

Northern NM College 2026 Survey of Graduating Students

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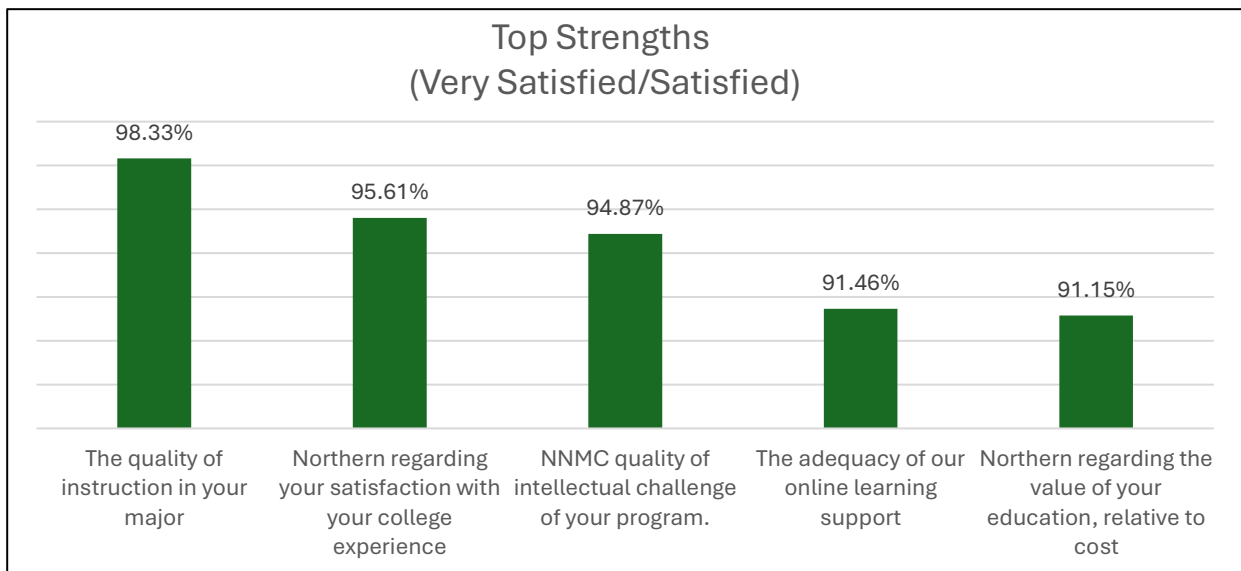
The Office of Institutional Research is pleased to present the 2026 Survey of Graduating Students. This survey aims to gather information about graduating students' satisfaction with their educational experience at Northern. NNMC adopted the survey when it joined the Council of University Presidents (CUP) in 2012. Previous year's surveys can be accessed on the NNMC IR website.

The survey was sent out one week before graduation day in spring 2026 to all 404 students graduating in the 2025-26 school year (Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026). Nine emails had opted out. Out of the 395 remaining invitations, 120 students responded, resulting in a response rate of 30.4%.

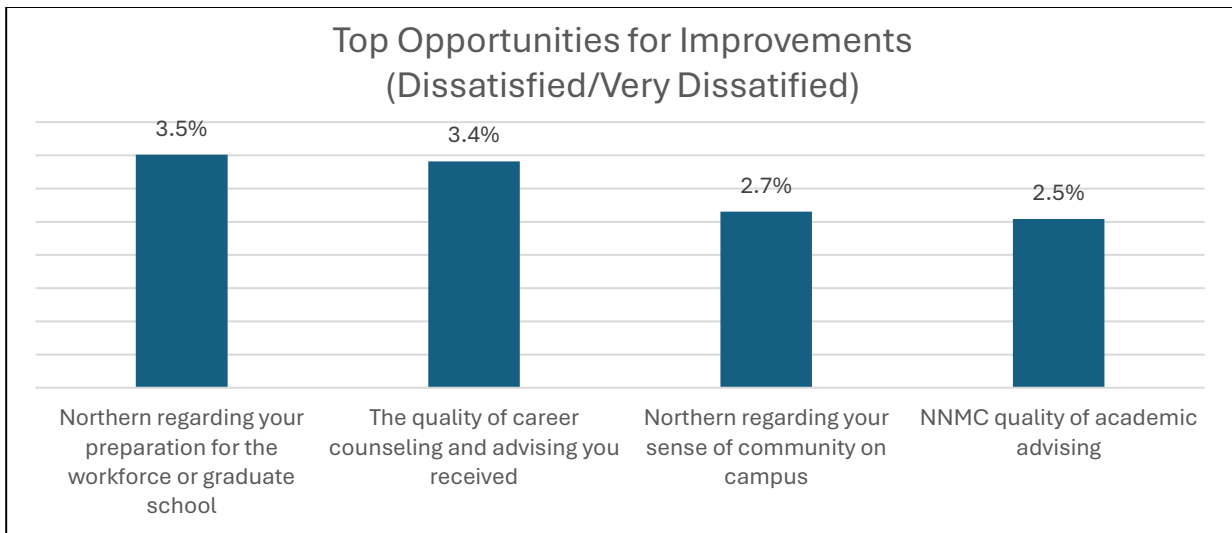
Summary

Below are the Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement based on the Very Satisfied/Satisfied and Very Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied response totals, respectively.

Graduates who completed the survey identified the top strengths as: The quality of instruction in your major (98.33% satisfaction), Northern regarding your satisfaction with your college experience (95.61% satisfaction), NNMC quality of intellectual challenge of your program (94.87% satisfaction), the adequacy of our online learning support (91.46% satisfaction), and Northern regarding the value of your education, relative to cost (91.15% Satisfaction)



