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Q1. How would you rate the economic conditions in the United States today?

		Financial Aid			gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Excellent	8%	9%	8%	7%	4%	14%	2%
Good	41%	48%	38%	43%	38%	47%	17%
Fair	40%	35%	42%	44%	46%	29%	67%
Poor	10%	8%	12%	7%	12%	8%	14%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(475)	(1008)	(16)	(575)	(856)	(68)

		major:grouped					politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Excellent	8%	6%	16%	8%	9%	8%	2%	9%	25%
Good	41%	37%	40%	41%	42%	39%	36%	42%	47%
Fair	40%	38%	29%	40%	36%	43%	47%	38%	24%
Poor	10%	19%	15%	10%	12%	9%	14%	10%	5%
Refused	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(87)	(32)	(553)	(342)	(484)	(474)	(808)	(209)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Excellent	8%	9%	7%	9%	7%	0%	5%	7%
Good	41%	42%	42%	38%	34%	49%	37%	65%
Fair	40%	39%	41%	38%	43%	51%	49%	21%
Poor	10%	9%	7%	13%	14%	0%	9%	6%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

Q2. Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

		Financial Aid			gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Staying the same	42%	45%	40%	55%	45%	39%	32%
Getting worse	36%	31%	38%	28%	38%	31%	53%
Getting better	22%	23%	21%	17%	16%	29%	16%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(475)	(1008)	(16)	(575)	(856)	(68)

		major:grouped					politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Staying the same	42%	32%	36%	44%	43%	40%	43%	42%	37%
Getting worse	36%	46%	48%	33%	33%	38%	46%	34%	14%
Getting better	22%	22%	16%	21%	23%	22%	10%	23%	49%
Refused	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(87)	(32)	(553)	(342)	(484)	(474)	(808)	(209)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Staying the same	42%	37%	51%	53%	41%	75%	43%	39%
Getting worse	36%	38%	32%	31%	36%	0%	39%	32%
Getting better	22%	24%	14%	15%	21%	25%	16%	29%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Total	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

Q3. How likely is it that a recession will hit the United States in the next two years?

		Financial Aid			gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very likely	20%	21%	20%	7%	18%	21%	26%
Somewhat likely	55%	53%	56%	51%	58%	51%	58%
Not very likely	21%	23%	21%	42%	20%	24%	14%
Not at all likely	2%	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Total	99%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(475)	(1008)	(16)	(575)	(856)	(68)

		major:grouped					politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very likely	20%	24%	14%	19%	21%	20%	28%	18%	5%
Somewhat likely	55%	61%	66%	57%	51%	54%	56%	57%	44%
Not very likely	21%	15%	14%	20%	23%	24%	13%	23%	44%
Not at all likely	2%	1%	4%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	6%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Total	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%
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	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Very likely	20%	20%	19%	18%	23%	0%	19%	17%
Somewhat likely	55%	55%	58%	54%	48%	100%	61%	60%
Not very likely	21%	22%	19%	19%	24%	0%	19%	23%
Not at all likely	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	6%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Total	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

Q4. How confident are you that you will find a job related to your major after graduation?

		Financial Aid			gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very confident	30%	34%	28%	28%	24%	38%	12%
Somewhat confident	48%	44%	50%	37%	50%	45%	53%
Not very confident	16%	17%	16%	8%	18%	12%	27%
Not at all confident	5%	4%	5%	27%	6%	4%	8%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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		major:grouped					politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very confident	30%	14%	23%	34%	27%	29%	22%	31%	44%
Somewhat confident	48%	58%	49%	47%	46%	49%	53%	47%	39%
Not very confident	16%	21%	20%	14%	18%	16%	19%	15%	11%
Not at all confident	5%	6%	8%	3%	8%	5%	4%	6%	5%
Refused	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
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	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Very confident	30%	36%	17%	18%	24%	25%	26%	20%
Somewhat confident	48%	44%	51%	56%	51%	65%	52%	50%
Not very confident	16%	15%	27%	15%	18%	0%	15%	20%
Not at all confident	5%	5%	2%	5%	6%	9%	5%	10%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	6%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

Q5. How worried are you about a recession impacting your job prospects after graduation?

