



# State of the Academy 2016



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On April 22, *The Phillipian*, vol. CXXXIX, sent out the 2016 “State of the Academy” survey to all Andover students in the hopes of attaining valuable information about the Andover community. The anonymous survey consisted of 80 questions, divided into eight main topics: general information, identity, school, drug and alcohol usage, wellness, sexual activity, and discipline. Of the 1,118 students who received the survey, *The Phillipian* received a record-high 923 complete responses

– 83 percent of the student body – in the span of five days. *The Phillipian* has taken the results of the survey and organized them into several pages of graphic data pertaining to each topic. More graphs can be found online at [sota.phillipian.net](http://sota.phillipian.net). We thank the students for their willingness to share information about themselves and their experiences, and we hope that this special issue of *The Phillipian* will both inform and enlighten the Andover community.

General  
A2-A3

School  
A4

Drugs &  
Alcohol  
A5

Wellness  
A6

Sex  
A7

Politics  
A8

Discipline  
A8



# GENERAL



923 STUDENTS RESPONDED • 83 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT BODY PARTICIPATED

CLASS OF 2016

227

227 Seniors responded

CLASS OF 2017

232

232 Uppers responded

CLASS OF 2018

263

263 Lovers responded

CLASS OF 2019

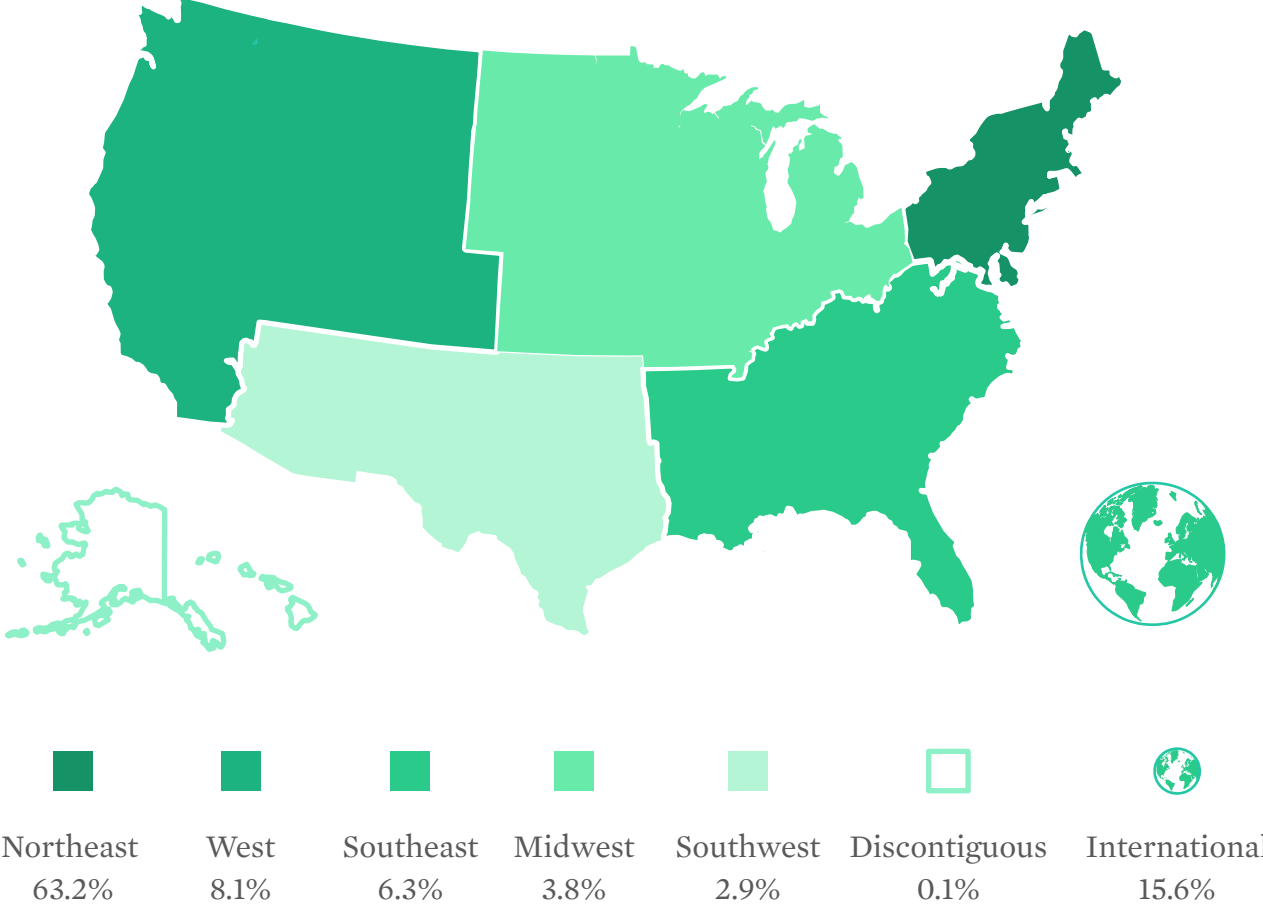
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201 Juniors responded

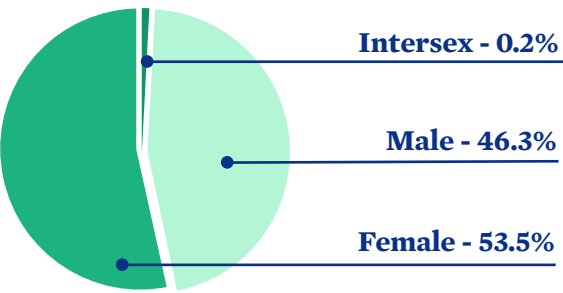
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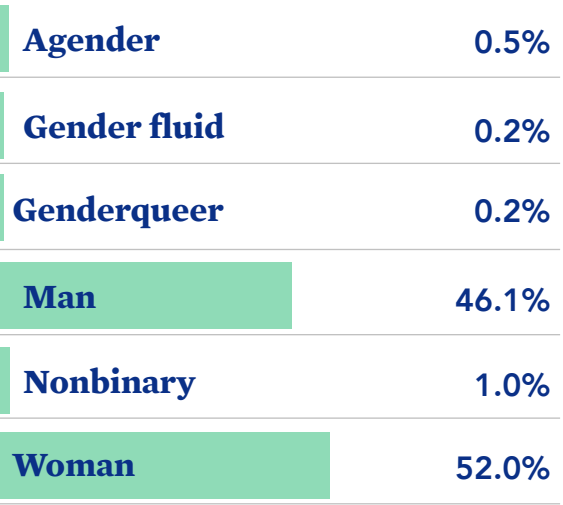
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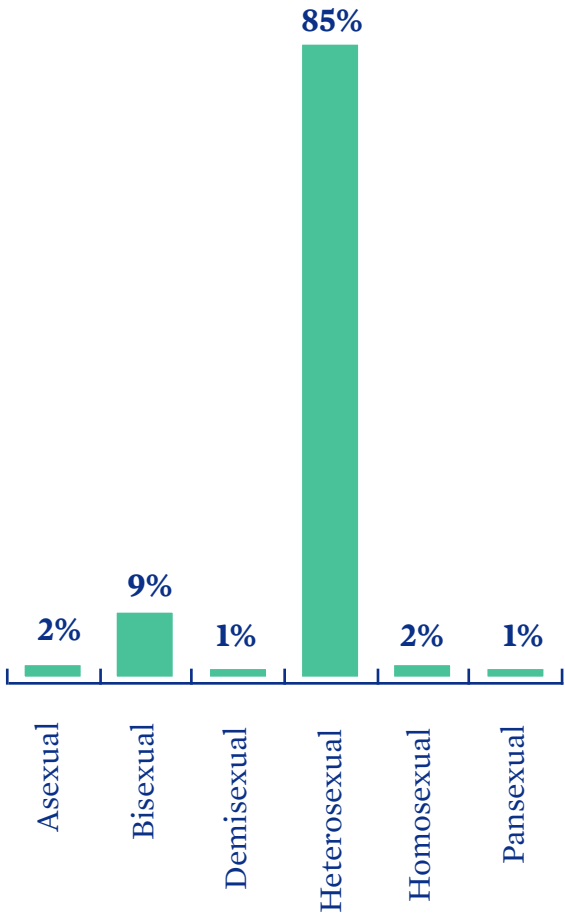
WHAT IS YOUR SEX?



WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?



WHAT IS YOUR SEXUAL ORIENTATION?