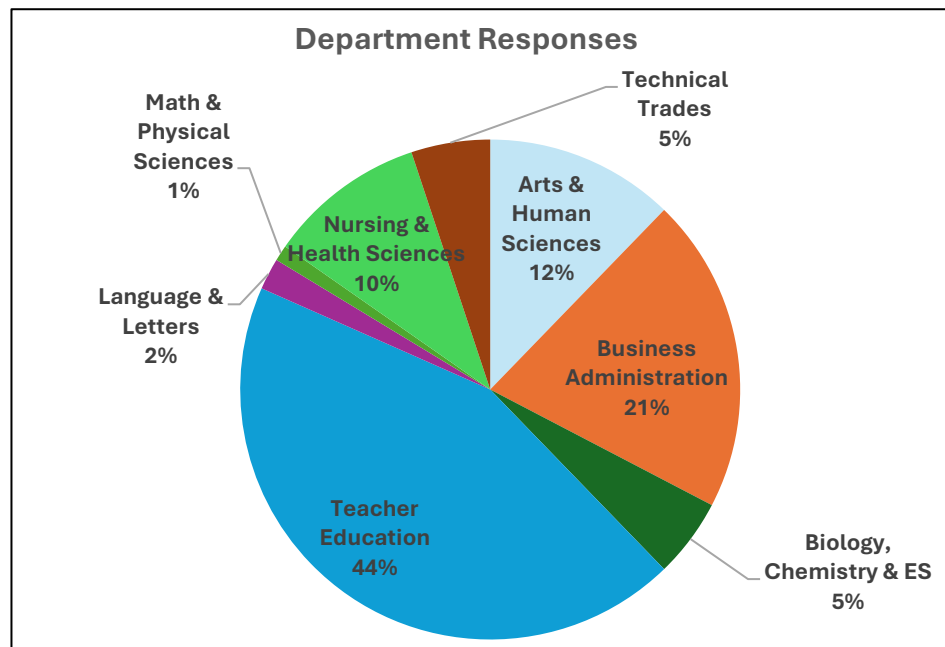
Graduates who completed the survey identified the top opportunities for improvement as: Northern regarding your preparation for the workforce or graduate school (3.5%, dissatisfaction), the quality of career counseling advising you received (3.4% dissatisfaction), Northern regarding your sense of community on campus (2.7% dissatisfaction), and NNMC quality of academic advising (2.5% dissatisfaction)



Respondents

Among the 97 respondents who reported their degree attainment, **27%** earned an associate degree, **43%** earned a bachelor's degree, and **24%** earned a certificate (including Alternative Licensure). Furthermore, **4%** earned both an associate and a bachelor's degree, **1%** earned both a certificate and a bachelor's degree, and **1%** earned an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, and a certificate.

Responses were received from 8 out of the nine academic departments. More than half of the total responses came from the Business Administration and Teacher Education Departments.

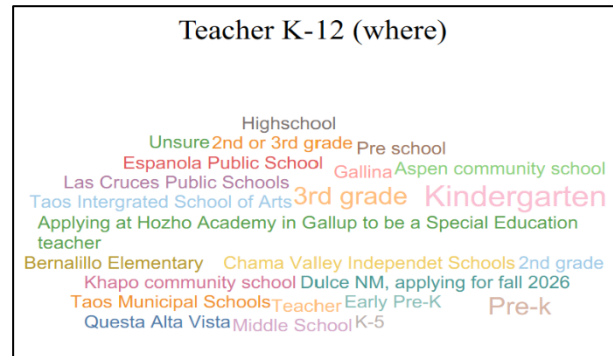
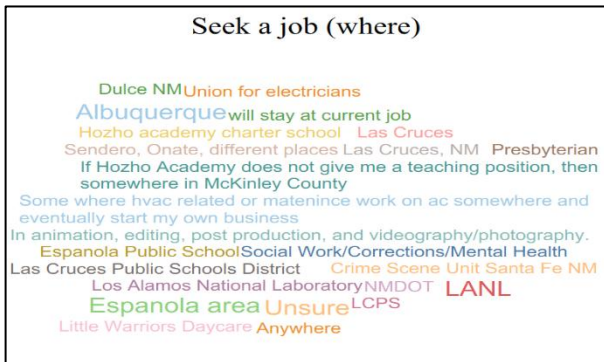
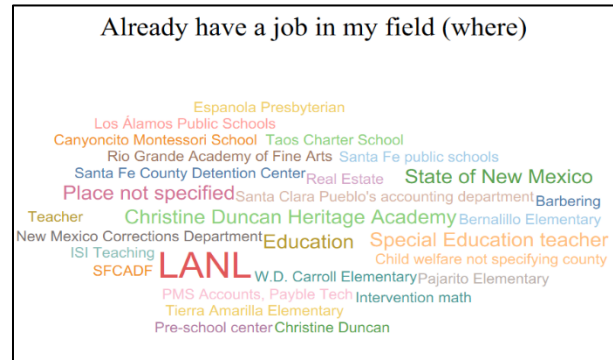


When asked "Yes or No", respondents responded as follows:

- 98% of respondents said if they had to do it again, they would attend Northern
- 89% of respondents said if they had to do it again, they would choose the same major
- 94% of respondents said they will be staying in New Mexico after graduation
- 92% of respondents agreed that the curriculum and coursework adequately prepared them for

the job market in their field.

When asked “What’s next”, respondents responded as follows:



Among the five respondents who indicated they were seeking employment in another field, one was interested in Administration, one in Business Management, one in Nursing, one in a Second Grade Teaching position, and one in employment at Northern New Mexico College.

For the question regarding military employment (branch), two respondents provided comments. One respondent indicated that they had already served in the military, while the other expressed interest in joining the Navy.

The word cloud alongside shows student responses to the following question:

Please comment on any aspect of your collegiate experience that you felt was a particular strength or a particular weakness in the areas of curriculum, instruction, academic support or your overall experience

