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# UNI Summer School Survey



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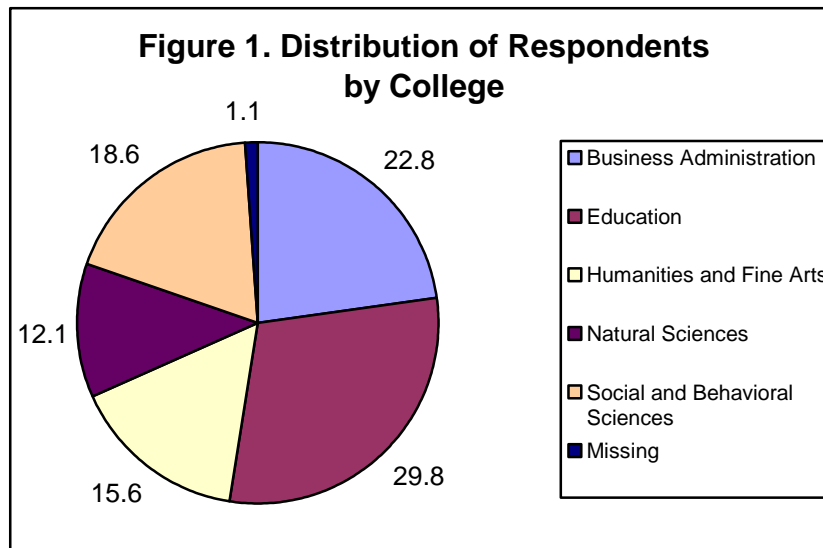
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## Section I

### Introduction

This report presents a summary of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Summer School Survey given to students participating in advanced registration for summer school on March 9-11, 2005. 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 2,558 students. On average, 492 students answered each question (see Figure 1 for the distribution of respondents by college).



### Method

All students participating in electronic registration for Summer 2005 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 answer questions regarding their preferences for summer school sessions at UNI. They were asked to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed to most of the survey statements on a Likert 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 consists 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.

<b>Table 1. Demographic Characteristics by College</b>														
	<b>Business Admin.</b>		<b>Education</b>		<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>		<b>Natural Sciences</b>		<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>		<b>Unknown</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Sex</b>														
Male	300	53.4	156	21.2	97	25.2	159	53.4	128	28.0	7	26.9	847	34.4
Female	262	46.6	579	78.8	288	74.8	139	46.6	329	72.0	19	73.1	1,616	65.6
Total	562	100	735	100	385	100	298	100	457	100	26	100	2,463	100
<b>Age</b>														
19 or under	0	0	13	2.1	3	0.9	7	3.0	1	0.3	4	23.5	28	1.4
20-23	403	83.4	389	64.1	249	76.9	139	58.6	280	74.1	10	58.8	1,470	71.8
24-29	63	13.0	103	17.0	42	13.0	51	21.5	60	15.9	2	11.8	321	15.7
30-39	13	2.7	56	9.2	17	5.2	20	8.4	20	5.3	0	0	126	6.2
40-55	4	0.8	40	6.6	13	4.0	19	8.0	15	4.0	1	5.9	92	4.5
Over 55	0	0	6	1.0	0	0	1	0.4	2	0.5	0	0	9	0.4
Total	483	100	607	100	324	100	237	100	378	100	17	100	2,046	100
<b>Race</b>														
Caucasian	517	93.7	677	95.0	336	91.8	266	91.7	402	91.8	26	100	2,224	93.2
African American	8	1.4	16	2.2	15	4.1	9	3.1	21	4.8	0	0	69	2.9
Native American	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	1	0.3	2	0.5	0	0	4	0.2
Asian/ Pac. Island	5	0.9	5	0.7	1	0.3	2	0.7	3	0.7	0	0	16	0.7
Hispanic	6	1.1	8	1.1	11	3.0	5	1.7	7	1.6	0	0	37	1.6
Non-resident Alien	16	2.9	7	1.0	2	0.5	7	2.4	3	0.7	0	0	35	1.5
Total	552	100	713	100	366	100	290	100	438	100	26	100	2,385	100
<b>Classification</b>														
Freshman	9	1.6	30	4.1	13	3.4	15	5.0	10	2.2	10	38.5	87	3.5
Sophomore	90	16.0	72	9.8	62	16.1	51	17.1	65	14.2	11	42.3	351	14.3
Junior	225	40.0	202	27.5	124	32.2	99	33.2	178	38.9	2	7.7	830	33.7
Senior	229	40.7	258	35.1	145	37.7	110	36.9	181	39.6	3	11.5	926	37.6
Graduate	9	1.6	173	23.5	41	10.6	23	7.7	23	5.0	0	0	269	10.9
Total	562	100	735	100	385	100	298	100	457	100	26	100	2,463	100
<b>Residence Status</b>														
Resident	538	95.9	710	96.6	359	93.2	276	92.6	440	96.3	26	100	2,349	95.4
Non-Resident	23	4.1	25	3.4	26	6.8	22	7.4	17	3.7	0	0	113	4.6
Total	561	100	735	100	385	100	298	100	457	100	26	100	2,462	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 2001 to 2005 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.

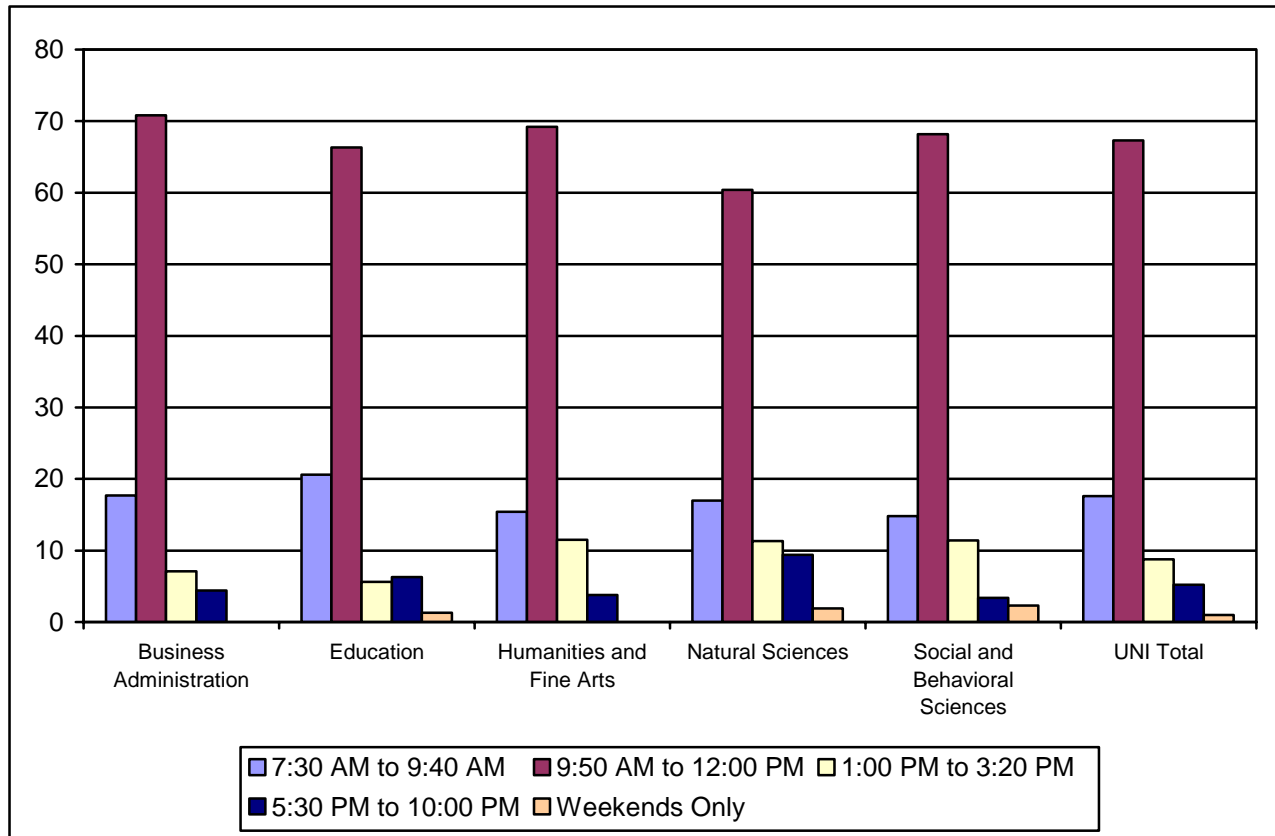
- A large number of students (66.9%) indicated that they prefer summer school courses to be offered between 9:50 AM and 12:00 PM. The majority of the respondents (84.6%) indicated that they prefer to attend summer school classes before noon.
- Just over three-fourths of all respondents (75.9%) indicated that they prefer to take summer school courses during the month of May, while 22.0% prefer June, and only 2.1% prefer to take courses in July.
- The majority of respondents (76.3%) stated that their primary reason for enrolling in a summer session course was to stay on schedule.
- Almost three-fourths of respondents (73.2%) indicated that they prefer to have summer school courses offered in 4-week sessions.
- 45.0% of respondents indicated that financial aid was an important part of their decision to enroll in summer school (14.3% agree and 30.7% strongly agree to this statement).

- Respondents indicated that local employment was somewhat important in their decision to enroll in summer school (49.7%).
- 45.2% of respondents agreed that the courses available in summer school this year met their needs, and 40.3% 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, 71.4% of respondents have found this session useful (53.3% of respondents found this session very useful and 18.1% of respondents found this session useful).

