

Graduating Student Survey Class of 2020

John Jay College of Criminal Justice Office of Institutional Research

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The Graduating Student Survey was administered May-August 2020 to the class of 2020 via a Web link sent by email in the invitation to participate. It was launched a week before graduation, May 27, 2020. After several reminders, the survey closed the third week of August.

This report summarizes responses to questions on students' perceptions of their educational experiences at John Jay. There are questions on faculty and advising, personal and intellectual development, and current employment as well as future plans for employment or continuing education.

Administration of this survey preceded the availability of the names and contact information in the IRDB, this office's database. Therefore, we relied on the registrar's office to provide us with the list of students in the graduating class. Their list contained 4078 students: 277 certificate and advanced certificate recipients, 3129 bachelor's degree recipients, and 672 master's degree recipients. Those responding to the survey were 504 bachelor's degree recipients, and 152 master's degree recipients. Only two certificate degree recipients responded this time. However, those responses were not included in these results. Data for graduates from dual (BA/MA) degree programs were counted twice; once with the bachelor's degree graduates and once with master's degree graduates.

Table's 1 - 11 show graduating students' responses separately by degree earned.

Key Findings:

- Master's Degree Graduates:
 - o 73% of graduates report they completed a capstone experience. Among these graduates 38% report they completed a thesis or final paper.
 - o 62% of graduates report they were accepted into a program for further study. Among these graduates, 38% report they were accepted into a doctoral degree program.
 - o 9% of graduates applied to programs related to their major.
 - 81% of graduates highly rate their overall experience at John Jay, and also 85% would choose to attend it again.
- Bachelor's Degree Graduates:
 - 84% of graduates report they completed a capstone experience. Of these graduates, 48% report they completed a thesis or final paper.
 - o 65% of graduates report they were accepted into a program for further study. Among these graduates, 72% report they were accepted into a master's degree program.
 - o 22% of graduates applied to programs related to their major.
 - o 89% of graduates highly rate their overall experience at John Jay, and 87% would choose to attend it again.

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The class of 2020 reports a very high percent of overall satisfaction with their John Jay College experience, and state that they would 'definitely' or 'probably' choose to attend the college again in the future.

Table 1
Student Characteristics

	DEGREE	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S	
Personal and Academic Characteristics	%	%	
GENDER			
FEMALE	67%	75%	
MALE	33%	25%	
ETHNICITY			
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK	20%	20%	
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	10%	14%	
HISPANIC	42%	24%	
NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	<1%		
WHITE	27%	42%	
ATTENDANCE STATUS			
MOSTLY FULL-TIME	91%	64%	
PART-TIME	9%	36%	
DID YOU TRANSFER TO JOHN JAY?			
YES	62%	17%	
NO	38%	83%	
DID YOU EVER TAKE A SEMESTER OFF?			
YES, ONE SEMESTER	6%	7%	
YES, MORE THAN ONE SEMESTER	12%	7%	
NO, I NEVER TOOK A SEMESTER OFF	82%	85%	
WAS JOHN JAY YOUR FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL?			
YES	74%	88%	
NO	26%	12%	

Table 1
Student Characteristics

	DEGREE	EARNED
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Current Employment	%	%
ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY?		
YES	56%	75%
NO	44%	25%
HOW MANY HOURS IN A WEEK DO YOU WORK?		
1-5 HOURS/WEEK	<1%	
6-10 HOURS/WEEK	3%	4%
11-20 HOURS/WEEK	23%	9%
21-34 HOURS/WEEK	23%	4%
35 OR MORE HOURS/WEEK	51%	84%
IN WHAT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION IS YOUR CURRENT JOB?		
A PUBLIC-SECTOR ORGANIZATION	34%	56%
A PRIVATE BUSINESS, COMPANY, OR ORGANIZATION	50%	27%
A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	12%	16%
SELF-EMPLOYED	4%	1%

