

Results from the Senior Survey 2024

Methodology

The link to an online survey with a maximum of 40 questions was emailed to each full-time member of the senior class who, as of April 1, 2024, was anticipated to graduate by May 2024. Guest students were excluded from the population. Initial invitations were sent on March 19th and the last responses were received on May 16th. Of the 356 seniors who received the survey, 278 responded with their primary activity after graduation (at a minimum) for an overall response rate of 78%.

Highlights

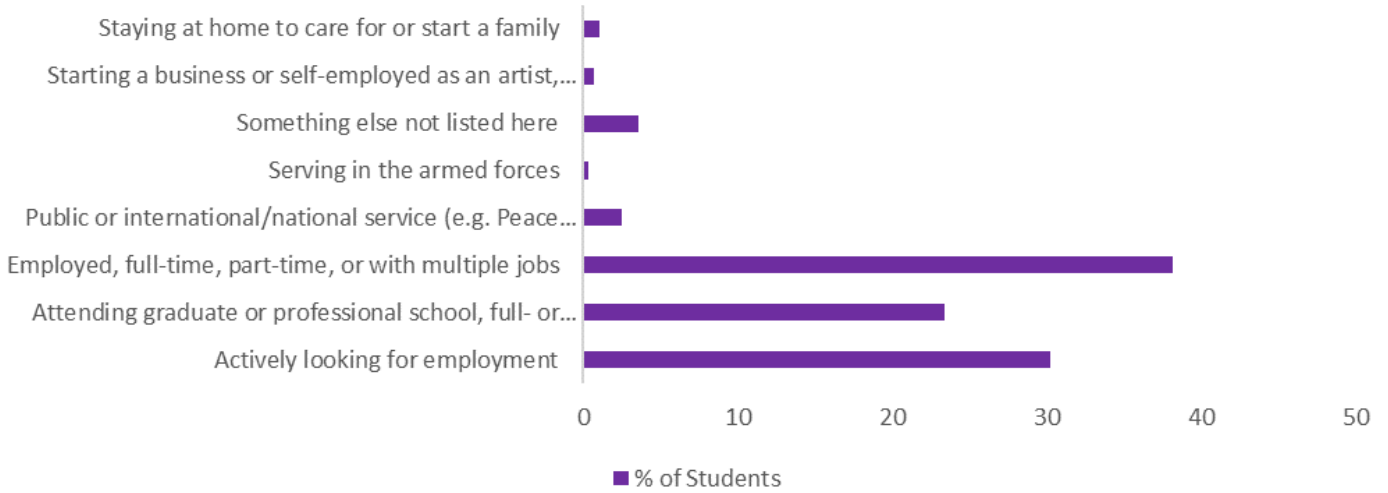
As of May 2024, respondents to the Class of 2024 Senior Survey indicated that:

- 38.1% had full- or part-time employment for the fall
- 23.4% had been accepted to/enrolled in graduate school for the fall
- 2.5% planned on participating in a volunteer/service opportunity for the fall
- 30.2% were still seeking employment for the fall
- 1.1% were planning to stay at home to care for or start a family.
- 0.7% were starting a business or pursuing self-employment.
- 0.3% were serving in the Armed Forces.
- 3.7% planned on doing something not listed above.

The Plans of the Class of 2024

The survey first asked seniors to identify their plans for the fall after graduation. 68% of students indicated that employment was their top priority, whether it was being employed full or part-time (38%) or looking for a job (30%). 23% indicated that they would continue their education in the fall. 2.5% of graduates planned on participating in a volunteer or service program. 1% of respondents planned on starting a business or pursuing self-employment in the arts. A small number of students (1%) planned to stay home to take care of or start a family, and one person (0.5%) planned on serving in the Armed Forces. Finally, 3.5% of respondents had a plan not listed in the survey.

Post-Graduation Plans, Class of 2024

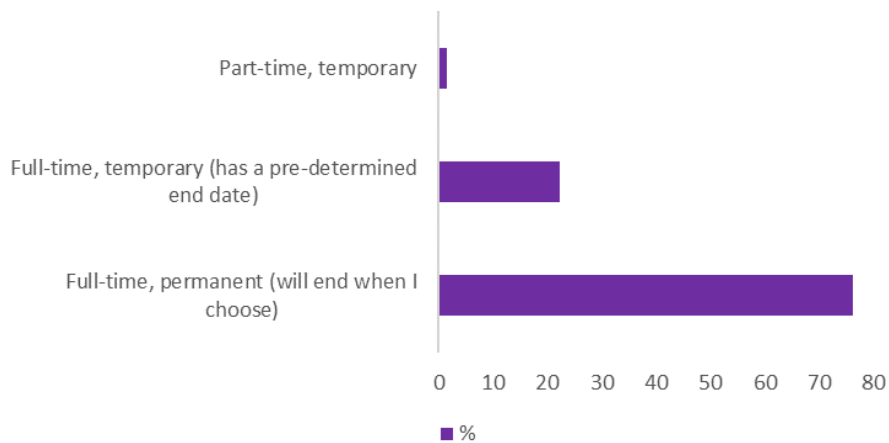


Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=278.