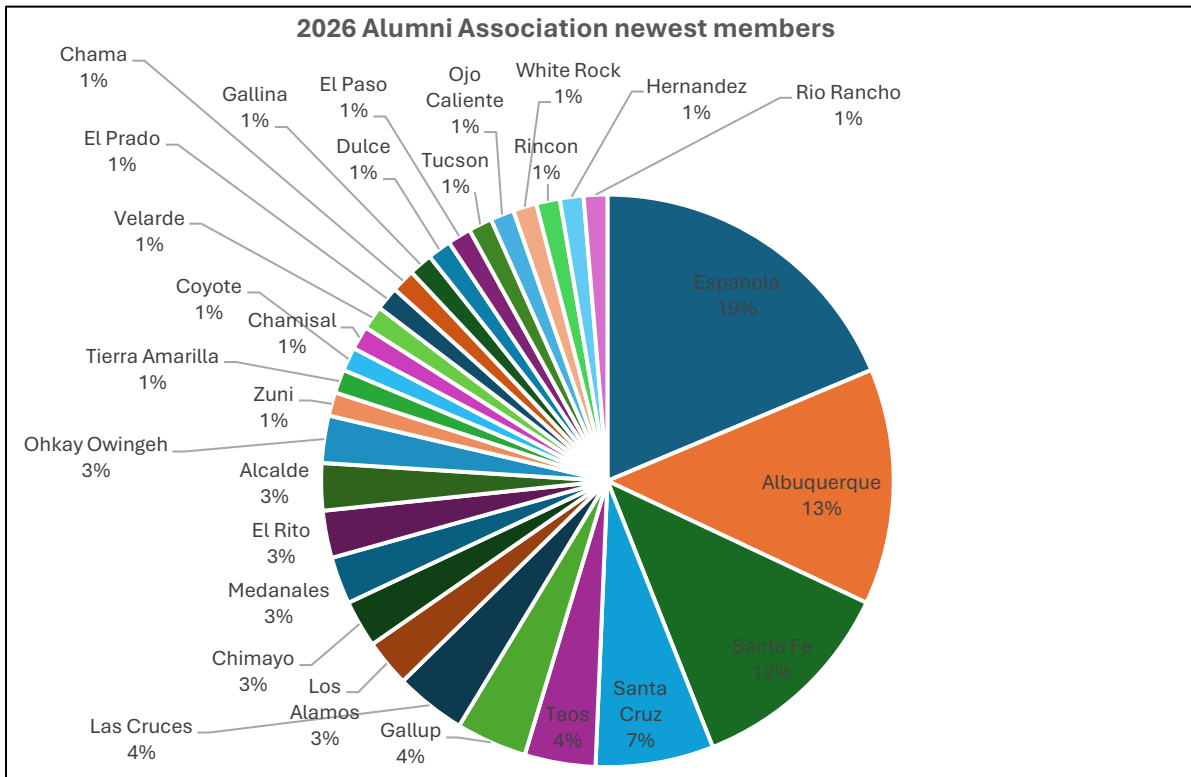


The word cloud alongside shows student responses to the following question:

If you were able to make one significant change in the programs, services, or environment for students at this institution, what would it be?



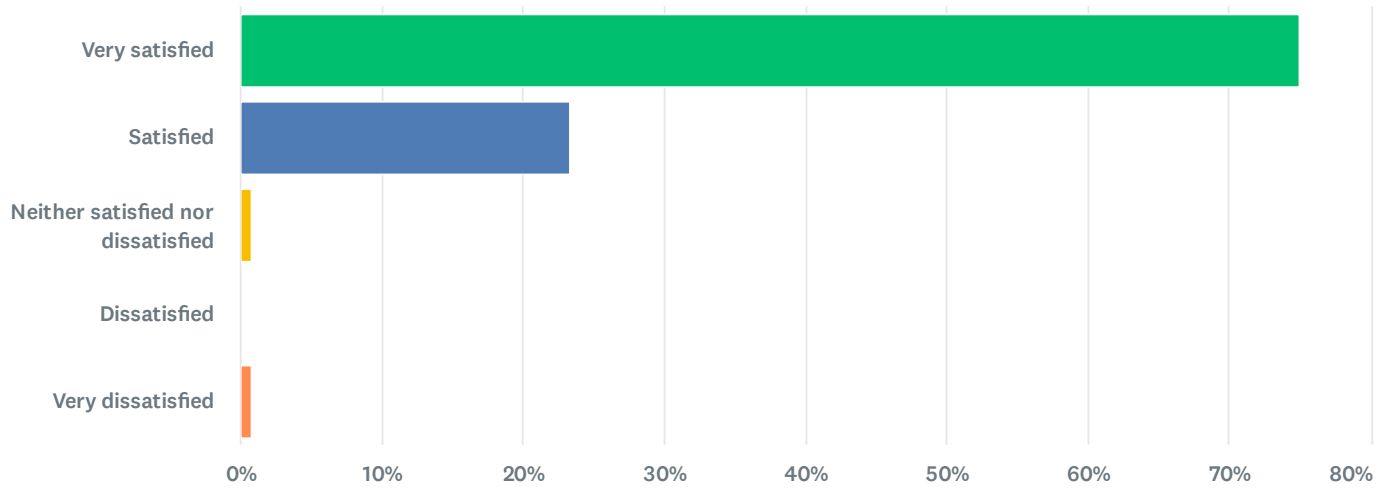
Finally, respondents are asked to provide information for the NNMCA Alumni Association. A total of 75 graduates provided contact information. Student geographical distribution is as follows:



Appendix A contains the results of each survey question. The individual comments are shared with Academic Chairs and Directors separately.

Q1 120 responses

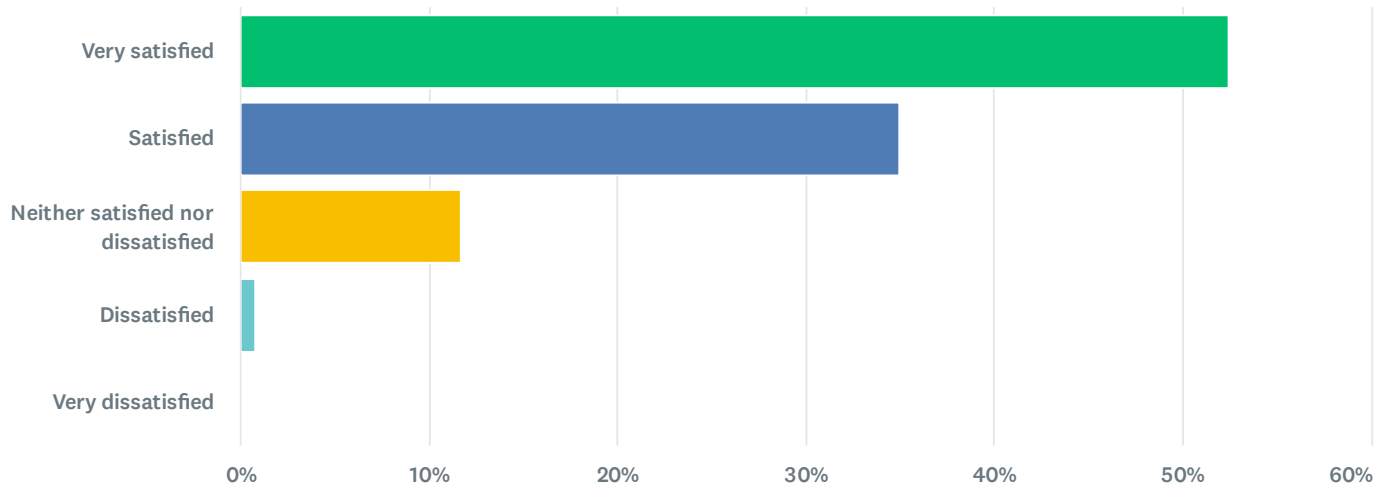
Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of instruction in your major



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	75.0%	90
● Satisfied	23.3%	28
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0.8%	1
● Dissatisfied	0%	0
● Very dissatisfied	0.8%	1
Total		120

