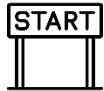


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The following data represent responses to COTC’s Entrance Survey between March 29 and September 3, 2022. COTC students complete the questionnaire as part of their broader Canvas orientation course. Questions relate to how the student will pay for college, plans for work outside of college, access to reliable transportation, housing, and food sources, time-use, and motivation for schooling which are shared with the college’s student success coaches so they can be proactive in outreach to support students in meeting their end goals from the moment they start at the college. Responses are grouped by topic area. The total “N” of respondents is 897. Questions may be directed to Joe Argiro, Institutional Research Analyst, at Argiro.1@mail.cotc.edu or cotcire@mail.cotc.edu.



START TERM: Considering the survey administration period, 97% of respondents indicated a desire to start in autumn 2022 with 3% indicating a desire to start in spring semester 2023.

In what Term and Year do you plan to first enroll in classes at COTC?	Responses
Autumn Semester 2022	871 (97%)
Spring Semester 2023	26 (3%)



ENROLLMENT STATUS: Fifty-five percent of respondents indicated a desire to attend as a full-time student taking at least 12.0 credits in their first term.

Do you plan to attend college part-time or full-time	Responses
Full-Time (4+ courses, 12.0+ Credits)	492 (55%)
Part-Time (<4 courses, <12.0 Credits)	405 (45%)



PAYING FOR COLLEGE: Seventy-five percent of respondents indicated that their own income or savings would be a major or minor source of funding for college. The next major or minor funding source these students indicated was grants and scholarships (65%) followed by student loans (58%).

How do you plan to pay for your tuition, fees, textbooks and living expenses while in college?	Major OR Minor Source	Major Source	Minor Source	Not a Source
My Own Income and Savings	671 (75%)	349 (39%)	322 (36%)	226 (25%)
Income and Savings from Family	334 (37%)	153 (17%)	181 (20%)	563 (63%)
Employer Contributions	196 (22%)	73 (8%)	123 (14%)	701 (78%)
Active Military and Veteran Benefits	38 (4%)	27 (3%)	11 (1%)	859 (96%)
Grants and Scholarships	584 (65%)	365 (41%)	219 (24%)	313 (35%)
Student Loans	516 (58%)	329 (37%)	187 (21%)	381 (42%)
Public Assistance	213 (23%)	112 (12%)	101 (11%)	684 (76%)

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WORKING WHILE IN SCHOOL: Sixty-two percent of respondents indicated their plan to work at least 20 hours per week while attending school while only 9% had no plan to work.

How many hours per week do you plan to work while attending college?	Responses
1-10 Hours per Week	66 (7%)
11-20 Hours per Week	197 (22%)
21-30 Hours per Week	222 (25%)
31-40 Hours per Week	275 (31%)
Over 40 Hours per Week	57 (6%)
None – I Do Not Plan to Work While Going to School	80 (9%)



HOUSING: Forty-three percent of respondents indicate that they are *currently* living in a home that they own or rent. Nearly half (47%) responded that they will be sharing a home they don't own with others. Two individuals (<1%) reported being without a current place to live. Proportions are consistent for how students responded to where they *plan* to live with 4 students saying they plan to live on campus.

Where do you currently live? Where do you plan to live while attending college?	Currently Live	Plan to Live
Home that I Own	197 (22%)	206 (23%)
Rental Home (House or Apartment)	277 (31%)	290 (32%)
With Friends or Family in Someone Else's Home	420 (47%)	375 (42%)
Currently Housing Insecure with No Place to Live	2 (<1%)	-
Housing Provided by an Agency	1 (<1%)	-
Campus Housing	-	4 (<1%)

Eight percent of respondents indicated having to temporarily stay with friends or family when they didn't have stable housing. Less than 5 percent of respondents reported needing to sleep in a car, couch surf, temporarily stay in a hotel or motel, stay in a shelter, sleep in a building not meant for human to live, or staying in an RV or camper. While it's a small proportion, this translates to 82 unique individuals who reported at least one housing insecurity.

In the last year, have you experienced any of the following?	YES	NO
Slept in a Car	23 (3%)	874 (97%)
Couch Surfing	22 (2%)	875 (98%)
Temporarily Stayed with Friends or Family	69 (8%)	828 (92%)
Temporarily Stayed at a Hotel or Motel (not for Vacation)	17 (2%)	880 (98%)
Stayed in a Shelter	8 (1%)	889 (99%)
Slept in a Building Not Meant for Humans to Live	5 (1%)	892 (99%)
Slept in an RV/Camper (not for Vacation)	7 (1%)	890 (99%)

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TRANSPORTATION: Twenty respondents (2%) indicated they do not have reliable transportation, and of these students, 7 reported that a family member or friend will drop them off. Two of these students reported that they plan to only take online courses, however, if they do need to come to campus for any reason, may still need transportation assistance. Ninety-eight percent of respondents expect their transportation to be reliable and the vast majority plan to drive themselves.