Employment and Volunteer/Service

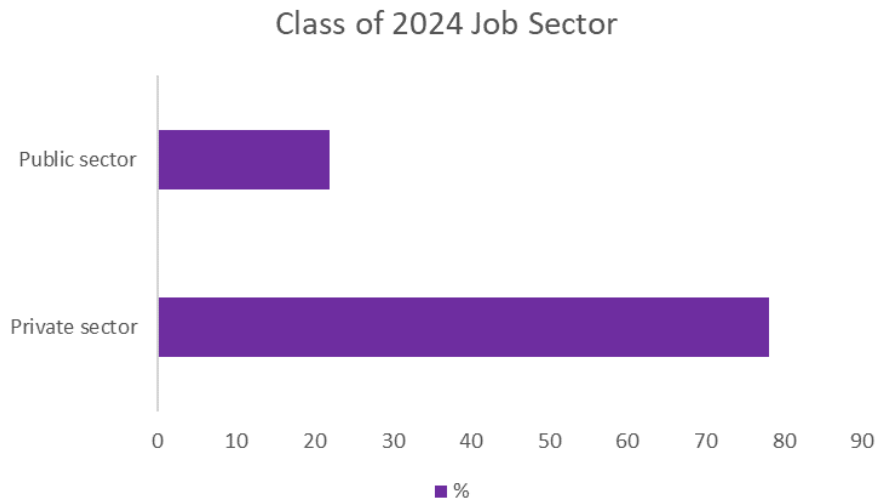
Less than half of respondents (40.6%) reported they were undertaking full-time employment, part-time employment, or volunteer/service work positions. The survey gave these respondents the opportunity to provide information on the nature of their work.

Nature of Employment

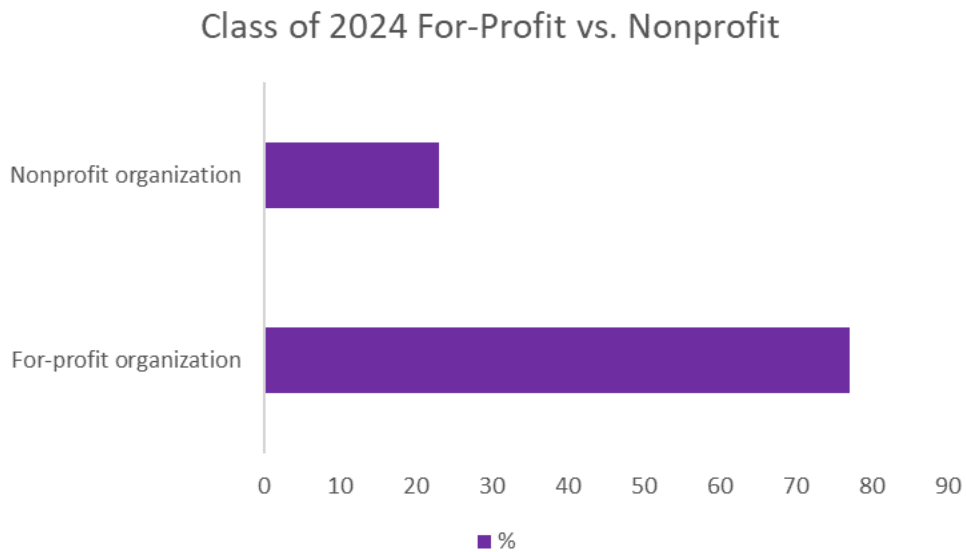


Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=63.

38% of survey respondents (106 respondents) stated that they would be employed full- or part-time in the fall. Students who selected one of these employment categories had an option to give further information about the nature of their work. Of the employed respondents, 60% (64 respondents) selected a description of their work. The majority of these respondents (78.1%) selected that their work is part of the private sector, while the remaining respondents (21.9%) indicated their work was in the public sector. In addition, 77% of employed respondents indicated that they would be working for a for-profit organization. From the open response question in which respondents could state their position or title, popular fields of work for these graduates include finance, education, and research.



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=64.