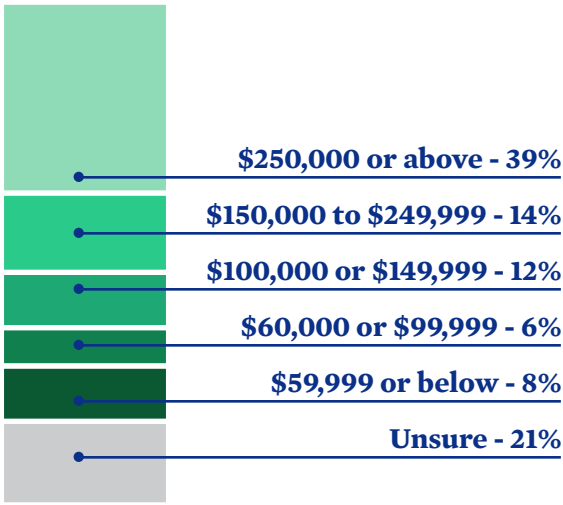


FINANCIAL AID

48%

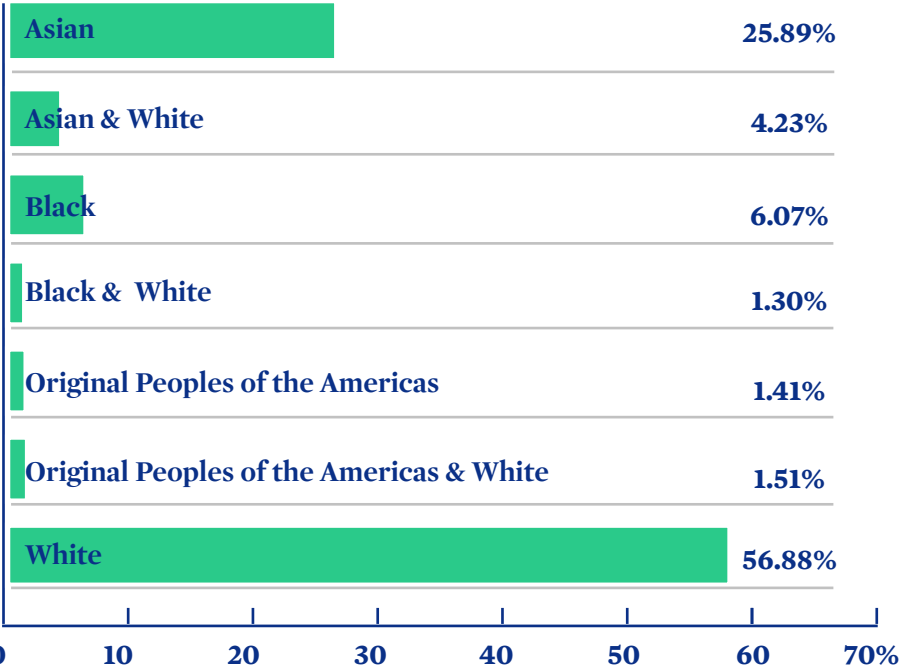
Almost half of respondents are on some form of aid.

WHAT IS YOUR NET FAMILY INCOME?



WHAT IS YOUR RACE?\*

To the readership: In past years, “State of the Academy” included the question: “What is your race/ethnicity?” This year, *The Phillipian* divided this question into two questions, one that asked about race and the other about ethnicity. Respondents were allowed to select more than one option for each of these questions to allow students who identify as more than one race or ethnicity to answer accordingly. Unfortunately, the host site of the survey collected these responses in such a way that the answers were unable to be analyzed or crossed with information from other survey questions. The data seen here was calculated by hand. Data about ethnicity could not be collected.



\*Students who identified as Original People of the Americas-Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander-White; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Black-Original Peoples of the Americas-White; Black-Original Peoples of the Americas; Asian-Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander-White; Asian-Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Asian-Black-White; Asian-Black; or all races were not included in the graph. They comprised 2.71 percent of respondents.



# GENERAL

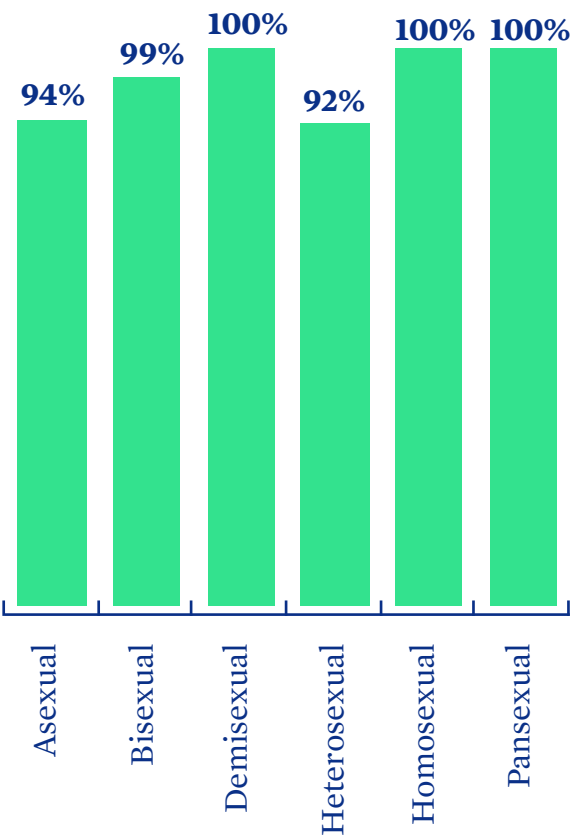
## ACCEPTING OF LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE

93%

Almost all respondents consider themselves accepting of LGBTQIA+ members of the Andover community.

## ACCEPTING OF LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE BY SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Do you consider yourself accepting of LGBTQIA+ members of the Andover community?



## EXTRACURRICULARS

6%

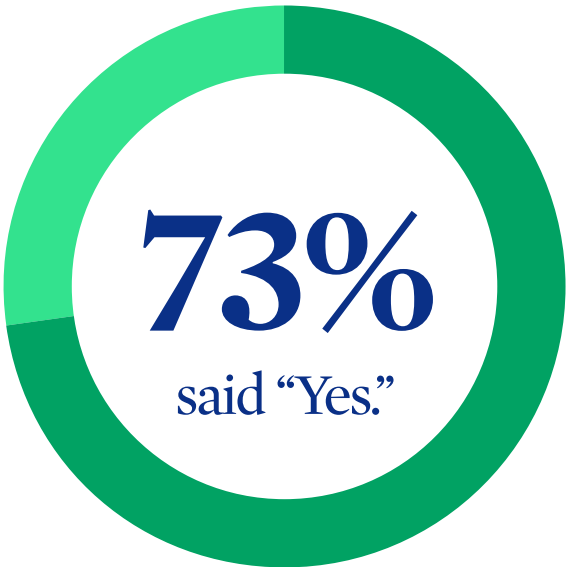
Six percent of respondents participate in extracurriculars solely to increase their chances of attending a selective college.

## STRESS

30%

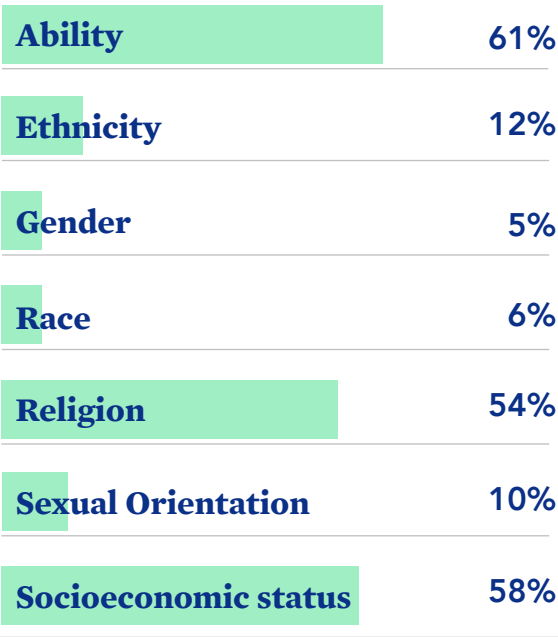
30 percent of respondents feel overwhelmingly stressed most of their time at Andover.

## DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A FEMINIST?



Nearly three-fourths of respondents considered themselves to be feminists.