Table 2 Major/Program

Major/Program by Degree	%
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BACHELOR DEGREE (N = 504)	
ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)	<1%
CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (BS)	<1%
COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION SECURITY (BS)	4%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CRIME CONTROL & PREV (BA)	5%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INST THEORY & PRACTICE (BS)	24%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT (BS)	9%
CRIMINOLOGY (BA)	9%
CULTURE & DEVIANCE STUDIES (BA)	<1%
ECONOMICS (BS)	1%
EMERGENCY SVS ADMINISTRATION (BS)	<1%
ENGLISH (BA)	1%
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICE (BA)	<1%
FIRE SCIENCE (BS)	<1%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (BA)	15%
FORENSIC SCIENCE (BS)	3%
FRAUD EXAMINATION & FINANCIAL FORENSICS (BS)	2%
GENDER STUDIES (BA)	<1%
GLOBAL HISTORY (BA)	<1%
HUMAN SERVICES & COMMUNITY JUSTICE (BS)	<1%
HUMANITIES & JUSTICE (BA)	<1%
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BA)	4%
LATIN AMERICAN & LATINA/O STUDIES (BA)	1%
LAW AND SOCIETY (BA)	6%
PHILOSOPHY (BA)	<1%
POLICE STUDIES (BS)	2%
POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)	5%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (BS)	4%
SECURITY MANAGEMENT (BS)	1%
SOCIOLOGY (BA)	2%
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WERE YOU ENROLLED IN A SPECIALIZATION,	
CONCENTRATION, OR TRACK IN YOUR MAJOR?	
YES	14%
NO	86%

Table 2 Major/Program

Major/Program by Degree	% Responding
DID YOU HAVE A SECONDARY MAJOR?	
YES	7%
NO	93%
WHAT IS YOUR SECONDARY MAJOR?	
APPLIED MATH: DATA SCI & CRYPTOGRAPHY (BS)	3%
CRIMINOLOGY (BA)	17%
ECONOMICS (BS)	3%
ENGLISH (BS)	3%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (BA)	11%
FRAUD EXAMINATION & FINANCIAL FORENSICS (BS)	3%
GENDER STUDIES (BA)	3%
HUMAN SERVICES & COMMUNITY JUSTICE (BS)	3%
HUMANITIES & JUSTICE (BA)	6%
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BA)	6%
LATIN AMERICAN & LATINA/O STUDIES (BA)	3%
LAW AND SOCIETY (BA)	11%
POLICE STUDIES (BS)	14%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (BS)	3%
SECURITY MANAGEMENT (BS)	3%
SOCIOLOGY (BA)	6%
SPANISH (BS)	6%
WERE YOU ENROLLED IN A SPECIALIZATION,	
CONCENTRATION, OR TRACK IN YOUR SECONDARY	
MAJOR?	
YES	8%
NO	92%

Table 2 Major/Program

Major/Program by Degree	% Responding
MASTER DEGREE (N = 152)	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MA)	23%
DIGITAL FORENSICS & CYBERSECURITY (MS)	4%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MA) online only	4%
FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING (MA)	7%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (MA)	9%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY & LAW (MA/JD)	1%
FORENSIC SCIENCE (MS)	8%
HUMAN RIGHTS (MA)	4%
INSPECTION & OVERSIGHT (MPA)	16%
INTERNATIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE (MA)	7%
PROTECTION MANAGEMENT (MS)	1%
PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY & LAW (MA/JD)	1%
PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION (MPA)	22%
WERE YOU ENROLLED IN A SPECIALIZATION,	
CONCENTRATION, OR TRACK IN YOUR MAJOR?	
YES	70%
NO	30%

