

STUDENT TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY SURVEY RESULTS – SPRING 2023

The Student Textbook Affordability Survey was open for student responses beginning Tuesday (2/28/23) through Tuesday (3/7/23). Below are the results from the **172 students who responded**.

Survey Questions Results Summary:

1) Where are you taking classes this semester? (Check all that apply):

- 39% West
- 37% Online
- 23% Metro
- 25% East
- 8% Westshore
- 1% Other (please specify):
 - Brunswick; CCP

2) How do you get your books and/or materials for your classes? (Check all that apply):

- 61% Purchase from the Campus Bookstore
- 45% Financial Aid
- 36% Purchase from an online retailer
- 26% Rent
- 9% Library
- 8% Borrow
- 2% Provided by my high school
- 3% Share with another student
- .5% I don't buy my textbooks
- 9% Other (please specify):
 - Amazon
 - Chegg
 - GI Bill
 - Scholarship
 - No required textbooks this semester
 - CCP
 - Included with class/First Day Books

3) If you use online resources, which do you use? (Check all that apply):

- 67% Google
- 54% YouTube
- 58% Professor-created materials
- 47% Quizlet
- 34% Library Resources
- 17% Khan Academy
- 20% Wikipedia
- 17% Style Handbooks (MLA, APA, Chicago, CMS)
- 7% OpenStax

- 4% Other (please specify):
 - REDDIT
 - Math According to Mike videos
 - Adobe Creative Cloud
 - Chegg
 - My math lab Pearson
 - Access code purchased from bookstore

4) What format for books and/or materials do you prefer?

- 53% Print
- 20% The most affordable option for the required text
- 17% ebook
- 5% No preference
- 2% Audio
- 2% Other (please specify)
 - Both print and ebook
 - "I like audio option, but for studying/open book test, I really prefer printed books."
 - Ebook or Audiobook

**5) What actions, if any, have professors taken if you did not have your books and/or materials?
(Check all that apply):**

- 46% Told me about other options for acquiring the textbook
- 37% Made copies of select chapters
- 24% Extended deadlines for related assignments
- 13% Given a zero for the assignment
- 6% Sent me to the Financial Aid department
- 8% Lent their copies of the textbook
- 2% Instructed me to drop the course
- 21% Other (please specify):
 - "There was temporary access for 14 days before we would need to purchase the book."
 - "I've always had my books."
 - "Haven't had this happen."
 - "I always come prepared and have not been told anything by instructor."
 - "Without purchasing we cannot complete our work created powerpoints, audio presentation."
 - "Online – books are provided for a fee."
 - "Shared with classmates"

6) Have you ever tried to purchase required books and/or materials from the Tri-C bookstore only to be told the books and/or materials were out of stock at the beginning of the semester?

- 40% Yes
- 60% No

7) Have you ever not registered for a course or dropped a course because of difficulty purchasing or accessing the required books and/or materials?

- 18% Yes
- 82% No

8) On average across all of your courses, how often do you use your books and/or materials throughout the semester?

- 47% Very frequently
- 26% Frequently
- 17% Occasionally
- 7% Rarely
- 1% Never
- 2% Other (please specify):
 - "It depends on the course, some are completely digital so I use the book 100% of the time, others I don't use them at all."
 - "Depending on the course and other materials provided in the class, it depends on how often I use my books. If enough information is given in class, I don't use my books often, but if I need more explanations, I'll look in the book."
 - "When required for assignments."

9) Do the books and/or materials your professors require you to purchase match the books and/or materials listed for your course on the Barnes & Noble link provided to you during registration?

- 65% Yes
- 12% No
- 23% Maybe

10) Have you gone into debt to buy books and/or materials?

- 40% Yes
- 60% No

11) Do you think that the costs of books and/or materials are reasonable?

- 12% Yes
- 59% No
- 23% Maybe
- 6% Other (please specify):
 - "I feel the cost is just slightly high."
 - "Only because of financial aid, but I believe they should be included in course cost, not a separate cost."
 - "Depending upon the book."

- “No, if they are available you can rent them for 15.99 on Pearson but you don’t offer the books that will fit in the subscription even if it’s possible to get almost the same book.”
- “I believe there should be more online book options because it is cheaper.”
- “The cost is reasonable but there are other burdens. The cost of time to print class materials is a burden. One of the books this semester only lets you print 2 pages at a time and there is a watermark on everything that makes the printout difficult to read.”
- I’m not a fan of the books you can purchase that you have to put in a three-ring binder, not because that’s inconvenient, but because even with the ability to edit in the shrink-wrap and e-book format, there are still typos.”
- “Sometimes, but math eBooks are ridiculously expensive.”
- “Some are very expensive, some are affordable.”
- “Not always the prices can be ridiculous sometimes.”

