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COLLEGE

**LEGAL ASSISTANT: In Class Survey**

*Final*  
*Preliminary Report*

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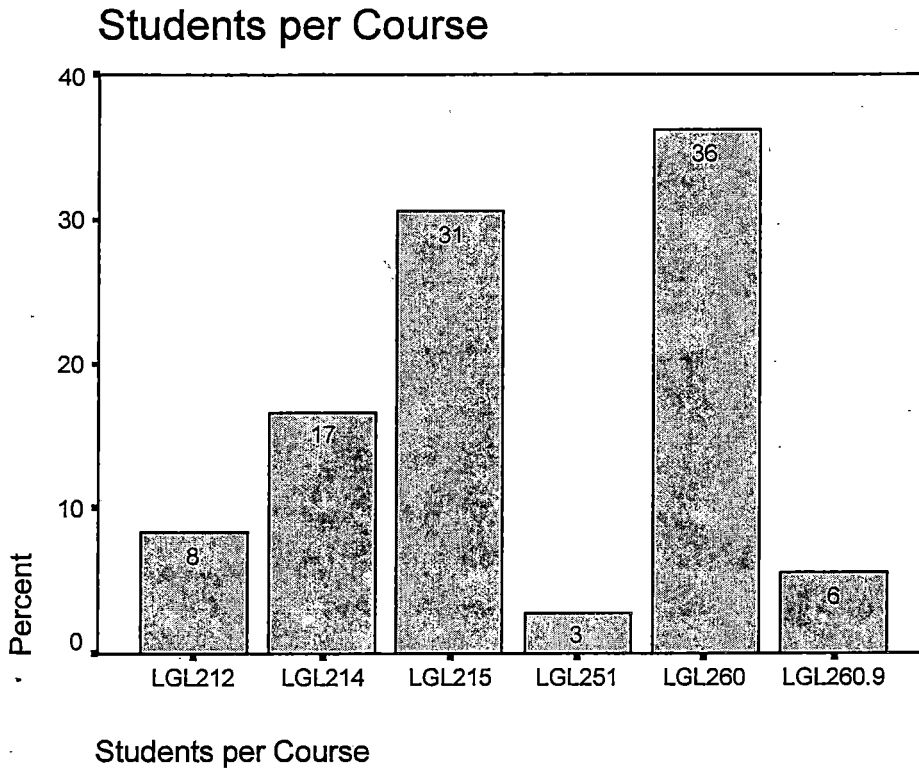
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## STUDENTS PER COURSE

**COURSE Students per Course**

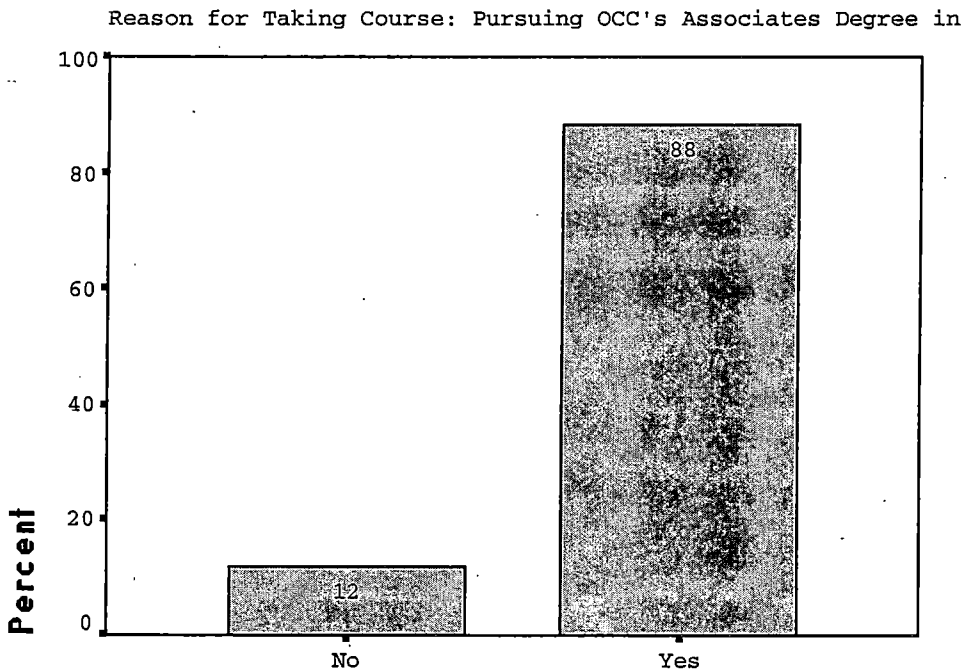
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1 LGL212	3	8.3	8.3	8.3
2 LGL214	6	16.7	16.7	25.0
3 LGL215	11	30.6	30.6	55.6
4 LGL251	1	2.8	2.8	58.3
5 LGL260	13	36.1	36.1	94.4
6 LGL260.9	2	5.6	5.6	100.0
Total	36	100.0	100.0	