		Financial Aid			gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very worried	13%	11%	13%	11%	13%	10%	23%
Somewhat worried	45%	44%	46%	42%	49%	40%	51%
Not very worried	31%	30%	31%	20%	30%	32%	20%
Not at all worried	10%	14%	8%	27%	6%	15%	5%
Refused	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(475)	(1008)	(16)	(575)	(856)	(68)

		major:grouped					politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very worried	13%	16%	18%	9%	13%	15%	14%	12%	7%
Somewhat worried	45%	49%	55%	45%	45%	45%	53%	45%	27%
Not very worried	31%	26%	24%	32%	31%	30%	27%	31%	42%
Not at all worried	10%	8%	4%	11%	11%	9%	4%	11%	23%
Refused	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%
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Very worried	13%	11%	15%	10%	18%	9%	11%	28%
Somewhat worried	45%	44%	57%	50%	44%	75%	35%	42%
Not very worried	31%	34%	19%	24%	29%	16%	40%	30%
Not at all worried	10%	11%	6%	11%	8%	0%	12%	0%
Refused	2%	1%	2%	6%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Total	101%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

Q6. How likely is it that you will be able to afford to live outside of your family's home after graduation?

		Financial Aid			gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very likely	29%	34%	27%	61%	25%	35%	22%
Somewhat likely	38%	40%	38%	30%	38%	38%	38%
Not very likely	25%	21%	27%	5%	28%	20%	35%
Not at all likely	7%	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	4%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
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	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very likely	29%	21%	18%	32%	28%	28%	25%	30%	37%
Somewhat likely	38%	45%	54%	38%	35%	38%	37%	38%	43%
Not very likely	25%	31%	24%	22%	26%	27%	30%	25%	14%
Not at all likely	7%	3%	4%	6%	10%	5%	7%	7%	6%
Refused	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
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	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Very likely	29%	34%	18%	16%	29%	31%	21%	34%
Somewhat likely	38%	41%	45%	34%	30%	43%	36%	40%
Not very likely	25%	20%	28%	41%	28%	0%	38%	27%
Not at all likely	7%	5%	8%	5%	13%	25%	4%	0%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

Q7. If you knew for sure that a recession was coming, would you change your major?

	Financial Aid				gender:grouped		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Yes	9%	9%	9%	0%	9%	9%	8%
No	89%	90%	89%	100%	89%	89%	92%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(475)	(1008)	(16)	(575)	(856)	(68)

		major:grouped					politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	9%	10%	16%	6%	13%	8%	9%	8%	12%
No	89%	90%	82%	92%	85%	90%	89%	91%	88%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(87)	(32)	(553)	(342)	(484)	(474)	(808)	(209)

		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Yes	9%	8%	12%	8%	12%	9%	8%	16%
No	89%	91%	85%	87%	87%	91%	90%	84%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Total	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1499)	(1033)	(156)	(71)	(136)	(6)	(74)	(22)

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Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by College Pulse. Interviews were conducted in English among a sample of 1501 undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the U.S.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's Undergraduate Student Panel that includes over 240,000 verified students representing more than 800 different colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members are recruited by a number of methods to help ensure diversity in the panel population, including web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university organizations.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, and gender. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 2.9\%$. Margins of error are typically calculated on probability-based samples and are not technically correct for non-probability online samples. We supply them here to provide a general assessment of error ranges that may be associated with the data.

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About College Pulse

College Pulse is an online survey and analytics company dedicated to understanding the attitudes, preferences, and behaviors of today's college students. College Pulse offers custom data-driven marketing and research solutions, utilizing its unique Undergraduate Student Panel that includes 240,000 undergraduate college student respondents from more than 800 four-year colleges and universities in all 50 states.

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