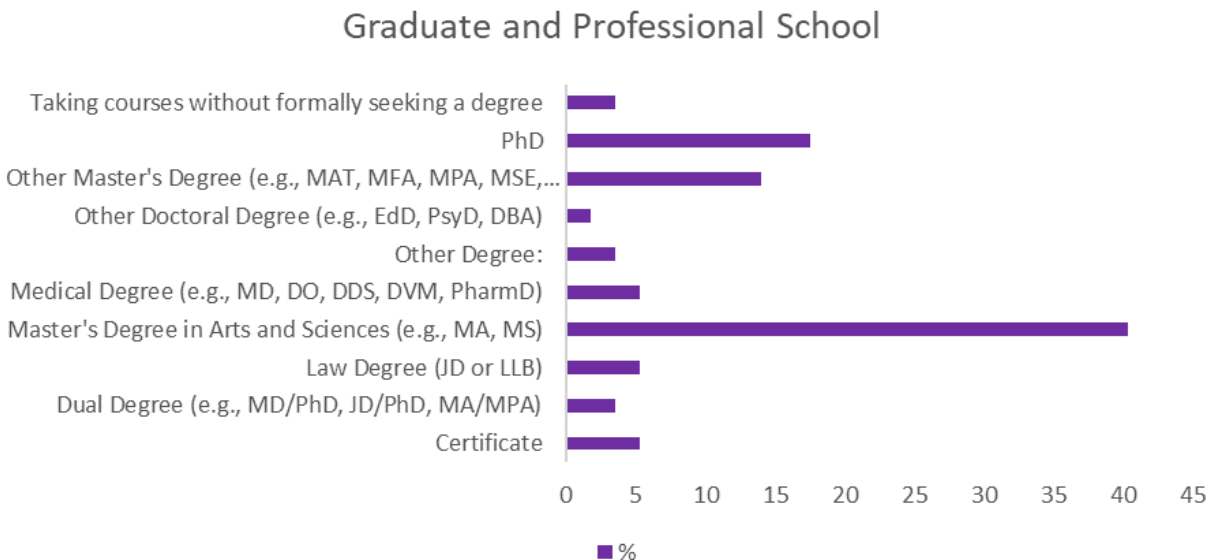


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In addition, 7 survey respondents stated that they would work volunteer or service positions in the fall. In the open response job title and job organization sections, 43% of those students indicated they would be doing service work through Americorps/City Year/Artist Year. Other service organizations they indicated include the Peace Corps and TAPIF.

Graduate and Professional School

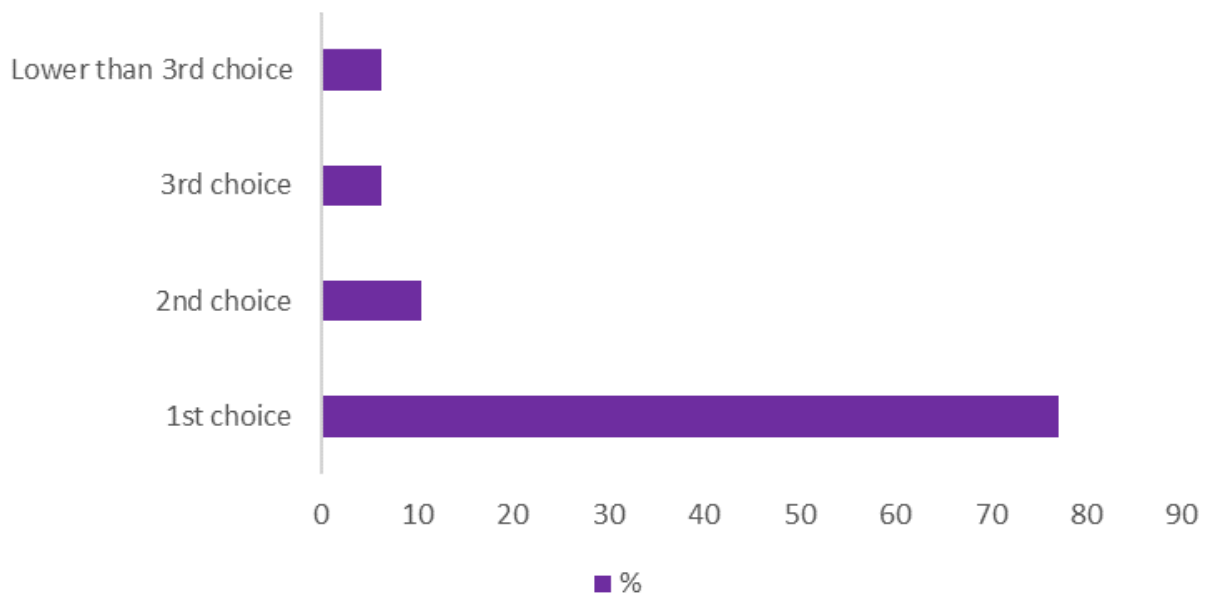
Of the Class of 2024, 23.4% indicated that their post-graduation plans included graduate or professional school. Students who stated they had been accepted at or had enrolled in a graduate/professional program for the fall were asked to provide details on the type of degree they were pursuing. Of these students, 19.3% will be pursuing a doctoral degree such as a PhD and 54.4% will be pursuing a Master’s degree. A considerable percentage of these students will be pursuing a law degree (5.3%), a medical degree (5.3%) or a certificate (5.3%).