## REASONS WHY STUDENTS TOOK COURSE

\SSDEG Reason for Taking Course: Pursuing OCC's Associates Degree in Legal Assistant

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	4	11.1	11.8	11.8
	1 Yes	30	83.3	88.2	100.0
	Total	34	94.4	100.0	
Missing	99	2	5.6		
Total		36	100.0		



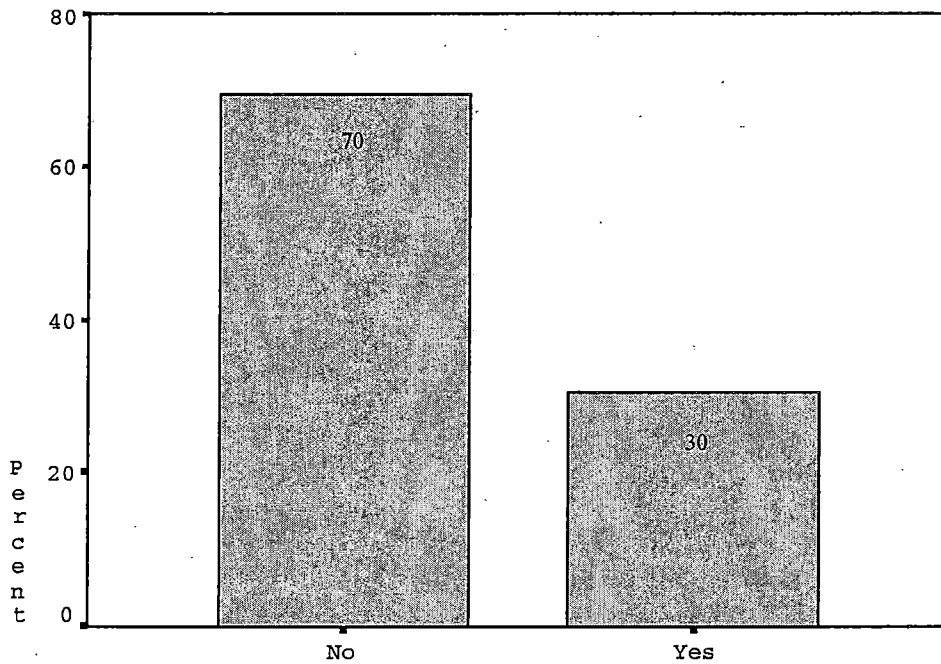
Reason for Taking Course: Pursuing OCC's Associates Degree in

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**CERT Reason for Taking Course: Pursuing OCC's Certificate in Legal Assistant**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	16	44.4	69.6	69.6
	1 Yes	7	19.4	30.4	100.0
	Total	23	63.9	100.0	
Missing	99	13	36.1		
Total		36	100.0		

Reason for Taking Course: Pursuing OCC's Certificate in Legal As:



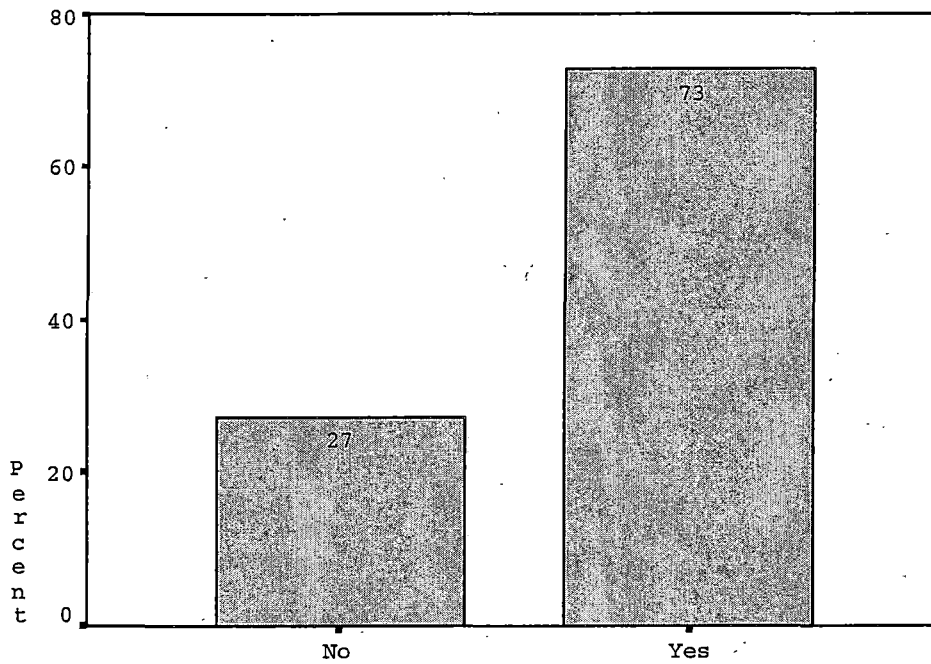
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**PERINT Reason for Taking Course: Personal Interest**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	6	16.7	27.3	27.3
	1 Yes	16	44.4	72.7	100.0
	Total	22	61.1	100.0	
Missing	99	14	38.9		
Total		36	100.0		

