

Institutional Engagement & Effectiveness attempted to contact by phone all degree-seeking students who attended UVU in the 2024-25 academic year, but who did not return for Fall 2025 (excluding graduated students). We received responses from 2,077 out of 8,470 students (24.5%). The margin of error for 2025 overall results is 1.9%. Report prepared by Taylor Lovell (Tlovell@uvu.edu).

UVU employees can further explore these results at the link below:
<https://tableau.uvu.edu/views/NRSSDashboard/Post-UVUActivities>

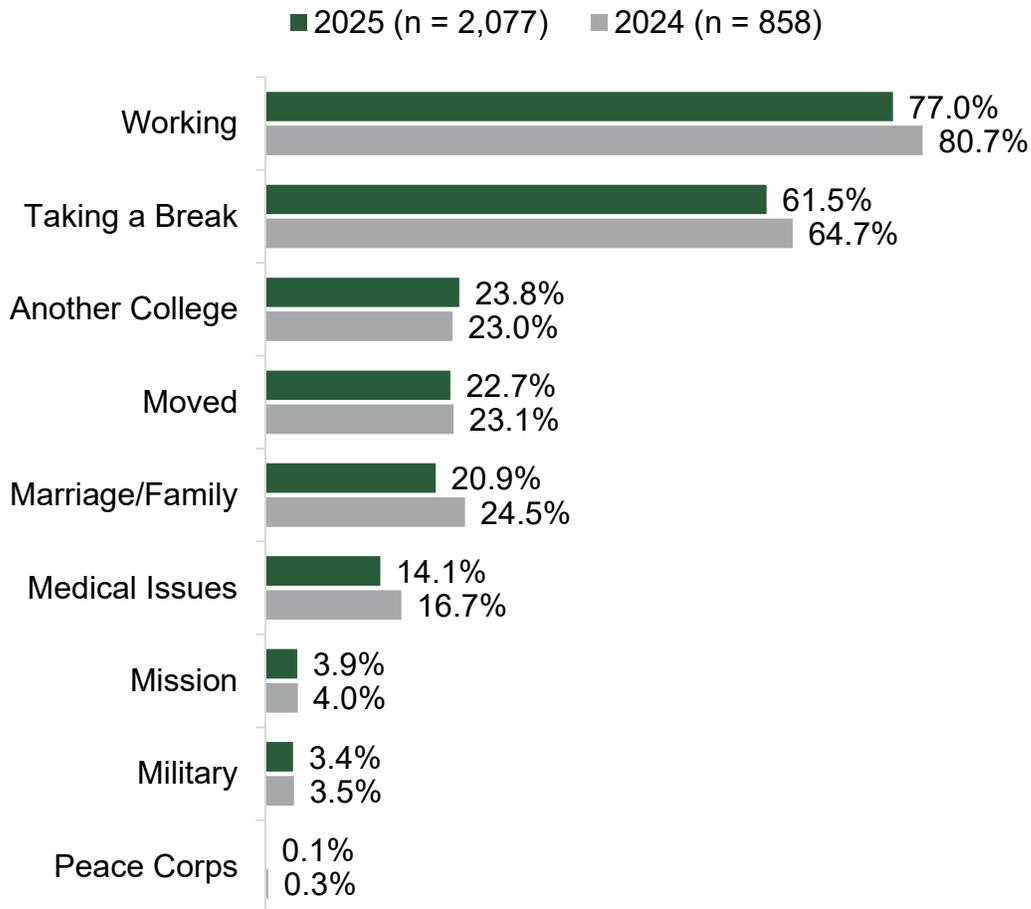
Key Findings

- The most common activities that non-returning students were doing instead of attending UVU:
 - Working (77.0%%)
 - Taking a break (61.5%)
 - Attending another college (23.8%)
- The most common reasons why students chose not to return:
 - Could not afford college (29.3%)
 - Not doing well in classes (21.3%)
 - Mental health issues (18.3%)
- The most mentioned program that UVU is missing was Radiology (7 out of 149 mentions).
- 49.8% of non-returning students plan on returning to UVU within two years.
- 83.6% of students said there was nothing UVU could have done to help them return.
- The most mentioned things that students said UVU could have done to help them return:
 - Scholarship/Grant/Cheaper Tuition (68 out of 299 responses)
 - More Online Classes/Programs (26 responses)
 - Better Communication (21 responses)