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=57.

Students who planned to attend graduate or professional school were successful in getting admitted to their top choice programs. The majority (77.1%) were planning to attend their first choice of graduate or professional program, 10.4% were planning to attend their second choice of program, and a further 6.3% were attending their third choice. 6.3% were attending lower than their third choice.

Choice of Graduate Program



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=48

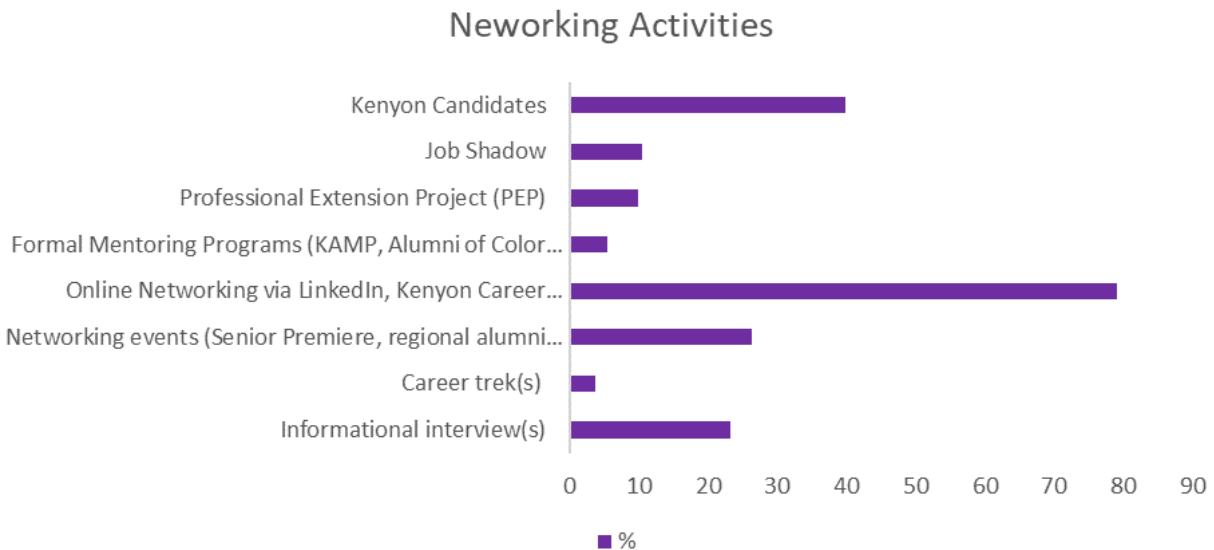
Students with Other Plans

36% of respondents were not employed or furthering their education at the time of this survey. 84% of these respondents were actively seeking employment at the time of their response. The remainder were pursuing self-employment (2%), staying home to start or care for a family (3%), joining the armed forces (1%), or something else not listed in the survey (10%). These respondents were asked to go into more detail about their plans, and some common responses included traveling, taking a gap year, taking a temporary job and applying for graduate/professional programs.

Experiential Learning

This survey asked the Class of 2024 about their experiences with opportunities like internships, networking events, and co-curricular activities. For most questions, respondents were instructed to choose all options that applied to them, resulting in a wide range of activities.