12) How many credit hours are you taking this semester?

- 27% 1-5
- 43% 6-11
- 30% 12 or more

13) What is your major or program?

- Information can be found on page 15 of the attached Survey Monkey results document.

14) The Textbook Affordability Committee meets virtually once per month during fall semester (September through November) and spring semester (January through April). Interested in joining our committee as a student representative?

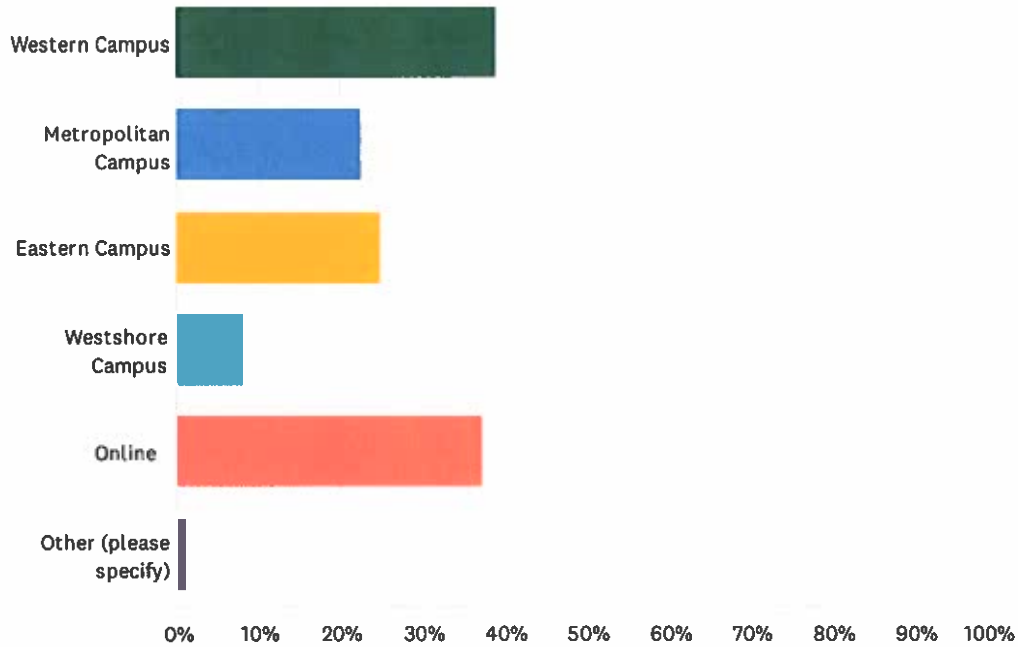
- 18% Yes
- 82% No
- 25 students responded and provided emails to receive further information.

15) Please provide your Student ID# (S#) and email for a chance to win \$50 added to your Stomp Card (aka My Tri-C Card).

- 1 student was randomly selected and was notified via email.

Q1 Where are you taking classes this semester? (check all that apply)

