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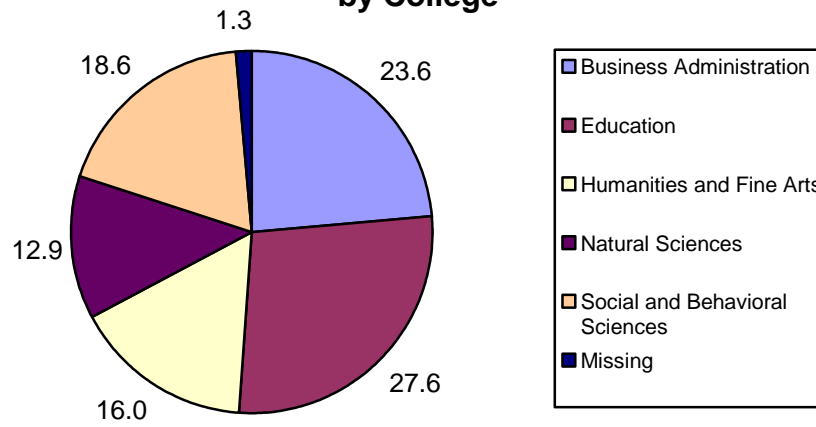
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## Section I

### Introduction

This report represents a summary of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Summer School Survey given to students participating in advanced registration for summer school on March 10-12, 2004. The questions on the Summer School Survey were designed to help gain a better understanding of the patterns of usage of summer school courses and student's preferences for scheduling. The survey was completed by 2,685 students. On average, 537 students answered each question (see Figure 1 for the distribution of respondents by college).

**Figure 1. Distribution of Respondents by College**



### Method

All students participating in electronic registration for Summer 2004 were presented with two paired questions randomly selected from a list of ten items prior to advancing to the registration screen during the summer registration process. Respondents were asked to specify their preferences for the summer school session at UNI by indicating the extent to which they agreed or disagreed to the survey statements on a Likert-type scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). Some of the items required the student to indicate a "yes" or "no" response, while others required a specific date or time selection.

Table 1 presents demographic information for student respondents to the UNI Summer School Survey. For the purposes of this study, demographic information consisted of sex, race, grade classification, residency status, and age. We were unable to obtain demographic information for some respondents. This missing data is reflected in the decreased total N for each category. Throughout this report, most percentages were rounded to the nearest one tenth of a percent. Therefore, due to this rounding, the values in some of the tables may not equal precisely 100 percent.

**Table 1. Demographic Characteristics by College**

	Business Admin.		Education		Humanities and Fine Arts		Natural Sciences		Social and Behavioral Sciences		Unknown		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Sex</b>														
Male	319	52.1	136	19.0	115	27.8	202	60.3	127	26.3	8	23.5	907	35.0
Female	293	47.9	580	81.0	299	72.2	133	39.7	355	73.7	26	76.5	1686	65.0
Total	612	100	716	100	414	100	335	100	482	100	34	34	2593	100
<b>Age</b>														
19 or under	2	0.4	3	0.5	2	0.6	4	1.4	1	0.3	2	9.5	14	0.7
20-23	429	86.7	418	68.9	268	78.8	184	65.7	311	78.3	16	76.2	1626	76.0
24-29	51	10.3	99	16.3	45	13.2	52	18.6	56	14.1	1	4.8	304	14.2
30-39	9	1.8	41	6.8	14	4.1	26	9.3	17	4.3	0	0	107	5.0
40-55	4	0.8	42	6.9	10	2.9	13	4.6	11	2.8	2	9.5	82	3.8
Over 55	0	0	4	0.7	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	0.3	0	0	7	0.3
Total	495	100	607	100	340	100	280	100	397	100	21	100	2140	100
<b>Race</b>														
Caucasian	557	93.0	663	95.3	351	89.5	287	88.9	411	90.1	29	93.5	2298	92.0
African American	13	2.2	18	2.6	18	4.6	15	4.6	25	5.5	2	6.5	91	3.6
Native American	2	0.3	1	0.1	2	0.5	1	0.3	4	0.9	0	0	10	0.4
Asian/ Pac. Island	7	1.2	2	0.3	10	2.6	6	1.9	5	1.1	0	0	30	1.2
Hispanic	3	0.5	8	1.1	9	2.3	7	2.2	10	2.2	0	0	37	1.5
Non-resident Alien	17	2.8	4	0.6	2	0.5	7	2.2	1	0.2	0	0	31	1.2
Total	599	100	696	100	392	100	323	100	456	100	31	100	2497	100
<b>Classification</b>														
Freshman	23	3.8	23	3.2	14	3.4	19	5.7	14	2.9	12	35.3	105	4.0
Sophomore	95	15.5	76	10.6	65	15.7	52	15.5	75	15.6	12	35.3	375	14.5
Junior	245	40.0	236	33.0	143	34.5	117	34.9	207	42.9	8	23.5	956	36.9
Senior	245	40.0	226	31.6	149	36.0	131	39.1	167	34.6	2	5.9	920	35.5
Graduate	4	0.7	155	21.6	43	10.4	16	4.8	19	3.9	0	0	237	9.1
Total	612	100	716	100	414	100	335	100	482	100	34	100	2593	100
<b>Residence Status</b>														
Resident	579	94.6	686	95.9	388	93.9	309	92.2	469	97.3	34	100	2465	95.1
Non-Resident	33	5.4	29	4.1	25	6.1	26	7.8	13	2.7	0	0	126	4.9
Total	612	100	715	100	413	100	335	100	482	100	34	100	2591	100

## Results

The subsequent summary tables and charts of responses to the survey questions show the number and the percent responding to each question broken down by college. College designation for some respondents was unavailable; therefore, some percentages reflect this missing data. A summary of data from 2000 to 2004 is also presented. The following list presents some of the key observations of the survey. Certain patterns of response may indicate a need for future examination of these relationships in the university environment. Please note that agreement is presented in terms of individuals who responded either “agree” or “strongly agree” to the survey items.

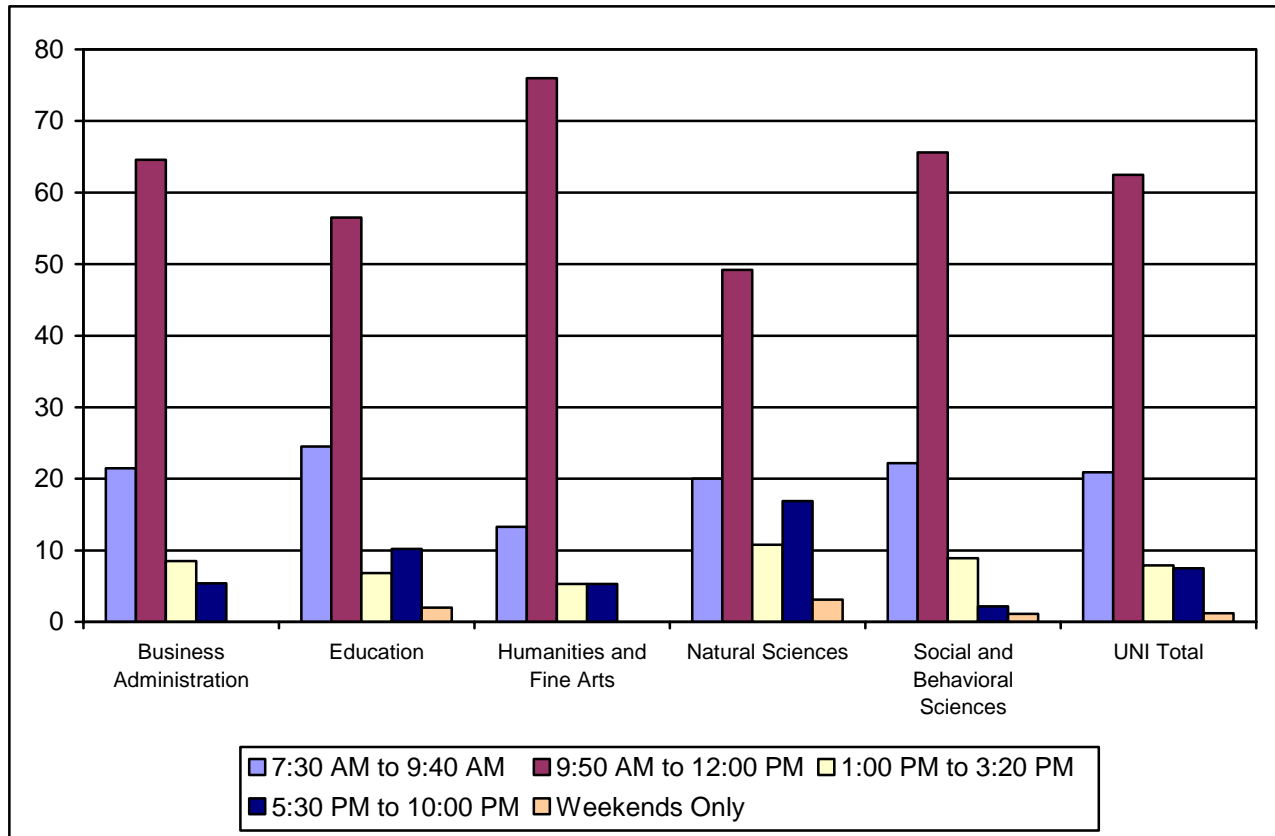
- A large number of students (63.1%) indicated that they prefer summer school courses to be offered between 9:50 AM and 12:00 PM. The majority of the respondents (83.8%) indicated that they prefer to attend summer school classes before 12:00 noon.
- Approximately seventy percent of all respondents (72.7%) indicated that they prefer to take summer school courses during the month of May, while 24.3% prefer June, and only 3.0% prefer to take courses in July.
- The majority of respondents (72.5%) stated that their primary reason for enrolling in a summer course was to stay on schedule.
- Well over three fourths of respondents (81.3%) indicated that they prefer to have summer school courses offered in 4-week sessions.
- 44.3% of respondents indicated that financial aid was an important part of their decision to enroll in summer school (16.3% agree and 28.0% strongly agree to this statement). This is almost a five percent increase from the 2003 Summer School Survey, and almost a 10% increase from the 2002 Summer School Survey.

- Respondents indicated that local employment was an important part of their decision to enroll in summer school (51.3%).
- 41.1% of respondents agreed that the courses available in summer school this year met their needs, and 38.5% agreed that the time at which summer school courses are offered this summer met their needs.
- Now that a May session is offered during the summer, 71.7% of respondents found it useful to have this session (55.6% of respondents found this session very useful and 16.1% of respondents found this session useful).

