



## First Year Alumni Feedback (2017/18 Graduates)

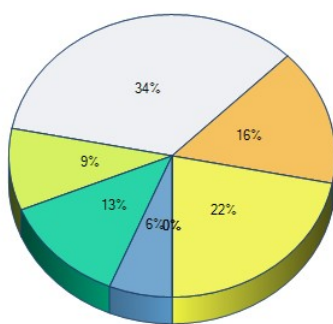
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### Responses By Question Analysis:

1. We would like to know about your short-term plans. Please mark each of the following as they relate to you currently:

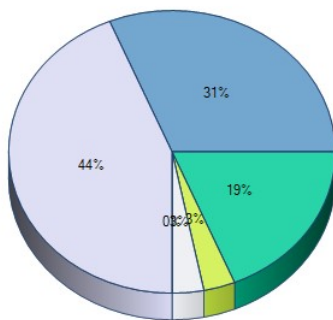
	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Response Total	Points	Avg
I am currently employed or have a job offer in a field directly related to my degree	71.05% (27)0% (0)	28.95% (11)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	38	0	0
I am currently employed or have a job offer in a field that is not related to my degree	17.14% (6)0% (0)	65.71% (23)0% (0)	17.14% (6)0% (0)	35	0	0
I am searching for employment in a field directly related to my degree	37.14% (13)0% (0)	34.29% (12)0% (0)	28.57% (10)0% (0)	35	0	0
I am searching for employment in a field not directly related to my degree	20% (7)0% (0)	48.57% (17)0% (0)	31.43% (11)0% (0)	35	0	0
I have been accepted into a graduate program to continue my education at Fitchburg State University	8.33% (3)0% (0)	61.11% (22)0% (0)	30.56% (11)0% (0)	36	0	0
I have been accepted into a graduate or doctoral program to continue my education at another institution	11.11% (4)0% (0)	61.11% (22)0% (0)	27.78% (10)0% (0)	36	0	0
I am not planning to continue my education at this time	32.35% (11)0% (0)	47.06% (16)0% (0)	20.59% (7)0% (0)	34	0	0
I am a member of the Armed Forces	2.86% (1)0% (0)	77.14% (27)0% (0)	20% (7)0% (0)	35	0	0
				<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>38</b>	

2. How long did it take you to find your current position?



	Response Total	Response Percent
Have not found a position yet	0	0%
Held the position while I completed my degree	2	6%
Secured my position prior to graduation	4	12%
Less than 30 days after graduation	3	9%
1 - 3 months after graduation	11	34%
4-6 months after graduation	5	16%
7 or more months after graduation	7	22%
Did not pursue employment	0	0%
<b>Total Respondents (skipped this question)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>

3. Are you satisfied with the course of your career thus far?



	Response Total	Response Percent
Very Satisfied	14	44%
Satisfied	10	31%
Neutral	6	19%
Dissatisfied	1	3%
Very Dissatisfied	1	3%
Not Working at This Time	0	0%
<b>Total Respondents (skipped this question)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>