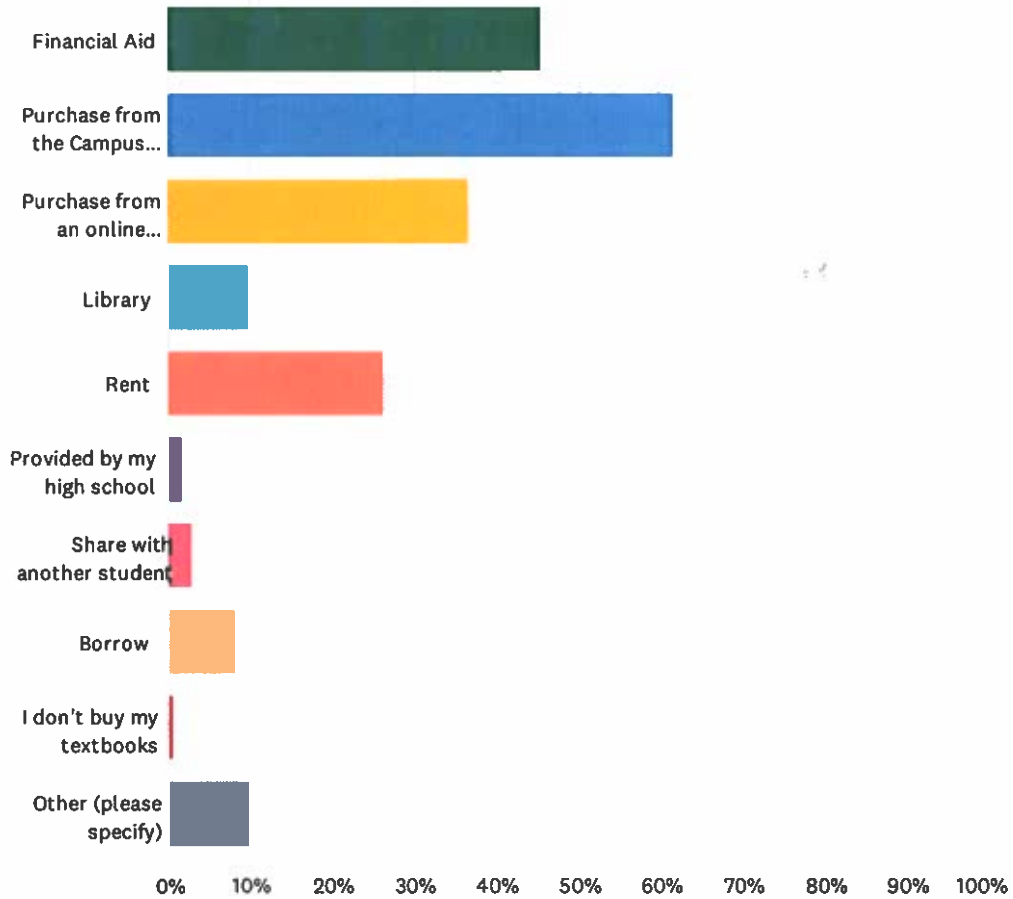
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Western Campus	38.95%	67
Metropolitan Campus	22.67%	39
Eastern Campus	25.00%	43
Westshore Campus	8.14%	14
Online	37.21%	64
Other (please specify)	1.16%	2
Total Respondents: 172		

Q2 How do you get your books and/or materials for your classes? (check all that apply)

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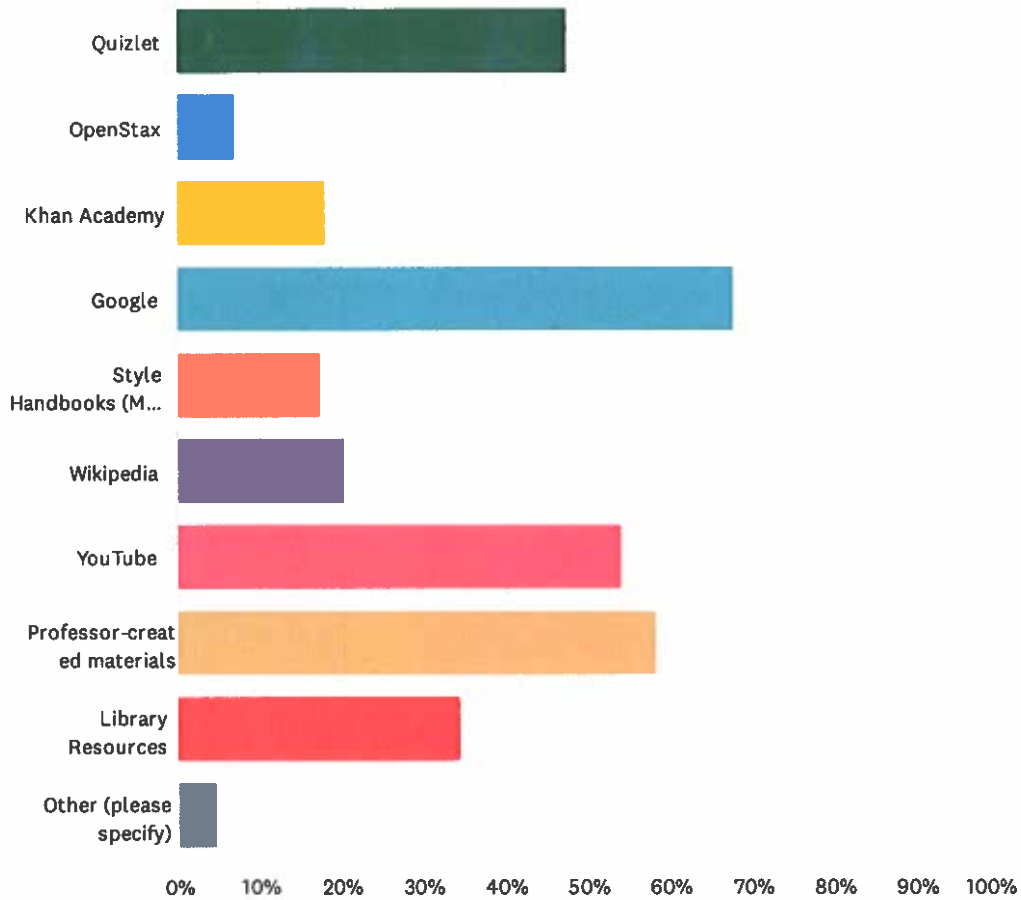