Q2 120 responses

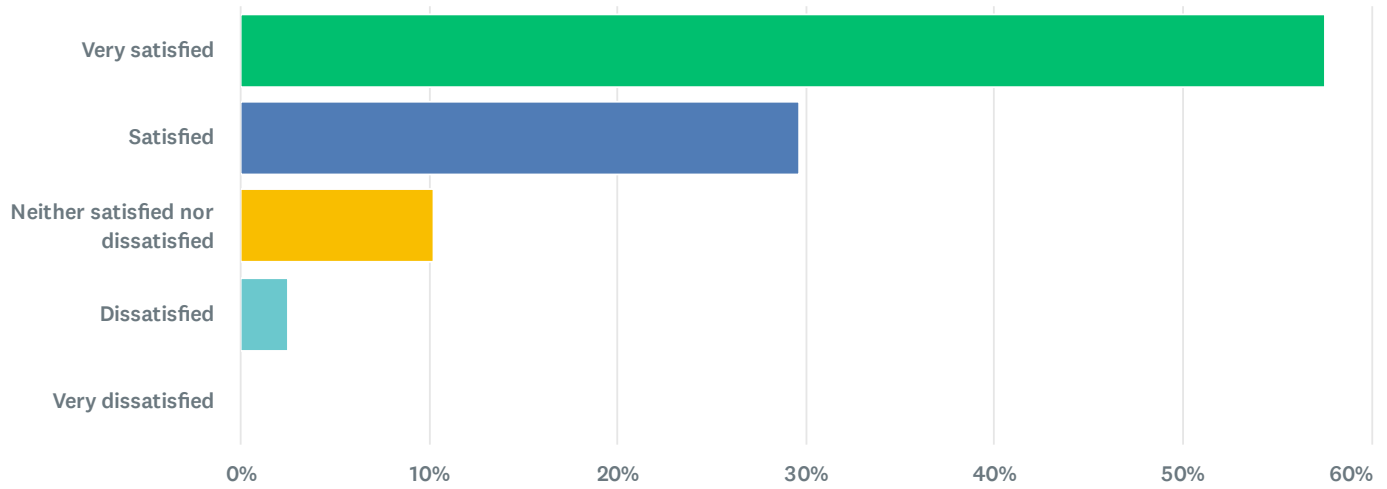
Please rate your satisfaction with NNMC quality of instruction OUTSIDE of your major



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	52.5%	63
● Satisfied	35.0%	42
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11.7%	14
● Dissatisfied	0.8%	1
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		120

Q3 118 responses

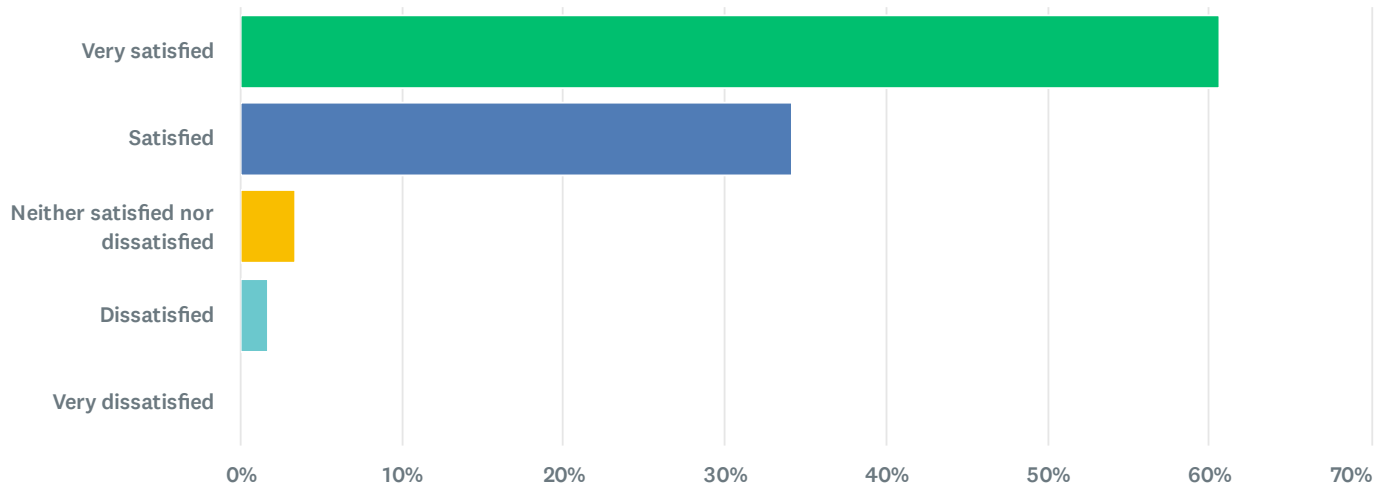
Please rate your satisfaction with NNMC quality of academic advising



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	57.6%	68
● Satisfied	29.7%	35
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10.2%	12
● Dissatisfied	2.5%	3
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		118

Q4 117 responses

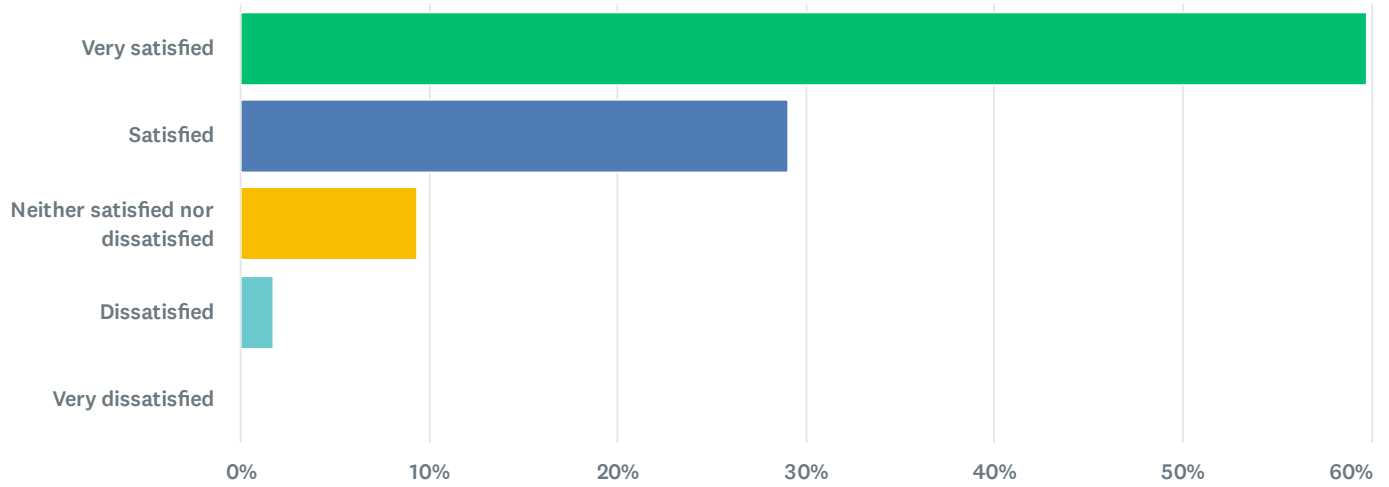
Please rate your satisfaction with NNMC quality of intellectual challenge of your program.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	60.7%	71
● Satisfied	34.2%	40
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3.4%	4
● Dissatisfied	1.7%	2
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		117