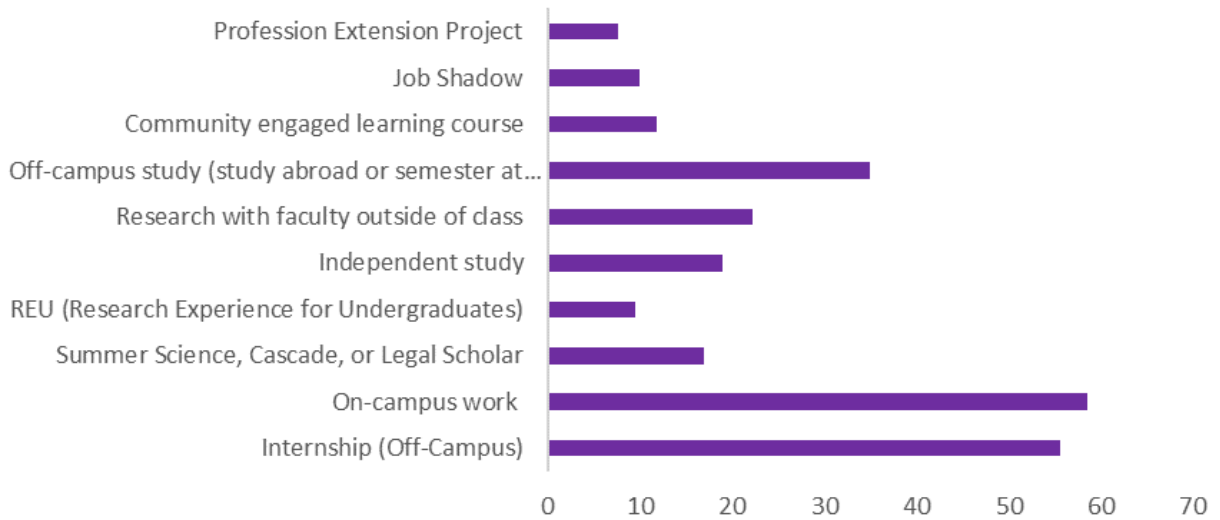
Respondents had the opportunity to select the networking activities they took part in during their time as a Kenyon student. A majority (79.1%) of respondents reported online networking through LinkedIn or other platforms. The next most common networking activity (39.9%) was through Kenyon Candidates. Formal networking events like Senior Premiere or regional alumni association events were also popular, with 26.3% of respondents saying they had participated in one during their time as a student. Informational Interviews were close behind with 23.3%. The least common response was networking through career treks (3.7%).



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=163

The Class of 2024 participated in a wide range of co-curricular activities. Respondents were able to select all options that applied to them. There were 521 responses and 212 respondents to this question, indicating that many respondents were involved in multiple activities. The two most common activities were student employment (58.5%) and internships (55.7%). 18.9% of students took an independent study, while 48.6% of students were involved in research through Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), summer research programs, or general research with faculty. Course-based activities like Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) classes were also fairly common, with 11.8% of respondents enrolled in CEL courses and 34.9% involved in off-campus study.

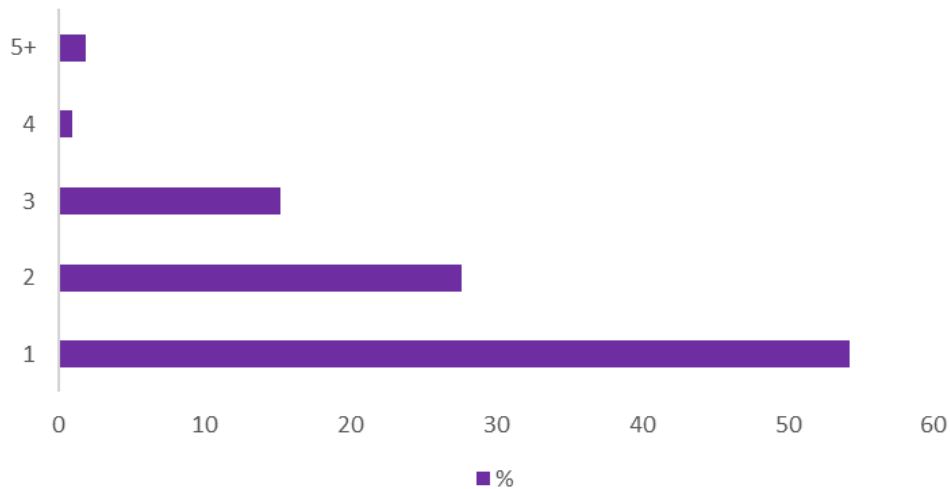
Co-Curricular Activities



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=212

Of the 105 respondents who reported paid internships over the course of their time at Kenyon, 54.3% only participated in one paid internship, while 27.6% had two, 15.2% had three, 0.9% had four, and 1.9% had five or more.