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Financial Aid	45.35%	78
Purchase from the Campus Bookstore	61.63%	106
Purchase from an online retailer	36.63%	63
Library	9.88%	17
Rent	26.16%	45
Provided by my high school	1.74%	3
Share with another student	2.91%	5
Borrow	8.14%	14
I don't buy my textbooks	0.58%	1
Other (please specify)	9.88%	17
Total Respondents: 172		

Q3 If you use online resources, which do you use? (check all that apply)

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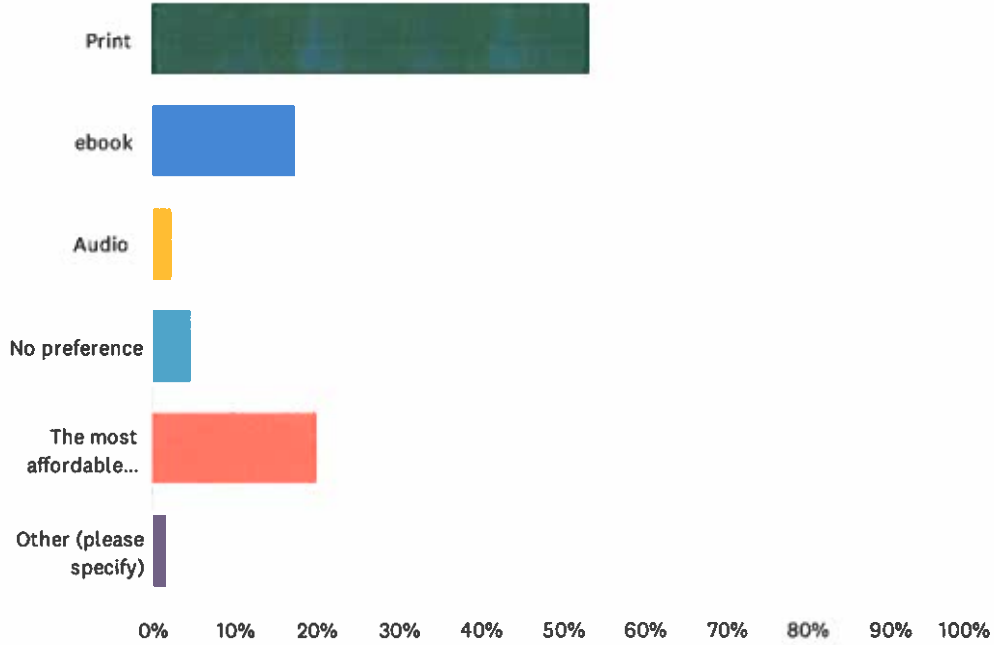


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Quizlet	47.62%	80
OpenStax	7.14%	12
Khan Academy	17.86%	30
Google	67.86%	114
Style Handbooks (MLA, APA, Chicago, CMS)	17.26%	29
Wikipedia	20.24%	34
YouTube	54.17%	91
Professor-created materials	58.33%	98
Library Resources	34.52%	58
Other (please specify)	4.76%	8
Total Respondents: 168		

Q4 What format for books and/or materials do you prefer?

