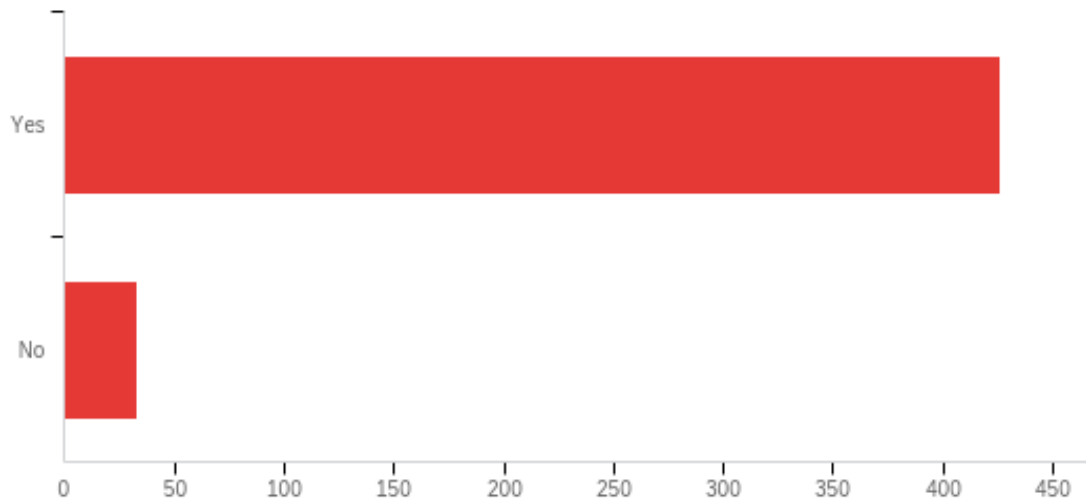


Retention Results:

Reasons for Leaving and Staying at Bethel

Campus Life Survey 2024

Do you plan to return to Bethel next Fall Semester?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	92.81%	426
2	No	7.19%	33
	Total	100%	459

For traditional CAS students (non-PSEO), 97.34% of students planned on returning to Bethel in the Fall semester. For PSEO students, 72.29% planned on returning to Bethel in the Fall semester. That means that of the 33 respondents who do not plan to return to Bethel in the Fall semester, 10 are traditional CAS students and 23 are PSEO students.

Why are you not continuing your education at Bethel? Choose all that apply.

Answer	%	Count
Bethel is just not a right "fit" for me.	15.79%	12
Other	11.84%	9
Financial cost is too much.	10.53%	8
Want to leave Minnesota	9.21%	7
It is hard to fit in socially at Bethel.	9.21%	7
Bethel does not have my major.	7.89%	6
Bethel is too small of a university for me.	6.58%	5
Bethel is too conservative for me.	6.58%	5
Bethel is too "spiritual" or "religious" for me.	5.26%	4
Bethel is not academically rigorous enough for me.	3.95%	3
Too many online courses.	2.63%	2
I'm taking a break from college altogether.	2.63%	2
My grades are too low at Bethel.	2.63%	2
Amassing too much student loan debt going to Bethel.	2.63%	2
Bethel is too academically rigorous for me.	1.32%	1
Bethel is too liberal for me.	1.32%	1
My mental health issues are interfering with college.	0.00%	0
Bethel is too big of a university for me.	0.00%	0
Bethel is not "spiritual" or "religious" enough for me.	0.00%	0
Could not get into the program that I wanted to get into (e.g. Nursing)	0.00%	0
Total	100%	76

For traditional CAS students, “Other” was the most selected response (5 students). Interestingly, three of the students said they were taking a break but planned to re-enroll at Bethel. For non-returning PSEO students, the most selected reason was *Bethel is just not a right "fit" for me* (9 students), followed by *Want to leave Minnesota* (6 students), and *It is hard to fit in socially at Bethel* (6 students).

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Hillsdale College (PSEO Student)

Iowa State University (Traditional CAS student)

St. Catherine University (Traditional CAS student)

University of Northwestern (PSEO Student)

University of Minnesota Duluth (PSEO Student)

University of Nebraska Lincoln (PSEO Student)

Wheaton College (PSEO Student)

The University of Tampa (PSEO Student)

Unsure where I'll complete the rest of my bachelors (PSEO Student)

Syracuse (Traditional CAS student)

University of Minnesota Rochester (PSEO Student)

University of Minnesota (PSEO Student)

Winona State University (PSEO Student)

University of Minnesota (PSEO Student)

University of Dubuque (Traditional CAS student)

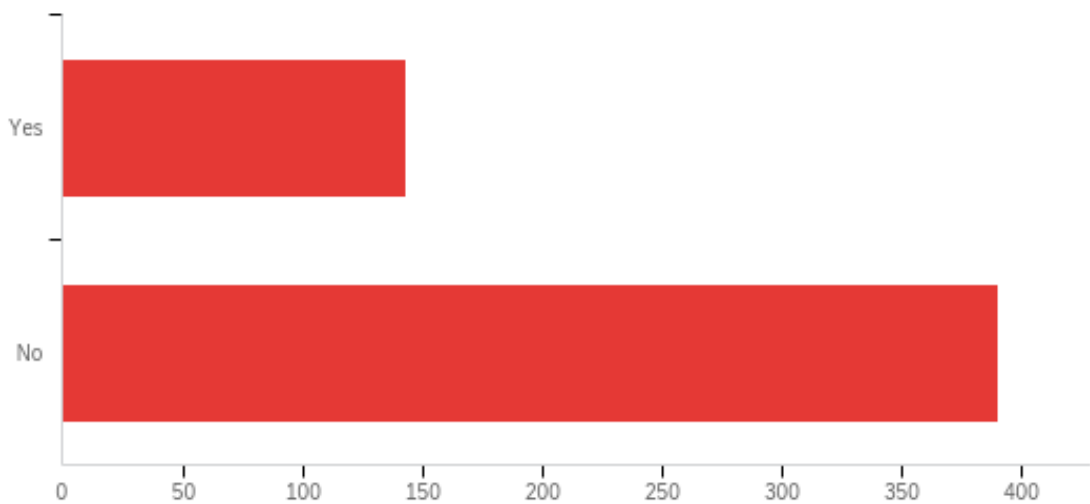
Winona State University (PSEO Student)

