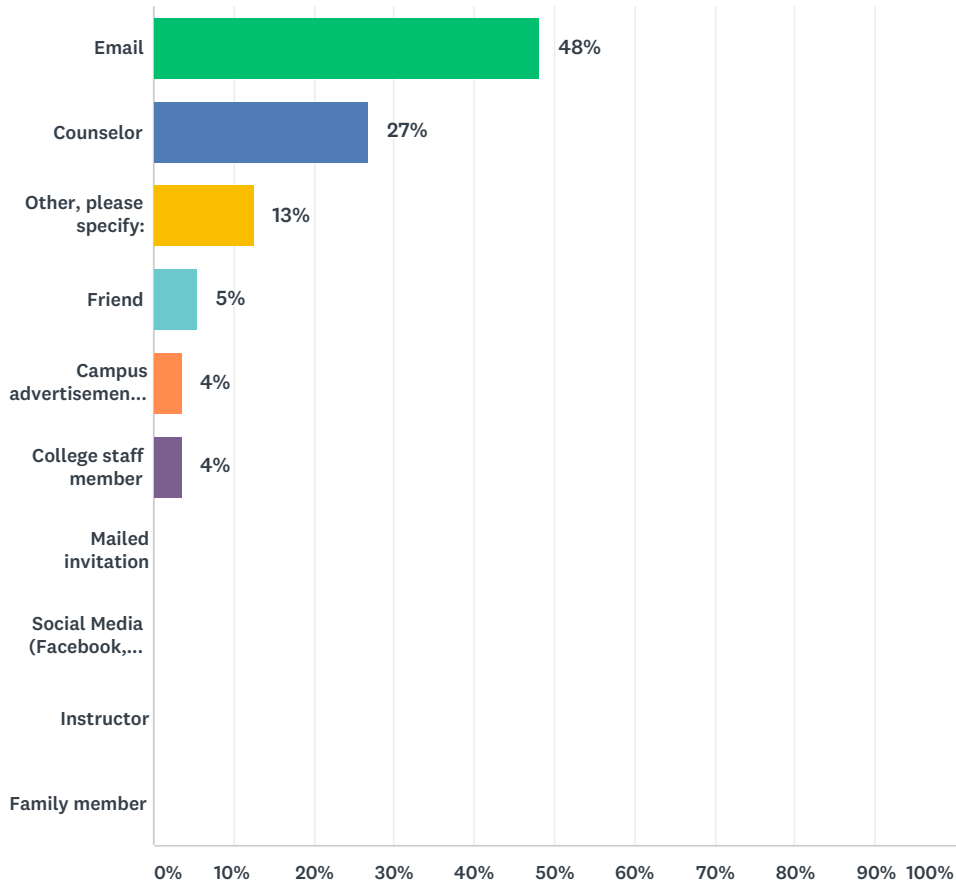


Q1 How did you first learn about the commencement ceremony?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Email	48%	27
Counselor	27%	15
Other, please specify:	13%	7
Friend	5%	3
Campus advertisements (banner, flyer, poster, etc.)	4%	2
College staff member	4%	2
Mailed invitation	0%	0
Social Media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.)	0%	0
Instructor	0%	0
Family member	0%	0
TOTAL		56