## Summary of Responses

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

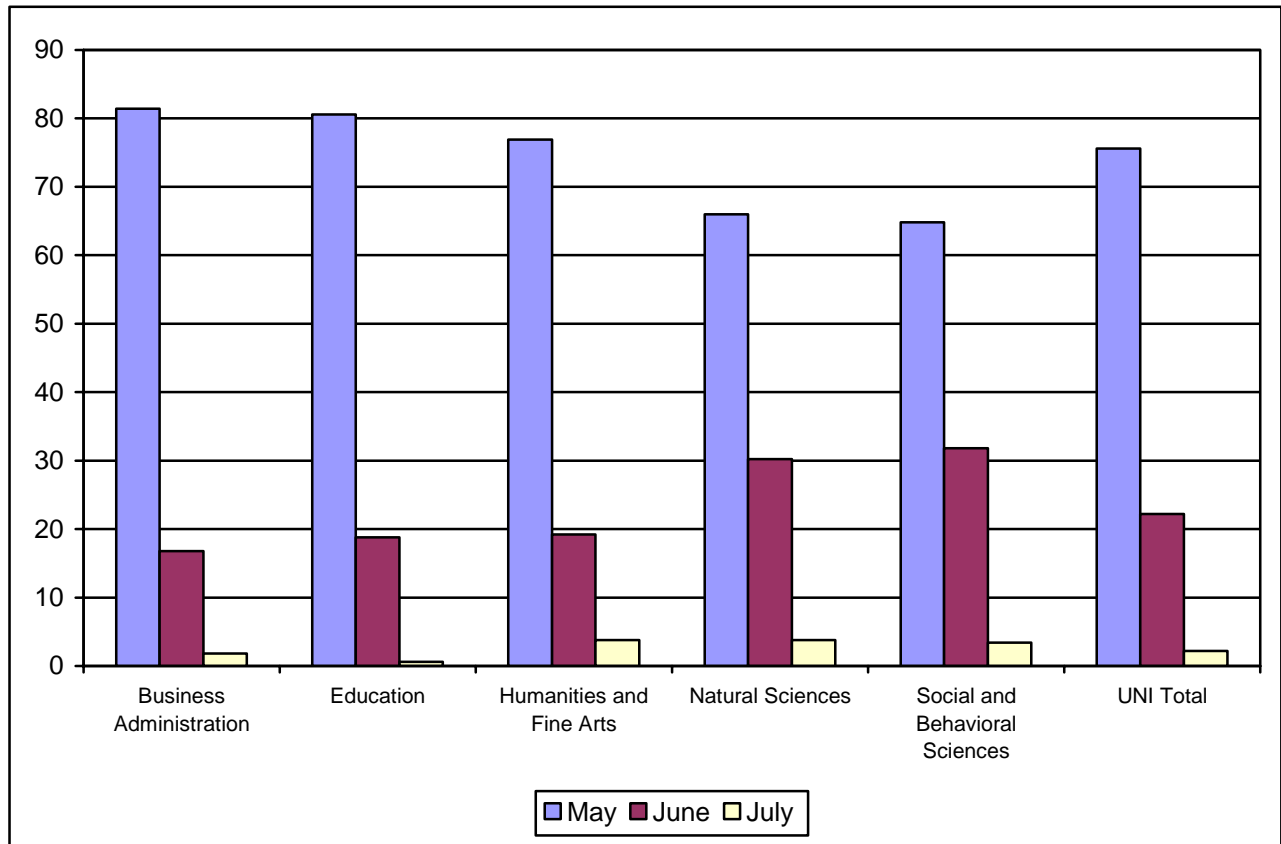
	7:30 AM to 9:40 AM		9:50 AM to 12:00 PM		1:00 PM to 3:20 PM		5:30 PM to 10:00 PM		Weekends Only		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	20	17.7	80	70.8	8	7.1	5	4.4	0	0	113	100
<b>Education</b>	33	20.6	106	66.3	9	5.6	10	6.3	2	1.3	160	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	12	15.4	54	69.2	9	11.5	3	3.8	0	0	78	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	9	17.0	32	60.4	6	11.3	5	9.4	1	1.9	53	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	13	14.8	60	68.2	10	11.4	3	3.4	2	2.3	88	100
<b>Unknown</b>	1	14.3	4	57.1	2	28.6	0	0	0	0	7	100
<b>Total</b>	88	17.6	336	67.3	44	8.8	26	5.2	5	1.0	499	100





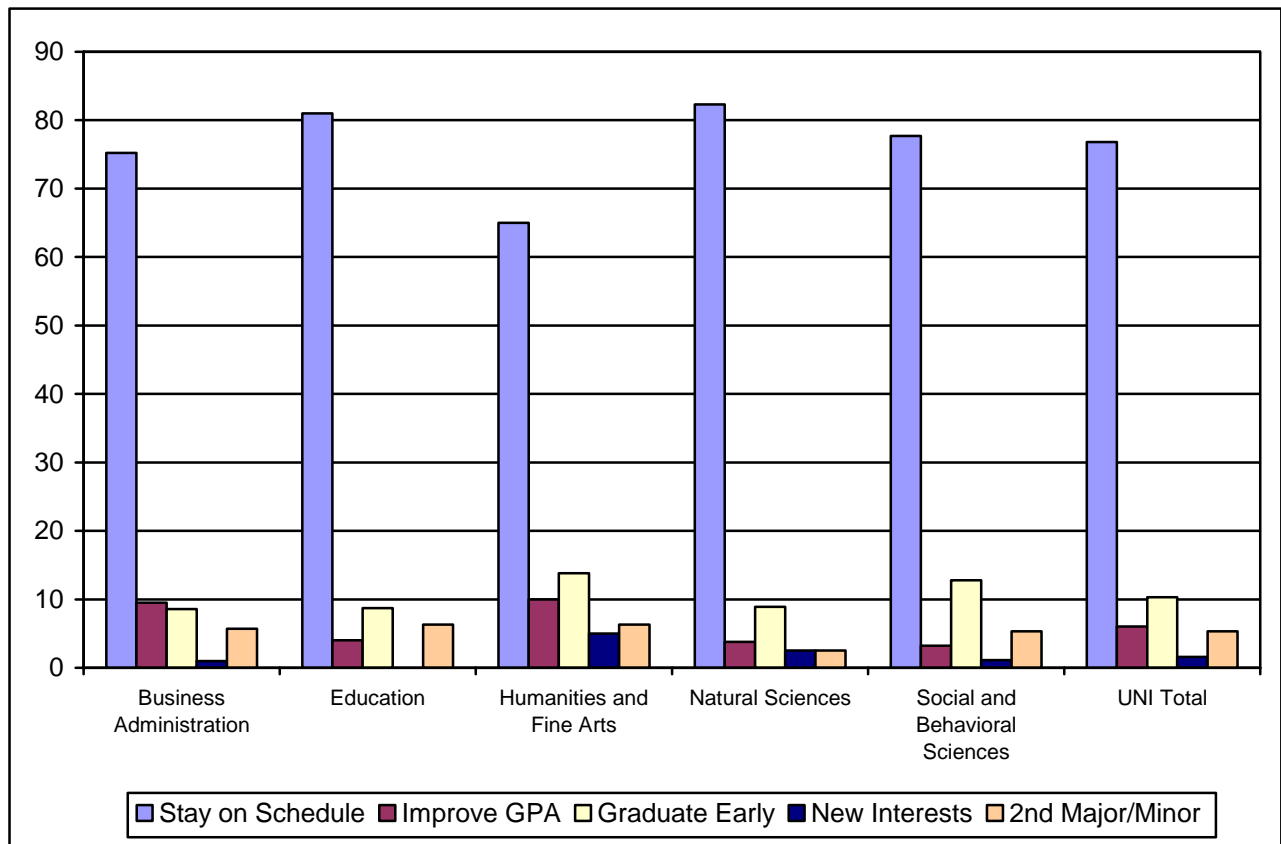
**Q2. I prefer summer school courses offered during (month):**

	May		June		July		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	92	81.4	19	16.8	2	1.8	113	100
<b>Education</b>	129	80.6	30	18.8	1	0.6	160	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	60	76.9	15	19.2	3	3.8	78	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	35	66.0	16	30.2	2	3.8	53	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	57	64.8	28	31.8	3	3.4	88	100
<b>Unknown</b>	4	57.1	3	42.9	0	0	7	100
<b>Total</b>	377	75.6	111	22.2	11	2.2	499	100



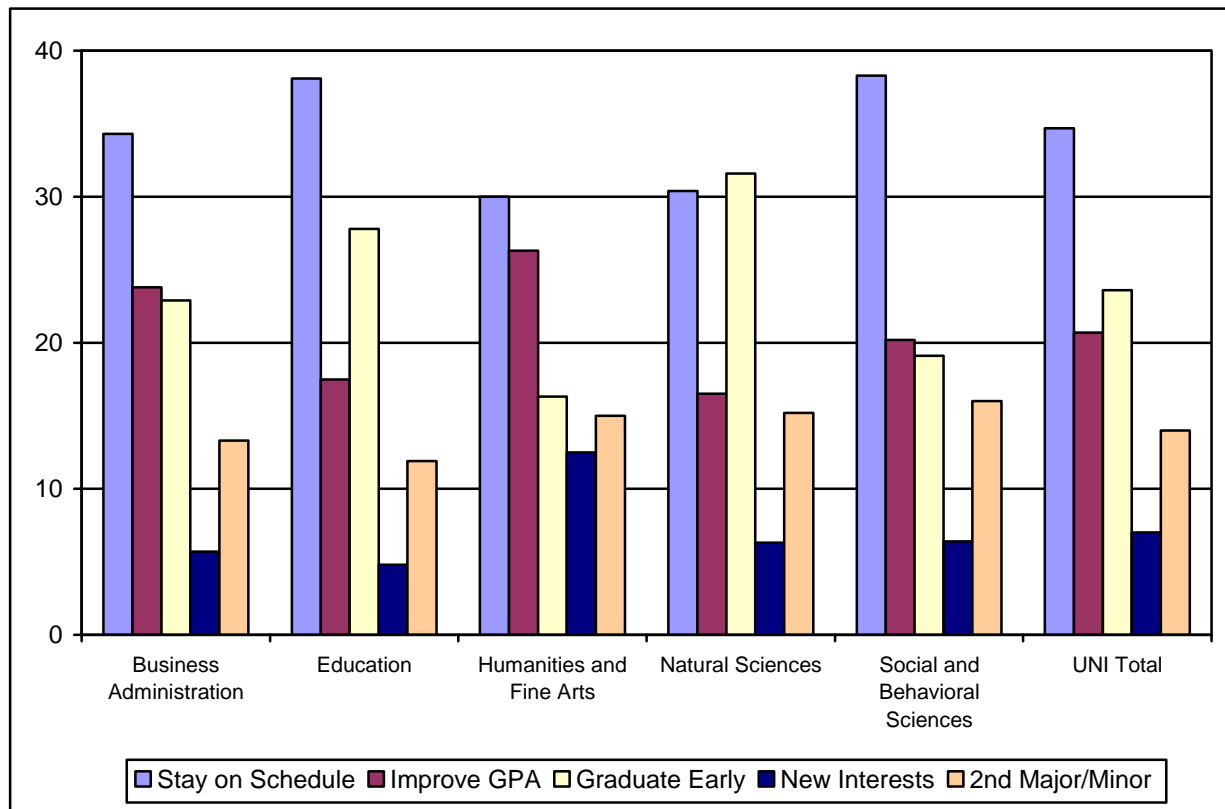
**Q3. My primary reason for enrolling in summer school is:**

	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>	79	75.2	10	9.5	9	8.6	1	1.0	6	5.7	105	100
<b>Education</b>	102	81.0	5	4.0	11	8.7	0	0	8	6.3	126	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	52	65.0	8	10.0	11	13.8	4	5.0	5	6.3	80	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	65	82.3	3	3.8	7	8.9	2	2.5	2	2.5	79	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	73	77.7	3	3.2	12	12.8	1	1.1	5	5.3	94	100
<b>Unknown</b>	3	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	100
<b>Total</b>	374	76.8	29	6.0	50	10.3	8	1.6	26	5.3	487	100



