

# Results from the Class of 2021 One Year Out Survey

## Overview

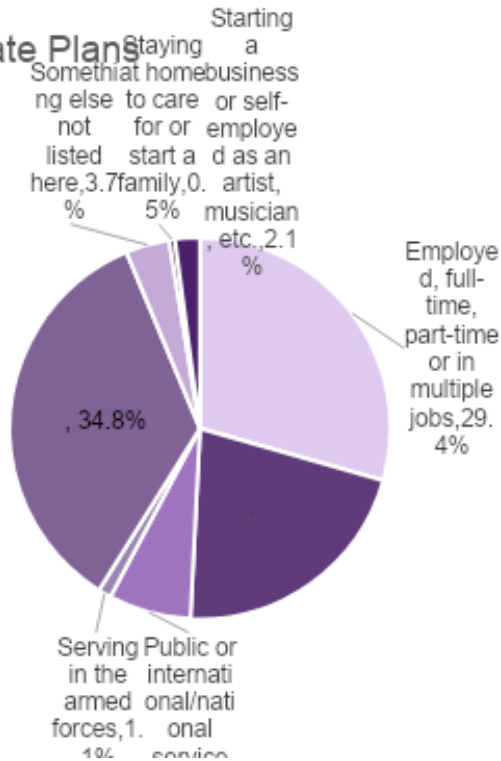
To understand the lives of young alumni, Kenyon has implemented both a Senior Survey and One Year Out Survey that focus on the plans and experiences of Kenyon students immediately after graduation and through the following fall. The Class of 2021 is the ninth graduating class to receive both surveys, and they offer us a glimpse into how our very youngest alumni are progressing and how they view Kenyon and its effect on their lives. The responses indicate that, of those alums who responded to our survey:

- The vast majority of the class (94%) is employed, in graduate school, or pursuing other endeavors of their choice such as a public or international/national service (e.g. Peace Corp, Teach for America).
- 6% indicated that they are looking for employment.
- The 62% of respondents felt that Kenyon effectively prepared them for their current pursuits.

## Senior Plans of the Class of 2021

Seniors in the Class of 2021 were surveyed from mid-April through May of 2019 about their plans for the fall after graduation. Of the 317 seniors surveyed, 187 responded for an overall response rate of 59%. Of the graduating seniors responding to the Senior Survey, 29.4% indicated that they already found either a part or full-time position. In addition, 21.4% planned to attend graduate or professional school.

