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On March 29th, *The Phillipian*, vol. CXLII, sent out the 2019 “State of Academy” survey to all Andover students in the hopes of obtaining valuable information about the school community.

This year, *The Phillipian* received a record-high participation rate of 93.5% of the student body— 1,052 participants— surpassing the previous record of 92% set in 2017. The anonymous survey asked a comprehensive set of 122 questions, comprised of eight sections: General, Politics & Worldview, School, Wellness, Community & Diversity, Drugs & Alcohol, Sex, and Discipline. This year’s State of the Academy issue includes eight sections of data graphics and information. The 2019 issue is the first time that the Community & Diversity section has been allotted its own page within the paper. The Phillipian will also publish more extensive

results from the entire survey in a State of the Academy web-site (sota.phillipian.net,) to be viewed in tandem with the printed copy. We sincerely thank members of the student body for their willingness to share information and personal experiences for this special issue of *The Phillipian*, and we hope that the State of the Academy will serve to inform, enlighten, and create a more holistic narrative of the students at Andover.

Editor’s note: When the survey was initially sent out, the class of 2022 was not an answer choice for the question, “What class are you in?” The error was corrected within six minutes after the survey’s release. Responses submitted before that time were discounted, and those respondents were notified that they would need to retake the survey.

GeneralA2-A3	Politics & WorldviewA3-A4	SchoolA5	WellnessA6
Community & DiversityB1	SchoolB2	SexB3	DisciplineB4

GENERAL

1,052 STUDENTS RESPONDED - 93.5% OF THE STUDENT BODY PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY

214

students responded from Class of 2022.

275

students responded from Class of 2021.

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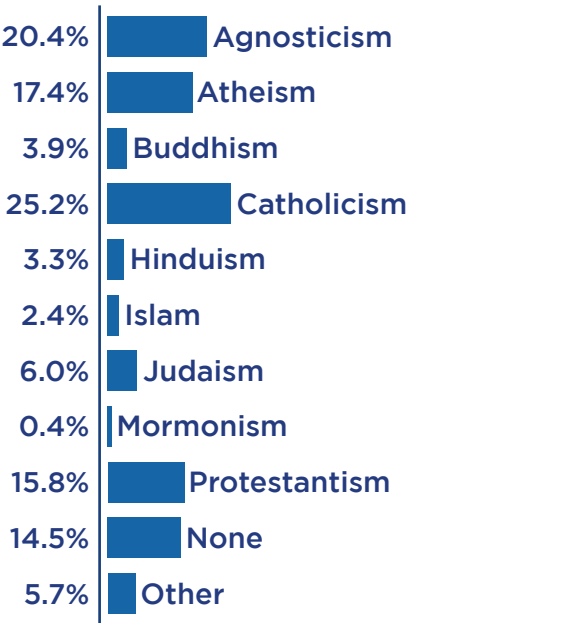
students responded from Class of 2020.

286

students responded from Class of 2019.

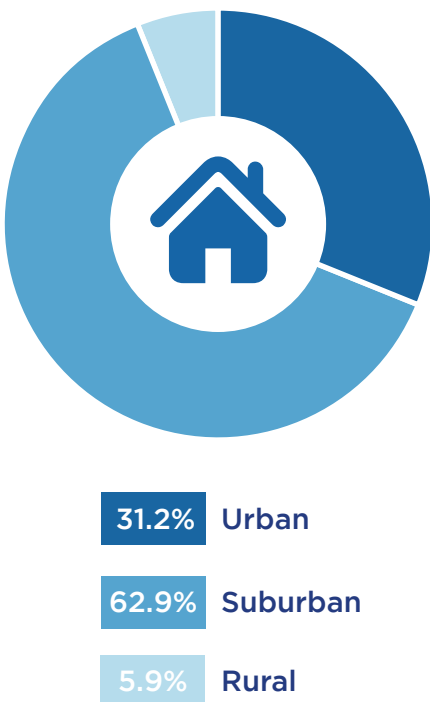
Editor's note: six students did not select a class year.

WITH WHICH RELIGION/FAITH SYSTEM DO YOU IDENTIFY?*

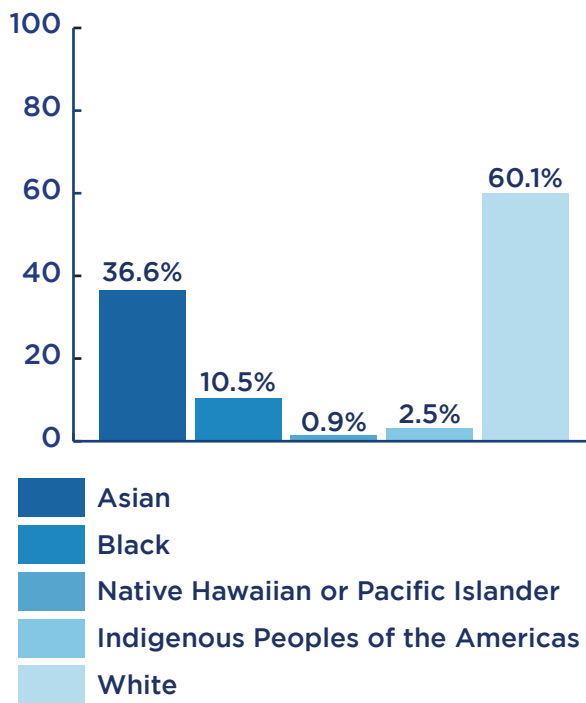


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WHAT TYPE OF COMMUNITY DO YOU CURRENTLY LIVE IN?

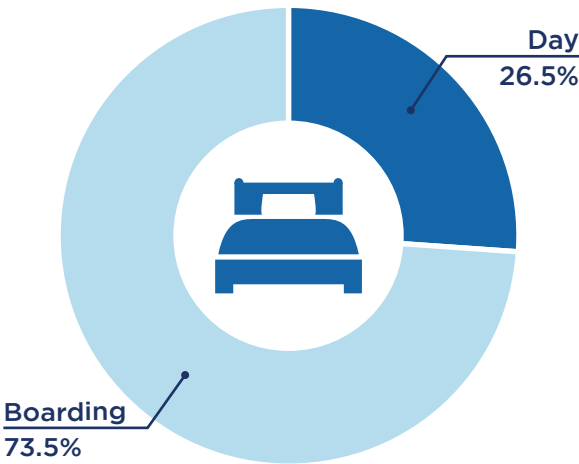


WHAT IS YOUR RACE?*

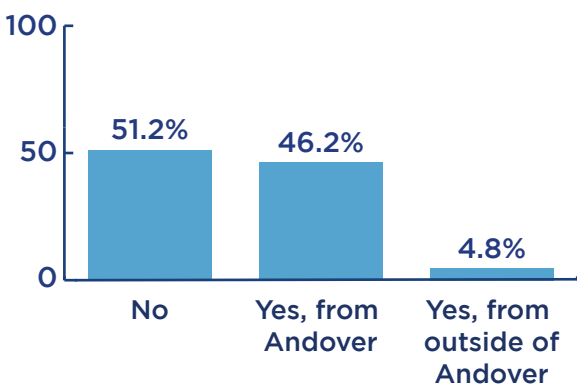


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BOARDING VS. DAY

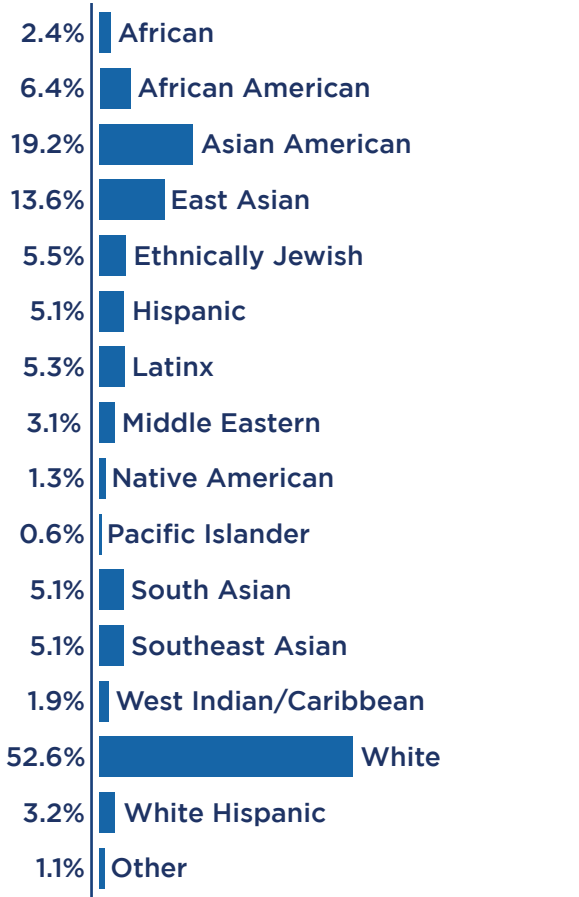


ARE YOU ON ANY FORM OF FINANCIAL AID?*



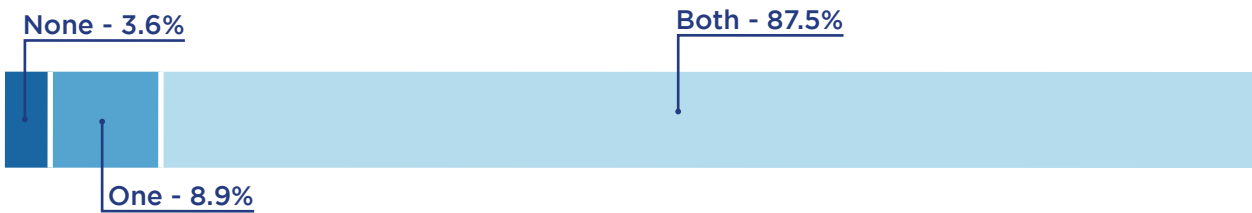
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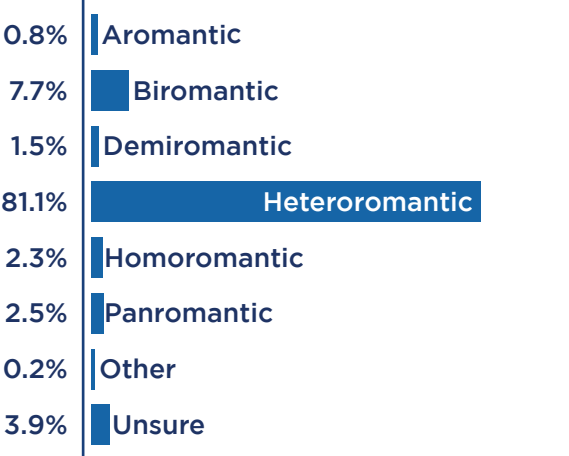


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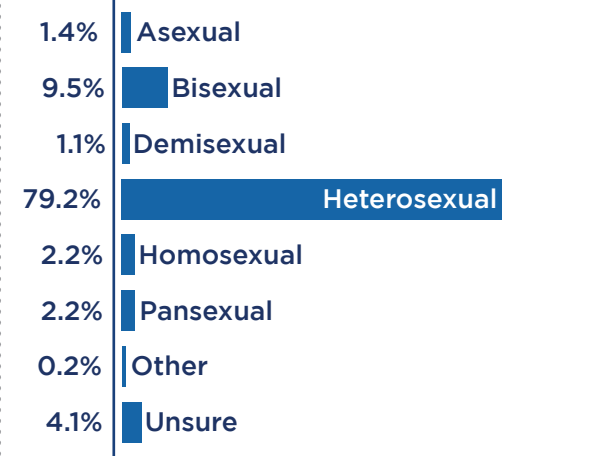
HOW MANY OF YOUR PARENTS GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE?



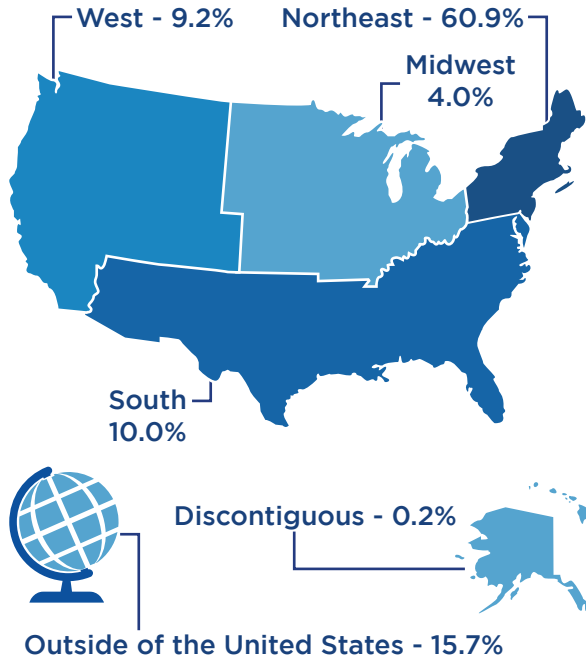
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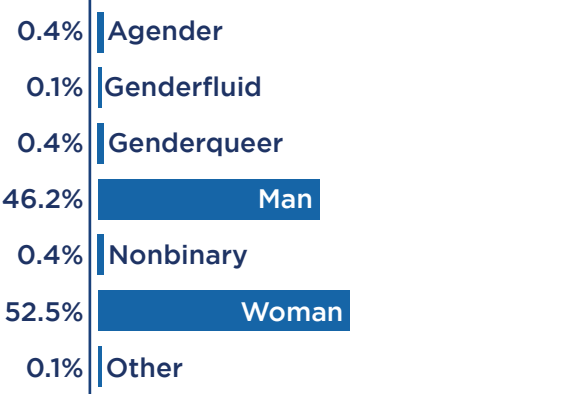
SEXUAL ORIENTATION



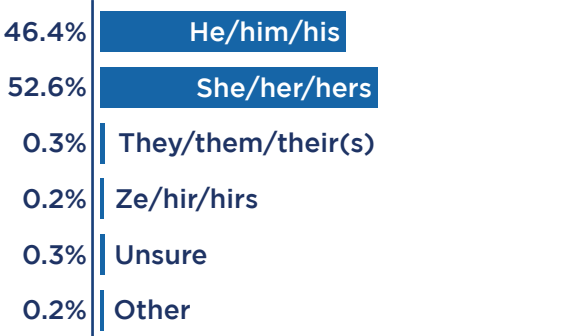
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?