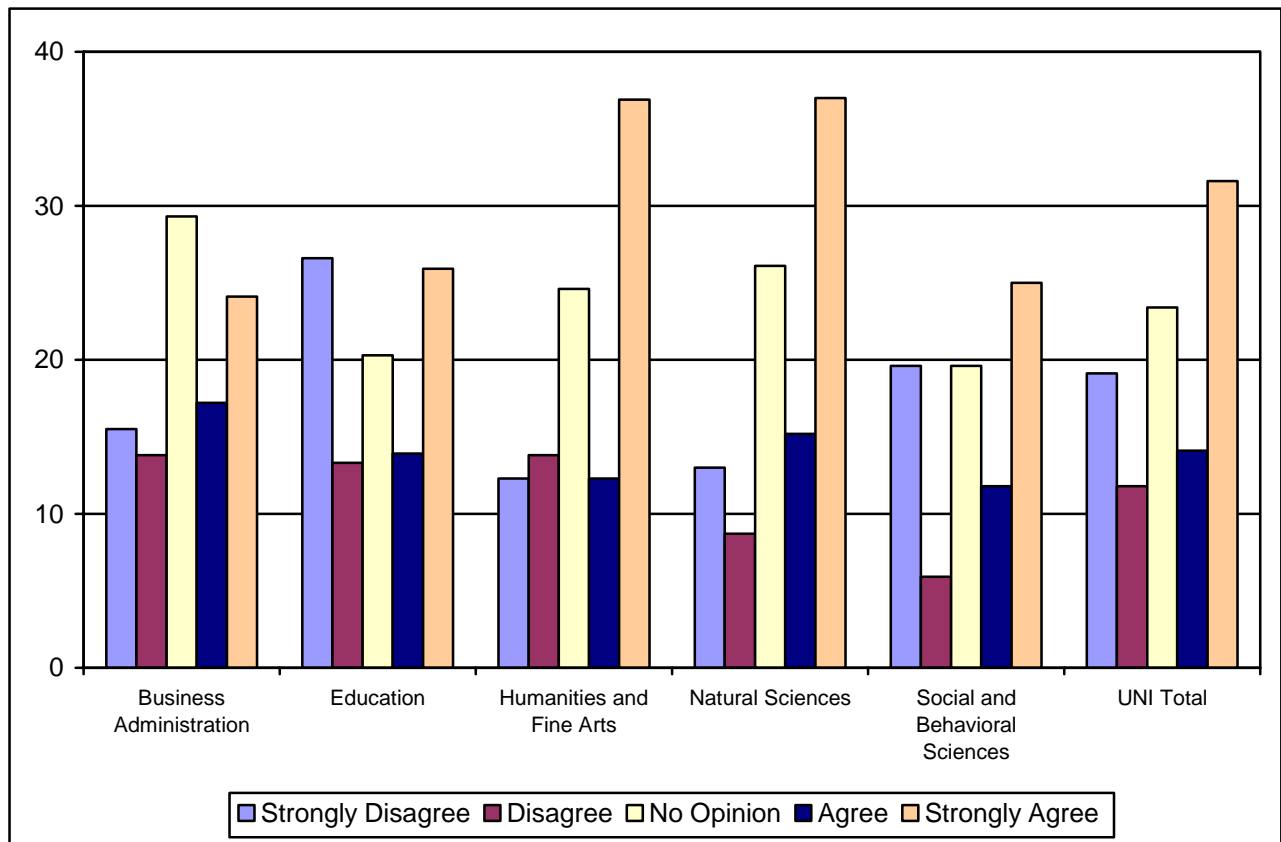
**Q4. My secondary reason for enrolling in summer school is:**

	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>	36	34.3	25	23.8	24	22.9	6	5.7	14	13.3	105	100
<b>Education</b>	48	38.1	22	17.5	35	27.8	6	4.8	15	11.9	126	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	24	30.0	21	26.3	13	16.3	10	12.5	12	15.0	80	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	24	30.4	13	16.5	25	31.6	5	6.3	12	15.2	79	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	36	38.3	19	20.2	18	19.1	6	6.4	15	16.0	94	100
<b>Unknown</b>	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0	1	33.3	0	0	3	100
<b>Total</b>	169	34.7	101	20.7	115	23.6	34	7.0	68	14.0	487	100



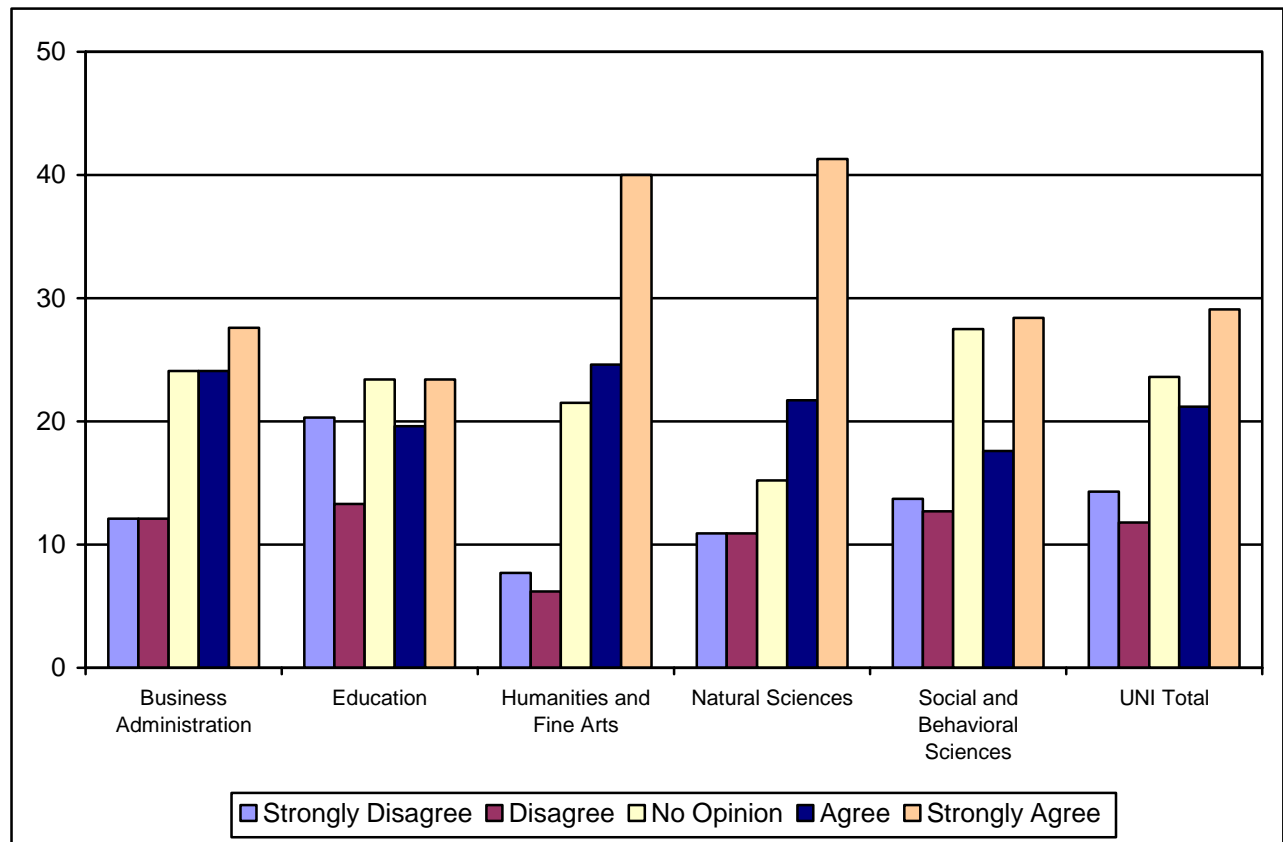
**Q5. Financial aid is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	18	15.5	16	13.8	34	29.3	20	17.2	28	24.1	116	100
<b>Education</b>	42	26.6	21	13.3	32	20.3	22	13.9	41	25.9	158	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	8	12.3	9	13.8	16	24.6	8	12.3	24	36.9	65	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	6	13.0	4	8.7	12	26.1	7	15.2	17	37.0	46	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	20	19.6	6	5.9	20	19.6	12	11.8	44	43.1	102	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	2	50.0	1	25.0	0	0	1	25.0	4	100
<b>Total</b>	94	19.1	58	11.8	115	23.4	69	14.1	155	31.6	491	100



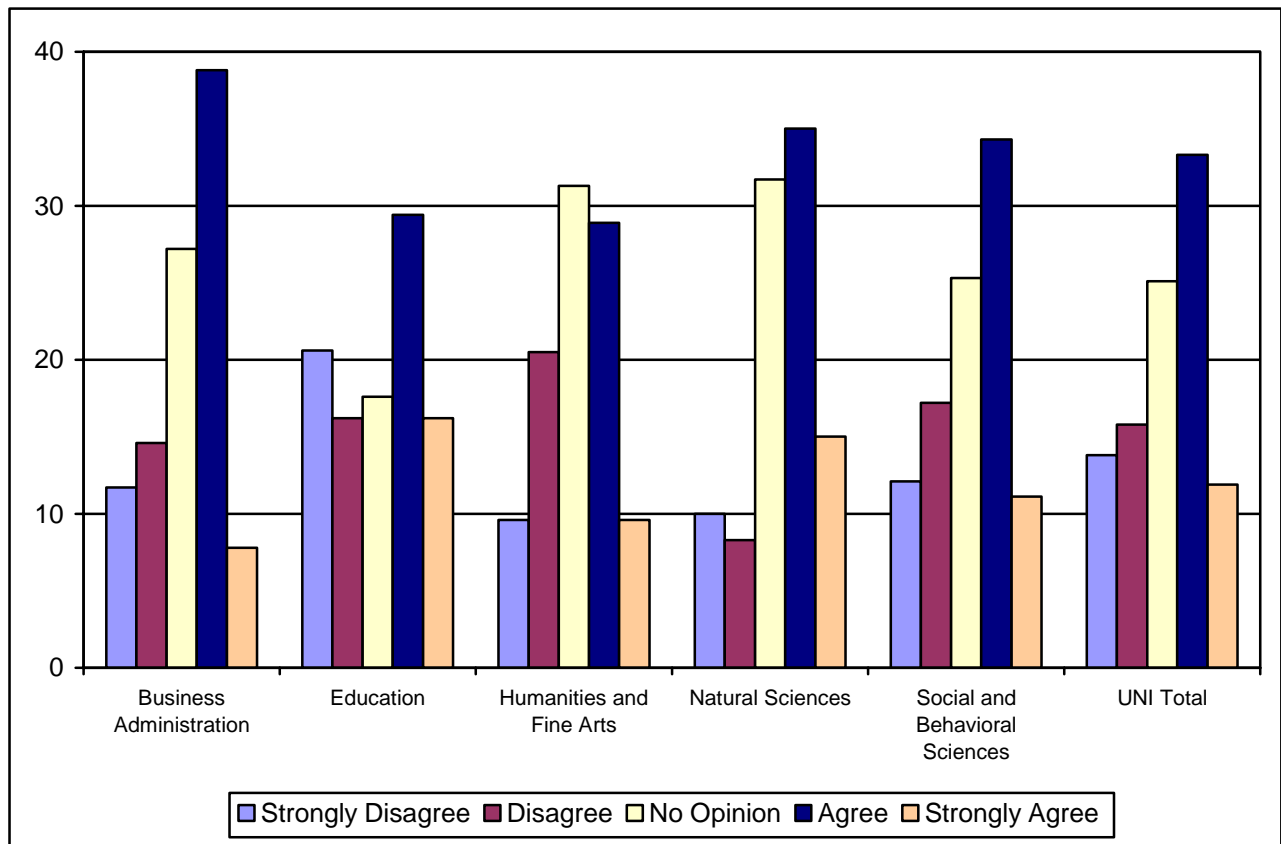
**Q6. Local employment is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	14	12.1	14	12.1	28	24.1	28	24.1	32	27.6	116	100
<b>Education</b>	32	20.3	21	13.3	37	23.4	31	19.6	37	23.4	158	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	5	7.7	4	6.2	14	21.5	16	24.6	26	40.0	65	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	5	10.9	5	10.9	7	15.2	10	21.7	19	41.3	46	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	14	13.7	13	12.7	28	27.5	18	17.6	29	28.4	102	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	1	25.0	2	50.0	1	25.0	0	0	4	100
<b>Total</b>	70	14.3	58	11.8	116	23.6	104	21.2	143	29.1	491	100