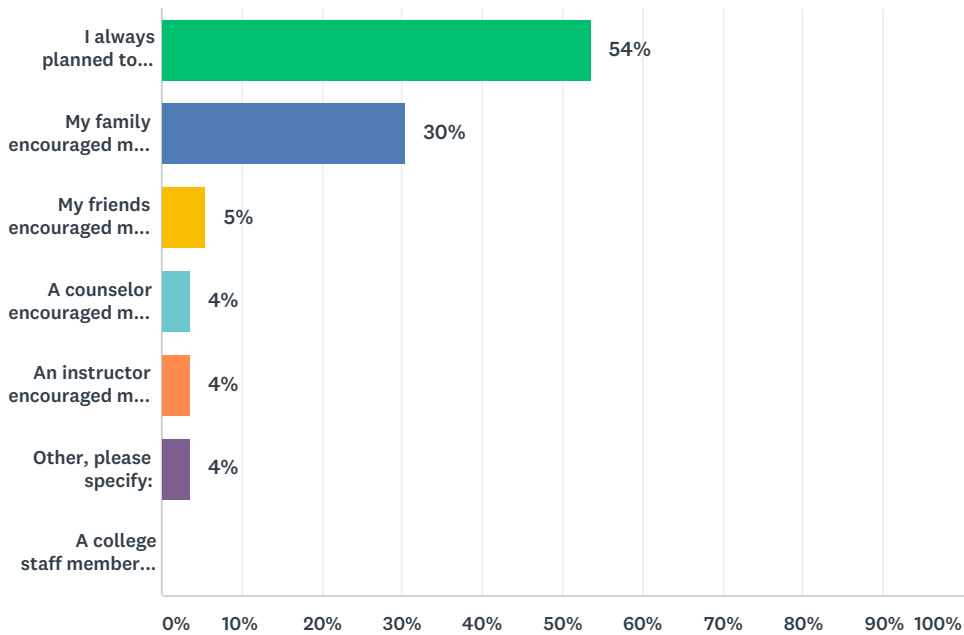
#	OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY:
1	Cuyamaca website
2	Personal checking

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3	Campus commencement web site
4	College website
5	Website
6	I hoped there was going to be one. Its a school.
7	I was a student

Q2 What is the primary reason you chose to participate in this year's commencement ceremony?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4

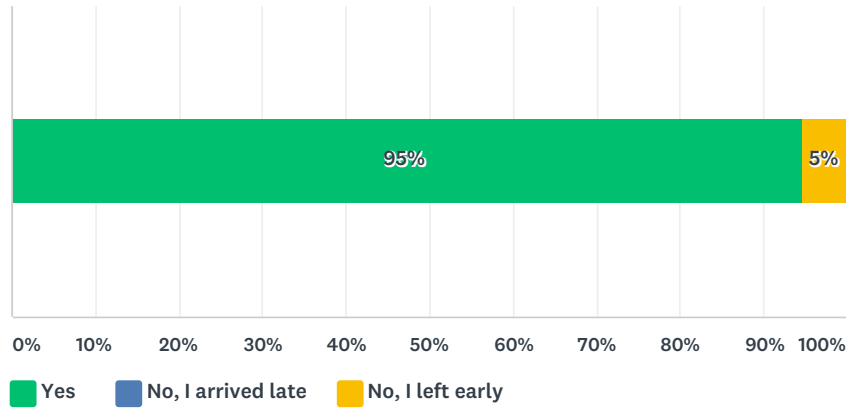


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I always planned to participate.	54%	30
My family encouraged me to participate.	30%	17
My friends encouraged me to participate.	5%	3
A counselor encouraged me to participate.	4%	2
An instructor encouraged me to participate.	4%	2
Other, please specify:	4%	2
A college staff member encouraged me to participate.	0%	0
TOTAL		56

#	OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY:	
1	I was the first person to graduate in a new major	
2	Girlfriend said I was going. Lol	

Q3 Did you experience the entire Commencement Ceremony?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95%	53
No, I arrived late	0%	0
No, I left early	5%	3
TOTAL		56