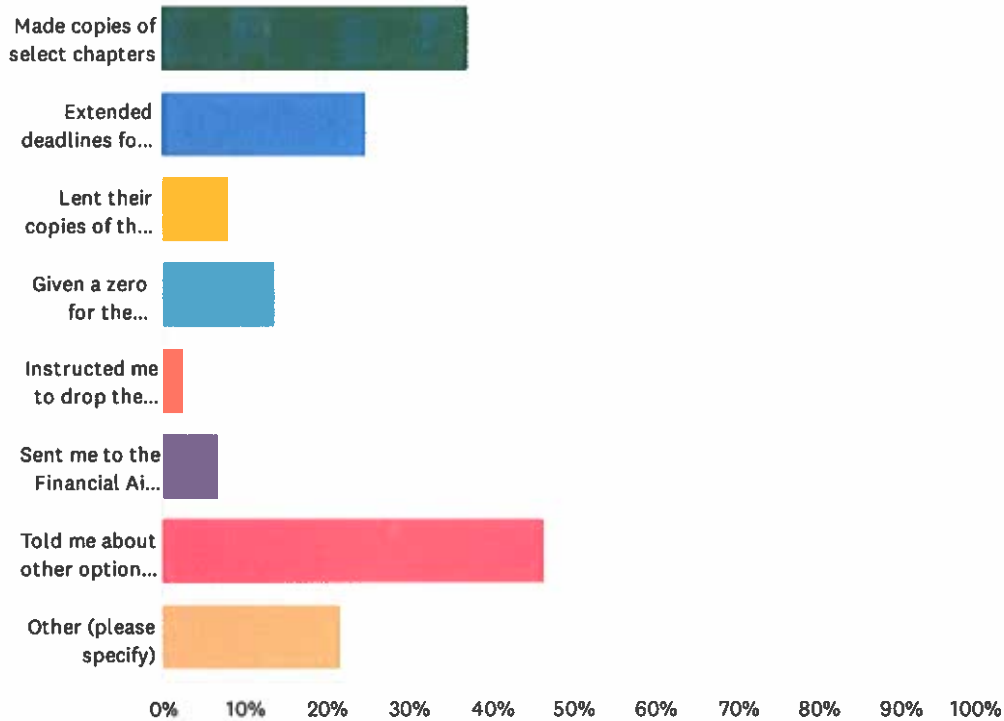
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Print	53.49%	92
ebook	17.44%	30
Audio	2.33%	4
No preference	4.65%	8
The most affordable option for the required text	20.35%	35
Other (please specify)	1.74%	3
TOTAL		172

Q5 What actions, if any, have professors taken if you did not have your books and/or materials? (check all that apply)

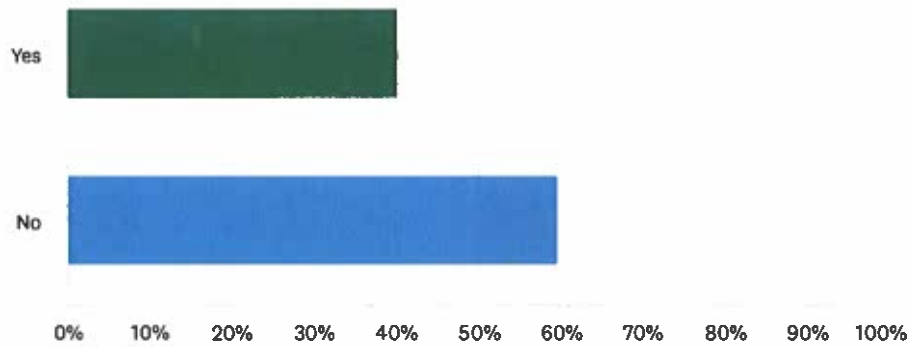
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Made copies of select chapters	37.27%	60
Extended deadlines for related assignments	24.84%	40
Lent their copies of the textbook	8.07%	13
Given a zero for the assignment	13.66%	22
Instructed me to drop the course	2.48%	4
Sent me to the Financial Aid department	6.83%	11
Told me about other options for acquiring the textbook	46.58%	75
Other (please specify)	21.74%	35
Total Respondents: 161		

Q6 Have you ever tried to purchase required books and/or materials from the Tri-C Bookstore only to be told the books and/or materials were out of stock at the beginning of the semester?