4. Where are you currently employed and what is your job title?

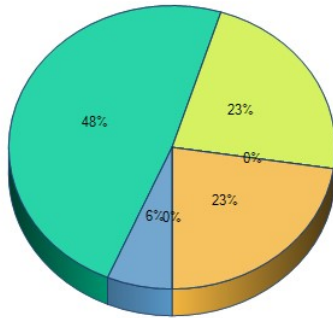
1. Solutions Review - Content Editor/Writer
2. Community Healthlink - Case Manager
3. Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America; Exploring Executive
4. Gavin Foundation as a Case Manager ATS (Acute Treatment Service)- addiction detox
5. Police officer with Sturbridge Police Department
6. Oakmont Regional High School: Educator
7. ELA high school teacher at Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps
8. I am employed at Votary Films based in Worcester, Massachusetts. My job title is director/dp/editor.
9. Boston University - College Advising Corps  
College Adviser
10. TaraVista Behavioral Health Center; mental health counselor
11. ClearGov, Municipal Data Consultant
12. I am currently working for an HVAC company - the same place I was working while going through college. I cannot find a "career" or a company that I can grow with - and have been actively looking
13. New England Center for Children, Behavioral Health Technician
14. Full-time Graphic design at The Keene Sentinel in Keene, NH
15. Permanent Building Substitute at Longsjo Middle School
16. Federal Medical Center - Fort Devens (Devens, MA) and Certified Pharmacy Technician
17. Pusateri & Wilson, P.C. and legal assistant to the City Solicitor
18. Gateways Community Services, ABA Therapist
19. I work as a report editor at a private investigations firm
20. I work at Tripleseat Software. It is an event planning software . I was employed as an event planner right out of college but decided that wasn't for me so I went into the software side of event planning ! My job is a support specialist.
21. Assistant Lacrosse Coach
22. Achieve TMS East - Mmarketing Specialist

- 23. Employed by the Boston Herald as an editorial assistant in the sports department.
- 24. I work for myself. I do free-lance marketing for Crestwood Nursing & Rehabilitation & USA Karate Somerset. I also substitute teach at a private school in Dartmouth, MA  
I worked at a below the line agency 5 months after my graduation, representing Cinematographers. I worked there for 7 months. This past month, I just landed a new job at Paradigm Talent Agency assistant a Talent Agent.
- 25. I am a full-time assistant editor (still somewhat freelance but there's great consistency) at a film group in the San Francisco area.
- 26. Dairy One
- 27. Dairy Records Service Specialist
- 28. I am a Management Development Associate at Curriculum Associates
- 29. Rescue One Financial - Marketing Coordinator.

**Total Respondents 29**

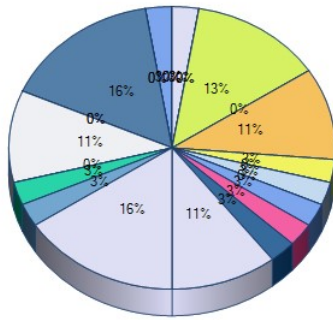
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**5. In what sector are you employed?**



	Response Total	Response Percent
Not employed	0	0%
Self-employed	2	6%
For-profit corporation/company	15	48%
Government or other public institution or agency	7	23%
Military	0	0%
Non-profit organization, institution or NGO	7	23%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>(skipped this question)</b>	<b>7</b>	

**6. Please select the industry that best describes your employer.**



	Response Total	Response Percent
N/A - Not working	6	16%
Agriculture	1	3%
Biotech/Pharmaceutical	1	3%
Business Services	0	0%
Communications/Marketing/PR	4	11%
Computer Science/Technology	0	0%
Education: Higher Education	0	0%
Education: PreK - High School	6	16%
Engineering	0	0%
Environment	0	0%
Financial Services	1	3%
Fine/Performing Arts	0	0%
Food Service	0	0%
Healthcare	1	3%
Hospitality/Tourism/Travel	0	0%
Information Technology	0	0%
Law/Legal Services	5	13%
Manufacturing	0	0%
Media/Journalism/Publishing	4	11%
Medicine	1	3%
Military/Defense	0	0%
Politics/Public Policy/Advocacy	1	3%
Retail	0	0%
Social Services	1	3%
Sports/Fitness	1	3%
Technology	1	3%
Other, please specify	4	11%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>38</b>	

Behavioral Health

Special Education/Behavioral School all grades

Film Production Company

HVAC

**7.** We are always interested in our Alumni's continued interest in their personal and professional development. Which, if any, professional organizations have you joined since completing your program of study?