## Summary of Responses

**Q1. I prefer summer school courses offered (time of day):**

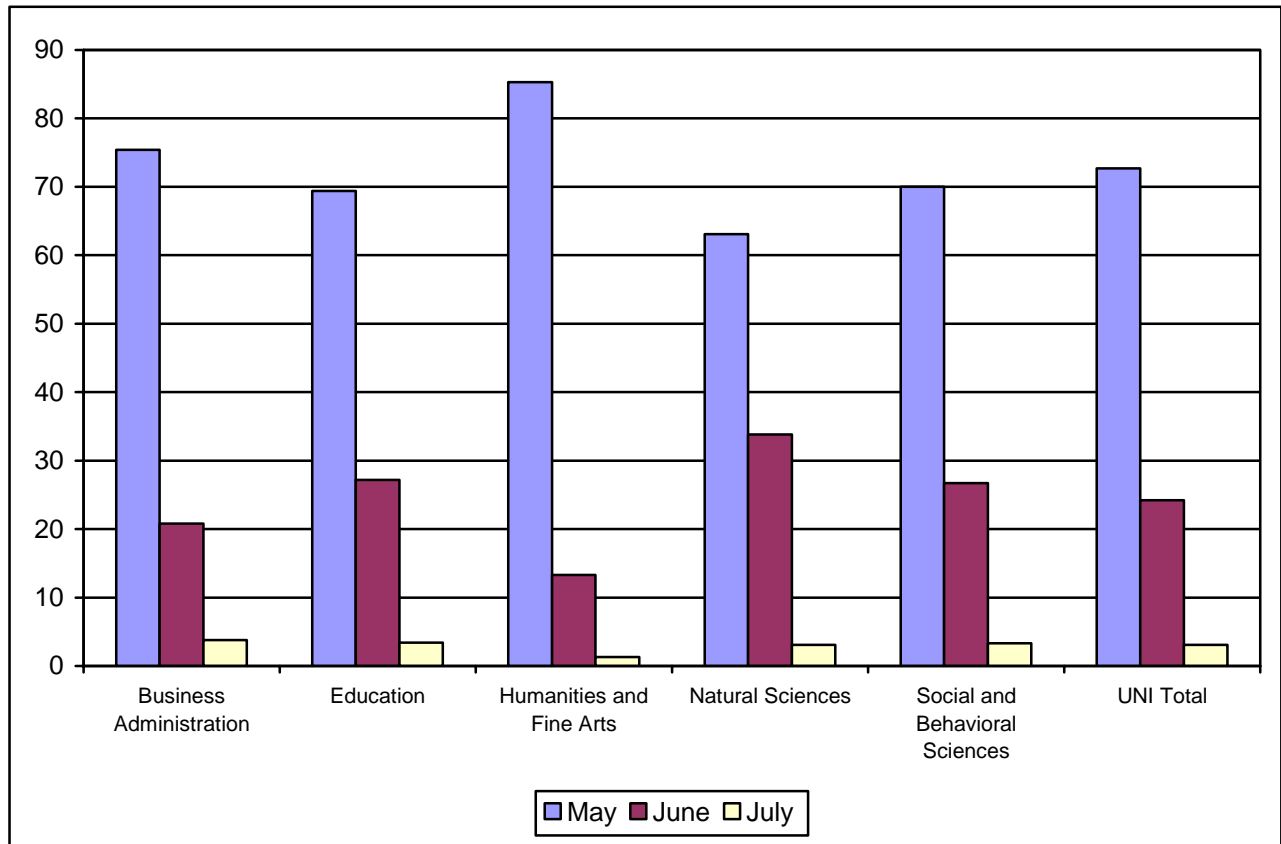
	7:30 AM to 9:40 AM		9:50 AM to 12:00 PM		1:00 PM to 3:20 PM		5:30 PM to 10:00 PM		Weekends Only		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	28	21.5	84	64.6	11	8.5	7	5.4	0	0	130	100
<b>Education</b>	36	24.5	83	56.5	10	6.8	15	10.2	3	2.0	147	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	10	13.3	57	76.0	4	5.3	4	5.3	0	0	75	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	13	20.0	32	49.2	7	10.8	11	16.9	2	3.1	65	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	20	22.2	59	65.6	8	8.9	2	2.2	1	1.1	90	100
<b>Unknown</b>	1	10.0	8	80.0	1	10.0	0	0	0	0	10	100
<b>Total</b>	108	20.9	323	62.5	41	7.9	39	7.5	6	1.2	517	100





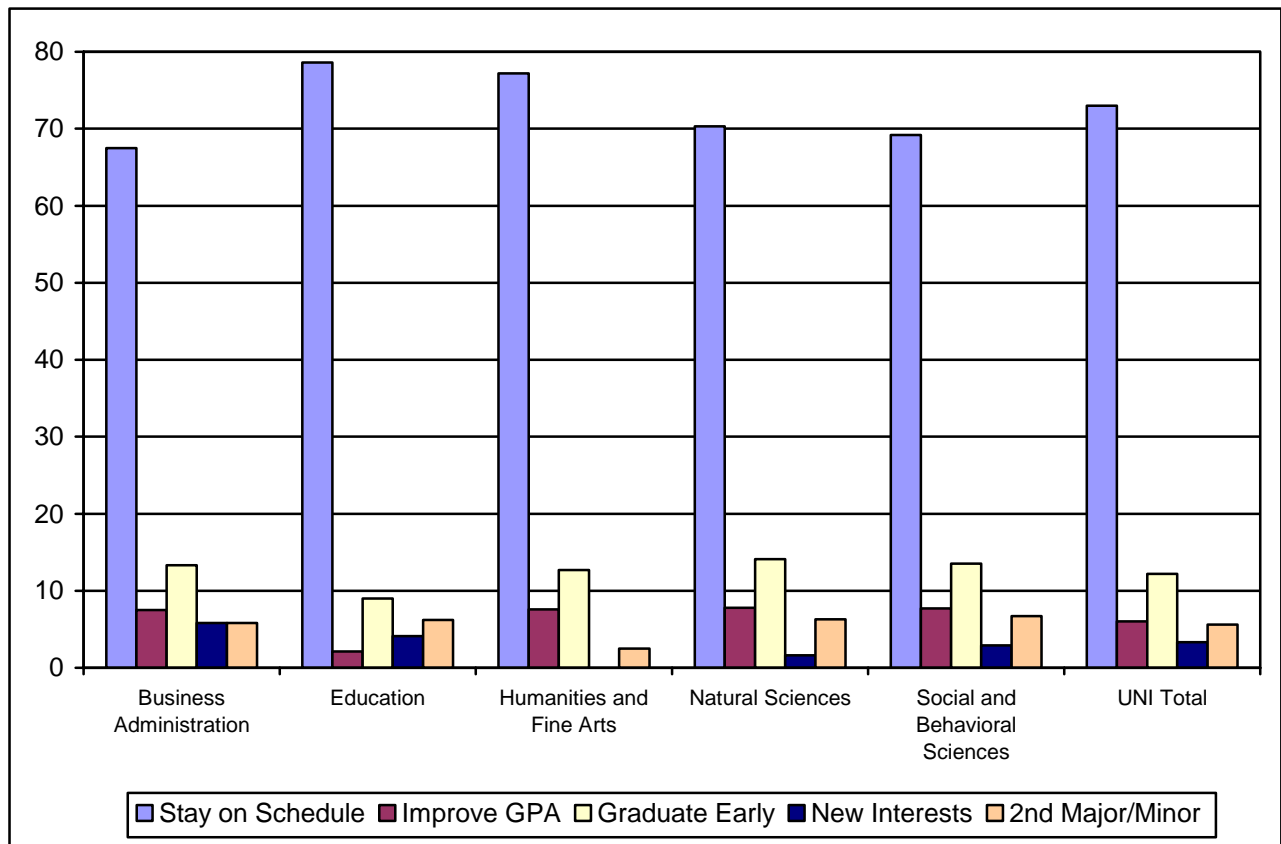
**Q2. I prefer summer school courses offered during (month):**

	May		June		July		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	98	75.4	27	20.8	5	3.8	130	100
<b>Education</b>	102	69.4	40	27.2	5	3.4	147	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	64	85.3	10	13.3	1	1.3	75	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	41	63.1	22	33.8	2	3.1	65	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	63	70.0	24	26.7	3	3.3	90	100
<b>Unknown</b>	8	80.0	2	20.0	0	0	10	100
<b>Total</b>	376	72.7	125	24.2	16	3.1	517	100



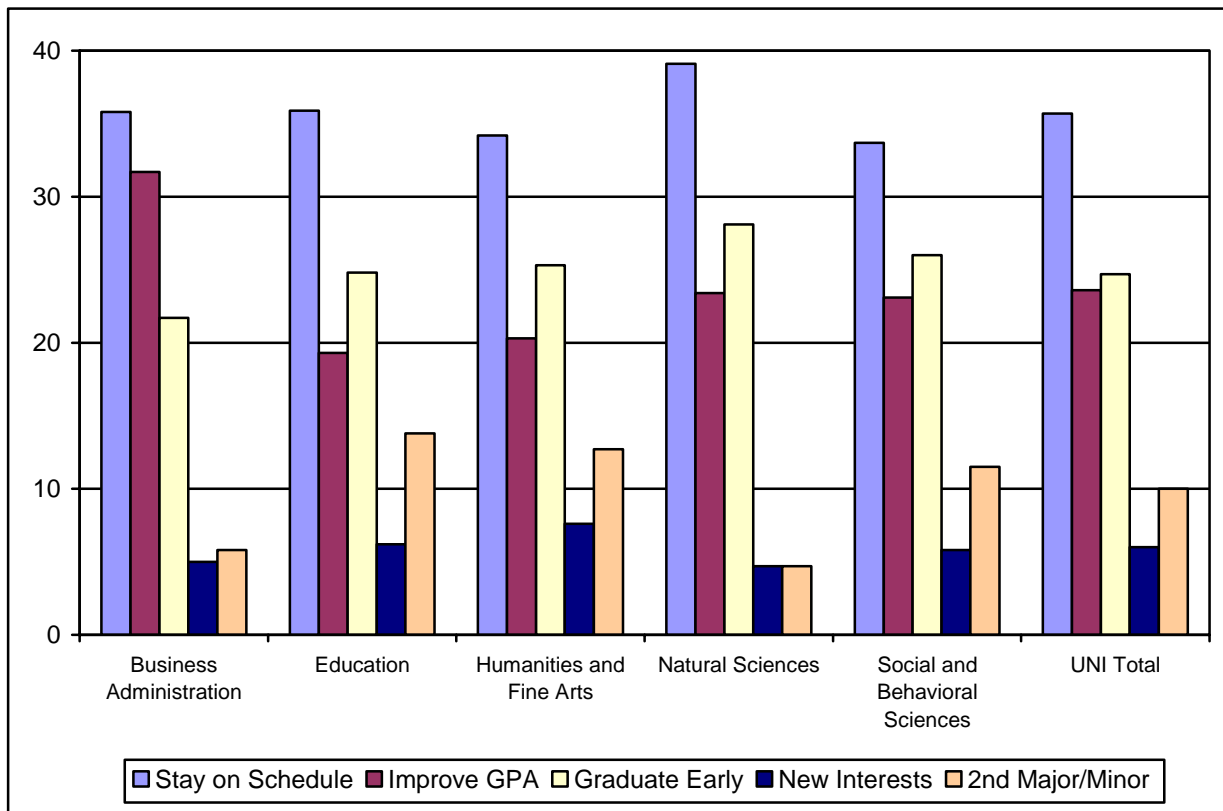
**Q3. My primary reason for enrolling in summer school is:**