## WHICH FACET OF IDENTITY DO YOU FEEL IS LEAST DISCUSSED AT ANDOVER?

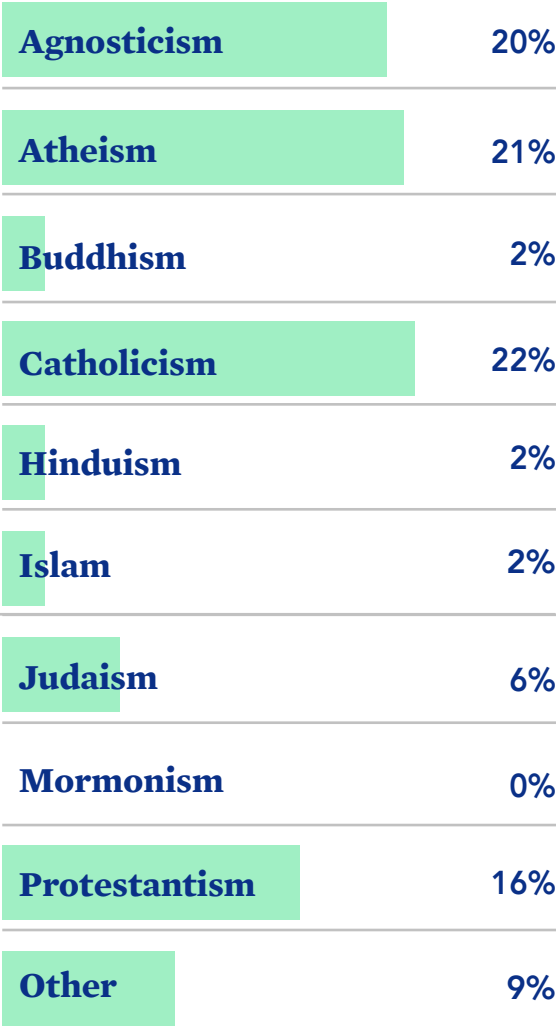


## WHAT ARE YOUR PREFERRED GENDER PRONOUNS (PGPs)?



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## WITH WHICH RELIGION OR BELIEF DO YOU IDENTIFY?

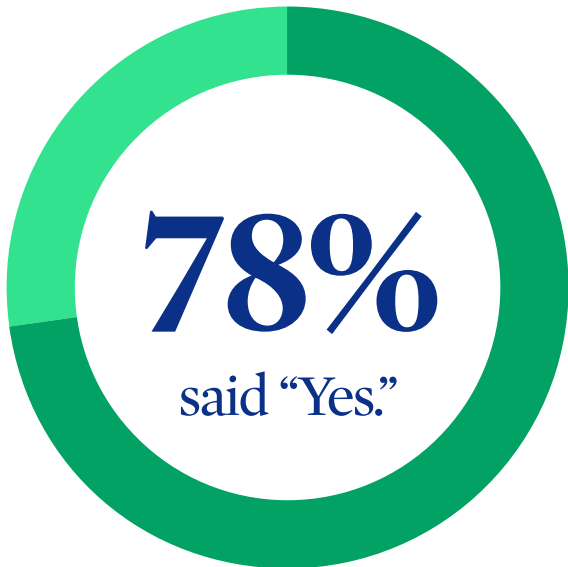


## ATHLETES

409

44 percent of respondents participate in athletics at the varsity level at Andover.

## WOULD YOU SEND YOUR KIDS TO ANDOVER?



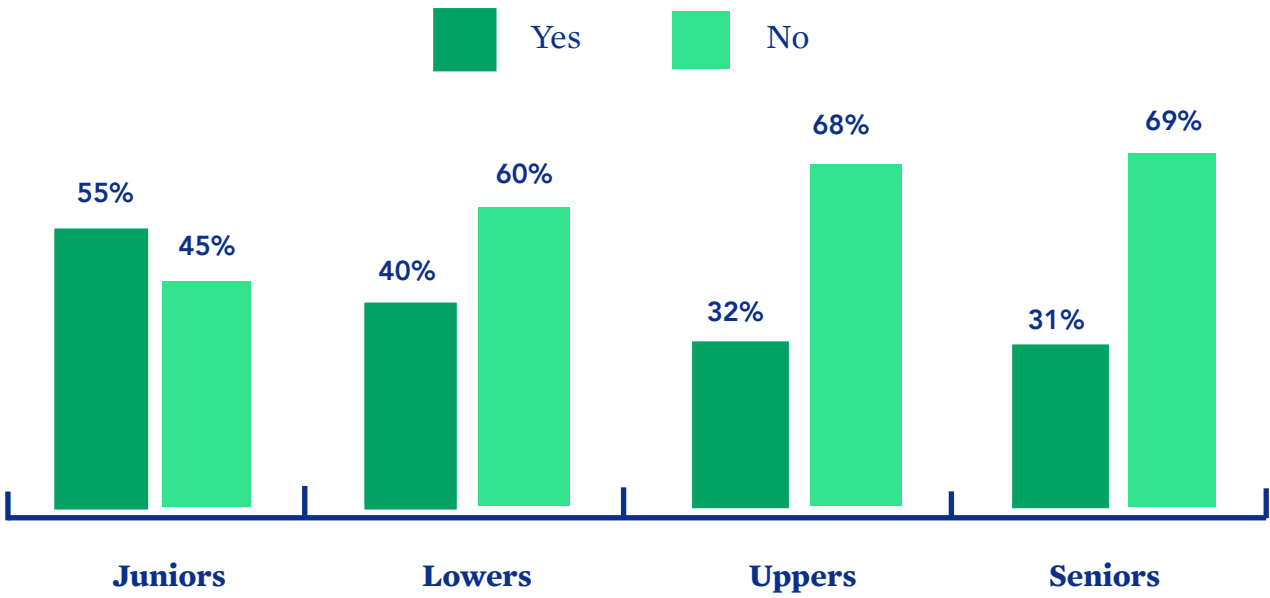
720 respondents, or 78 percent, reported that they would want their kids to attend Andover.

## DO YOU BELIEVE THAT REVERSE RACISM EXISTS?



## REVERSE RACISM BY GRADE

Do you believe that reverse racism exists?



## TEACHER SUPPORT

76%

More than three-fourths of respondents think that the majority of their teachers care about their health and wellbeing.

## FACULTY DIVERSITY

62%

More than half of respondents answered that the faculty is diverse enough.



# SCHOOL

## ACADEMICS AT ANDOVER

As a rigorous academic institution, academics are the focal point of life at Andover. Respondents to the survey reported a 5.0 as the most common Winter Term 2016 G.P.A. Eleven percent of respondents said that they spend six hours on coursework outside of class each day. Thirty-eight percent of students said that they believe attending Andover negatively affects their chances of being accepted to a selective college.

### GRADING DISPARITIES

98%

Nearly unanimously, respondents believe that grading disparities exist between teachers of the same department at Andover.

### IN WHICH DEPARTMENT IS THERE THE LARGEST GRADING DISPARITY BETWEEN TEACHERS?\*

English	69.2%
History & Social Science	11.8%
Natural Sciences	4.6%
World Languages	4.3%
Not Applicable	4.1%
Math, Stats & Comp Sci	3.8%
Art	1.6%
Philosophy & Religious Studies	0.4%
Music	0.2%

\*No responses collected for Theatre and Dance or Physical Education.

### AVERAGE G.P.A.

5.06

On average, students ended winter term with a 5.06 grade point average.

### ROUNDED G.P.A. WINTER TERM 2015 - 2016

6.0	6%
5.8	5%
5.6	12%
5.4	13%
5.2	13%
5.0	16%
4.8	11%
4.6	10%
4.4	4%
4.2	4%
4.0	4%
3.8	1%
3.6	1%
3.4	1%
3.2	0.1%
3.0 or less	0.1%

### DO YOU SUPPORT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?

Yes - 69%

No - 31%

### HOURS SPENT ON HOMEWORK PER NIGHT

Seven hours or more	4%
Six hours	11%
Five hours	23%
Four hours	31%
Three hours	21%
Two hours	7%
One hour or less	3%

### HOMEWORK PER NIGHT

4.16 hrs

On average, students spend 4.156 hours on coursework outside of class each day.