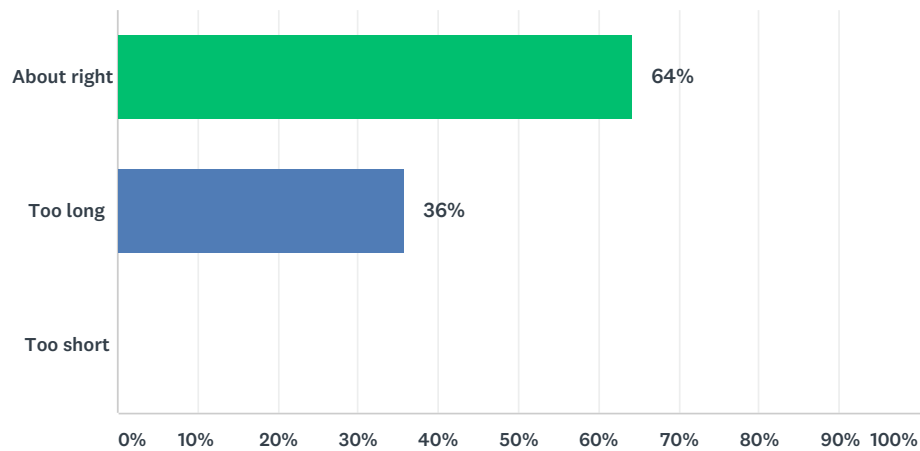
Q4 If you arrived late or left the ceremony early, please explain why:

Answered: 3 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	
1	I have several degrees already + it was my goddaughter's high school graduation day and there was a party	
2	The speeches took way too long. My friends and family began to leave the ceremony before they called our names.	
3	I left after all the graduates received their degrees. We did not get to the refreshments because it was so crowded and the ceremony took quite a long time.	

Q5 Did you feel the length of the ceremony was too long, too short, or about right?

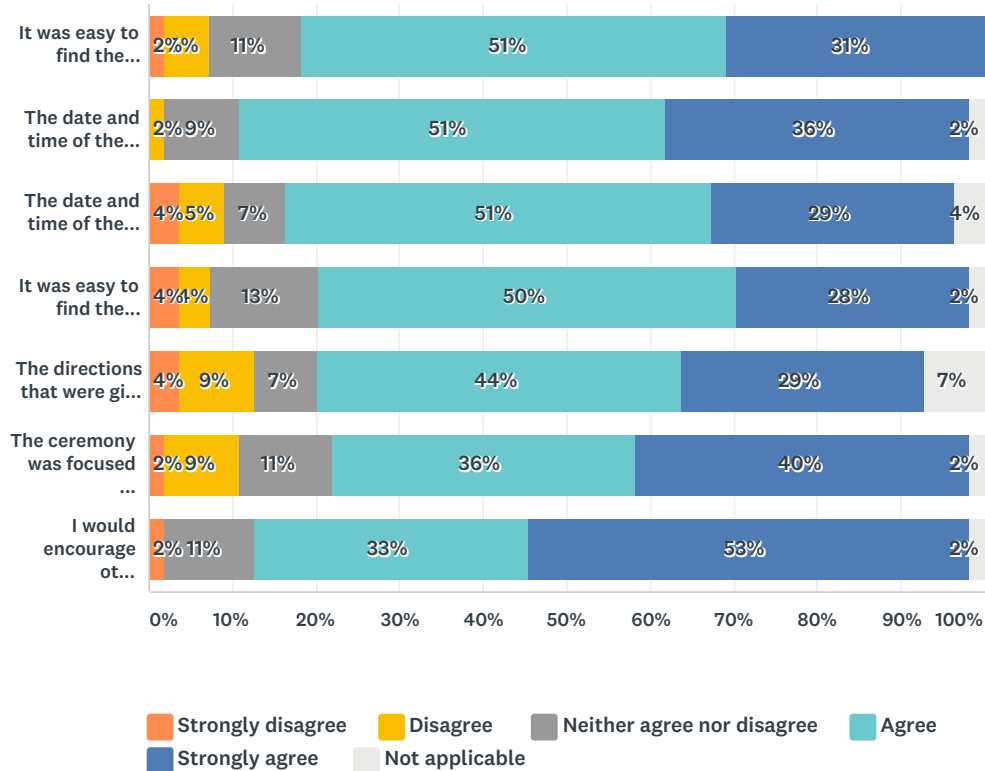
Answered: 56 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
About right	64%	36
Too long	36%	20
Too short	0%	0
TOTAL		56

Q6 Please rate your agreement with the following statements about the Cuyamaca College Commencement Ceremony.