1. N/A  
N/A  
Instead of asking what individuals have done after college ask how FSU can improve. Since I graduated college, its probably one of the worst thing I could have done is going to college. Not only am I in debt but im not even working in my feild. No one told me it would take a while or at times never to get a job . Plus on top of that we werent taught anything that would help us today. Like how to properly file a tax return. How to apply for a loan and so on.
- 2.
3. None
4. N/A
5. Mass Teachers Association
6. None
7. N/A
8. Association of College Unions International
9. Massachusetts Municipal Association, International City Management Association
10. Yes and none.
11. APhA, NEOHS
12. Gateways Community Services
13. None so far
14. None  
I am at an age which is seventy-seven years of age and have no plans of working or furthering my education. In my degree I have learned so much about myself and my learning disability. The classes in psychology.
15. thank you
16. None
17. No.
18. n/a
19. N/A
20. Conscious Capitalism Boston, Boston Democratic Socialists of America

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**8.** We believe that Fitchburg State Alumni are always expanding their body of knowledge and would like to know what types of professional development activities you have engaged in since completion of you program of study? (i.e. attended conferences or workshops, given presentation at conference or workshops, conducting scholarly research, licensures or certifications completed, etc.)

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. Going to school-ACEP program in Umass Boston- to get certified as an addiction counselor
5. None
6. Currently enrolled at Assumption College, one course and 12 credit internship left for certificate in alcohol & substance abuse counseling. This institution does not hold a candle to Fitchburg State.
7. None
8. Autism Workshop  
My main client at the organization I am at currently are masters in Lean Consulting. Since working for them
9. I have attended many conferences and lean events. For example I went to the Seattle Lean Conference, and am going to another in Portugal soon.  
-attended conferences
10. -chaired planning committees  
-part-time coursework at the graduate level
11. MMA Conference
12. I went to the social event near the end of last November.

13. APhA 2019 National Conference, ACLP 2018 National Conference, New England Pharmacists Convention 2018, Nationally Licensed Pharmacy Technician, MA State Registered Pharmacy Technician
14. I have attended multiple conferences regarding political science as well as government/law
15. I am currently working towards a certification as a Registered Behavior Technition
16. Nothing so far, been busy with work
17. None
18. I would be interested
19. Lacrosse Convention
20. Online classes through Hubspot Academy.  
Orton-Gillingham Training = Language based, multi sensory,structured,sequential,cumulative,cognitive, and flexible approach to reading. I recently was made aware that 20% of our population is dyslexic. Our
21. governor recently passed a law that allows elementary schools to screen kindergarten children for dyslexia. I want to be part of the solution to illiteracy in our country and this is the first step. I strongly urge FSU to get on board and require teaching majors to complete this course. It's beneficial to all.
22. Attended various video editing workshops and video software expos in the Bay Area.
23. n/a
24. Sales Brain conference in neuro-marketing.

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**9.** We like to know where our graduates are in the world. Please provide us with the city and state or country in which you currently reside.

1. Billerica, MA
2. Townsend, MA
3. Warren MA
4. New Hampshire
5. I live in Fitchburg, Massachusetts
6. Somerville, MA
7. Dorchester, MA
8. Live in Worcester am working Sturbridge ma
9. Fitchburg, MA
10. Cambridge ma USA
11. Leominster, Massachusetts, USA
12. Fitchburg, MA
13. Fitchburg
14. Worcester, Massachusetts
15. Salem, MA
16. Townsend, MA
17. Worcester, Massachusetts
18. Dedham, Massachusetts
19. I just moved to NYC. Before this move I was living in VT commuting to my job in NH. and prior to my move to VT I was working at an advertising agency in Daytona Beach, FL. Currently I'm Working remotely to keep my Full-time NH graphic design job till I find employment in NYC.
20. Natick, MA
21. Massachusetts
22. Waltham, MA United States
23. Fitchburg, Massachusetts!
24. New Boston, NH
25. Woburn MA
26. Haverhill, MA
27. Fitchburg, MA 01420 (Worcester County)
28. New Hampshire
29. Ashburnham MA
30. Boston, Massachusetts
31. Somerset, MA 02726
32. Los Angeles, USA