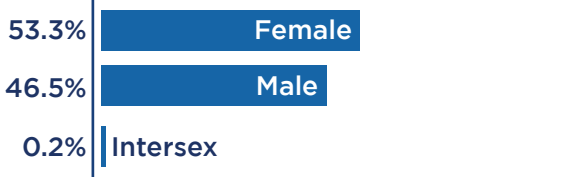
GENDER IDENTITY



PERSONAL GENDER PRONOUNS

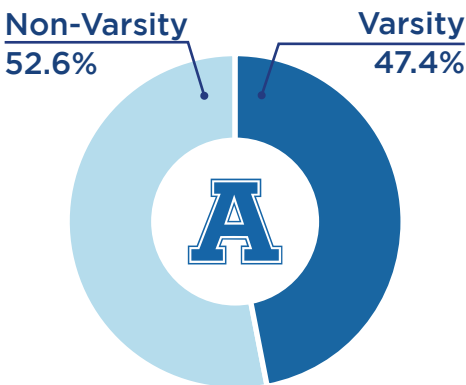


SEX



GENERAL (CONT.)

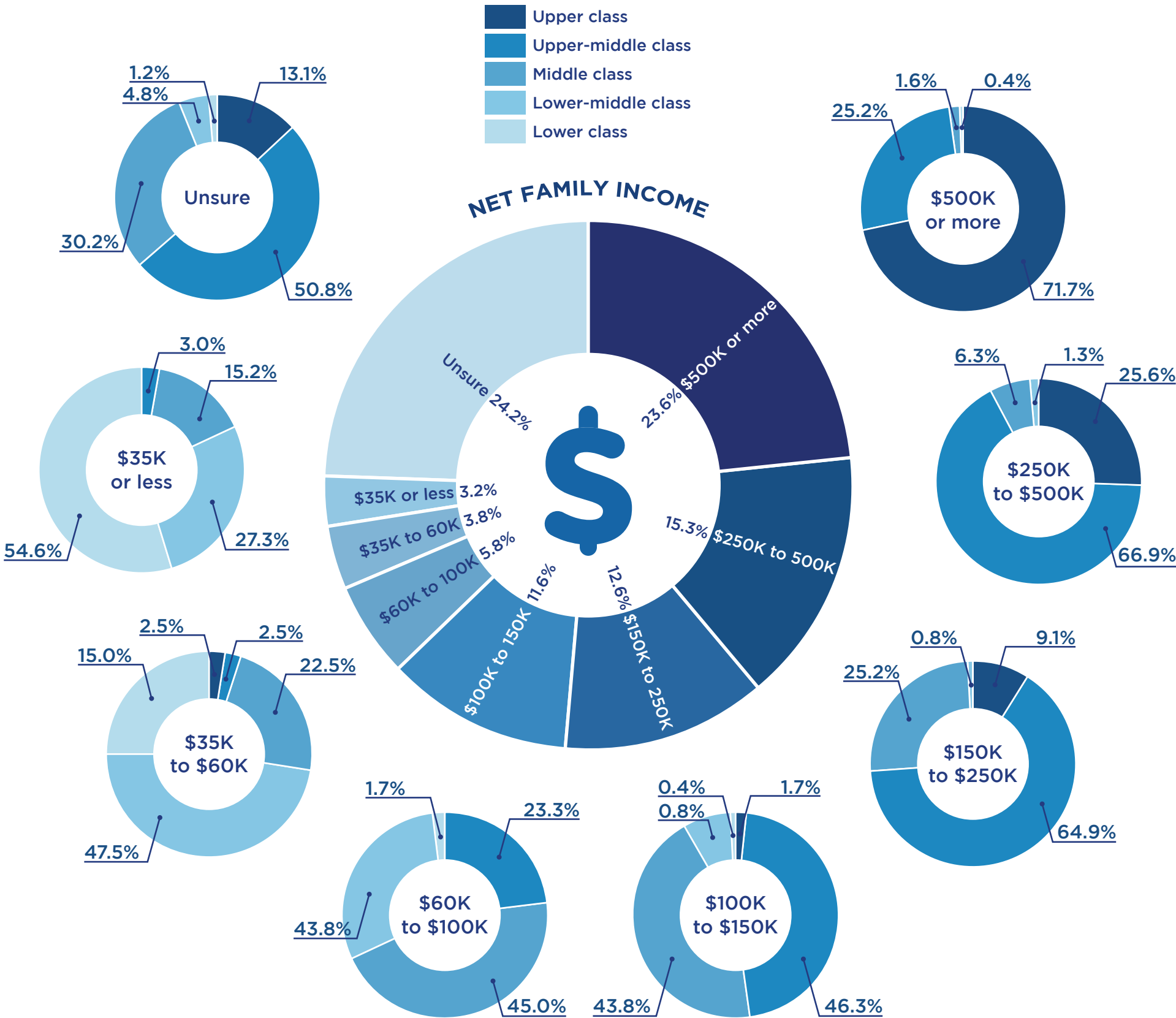
VARSITY ATHLETES



PERCENTAGE VARSITY ATHLETES BY NET FAMILY INCOME

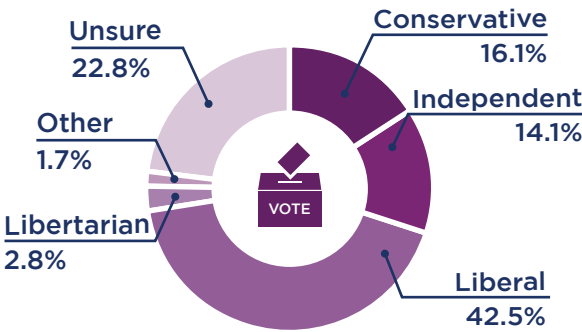
\$500K or more	51.6%
\$250K to \$500K	49.4%
\$150K to \$250K	54.2%
\$100K to \$150K	48.8%
\$60K to \$100K	38.3%
\$35K to \$60K	35.0%
\$35K or less	21.2%
Unsure	44.3%

PERCEIVED SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS BY NET FAMILY INCOME



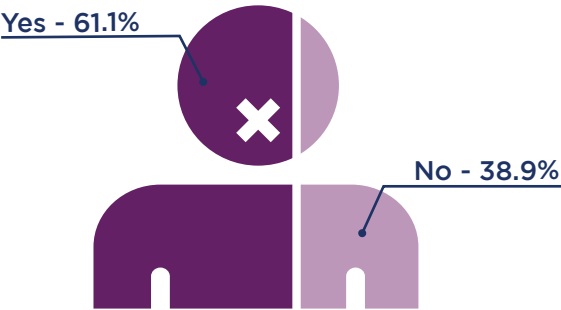
POLITICS & WORLDVIEW

POLITICAL AFFILIATION

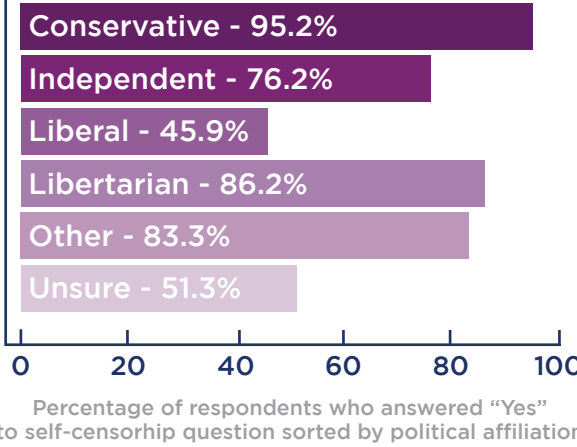


SELF-CENSORSHIP

While at Andover, have you ever felt the need to censor yourself due to your political leaning?



SELF-CENSORSHIP & POLITICAL AFFILIATION



LIBERALS AND GENDER

50% percent of women who responded identify as liberal.

Percentage of men who responded identify as liberal: 33%

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KEEPING UP

How informed do you believe you are about politics and/or current events?



Respondents who identified as conservative were 2.5 times as likely than other respondents to report that they are "extremely informed."

POLITICS & WORLDVIEW

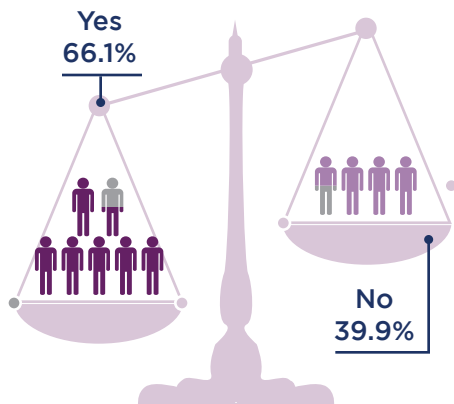
POLITICS & WORLDVIEW

At Andover, a majority of students, 61.1%, have felt the need to censor themselves due to their political leaning, including 95.2% of self-identifying conservatives. 96.4% of students support the advocacy of women’s rights on the grounds of sexual equality, 86.0% support Black Lives Matter, and 83.6% believe gun control laws should be made stricter. Over half of the Junior class believes reverse racism exists, compared to 33.6% of Seniors. 45% of students believe there is a rape culture, defined as “a society or environment whose prevailing social attitudes have the effect of normalizing or trivializing sexual assault and abuse”, and by gender, 29.8%

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Defined as “the practice or policy of favoring individuals belonging to groups known to have been discriminated against previously” (Oxford Dictionaries)

Do you support affirmative action in academic institutions?



REVERSE RACISM

Defined as “prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism on the basis of race directed against a member of a dominant or privileged racial group” (Oxford Dictionaries)

OVERALL

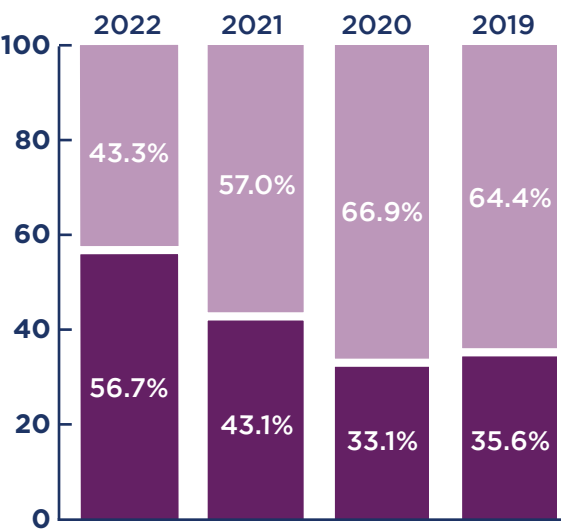
41.3%

of respondents believe in the existence of reverse racism.

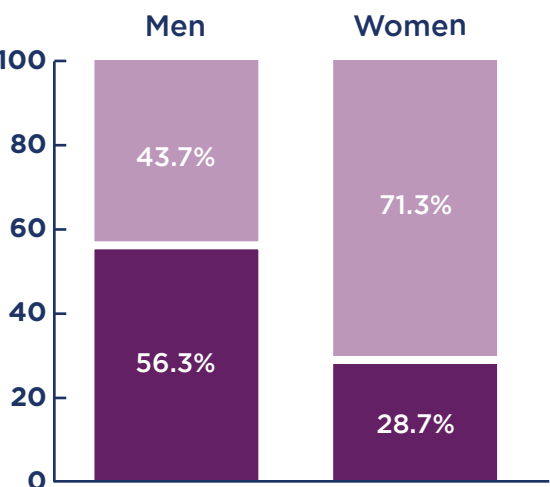
Do you believe that reverse racism exists?

Yes No

PERCENTAGE BY GRADE



PERCENTAGE BY GENDER



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DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS RAPE CULTURE AT ANDOVER?

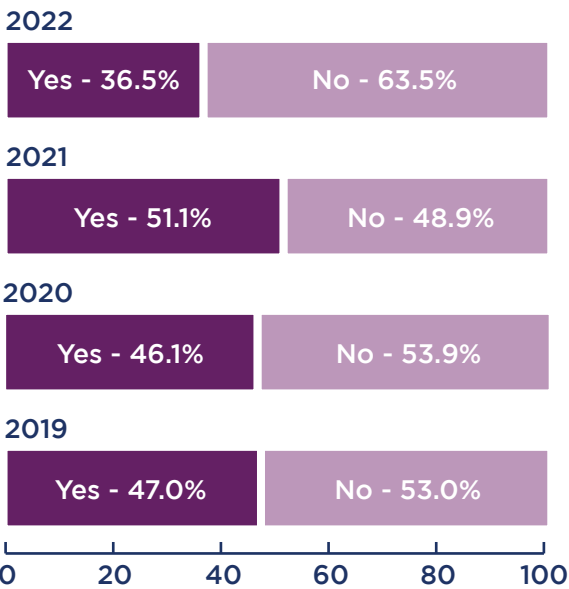
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RAPE CULTURE PERCENTAGE OVERALL

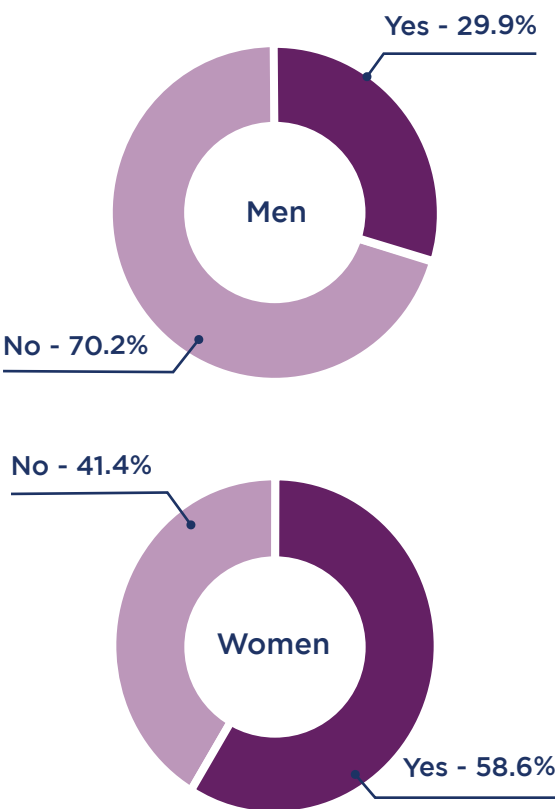
45.6%

of respondents believe that there is rape culture at Andover.