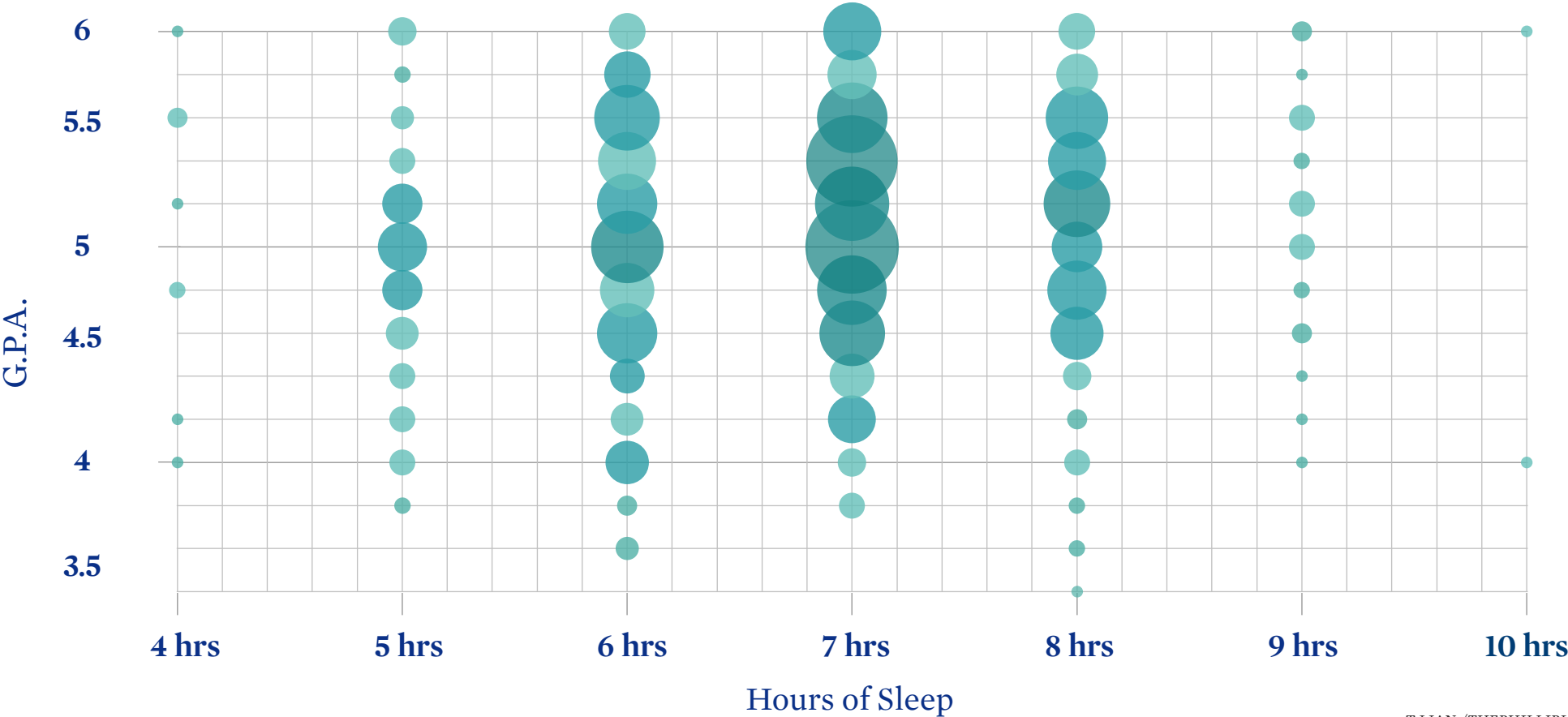
### OF STUDENTS WITH A 6.0,

81%

### ARE BOARDERS

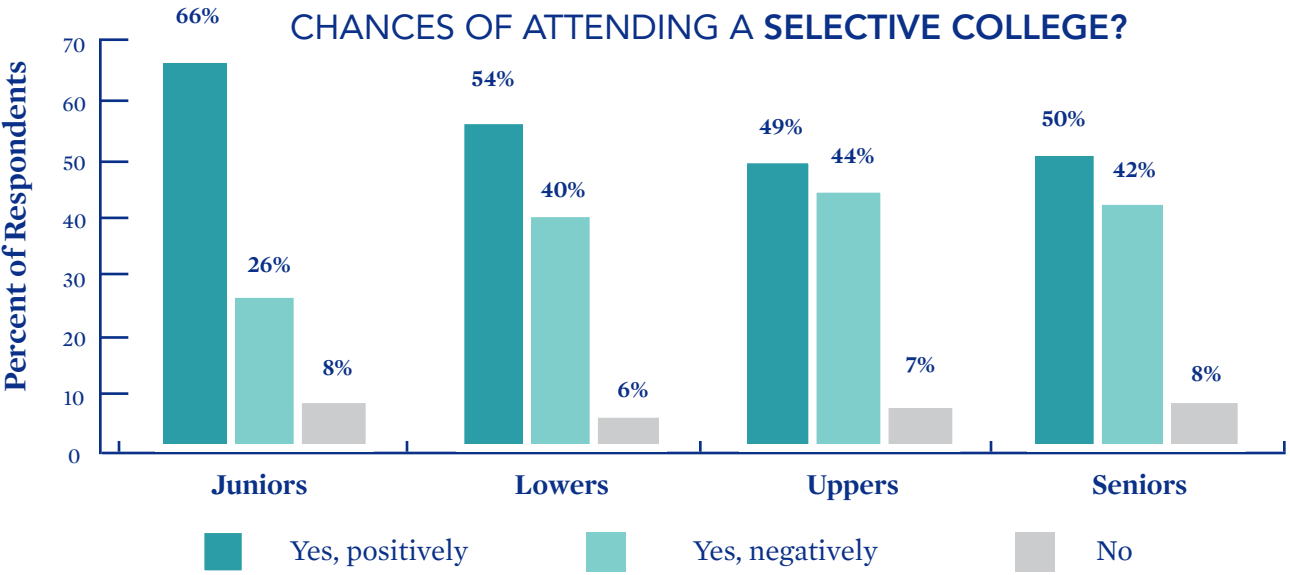
More than four-fifths of students that have a 6.0 G.P.A. are boarding students.

### HOURS OF SLEEP BY G.P.A.



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### DO YOU THINK THAT ANDOVER AFFECTS YOUR CHANCES OF ATTENDING A SELECTIVE COLLEGE?



### HOMEWORK PER NIGHT

3,836+

Collectively, Andover students spend 3,823+ hours on homework per night.

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# DRUGS & ALCOHOL

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As a high school, Andover is not immune to a pervasive drug and alcohol culture. Sixty-one percent of respondents reported that they have consumed alcohol at some point, either on campus, off campus, or both.

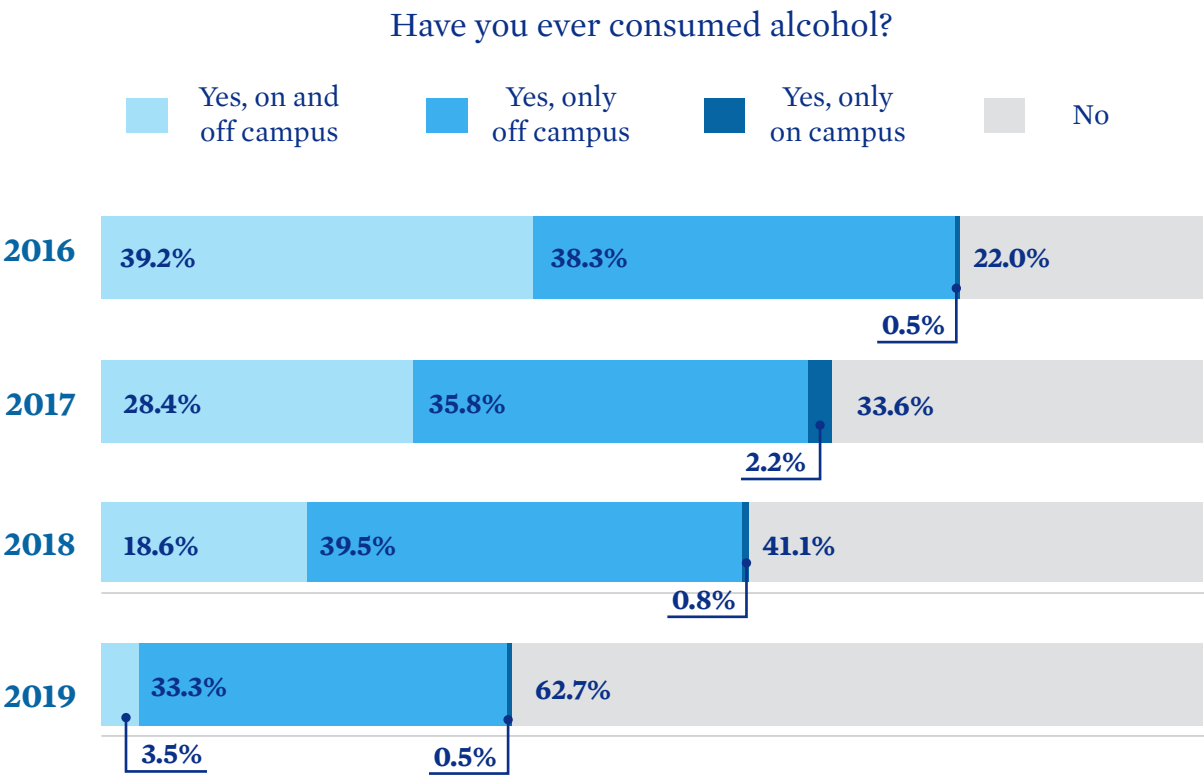
Twenty-seven people indicated use of the hallucinogen LSD. Thirty percent said they had used marijuana, either on campus, off campus, or both. Forty students reported using “study drugs” on campus. One hundred and seventy-nine respondents said they have attended a school-sponsored event under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS THAT HAVE USED HARD DRUGS AND HALLUCINOGENS\*

