

Fall 2020 Student Questionnaire

The Fall 2020 Student Questionnaire was designed to help Pitt prepare for the fall 2020 term. The questionnaire asked about student's plans, needs, and concerns for the fall term. The [Flex@Pitt](#) model provides the opportunity to choose between in-person and remote learning, according to the operational posture of the University. Recognizing the fluid nature of this situation, students are free to change their decisions with respect to participating in their courses in-person or remotely at any time.

Administration Period and Timeline

The Fall 2020 Student Questionnaire was administered via Qualtrics to all active undergraduate and graduate/professional practice students from all campuses. The questionnaire was open from July 28-August 6, 2020. Overall, we received 18,241 responses.

Pittsburgh Campus Undergraduate Students:

Survey invitation from Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kenyon Bonner on July 29, 2020.
Reminder email from Provost Ann E. Cudd on August 1, 2020.
Second reminder email from Student Government Board President Eric Macadangdang on August 3, 2020.
Final reminder email from Vice Provost and Dean of Students Kenyon Bonner on August 5, 2020.

Pittsburgh Campus Graduate/Professional Practice Students:

Survey invitation from Vice Provost Amanda Godley on July 29, 2020.
Reminder email from Provost Ann E. Cudd on August 1, 2020.
Second reminder email from Graduate & Professional Student Government President Malena Hirsch on August 3, 2020.
Final reminder email from Vice Provost Amanda Godley on August 5, 2020.

Bradford Campus Students:

Survey invitation from President Catherine Koverola on July 28, 2020.
Reminder email from Provost Ann E. Cudd on August 1, 2020.
Second reminder email from Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Michele Cruse on August 3, 2020.
Final reminder email from President Catherine Koverola on August 5, 2020.

Greensburg Campus Students:

Survey invitation from President Robert Gregerson on July 28, 2020.
Reminder email from Provost Ann E. Cudd on August 1, 2020.
Second reminder email from Dean of Student Services Rick Fogle on August 3, 2020.
Final reminder email from President Robert Gregerson on August 5, 2020.

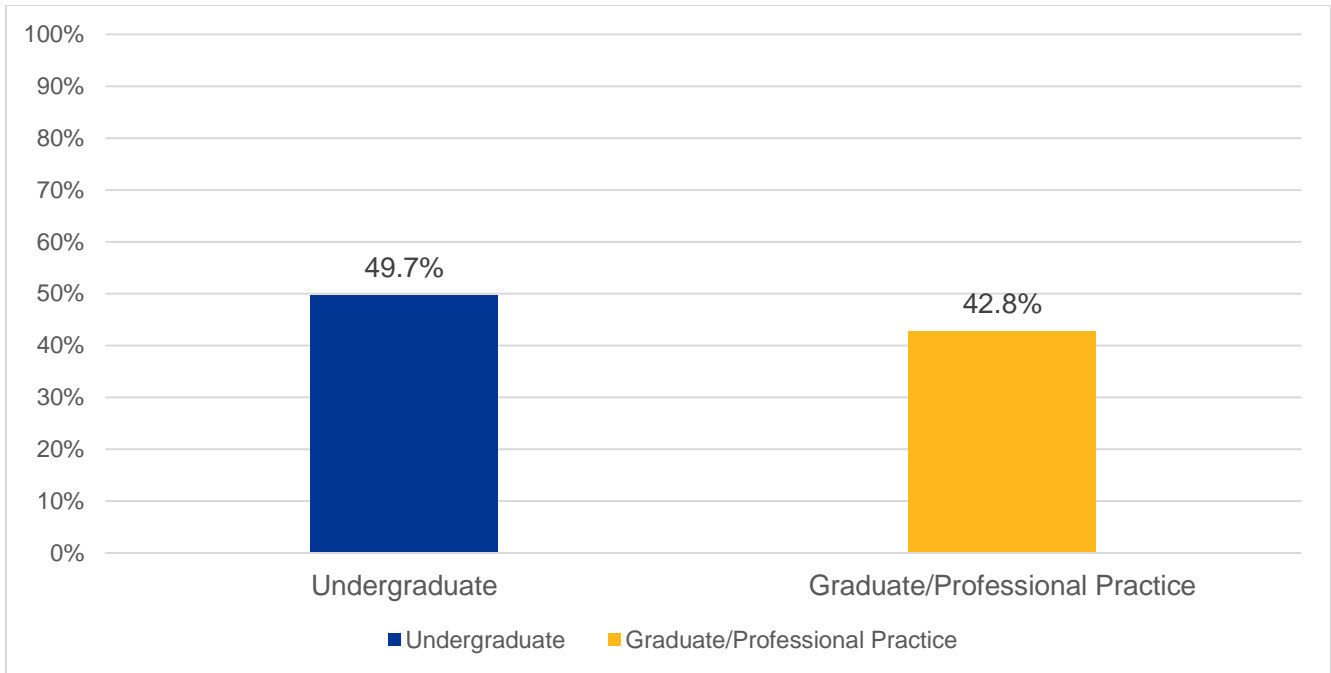
Johnstown Campus Students:

Survey invitation from President Jem Spectar on July 28, 2020.
Reminder email from Provost Ann E. Cudd on August 1, 2020.
Second reminder email from Vice President for Student Affairs Christian Stumpf on August 3, 2020.
Final reminder email from President Jem Spectar on August 5, 2020.