RAPE CULTURE PERCENTAGE BY GRADE



RAPE CULTURE PERCENTAGE BY GENDER



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FEMINISM

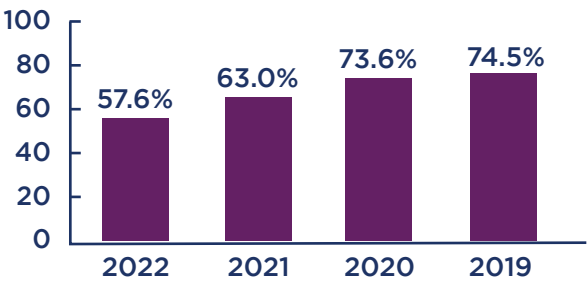
Do you support “the advocacy of women’s rights on the grounds of equality of the sexes”?



Do you consider yourself to be a feminist?

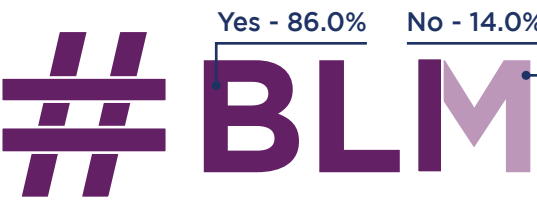


BY GRADE



INTERSECTIONALITY

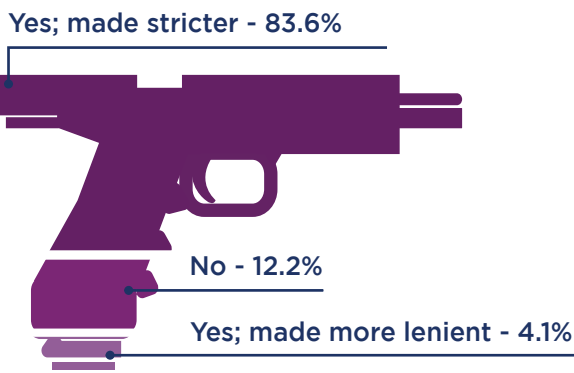
Do you support the Black Lives Matter movement?



96% of respondents who identify as feminists support #BlackLivesMatter.

GUN CONTROL

Do you think that gun control laws in the United States should change?



ALL-GENDER HOUSING

92.4%

Percentage of respondents who either support All-Gender Housing as it exists now, or believe it should be expanded

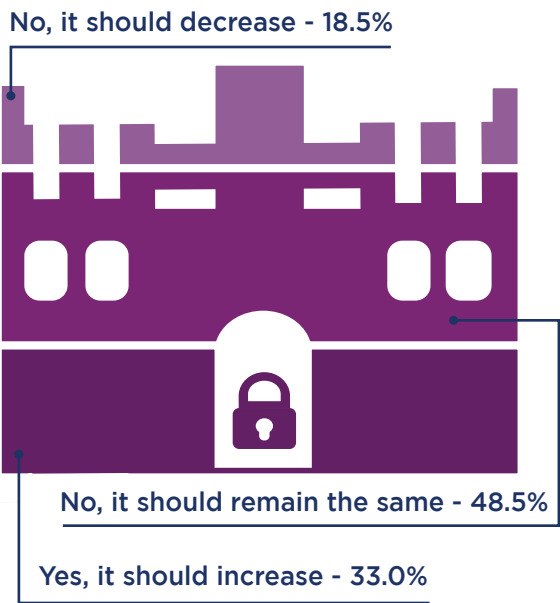
ABORTION

61.6%

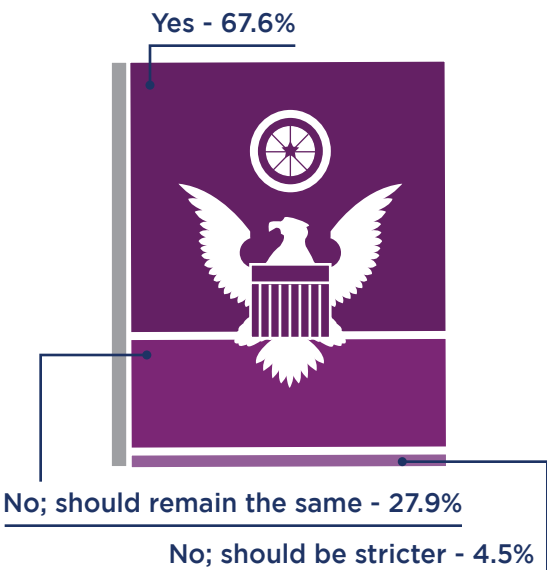
Percentage of respondents who believe females should always be able to choose to have an abortion

BORDER SECURITY & IMMIGRATION

Do you believe that the United States should increase border security?



Do you believe that it should be easier to immigrate to the United States?

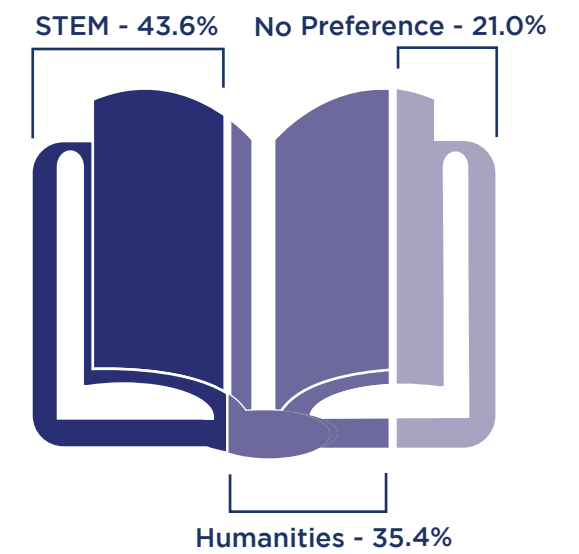


SCHOOL

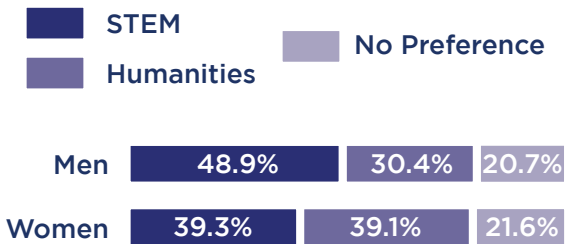
SCHOOL

At Andover, students spend an average of four hours on homework per day. This year, the survey allowed for students to select several departments that they believe to have grading disparities. 93% of students believe that grading disparities between teachers of the same department exist, and 42% have switched teachers in order to attain a better grade. With the exception of the Class of 2020, the majority of each class believes that attending Andover positively impacts their chances of attending a selective college. Additionally, although a four is defined as a “good” grade in the Blue Book, over 75% of respondents did not consider a four a good grade.

DO YOU TYPICALLY PREFER STEM OR HUMANITIES COURSES?



SUBJECT PREFERENCE & GENDER



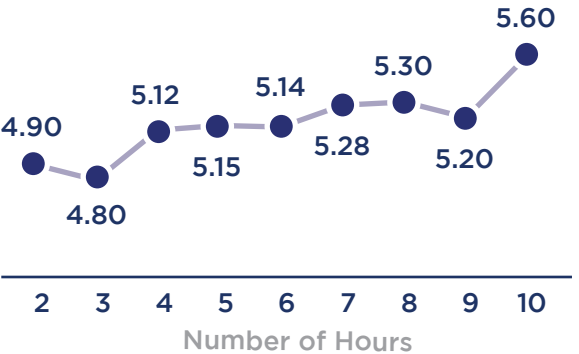
AVERAGE G.P.A. OVERALL

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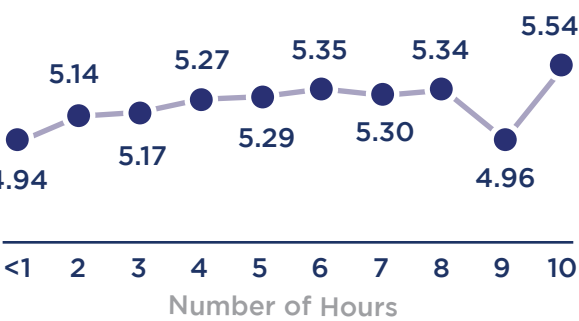
DO YOU THINK THAT THE MAJORITY OF YOUR TEACHERS CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING?



SLEEP & G.P.A.

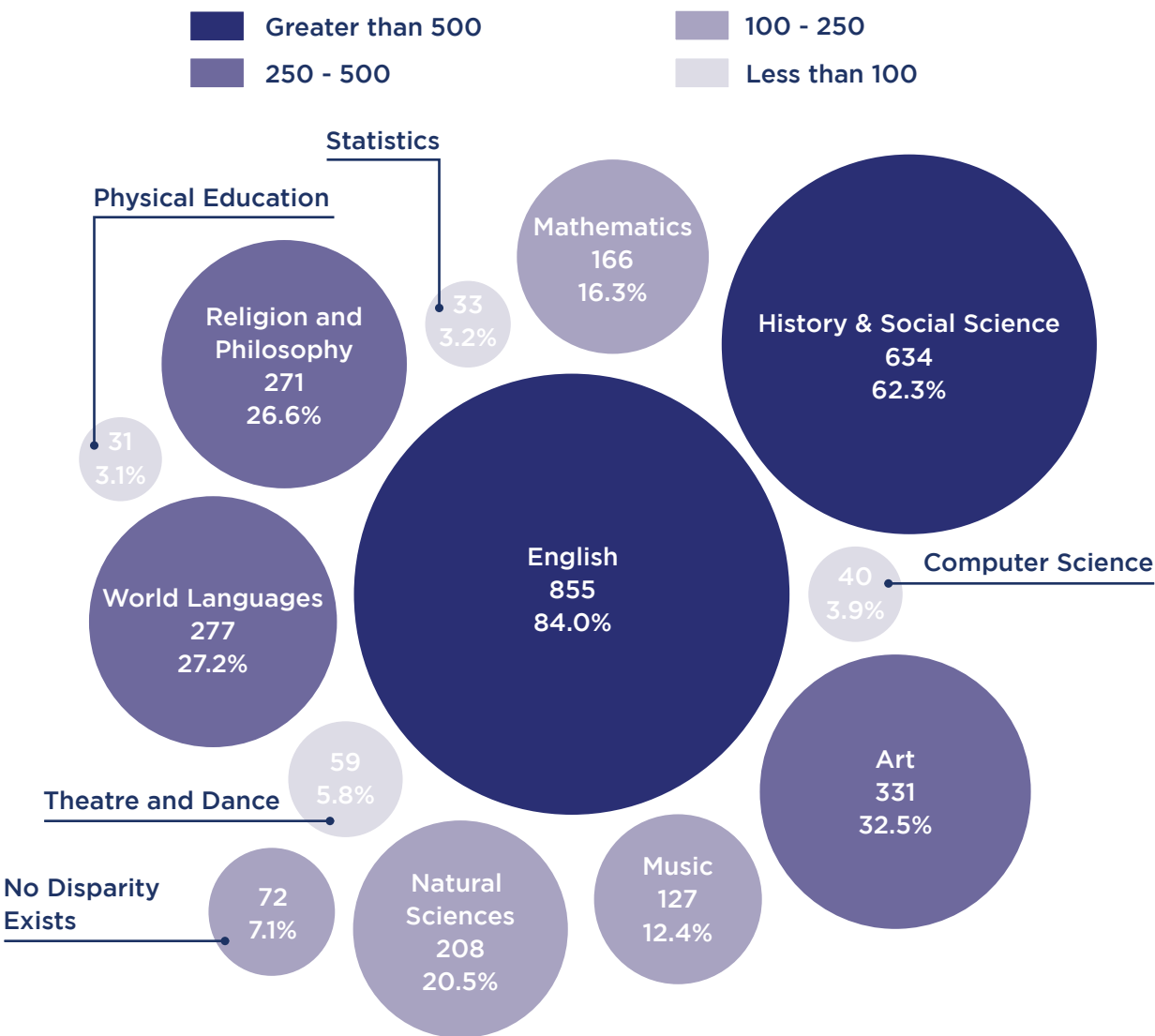


STUDY HOURS & G.P.A.