## Class of 2021 Post-Graduate Plans

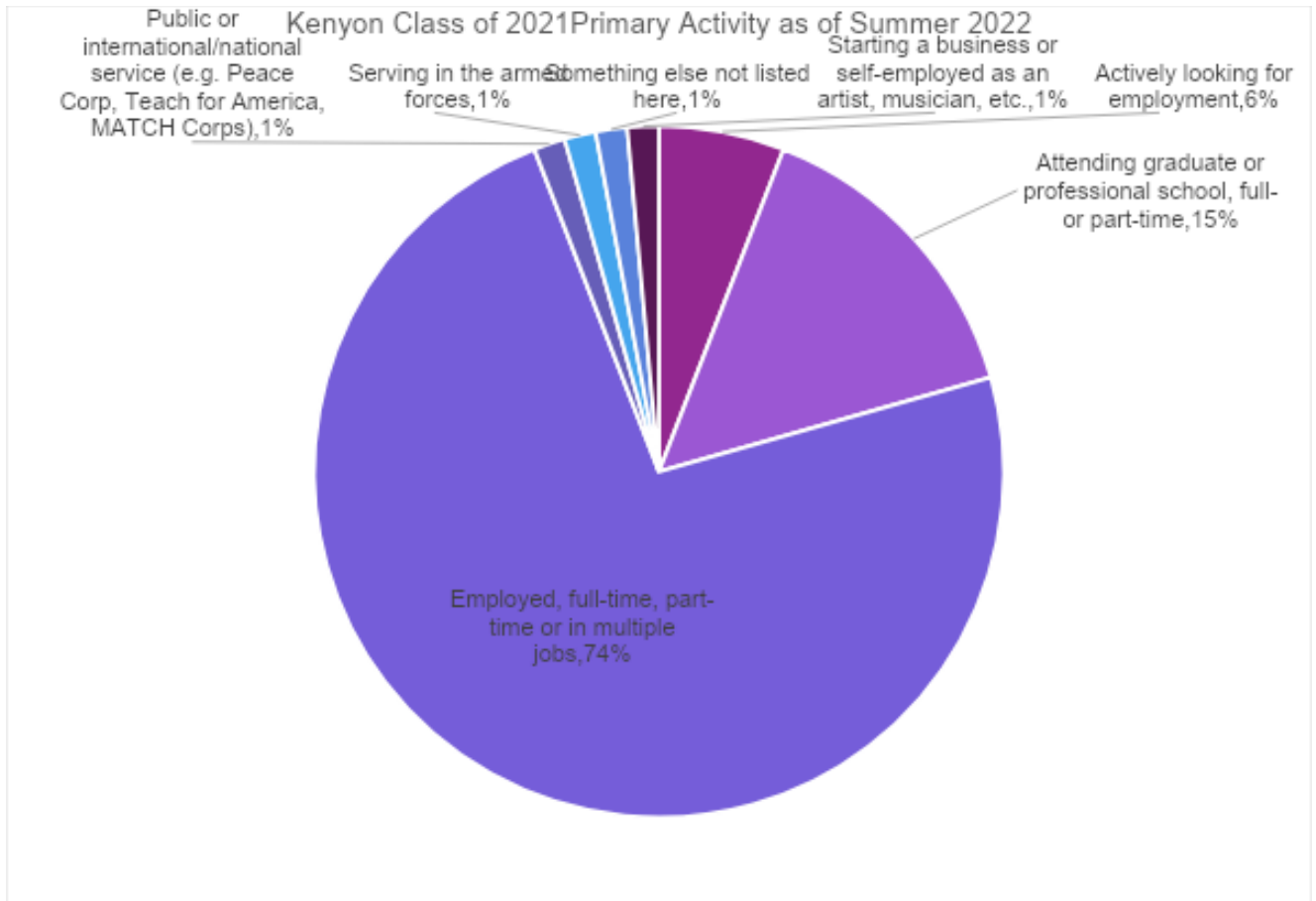


Data source: Senior Survey, June 2021. N=187.

## Status in the summer of 2022

The Class of 2021 was invited to respond to a “one year out” survey regarding their current pursuits in June 2022.<sup>1</sup> The response rate was 20% (68 of 333 invitees). Of the 68 who responded about their primary activity, 73.53% indicated that they were currently employed while 14.71% were in graduate or professional school. Additionally, 5.88% indicated that they were currently looking for employment. Looking across the eight years of historical data from this survey, the percent of students in each category have shown little variation from year to year. This year is only slightly higher than in previous years, with an exception of the class of 2019, which saw 8% seeking employment likely due to impacts of Covid-19. Historically the percent of respondents who indicated that they are actively looking for employment has consistently ranged from 1-5%.

<sup>1</sup> Alumni who had been invited to participate in other surveys already this year were excluded from participation, as were those for whom we did not have a valid email address.