	Stay on Schedule		Improve GPA		Graduate Early		New Interests		2 <sup>nd</sup> Major or Minor		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	81	67.5	9	7.5	16	13.3	7	5.8	7	5.8	120	100
<b>Education</b>	114	78.6	3	2.1	13	9.0	6	4.1	9	6.2	145	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	61	77.2	6	7.6	10	12.7	0	0	2	2.5	79	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	45	70.3	5	7.8	9	14.1	1	1.6	4	6.3	64	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	72	69.2	8	7.7	14	13.5	3	2.9	7	6.7	104	100
<b>Unknown</b>	5	83.3	0	0	1	16.7	0	0	0	0	6	100
<b>Total</b>	378	73.0	31	6.0	63	12.2	17	3.3	29	5.6	518	100



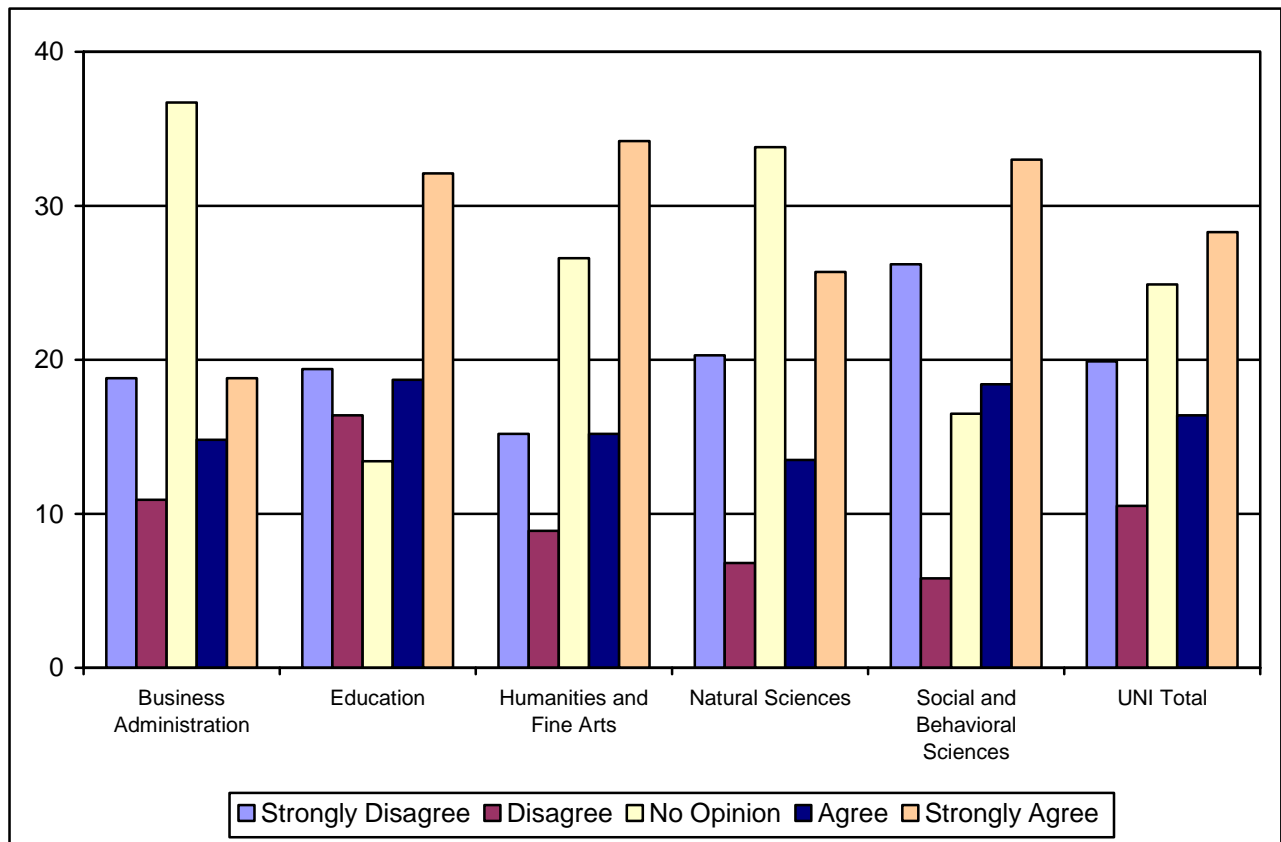
**Q4. My secondary reason for enrolling in summer school is:**

	Stay on Schedule		Improve GPA		Graduate Early		New Interests		2 <sup>nd</sup> Major or Minor		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	43	35.8	38	31.7	26	21.7	6	5.0	7	5.8	120	100
<b>Education</b>	52	35.9	28	19.3	36	24.8	9	6.2	20	13.8	145	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	27	34.2	16	20.3	20	25.3	6	7.6	10	12.7	79	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	25	39.1	15	23.4	18	28.1	3	4.7	3	4.7	64	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	35	33.7	24	23.1	27	26.0	6	5.8	12	11.5	104	100
<b>Unknown</b>	3	50.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0	6	100
<b>Total</b>	185	35.7	122	23.6	128	24.7	31	6.0	52	10.0	518	100



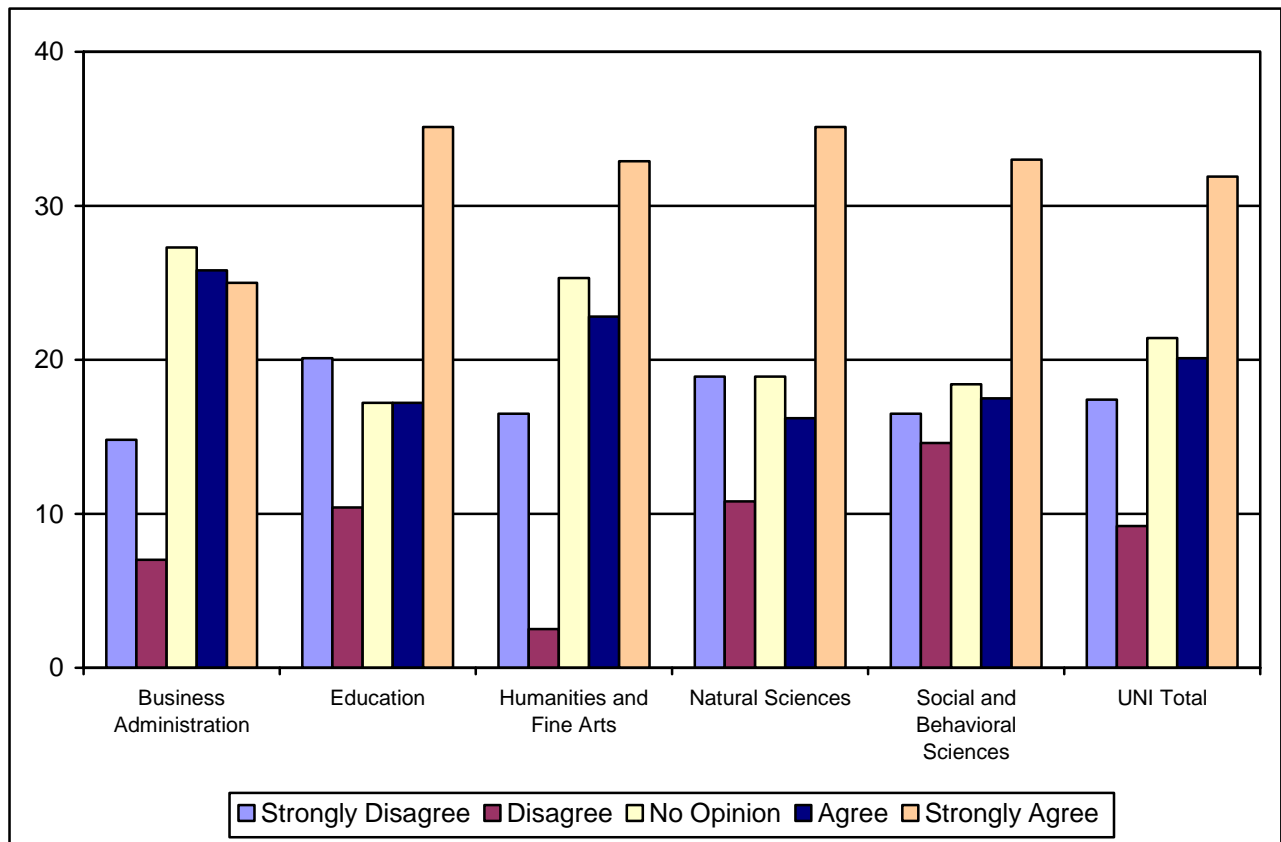
**Q5. Financial aid is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	24	18.8	14	10.9	47	36.7	19	14.8	24	18.8	128	100
<b>Education</b>	26	19.4	22	16.4	18	13.4	25	18.7	43	32.1	134	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	12	15.2	7	8.9	21	26.6	12	15.2	27	34.2	79	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	15	20.3	5	6.8	25	33.8	10	13.5	19	25.7	74	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	27	26.2	6	5.8	17	16.5	19	18.4	34	33.0	103	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	1	20.0	2	40.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	5	100
<b>Total</b>	104	19.9	55	10.5	130	24.9	86	16.4	148	28.3	523	100