33. Berkeley, California  
 34. Massachusetts  
 35. Irvine, California.

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**10.** Rate the quality of the following in respect to the degree you received one year ago:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Total	Points	Avg
Quality of faculty instruction	47.37% (18)0% (0)	36.84% (14)0% (0)	13.16% (5)0% (0)	2.63% (1)0% (0)	38	0	0
Level of individual attention	47.37% (18)0% (0)	31.58% (12)0% (0)	18.42% (7)0% (0)	2.63% (1)0% (0)	38	0	0
Quality of academic advisement	52.63% (20)0% (0)	28.95% (11)0% (0)	10.53% (4)0% (0)	7.89% (3)0% (0)	38	0	0
Curriculum linked to job related skills and knowledge	32.43% (12)0% (0)	37.84% (14)0% (0)	18.92% (7)0% (0)	10.81% (4)0% (0)	37	0	0
Preparation to meet the demands of my job	29.73% (11)0% (0)	40.54% (15)0% (0)	16.22% (6)0% (0)	13.51% (5)0% (0)	37	0	0
Preparation to continue my education	28.95% (11)0% (0)	28.95% (11)0% (0)	39.47% (15)0% (0)	2.63% (1)0% (0)	38	0	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>					<b>38</b>		

**11.** Looking back at your academic career at Fitchburg State University, please select your level of agreement with the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Total	Points	Avg
The social and interpersonal skills you developed have impacted your life	39.47% (15) 0% (0)	39.47% (15) 0% (0)	18.42% (7) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.63% (1)0% (0)	38	0	0
You have benefitted from the personal connections you made	39.47% (15) 0% (0)	31.58% (12) 0% (0)	13.16% (5) 0% (0)	10.53% (4) 0% (0)	5.26% (2)0% (0)	38	0	0
You have benefitted from the social networks of which you were/are a part	31.58% (12) 0% (0)	31.58% (12) 0% (0)	23.68% (9) 0% (0)	2.63% (1)0% (0)	10.53% (4) 0% (0)	38	0	0
The benefits of attending were worth the financial cost	28.95% (11) 0% (0)	36.84% (14) 0% (0)	21.05% (8) 0% (0)	2.63% (1)0% (0)	10.53% (4) 0% (0)	38	0	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>38</b>		

**12.** How well did Fitchburg State University prepare you in terms of the following skill sets:

	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	Very Poorly	Response Total	Points	Avg
Ability to think analytically and logically	37.84% (14) 0% (0)	40.54% (15) 0% (0)	18.92% (7) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.7% (1) 0% (0)	37	0	0
Ability to acquire new skills and knowledge on your own	46.15% (18) 0% (0)	43.59% (17) 0% (0)	7.69% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.56% (1) 0% (0)	39	0	0
Ability to use the knowledge, ideas, or perspectives gained from your major field	45.95% (17) 0% (0)	40.54% (15) 0% (0)	5.41% (2)0% (0)	5.41% (2) 0% (0)	2.7% (1) 0% (0)	37	0	0
Ability to orally communicate well	39.47% (15) 0% (0)	36.84% (14) 0% (0)	21.05% (8) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.63% (1) 0% (0)	38	0	0
Ability to judge information/ideas/actions/conclusions based on sources/methods/reasoning	42.11% (16) 0% (0)	44.74% (17) 0% (0)	10.53% (4) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.63% (1) 0% (0)	38	0	0
Ability to write effectively	62.16% (23) 0% (0)	18.92% (7) 0% (0)	16.22% (6) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.7% (1) 0% (0)	37	0	0
Ability to use information technology in intellectual and/or professional pursuits	40.54% (15) 0% (0)	40.54% (15) 0% (0)	16.22% (6) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	2.7% (1) 0% (0)	37	0	0
Ability to understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic differences between people	52.63% (20) 0% (0)	26.32% (10) 0% (0)	10.53% (4) 0% (0)	5.26% (2) 0% (0)	5.26% (2) 0% (0)	38	0	0
Ability to understand international perspectives on economic, political, social, and cultural issues	48.65% (18) 0% (0)	27.03% (10) 0% (0)	13.51% (5) 0% (0)	5.41% (2) 0% (0)	5.41% (2) 0% (0)	37	0	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Ability to gain an understanding of or appreciation for the arts	40.54% (15) 0% (0)	37.84% (14) 0% (0)	10.81% (4) 0% (0)	5.41% (2) 0% (0)	5.41% (2) 0% (0)			
Ability to understand and apply quantitative principles and methods	33.33% (13) 0% (0)	35.9% (14) 0% (0)	15.38% (6) 0% (0)	10.26% (4) 0% (0)	5.13% (2) 0% (0)	39	0	0
Ability to understand scientific method	25.64% (10) 0% (0)	33.33% (13) 0% (0)	30.77% (12) 0% (0)	5.13% (2) 0% (0)	5.13% (2) 0% (0)	39	0	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>38</b>		