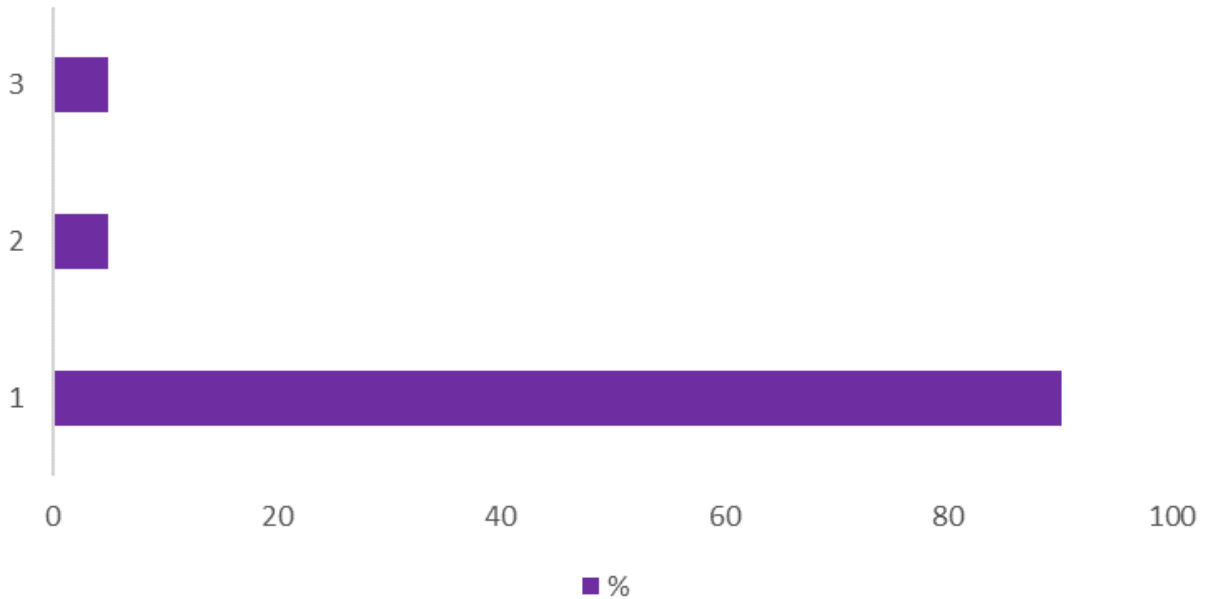
Number of Paid Internships



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=105

Unpaid internships followed this trend even more strongly. 90.2% of respondents to this question participated in one unpaid internship as an undergraduate. 4.9% participated in two, and 4.9% participated in three unpaid internships over their time at Kenyon.

Number of Unpaid Internships

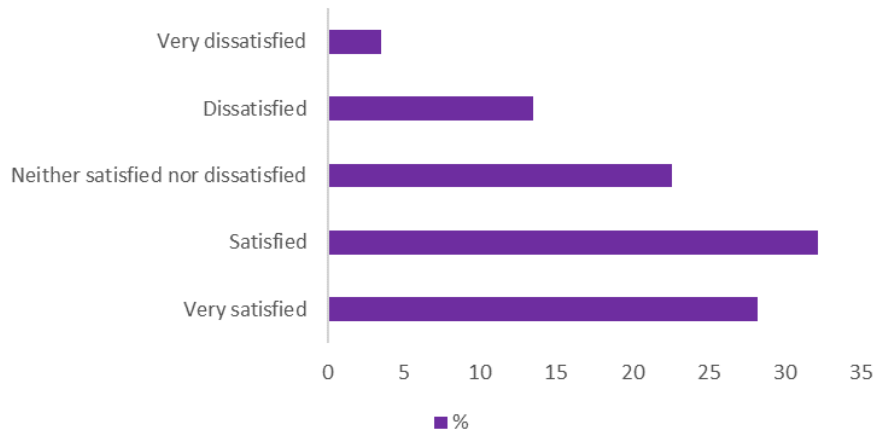


Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=61

Satisfaction

The 2024 Senior Survey asked respondents about how satisfied they were with Kenyon overall, their plans for the fall, and their feelings of connection to the college. Overall, the Class of 2024 was relatively happy with their post-graduation plans. The majority of respondents (60.4%) were very satisfied or satisfied with their plans for the fall, and only 16.9% of students reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their plans.