Q5 117 responses

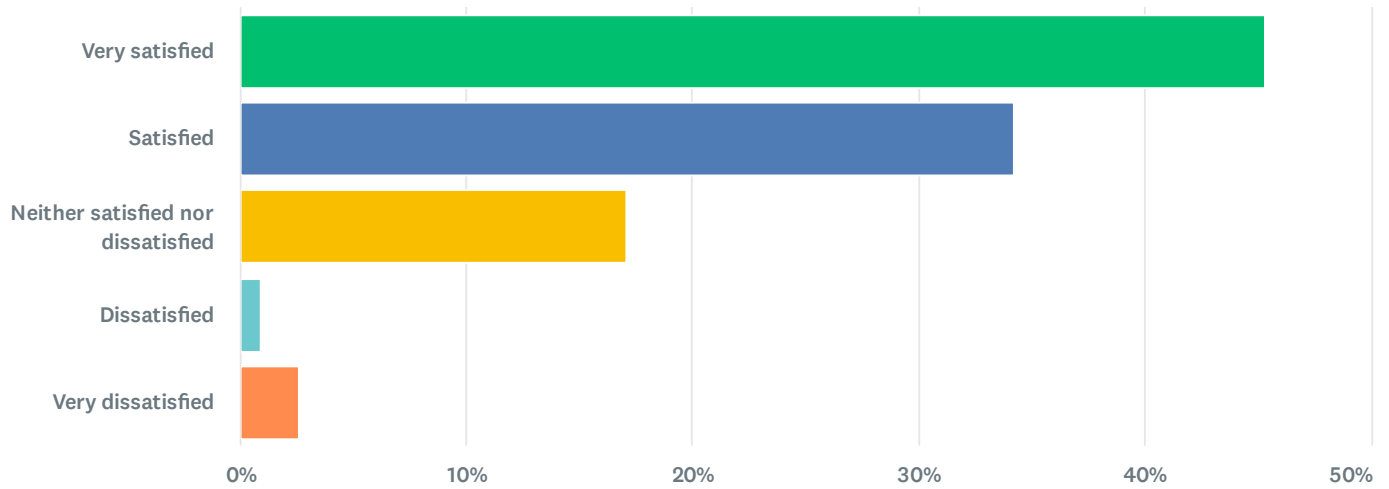
Please rate your satisfaction with adequacy of financial assistance (\$) you received



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	59.8%	70
● Satisfied	29.1%	34
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	9.4%	11
● Dissatisfied	1.7%	2
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		117

Q6 117 responses

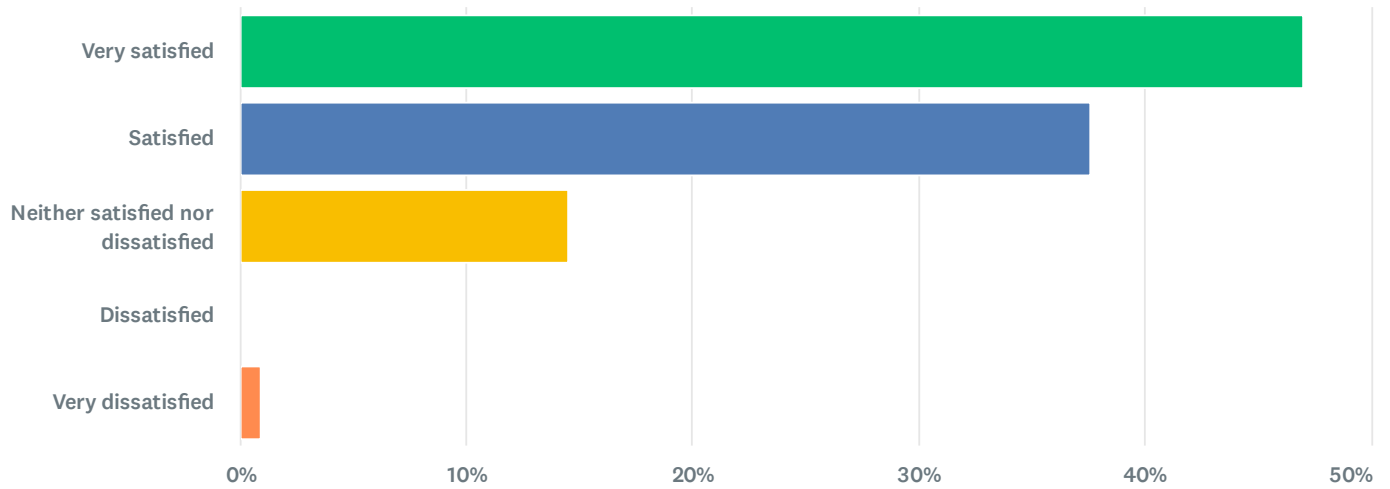
Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of career counseling and advising you received



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	45.3%	53
● Satisfied	34.2%	40
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	17.1%	20
● Dissatisfied	0.9%	1
● Very dissatisfied	2.6%	3
Total		117

Q7 117 responses

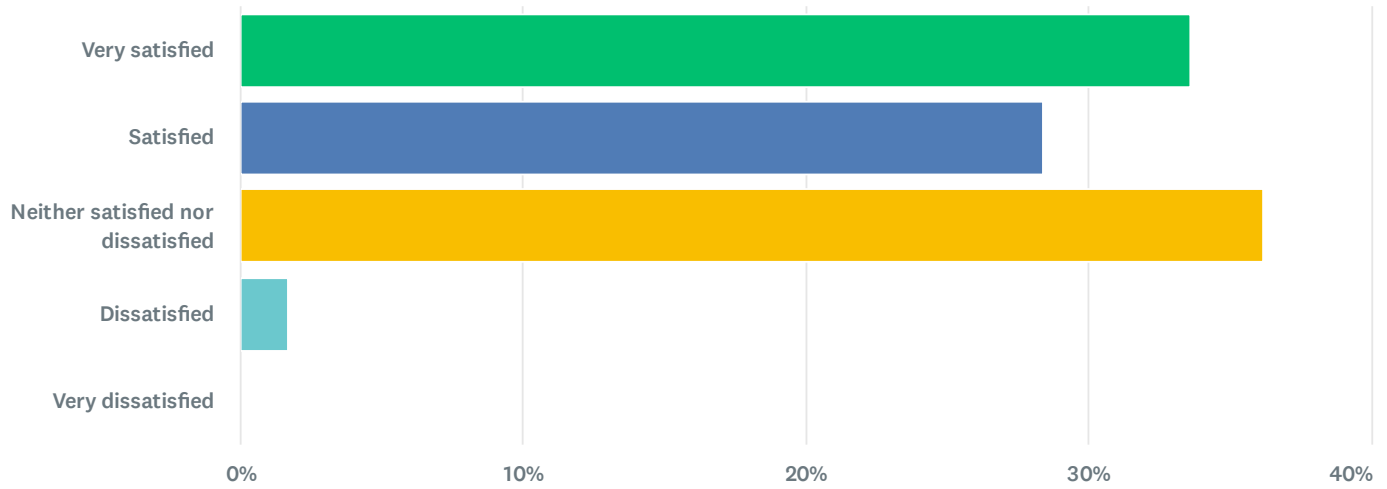
Please rate your satisfaction with the contact with faculty outside of class that you received