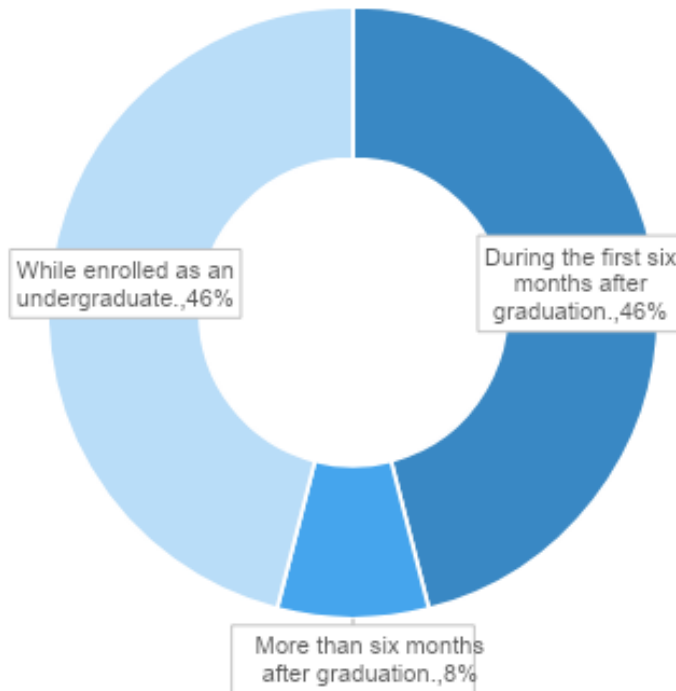


Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2022. N=68.

## Employment

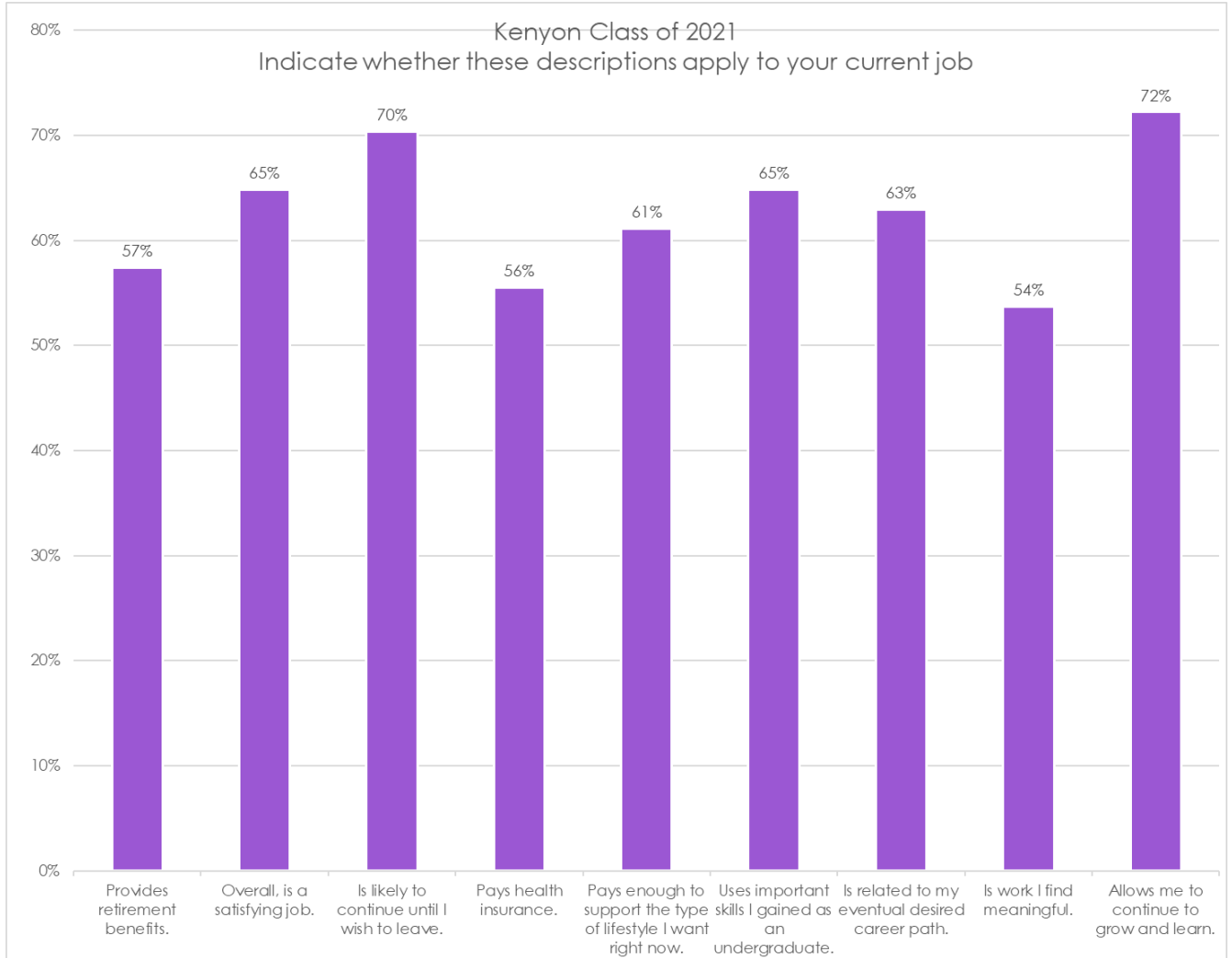
Of the Class of 2021 respondents who indicated that they were employed, 46% indicated that they found their first job during the first six months after graduating from Kenyon. In addition, 46% indicated that they were employed at the time of graduation, and 8% indicated that they were employed more than six months after graduating. Compared to historical data, more respondents from the Class of 2021 secured a paying job while enrolled as an undergraduate than respondents from most past years.