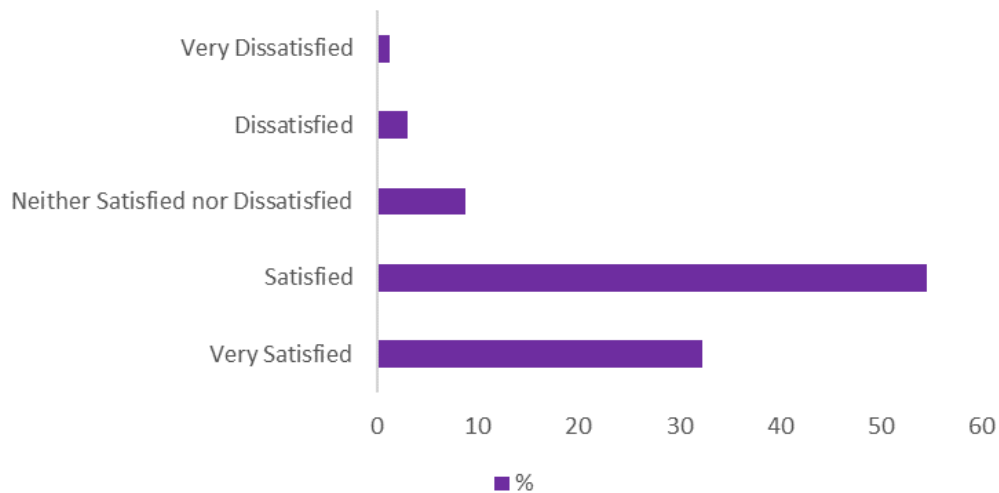
Satisfaction with Post-Graduation Plans



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=230

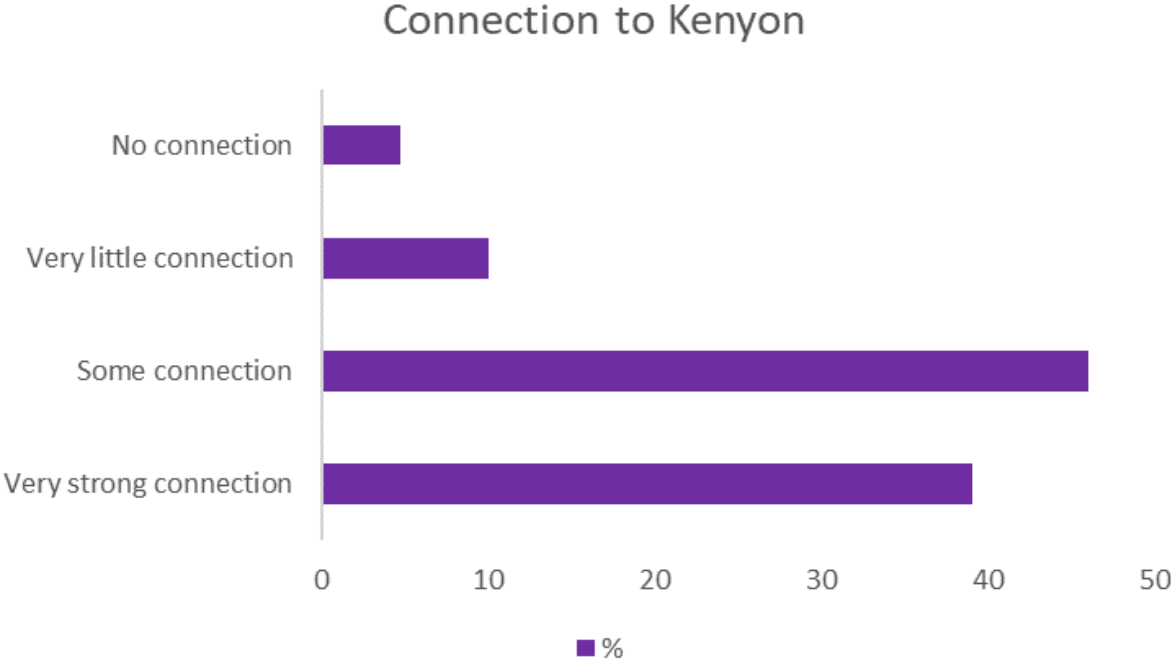
The Class of 2024 was also extremely satisfied with their Kenyon education overall. 86.9% of respondents were very satisfied or satisfied with their Kenyon experience. 8.7% of respondents were neither satisfied nor were dissatisfied, and only 4.3% of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their Kenyon education.