Reason for Taking Course: Personal Interest



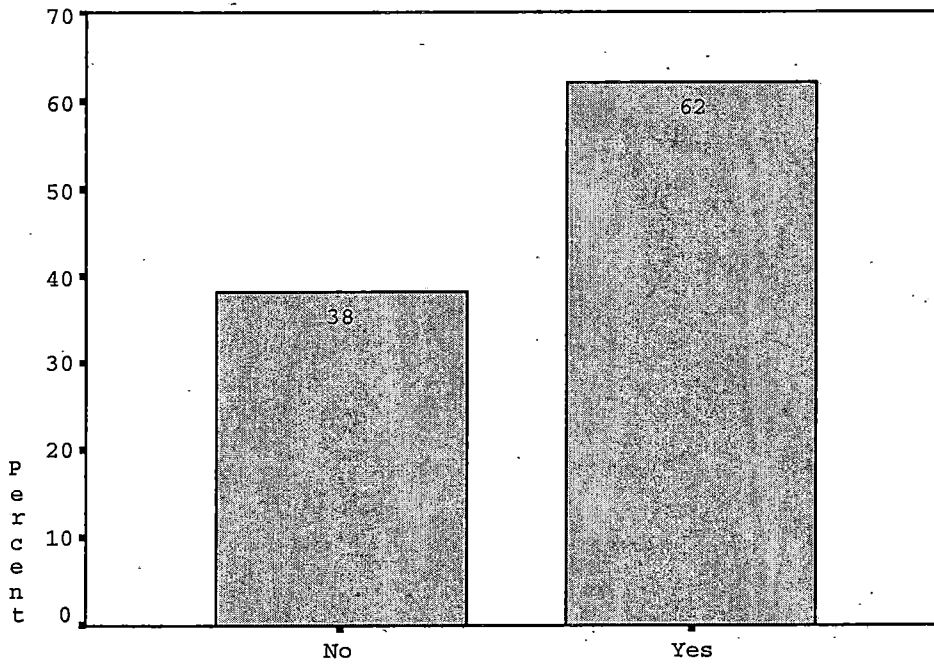
Reason for Taking Course: Personal Interest

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KNOWSP Reason for Taking Course: Increase my knowledge in a specific legal area

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	8	22.2	38.1	38.1
	1 Yes	13	36.1	61.9	100.0
	Total	21	58.3	100.0	
Missing	99	15	41.7		
Total		36	100.0		