Answered: 55 Skipped: 5



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL	
It was easy to find the information I needed about the ceremony.	2% 1	5% 3	11% 6	51% 28	31% 17	0% 0	55	
The date and time of the ceremony was appropriate for me.	0% 0	2% 1	9% 5	51% 28	36% 20	2% 1	55	
The date and time of the ceremony was appropriate for my guests.	4% 2	5% 3	7% 4	51% 28	29% 16	4% 2	55	
It was easy to find the information I needed at the check-in table at the ceremony.	4% 2	4% 2	13% 7	50% 27	28% 15	2% 1	54	
The directions that were given during the commencement rehearsal were clear.	4% 2	9% 5	7% 4	44% 24	29% 16	7% 4	55	

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The ceremony was focused on celebrating my academic achievements.	2% 1	9% 5	11% 6	36% 20	40% 22	2% 1	55
I would encourage other students to participate in the ceremony.	2% 1	0% 0	11% 6	33% 18	53% 29	2% 1	55

Q7 How would you describe the commencement ceremony to another student?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 22

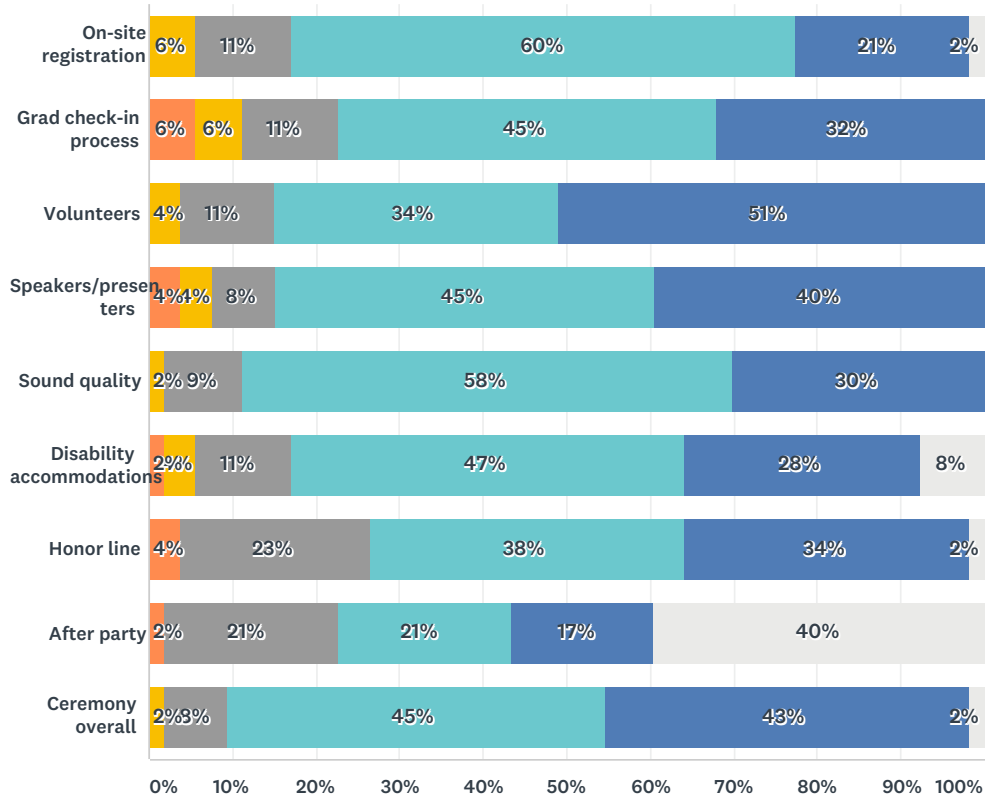
#	RESPONSES
1	It's worth it to attend after all the hard work...
2	It was a very organized event. prepare for it to be hot. The exit for the student was very crowded. Very difficult to get out.
3	A heart ceremony to celebrate and commemorate your academic achievements with your peers and loved ones.
4	A wonderful experience and extremely hot. It would be wise to bring shades and something to block the hot.
5	It was very organized and fun!
6	It is a once in a lifetime experience, there is nothing like it.
7	It was a lot of monologuing from previous students and that took away the spotlight from the students that were actually graduating that day. While it's great that the speakers attended Cuyamaca and went on to do great things, a quick 30-second spiel could have easily communicated that. Focus on the students that just completed their degree/certificate and let THEM have THEIR moment!!!
8	It was a lot of fun, but it was lengthy. Definitely should try to get it down to 1 hour.
9	I would describe it as a joyous occasion not one for the graduate but family, and significant people that supported your endeavors. This ceremony impact was for them just as much as the graduate-inspirational and uplifting them.
10	- Unorganized as far as student line up = not knowing if graduating by department or in alpha order makes it difficult for family to know when you might be called - Way too many introductions and speakers at beginning. Crowd behind me was so loud talking because they were bored it made focusing on what was being said difficult to hear any way.
11	The time where every student who has completed their requirements of their each individual degree celebrate their academic success.
12	Great experience for yourself and family to prove how far you have come and feel proud of it to move on even further
13	it was wonderful
14	Long
15	uncomfortable for mu guests to sit under the sun for a long period of time
16	The commencement was fantastic.
17	Speeches were long and got boring because they are repetitive. Otherwise, it was amazing and made me feel ecstatic.
18	It was fun.
19	Exciting
20	The ceremony was wonderful and it felt good. When you get up to the stage to shake hands with the college president and look at the crowd was amazing.
21	Unorganized, but a must do! The rehearsal was extremely disorganized with not enough information given to students.
22	It was great.
23	Amazing
24	It seemed a bit disorganized and it didn't feel like we were a whole class graduating together but more like individuals.
25	It was one of the best rite of passage ceremony that I have ever experienced.
26	It was my day because all my dreams came true.