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	47.0%	55
● Satisfied	37.6%	44
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	14.5%	17
● Dissatisfied	0%	0
● Very dissatisfied	0.9%	1
Total		117

Q8 116 responses

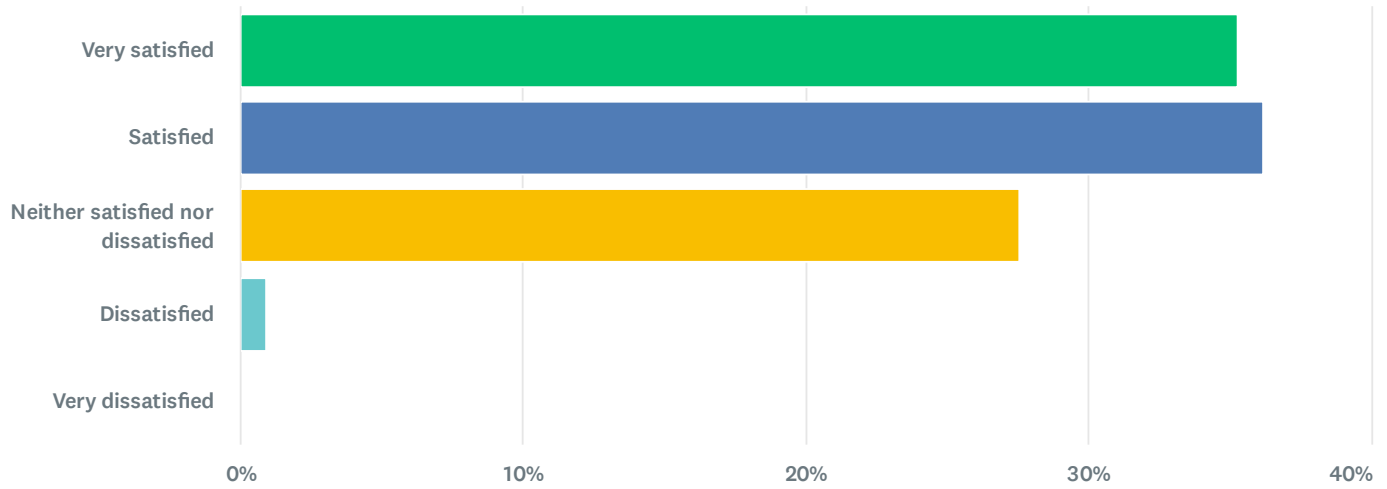
Please rate your satisfaction with the adequacy of laboratories and equipment



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	33.6%	39
● Satisfied	28.4%	33
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	36.2%	42
● Dissatisfied	1.7%	2
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		116

Q9 116 responses

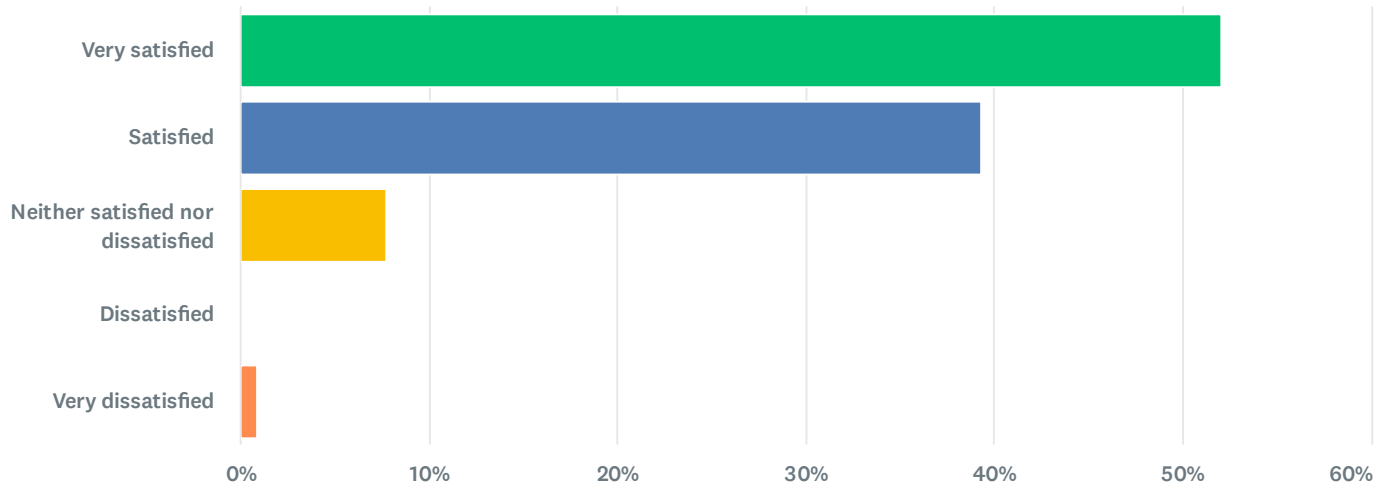
Please rate your satisfaction with the adequacy of the library services



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	35.3%	41
● Satisfied	36.2%	42
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.6%	32
● Dissatisfied	0.9%	1
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		116

