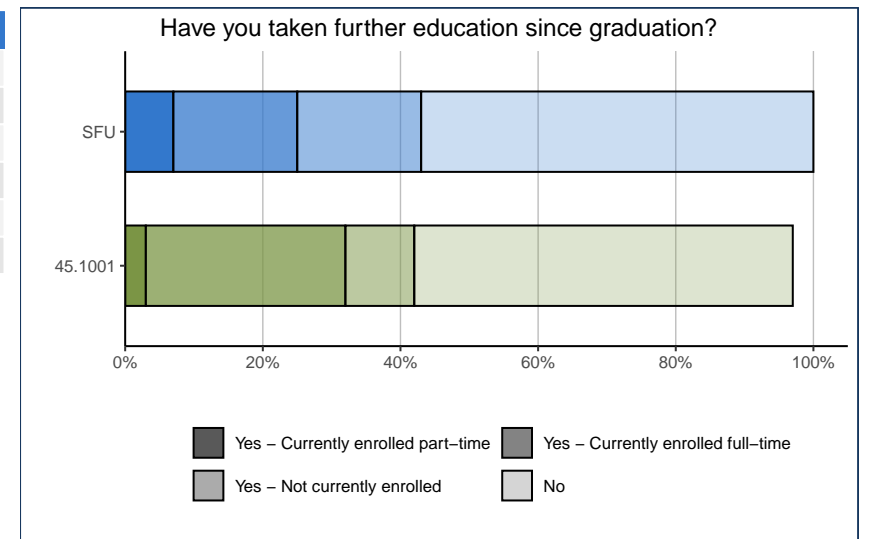
Type of Formal Post–Secondary Education:	45.1001		SFU	
Master's Degree	7	50%	187	36%
Doctoral Degree	1	7%	26	5%
Another Undergraduate Degree	2	14%	92	18%
Certificate or Diploma below Bachelor Level	2	14%	82	16%
Professional Association Certification	2	14%	54	10%
Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma	0	0%	60	12%
Other	0	0%	19	4%
Total	14	100%	520	100%

Further Education/Training Type

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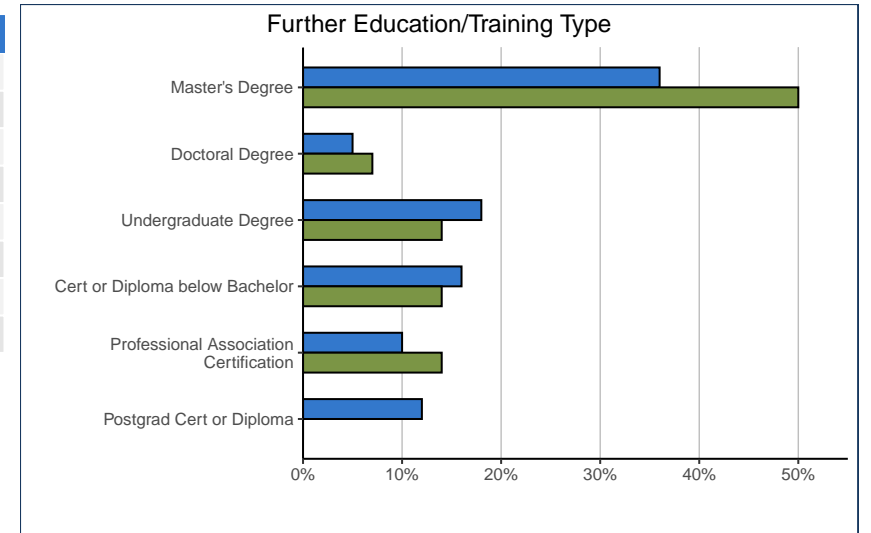
EMPLOYMENT

Labour Fource Status:	45.1001		SFU	
In Labour Force (working or seeking work)	25	83%	1,097	90%
Not in Labour Force	5	17%	121	10%
Total	30	100%	1,218	100%

Employment:	45.1001		SFU	
Employment Rate*	23	74%	976	79%
Unemployment Rate**	2	8.0%	121	11.0%