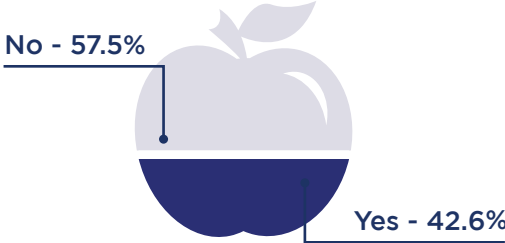
GRADING DISPARITIES

In which department(s), if any, is/are there an unreasonable grading disparity?
Number of students who believe that there is a grading disparity

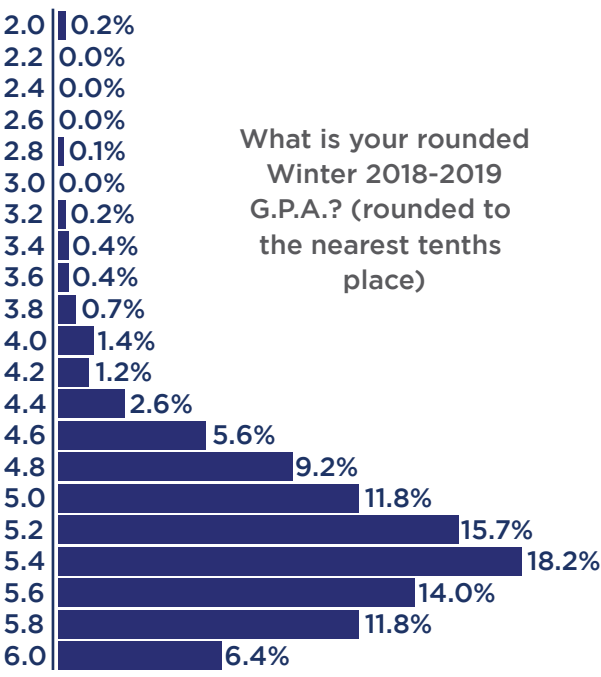


SWITCHING TEACHERS

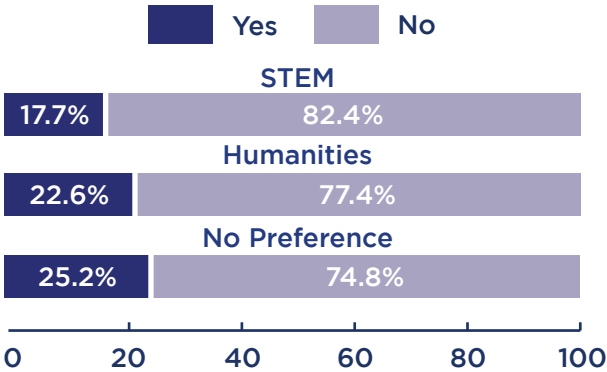
Have you ever switched (or attempted to switch) teachers within the same course to attain a better grade?



G.P.A. DISTRIBUTION

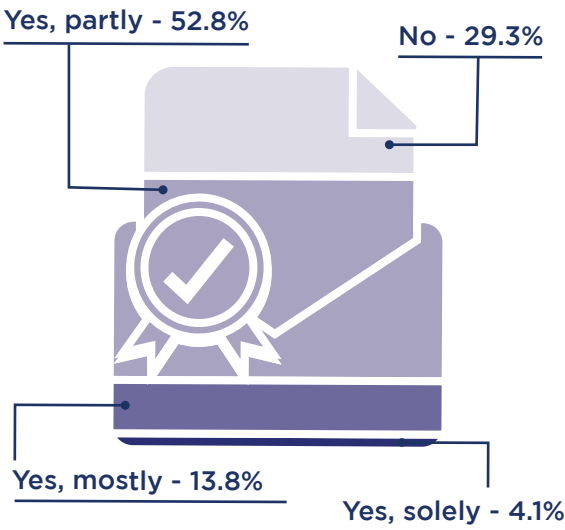


DO YOU CONSIDER A “4” A GOOD GRADE? BASED ON SUBJECT PREFERENCE



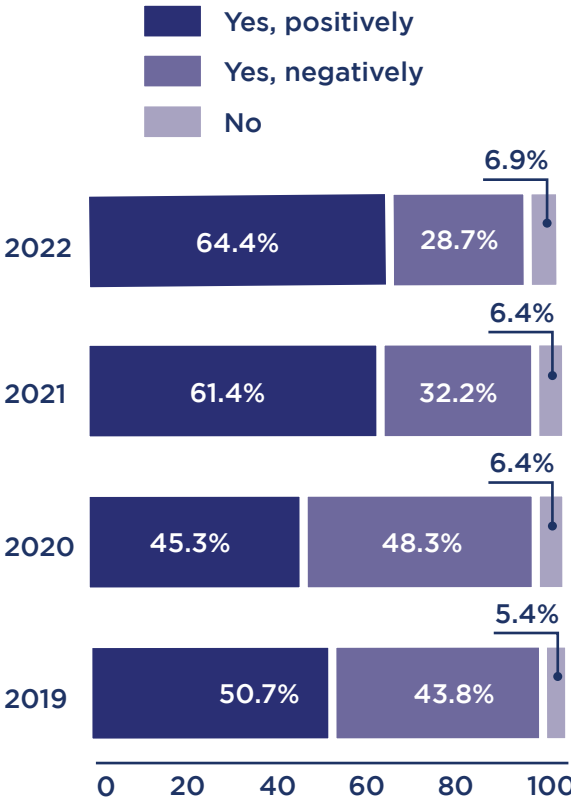
EXTRACURRICULARS

Do you participate in any extracurricular because you think it will increase your chance of getting into a selective college?



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

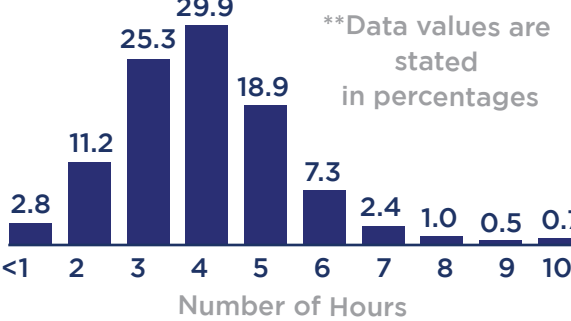
Do you think attending Andover affects your chances of attending a selective college?



HOW MANY HOURS ON AVERAGE DO YOU SPEND ON COURSEWORK OUTSIDE OF CLASS EACH DAY?



STUDY HOURS DISTRIBUTION



WELLNESS

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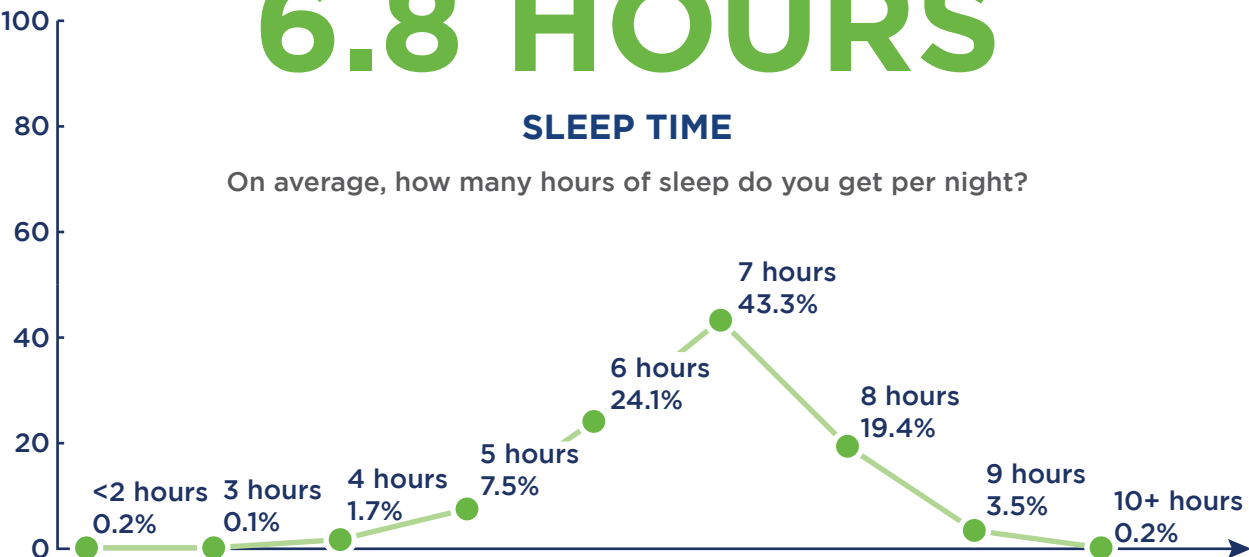
On average, Andover students sleep just over 6.8 hours a night and spend 1.97 hours on social media each day. 17.2% of respondents find that social media impacts their life more negatively than positively. 33.3% of students believe that Andover students are not happy in general, but only 17.7% of students report being unhappy. 75.3% of students have reported feeling insecure about their own intelligence at times. 89.2% of women have reported feeling insecure about their physical appearance, compared to 58.7% of men. Still, 74.9% of respondents feel as though they have an adequate support system on campus, with 89.0% of students finding support systems in their friends.

OVERALL AVERAGE:

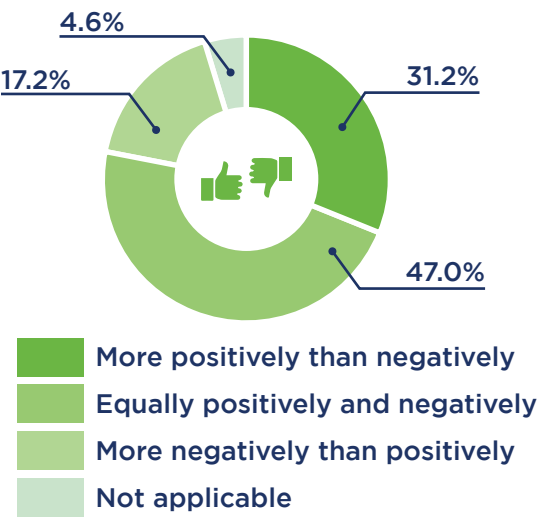
6.8 HOURS

SLEEP TIME

On average, how many hours of sleep do you get per night?

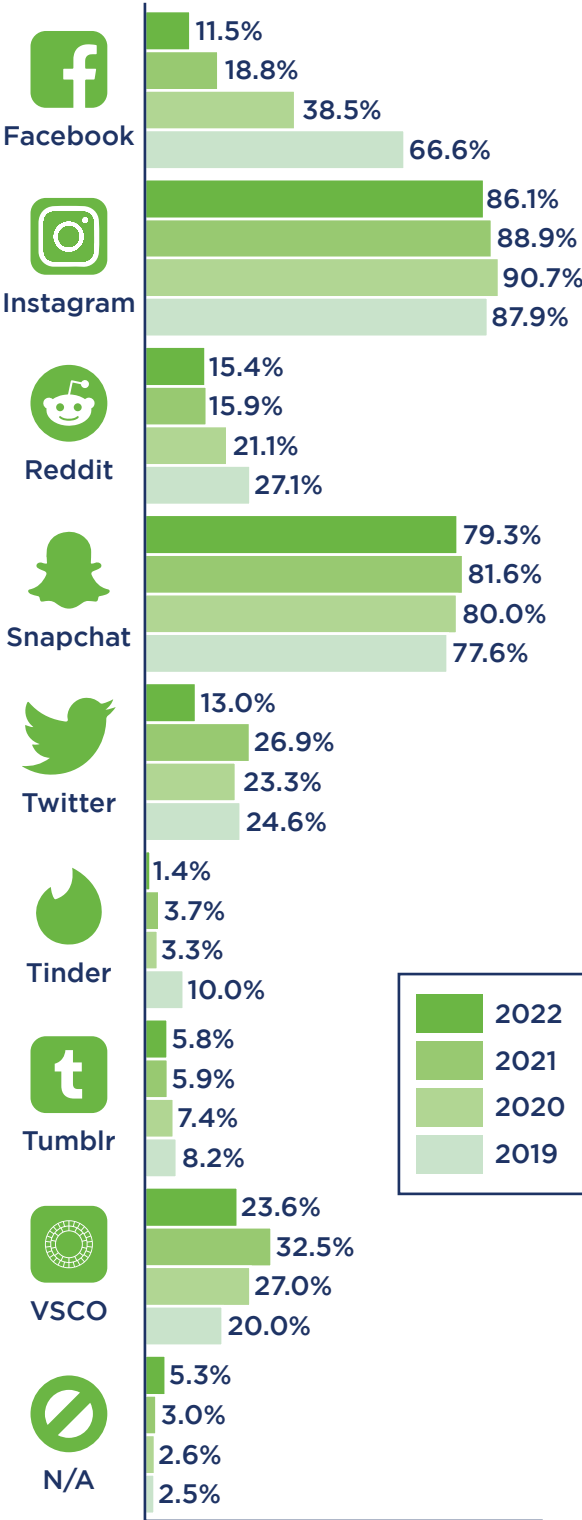


HOW DOES SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT YOUR LIFE?



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SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS: USAGE BY GRADE



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Social media usage was approximately the same across gender with two exceptions:

VSCO:
7.6% for men
41.8% for women

REDDIT:
34.7% for men
7.1% for women

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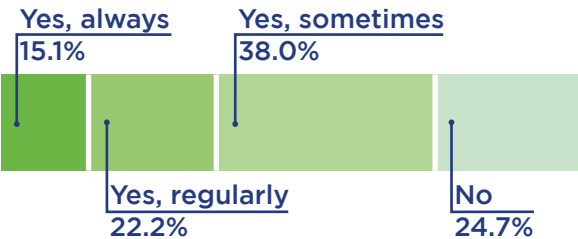
TIME THE AVERAGE RESPONDENT SPENDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA EACH DAY

1.97

hours on social media

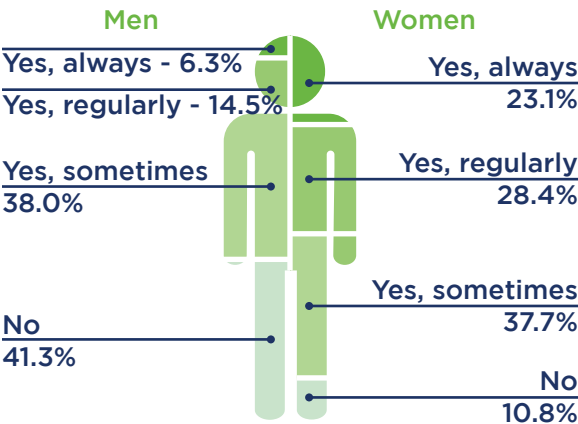
INTELLECTUAL INSECURITIES

Do you feel insecure about your academic ability and/or intelligence?



PHYSICAL INSECURITIES

Do you feel insecure about your body, physical health, and/or appearance?