Q10 117 responses

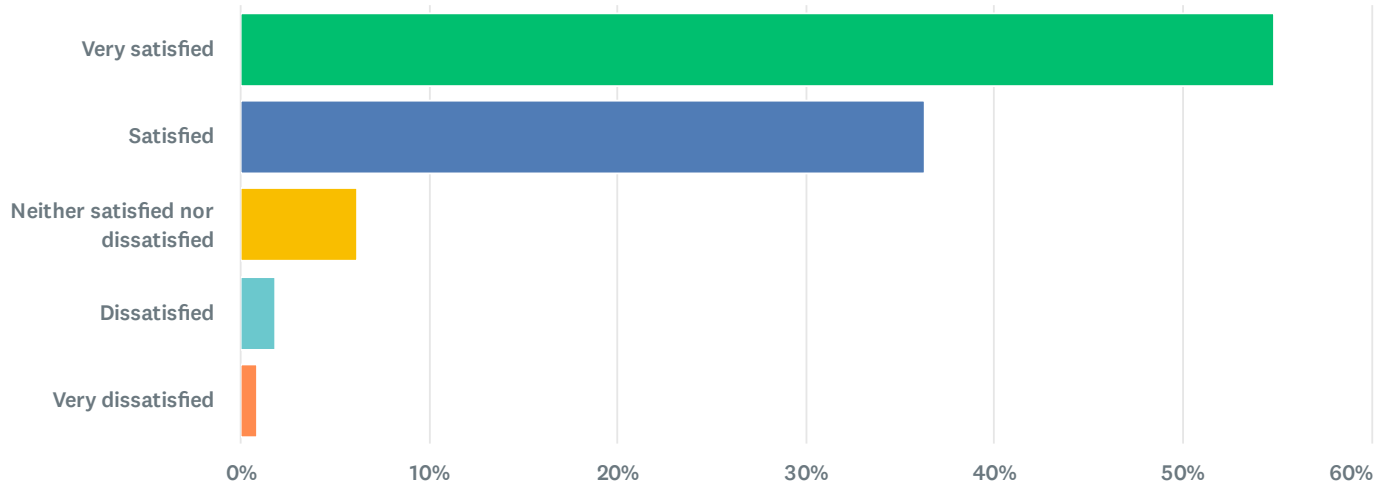
Please rate your satisfaction with the adequacy of our online learning support



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	52.1%	61
● Satisfied	39.3%	46
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7.7%	9
● Dissatisfied	0%	0
● Very dissatisfied	0.9%	1
Total		117

Q11 113 responses

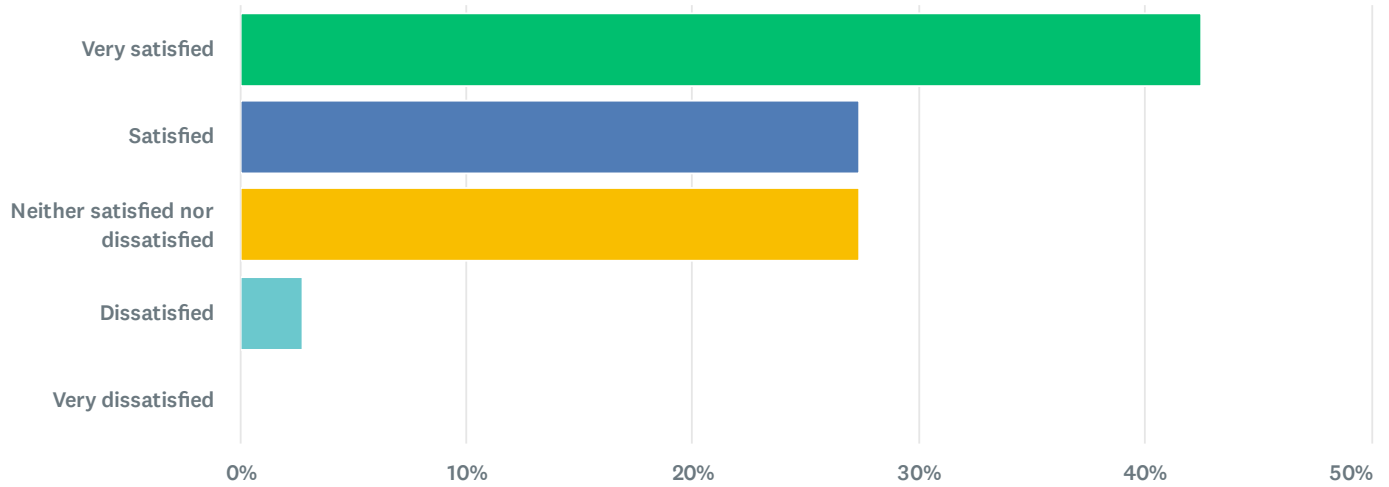
Please rate your satisfaction with Northern regarding the value of your education, relative to cost



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	54.9%	62
● Satisfied	36.3%	41
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	6.2%	7
● Dissatisfied	1.8%	2
● Very dissatisfied	0.9%	1
Total		113

Q12 113 responses

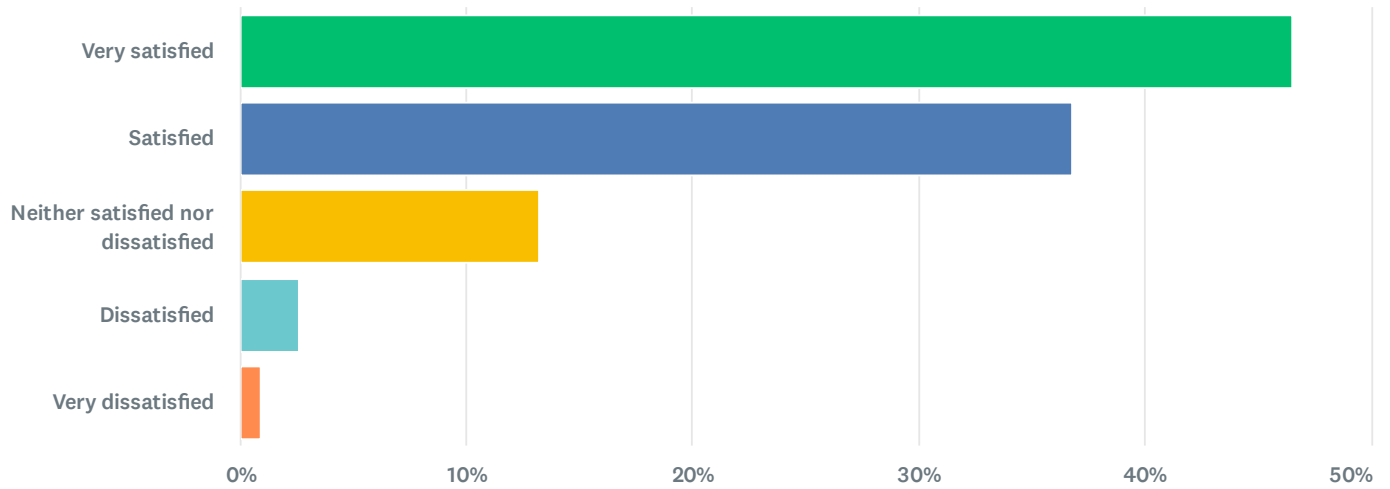
Please rate your satisfaction with Northern regarding your sense of community on campus



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	42.5%	48
● Satisfied	27.4%	31
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.4%	31
● Dissatisfied	2.7%	3
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		113