*Percent = Total employed divided by total number of respondents
**Percent = Total unemployed divided by total number in labour force
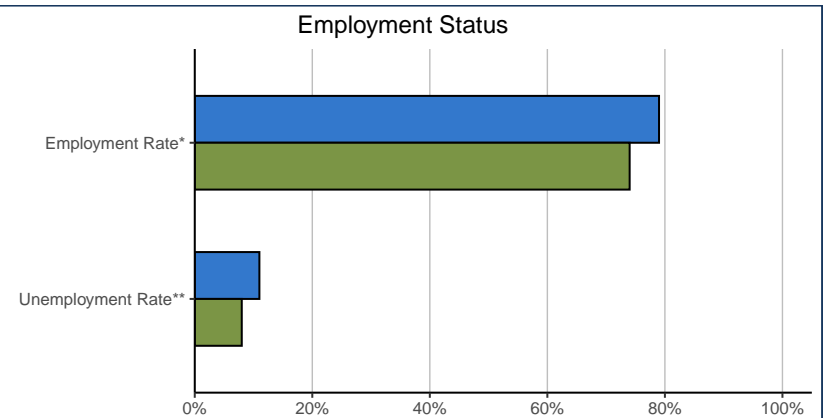
Employment Status

Status of Graduates NOT in Labour Force:	45.1001		SFU	
Attending School FT	4	80%	86	71%
Attending School PT	0	0%	5	4%
Other	1	20%	30	25%
Total NOT in Labour Force	5	100%	121	100%

Primary Employment Type:	45.1001		SFU	
Paid Worker	22	96%	916	94%
Self–Employed	1	4%	60	6%
Total	23	100%	976	100%

Job Characteristics:	45.1001		SFU	
I hold more than one job*	2	9%	175	18%
My main job is full–time (>= 30 hours per week)**	22	96%	812	88%

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

"Under–Employment" Assessment
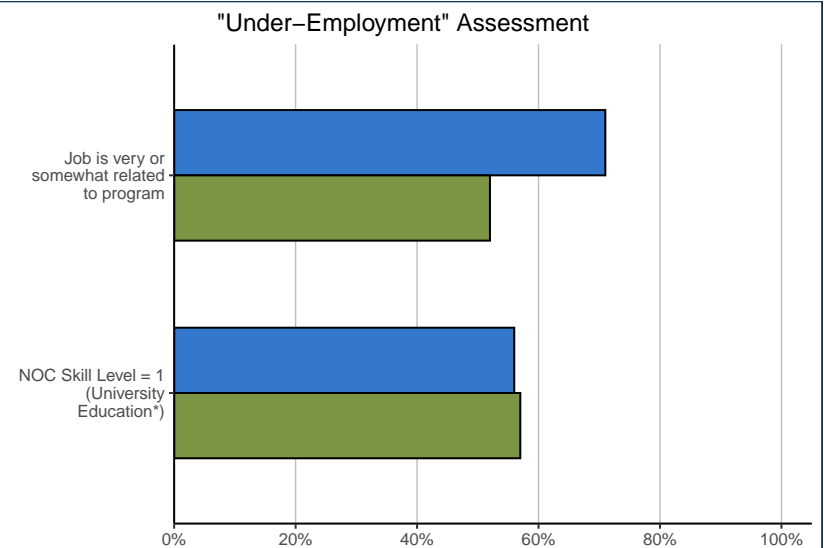
How related is your main job to your program?	45.1001		SFU	
Very Related	6	26%	339	35%
Somewhat Related	6	26%	347	36%
Not Very Related	5	22%	137	14%
Not at All Related	6	26%	150	15%
Total	23	100%	973	100%

"Under–Employment" Assessment:	45.1001		SFU	
Job is very or somewhat related to program	12	52%	686	71%
NOC Skill Level = 1 (University Education)*	12	57%	504	56%

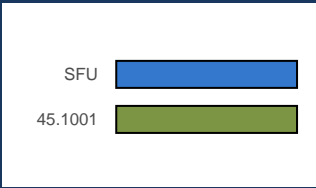*Of total valid responses; NOC 2021 (TEER)

Gross Annual Income from Main Job:*	45.1001		SFU	
Less than $20,000	0	0%	32	5%
$20,000 to $39,999	~	~	78	11%
$40,000 to $59,999	5	28%	146	21%
$60,000 to $79,999	6	33%	237	34%
$80,000 to $99,999	~	~	88	13%
$100,000 and Above	~	~	111	16%
Total	18	100%	692	100%
Median Annual Income (full–time) ($)	66,695		70,000	
Average Annual Income (full–time) ($)	75,159		76,884	