Table 3 Faculty

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
To what extent did John Jay faculty:	%	%
EXPECT YOU TO MEET HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS		
VERY MUCH	64%	61%
SOME	28%	30%
A LITTLE	6%	7%
NOT AT ALL	2%	1%
PROVIDE FEEDBACK ABOUT YOUR ACADEMIC		
PERFORMANCE THAT HELPED YOU TO BE A BETTER		
STUDENT		
VERY MUCH	57%	51%
SOME	32%	34%
A LITTLE	7%	12%
NOT AT ALL	3%	3%
PROVIDE SUPPORT WHEN YOU WERE HAVING		
ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY		
VERY MUCH	56%	46%
SOME	31%	32%
A LITTLE	9%	16%
NOT AT ALL	5%	6%
SPEND TIME WITH STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF CLASS		
VERY MUCH	28%	20%
SOME	34%	36%
A LITTLE	19%	20%
NOT AT ALL	19%	24%

Table 4
Advising

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following		
aspects of advising at John Jay?	%	%
OVERALL AVAILABILITY OF FACULTY ADVISING AT JOHN JAY		
VERY SATISFIED	40%	25%
SATISFIED	49%	47%
DISSATISFIED	8%	15%
VERY DISSATISFIED	3%	13%
AVAILABILITY OF FACULTY ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	34%	20%
SATISFIED	45%	42%
DISSATISFIED	15%	26%
VERY DISSATISFIED	5%	11%
QUALITY OF FACULTY ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	35%	20%
SATISFIED	42%	42%
DISSATISFIED	17%	25%
VERY DISSATISFIED	6%	13%
OVERALL AVAILABILITY OF ADVISING AT JOHN JAY		
VERY SATISFIED	44%	24%
SATISFIED	47%	42%
DISSATISFIED	6%	21%
VERY DISSATISFIED	3%	13%
AVAILABILITY OF ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS		
AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	35%	20%
SATISFIED	46%	48%
DISSATISFIED	16%	23%
VERY DISSATISFIED	3%	10%

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Advising

	DEGREE EARNED	
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aspects of advising at John Jay?	%	%
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QUALITY OF ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	34%	18%
SATISFIED	45%	40%
DISSATISFIED	17%	29%
VERY DISSATISFIED	4%	12%
FROM WHICH OF ADVISING CENTERS DID YOU RECEIVED		
ADVISING?*		
ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER	65%	42%
CENTER FOR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	19%	22%
ACE	3%	1%
APPLE CORPS	3%	
HONORS	3%	2%
MACAULAY	1%	_,,
SFFK	4%	1%
OTHER PROGRAM (PRISM, CUSP, etc.)	10%	3%
NEITHER	8%	35%

^{*} The respondents were allowed to chose more then one answer.

Table 5
Personal Development

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Because of my experiences at John Jay I:	%	%
AM MORE WILLING TO INTERACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM ME IN TERMS OF RACE,		
CULTURE, OR BELIEFS		
STRONGLY AGREE AGREE DISAGREE STRONGLY DISAGREE	56% 34% 8% 2%	44% 37% 17% 2%
HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY OWN ETHICS AND VALUES STRONGLY AGREE AGREE DISAGREE STRONGLY DISAGREE	59% 32% 8% 1%	49% 38% 12% 2%
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE TO TRY NEW THINGS STRONGLY AGREE AGREE DISAGREE	52% 37% 8%	46% 38% 17%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	

Table 5
Personal Development

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Compared to when you started your current		
degree, how likely are you now to:	%	%
VOLUNTEER TIME OR DONATE MONEY TO A NON-		
PROFIT ORGANIZATION		
MUCH MORE LIKELY	29%	18%
MORE LIKELY	25%	21%
EQUALLY LIKELY	39%	53%
LESS LIKELY	4%	6%
MUCH LESS LIKELY	3%	1%
SUPPORT A POLITICAL OR SOCIAL MOVEMENT		
MUCH MORE LIKELY	31%	19%
MORE LIKELY	24%	22%
EQUALLY LIKELY	34%	48%
LESS LIKELY	6%	8%
MUCH LESS LIKELY	5%	4%
VOTE IN A LOCAL ELECTION		
MUCH MORE LIKELY	42%	27%
MORE LIKELY	23%	20%
EQUALLY LIKELY	30%	49%
LESS LIKELY	2%	3%
MUCH LESS LIKELY	3%	2%