Titusville Campus Students:

Survey invitation from President Catherine Koverola on July 28, 2020.
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Second reminder email from Assistant Executive Director Stephanie Fiely on August 3, 2020.
Final reminder email from President Catherine Koverola on August 5, 2020.

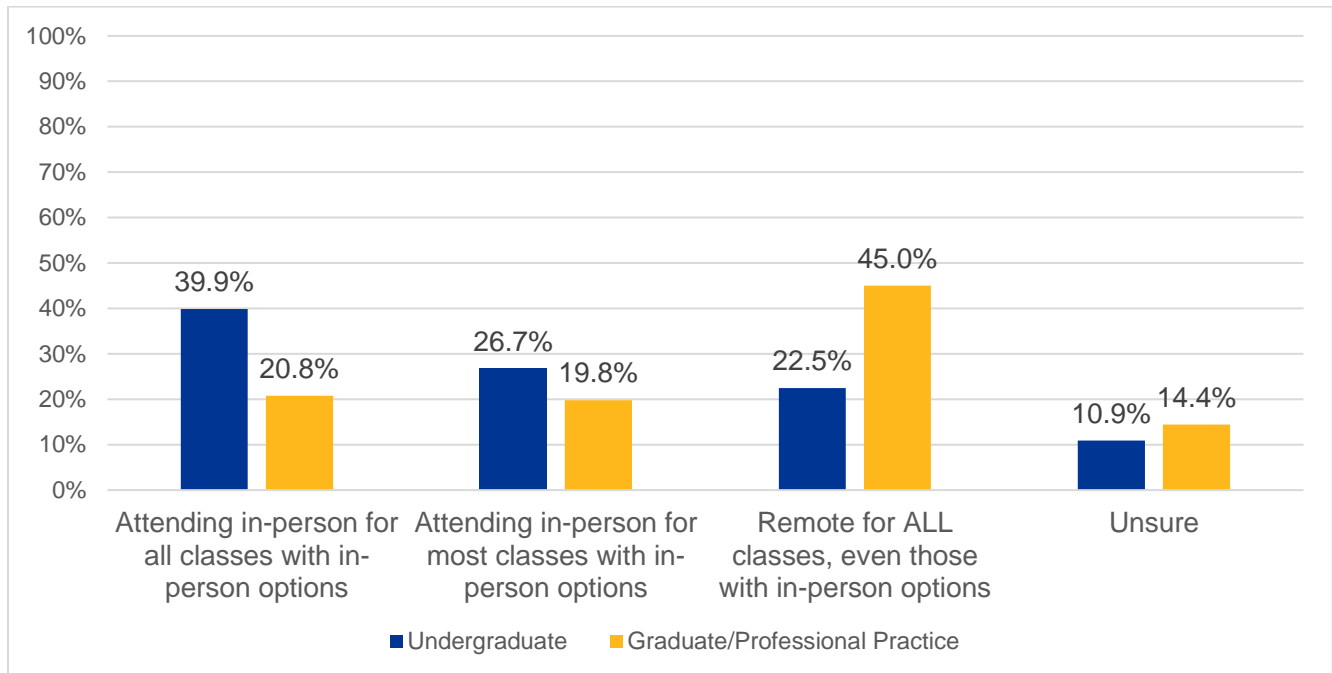
Response Rates



Student Level	Number of Responses	Number of Students	Response Rate
Undergraduate	13,861	27,902	49.7%
Graduate/Professional Practice	4,380	10,245	42.8%