*Where data provided

Gross Annual FT Income From Main Job ($,000)
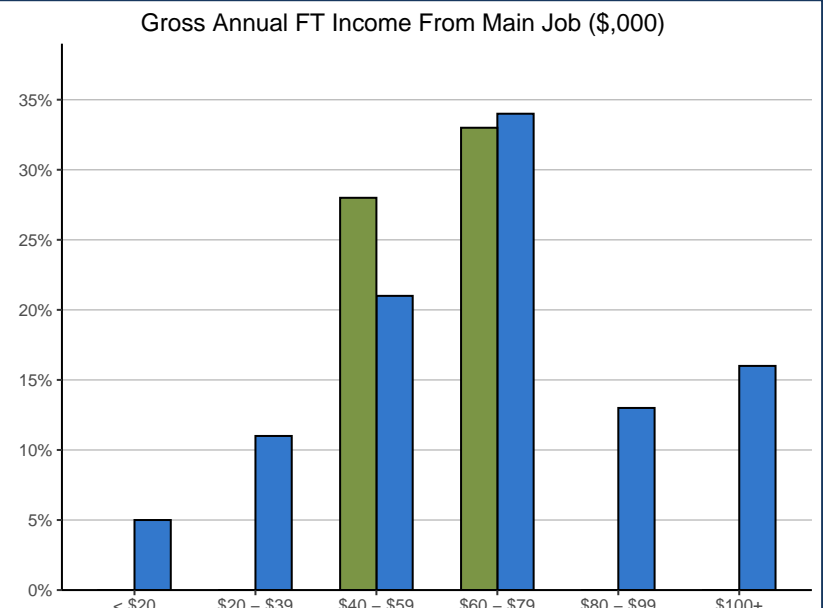
NOC Skill Type of Main Job (NOC 2021):	45.1001		SFU	
Legislative and senior management	0	0%	5	1%
Business, finance & administration	10	48%	233	26%
Natural & applied sciences & related	0	0%	203	23%
Health	0	0%	32	4%
Education, law and social, community & government	6	29%	260	29%
Art, culture, recreation & sport	2	10%	53	6%
Sales & service	2	10%	91	10%
Trades, transport & equipment operators & related	0	0%	13	1%
Natural resources, agriculture & related production	1	5%	2	0%
Manufacturing & utilities	0	0%	2	0%
Total	21	100%	894	100%

Employed Graduates by NOC Skill Type

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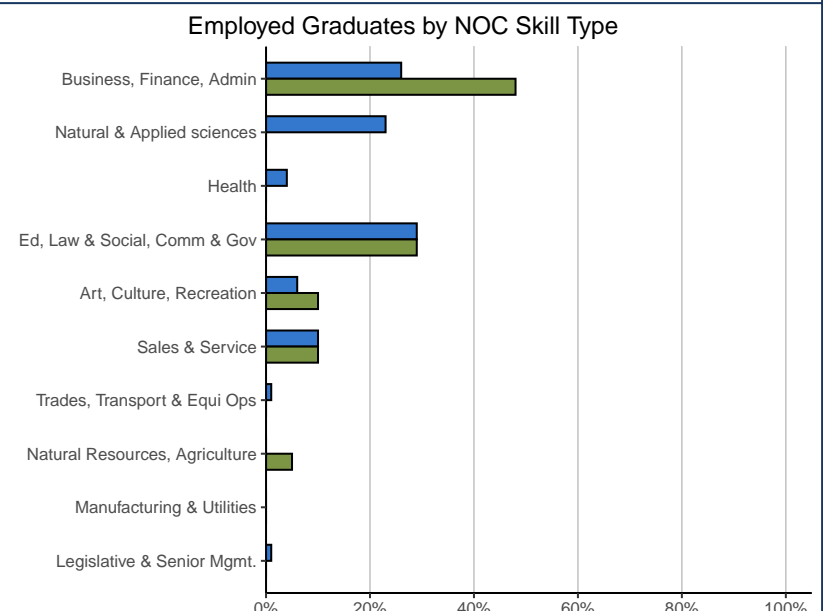
EMPLOYMENT, continued

NOC Skill Level of Main Job (NOC 2021 (TEER)):	45.1001		SFU	
0. Management	1	5%	61	7%
1. University education	12	57%	504	56%
2. College education/trade apprenticeship (2+ years)	1	5%	126	14%
3. College education/trade apprenticeship (<2 years)	3	14%	100	11%
4. Secondary school + job–specific training	3	14%	76	9%
5. No formal education	1	5%	27	3%
Total	21	100%	894	100%

