

Post Graduate Service Student Survey 2016

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Responses from Boston College, Loyola Marymount University, St. Joe's, Stonehill College, Scranton University



Major Majors

Total of
59 majors

Psychology

34

International
Studies

13

English

32

Theology

13

Economics

26

Math

13

Political
Science

22

Education

11

Finance

18

Nursing

9

Key Questions

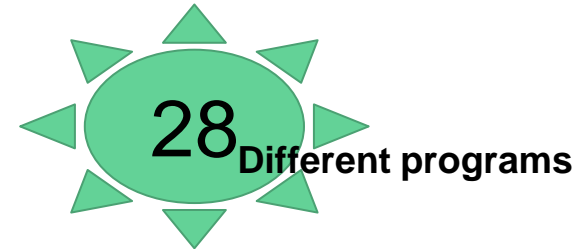
At any point during college did you consider full-time service?

Yes - 240

No - 70

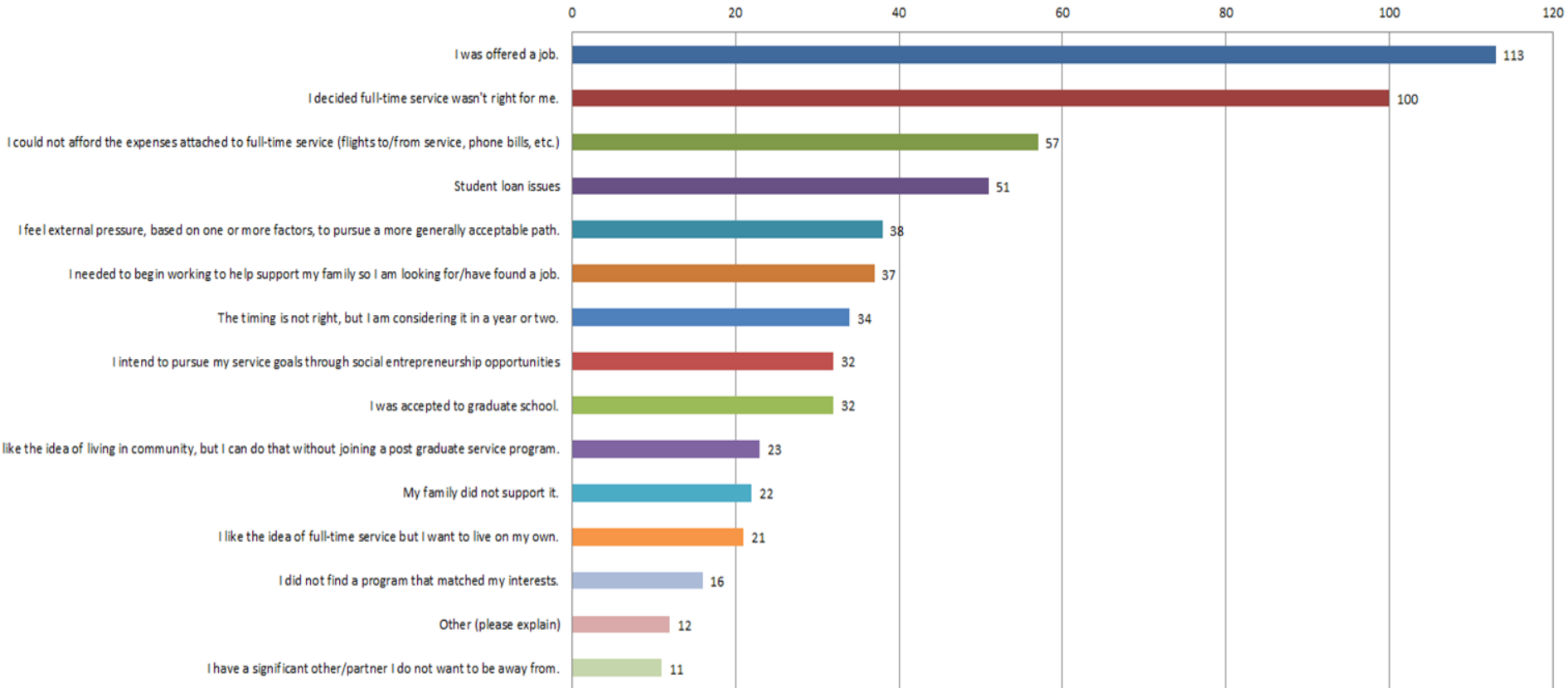
Are you doing full-time service?

Yes - 77 (32% of the students who considered full-time service)



No - 160

Reasons Students Chose Not to Pursue Full-time Service



Unfortunately the economic opportunity costs of full time service seems too steep. Personally, it would have been an incredible experience but professional and financial considerations swung the vote.

...some of my older brother's friends did (full-time service) after attending Georgetown, and most - if not all - of them are having difficulty joining the workforce because they feel that they are "a year behind".

I had a lot of pressure from my family and friends to start a career in a more profitable field rather than pursue service opportunities.

I really wanted to do post grad service but my parents were against it and they really need me to start working. I would have loved to serve because I did it all through college, it is my passion.”

“I chose a public accounting job because that is where I felt called to go at the moment. My plan is to bring joy and love into a profession that is not normally associated with it. In philosophical terms, I plan to go into the machine (big 4 accounting, tax/government systems) and make sure it still has a heart (or help to give it one if it's missing) through encouraging reflection, gratitude, and love towards others.

While service was a very significant part of my (college) experience I thought that doing a year of service would just be a continuation of college in a way. While I knew a year of service would challenge me I ended up coming to the realization that it would be more comfortable for me than beginning my career and I wanted to challenge myself.