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MENTAL ILLNESSES/DISORDERS

Have you ever been diagnosed with ____?

Diagnosed before coming to Andover | Diagnosed after coming to Andover

ADD/ADHD
39 students | 37 students

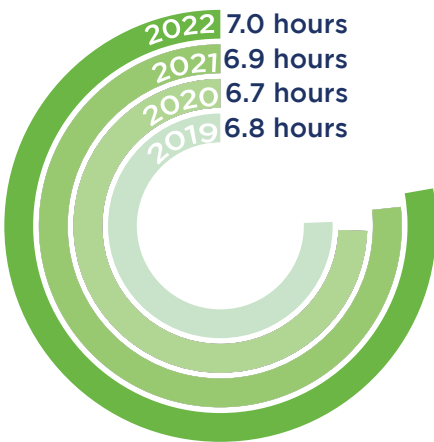
Eating Disorder
118 students | 71 students

Depression
48 students | 93 students

Anxiety
71 students | 112 students

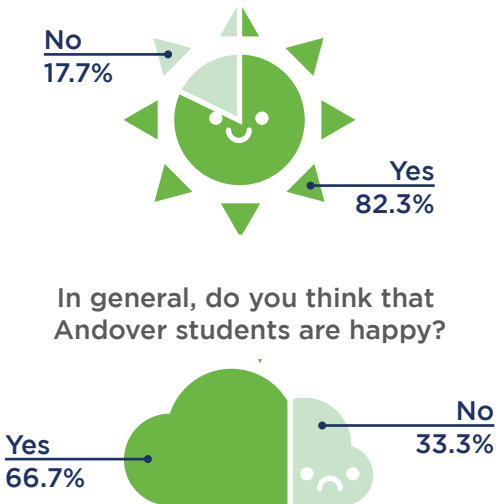
SLEEP TIME BY GRADE

Compared to 9 hours a night recommended for teens aged 13-18 years old by the CDC



HAPPINESS ON CAMPUS

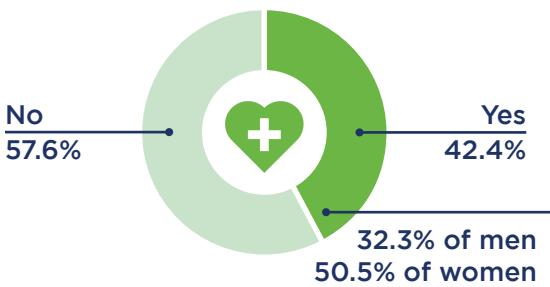
Generally speaking, do you consider yourself happy at Andover?



MENTAL HEALTH

66.1% of students who have been to Graham House or the Sykes Wellness Center to see a counselor, compared to the 43.6% that haven't, feel that the mental health and counseling resources provided by the Sykes Wellness Center were insufficient.

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



SELF-HARM

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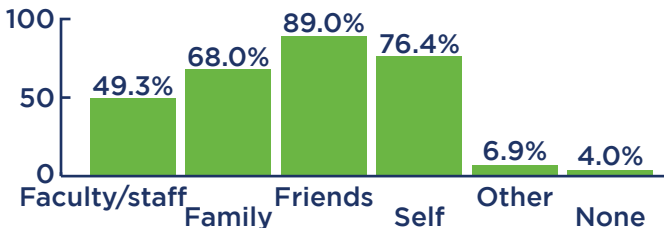
respondents reported having engaged or currently engage in self-harm, either before Andover, at Andover, or both.

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

74.9%

of students feel as though they have an adequate mental and/or emotional support system on campus.

What is your mental and/or emotional support system on campus? Select all that apply.



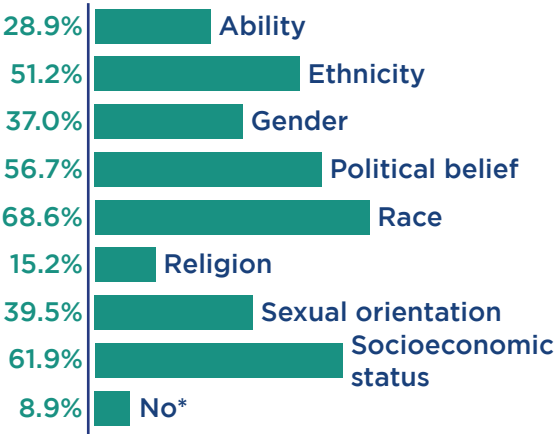
COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY

COMMUNITY & DIVERSITY AT ANDOVER

Although 42.5% of respondents have considered leaving Andover permanently, 89.4% would still come to Andover in retrospect. 56.7% of respondents believed that political beliefs are a source of social divide, while 68.6% of respondents believed that race is a source of a social divide (respondents may overlap). This year, students were asked about their level of comfort within the classroom. When correlated by ethnicity, the Latinx community had the highest percentage of students who felt that their ethnicity significantly affected their level of comfort, at 64.8%, and white students reported the least percentage, at 12.1%.

SOCIAL DIVIDE OF STUDENTS

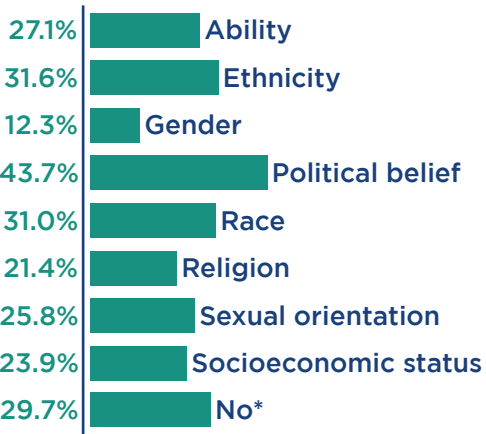
Do you feel like there is a social divide at Andover between students of different _____?



*Not applicable (There are no social divides at Andover)

FACULTY DIVERSITY

Do you think the faculty is lacking in diversity?



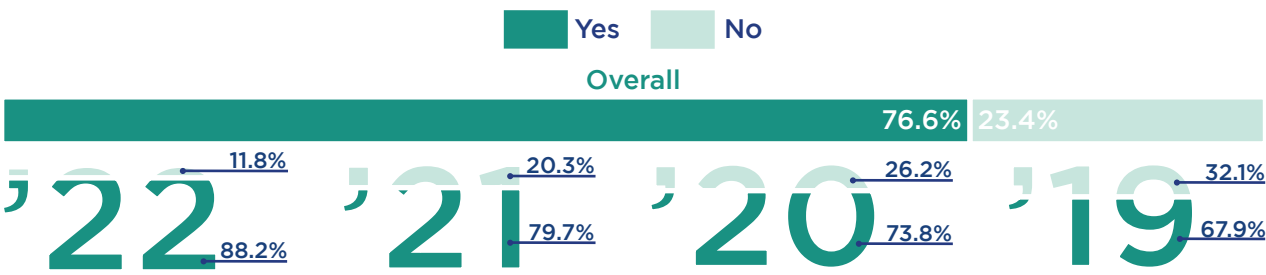
*Not applicable (I think the faculty is diverse enough)

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

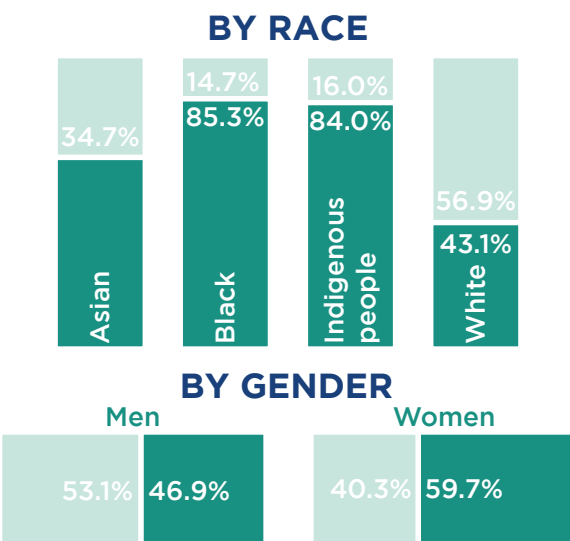
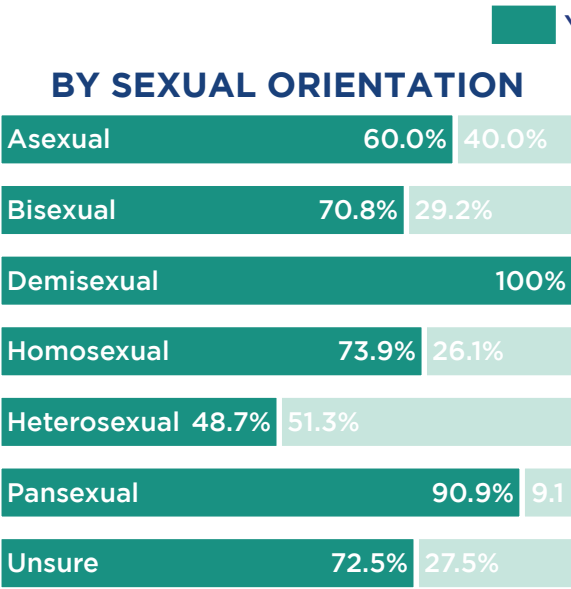
Has attending Andover affected your relationship with your family?



WOULD YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO ATTEND ANDOVER?



WOULD YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE GOING TO CAMD?



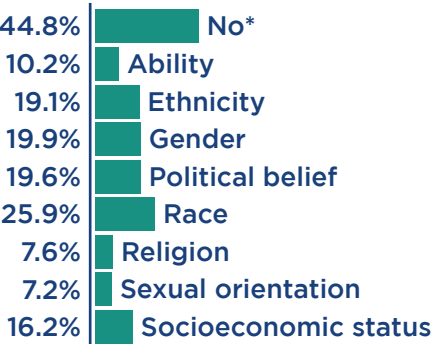
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED LEAVING ANDOVER PERMANENTLY?

42.5%

Percent of respondents who said yes

DISCRIMINATION

Have you ever felt discriminated against at Andover due to your _____? Check all that apply.



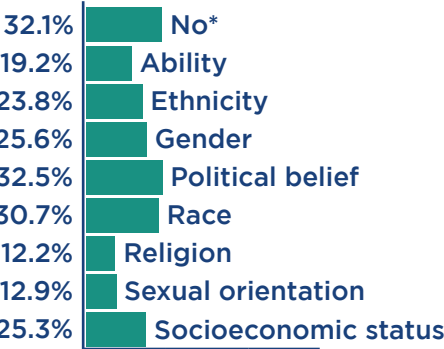
IN RETROSPECT, WOULD YOU STILL MAKE THE DECISION TO COME TO ANDOVER?

89.4%

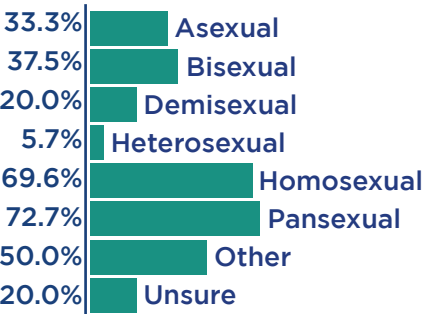
Percent of respondents who said yes

COMFORT IN THE CLASSROOM

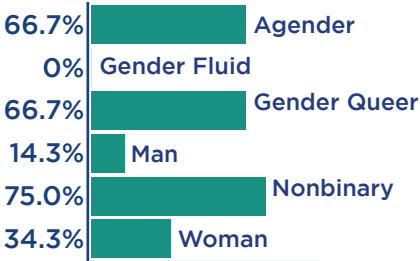
While at Andover, have any of the following aspects of your identity significantly and consistently affected your level of comfort in a classroom setting? Check all that apply.



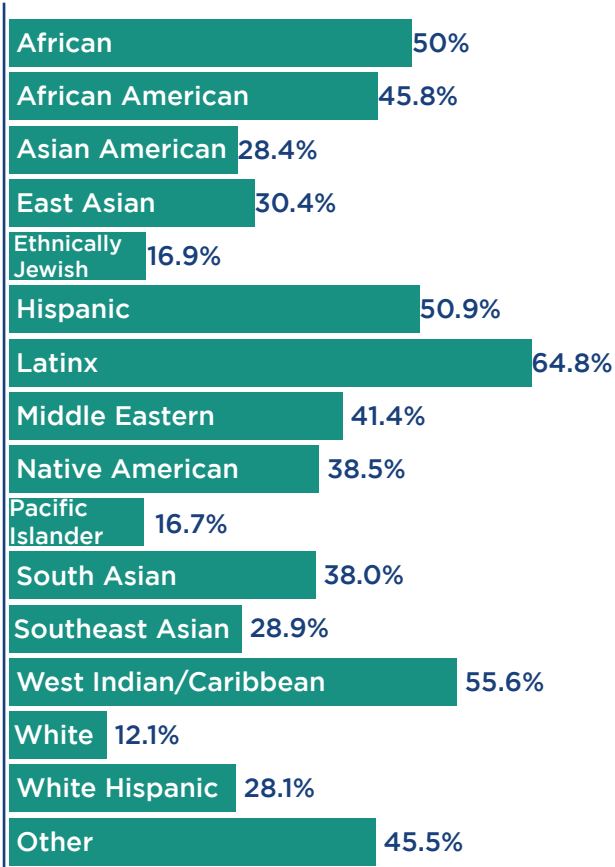
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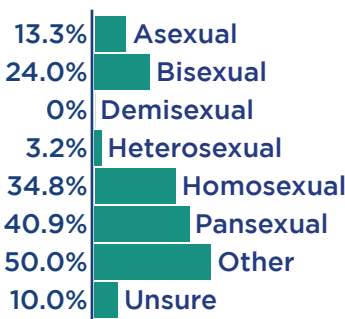


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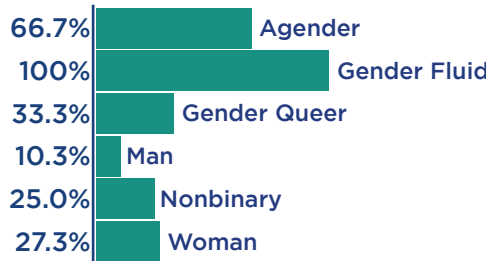


Editor's note: Graphs show respondents who reported that their comfort level was affected by this aspect of their identity correlated by identity.