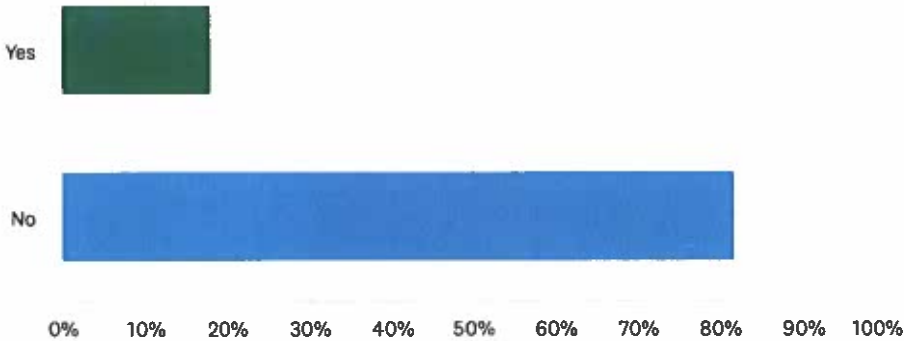
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.35%	69
No	59.65%	102
TOTAL		171

Q7 Have you ever not registered for a course or dropped a course because of difficulty purchasing or accessing the required books and/or materials?

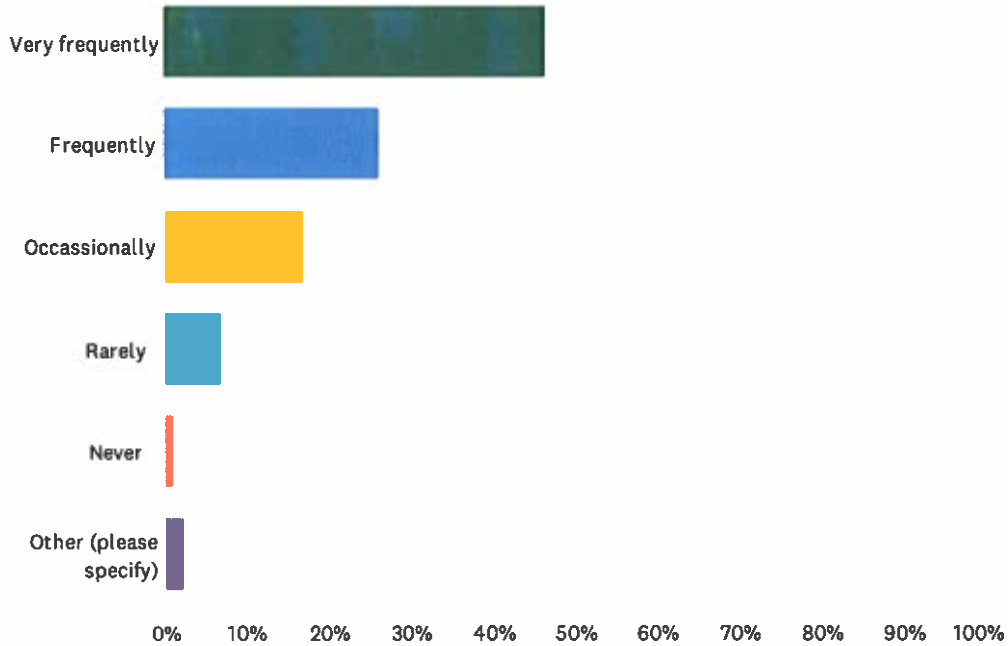
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.13%	31
No	81.87%	140
TOTAL		171

Q8 On average across all of your courses, how often do you use your books and/or materials throughout the semester?

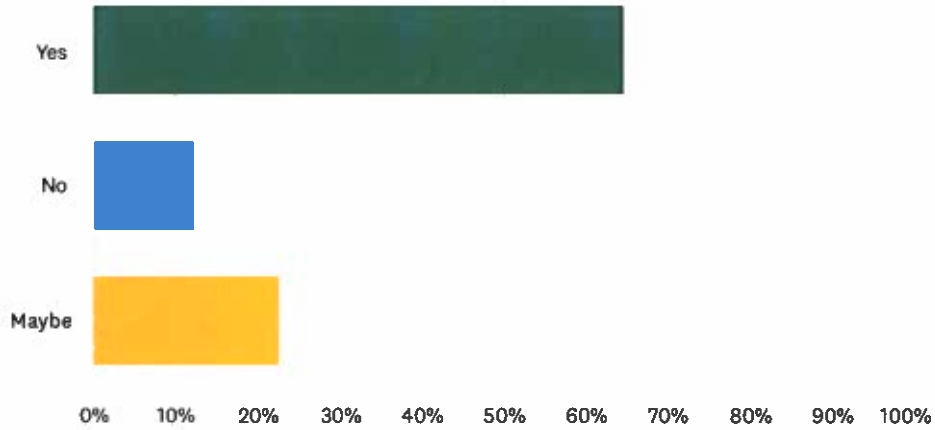
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very frequently	46.51%	80
Frequently	26.16%	45
Occasionally	16.86%	29
Rarely	6.98%	12
Never	1.16%	2
Other (please specify)	2.33%	4
TOTAL		172

Q9 Do books and/or materials your professors require you to purchase match the books and/or materials listed for your course(s) on the Barnes & Noble link provided to you during registration?