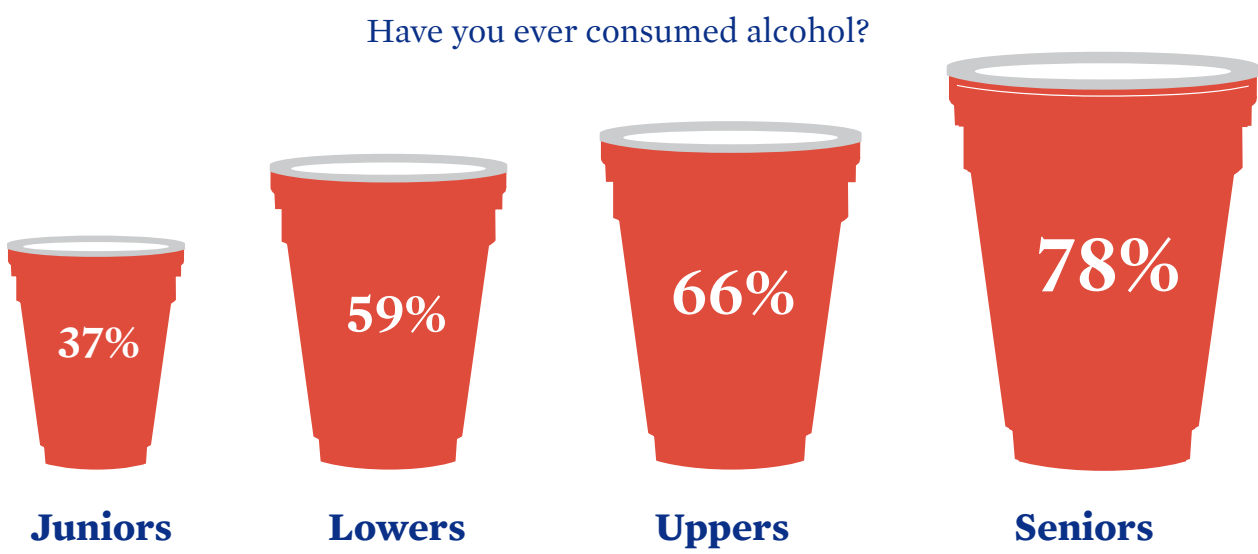
Cocaine	25
DXM	13
Heroin	2
Ketamine	5
LSD	27
Mescaline peyote	2
MDMA (Molly)	30
Psilocybin mushrooms	18

\* Hard drugs and hallucinogens defined as: Cocaine, DXM, Heroin, Ketamine, LSD, Mescaline peyote, MDMA (Molly), or Psilocybin mushrooms.

## ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY GRADE

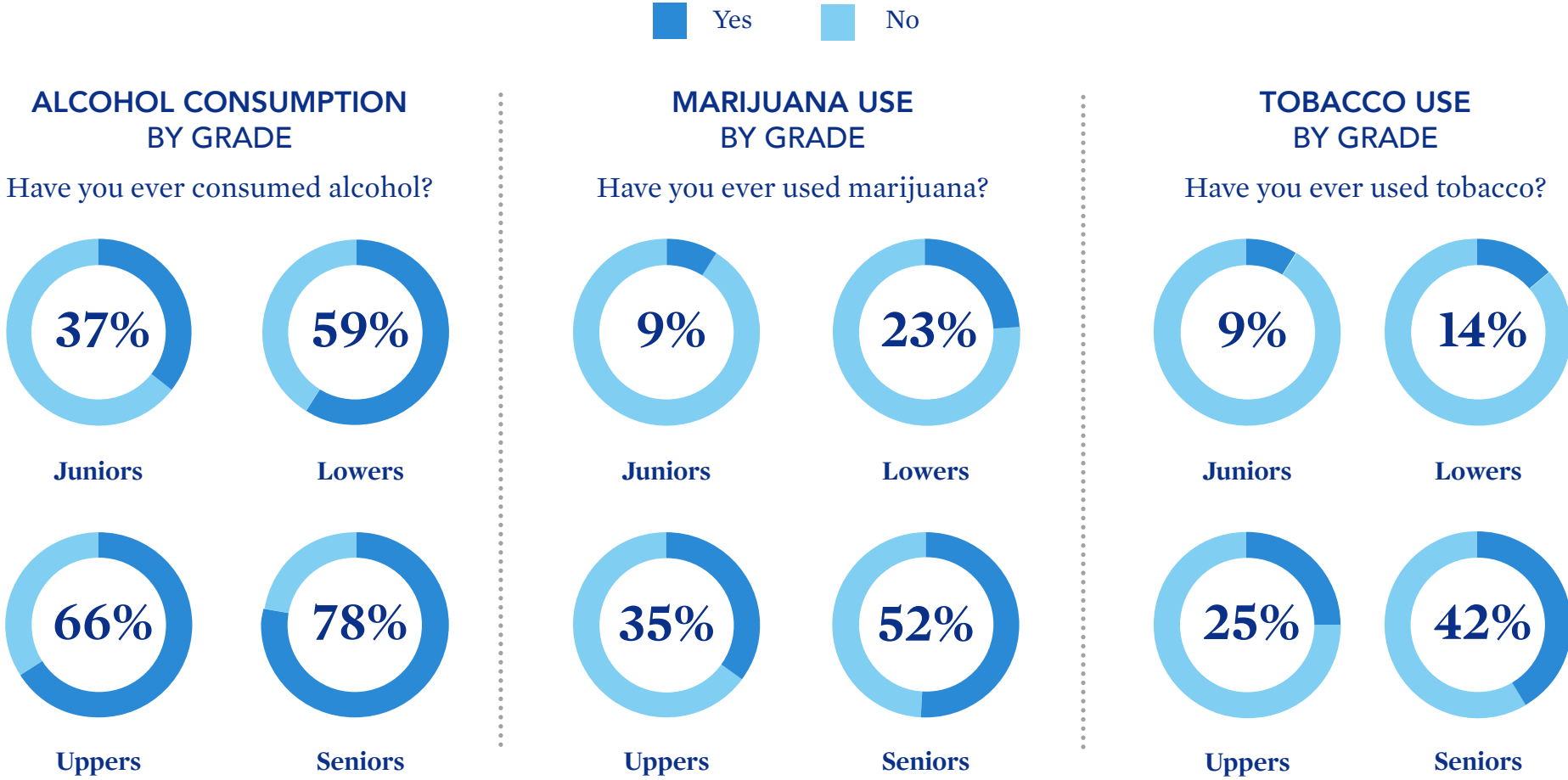


## OVERALL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY GRADE



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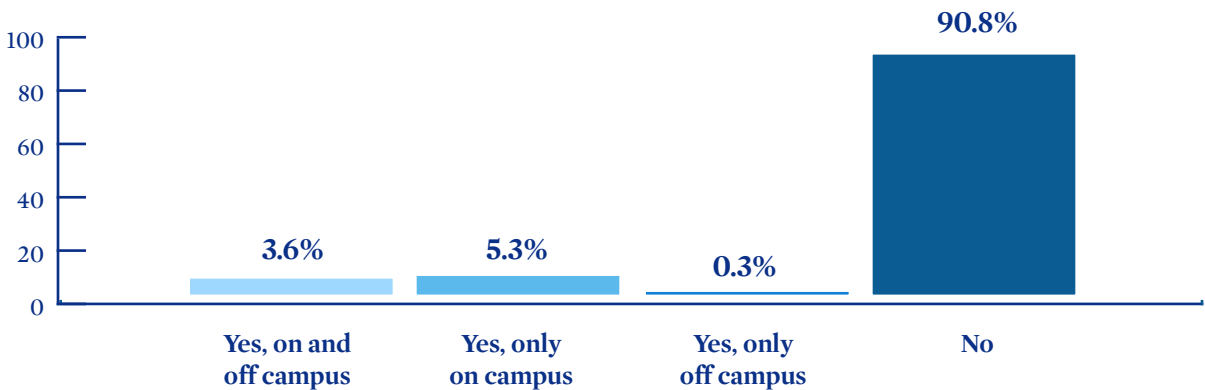
## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL BY THE NUMBERS



### HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL?

Yes - 19% No - 81%

### HAVE YOU EVER USED SOMEONE ELSE'S PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS IN THE HOPES OF ENHANCING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



## UNDER THE INFLUENCE

179

179 respondents have attended a school-sponsored event under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

## SENIORS AND PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS

37

37 Seniors have used someone else's pharmaceutical drugs in the hopes of enhancing academic performance.



# WELLNESS

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

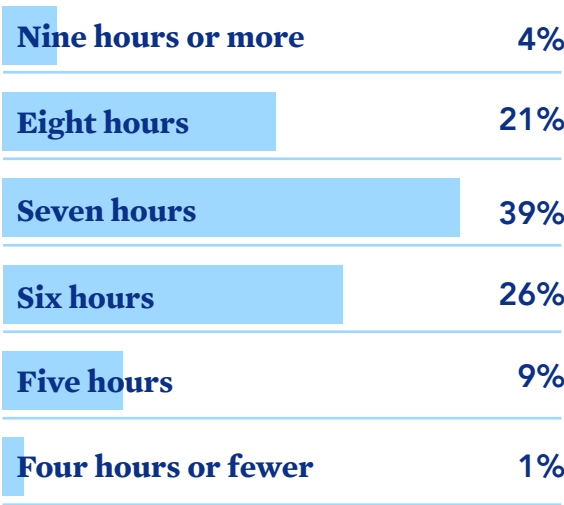
With the opening of the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center in December, Andover is making strides to address student wellness on campus. Forty-three percent of students have been to either Graham House or the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center to see a counselor. One hundred and thirty-four respondents reported engaging in self-harm while at Andover. Seven percent of respondents said they had developed an eating disorder while at Andover, 77 percent of respondents reported feeling alone at Andover, and 84 respondents reported that they had been sexually assaulted either on campus, off campus, or both.