Kenyon Class of 2021 At what point did you secure your first paying job after graduating from Kenyon?



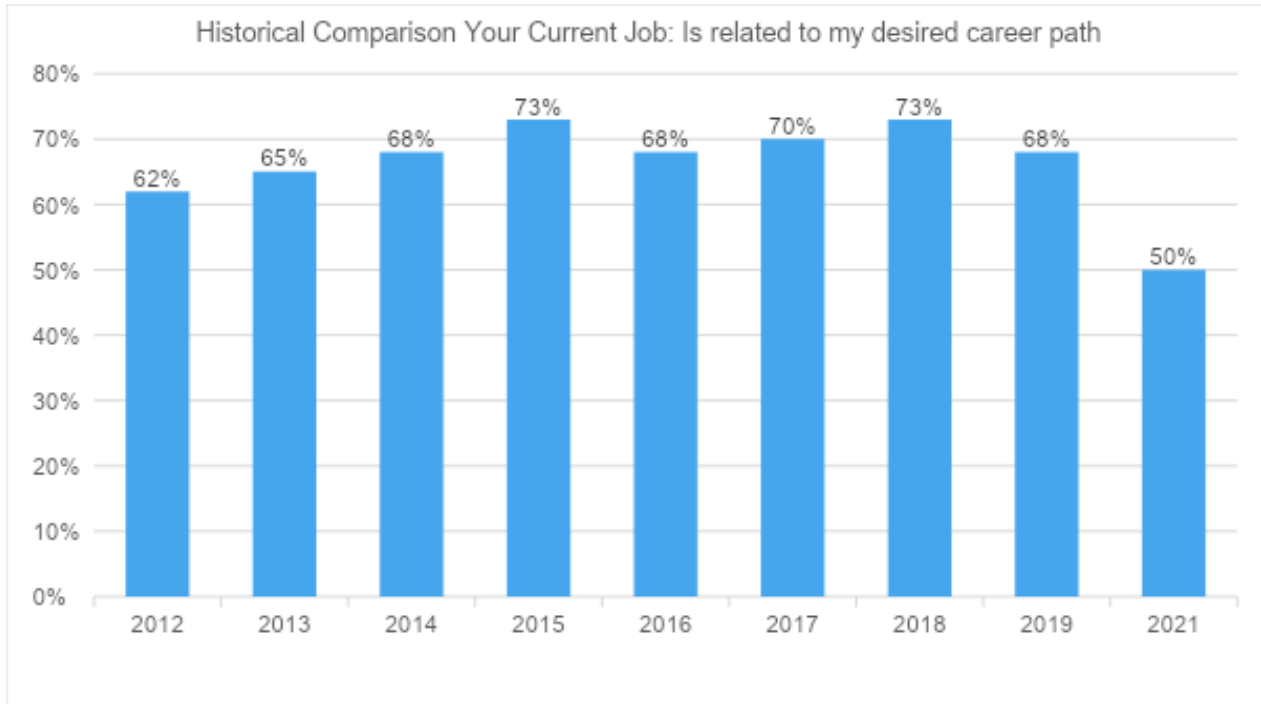
Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2022. N=64.