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27	It is really wonderful ceremony I encourage every student join in it
28	Worth while, and encouraging for all the hard work done.
29	It was great
30	If you don't go, you'll regret it
31	To be perfectly honest, it lacked some organization.
32	Check in was under staffed and the staff there was late. Ceremony was a little long but it was worth it.
33	It was such a delight to hear my fellow faculty and staff cheer me on as completed a personal educational accomplishment
34	It is a way to reward yourself for the hard work you put in in order to graduate and to share it with friends and relatives. It is a milestone in your life travels.
35	It was great
36	Way too long . Showed up right at 4:00 pm like we were asked to and everyone that showed up late was first in line . Half of the people didn't even go to the rehearsal . The speeches were too long . My row didn't get out until 7:45 pm. From 4:00-7:45 , that's a long time to go without food or water . Skip all the speeches next year or set a 5 minute minimum next year . Good luck!
37	Speakers made the ceremony far too long, which made people have to leave. Cuyamaca clearly cares about the students, but too much fluff. Also did not need to be there a full hour and a half before ceremony start.
38	Good

Q8 Using the scale below, please indicate how satisfied you were with each of the following:

Answered: 53 Skipped: 7



■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Dissatisfied
 ■ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 ■ Satisfied
 ■ Very satisfied
 ■ Not applicable

	VERY DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
On-site registration	0% 0	6% 3	11% 6	60% 32	21% 11	2% 1	53
Grad check-in process	6% 3	6% 3	11% 6	45% 24	32% 17	0% 0	53
Volunteers	0% 0	4% 2	11% 6	34% 18	51% 27	0% 0	53
Speakers/presenters	4% 2	4% 2	8% 4	45% 24	40% 21	0% 0	53
Sound quality	0% 0	2% 1	9% 5	58% 31	30% 16	0% 0	53
Disability accommodations	2% 1	4% 2	11% 6	47% 25	28% 15	8% 4	53
Honor line	4% 2	0% 0	23% 12	38% 20	34% 18	2% 1	53
After party	2% 1	0% 0	21% 11	21% 11	17% 9	40% 21	53