Reason for Taking Course: Increase my knowledge in a specific legal area

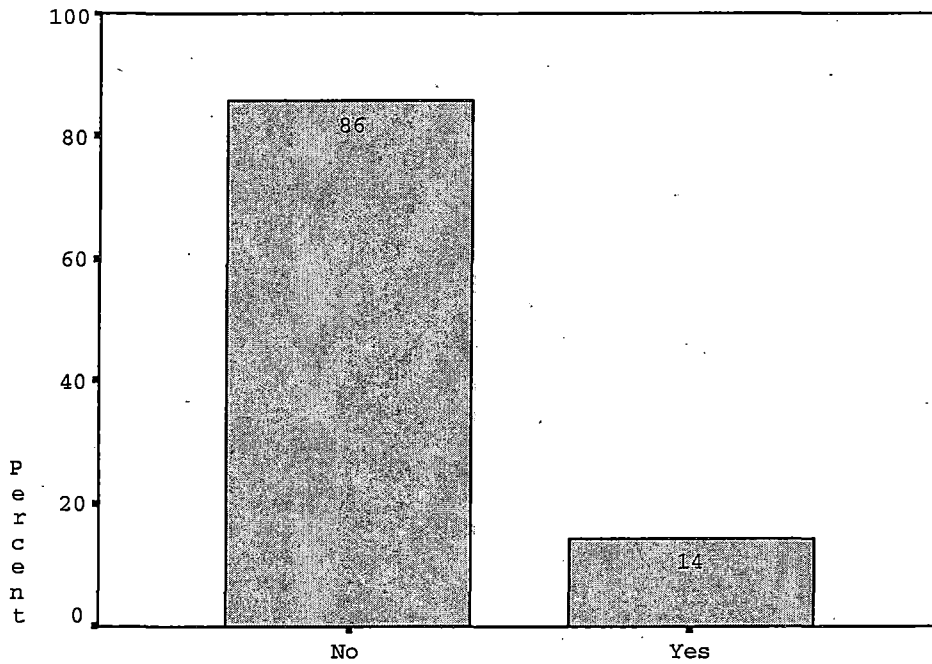


Reason for Taking Course: Increase my knowledge in a specific legal area

**EMPLR\_Q1 Reason for Taking Course: My employer encouraged me to take this course**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	18	50.0	85.7	85.7
	1 Yes	3	8.3	14.3	100.0
	Total	21	58.3	100.0	
Missing	99	15	41.7		
Total		36	100.0		

Reason for Taking Course: My employer encouraged me to take this



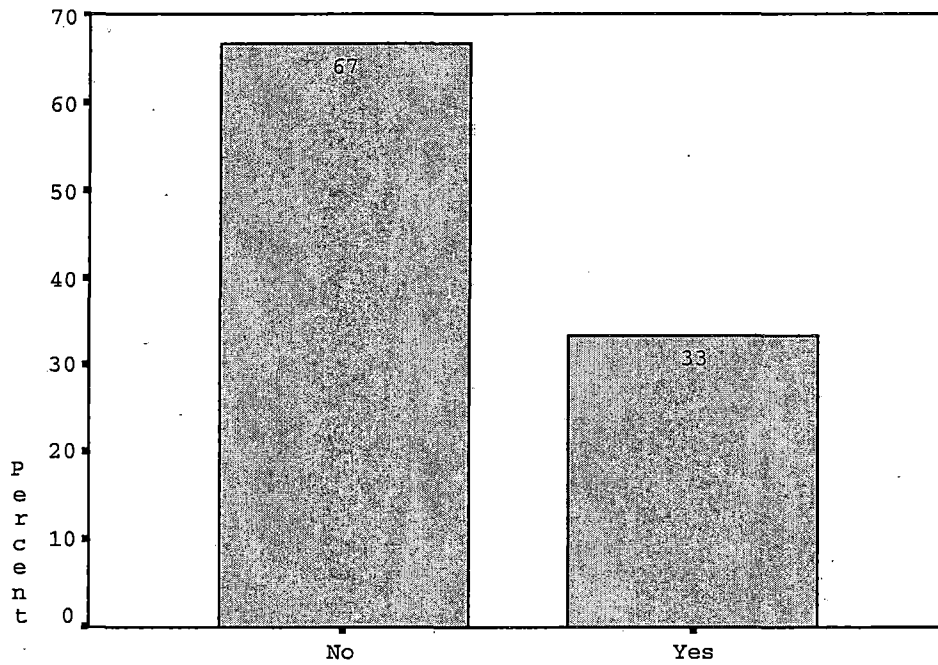
Reason for Taking Course: My employer encouraged me to take this



SEELIKE Reason for Taking Course: To see if I like the field

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	14	38.9	66.7	66.7
	1 Yes	7	19.4	33.3	100.0
	Total	21	58.3	100.0	
Missing	99	15	41.7		
Total		36	100.0		

Reason for Taking Course: To see if I like the field



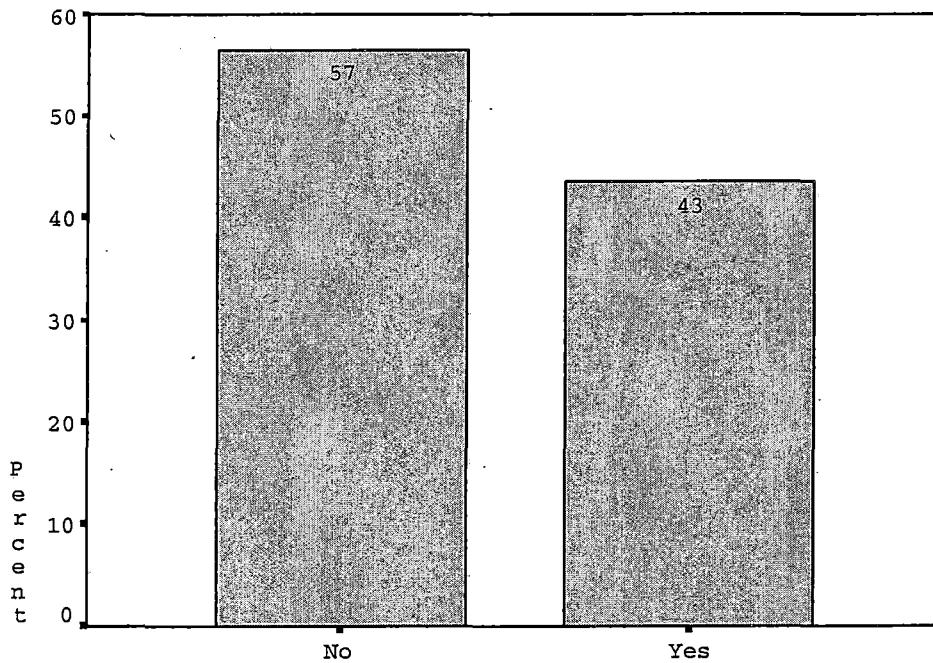
Reason for Taking Course: To see if I like the field