In addition to having secured any job, most of the respondents indicated that their positions had values that are associated with a “good” job such as allowing for further growth and providing adequate pay and benefits.



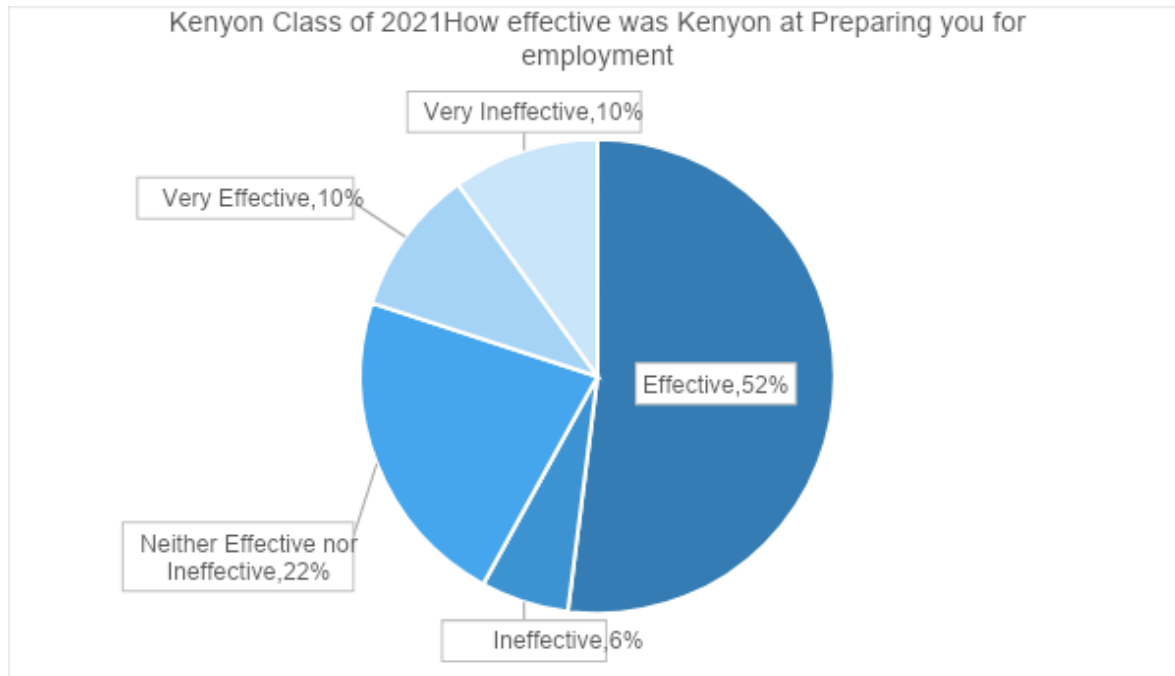
Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2022. N=54.

This year, 50% of respondents indicated that their job is related to their eventual career path, which is significantly lower than the past three years of respondents to this question.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, Spring 2013-2022