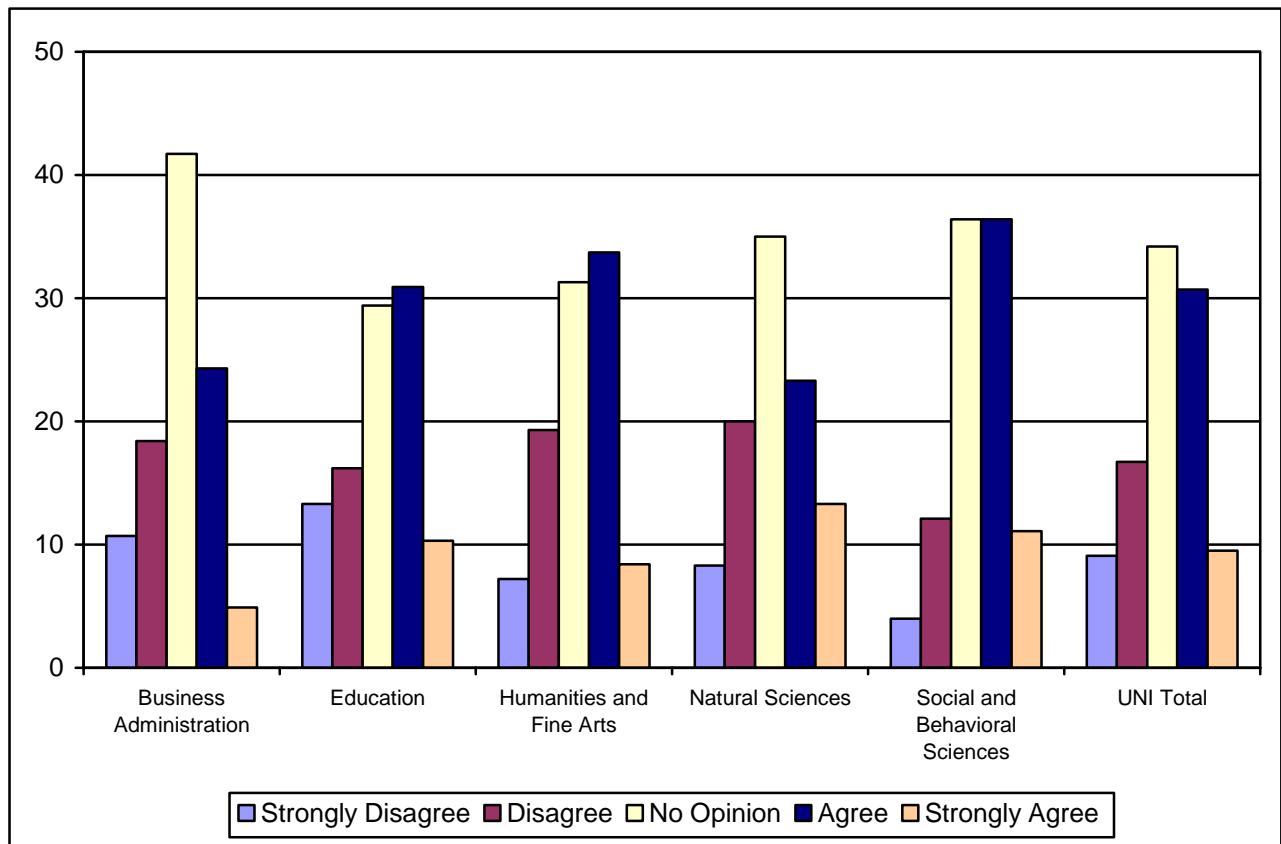
**Q7. The courses available in summer school this year meet my needs.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	12	11.7	15	14.6	28	27.2	40	38.8	8	7.8	103	100
<b>Education</b>	28	20.6	22	16.2	24	17.6	40	29.4	22	16.2	136	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	8	9.6	17	20.5	26	31.3	24	28.9	8	9.6	83	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	6	10.0	5	8.3	19	31.7	21	35.0	9	15.0	60	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	12	12.1	17	17.2	25	25.3	34	34.3	11	11.1	99	100
<b>Unknown</b>	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0	3	60.0	0	0	5	100
<b>Total</b>	67	13.8	77	15.8	122	25.1	162	33.3	58	11.9	486	100



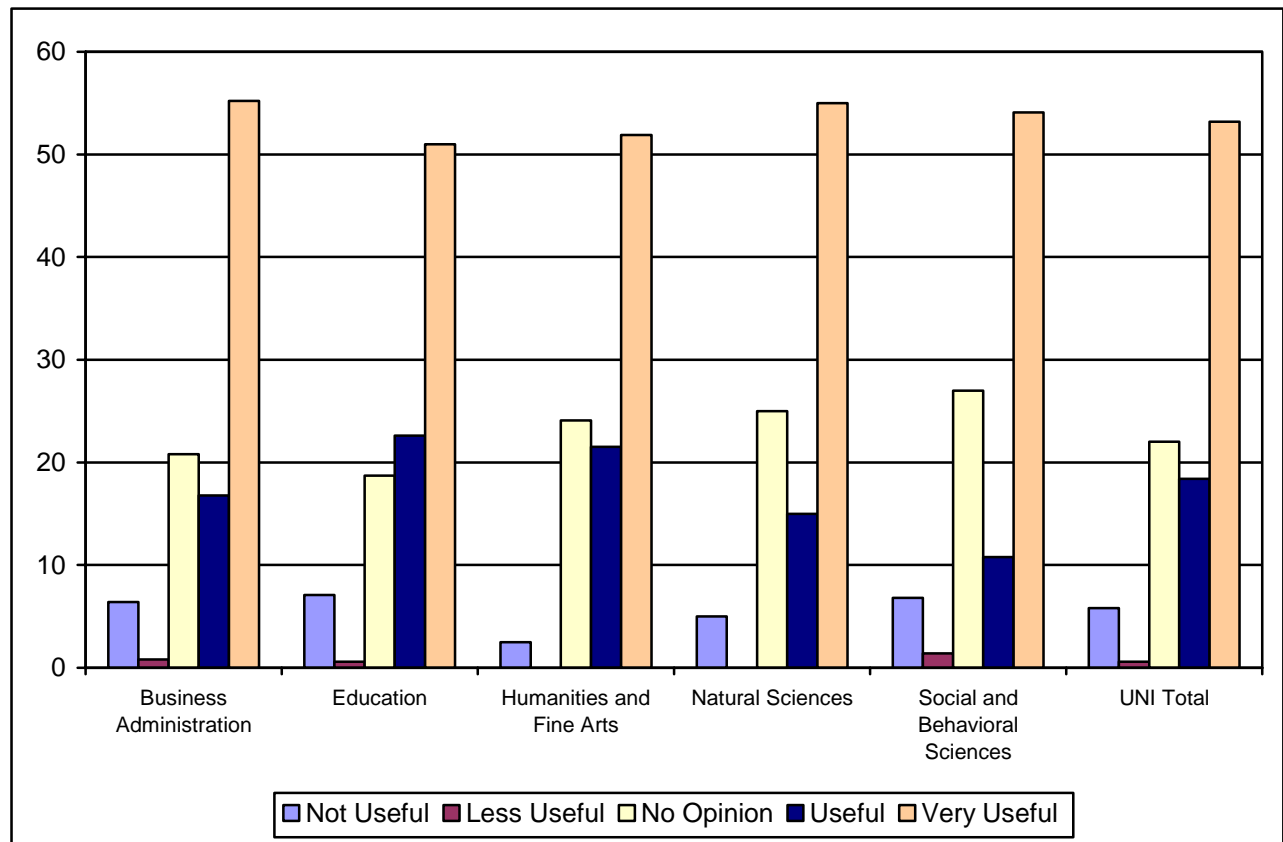
**Q8. The time at which courses are offered this summer meets my needs.**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		No Opinion		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	11	10.7	19	18.4	43	41.7	25	24.3	5	4.9	103	100
<b>Education</b>	18	13.2	22	16.2	40	29.4	42	30.9	14	10.3	136	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	6	7.2	16	19.3	26	31.3	28	33.7	7	8.4	83	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	5	8.3	12	20.0	21	35.0	14	23.3	8	13.3	60	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	4	4.0	12	12.1	36	36.4	36	36.4	11	11.1	99	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	80.0	1	20.0	5	100
<b>Total</b>	44	9.1	81	16.7	166	34.2	149	30.7	46	9.5	486	100