**IN WHAT WAY STUDENTS PLANNED TO USE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS GAINED IN COURSE**

**SELFEMP Use knowledge and skills in self-employment**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	13	36.1	56.5	56.5
	1 Yes	10	27.8	43.5	100.0
	Total	23	63.9	100.0	
Missing	99	13	36.1		
Total		36	100.0		

Use knowledge and skills in self-employment

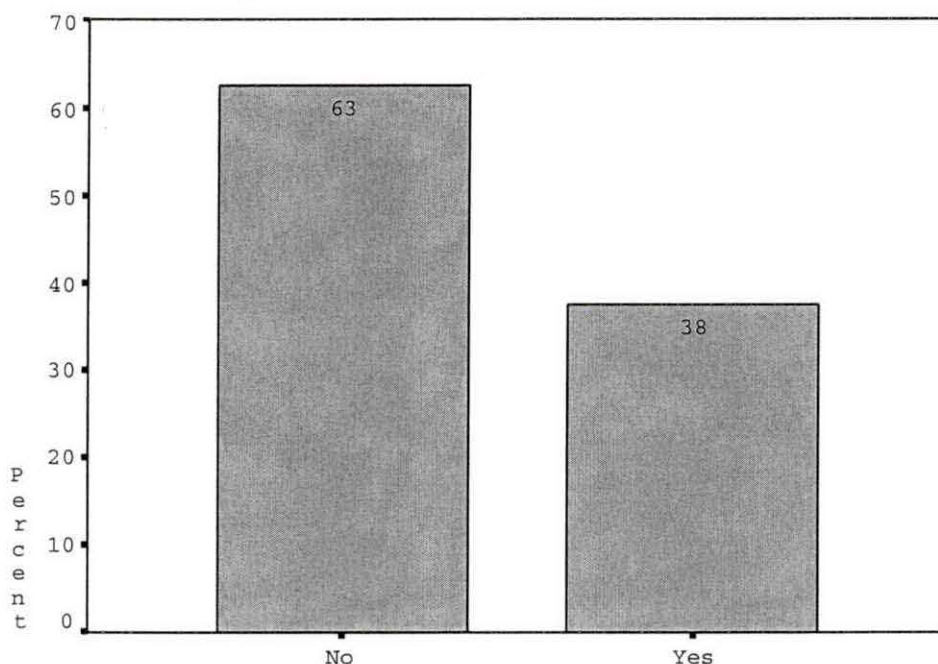


Use knowledge and skills in self-employment

**CURJOB Use knowledge and skills in current job**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	15	41.7	62.5	62.5
	1 Yes	9	25.0	37.5	100.0
	Total	24	66.7	100.0	
Missing	99	12	33.3		
Total		36	100.0		