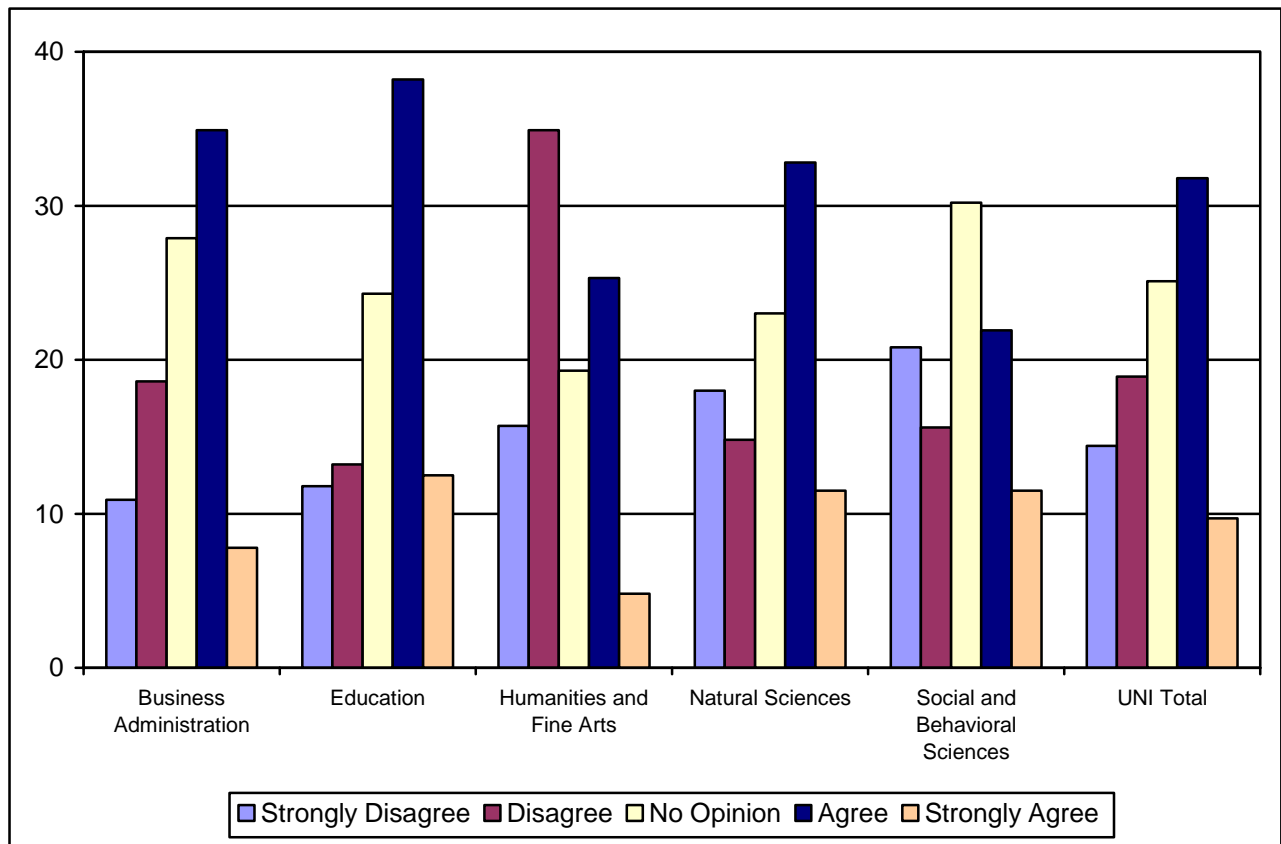
**Q6. Local employment is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	19	14.8	9	7.0	35	27.3	33	25.8	32	25.0	128	100
<b>Education</b>	27	20.1	14	10.4	23	17.2	23	17.2	47	35.1	134	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	13	16.5	2	2.5	20	25.3	18	22.8	26	32.9	79	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	14	18.9	8	10.8	14	18.9	12	16.2	26	35.1	74	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	17	16.5	15	14.6	19	18.4	18	17.5	34	33.0	103	100
<b>Unknown</b>	1	20.0	0	0	1	20.0	1	20.0	2	40.0	5	100
<b>Total</b>	91	17.4	48	9.2	112	21.4	105	20.1	167	31.9	523	100



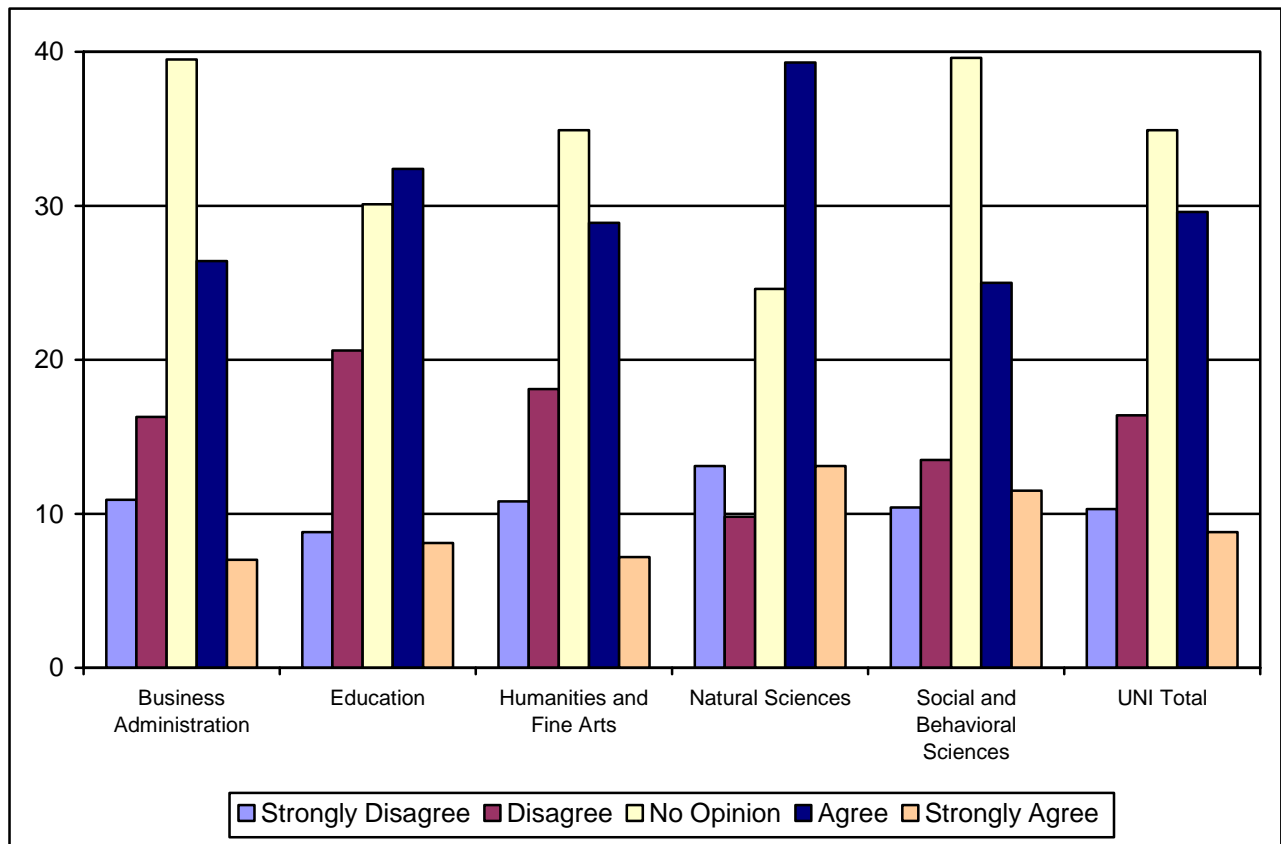
**Q7. The courses available in summer school this year meet my needs.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	14	10.9	24	18.6	36	27.9	45	34.9	10	7.8	129	100
<b>Education</b>	16	11.8	18	13.2	33	24.3	52	38.2	17	12.5	136	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	13	15.7	29	34.9	16	19.3	21	25.3	4	4.8	83	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	11	18.0	9	14.8	14	23.0	20	32.8	7	11.5	61	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	20	20.8	15	15.6	29	30.2	21	21.9	11	11.5	96	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	2	25.0	1	12.5	4	50.0	1	12.5	8	100
<b>Total</b>	74	14.4	97	18.9	129	25.1	163	31.8	50	9.7	513	100