Plans for Participating in Classes

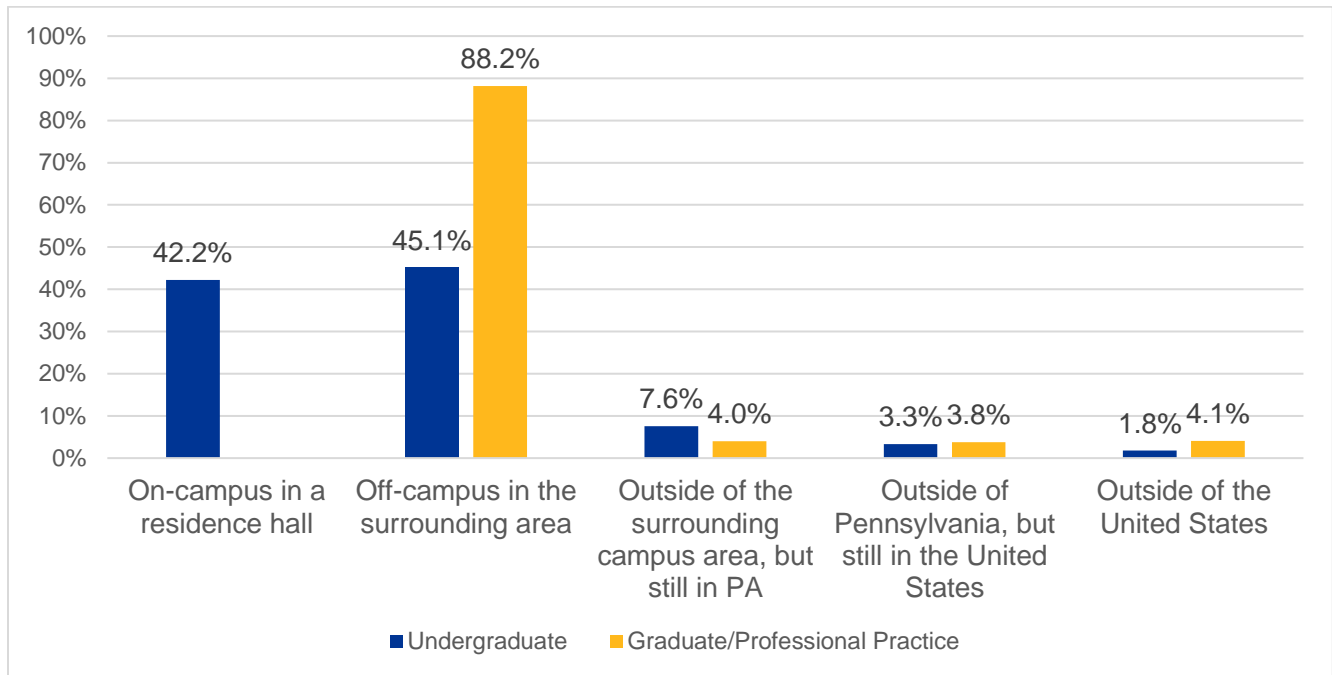
The Flex@Pitt model provides the opportunity to choose between in-person and remote learning for each class, according to the operational posture of the University, and you can change your mind anytime. In what engagement mode do you plan to begin your studies this fall?



Plan	Undergraduate	Graduate/Professional Practice
Attending in-person for all classes with in-person options	39.9%	20.8%
Attending in-person for most classes with in-person options	26.7%	19.8%
Remote for ALL classes, even those with in-person options	22.5%	45.0%
Unsure	10.9%	14.4%

Fall Semester Living Arrangements

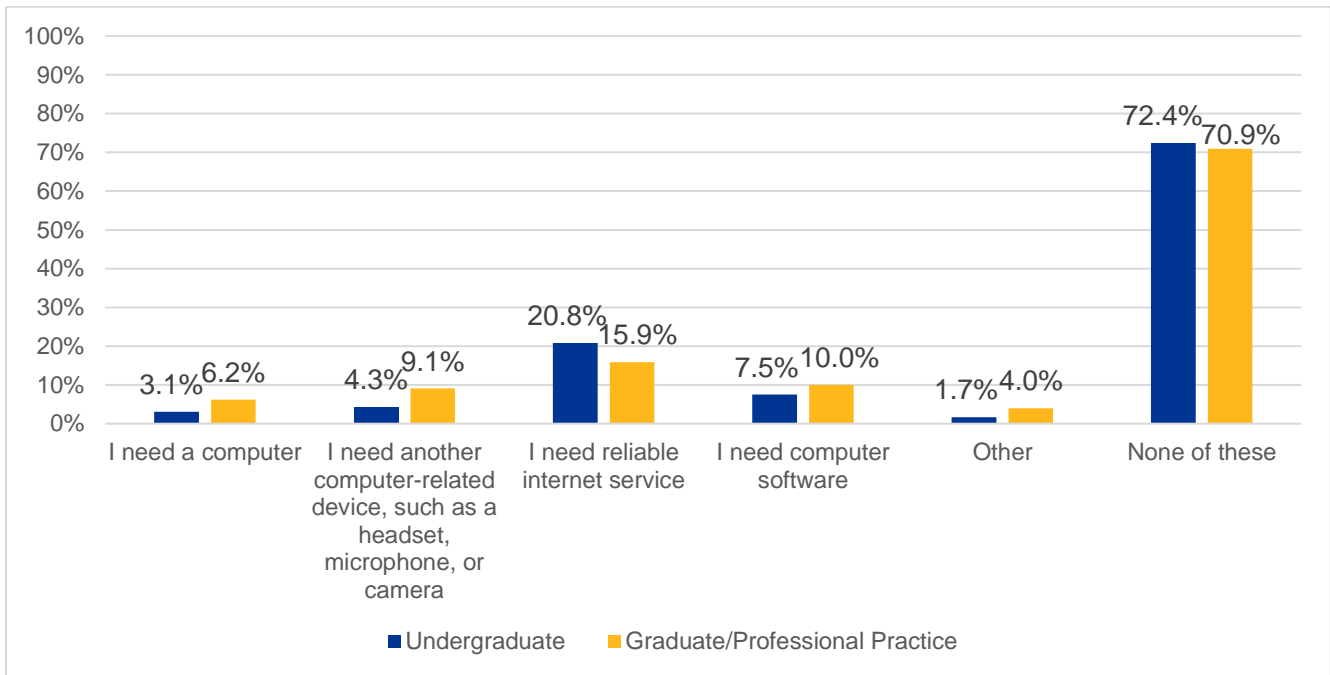
Where do you plan to live during the fall term 2020?