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Post-UVU Activities



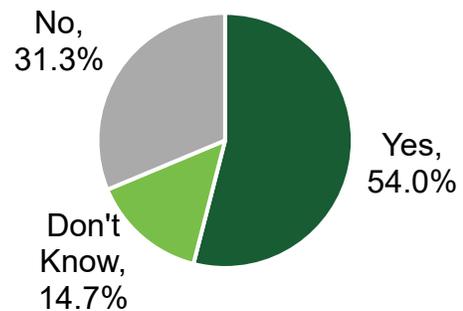
Most Popular Other Colleges

"Another College" Only, n = 475

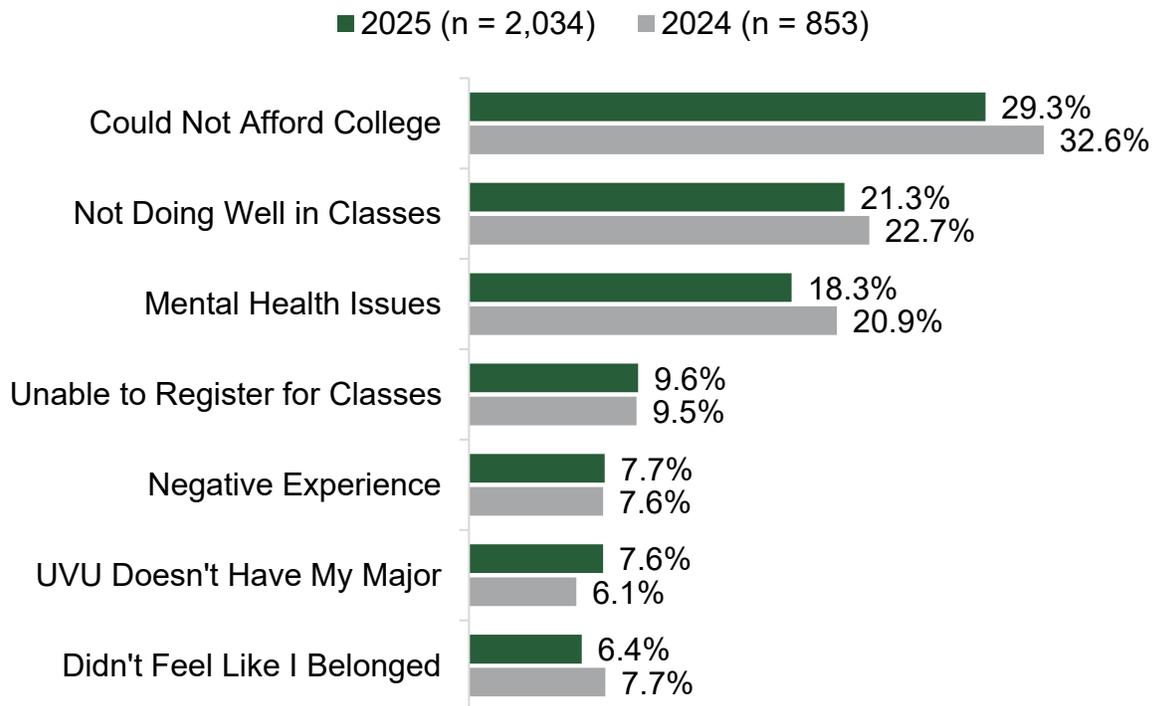
1. Brigham Young University – Provo (10.7%)
2. Salt Lake Community College (10.7%)
3. University of Utah (9.1%)
4. Brigham Young University – Idaho (5.5%)
5. Western Governors University (4.8%)
6. Utah State University (4.4%)
7. Weber State University (4.4%)

Graduate Faster Elsewhere?