## AVERAGE SLEEP PER NIGHT

6.80 hrs

Respondents, on average, get 6.80 hours of sleep every night. According to a graph from the National Sleep Foundation, the recommended hours of sleep for teenagers, aged 14 to 17 years old, is eight to ten hours per night.

## AMOUNT OF SLEEP PER NIGHT



## GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF HAPPY AT ANDOVER?

Yes - 79% No - 21%



## HAPPINESS BY GRADE

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself happy at Andover?



## LEAVING ANDOVER

43%

43 percent of respondents have considered leaving Andover permanently.

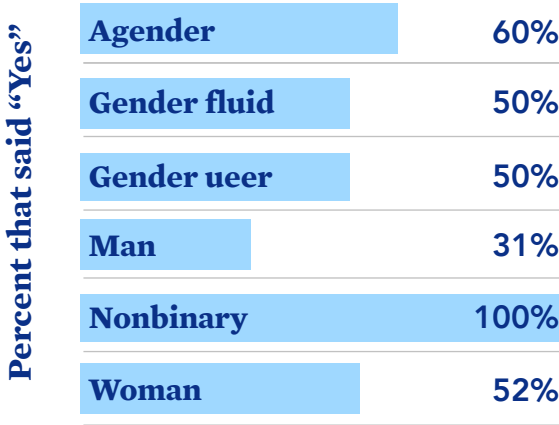
## BULLYING AND HAZING

20%

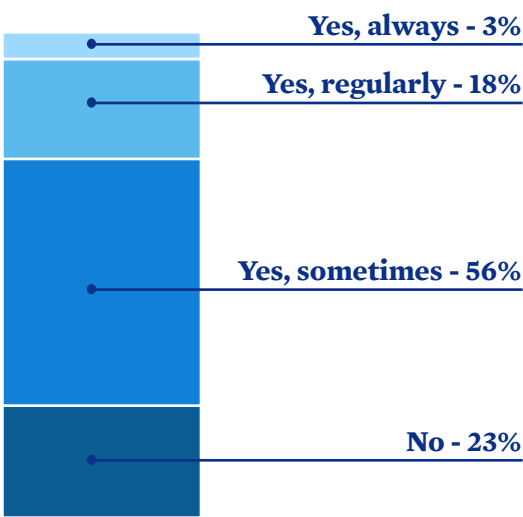
One-fifth of respondents have been bullied or hazed at Andover.

## COUNSELING BY GENDER

Have you ever been to Graham House or the Sykes Wellness Center to see a counselor?



## DO YOU FEEL ALONE ON CAMPUS?

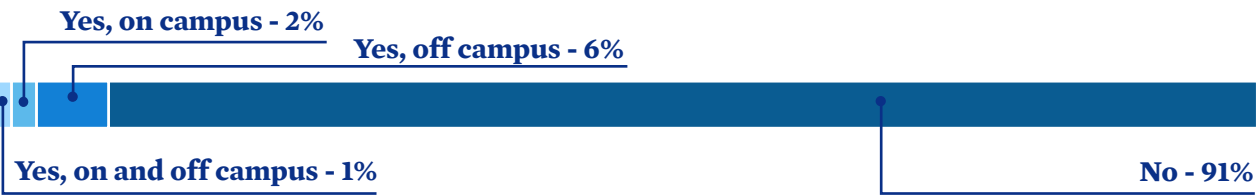


## SEXUAL ASSAULT

84

More than 80 respondents have been sexually assaulted on campus, off campus, or both.

## HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED?

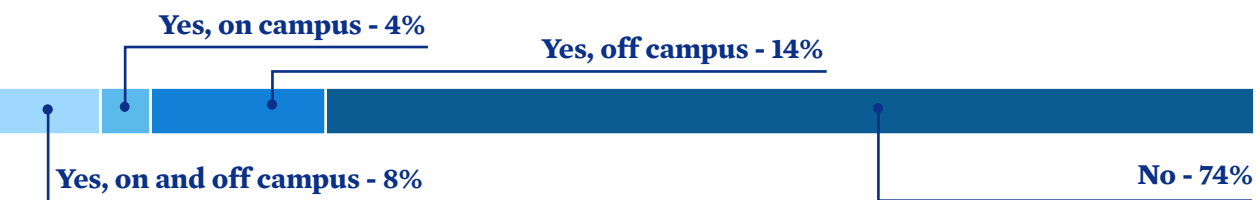


## SOCIAL MEDIA

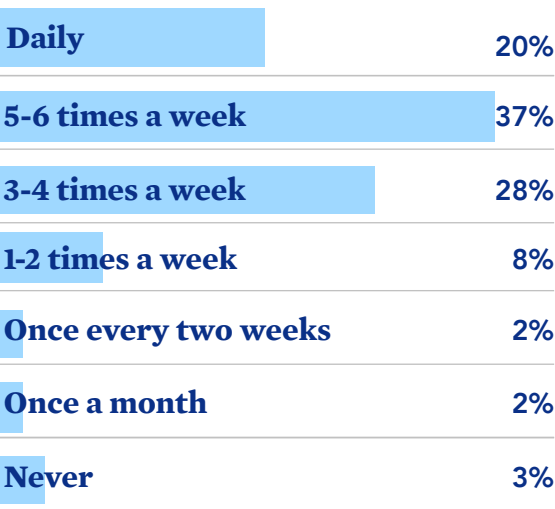
113 mins

On average, respondents spend 1.88 hours on social media a day.

## HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED?

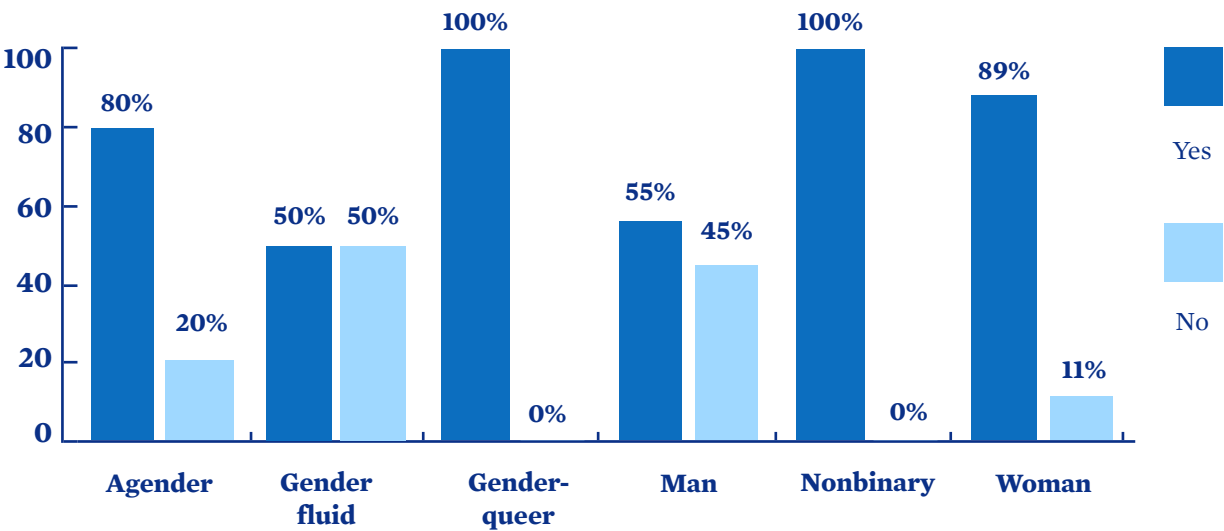


## HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU EXERCISE?



## BODY IMAGE BY GENDER

Do you ever feel insecure about your body or appearance?





SEX

HAVE YOU EVER ENGAGED IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY?