Do you have reliable transportation?	Responses	Responses by Subgroup
Unreliable Transportation	20 (2%)	
- Drive Myself		2 (10%)
- Friends or Family will Drop me off		7 (35%)
- N/A I Plan to Take Online Courses Only		2 (10%)
- Private Car Service (Uber, Lyft, etc.)		1 (5%)
- Public Transportation		3 (15%)
- Unsure		1 (5%)
- Walk to Class		4 (20%)
Reliable Transportation	877 (98%)	
- Bicycle		3 (<1%)
- Carpool with Another Student Coming to Campus		2 (<1%)
- Drive Myself		820 (94%)
- Friends or Family Will Drop Me Off		32 (4%)
- N/A I Plan to Take Online Courses Only		15 (2%)
- Public Transportation		2 (<1%)
- Walk to Class		3 (<1%)



FAMILY CARETAKING: The majority of respondents (68%) indicate they do not have any dependents in their household, child or adult. However, a sizeable subgroup (32%) reports having to take care of others. Of these, most dependents being reported are children. Thirty respondents with dependent children and 4 with dependent adults indicated have no or unreliable care arranged. Some of the individuals left comments that their dependents are older and can stay home by themselves and another indicated that they planned to take all online courses.

I am the primary caretaker of...; Do you have reliable care arranged for your dependents while you attend classes?	Responses	Responses by Subgroup
No Dependents in the Home	607 (68%)	
Dependent Children	272 (30%)	
- Unreliable or No Care Arranged		30 (11%)
- Reliable Care Arranged		242 (89%)
Dependent Adult	10 (1%)	
- Unreliable or No Care Arranged		4 (40%)
- Reliable Care Arranged		6 (60%)
Both Dependent Children and Adult	8 (1%)	
- Unreliable or No Care Arranged		0 (0%)
- Reliable Care Arranged		8 (100%)

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INTERNET ACCESS AND TECHNOLOGY: Forty-eight respondents indicated that they either do not have access to an internet connection at home or that it's unreliable. Some respondents without reliable internet at home left comments that they plan to go to the library.

Please describe your internet connection.	Responses
I have reliable internet at home	849 (95%)
I have internet at home but it's not very reliable	43 (5%)
I do not have an internet connection at home	5 (1%)

All respondents reported having access to some technology with 45% indicating having access to both a desktop computer, laptop computer, and a smartphone. Fifty-nine individuals reported having access to only a smartphone and 10 reported having access to only a tablet. Only 2 of the individuals reporting having access to only a smartphone plan to take all online courses.

Which of the following devices to have regular access to?	Responses
Computer (desktop or laptop)	118 (13%)
Computer and Smartphone	400 (45%)
Computer and Tablet	9 (1%)
Computer, Tablet, and Smartphone	283 (32%)
Smartphone	59 (7%)
Tablet	10 (1%)
Tablet and Smartphone	18 (2%)



FOOD SECURITY: Twenty-six percent of respondents indicated that they sometimes or often worried about running out of food before they had money to buy more.

In general, how true is the following statement? "I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more."	Responses
I Never Worry About Running Out of Food Before I Have Money to Buy More	667 (74%)
I Sometimes Worry About Running Out of Food Before I Have Money to Buy More	196 (22%)
I Often Worry About Running Out of Food Before I Have Money to Buy More	34 (4%)

In the last year, 108 unique respondents indicated experiencing some type of food insecurity such as skipping meals, eating less than they wanted to, or losing weight because they couldn't buy food. The most-commonly cited issue with food access was cutting the size of meals due to having money to buy more.

How frequently have you done each of the following?	Within the Last 12 Months	Within the Last 30 Days
Cut the Size of your Meals Because You Didn't Have the Money	66 (7%)	52 (5%)
Ate Less Than You Needed Because You Didn't Have the Money	50 (6%)	50 (6%)
Were Hungry but Didn't Eat Because You Didn't Have the Money	40 (4%)	35 (4%)
Not Eat for a Whole Day Because You Didn't Have the Money to Buy Food	24 (3%)	15 (1%)
Lost Weight Because You Didn't Have the Money to Buy Food	28 (3%)	15 (1%)

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SLEEP HABITS: Most respondents report sleeping between 6 and 10 hours per night on average (78%) but 185 respondents (21%) report sleeping less than 6 hours per average. A smaller group of 15 respondents (2%) report sleeping more than 10 hours per night on average.

Given an average week, how many hours do you usually sleep per night?	Responses
Less Than 6 Hours Per Night	185 (21%)
6-10 Hours Per Night	696 (78%)
More than 10 Hours Per Night	15 (2%)
No Response	1 (<1%)



SUPPORT FOR ATTENDING COLLEGE FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Eighty-seven percent of respondents report that their family or friends are supportive of them attending COTC. Eighteen respondents (2%) report not receiving support from family or friends to attend COTC.