"Another College" Only, n = 476



Reasons for Not Returning to UVU



**Most Popular Categories of Classes
 Students Couldn't Register For**

"Unable to Register For Classes" Only. Excludes
 "None" or "I don't know" responses. n = 171

1. Engineering/Technology (13.5%)
2. Science (12.3%)
3. Art (11.1%)
4. Math (11.1%)
5. Humanities/Social Science (7.0%)
6. Registered Late (7.0%)

Most Popular Missing Majors/Programs

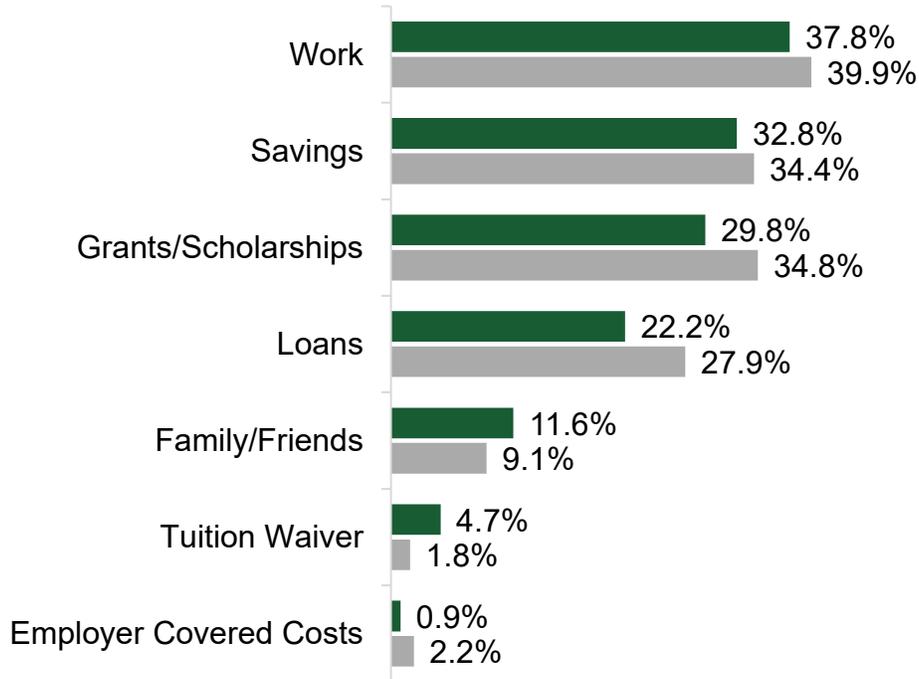
"UVU Doesn't Have My Major" only, n = 149

1. Radiology (7 mentions)
2. Dietetics (5)
3. Mechanical Engineering (4)
4. Medical School (4)

Paying For College

"Could Not Afford College" Only

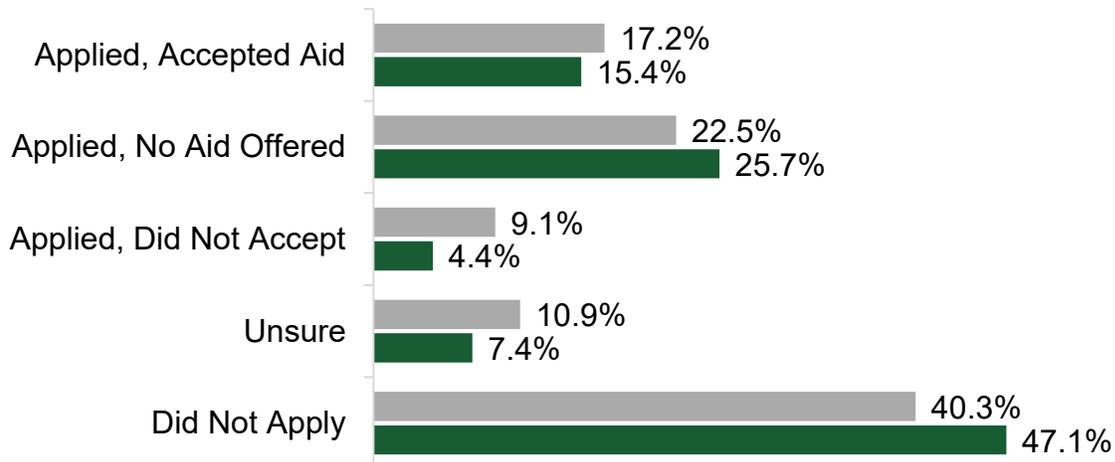
■ 2025 (n = 577) ■ 2024 (n = 276)



Financial Aid

Only includes students who said they paid for college without loans, grants, or scholarships.