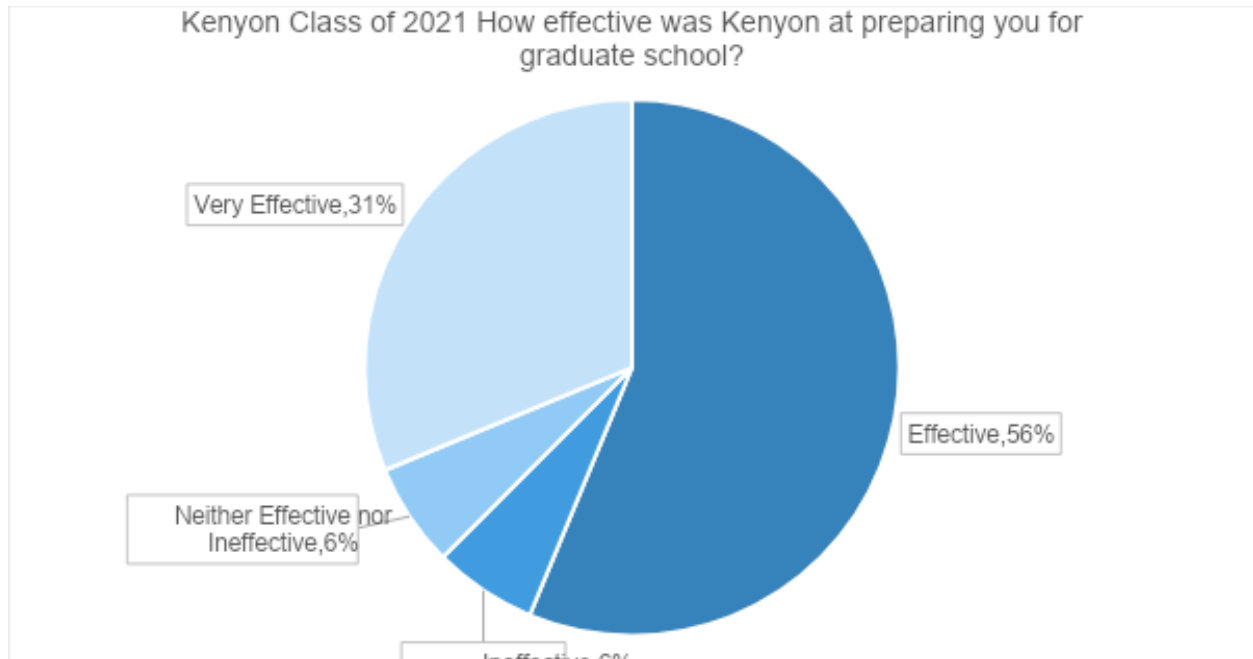
In addition to questions about job quality, respondents who were employed at the time of the survey were also asked to generally describe how well Kenyon did at preparing them for employment. 62% indicated that Kenyon was effective or very effective at preparing them for employment. Looking across the eight years of historical data from this survey, the percent of respondents who indicated “effective” or “very effective” has been consistently near 65-75%. This lower percentage of effectiveness may have been impacted by Covid 19.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2022. N=50.