**13.** How well did Fitchburg State University prepare you for the following personal and professional situational skill sets:

	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	Very Poorly	Response Total	Points	Avg
Your ability to work as a member of a team or group	47.37% (18) 0% (0)	26.32% (10) 0% (0)	21.05% (8) 0% (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	38	0	0
Your ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives	60.53% (23) 0% (0)	28.95% (11) 0% (0)	5.26% (2) (0)	5.26% (2) (0)	0% (0) 0% (0)	38	0	0
Your ability to lead others effectively	44.74% (17) 0% (0)	31.58% (12) 0% (0)	21.05% (8) 0% (0)	0% (0) 0% (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	38	0	0
Your ability to evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	57.89% (22) 0% (0)	23.68% (9) (0)	13.16% (5) 0% (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	38	0	0
Your awareness of contemporary issues and their cause and consequences	52.63% (20) 0% (0)	26.32% (10) 0% (0)	15.79% (6) 0% (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	2.63% (1) (0)	38	0	0
<b>Total Respondents</b>						<b>38</b>		

**14.** What did we not ask you about but you feel we should know?

1. How FSU is so expensive and some how i still do not have the job in thw field nor any sort of connection nor experience.
2. Nothing
3. FSU needs to do more to help students find employment after graduation
4. Nothing
5. I struggled to come into this school and to find a job that I really wanted. I was not prepared and I still struggle with certain aspects of teaching. I wish Fitchburg state taught curriculum that is being taught and used in high school instead of taking British Literature, Irish Literature and World Literature where I'm taught all sorts of literature that does not help me in my classes.  
I feel as this may be a difficult task and not one I am educated on, but how can FSU create an environment where individuals are able to grow more rapidly or slowly, based on their understanding, capabilities, etc. One of the best experiences I had was an education program outside Fitchburg State, which was at Marlboro College. We created a feature film by the end of the semester, whilst having numerous hands on classes where the learning was incredibly taught by teachers currently working in the field. This program was expensive undoubtedly, but how can Fitchburg State partner more with actual film organizations or get more real with how they approach the learning could be helpful. I found at Fitchburg State I was stunted by the slow rate learning, the reteaching of old content, and general lack of advanced learning. In one semester at Marlboro College I felt ready to enter the field, learned much more than I ever did at Fitchburg State, and gained an understanding of film, as well as the world that was far beyond anything that came before. I would recommend giving them a go and see.
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7. None
8. Again I am or have been retired for the last nineteen years - how well adjusted am I in retirement
9. Nothing
10. No.
11. 90% of these skills I had before even attending Fitchburg State.
12. I was a reinstated student. Originally, I went to Fitchburg State in the early 90's. After 20+ years I decided to finish what I started. The Communication department as a whole went out of their way to make me feel completely welcome and at home. The communication department is second to none. It was such an unbelievable experience and I am very fortunate to have worked with so many talented professionals.