Living Arrangement	Undergraduate	Graduate/Professional Practice
On-campus in a residence hall	42.2%	--
Off-campus in the surrounding area	45.1%	88.2%
Outside of the surrounding campus area, but still in PA	7.6%	4.0%
Outside of PA, but still in the United States	3.3%	3.8%
Outside of the United States	1.8%	4.1%

Technology Barriers

In order to be fully engaged in the fall term, please check any technology barriers that you face:



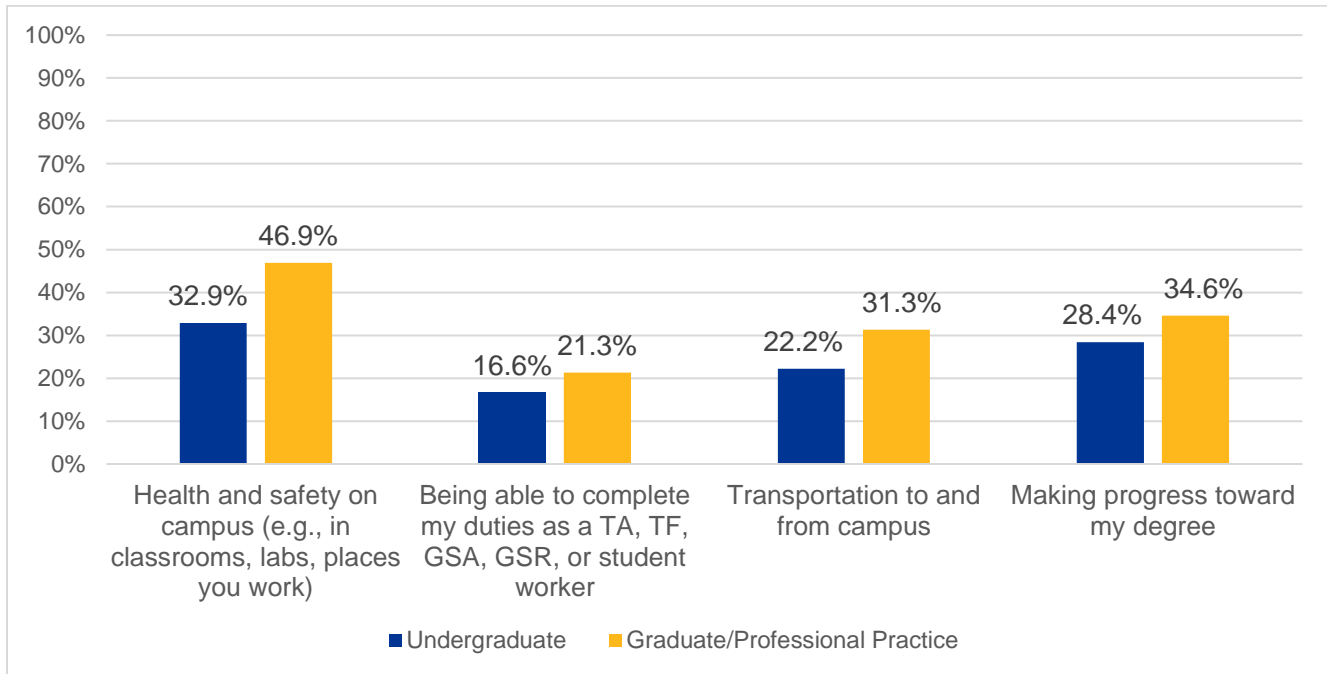
Technology Barrier	Undergraduate	Graduate/Professional Practice
I need a computer	3.1%	6.2%
I need another computer-related device, such as a headset, microphone, or camera	4.3%	9.1%
I need reliable internet service	20.8%	15.9%
I need computer software	7.5%	10.0%
Other	1.7%	4.0%
None of these	72.4%	70.9%

Student Concerns

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Not at all Concerned (1) – Very Concerned (7)