How supportive are your family and friends of your decision to go to college?	Responses
Very Supportive	780 (87%)
Somewhat Supportive	97 (11%)
Not Supportive	18 (2%)
No Response	2 (<1%)

Cross-referencing the support system results with the reported parent's or guardian's highest level of education shows that individuals with low levels of family support for attending college also have a lower rate of parent's or guardian's having attended college. On average, students who reported having low support for attending college were 29.8 years old compared to those reporting high levels of support being 25.6, a 4.2-year gap.

How supportive are your family and friends of your decision to go to college?	Responses	Percent of Parent's or Guardians with at least Some College	Percent of Parent's or Guardian's without College	No Response	Average Age
Very Supportive	780 (87%)	480 (62%)	296 (38%)	4 (1%)	25.6
Somewhat Supportive	97 (11%)	52 (54%)	43 (44%)	2 (2%)	26.8
Not Supportive	18 (2%)	6 (33%)	12 (67%)	0 (0%)	29.8
No Response	2 (<1%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (%)	22.5

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MOTIVATION AND EFFICACY: Respondents are asked to self-assess a variety of factors related to their motivation for attending college and confidence in their ability to succeed. Eighty-seven percent of individuals report to strongly agree with the statement “I am dedicated to earning my college degree no matter what obstacles get in my way.” Majorities of respondents strongly agreed across items. On the counter-point items, “I tend to give up quickly on things that are difficult” and “asking questions makes me uncomfortable,” response rates of somewhat or strongly disagreeing were 71% and 48%, respectively.

Motivation and Efficacy	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response
I can learn whatever I set my mind to	682 (76%)	190 (21%)	16 (2%)	6 (1%)	0 (0%)	3 (<1%)
I am dedicated to earning my college degree no matter what obstacles get in my way	780 (87%)	99 (11%)	12 (1%)	4 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
I like to get feedback from others so that I can improve my performance	693 (77%)	175 (20%)	25 (3%)	3 (<1%)	0 (0%)	1 (<1%)
Mistakes and failures are only temporary setbacks	616 (69%)	225 (25%)	40 (4%)	12 (1%)	2 (<1%)	2 (0%)
I tend to give up quickly on things that are difficult	49 (5%)	59 (7%)	142 (16%)	255 (28%)	388 (43%)	4 (<1%)
I belong in this college	674 (75%)	131 (15%)	83 (9%)	3 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	5 (1%)
I am excited to take on the challenges of college	680 (76%)	152 (17%)	41 (5%)	8 (1%)	2 (<1%)	14 (2%)
My ability and competence grow with my effort	727 (81%)	131 (15%)	21 (2%)	4 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	13 (1%)
When things are difficult, I tend to try harder	552 (62%)	267 (30%)	51 (6%)	13 (1%)	1 (<1%)	13 (1%)
Asking questions makes me uncomfortable	82 (9%)	180 (20%)	187 (21%)	172 (19%)	264 (29%)	12 (1%)
I can succeed in college	741 (83%)	131 (15%)	10 (1%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	13 (1%)
I get a great deal of satisfaction from learning new things	689 (77%)	166 (19%)	25 (3%)	4 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	12 (1%)

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DEMOGRAPHICS: The average age of respondents was 25.8 with 154 (17%) of individuals indicating being 18 years old and 373 (42%) indicated 25 years of age and older. Seventy-three percent of individuals identify as white, alone, and 16% as black, alone. Two percent of respondents indicate not being a citizen of the United States and 8% report being naturalized citizens. Sixty percent of respondents report at least one parent or guardian as having at least some college however nearly 4-in-10 (39%) report parents or guardians without any college attendance. Forty-six percent of these individuals identify their family's economic status as "lower middle/working class" and 37% identify as solidly in the middle class. Twenty-eight individuals report having a past issue with incarceration. Ten percent of individuals report that English was not their first language.

Demographics	Responses
Average Age	25.8
Ethnicity and Race	
- Hispanic or Latina/o	45 (5%)
- White alone	657 (73%)
- Black alone	147 (16%)
- Asian alone	36 (4%)
- Native American or Alaskan Native	6 (1%)
- Multiracial	18 (2%)
• The most common multiracial identity was Black and White	22 (2%)
Citizenship	
- Born in the United States	802 (89%)
- Naturalized Citizen of the United States	72 (8%)
- Not a Citizen of the United States	21 (2%)
- No Response	2 (<1%)
Parent or Guardian Highest Education Levels	
- Below College	351 (39%)
- College and Above	540 (60%)
- No Response	6 (1%)
Social Class of Family ("How would you describe the social class of your family?")	
- Lower Class	61 (7%)
- Lower Middle/Working Class	412 (46%)
- Middle Class	333 (37%)
- Upper-Middle Class	85 (9%)
- Upper Class	2 (<1%)
Prior Incarceration (Have you ever been sentenced to spend time in a corrects institution like a jail, prison, or juvenile detention Center?)	
- Yes	28 (3%)
- No	869 (97%)
English Language (Is English your native (first) language?)	
- Yes	804 (90%)
- No	93 (10%)