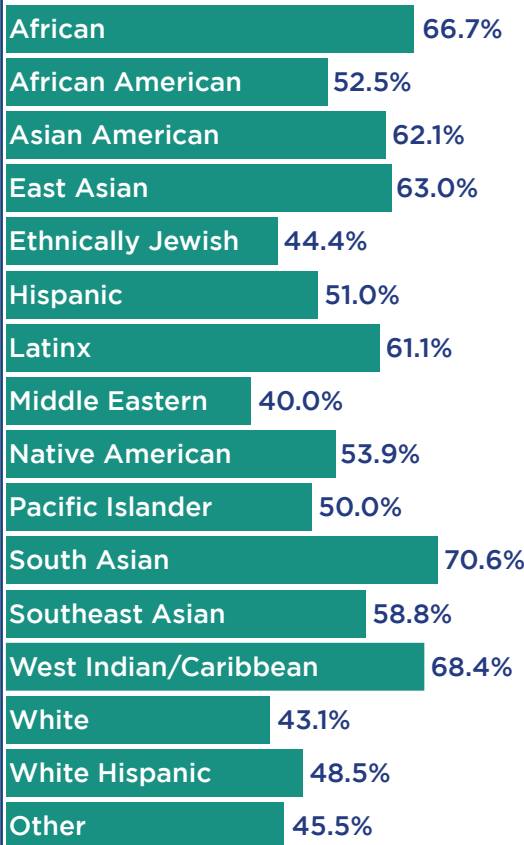
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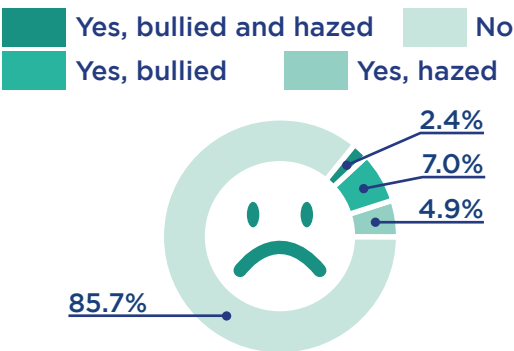
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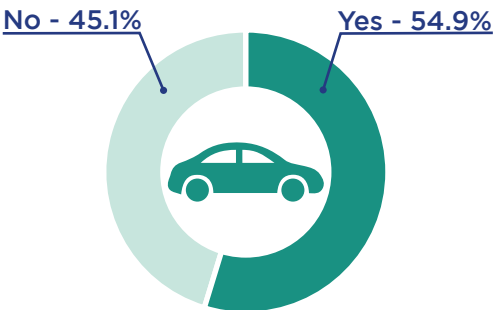
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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN BULLIED OR HAZED WHILE AT ANDOVER?



DO YOU THINK DAY STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO INTEGRATE ENOUGH WITH BOARDING STUDENTS ON CAMPUS?



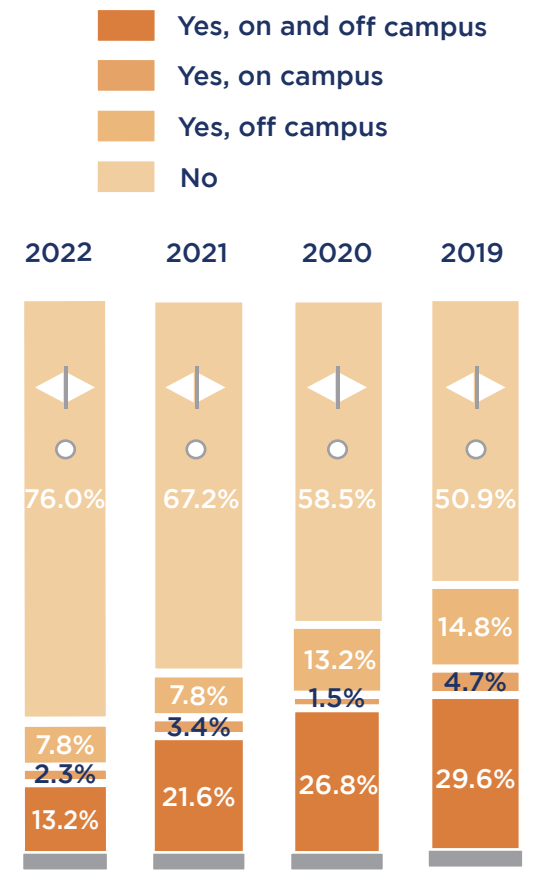
DRUGS & ALCOHOL

DRUGS & ALCOHOL AT ANDOVER

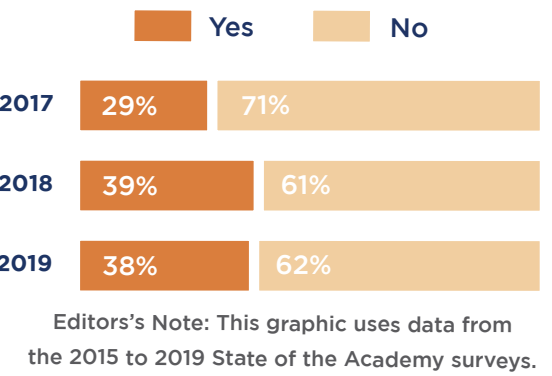
71% of students believe that the use of recreational drugs and alcohol is normalized at Andover, while 37.8% of students believe that recreational drug use significantly influences their friendships. 28.3% of respondents have consumed recreational drugs or alcohol on campus, and of those students, 45.6% do so primarily to relieve stress. According to State of the Academy from the past 5 years, marijuana use has risen from 32% to 37% of the student body having used marijuana.

JUUL USAGE & GRADE

Have you ever “juuled” or used a similar e-cigarette/pod vape product?

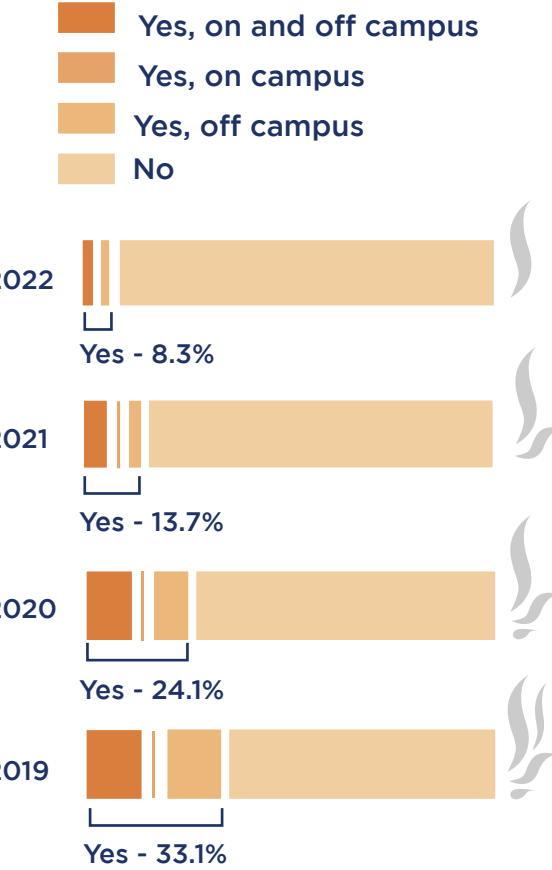


JUUL USAGE OVER TIME



TOBACCO USE

Have you ever used any tobacco products (e.g. dipping and chewing tobacco, cigarettes)?

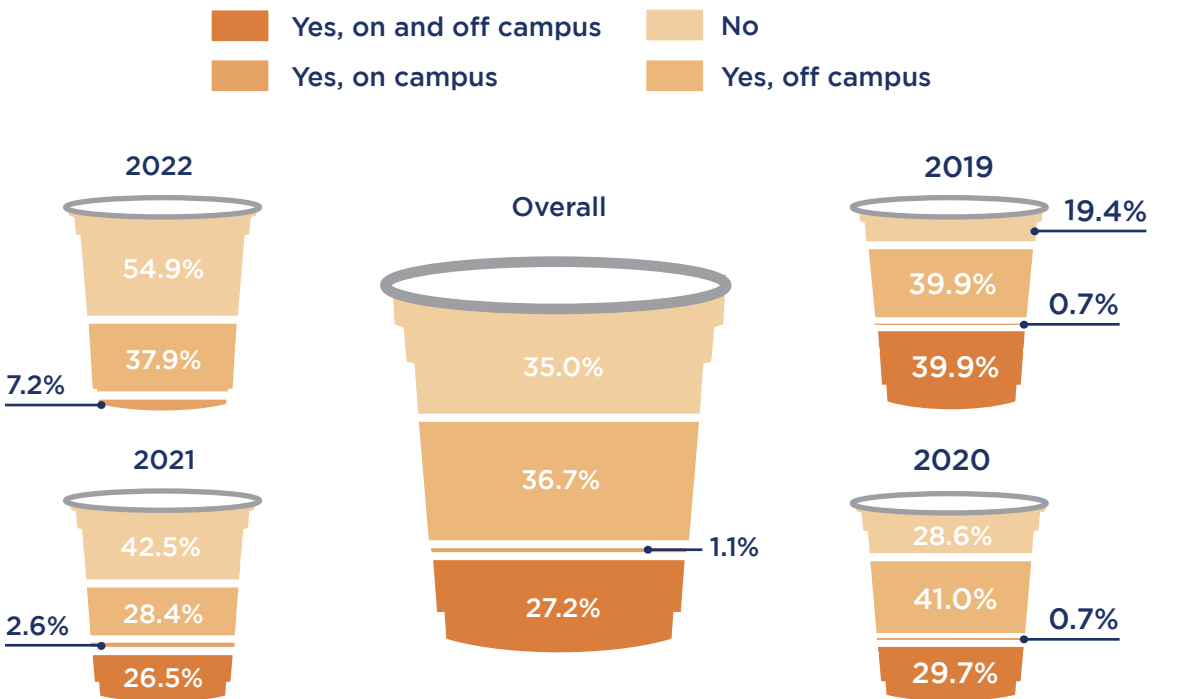


STUDY DRUGS

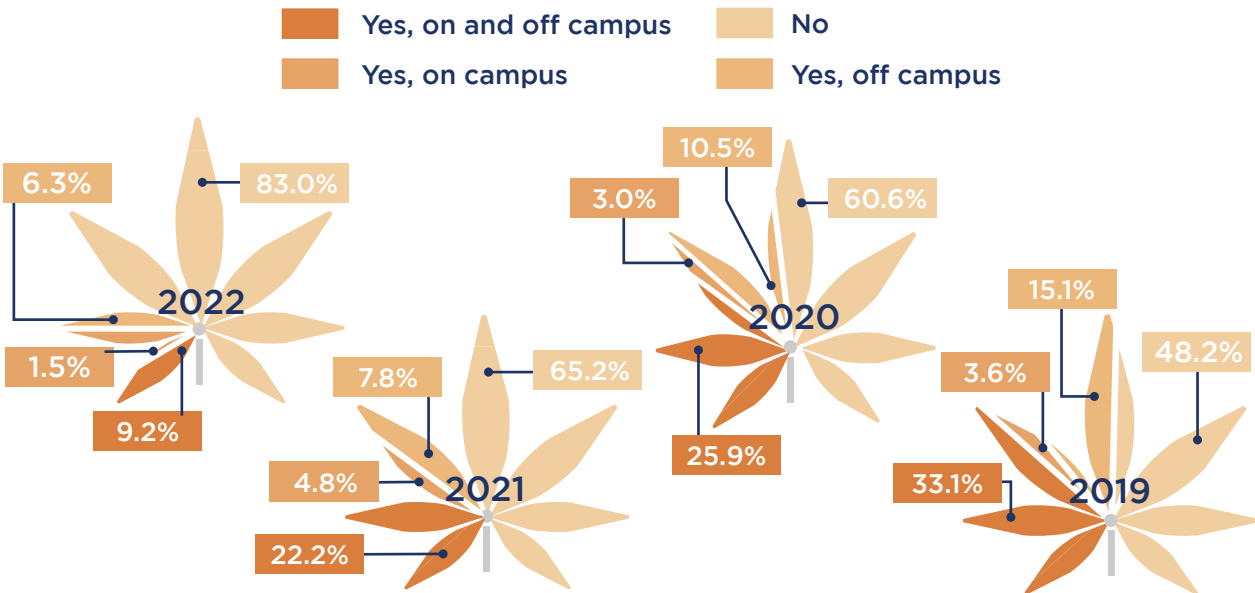
22%

of recreational drug users have used pharmaceutical drugs in hopes of enhancing academic performance

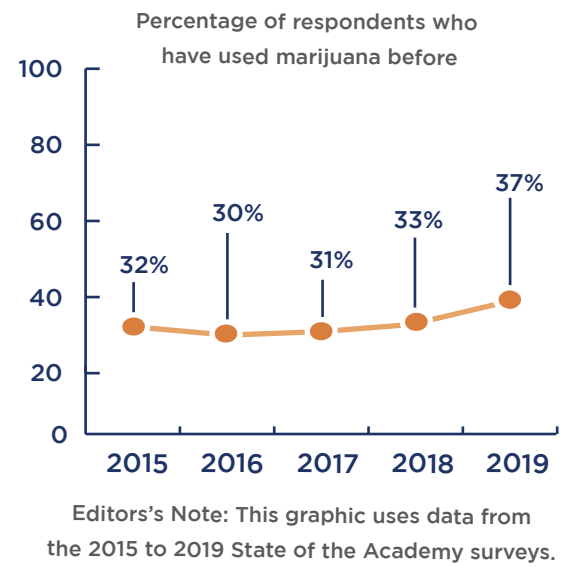
HAVE YOU CONSUMED ALCOHOL?