Satisfaction with Kenyon Education



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=229

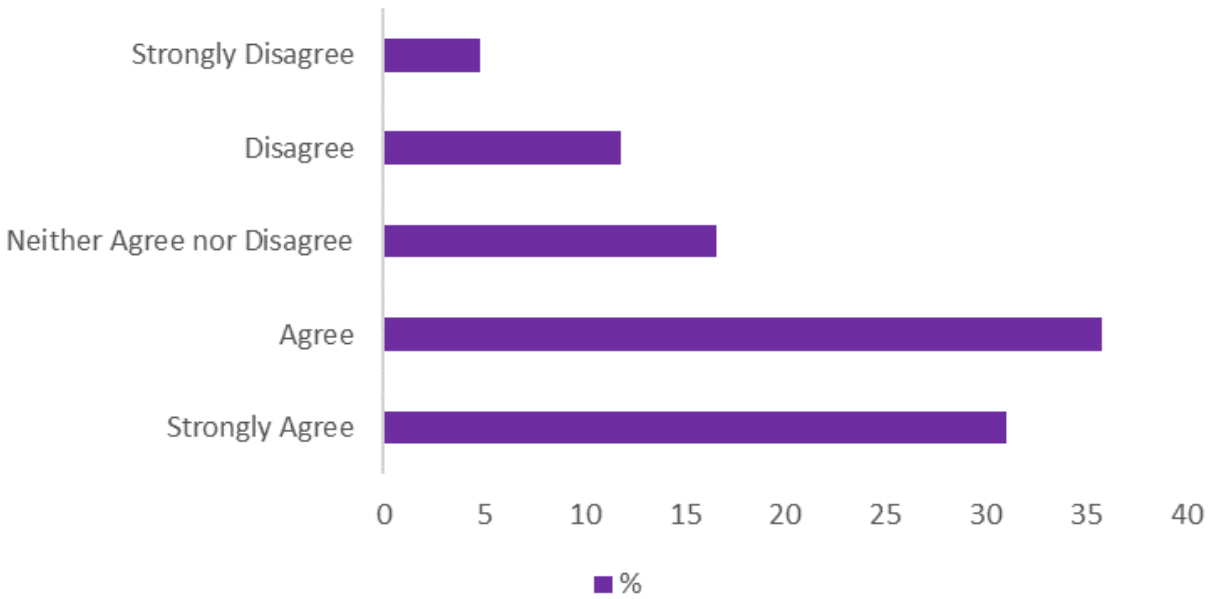
Similarly, most respondents (85.1%) in the Class of 2024 felt either some connection or a very strong connection to Kenyon, while 10.0% of respondents reported very little connection, and just 4.8% of respondents felt no connection to the College at all.



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=230

When asked if they would choose Kenyon if they had to apply to college over again, respondents said they would. 66.8% said they agreed or strongly agreed that they would choose Kenyon again, and only 15.5% said they disagreed or strongly disagreed.

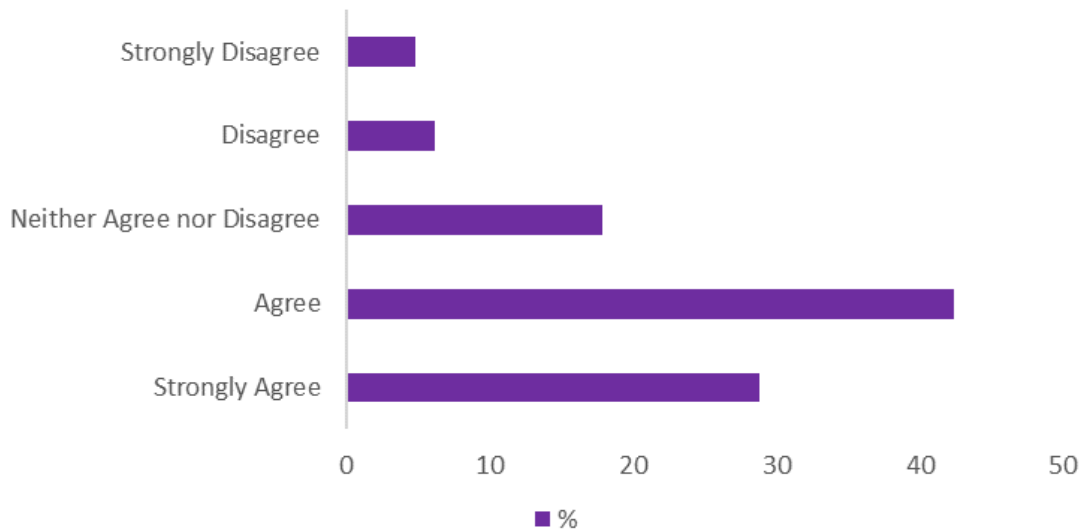
Would Choose Kenyon Again



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=229

Finally, when respondents were asked if they would recommend Kenyon to a high school student, respondents overwhelmingly said they would. 71.2% strongly agreed or agreed, 17.9% neither agreed nor disagreed, and only 10.9% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Would Recommend Kenyon to a high school student



Data Source: Senior Survey 2024. N=229

Conclusions

The Class of 2024 made good use of their time at Kenyon by engaging in a wide variety of co-curricular activities, mentoring opportunities, and internships as undergraduates. As a group, they felt a strong connection to Kenyon, being highly satisfied both with their undergraduate experience and their plans for the future. With well over half of respondents (64%) indicating that they have definite plans for the fall (in the form of full- or part-time employment, volunteer or service work, or graduate school) and several more respondents continuing to apply for opportunities, the Class of 2024 appears to be successfully transitioning into the next stage of their lives. For some respondents this transition will include traditional and formal opportunities such as long-term employment or attending graduate school, while other respondents have deliberately structured their next steps to allow for both rest and exploration after a busy college experience. The Class of 2024 is poised for a successful transition into the next stage of their lives.