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

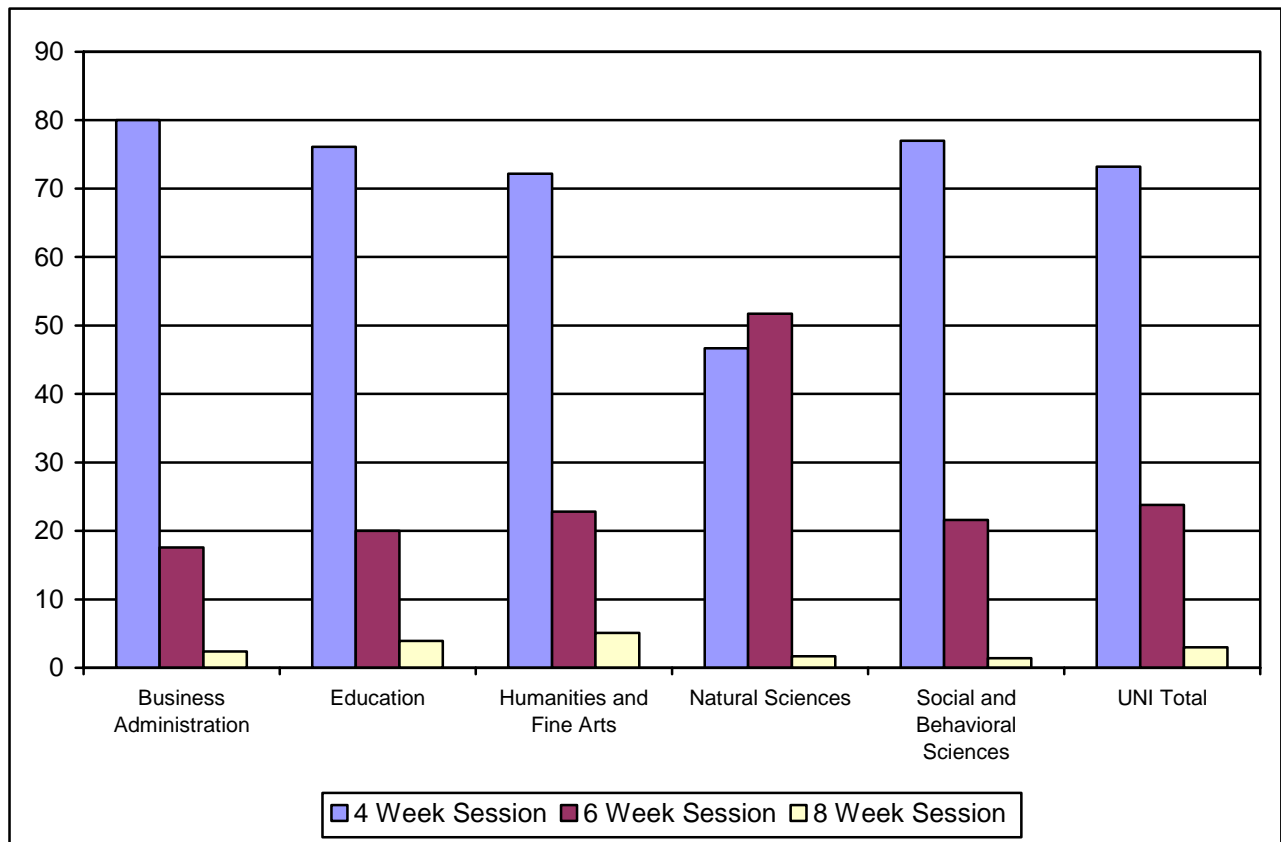
	Not Useful		Less Useful		No Opinion		Useful		Very Useful		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	8	6.4	1	0.8	26	20.8	21	16.8	69	55.2	125	100
<b>Education</b>	11	7.1	1	0.6	29	18.7	35	22.6	79	51.0	155	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	2	2.5	0	0	19	24.1	17	21.5	41	51.9	79	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	3	5.0	0	0	15	25.0	9	15.0	33	55.0	60	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	5	6.8	1	1.4	20	27.0	8	10.8	40	54.1	74	100
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	0	0	1	14.3	2	28.6	4	57.1	7	100
<b>Total</b>	29	5.8	3	0.6	110	22.0	92	18.4	266	53.2	500	100





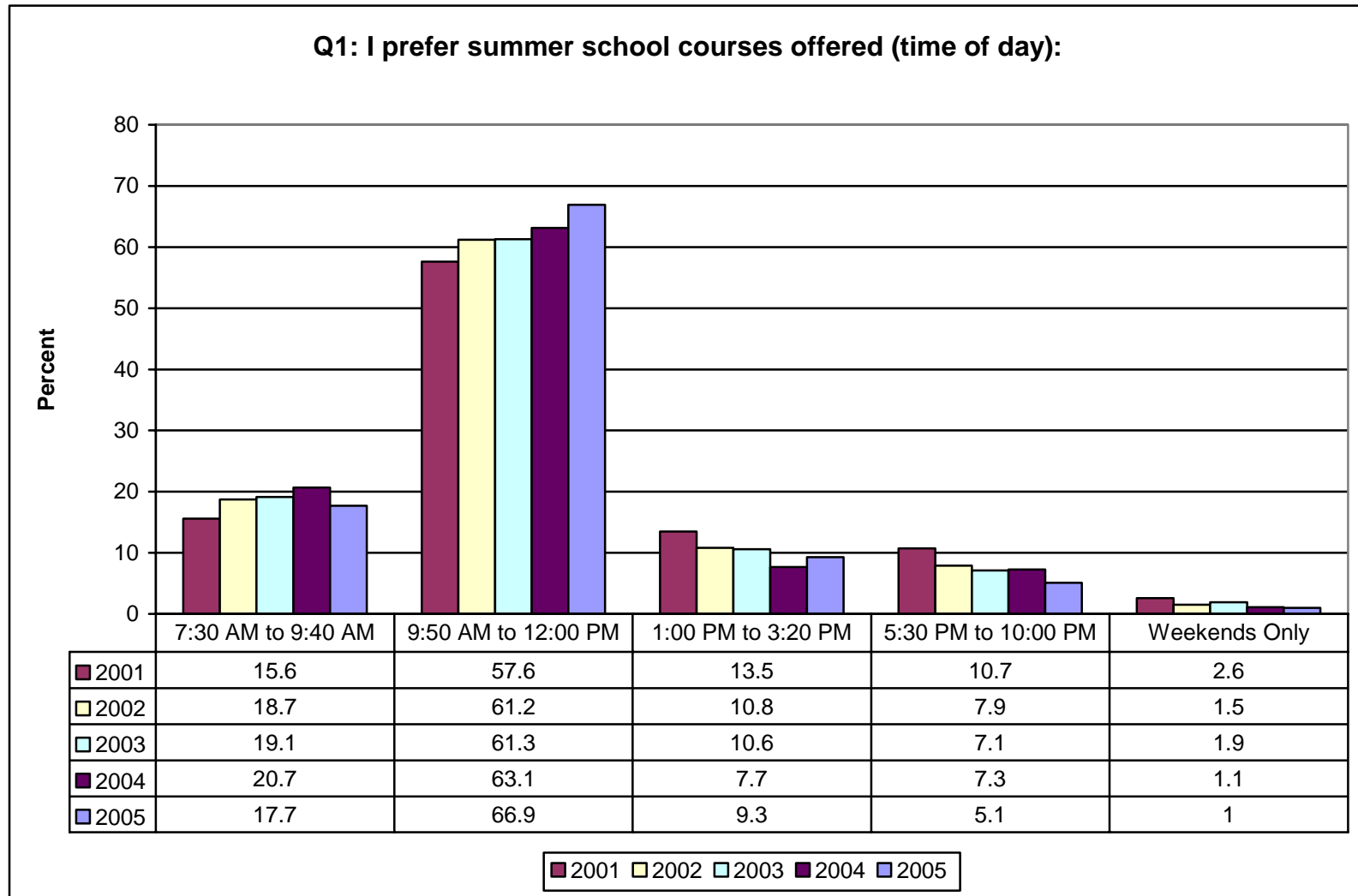
**Q10. I prefer summer school courses offered during (length of session):**

	4 Week Session		6 Week Session		8 Week Session		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Business Administration</b>	100	80.0	22	17.6	3	2.4	125	100
<b>Education</b>	118	76.1	31	20.0	6	3.9	155	100
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	57	72.2	18	22.8	4	5.1	79	100
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	28	46.7	31	51.7	1	1.7	60	100
<b>Social and Behavioral Sci.</b>	57	77.0	16	21.6	1	1.4	74	100
<b>Unknown</b>	6	85.7	1	14.3	0	0	7	100
<b>Total</b>	366	73.2	119	23.8	15	3.0	500	100