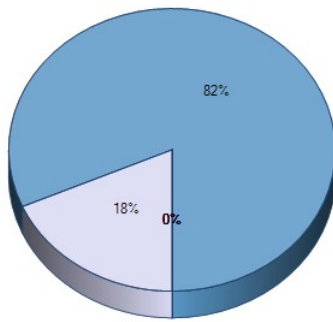
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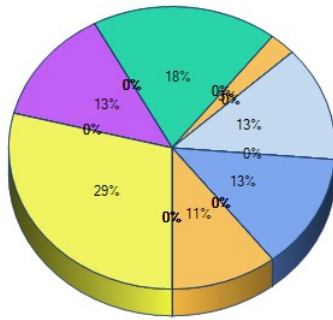
**15.** Please select the Degree you completed at Fitchburg State University from the list below.





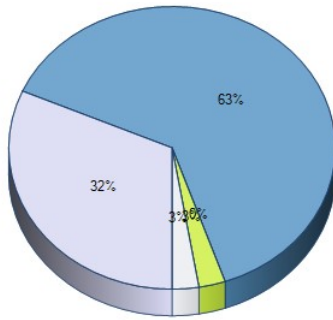
	Response Total	Response Percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts (BA)	7	18%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science (BS)	31	82%
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Graduate Study (CAGS)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts (MA)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Business Administration (MBA)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Education (MEd)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Science (MS)	0	0%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>38</b>	

16. Please select the major field studied for your degree:



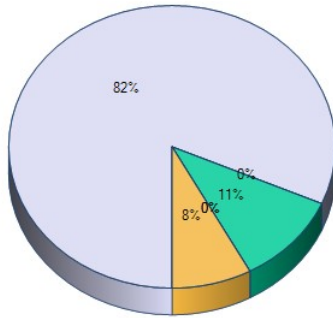
	Response Total	Response Percent
Arts Education (MEd only)	0	0%
Biology	0	0%
Business Administration	0	0%
Chemistry	0	0%
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	0	0%
Communication (MS only)	0	0%
Communications Media	11	29%
Computer Information Systems	0	0%
Computer Science	0	0%
Criminal Justice	5	13%
Curriculum and Teaching (MEd only)	0	0%
Early Childhood Education	0	0%
Educational Leadership and Management (MEd only)	0	0%
Economics	0	0%
Elementary Education	0	0%
English Studies	7	18%
Environmental and Earth Science	0	0%
Exercise and Sports Science	0	0%
Game Design	1	3%
Geographic Science and Technology	0	0%
History	0	0%
Human Services	5	13%
Industrial Technology	0	0%
Interdisciplinary Studies	5	13%
LECOM Early Acceptance	0	0%
Mathematics	0	0%
Middle School Education	0	0%
Nursing - General	0	0%
Nursing - LPN to Baccalaureate	0	0%
Nursing - RN to Baccalaureate	0	0%
Occupational/Vocational Education	0	0%
Political Science	4	11%
Psychological Science	0	0%
Science Education (MEd only)	0	0%
Sociology	0	0%
Special Education	0	0%
Technology Education (Grades 5-12)	0	0%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>38</b>	

17. To which gender identity do you most identify?



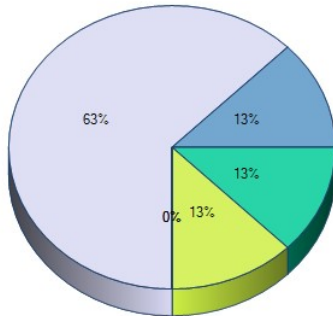
	Response Total	Response Percent
Male	12	32%
Female	24	63%
Transgender Male	0	0%
Transgender Female	1	3%
Do not identify as female, male or transgender	1	3%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>38</b>	

18. To which racial heritage do you predominantly identify?



	Response Total	Response Percent
White/Caucasian	31	82%
Asian	0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	4	11%
Black/African American	0	0%
American Indian	0	0%
Other	3	8%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>38</b>	

19. How many dependents do you have (not including yourself)?



	Response Total	Response Percent
1	5	62%
2	1	12%
3	1	12%
4	1	12%
5	0	0%
5+	0	0%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>(skipped this question)</b>	<b>30</b>	