NOC Skill Level of Main Job
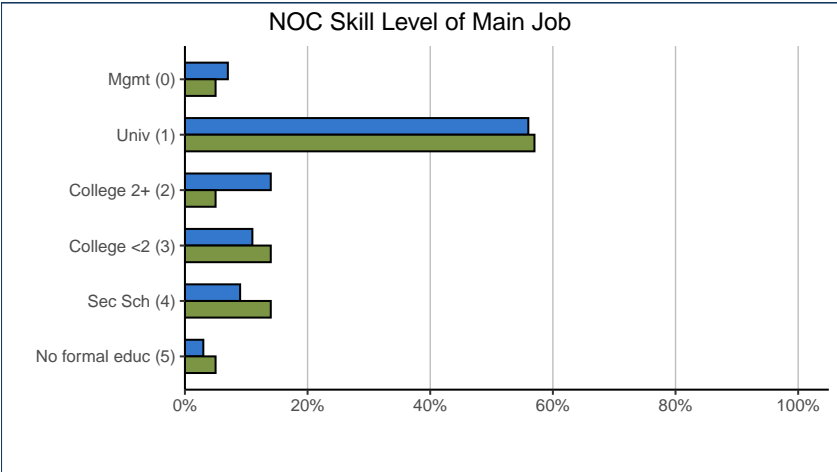
	45.1001				
How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	# Resp.
Written Communication	86%	5%	0%	9%	22
Oral Communication	86%	5%	0%	9%	22
Reading and Comprehension	86%	0%	5%	9%	22
Group Collaboration	73%	18%	0%	9%	22
Critical Anlysis	64%	23%	5%	9%	22
Problem Resolution	68%	23%	0%	9%	22
Use of Mathematics	5%	52%	19%	24%	21
Conducting Research	41%	32%	14%	14%	22
Learning on Your Own	68%	23%	0%	9%	22
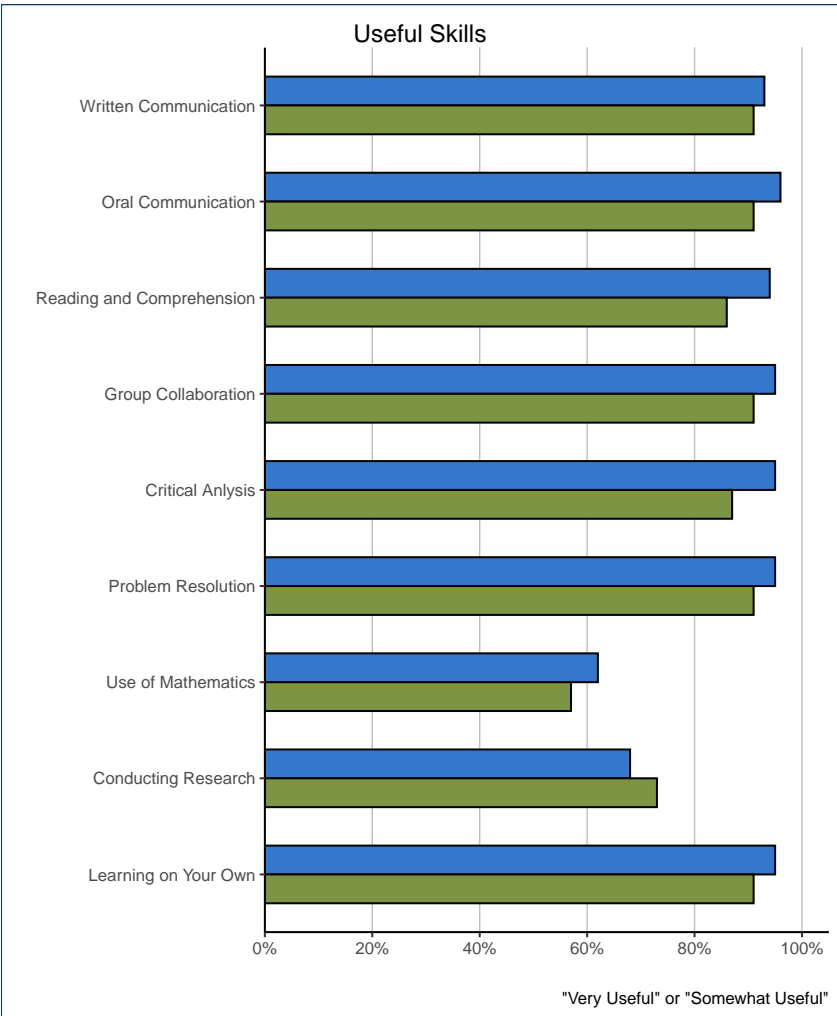
	SFU				
How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	# Resp.
Written Communication	65%	28%	5%	2%	972
Oral Communication	72%	24%	3%	2%	971
Reading and Comprehension	68%	26%	5%	2%	970
Group Collaboration	73%	22%	3%	2%	970
Critical Anlysis	71%	24%	4%	2%	970
Problem Resolution	73%	22%	4%	1%	969
Use of Mathematics	26%	36%	22%	16%	951
Conducting Research	34%	34%	19%	13%	961
Learning on Your Own	64%	31%	3%	2%	968