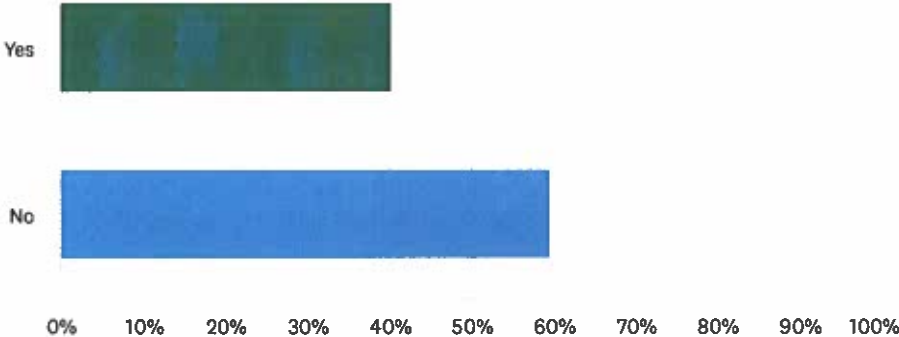
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.91%	111
No	12.28%	21
Maybe	22.81%	39
TOTAL		171

Q10 Have you gone into debt to buy books and/or materials?

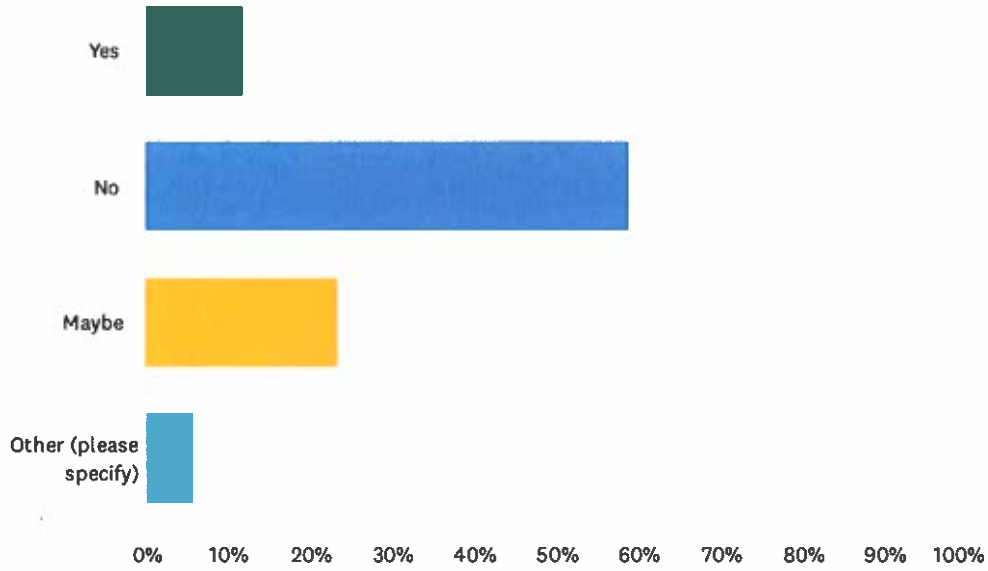
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.35%	69
No	59.65%	102
TOTAL		171

Q11 Do you think that the costs of books and/or materials are reasonable?