Use knowledge and skills in current job



Use knowledge and skills in current job

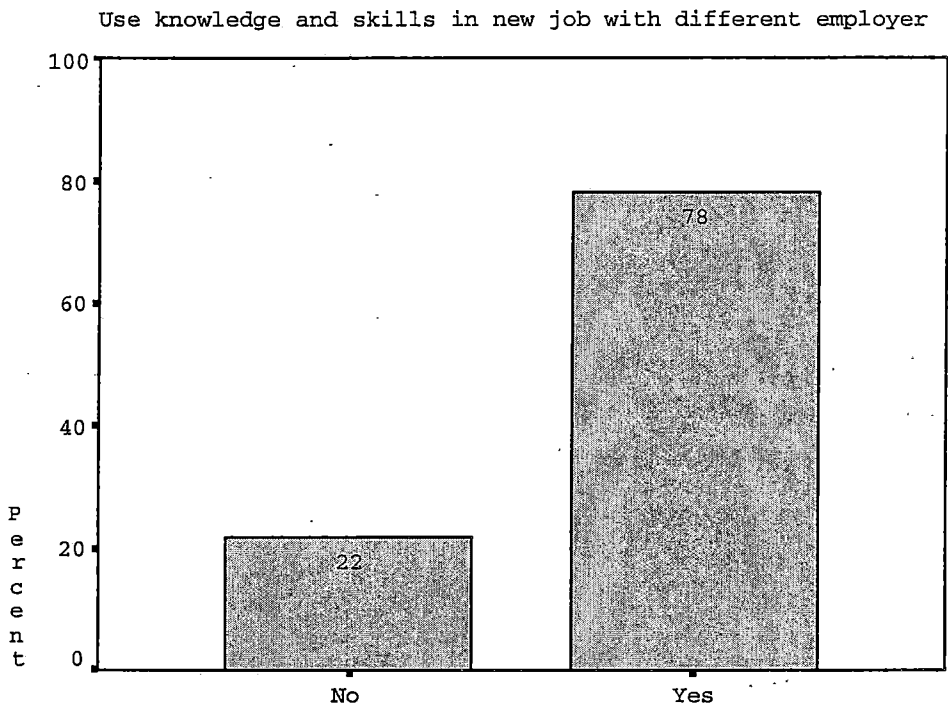
A significant relationship was evident between “use of knowledge and skills in current job” and “job related to the legal profession.” Seventy-eight percent of those who were planning to use their knowledge and skills in their current job worked in a job related to the legal profession. Sixty-seven percent of those who were not planning to use their knowledge and skills in their current job did not work in a job related to the legal profession.

Additionally, a strong relationship existed when looking at the relationship between respondents’ “use of knowledge and skills in current job” and “their job being related to the legal profession” (.84).



**DIFFEMP Use knowledge and skills in new job with different employer**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	7	19.4	21.9	21.9
	1 Yes	25	69.4	78.1	100.0
	Total	32	88.9	100.0	
Missing	99	4	11.1		
Total		36	100.0		

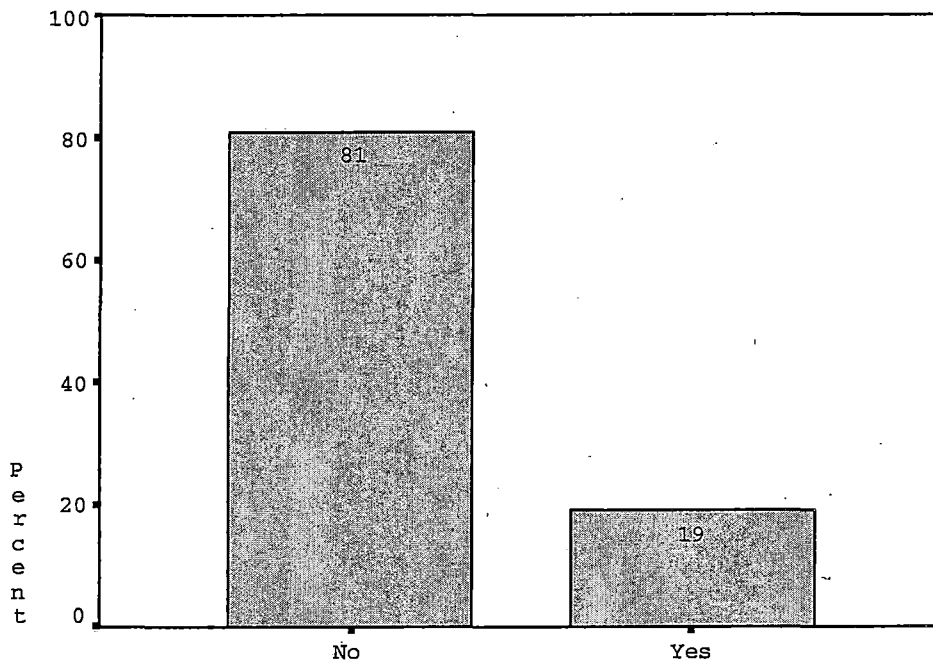


Use knowledge and skills in new job with different employer

**CUREMP Use knowledge and skills in new job with current employer**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	17	47.2	81.0	81.0
	1 Yes	4	11.1	19.0	100.0
	Total	21	58.3	100.0	
Missing	99	15	41.7		
Total		36	100.0		