## Graduate and Professional School

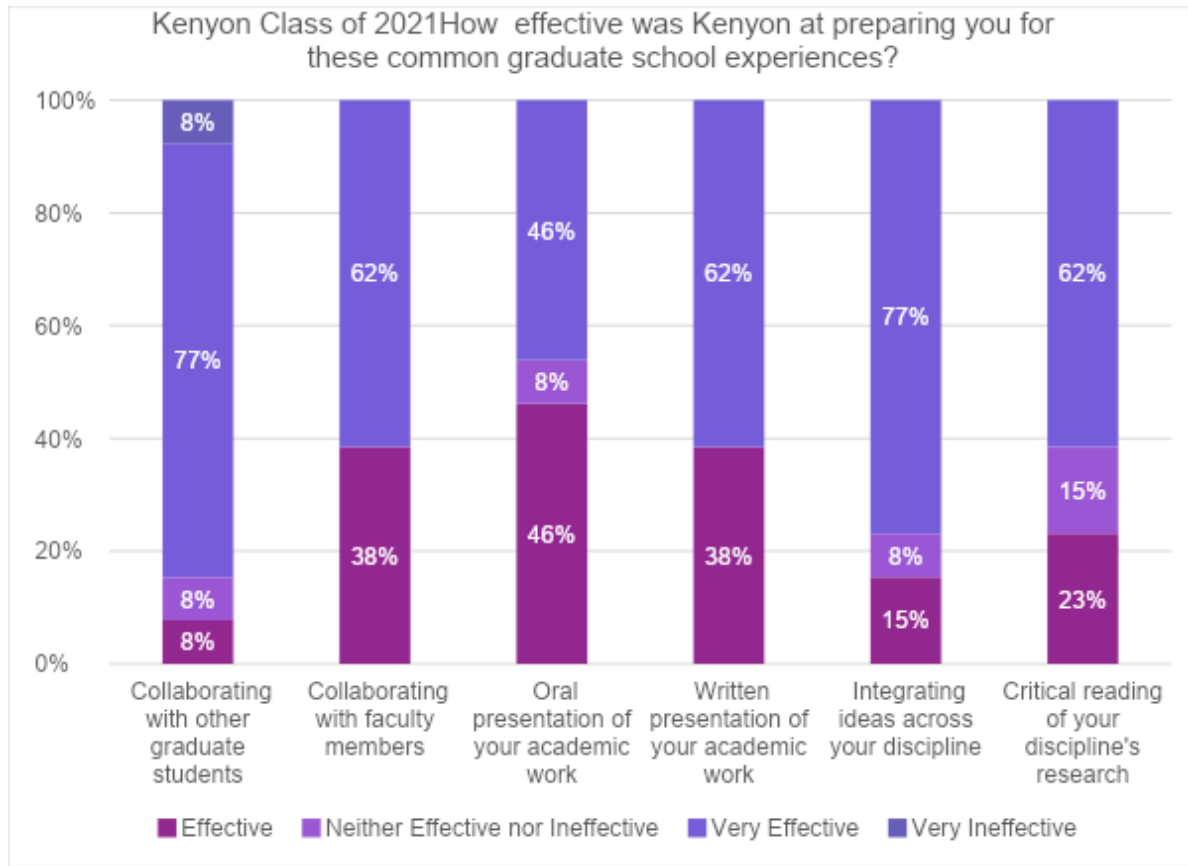
Of all respondents to the survey, 15% indicated that graduate school was their primary activity. Respondents who indicated that their primary activity was graduate school were asked a similar question as employed respondents about how well Kenyon had prepared them for their current pursuits. Of those, 87.5% of respondents in graduate school indicated that Kenyon was either effective or very effective at preparing them. Looking across the six years of historical data, the percent of respondents who indicated “effective” or “very effective” has been consistently near or above 90%.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2022. N=16.