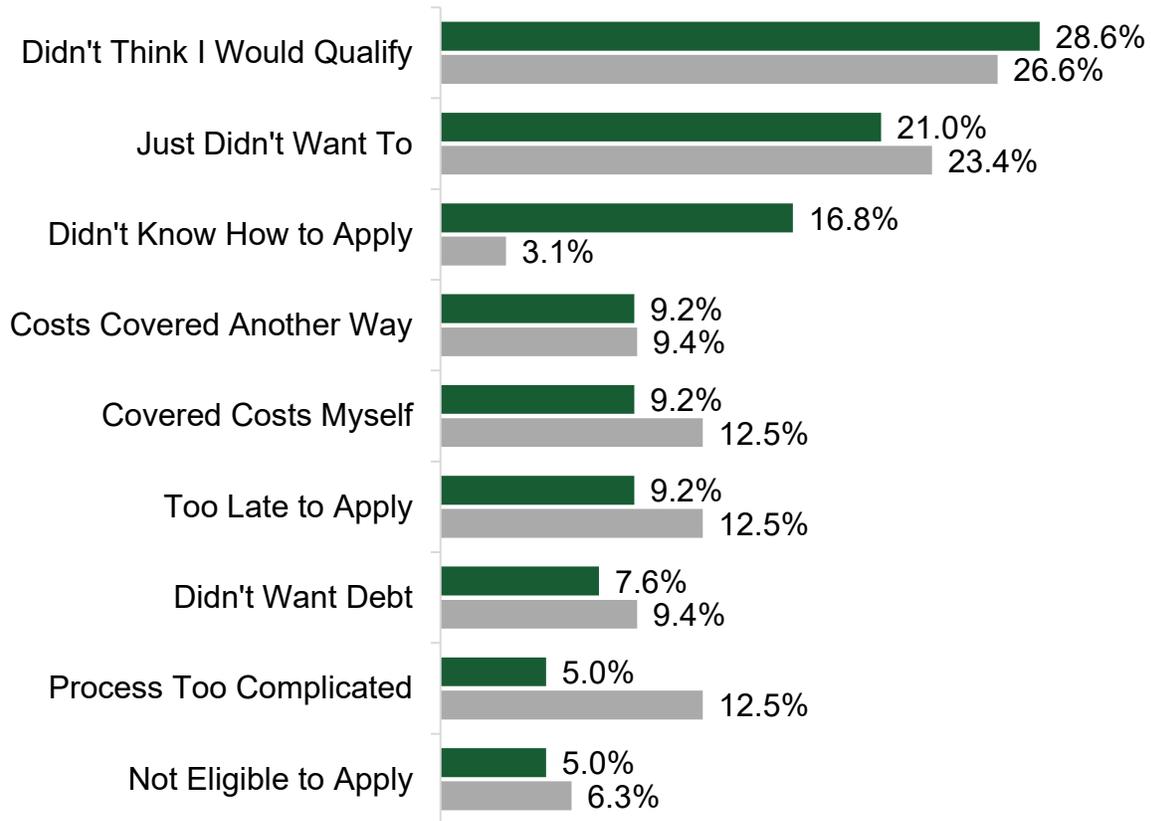
■ 2025 (n = 320) ■ 2024 (n = 136)