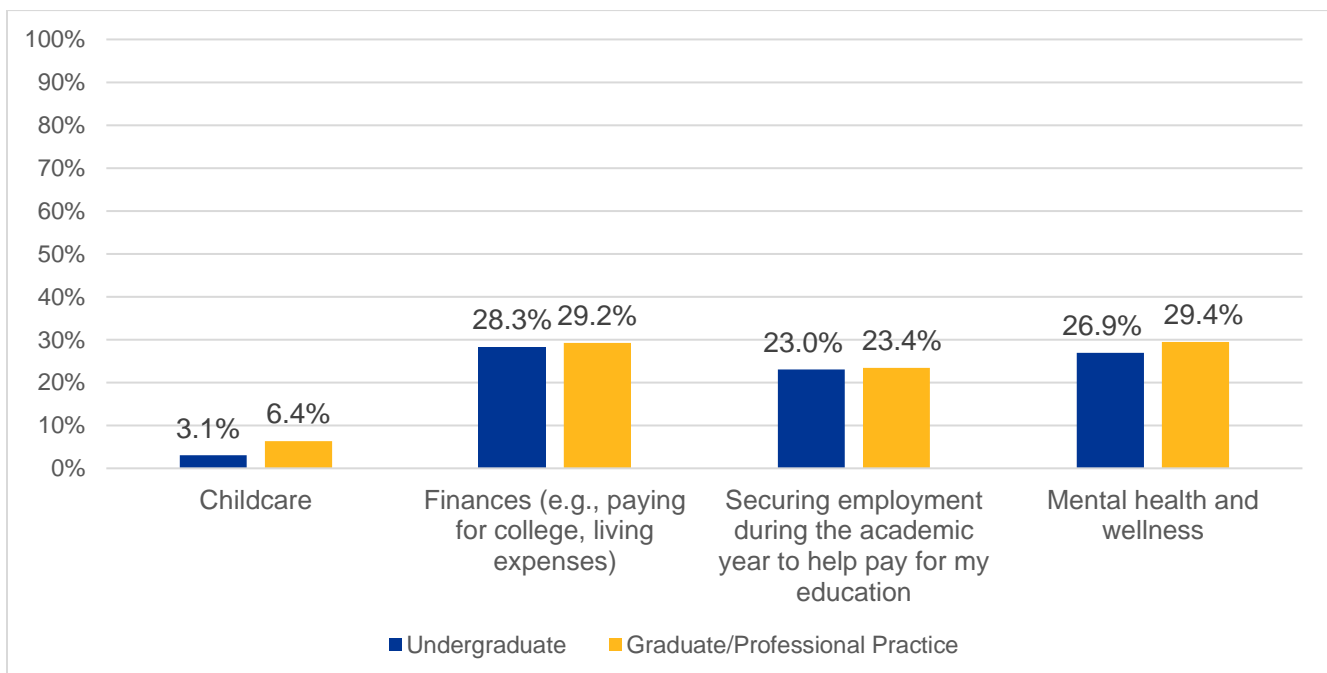
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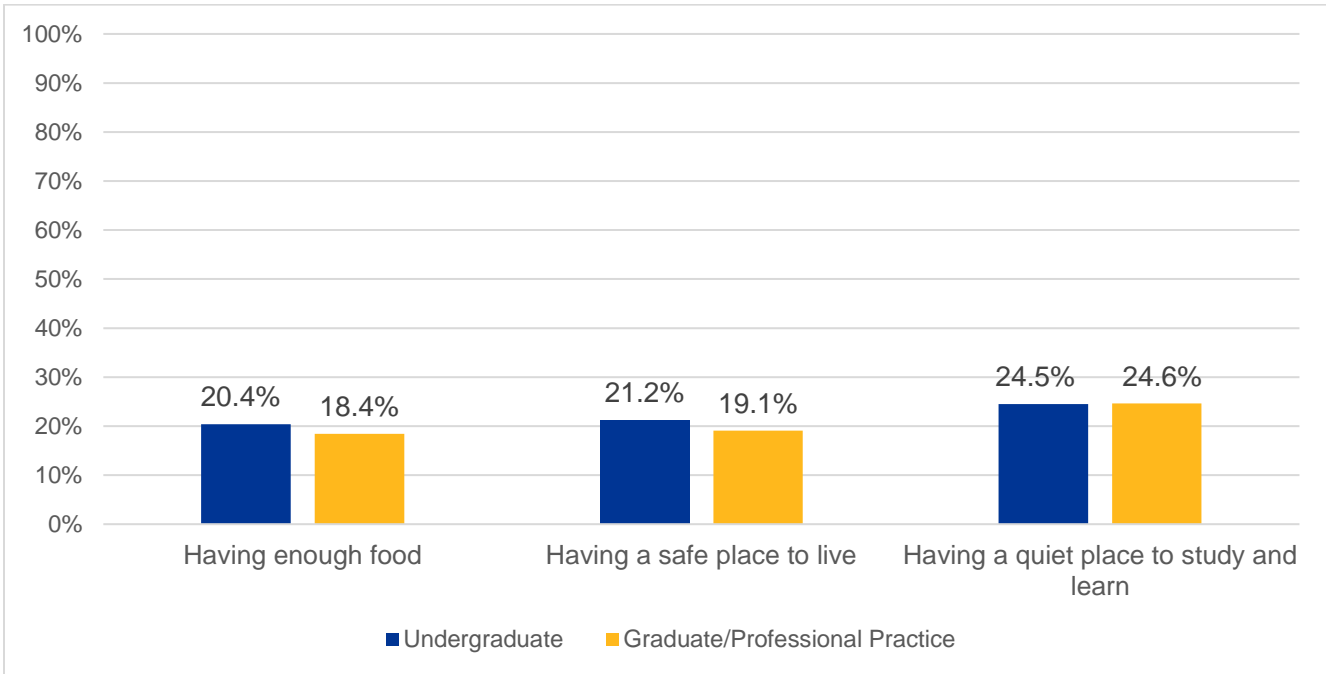