Useful Skills

"Very Useful" or "Somewhat Useful"

Top 10 Full–Time Occupations of 45.1001 Graduates*:			45.1001
NOC_2021	NOC Skill Level	Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**
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* Data not displayed where n < 5; NOC 2021
** Percentages cited are of those employed

Top 10 Full–Time Occupations of SFU Graduates*:			SFU
NOC_2021	NOC Skill Level	Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**
XXXXX	X	Unclassified occupations	7%
21231	1	Software engineers and designers	6%
41221	1	Elementary school and kindergarten teachers	5%
41220	1	Secondary school teachers	4%
21232	1	Software developers and programmers	3%
11202	1	Professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations	3%
42201	2	Social and community service workers	2%
11100	1	Financial auditors and accountants	2%
13110	3	Administrative assistants	2%
11200	1	Human resources professionals	2%

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EDUCATION FINANCING

Funding Sources (3 sources allowed):*	45.1001		SFU	
Personal savings, investments	9	30%	340	28%
Employment while studying	16	53%	622	51%
Family/Friends	17	57%	786	65%
Personal bank loans	0	0%	41	3%
Government student loans	6	20%	345	29%
Scholarships/Bursaries/Grants	13	43%	348	29%
Other	4	13%	280	23%
Total	30		1,208	

* Percentage of respondents who identified this source

Education Funding Sources

Financial Debt Incurred to Finance Bac. Ed.:*	45.1001		SFU	
Incurred any form of financial debt	8	27%	440	36%
Incurred government–sponsored student loan debt	8	26%	386	31%

* Percentage of respondents who provided data

Financial Debt Amount:*	45.1001		SFU	
< $1,000	0	0%	1	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	0	0%	10	3%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	30	9%
$10,000 to $14,999	0	0%	30	9%
$15,000 to $19,999	1	17%	23	7%
$20,000 to $29,999	3	50%	64	20%
$30,000 to $39,999	1	17%	67	21%
$40,000 or More	1	17%	93	29%
Total	6	100%	318	100%
Median Financial Debt ($)	22,500		30,000	

* Includes only cases where financial debt was incurred

Financial Debt Incurred ($,000)

Gov't–Sponsored Student Loan Debt Amount:*	45.1001		SFU	
< $1,000	0	0%	1	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	0	0%	6	2%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	23	10%
$10,000 to $14,999	0	0%	25	10%
$15,000 to $19,999	1	25%	24	10%
$20,000 to $29,999	2	50%	41	17%
$30,000 to $39,999	1	25%	58	24%
$40,000 or More	0	0%	63	26%
Total	4	100%	241	100%
Median Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt ($)	20,500		30,000	

* Includes only cases where government–sponsored debt was incurred

Government–Sponsored Debt Incurred ($,000)

Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding:*	45.1001		SFU	
None – Loan repaid in full	3	50%	88	29%
< $1,000	0	0%	0	0%
$1,000 to $4,999	0	0%	10	3%
$5,000 to $9,999	0	0%	21	7%
$10,000 to $14,999	0	0%	23	8%
$15,000 to $19,999	2	33%	38	13%
$20,000 to $29,999	0	0%	40	13%
$30,000 to $39,999	1	17%	44	15%
$40,000 or More	0	0%	35	12%
Total	6	100%	299	100%
Median Gov't–Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding** ($)	19,000		22,000	

* 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)