Reasons to Not Apply for Financial Aid

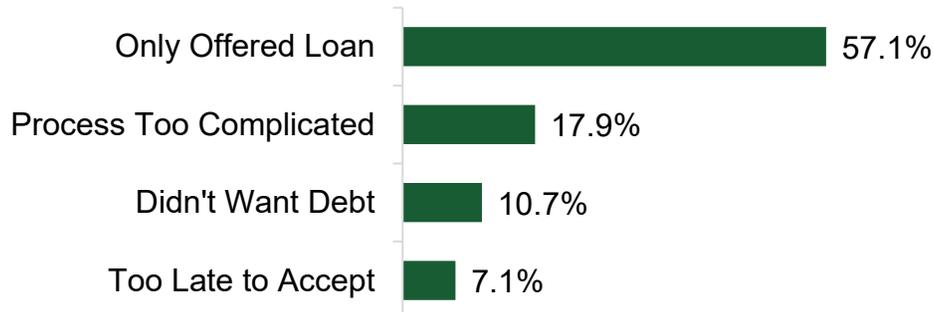
"Did Not Apply" Only

■ 2025 (n = 119) ■ 2024 (n = 64)

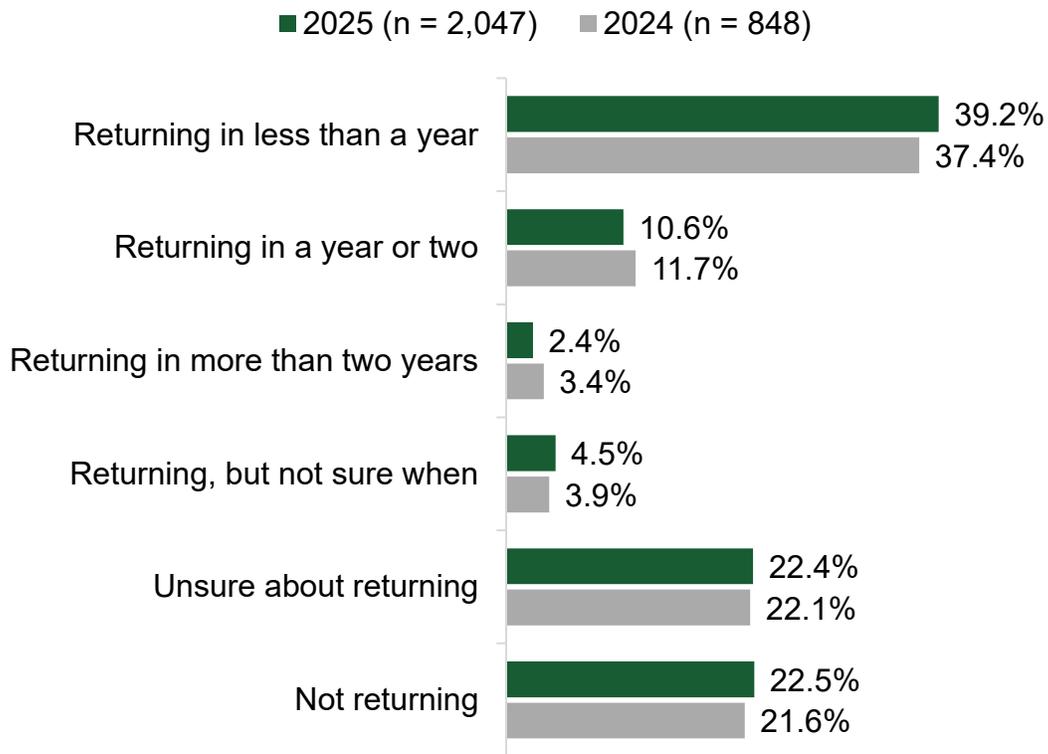


Reasons to Not Accept Financial Aid

"Applied, Did Not Accept" Only, n = 28

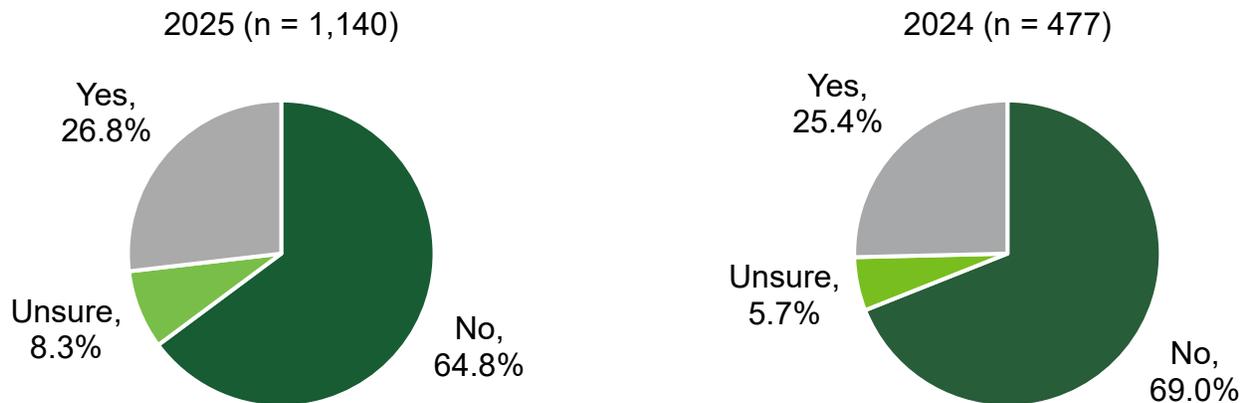


Returning to UVU

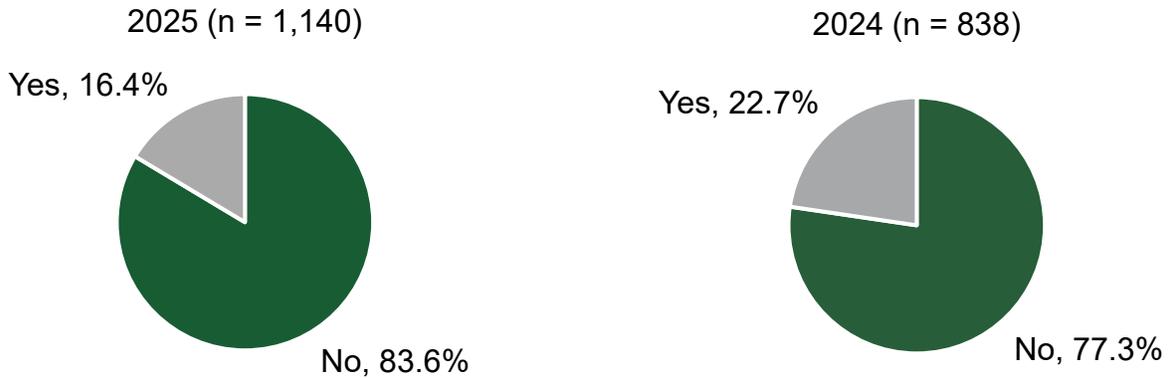


Submit Leave of Absence

Planning to Return Only



“Is there anything UVU could have done to help you return?”



What UVU Could Have Done

Only asked of students who said “Yes” to the above question.
 Excludes all “UVU is great” or “It was just me” responses. n = 299

1. Scholarship/Grant/Cheaper Tuition (68 mentions, 22.7%)
 - “Be cheaper and maybe offer grants and scholarships that I can be accepted for.”
 - “More help with resources when I felt like I couldn't afford to go.”
2. More Online Classes/Programs (26 mentions, 8.7%)
 - “I just didn't attend because the program I was in didn't offer online classes and I'm working full-time.”
 - “Maybe offer more online classes for the advanced portions of my degree.”
3. Better Communication (21 mentions, 7.0%)
 - “Have my advisor reach out to me more to help me stay on track.”
 - “I think I just wasn't aware of some of the resources I could've taken advantage of.”
4. More Accommodations for Different Circumstances (19 mentions, 6.4%)
 - “I wasn't made aware of the resources available to me to help me with my mental disorders.”
 - “I have a medically complex child. They support single moms but not married moms.”
5. Better Advisors (18 mentions, 6.0%)
 - “I don't think I heard from my academic advisor at all.”
 - “The counselor I had was not very friendly, didn't make my life easier.”
6. Have My Program (18 mentions, 6.0%)
 - “It was a great school; it just didn't line up with my projected career path.”
 - “Maybe have more programs or certifications.”