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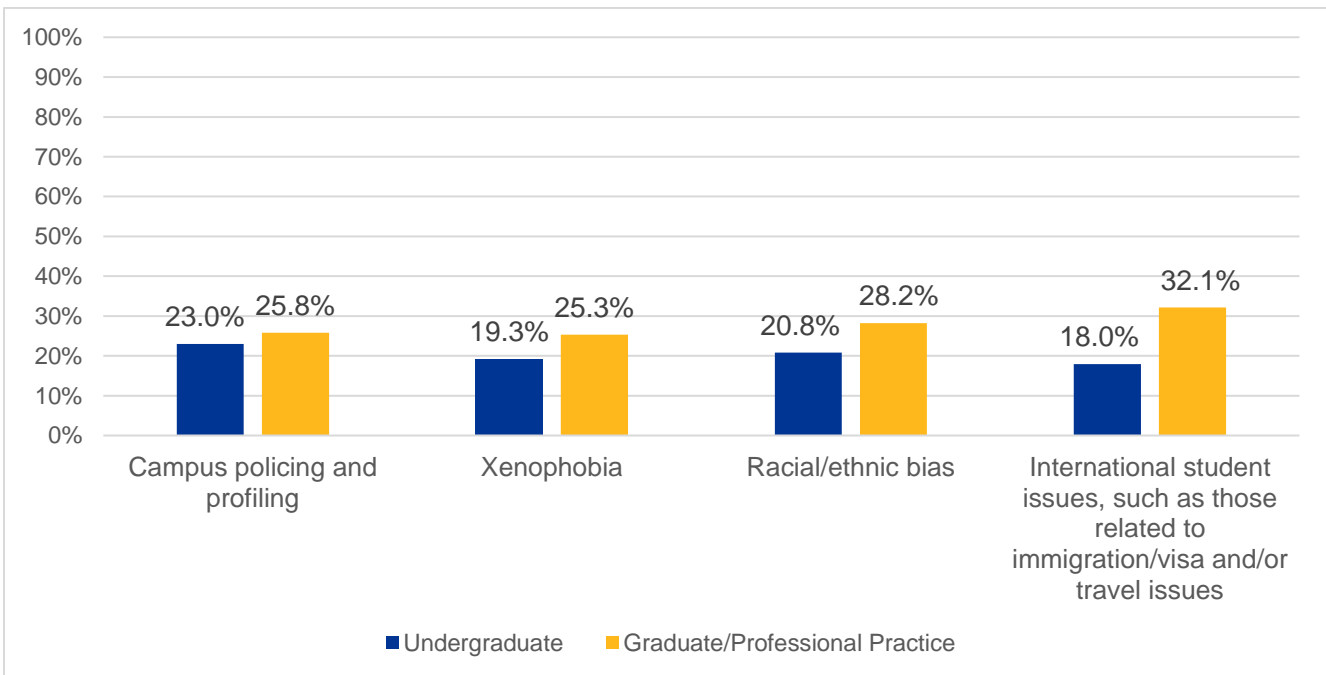
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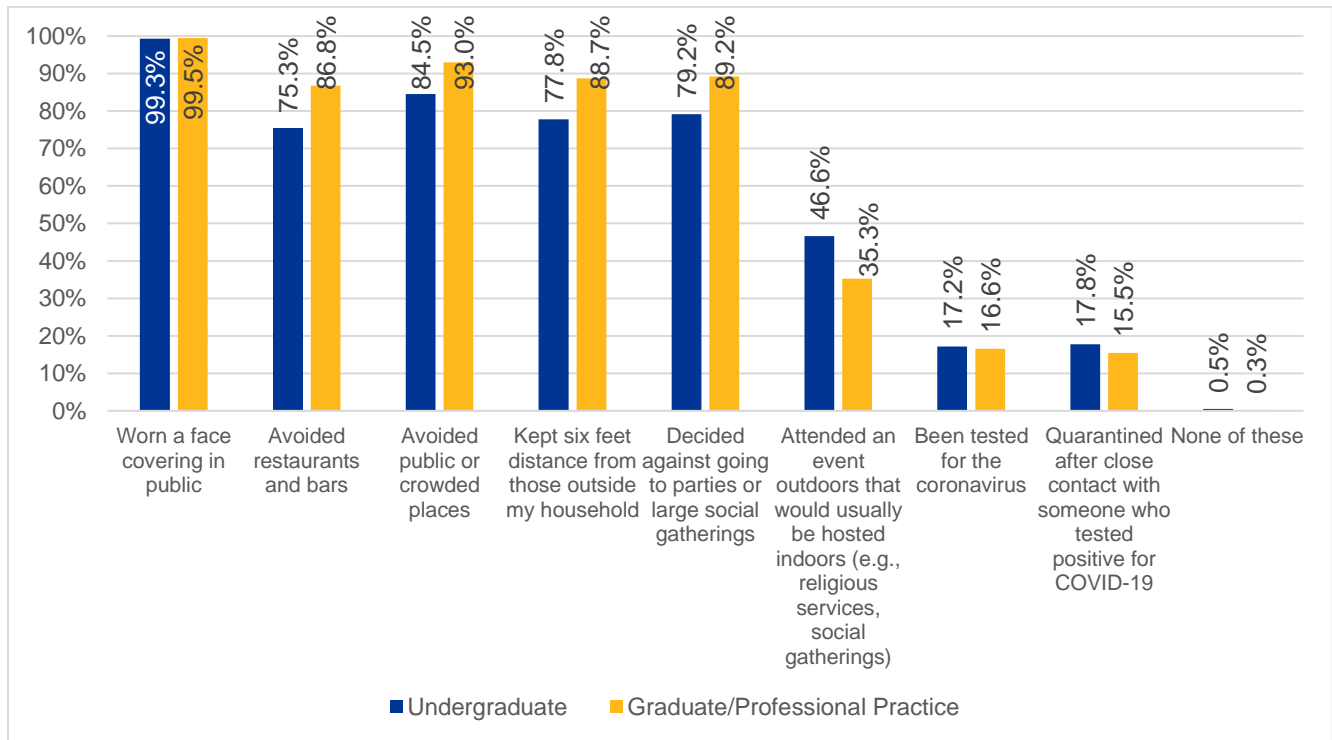
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	UG	G/P	UG	G/P	UG	G/P	UG	G/P	UG	G/P	UG	G/P	UG	G/P
Health and safety on campus (e.g., in classrooms, labs, places you work)	8.7%	6.1%	10.8%	5.7%	15.8%	10.3%	18.7%	15.8%	13.0%	15.3%	25.4%	42.7%	7.5%	4.2%
Being able to complete my duties as a TA, TF, GSA, GSR, or student worker	50.3%	45.4%	9.6%	6.6%	11.6%	10.1%	7.8%	8.6%	4.1%	8.0%	5.0%	13.0%	11.6%	8.3%
Transportation to and from campus	43.9%	31.2%	9.9%	7.4%	9.7%	9.9%	8.7%	10.9%	5.6%	9.2%	8.0%	22.6%	14.1%	8.7%
Making progress toward my degree	16.2%	15.3%	14.0%	10.1%	16.4%	12.8%	15.0%	14.3%	10.0%	12.8%	16.4%	24.7%	12.0%	10.0%
Childcare	93.7%	87.3%	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%	2.3%	0.4%	1.2%	0.3%	1.3%	0.7%	4.6%	2.4%	1.8%
Finances (e.g., paying for college, living expenses)	20.7%	22.7%	13.3%	11.0%	14.0%	13.8%	13.6%	12.5%	10.0%	10.8%	16.5%	18.9%	11.8%	10.3%