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Ceremony overall	0%	2%	8%	45%	43%	2%	
	0	1	4	24	23	1	53

Q9 What, if anything, would you change about the commencement process (i.e., registration, online information, check-in, ceremony, reception)?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES
1	Add snacks before the ceremony please like water and pretzels or something
2	Change the honor line. It got very very crowded at the end by parents and well wishers.
3	Why separate graduates between honors and non? I don't get the point of that.
4	Keep the damn sun out of our eyes.
5	Where to check in should have been announced at rehearsal.
6	Registration for graduates was sloppy. The buildings are not properly identified and it's unclear where students should go or that they needed to check-in first. The ceremony needs to be updated to celebrate the students graduating that day and remove the focus from previous graduates. Overall I wish I had just skipped the ceremony.
7	Shorten the ceremony!
8	More use of online registration or ordering of caps & gowns
9	- line up by name or department - trim intros and amount of speakers
10	More online information!
11	Everything seemed to be fine
12	Make it shorter
13	Shortens the speeches or eliminate few of them.
14	With the high number graduates, there should be separate ceremonies for the different Associates degrees and certificates.
15	The stage needs to be higher because none of the graduates could see anyone on stage the entire time
16	I was unaware I could receive transfer cords at graduation and would have liked to have been notified I was eligible to receive them.
17	I think the chairs were very uncomfortable for the period of time we had to sit. More room was needed between the rows. There also did not appear to be enough seating for the families and friends; however, the entire staff was seated with great accommodations. I know my family had to stand for the entire ceremony and my mother is in her late 70's. Was the ceremony for Cuyamaca's staff or for the graduates?
18	It seemed very disorganized. This is something that has occurred for 39 years, so you would think it would have been better organized. It was also disappointing that the graduates were not by degree, or alphabetical order. There was nothing mentioned about the "honors" cords, only the "transfer" cords. Disappointing. Don't get me wrong, the experience was one I will never forget, and I wouldn't have missed it, just better preparation needed in the future.
19	GRADFEST IS ON JUNE 24TH, NOT SEPTEMBER.
20	Better practice during rehearsal and directions from volunteers.
21	Better photograph opportunities for my family.
22	None
23	I think every thing is perfect
24	The instructions the day prior to be more clear
25	The time because of the bright sun

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26	Online was thorough, check-in needs to be more organized and volunteers need to be on time, ceremony was typical and timing was good. I however wished that the honor students when first. Reception info was not very clear until speaker announced family and friends were invite, dinner plans were already made.
27	Please have water available. Small water bottles would have been great. It was a warm day and I was dying of thirst before the ceremony was over. I didn't think to bring water with me. So either provide water or make sure to let us know to bring our own water. The water fountains upstairs by the restrooms were not working at all. I finally found a working fountain downstairs before we went out the door to the ceremony, but I could have used more water. Also, more control over the crowd would have been great with regard to the honor line. The honor line worked great until you got to the end. People were crowded around the end of the line to greet their graduate, but in the process totally blocked any way for the rest of us to get out to find your own family and friends. I literally had to push my way through the crowd to try to get away from the crowd to locate my own friends and family. It took 10 to 15 minutes before we found each other via phone texts trying to figure out where they were located. They ended up going to the parking lot on the other side of the black fence to wait for me. Finally we got together. The families need to be kept off to the sides away from the only way that we are funneled out from the ceremony. It was just one huge traffic jam of people and no one was moving and we were trapped by the fence at the back with no where to go except to the left or to the right which was extremely difficult to even move.
28	Have check in staff arrive early. Also be clear if students need to sign in or were to go for rehearsal
29	Fewer and shorter speeches, no performance, a better way to leave the site because it became very bottle necked by family crowding the graduates.
30	Nothing.