Table 6
Skill Development

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
How much did the following skills improve as a		
result of your studies at John Jay?	%	%
ABILITY TO SPEAK CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY		
GREATLY IMPROVED	54%	43%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	35%	33%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	8%	14%
DID NOT IMPROVE	4%	10%
ABILITY TO WRITE CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY		
GREATLY IMPROVED	65%	54%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	25%	30%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	6%	10%
DID NOT IMPROVE	3%	7%
ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND READ DATA		
GREATLY IMPROVED	57%	53%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	30%	32%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	7%	9%
DID NOT IMPROVE	6%	6%
ABILITY TO USE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT AN		
ARGUMENT		
GREATLY IMPROVED	72%	60%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	22%	28%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	4%	8%
DID NOT IMPROVE	2%	4%
ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY AND ANALITICALLY		
GREATLY IMPROVED	66%	55%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	26%	32%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	6%	8%
DID NOT IMPROVE	1%	5%

Table 7
Learning Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
To what extent did courses in your major:	%	%
CHALLENGE YOU TO VIEW AN ISSUE FROM A		
DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW		
VERY MUCH	69%	50%
SOME	24%	34%
A LITTLE	4%	10%
NOT AT ALL	3%	5%
ENCOURAGE YOU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A TOPIC		
OR ISSUE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION		
VERY MUCH	75%	63%
SOME	19%	27%
A LITTLE	4%	6%
NOT AT ALL	2%	4%
INSPIRE YOU TO EXPLORE A TOPIC OR SUBJECT NOT		
REQUIRED FOR A CLASS		
VERY MUCH	62%	51%
SOME	28%	35%
A LITTLE	5%	7%
NOT AT ALL	5%	7%
TEACH YOU TO USE INFORMATION TO DEVELOP NEW		
IDEAS OF YOUR OWN VERY MUCH	67%	58%
SOME	25%	30%
A LITTLE	5%	7%
NOT AT ALL	3%	4%
	370	470
ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN		
INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY	49%	42%
VERY MUCH SOME	24%	25%
A LITTLE	14%	10%
NOT AT ALL	13%	23%
DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE		
INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP		
YES	36%	31%
NO	64%	69%

Table 7
Learning Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
The courses I took in my major/program:	%	%
HELPED ME DEVELOP DEEP-LEVEL KNOWLEDGE		
ABOUT A MAJOR		
STRONGLY AGREE	61%	59%
AGREE	33%	36%
DISAGREE	4%	2%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2%	4%
HELPED ME DEVELOP THE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR MY		
FUTURE CAREER		
STRONGLY AGREE	53%	53%
AGREE	37%	37%
DISAGREE	6%	7%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4%	3%
HELPED ME PRERARE TO PURSUE A MORE		
ADVANCED DEGREE		
STRONGLY AGREE	52%	45%
AGREE	37%	44%
DISAGREE	8%	8%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4%	4%

Table 8 Capstone Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
	%	%
DID YOU COMPLETE A CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE IN YOUR MAJOR/PROGRAM?		
YES	84%	73%
NO	16%	27%
WAS YOUR CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE PART OF A COURSE? YES NO	98% 2%	95% 5%
WHAT TYPE OF CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE DID YOU		
COMPLETE?*		
THESIS OR FINAL PAPER	48%	38%
PRESENTATION	27%	26%
RESEARCH PROJECT	38%	26%
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	7%	12%
COMPREHENSIVE EXAM	5%	9%
PERFORMANCE OR PORTFOLIO	3%	1%
OTHER	1%	3%

^{*} The respondents were allowed to chose more then one answer.