HAVE YOU USED MARIJUANA?

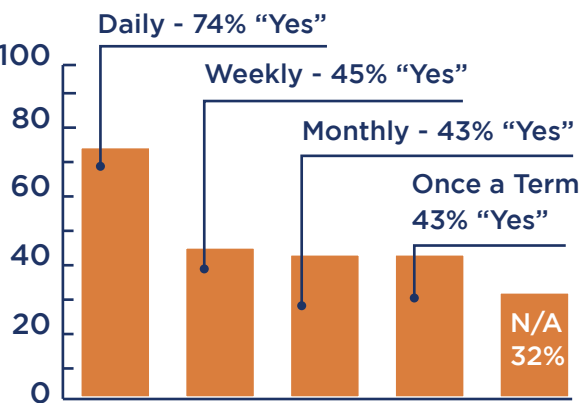


MARIJUANA USAGE OVER TIME



FRIENDSHIP & DRUG USAGE

Do you think that recreational drug or alcohol use significantly influences your friendships at Andover?



SANCTUARY POLICY

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respondents have been sanctuaried.

DRUG USAGE & FAKE IDS



of regular drug users own fake IDs.

HARD DRUG USAGE

9%

of respondents have used hard drugs (i.e. cocaine, LSD, etc.)

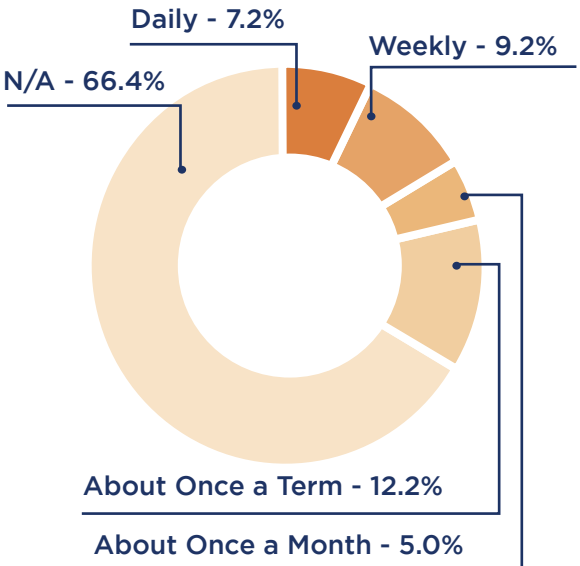
“DRUG CULTURE”

71%

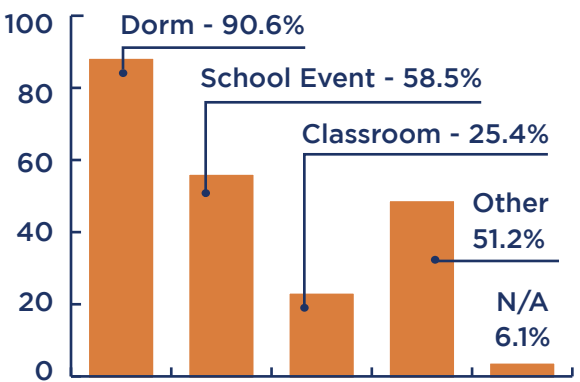
Percentage of respondents who believe that the use of recreational drugs or alcohol is normalized at Andover

DRUG USAGE FREQUENCY

How often do you consume recreational drugs or alcohol on campus?



UNDER THE INFLUENCE

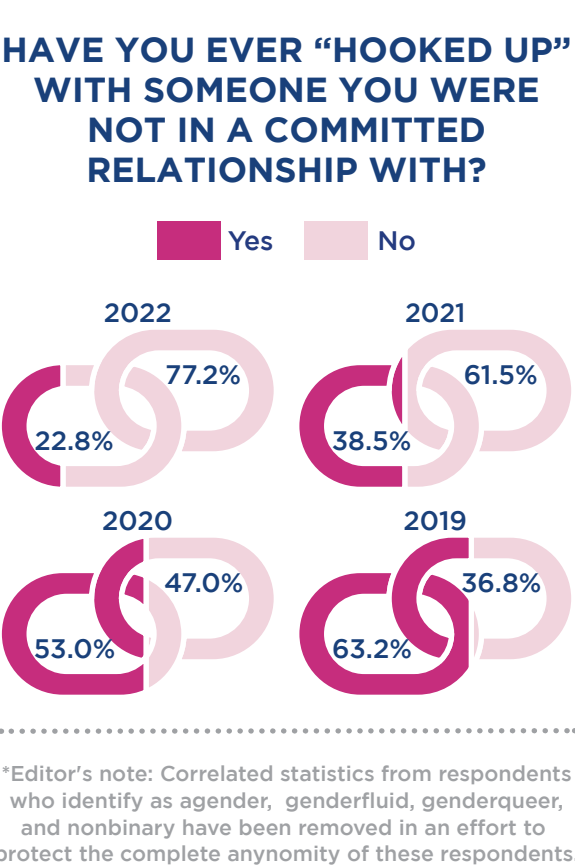
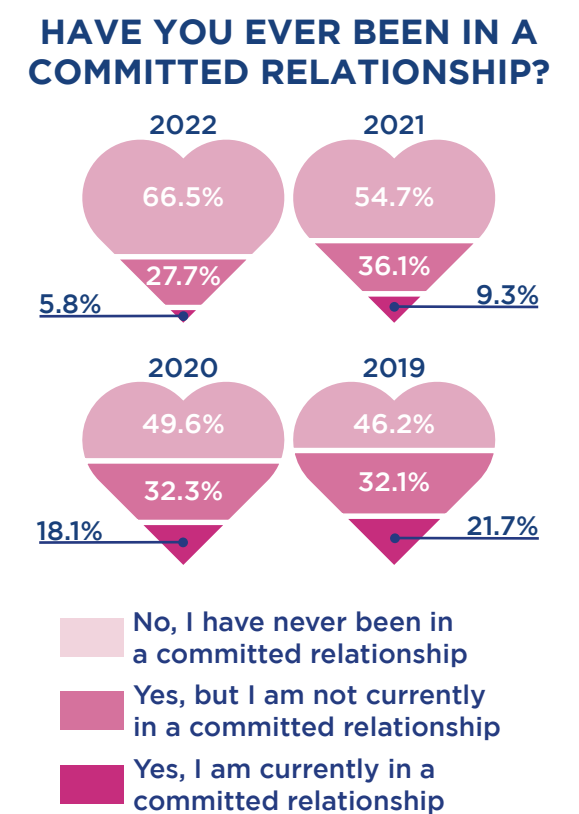
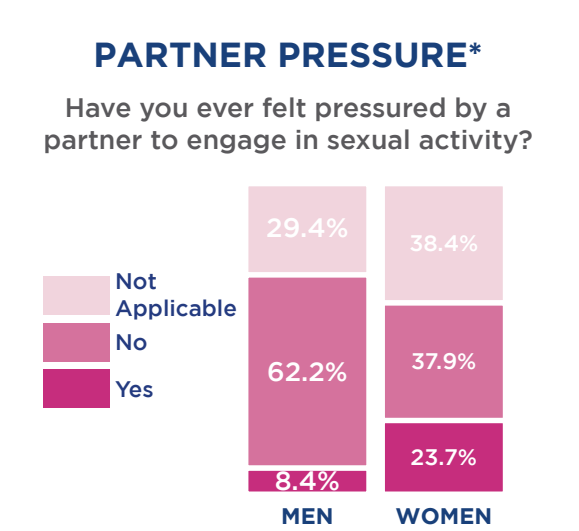
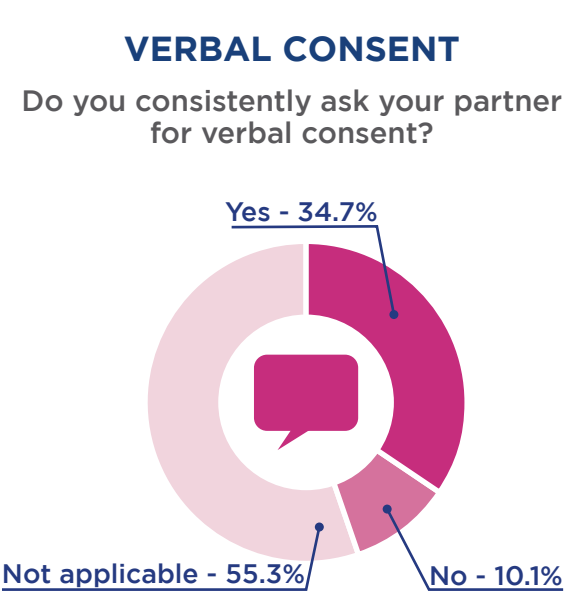
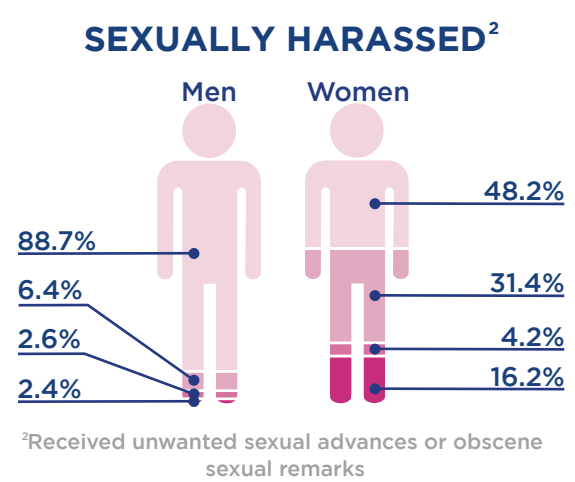
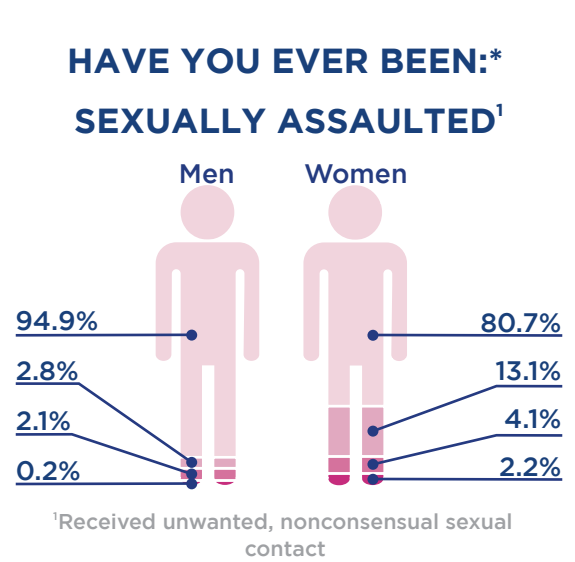
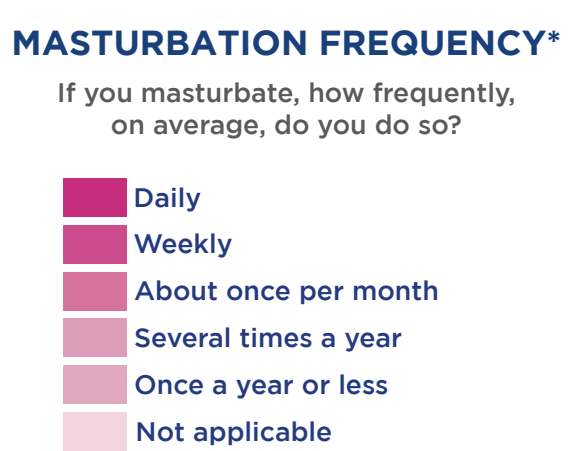
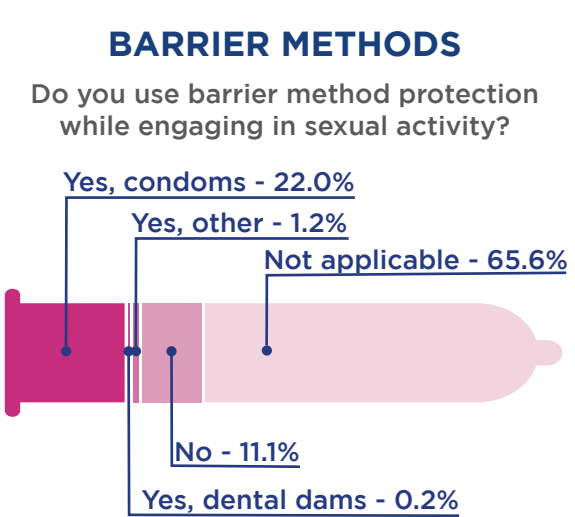
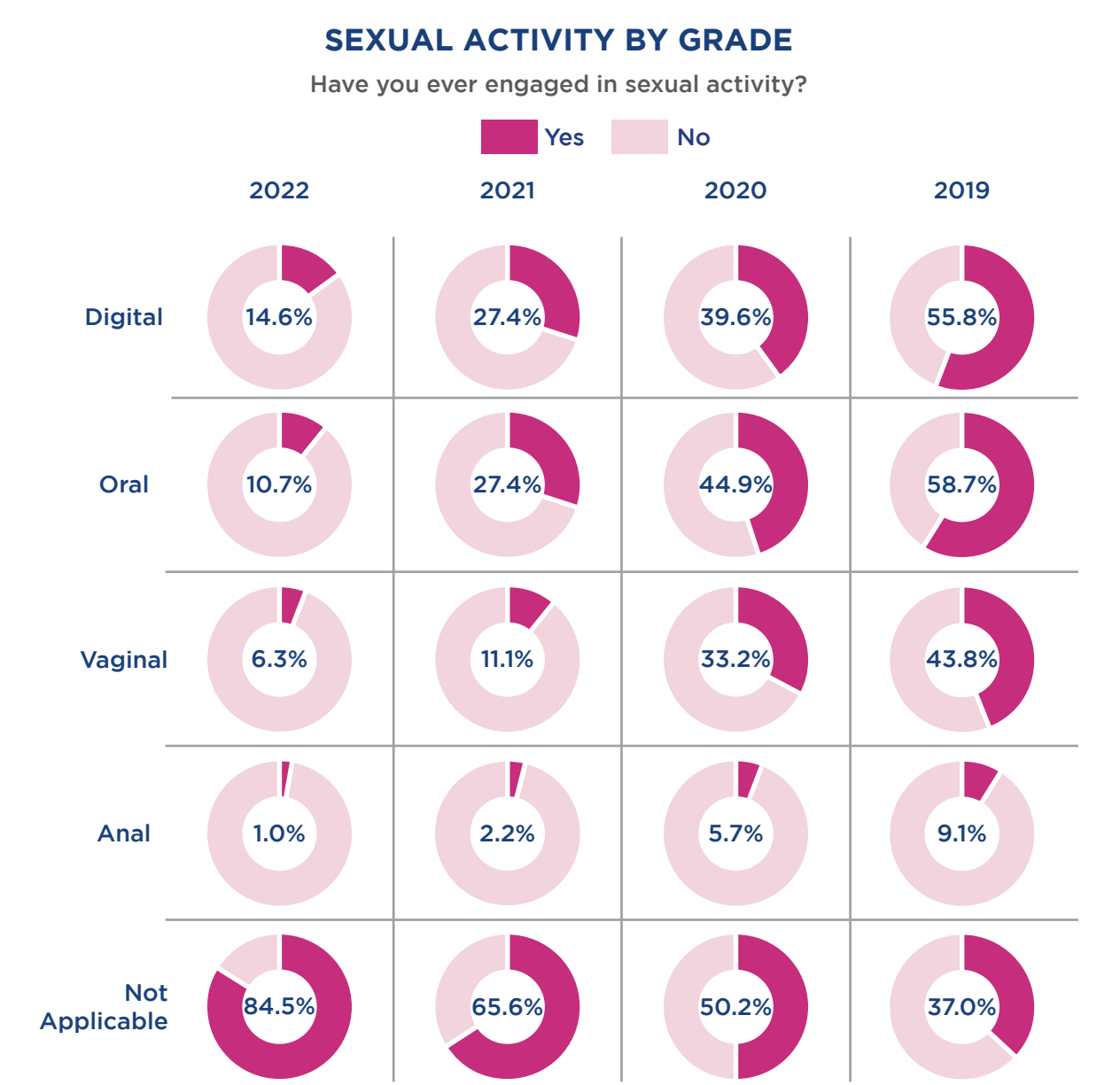
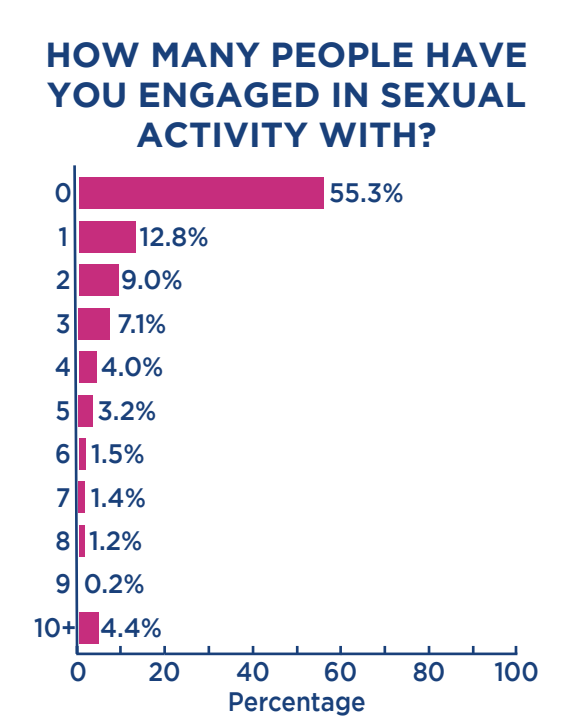
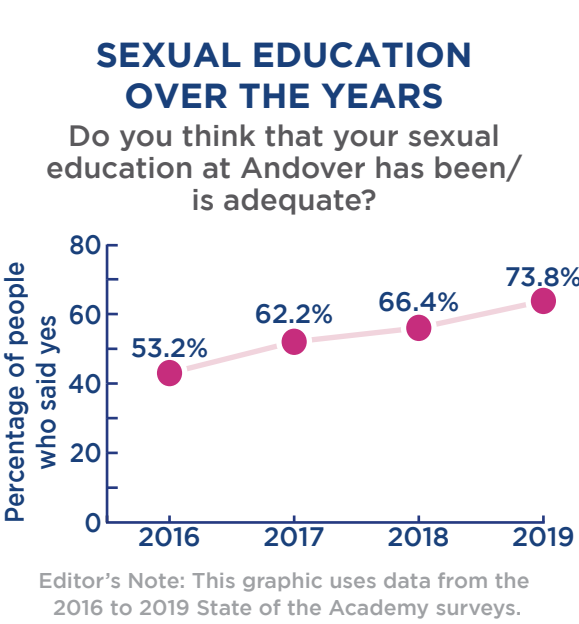