Use knowledge and skills in new job with current employer

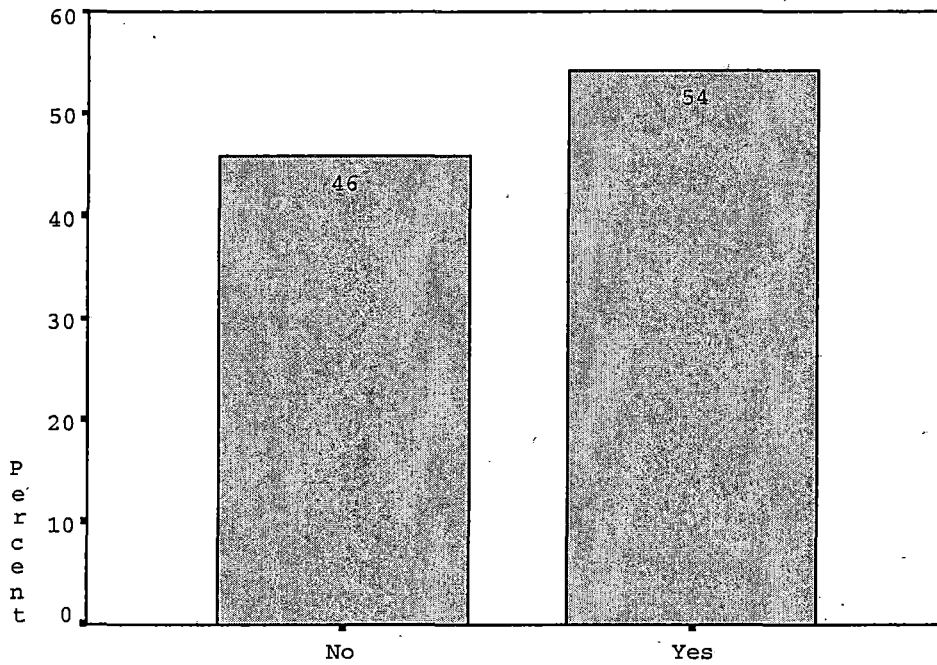


Use knowledge and skills in new job with current employer

**TRANSFER Use knowledge and skills in transferring to another college/university**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	11	30.6	45.8	45.8
	1 Yes	13	36.1	54.2	100.0
	Total	24	66.7	100.0	
Missing	99	11	30.6		
	System	1	2.8		
	Total	12	33.3		
Total		36	100.0		

Use knowledge and skills in transferring to another college/university



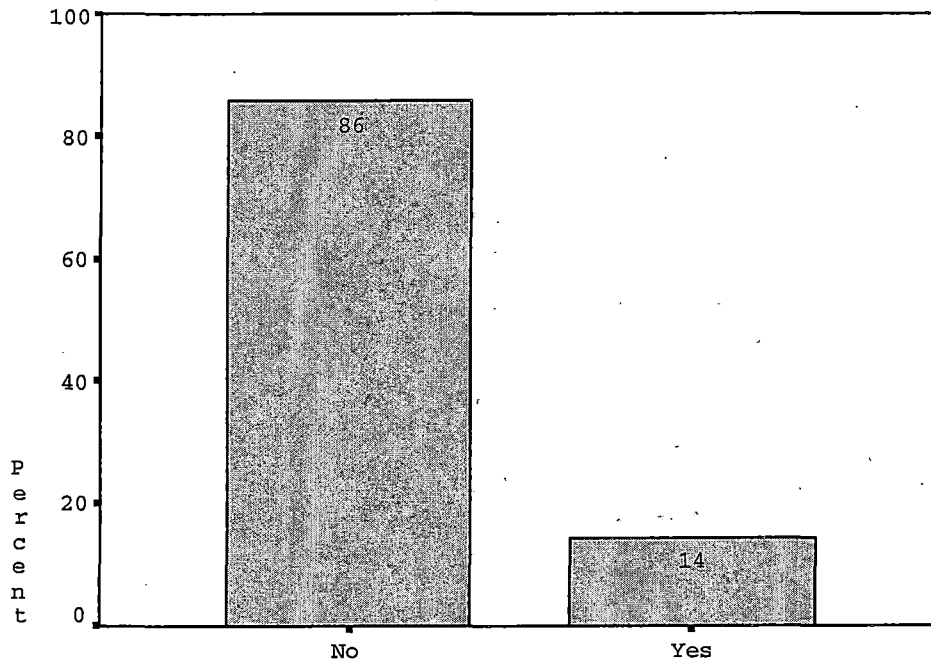
Use knowledge and skills in transferring to another college/university

**FIRST TIME TAKING A COLLEGE COURSE**

**FIRSTIME Is this your first time taking a college course?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	30	83.3	85.7	85.7
	1 Yes	5	13.9	14.3	100.0
	Total	35	97.2	100.0	
Missing	99	1	2.8		
Total		36	100.0		

Is this your first time taking a college course?