Securing employment during the academic year to help pay for my education	39.3%	48.8%	11.0%	6.8%	11.0%	9.2%	9.5%	5.9%	6.2%	5.9%	9.1%	13.3%	13.9%	10.1%
Mental health and wellness	14.1%	10.9%	12.0%	10.0%	16.3%	16.0%	17.6%	18.1%	13.1%	15.4%	17.4%	21.7%	9.5%	7.7%
Having enough food	45.2%	54.8%	11.2%	8.1%	10.7%	8.8%	8.0%	6.3%	4.5%	3.6%	4.9%	5.2%	15.5%	13.2%
Having a safe place to live	51.1%	59.9%	9.2%	6.2%	7.6%	6.6%	6.6%	4.4%	4.3%	3.8%	6.3%	7.2%	14.9%	11.9%
Having a quiet place to study and learn	27.7%	33.3%	12.5%	10.8%	12.9%	11.1%	13.5%	10.7%	9.0%	9.4%	12.3%	13.2%	12.1%	11.4%
Campus policing and profiling	37.7%	34.4%	10.8%	8.0%	13.0%	12.9%	9.4%	10.4%	6.0%	8.5%	9.9%	15.5%	13.1%	10.3%
Xenophobia	49.8%	37.2%	8.4%	7.0%	10.5%	11.5%	6.9%	9.9%	5.1%	9.2%	8.4%	16.7%	10.9%	8.6%
Racial/ethnic bias	44.2%	31.5%	8.8%	7.5%	10.8%	11.9%	8.7%	10.3%	6.6%	10.5%	10.2%	19.5%	10.6%	8.8%
International student issues, such as those related to immigration/visa and/or travel issues	54.4%	37.7%	7.0%	5.0%	8.7%	8.4%	7.0%	8.1%	4.9%	8.6%	9.5%	26.7%	8.5%	5.5%