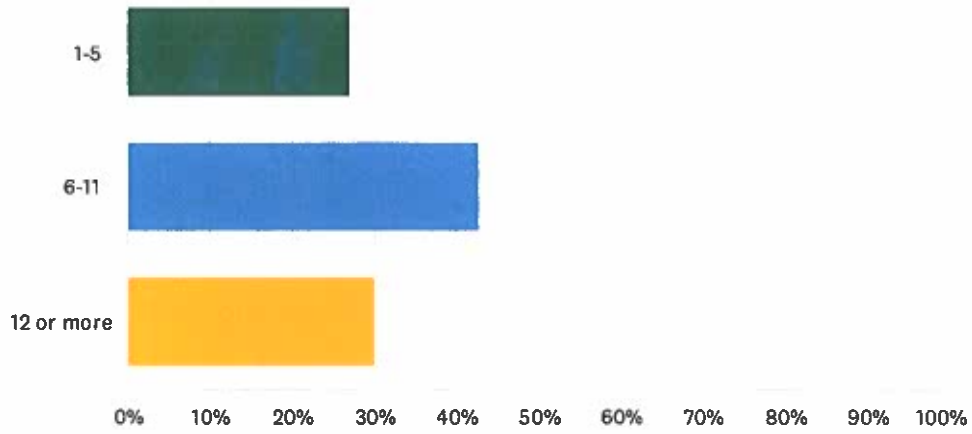
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.70%	20
No	59.06%	101
Maybe	23.39%	40
Other (please specify)	5.85%	10
TOTAL		171

Q12 How many credit hours are you taking this semester?

Answered: 170 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5	27.06%	46
6-11	42.94%	73
12 or more	30.00%	51
TOTAL		170

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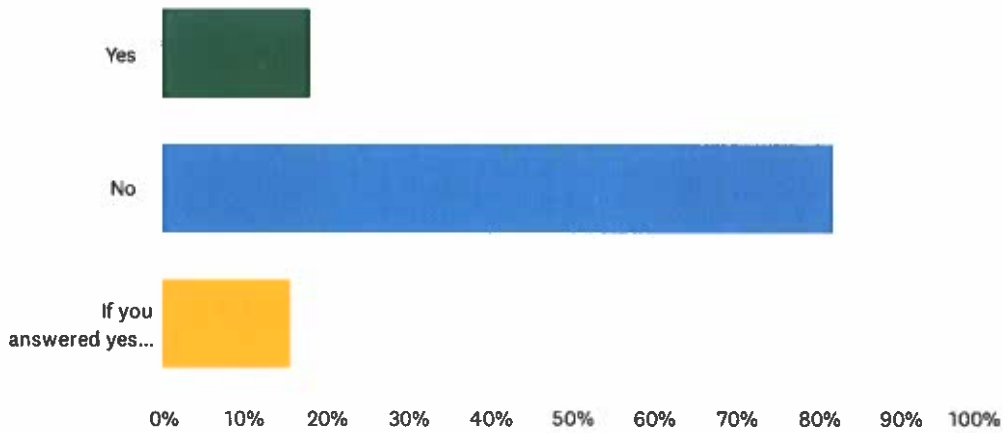
Q13 What is your major or program?

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Associate of Arts	24	Healthcare Information Management	1
Accounting	5	Human Services	3
Administrative Specialist Certif.	1	Illustration	1
Anthropology	1	Interior Design	1
Art Therapy	1	International Business	1
Associate of Science	14	IT Programming & Develop	2
Biomedical Engineering	1	IT Quality Assurance	1
Bookkeeping	1	Massage Therapy	3
Business	6	Mechanical Engineering	3
Business Technology	3	Medical Assistant	1
CCP	1	Medical Billing & Coding	3
Chemistry	1	Mortuary Science Pathway	1
Computer Science	1	Nursing	33
Conflict Res. & Peace Studies	1	Paralegal Studies	2
Construction Engineering Tech	1	Plant Science & Landscape Technology	1
Court Reporting	2	Pre-Med	1
Criminal Justice	5	Psychology	3
Culinary Arts	1	Physical Therapy	1
Cyber Security	3	Radiography	2
Data Analytics Certif.	1	Radiology	1
Dentistry	1	Recording Arts and Tech	1
Diagnostic Med. Sonography	6	Respiratory Therapy	1
Dietetic Technology	2	Sociology/Human Svcs	2
Early Childhood Education	3	Sonography	2
Economics	1	Sports Exercise Studies	1
EMT	1	Undecided	1
English	1	Veterinary Technology	1
ESL	3	Visual Comm & Graphic Design	3
Graphic Design	1		

Q14 The Textbook Affordability Committee meets virtually once per month during fall semester (September through November) and spring semester (January through April). Interested in joining our committee as a student representative?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.13%	31
No	81.87%	140
If you answered yes, please provide your name and email so we can reach out to you with more details!	15.79%	27
Total Respondents: 171		

Q15 Please provide your Student ID# (S#) and email for a chance to win \$50 added to your Tri-C Stomp Card.

Answered: 167 Skipped: 5

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Student ID # (S#)	100.00%	167
Email	100.00%	167