Q13 114 responses

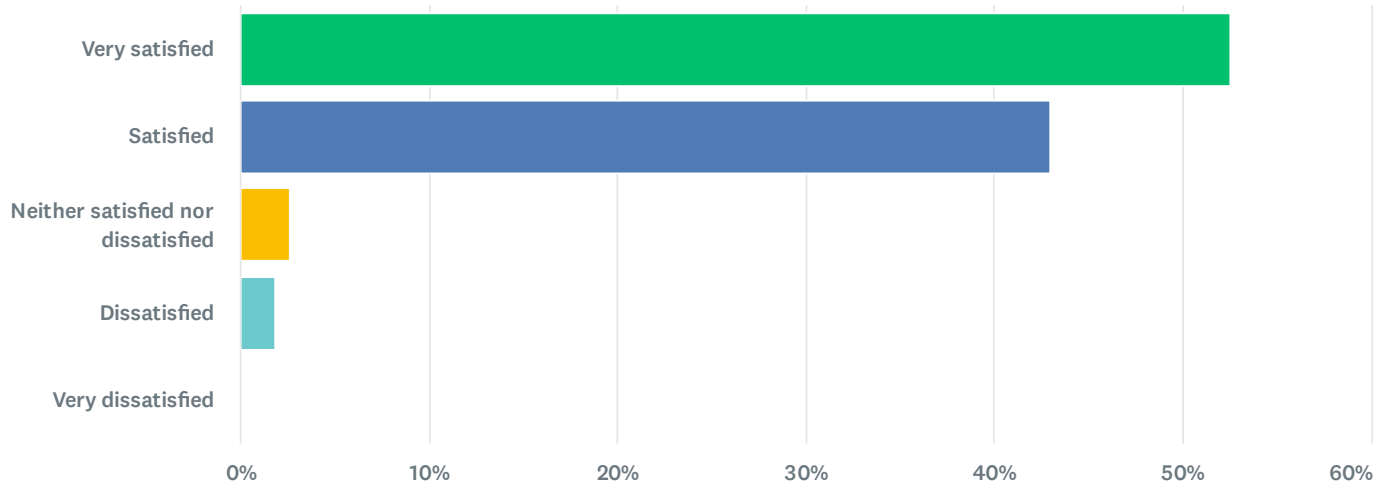
Please rate your satisfaction with Northern regarding your preparation for the workforce or graduate school



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	46.5%	53
● Satisfied	36.8%	42
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13.2%	15
● Dissatisfied	2.6%	3
● Very dissatisfied	0.9%	1
Total		114

Q14 114 responses

Please rate your satisfaction with Northern regarding your satisfaction with your college experience



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very satisfied	52.6%	60
● Satisfied	43.0%	49
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2.6%	3
● Dissatisfied	1.8%	2
● Very dissatisfied	0%	0
Total		114

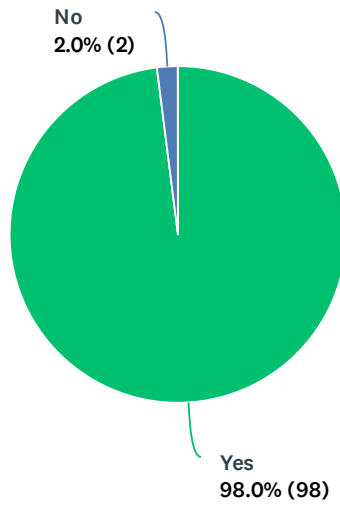
Q15 What award(s) are you receiving?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 24

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Award (certificate, associate, bachelors)	97.9%	94
Major	86.5%	83

Q16 100 responses

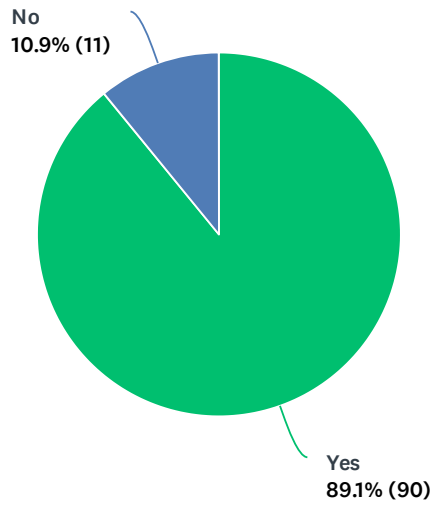
If you had to do it over again, would you attend Northern?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	98.0%	98
● No	2.0%	2
Total		100

Q17 101 responses

If you had to do it over again, would you choose the same major?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	89.1%	90
● No	10.9%	11
Total		101

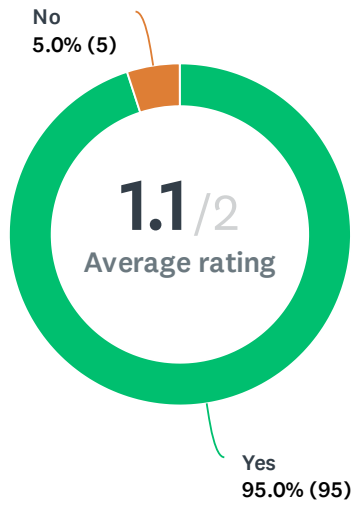
Q18 What's next? Please specify:

Answered: 79 Skipped: 41

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Graduate school (where)	48.1%	38
Seek job (where)	40.5%	32
Already have job in my field (where)	57.0%	45
Teacher K-12 (where)	41.8%	33
Seek job in another field (where)	16.5%	13
Military (branch)	13.9%	11

Q19 100 responses

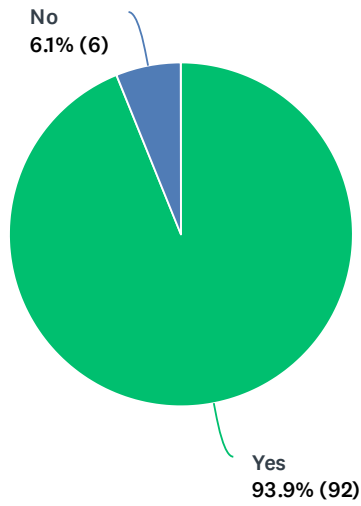
Will you be staying in New Mexico after graduation?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	95.0%	95
● No	5.0%	5
Total		100

Q20 98 responses

Do you feel that the curriculum and coursework adequately prepared you for the job market in your field?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	93.9%	92
● No	6.1%	6
Total		98

Q21 Please comment on any aspect of your collegiate experience that you felt was a particular strength or a particular weakness in the areas of curriculum, instruction, academic support or your overall college experience.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 77

Q22 If you were able to make one significant change in the programs, services or environment for students at this institution, what would it be?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 75

Q23 Contact information for your NNMC Alumni Association

Answered: 80 Skipped: 40

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.0%	80
Company	0.0%	0
Address	93.8%	75
Address 2	3.8%	3
City/Town	93.8%	75
State/Province	93.8%	75
ZIP/Postal Code	92.5%	74
Country	92.5%	74
Email Address	95.0%	76
Phone Number	93.8%	75