Measures Taken in Response to Coronavirus

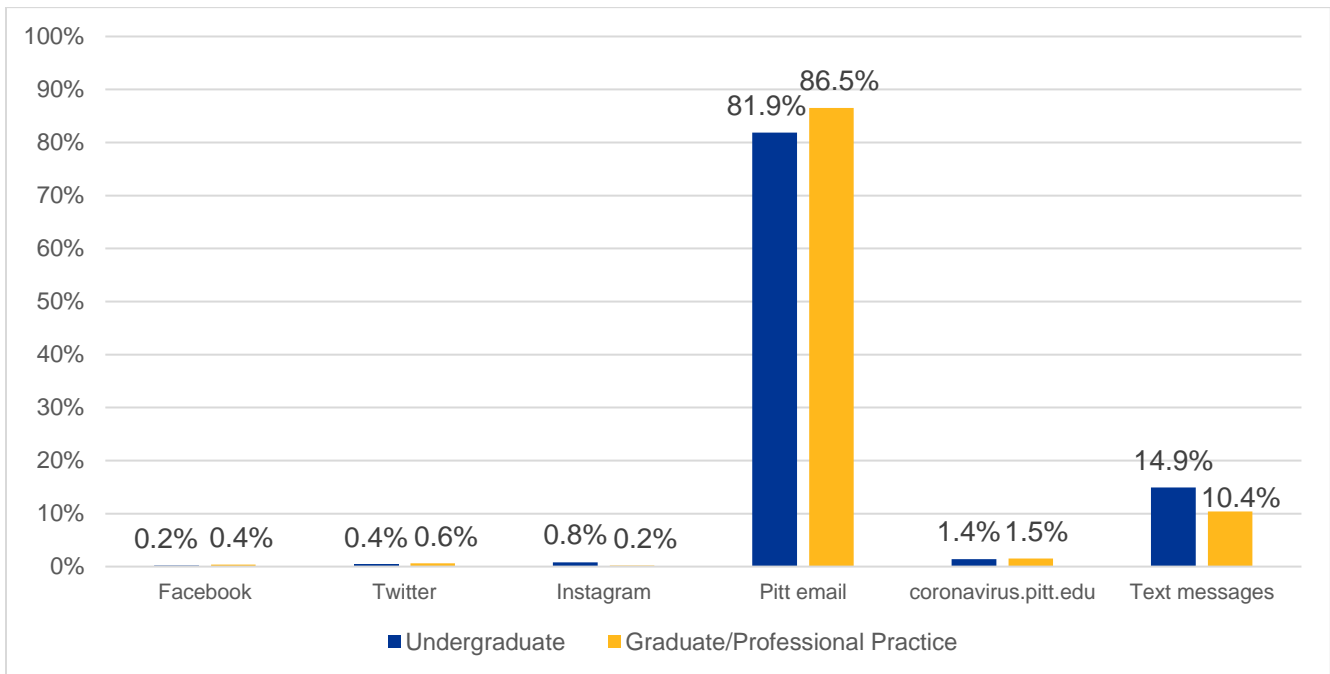
Which of the following measures, if any, have you taken in response to the coronavirus? Select all that apply.



Measure	Undergraduate	Graduate/Professional Practice
Worn a face covering in public	99.3%	99.5%
Avoided restaurants and bars	75.3%	86.8%
Avoided public or crowded places	84.5%	93.0%
Kept six feet distance from those outside my household	77.8%	88.7%
Decided against going to parties or large social gatherings	79.2%	89.2%
Attended an event outdoors that would usually be hosted indoors (e.g., religious services, social gatherings)	46.6%	35.3%
Been tested for the coronavirus	17.2%	16.6%
Quarantined after close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19	17.8%	15.5%
None of these	0.5%	0.3%

Preferred Method of Communication

What is the most effective way to ensure you receive important information about the University's pandemic response?



Method	Undergraduate	Graduate/Professional Practice
Facebook	0.2%	0.4%
Twitter	0.4%	0.6%
Instagram	0.8%	0.2%
Pitt email	81.9%	86.5%
coronavirus.pitt.edu	1.4%	1.5%
Text messages	14.9%	10.4%
Other social media platforms	0.4%	0.4%