SEXUAL PARTNERS

3.285

Out of respondents who identified as sexually active, the average number of sexual partners was 3.285 people.

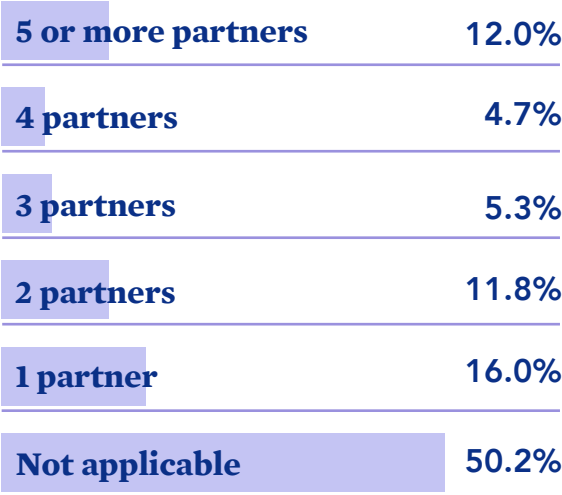
HOOK-UP CULTURE

48%

Nearly half of respondents have hooked up with someone with whom they were not in a committed relationship.

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HOW MANY SEXUAL PARTNERS HAVE YOU HAD?



SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Of the respondents, 47 percent of respondents have engaged in sexual activity – defined as digital, oral, vaginal, or anal sex. Of the sexually-active respondents, the most common number of sexual partners reported was one. Twenty-four percent of respondents said they have had more than five sexual partners.

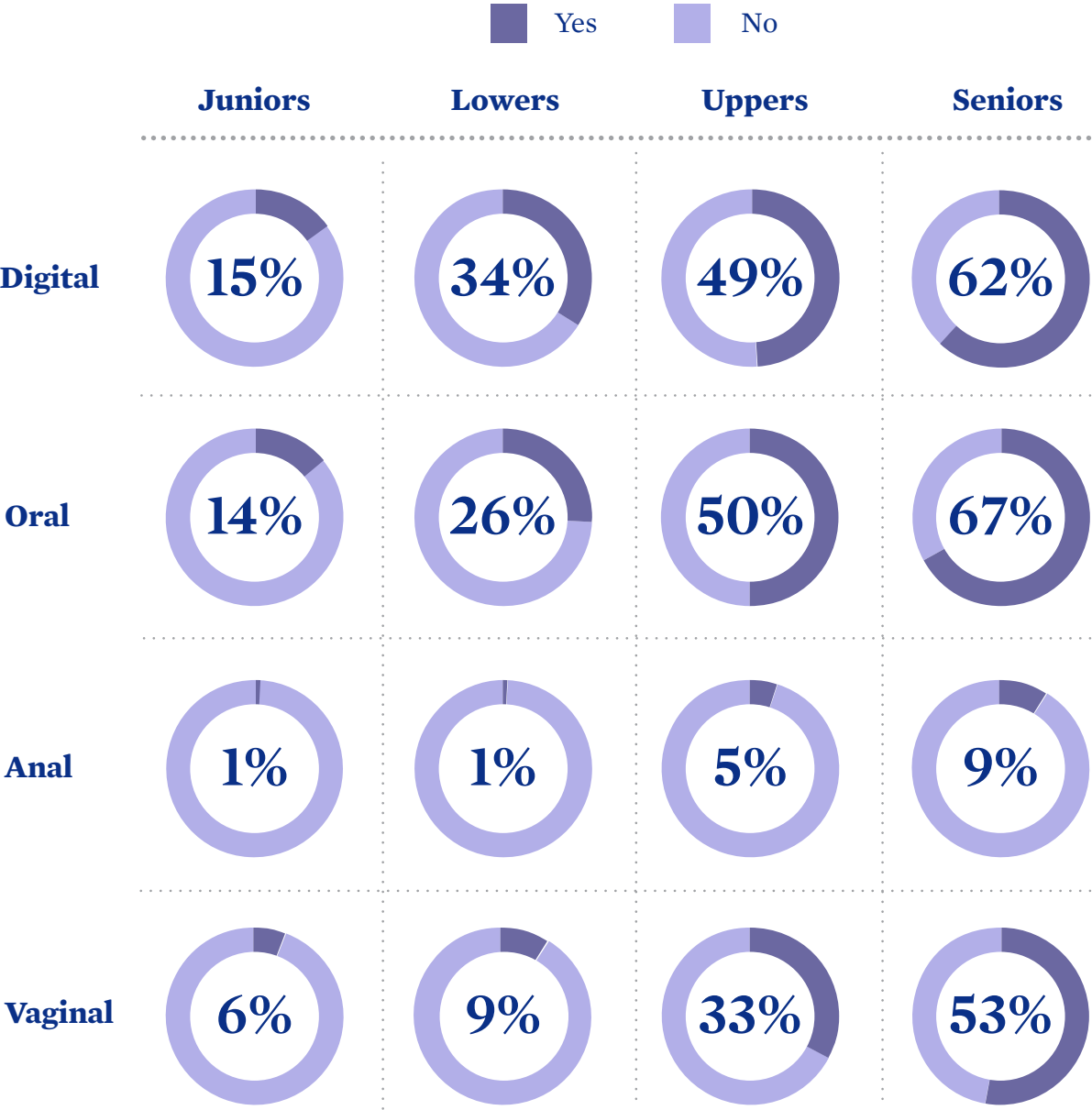
Eighty percent reported that they are not currently in a committed relationship, and 48 percent identified as having hooked up with someone they were not in a committed relationship with. More than half of respondents said that sexual education at Andover is adequate.

DO YOU CONSISTENTLY ASK YOUR PARTNER FOR VERBAL CONSENT?\*



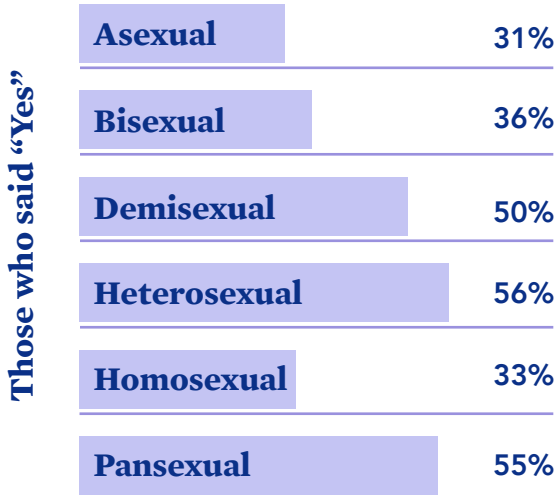
\*Out of respondents who have engaged in sexual activity

SEXUAL ACTIVITY BY GRADE



SEX ED BY SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Do you think that Andover’s sexual education curriculum is adequate?



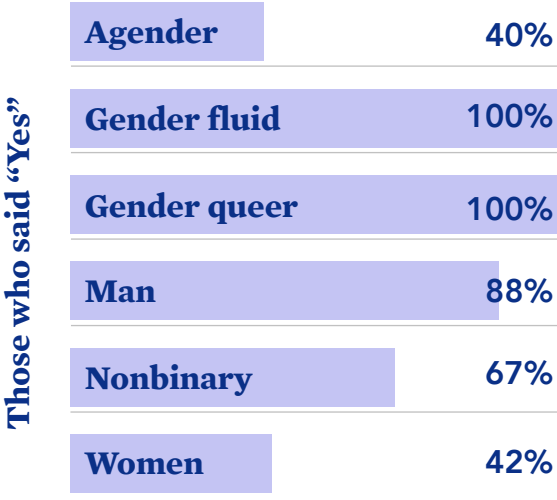
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More than a third of respondents have felt pressured to participate in Andover’s hook-up culture.

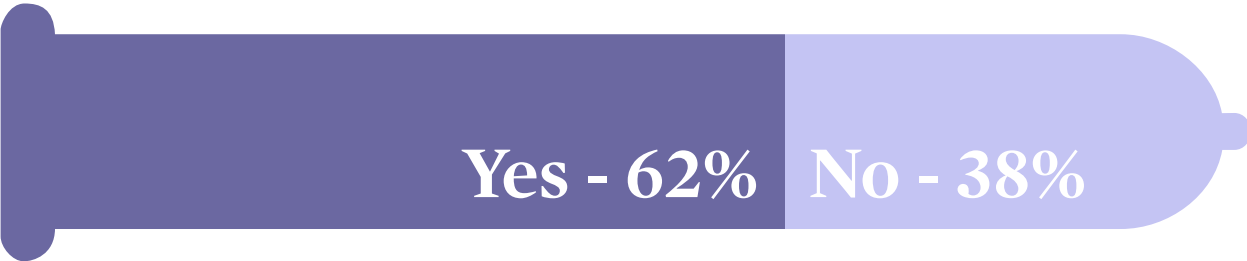
PORNOGRAPHY BY GENDER

Have you ever watched pornography?