Table 8
Capstone Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
My capstone experience:	%	%
REQUIRED ME TO THINK ABOUT THE		
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE COURSES IN MY		
MAJOR OR PROGRAM		
STRONGLY AGREE	61%	60%
AGREE	30%	30%
DISAGREE	5%	7%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4%	3%
ALLOWED ME TO SHOW ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE		
OF MY MAJOR OR PROGRAM		
STRONGLY AGREE	60%	61%
AGREE	33%	30%
DISAGREE	4%	7%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	2%
ALLOWED ME TO APPLY THE 'TOOLS' OF MY FIELD		
STRONGLY AGREE	59%	59%
AGREE	34%	35%
DISAGREE	4%	4%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4%	2%

Table 9
Future Plans

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Future Plans	%	%
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO IN THE NEXT 6 TO 8 MONTHS?*		
CONTINUE WORKING IN MY CURRENT JOB	34%	45%
LOOK FOR A NEW JOB	57%	61%
PURSUE FURTHER STUDY	55%	29%
ENTER THE MILITARY	2%	1%
JOIN A VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM	5%	3%
DO NOT PLAN TO WORK OR STUDY OUTSIDE THE HOME	1%	1%
DO NOT KNOW YET	12%	8%
OTHER	6%	5%
WHY YOU DO NOT PLAN TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME?		
STARTING A FAMILY		1%
PROVIDING CARE FOR DEPENDENTS	1%	
PROVIDING CARE FOR ELDERLY RELATIVES	<1%	
OTHER	1%	1%
IS YOUR CURRENT JOB RELATED TO YOUR MAJOR OR PROGRAM?		
YES	39%	66%
NO	61%	34%
ARE YOUR CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?		
YES	70%	63%
NO	30%	37%
WHAT IS THE REASON FOR LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?*		
I AM CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED	26%	16%
I WANT A JOB THAT IS MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO MY	42%	34%
MAJOR		
I WANT TO ADVANCE TO A MORE CHALLENGING POSITION	20%	26%
I WANT TO WORK IN A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	18%	17%
I WANT A HIGHER SALARY	29%	34%
I WANT A FULL-TIME POSITION	29%	17%
OTHER	2%	4%
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Table 9 Future Plans

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Future Plans	%	%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET A PAY RAISE?*		
YES	24%	40%
NO	76%	60%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET A PROMOTION?*		
YES	21%	38%
NO	79%	62%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET ADDITIONAL BENEFITS?*		
YES	19%	24%
NO	81%	76%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET OTHER BENEFITS?*		
YES	18%	20%
NO	82%	80%

^{*} The respondents were allowed to chose more then one answer.

Table 10
Further Study*

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
If you plan to pursue further study:	%	%
ARE YOU APPLYING TO PROGRAMS RELATED TO YOU		
CURRENT MAJOR OR PROGRAM?		
YES, FULL-TIME	18%	8%
YES, PART-TIME	4%	1%
NO	78%	91%
HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED TO A PROGRAM YET?		
YES	65%	62%
NO	35%	38%
IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM,		
WHAT DEGREE WERE YOU ACCEPTED IN TO ?**		
CERTIFICATE	5%	8%
BACHELOR	4%	
MASTER'S (MA, MS, MPA, MBA)	72%	23%
LAW DEGREE (JD, LLB)	12%	23%
DOCTORATE (PHD, EDD, PSYD)	5%	38%
MEDICAL (MD)		
OTHER	2%	8%
IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM,		
WHEN WILL YOU ENROLL?**		
NEXT 6 MONTHS	95%	88%
NEXT 7-12 MONTHS	2%	
NEXT 13-18 MONTHS	2%	
I DO NOT KNOW YET	1%	
WILL NOT BE ENROLLING		12%

^{*} Include only graduates who plan to pursue further studies.

^{**} Includes only graduates who reported they were accepted into a program for further study.

Table 11
Overall Satisfaction

	DEGREE	DEGREE EARNED		
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S		
	%	%		
HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR OVERALL				
EXPERIENCE AT JOHN JAY				
EXCELLENT	57%	42%		
GOOD	32%	39%		
FAIR	8%	14%		
POOR	3%	5%		
WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND JOHN JAY				
AGAIN				
DEFINITELY YES	66%	51%		
PROBABLY YES	21%	34%		
PROBABLY NOT	7%	11%		
DEFINITELY NOT	5%	4%		