Luther College (PSEO Student)

UMD (PSEO Student)

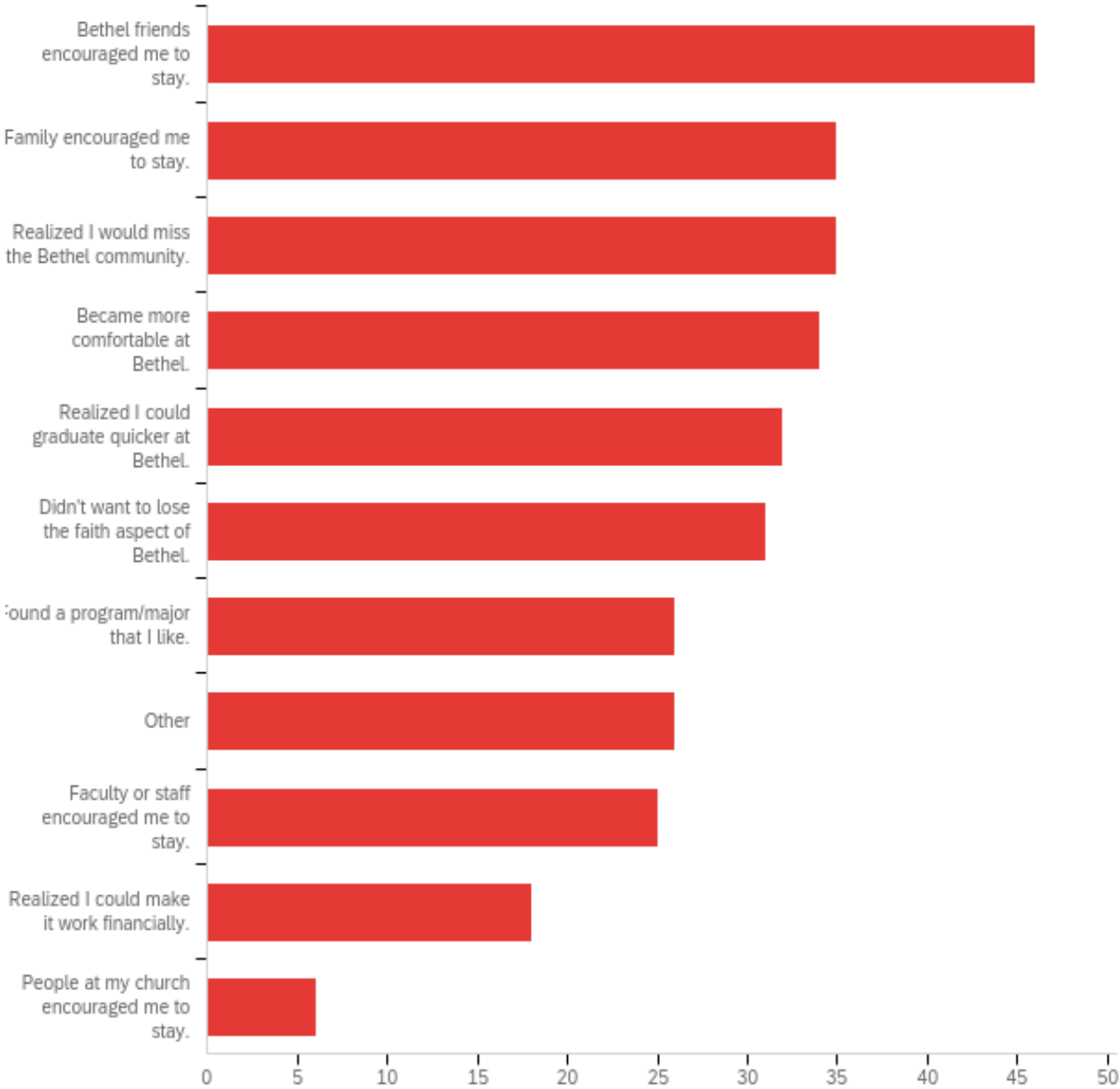
Seton Hall University (PSEO Student)

Have you ever seriously considered leaving Bethel before graduating? (e.g., transferring to another institution or dropping out of college altogether)



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	26.83%	143
2	No	73.17%	390
	Total	100%	533

Why did you decide to stay? Choose all that apply.



Answer	%	Count
Bethel friends encouraged me to stay.	14.65%	46
Realized I would miss the Bethel community.	11.15%	35
Family encouraged me to stay.	11.15%	35
Became more comfortable at Bethel.	10.83%	34
Realized I could graduate quicker at Bethel.	10.19%	32
Didn't want to lose the faith aspect of Bethel.	9.87%	31
Other	8.28%	26
Found a program/major that I like.	8.28%	26
Faculty or staff encouraged me to stay.	7.96%	25
Realized I could make it work financially.	5.73%	18
People at my church encouraged me to stay.	1.91%	6
Total	100%	314