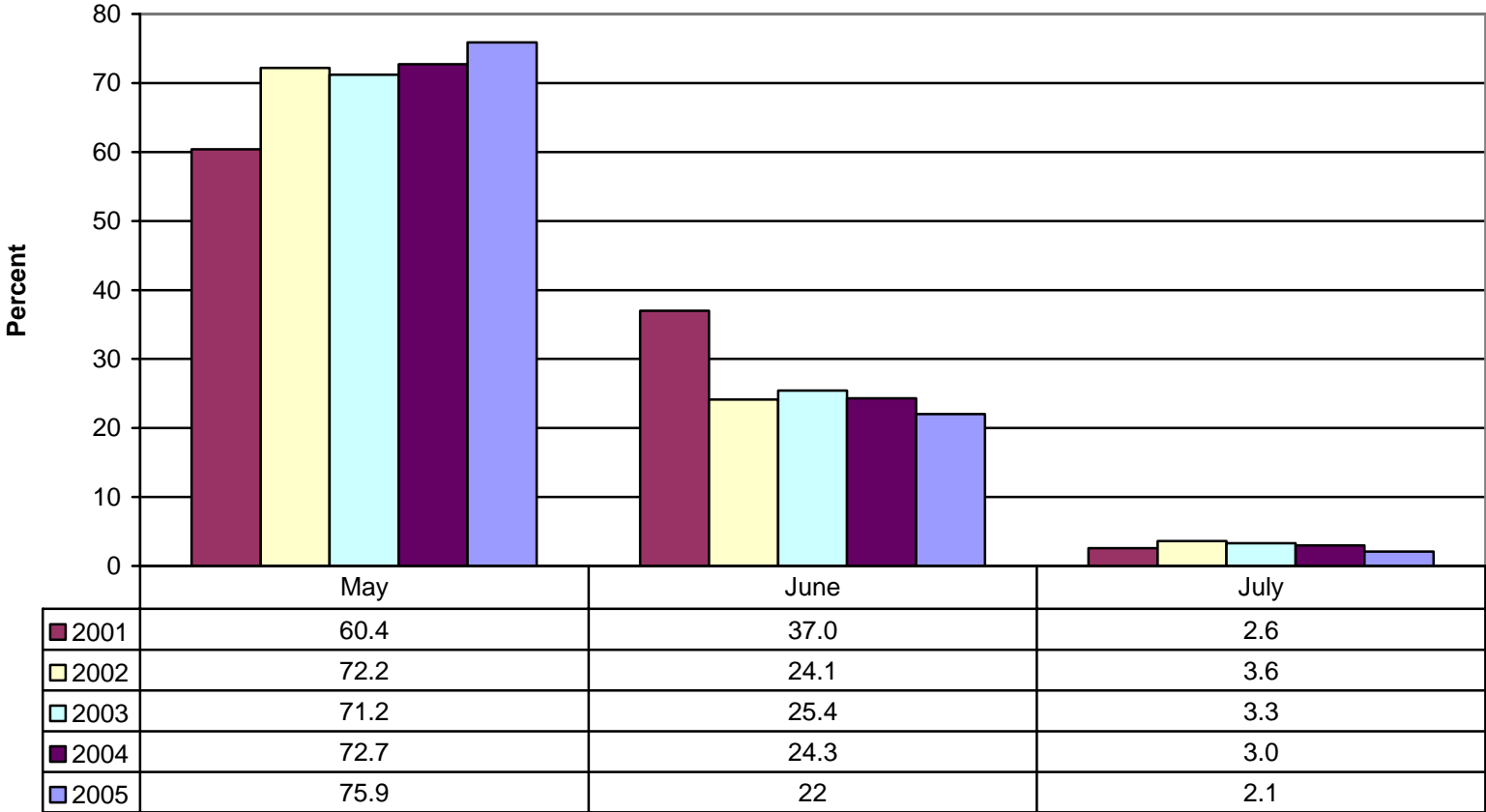


## Section II

### Multiple Year Comparison of Summer School Data: 2001-2005

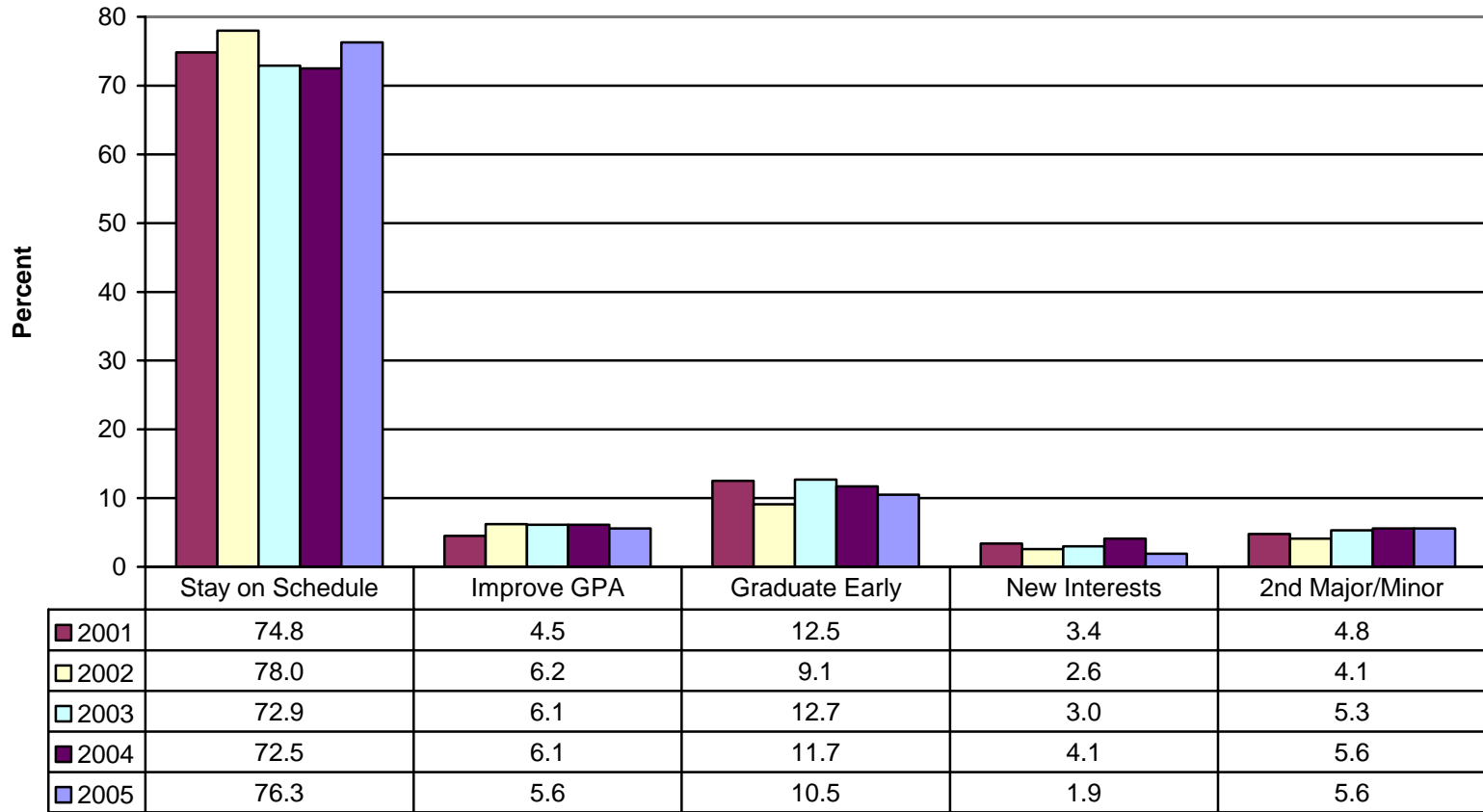


**Q2: I prefer summer school courses offered during (month):**



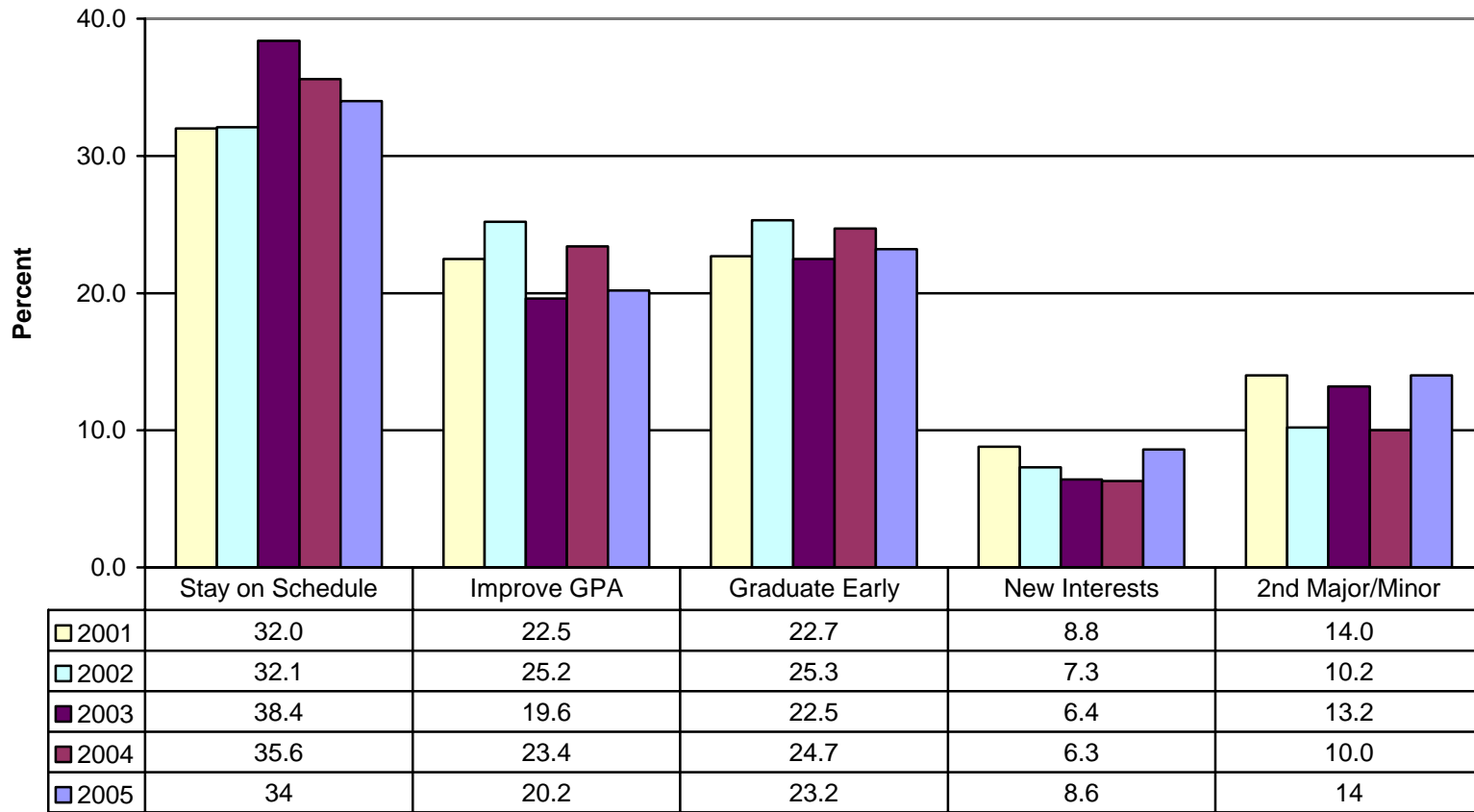
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**Q3: My primary reason for enrolling in summer school is:**