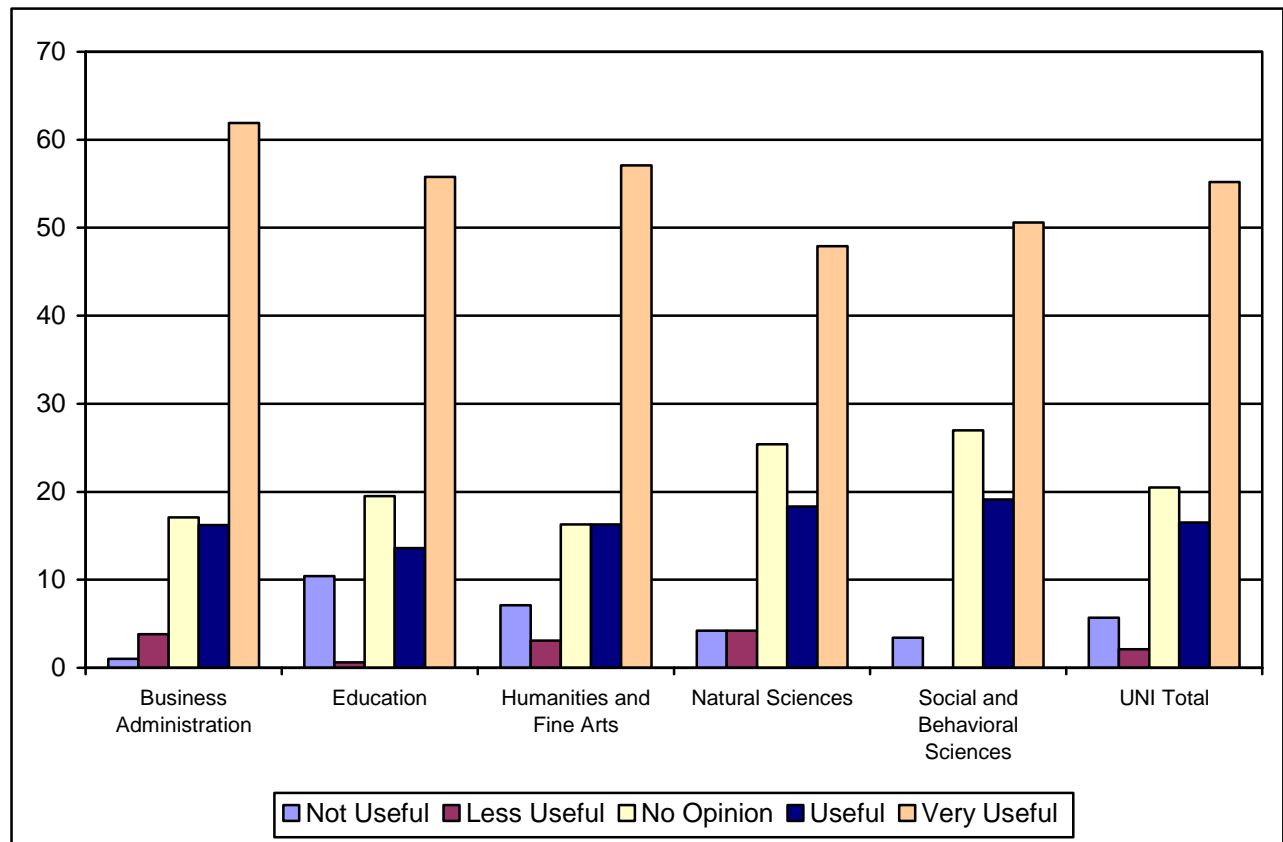
**Q8. The time at which courses are offered this summer meets my needs.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	14	10.9	21	16.3	51	39.5	34	26.4	9	7.0	129	100
<b>Education</b>	12	8.8	28	20.6	41	30.1	44	32.4	11	8.1	136	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	9	10.8	15	18.1	29	34.9	24	28.9	6	7.2	83	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	8	13.1	6	9.8	15	24.6	24	39.3	8	13.1	61	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	10	10.4	13	13.5	38	39.6	24	25.0	11	11.5	96	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	1	12.5	5	62.5	2	25.0	0	0	8	100
<b>Total</b>	53	10.3	84	16.4	179	34.9	152	29.6	45	8.8	513	100



**Q9. Now that a new May summer session is offered, how useful is this session for you?**

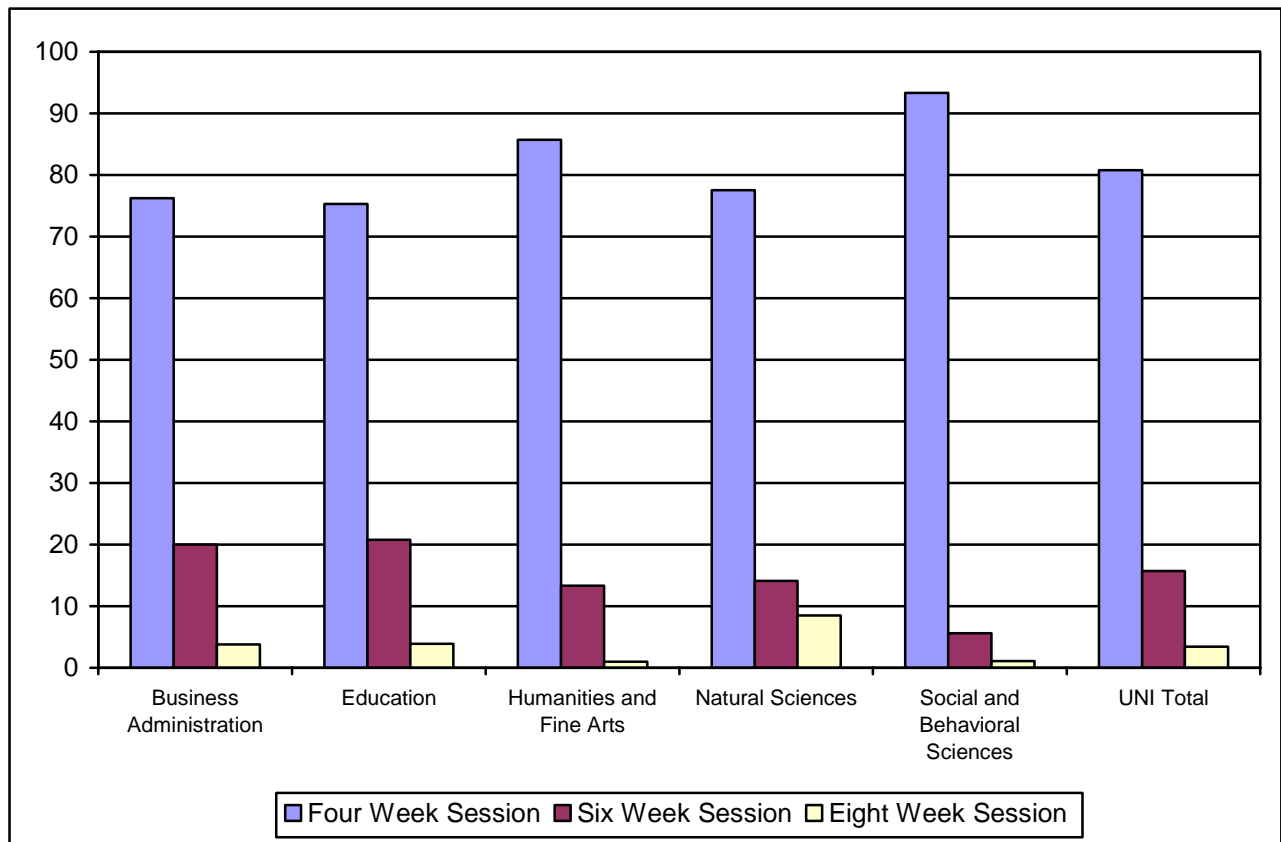
	Not Useful		Less Useful		No Opinion		Useful		Very Useful		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	1	1.0	4	3.8	18	17.1	17	16.2	65	61.9	105	100
<b>Education</b>	16	10.4	1	0.6	30	19.5	21	13.6	86	55.8	154	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	7	7.1	3	3.1	16	16.3	16	16.3	56	57.1	98	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	3	4.2	3	4.2	18	25.4	13	18.3	34	47.9	71	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	3	3.4	0	0	24	27.0	17	19.1	45	50.6	89	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	0	0	1	20.0	2	40.0	2	40.0	5	100
<b>Total</b>	30	5.7	11	2.1	107	20.5	86	16.5	288	55.2	522	100





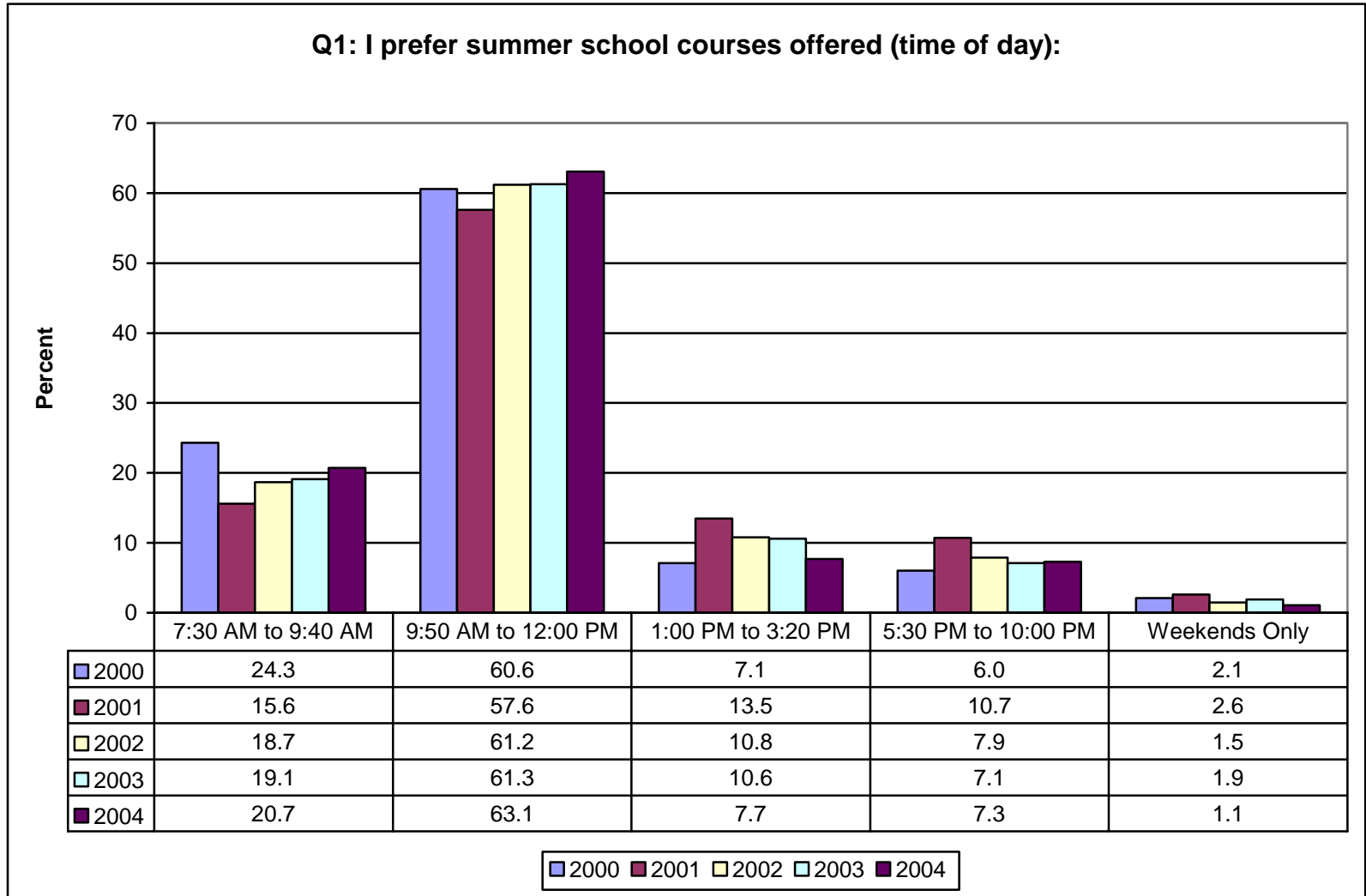
**Q10. I prefer summer school courses offered during (length of session):**