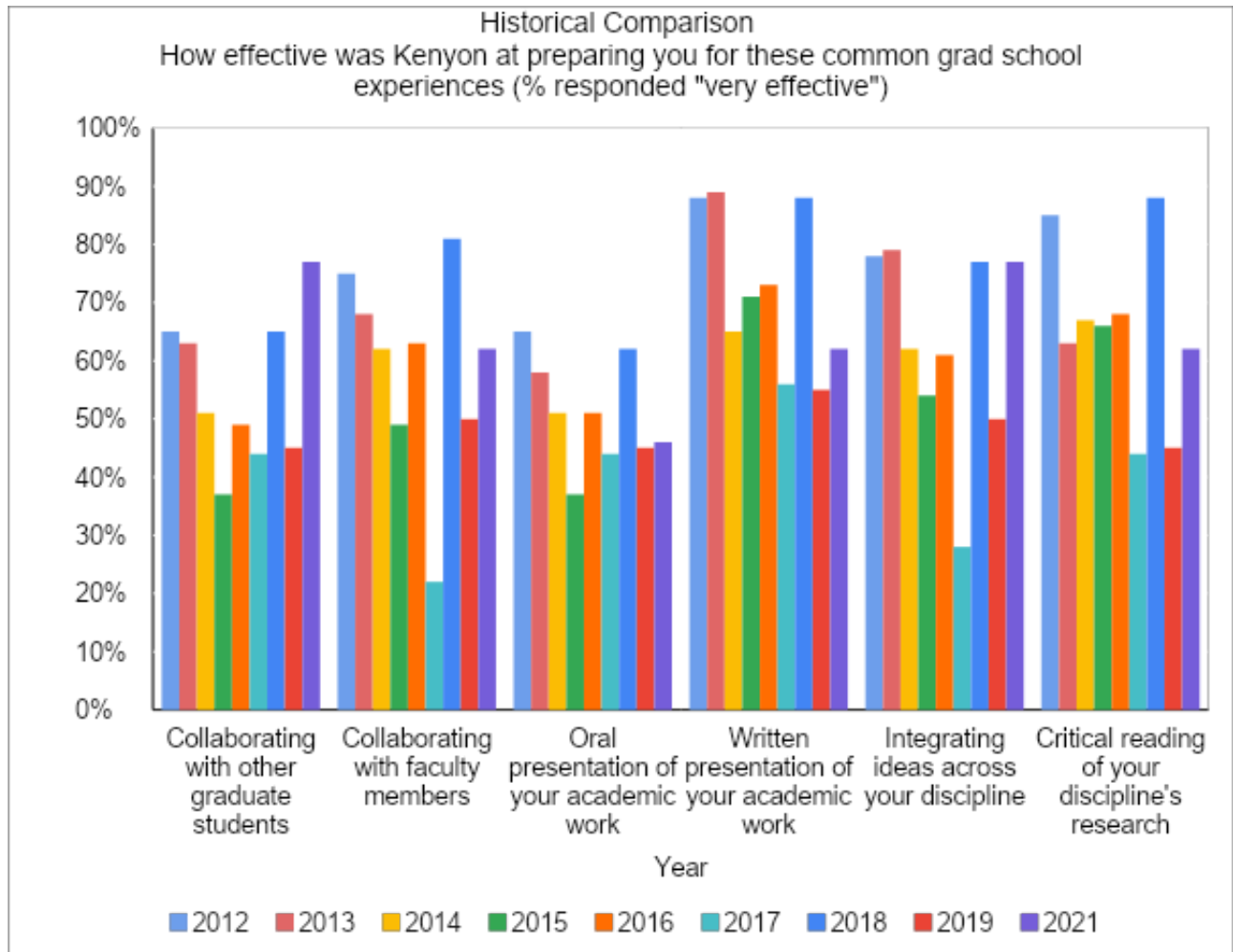
Respondents were asked to elaborate on the extent to which Kenyon prepared them for specific graduate school experiences. These statements closely mirror questions that Kenyon asks alumni during external departmental review surveys. This year, 62% of respondents indicated that they were very effectively prepared for the written presentation of their work. Additionally, 62% indicated that they were very effectively prepared for collaborating with faculty members and integrating ideas across their discipline. Moreover, 77% of respondents indicated that they were very effectively prepared for collaborating with other graduate students and integrating ideas across their discipline.





Data source: One Year Out Survey, June 2022. N=13.

Historically, we see that the Class of 2021 had a much lower percentage of respondents who indicated “very effective” across all categories. While some variation across years may be attributed to the groups of students included or excluded from the survey each year, the overall trends are still worth considering.



Data source: One Year Out Survey, Spring 2013 (N=39), Spring 2014 (N=19), Spring 2015 (N=55), Spring 2016 (N=89), Spring 2017 (N=41), Spring 2018 (N=27), Spring 2019 (N=20), Spring 2021 (N=13)

Though only 14.71% of respondents are currently enrolled in graduate or professional school, 46% of all respondents indicated that they hope to pursue a master's degree in the future and 24% of respondents hope to pursue a medical, law, or Doctoral degree.

## Conclusions

The responding Class of 2021 alumni indicated that they felt satisfied with their Kenyon education and generally prepared for their next stage in life, with 84% responding "satisfied" or "very satisfied" to the question "Overall, how satisfied have you been with your undergraduate education?" This sentiment is supported by their success in finding initial employment or placement in graduate school. Specifically, 96% of alumni found employment within six months of graduation, and only 4% of alumni are actively seeking employment. The percentage of respondents who are actively looking for employment appears similar to years past, with the exception of the class of 2019

that was affected by 2019 job losses. Alumni who went to graduate school (N=16) felt more prepared than did employed alumni (N=50), though 62% of all employed alumni indicated that they felt either effectively or very effectively prepared by Kenyon. These data point to largely positive sentiments regarding Kenyon's effectiveness in preparing students for life post-graduation.