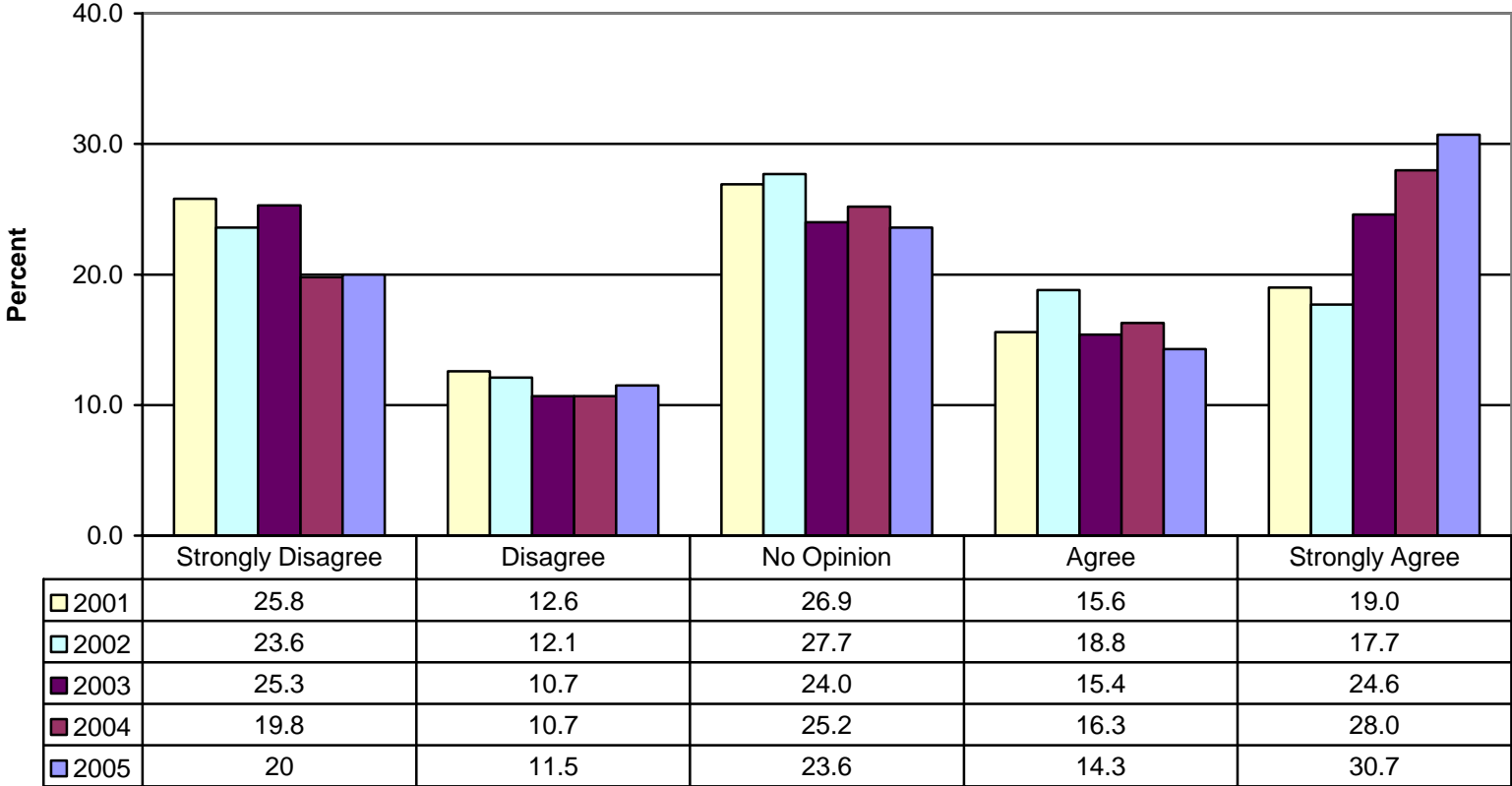
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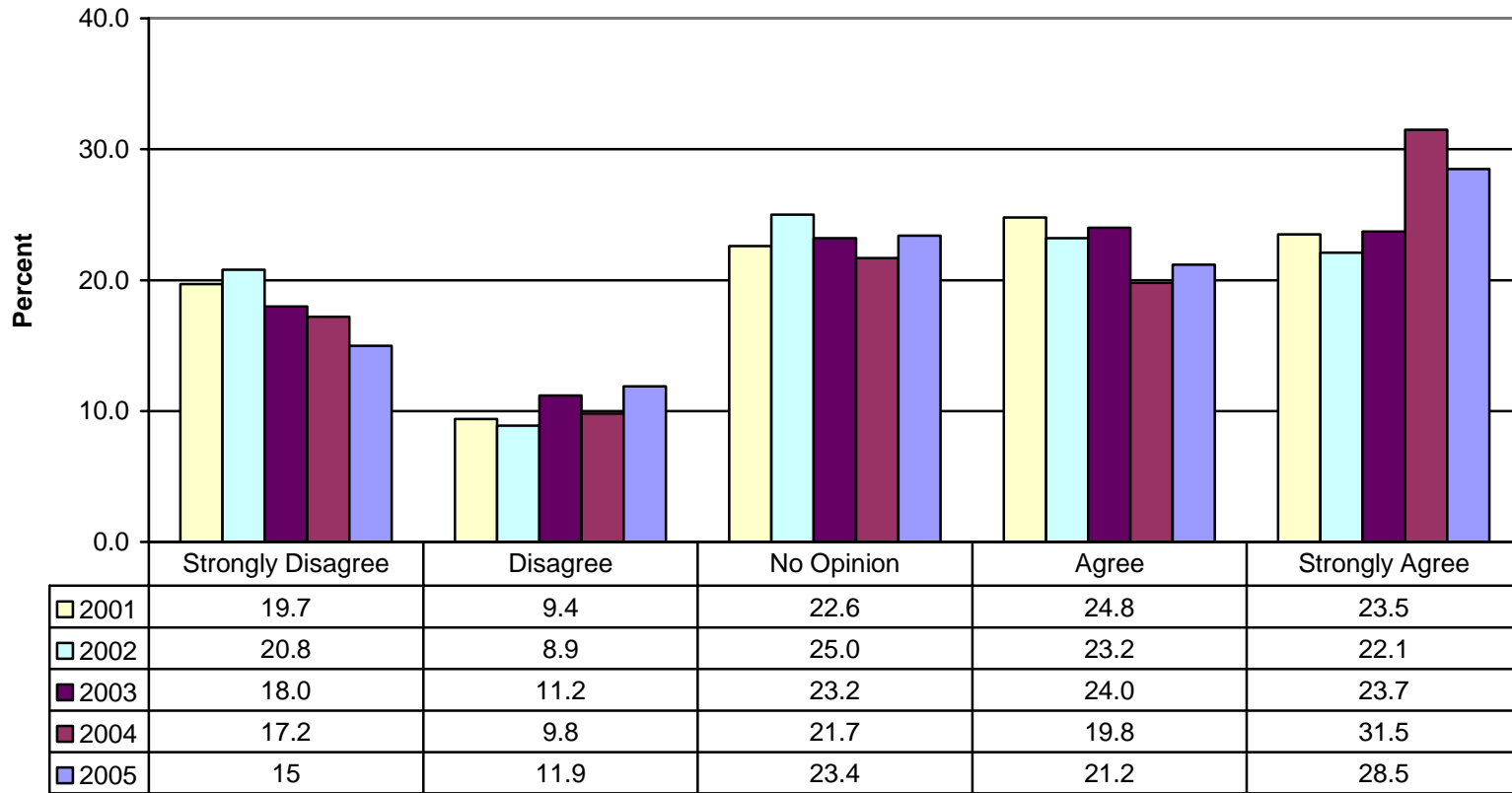
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**Q5: Financial aid is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**



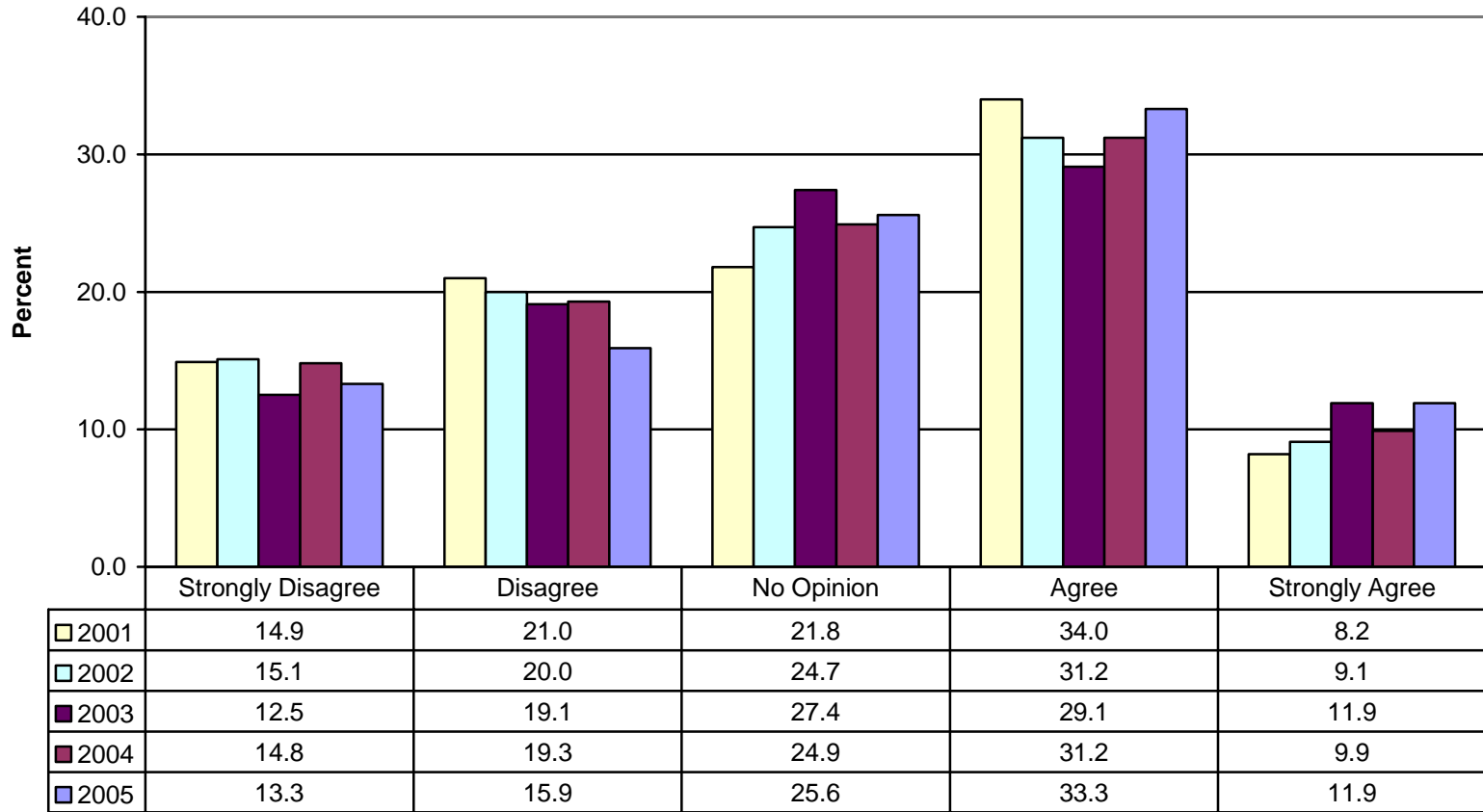
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**Q6: Local employment is a very important part of my decision to enroll in summer school.**