	4 Week Session		6 Week Session		8 Week Session		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	80	76.2	21	20.0	4	3.8	105	100
<b>Education</b>	116	75.3	32	20.8	6	3.9	154	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	84	85.7	13	13.3	1	1.0	98	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	55	77.5	10	14.1	6	8.5	71	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	83	93.3	5	5.6	1	1.1	89	100
<b>Unknown</b>	4	80.0	1	20.0	0	0	5	100
<b>Total</b>	422	80.8	82	15.7	18	3.4	522	100

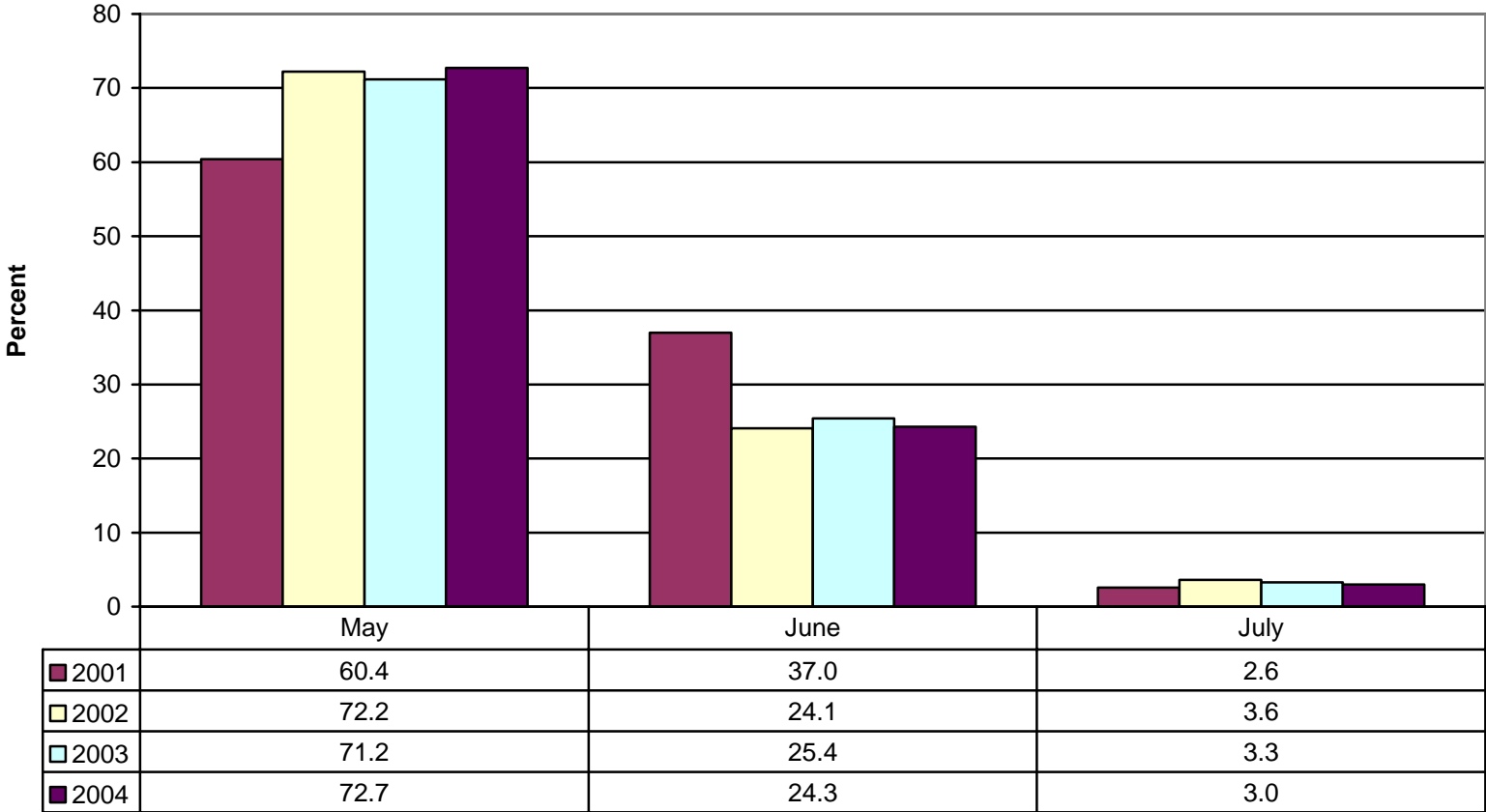


**Section II**

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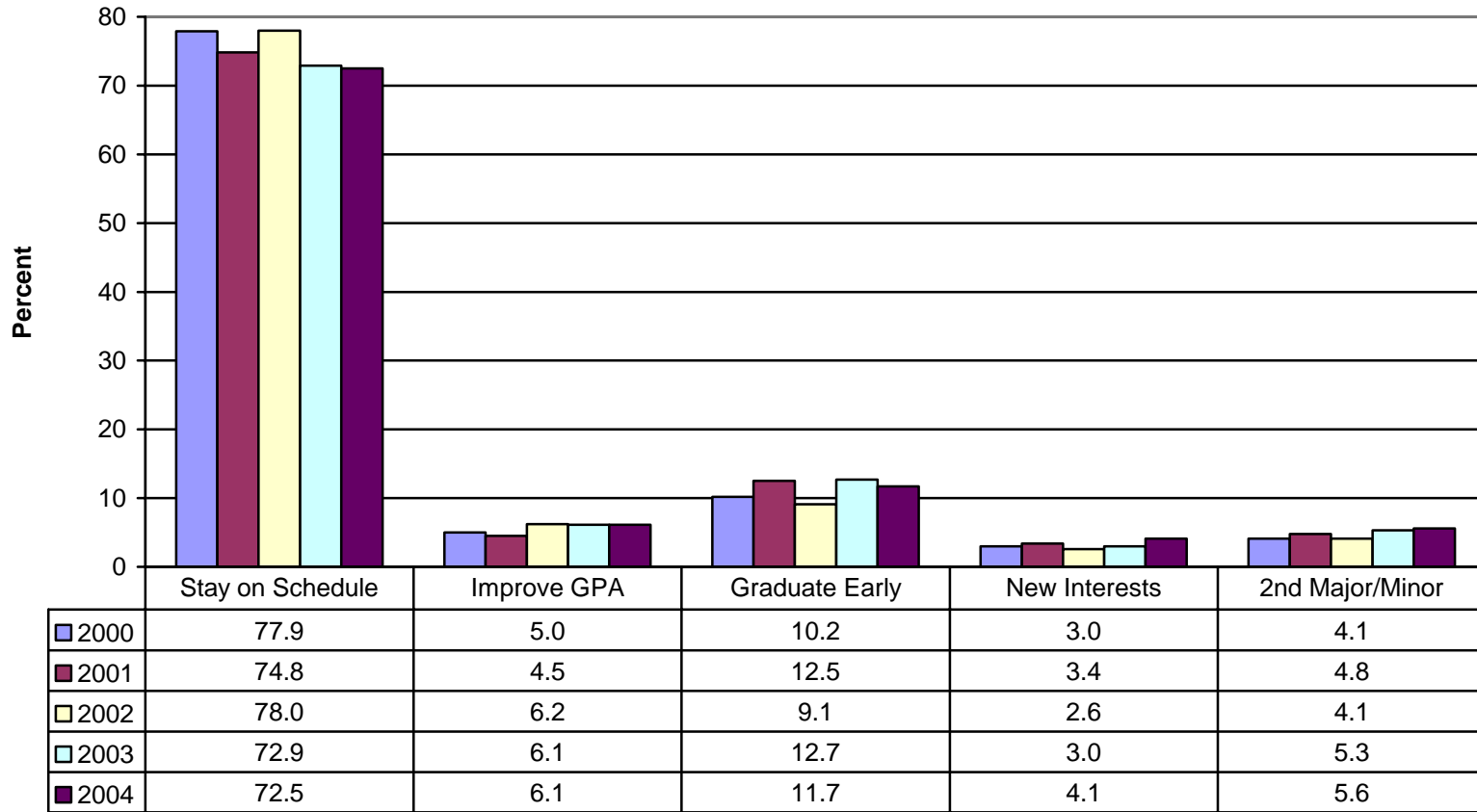


**Q2: I prefer summer school courses offered during (month):**



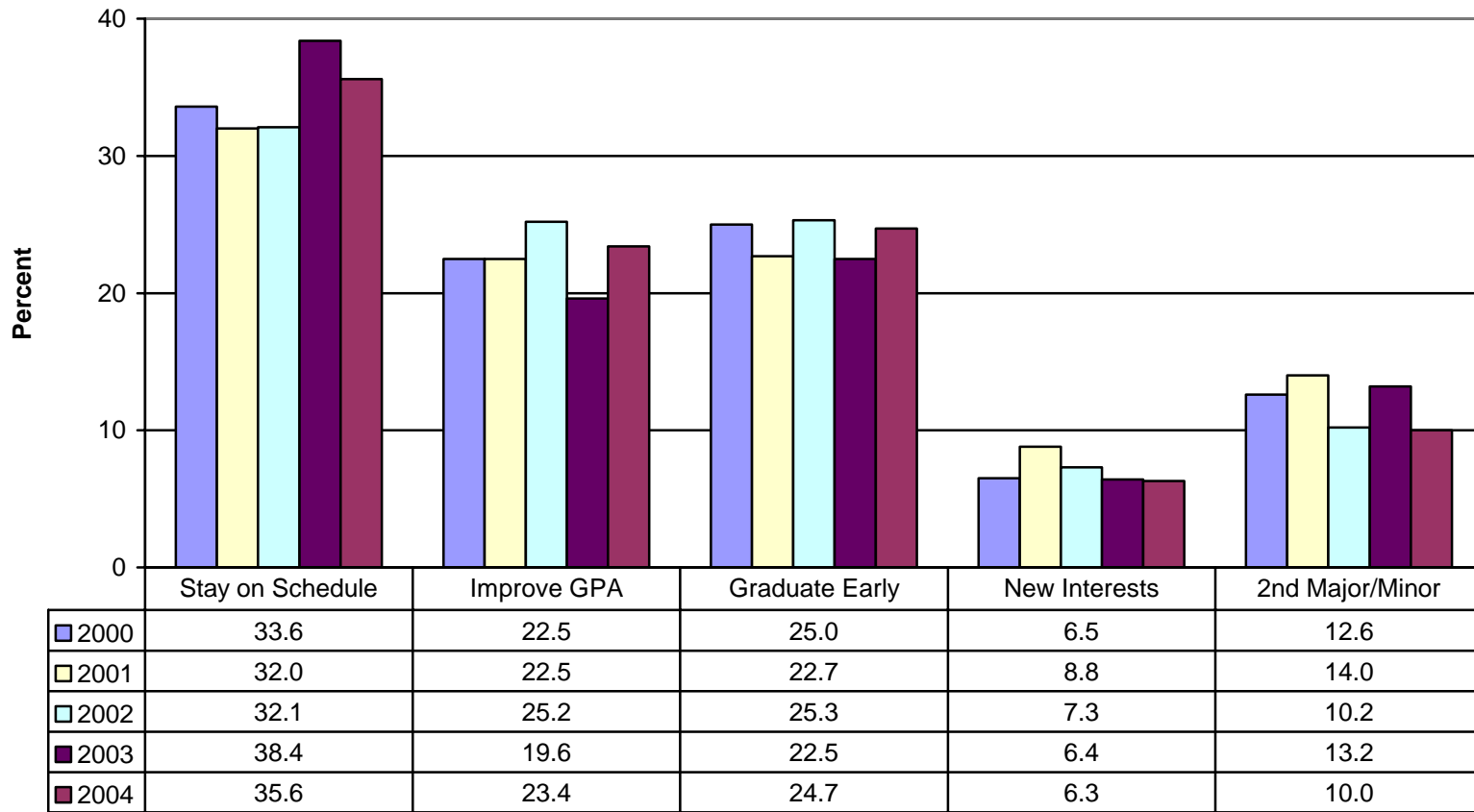
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**Q3: My primary reason for enrolling in summer school is:**