This data is correlated with those who have used recreational drugs or alcohol on campus.

SEX

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

At Andover, 84.5% of Juniors, 65.6% of Lower, 50.2% of Uppers, and 37% of Seniors have never engaged in any sexual activity—defined as digital, oral, vaginal, or anal sex. 88% of responding students think there is a hook-up culture, down from 91% last year. Of the sexually-active respondents, the most common number of sexual partners reported was one. 77.2% of men feel comfortable telling friends that they masturbate, while only 32.9% of women feel the same way.

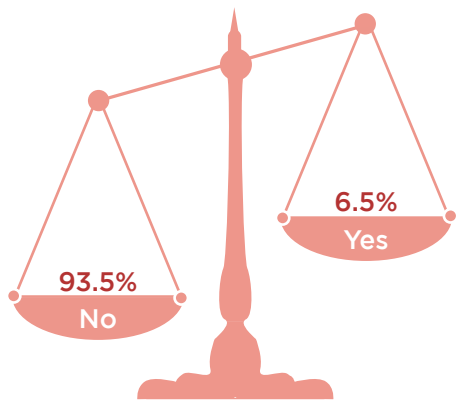


DISCIPLINE

DISCIPLINE AT ANDOVER

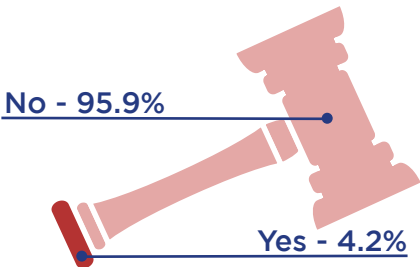
When an Andover student has committed a major offense, they are called upon a Disciplinary Committee (D.C.). 6.5% of SOTA respondents have sat before a D.C. 46.2% believe that the D.C. system effectively disciplines students who are caught breaking school rules, although 80.2% believe that the discipline system favors students of privileged background. Out of all SOTA respondents, 41.9% have committed a major offense without being caught. 47.2% of respondents have had parietals (legal and/or illegal), and over 88.2% believe that parietal rules should be made more lenient.

HAVE YOU EVER SAT BEFORE A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (D.C.)?

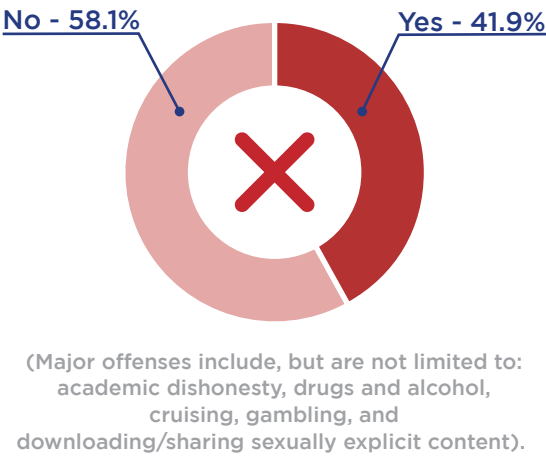


PLAGIARISM
10.8%
of students have plagiarized while at Andover

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED PROBATION?



HAVE YOU EVER COMMITTED A MAJOR OFFENSE WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT?



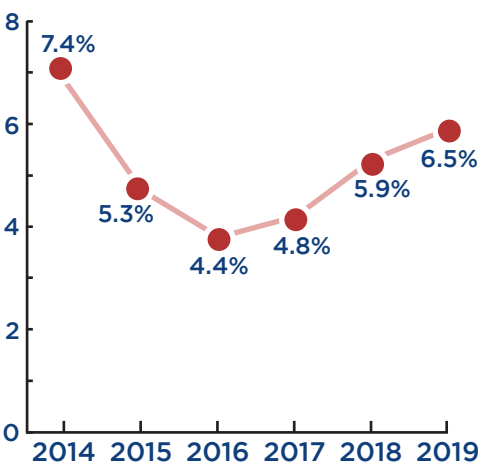
CHEATING
28.8%
of students have cheated on tests, quizzes, or in-class assessments while at Andover

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A CENSURE OR WARNING?



DISCIPLINE OVER TIME

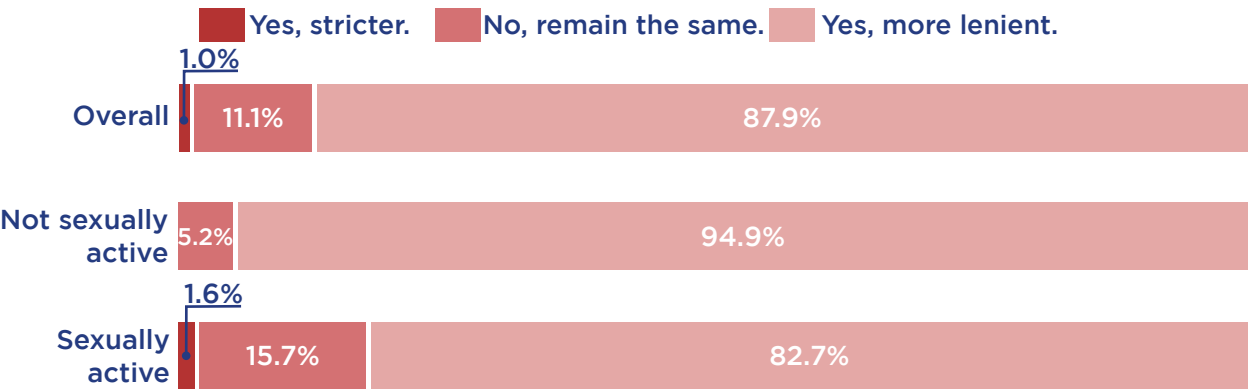
Percentage of student respondents who have sat before a D.C.



Editor's note: This graphic uses data from the 2016 to 2019 State of the Academy surveys.

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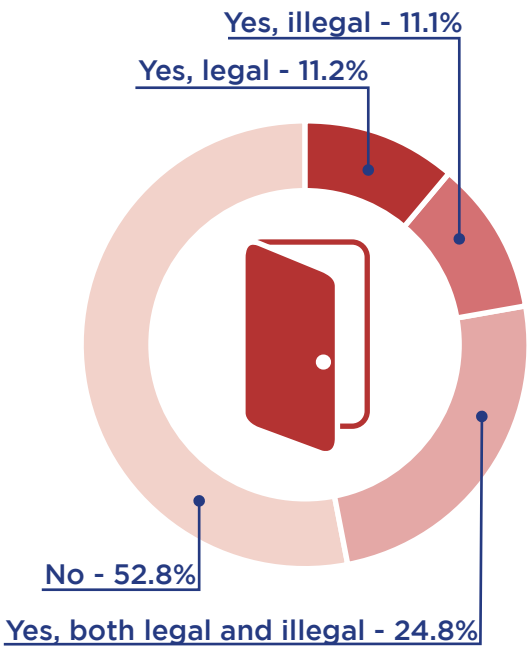
Do you support a change in room visit rules?



Editor's note: respondents are included in "sexually active" if they checked "digital," "oral," "vaginal," or "anal" for the question "Have you ever engaged in sexual activity? Check all that apply." Respondents are included in "not sexually active" if they responded "Not applicable" to this question.

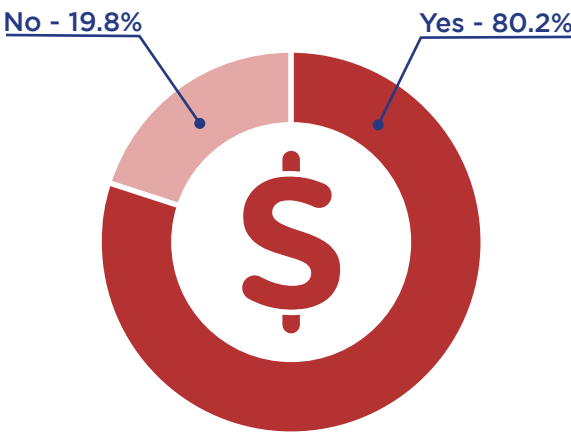
PARIETAL

Have you ever had a parietal?



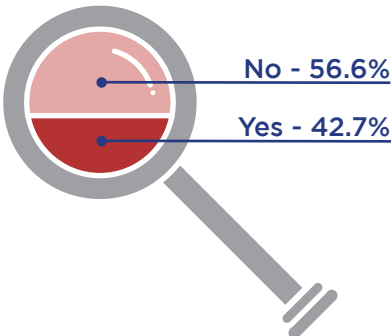
PRIVILEGED BACKGROUND

Do you think that the school's disciplinary system favors students of privileged backgrounds?



CONTRABAND MATERIAL

Do you think that the administration should have the right to search an entire dorm for contraband material?



Editor's note: Due to technical errors, 7 responses were not correctly recorded.

DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

Do you think that the D.C. system effectively disciplines students who are caught breaking school rules?