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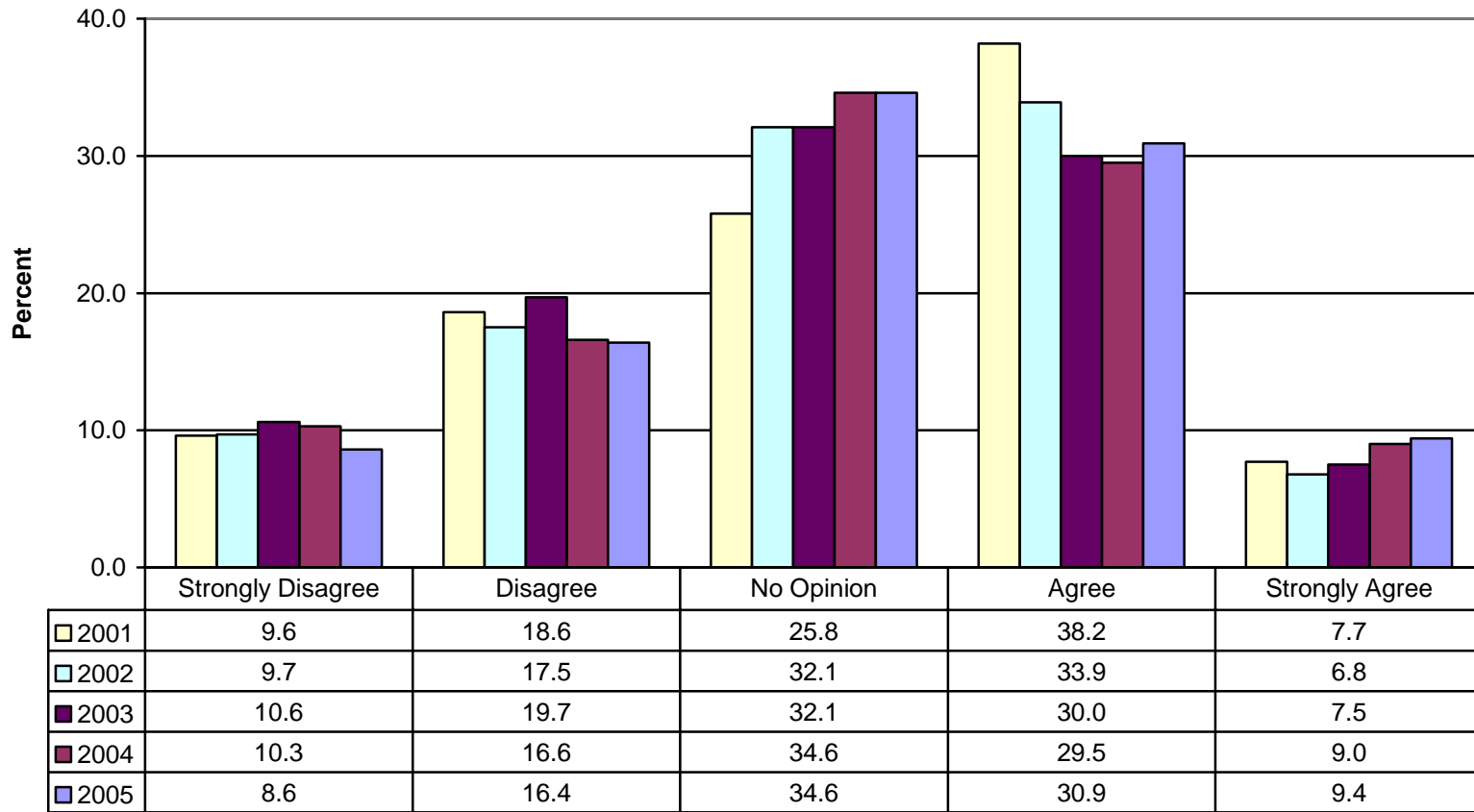
**Q7: The courses available in summer school this year meet my needs.**



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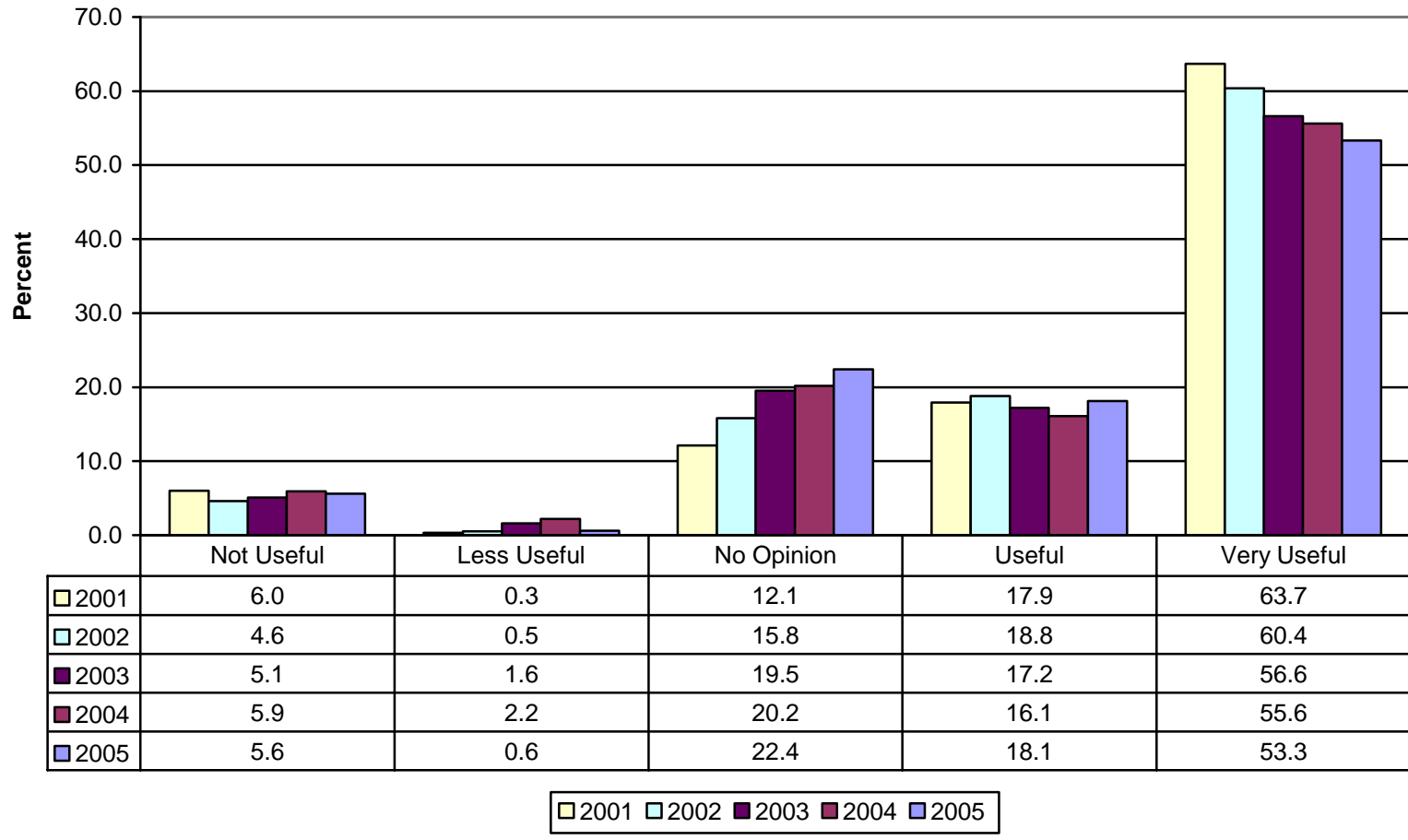


**Q8: The time at which courses are offered this summer meets my needs.**

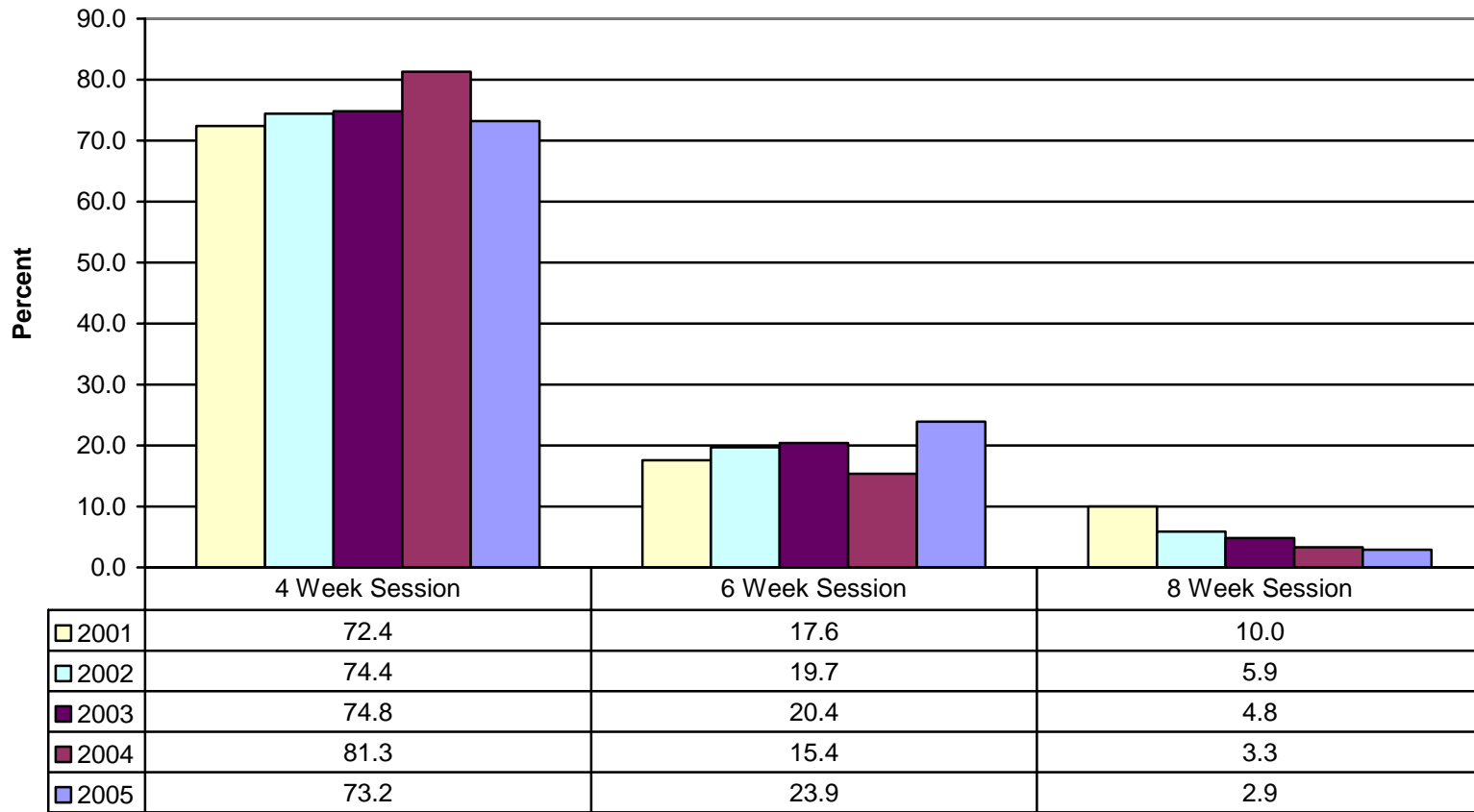


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**Q9: Now that a new May session is offered, how useful is this session for you?**



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



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