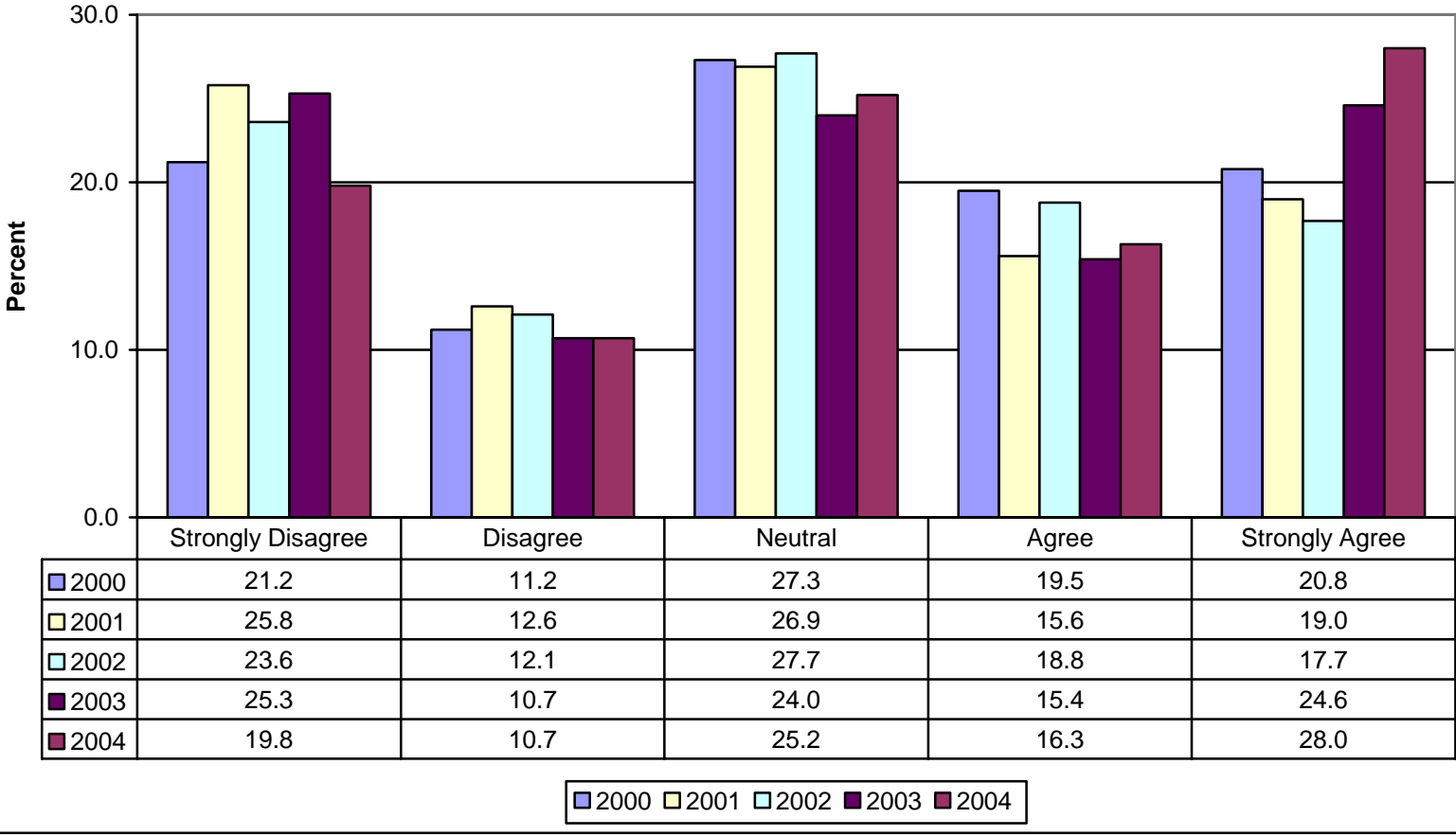
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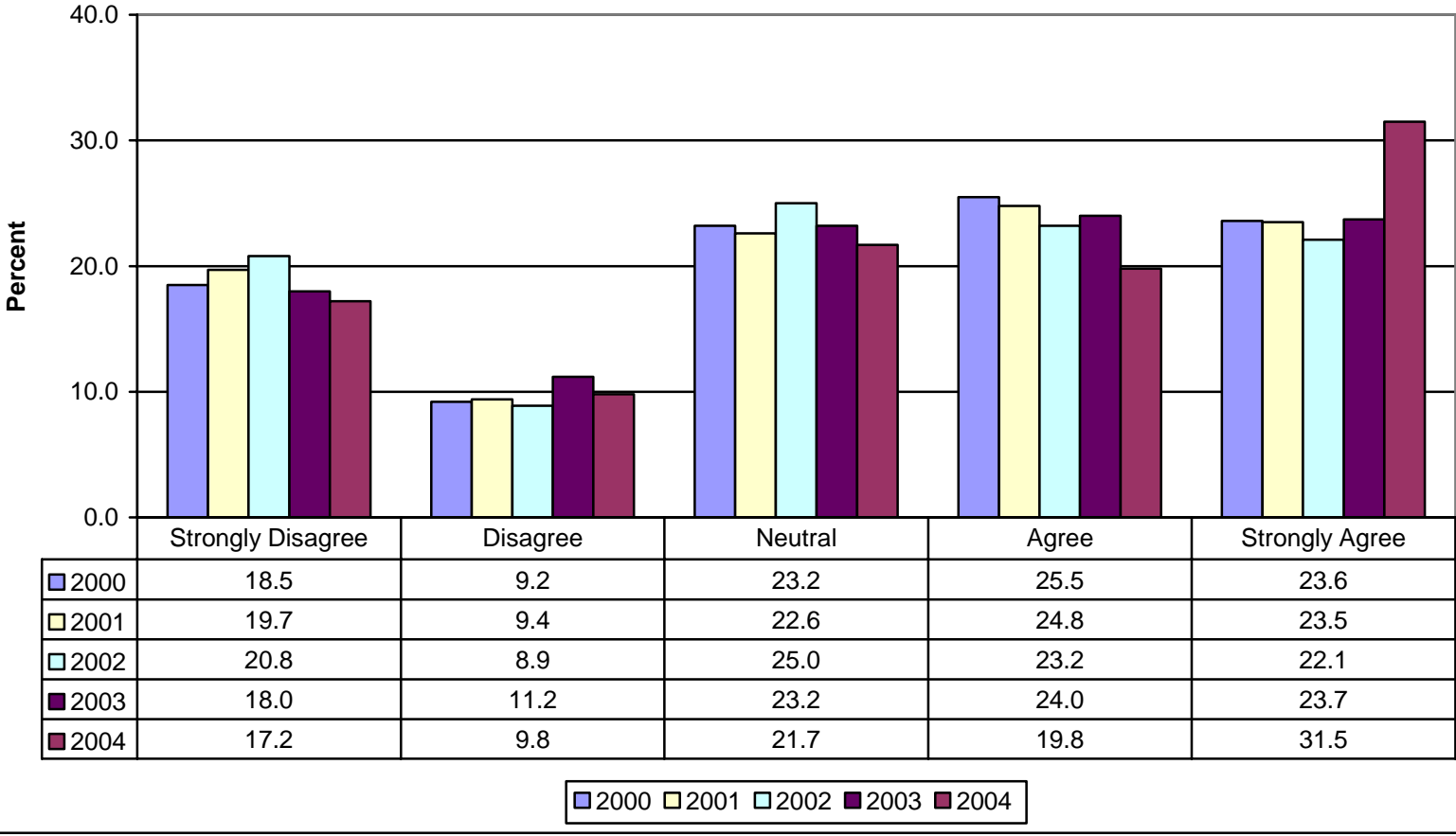