DO YOU USE BARRIER METHOD PROTECTION\* WHILE ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY?\*

\*e.g. condoms, dental dams



\*Out of those who have engaged in sexual activity

HAVE YOU EVER FELT PRESSURED BY A PARTNER TO ENGAGE IN A SEXUAL ACTIVITY?



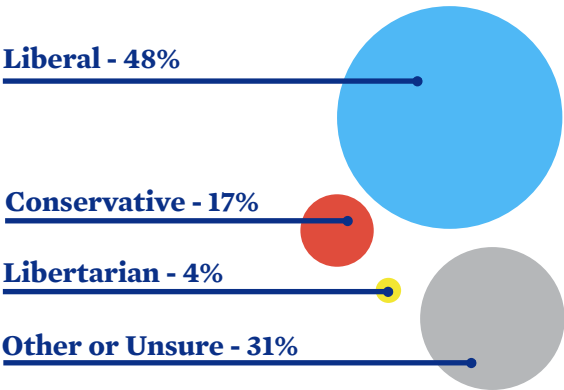
# POLITICS

## SANDERS SUPPORTERS

363

363 people said that they would support Bernie Sanders, Andover’s favored candidate, in the upcoming presidential election, if given the opportunity to vote.

## WHAT IS YOUR POLITICAL AFFILIATION?

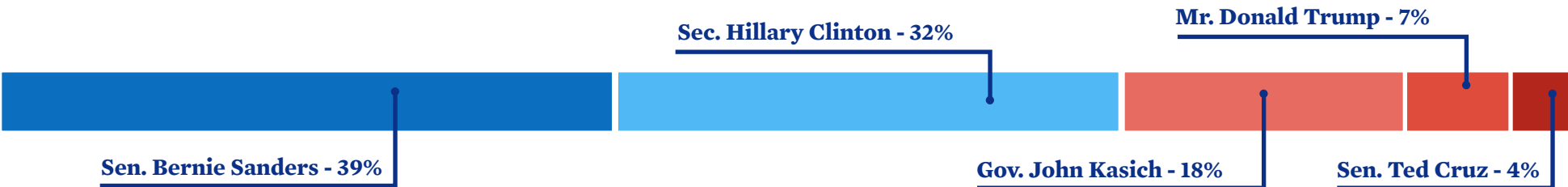


## POLITICS

With the upcoming presidential election, The Phillipian asked students about their political beliefs. Seventeen percent of respondents identified as conservative, and 48 percent identified as liberal.

Bernie Sanders is the preferred candidate of the student body, garnering percent of the vote.

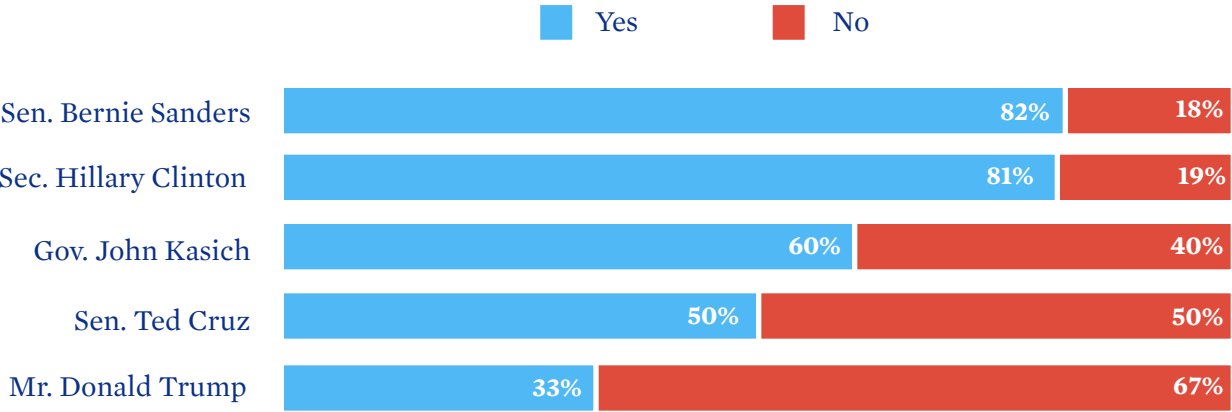
## IF ELECTION DAY WERE TODAY, WHICH CANDIDATE WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?\*



The “State of the Academy” offered the option to select candidates who were in the running at the time when the survey was written and sent out. Since then, Gov. John Kasich and Sen. Ted Cruz have dropped out of the race.

## FEMINISM BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Do you consider yourself a feminist?

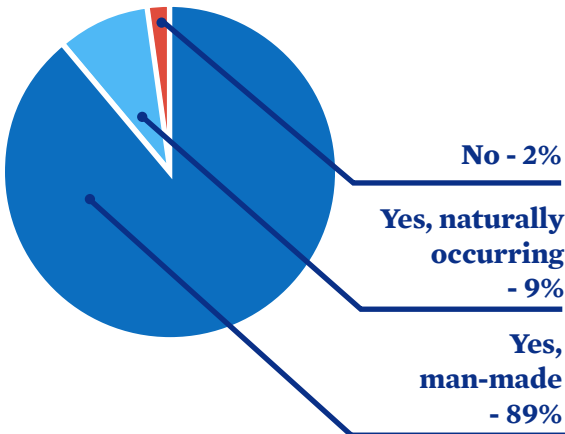


## TRUMP SUPPORTERS

61

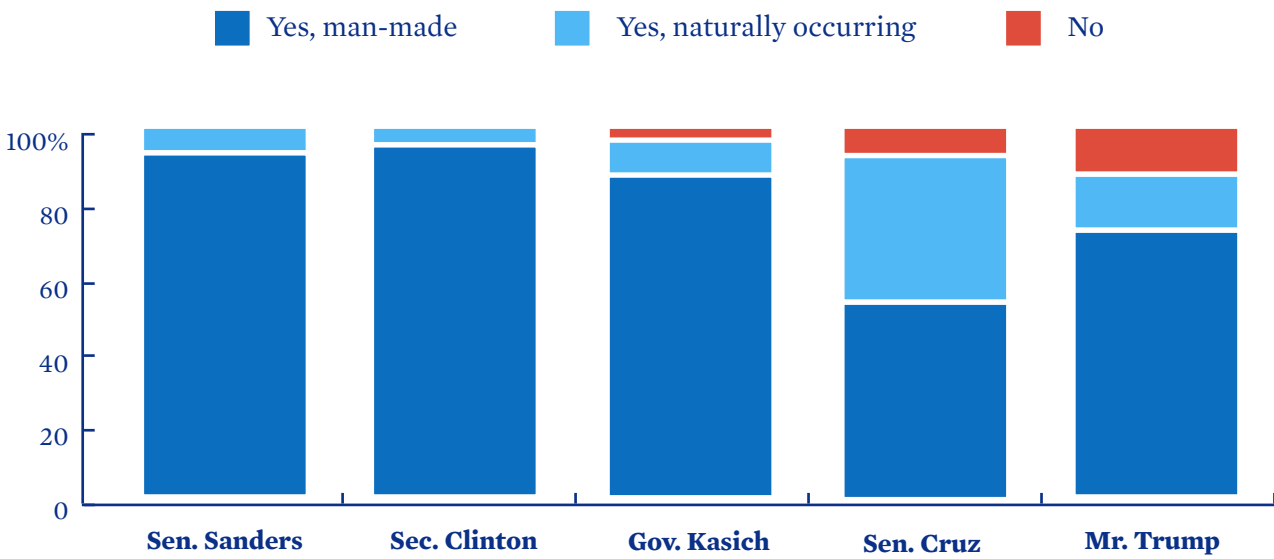
61 respondents said that they would support Donald Trump in the upcoming presidential election, the presumptive Republican nominee, if given the opportunity to vote.

## DO YOU THINK THAT CLIMATE CHANGE EXISTS?



## CLIMATE CHANGE BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Do you think that climate change exists?



# DISCIPLINE

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Of respondents to the survey, twenty-four percent of respondents reported cheating on a test, quiz, or in-class assessment. In light of December’s dorm-wide search of Taylor Hall – the first full search of a dorm in at least seven years – The Phillipian asked respondents whether they felt the administration should be able to search an entire dorm for contraband material; 51 percent of students replied “no.”

## MAJOR OFFENSE AND / OR ILLEGAL PARIETAL

50%

Half of all respondents have committed a major offense and / or have had an illegal parietal without being caught.

## SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION BE ABLE TO SEARCH AN ENTIRE DORM FOR CONTRABAND MATERIAL?



## DORM SEARCHES BY ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