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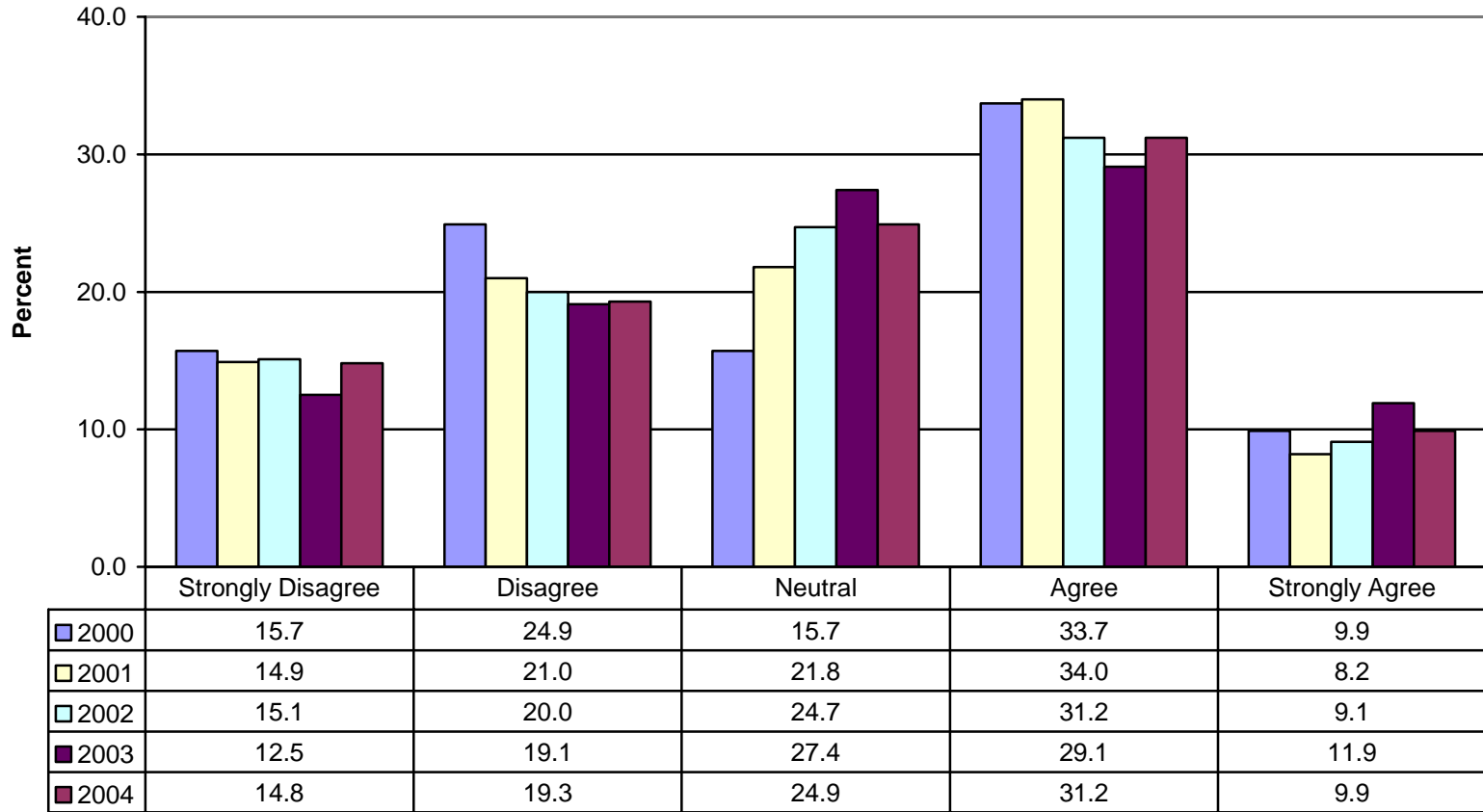
**Q5: Financial aid is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**



**Q6: Local employment is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**



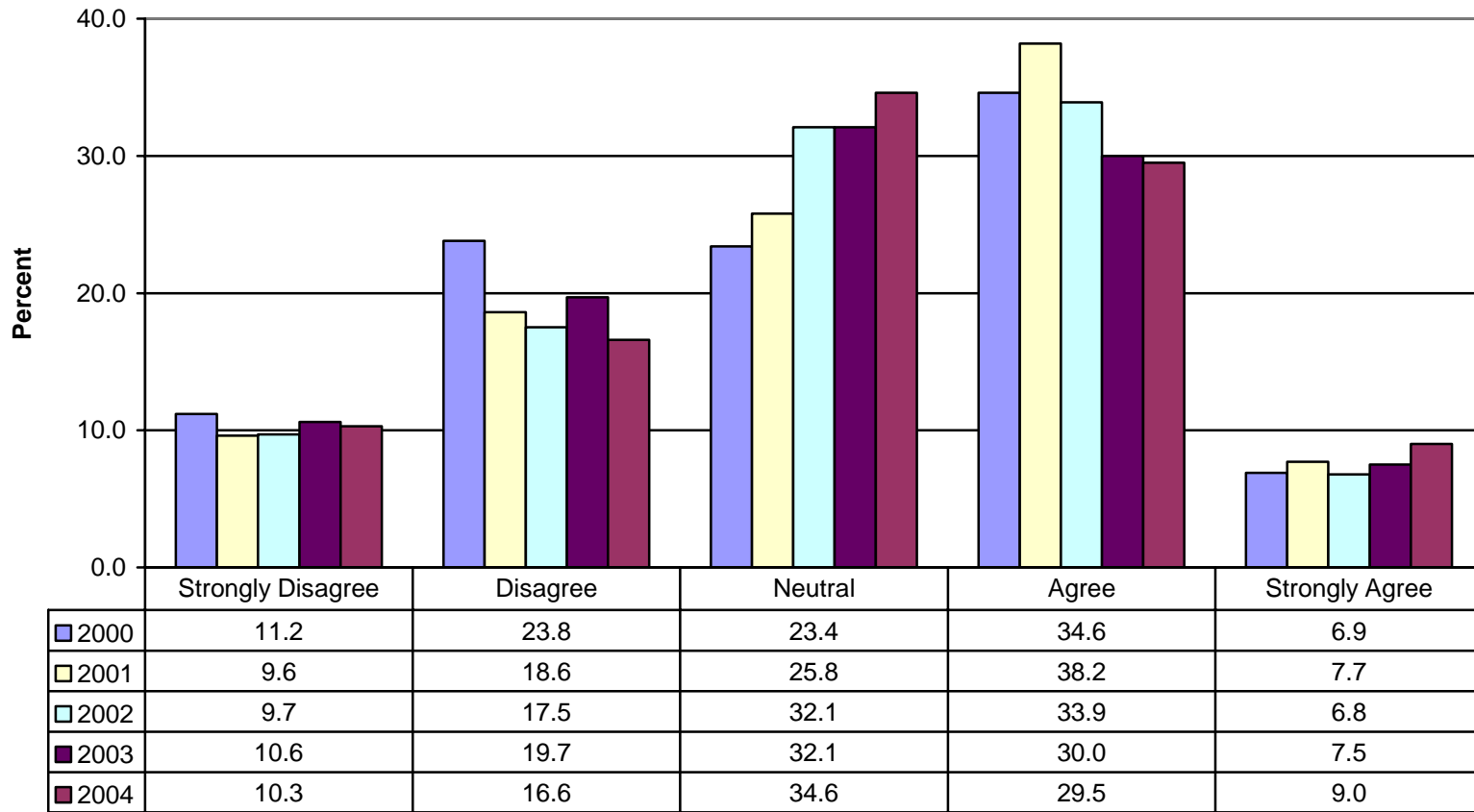
**Q7: The courses available in summer school this year meet my needs.**



2000 2001 2002 2003 2004

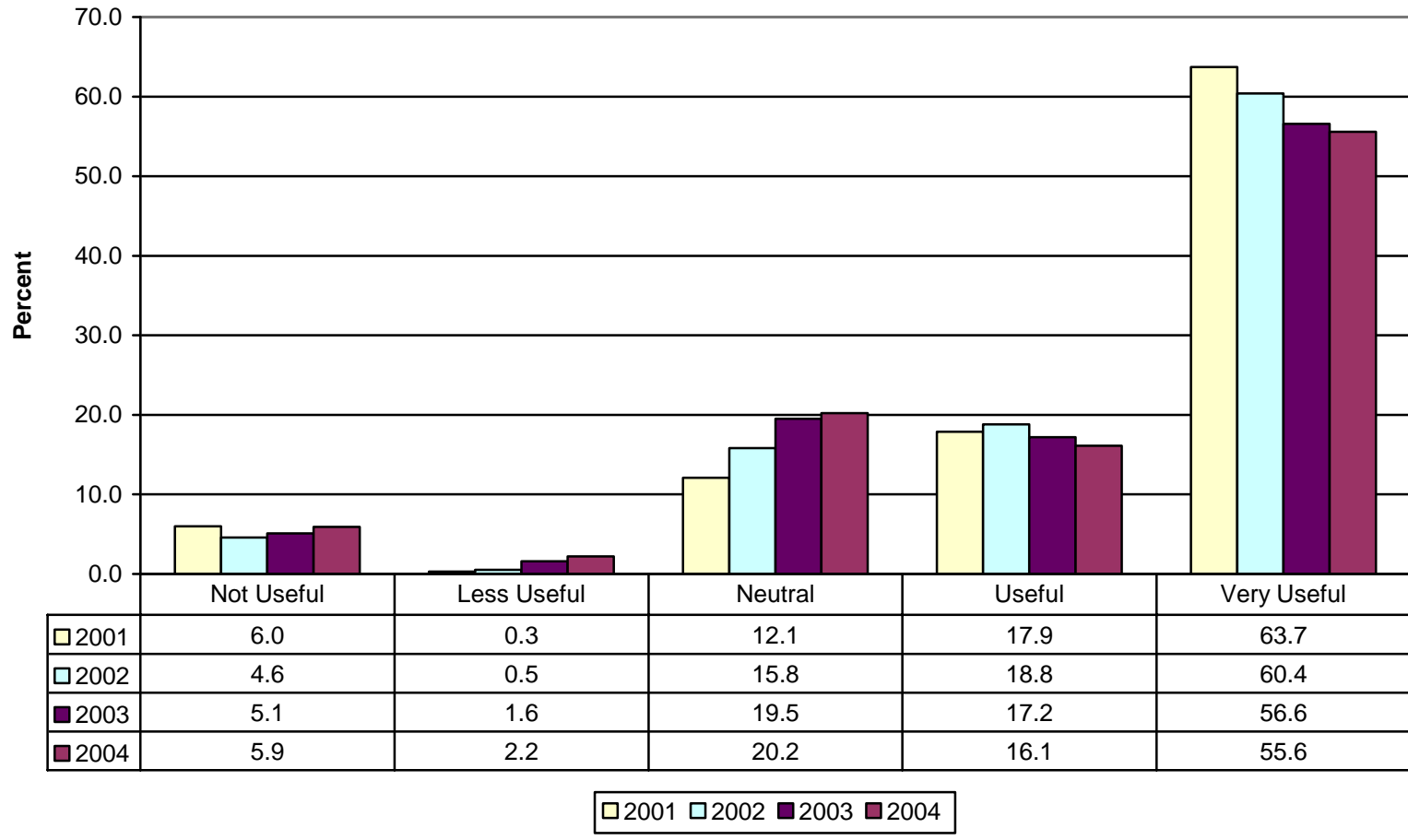


**Q8: The time at which courses are offered this summer meets my needs.**



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**Q9: Now that a new May session is offered, how useful is this session for you?**



**Q10: I prefer summer school courses offered during (length of session):**