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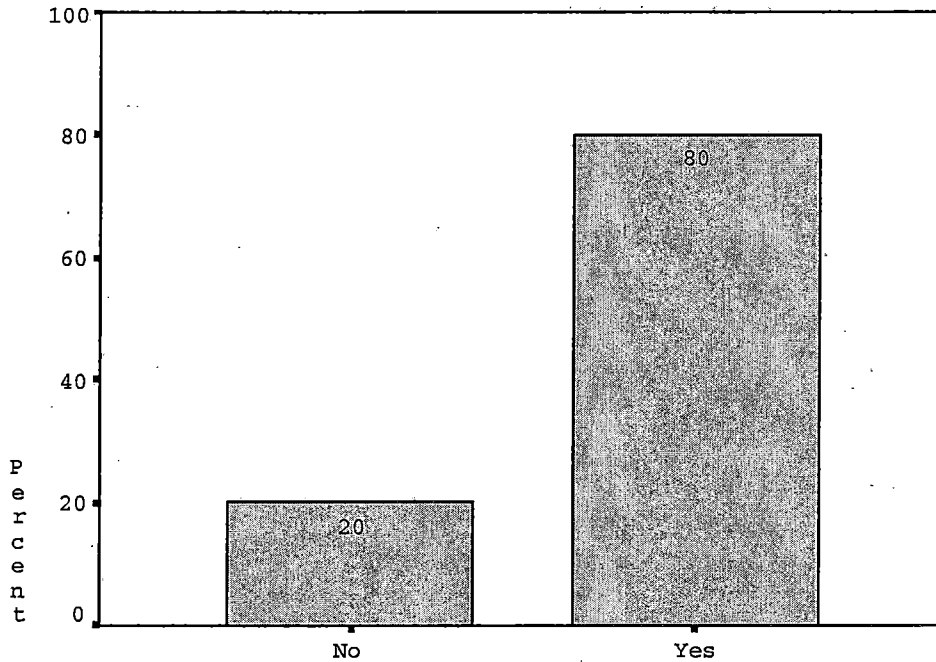


**EVER TAKEN AN OCC COURSE?**

OCC\_CORS Have you ever taken a course at OCC in the past?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	7	19.4	20.0	20.0
	1 Yes	28	77.8	80.0	100.0
	Total	35	97.2	100.0	
Missing	99	1	2.8		
Total		36	100.0		

Have you ever taken a course at OCC in the past?



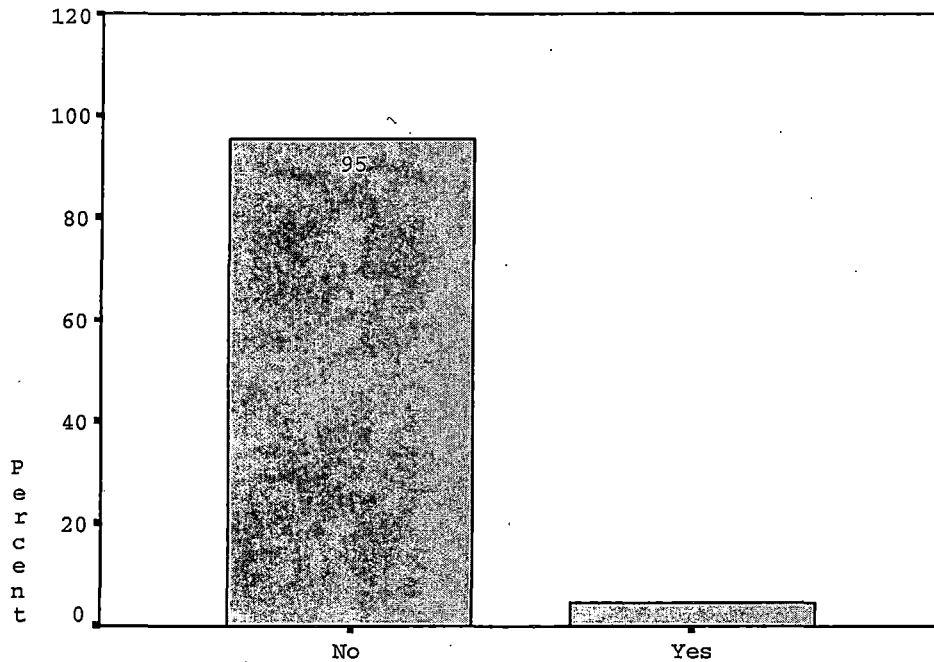
Have you ever taken a course at OCC in the past?

**FROM WHERE DID STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT COURSES?**

**EMPLR\_Q5 Found out about this course through employer**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	20	55.6	95.2	95.2
	1 Yes	1	2.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	21	58.3	100.0	
Missing	99	15	41.7		
Total		36	100.0		

Found out about this course through employer

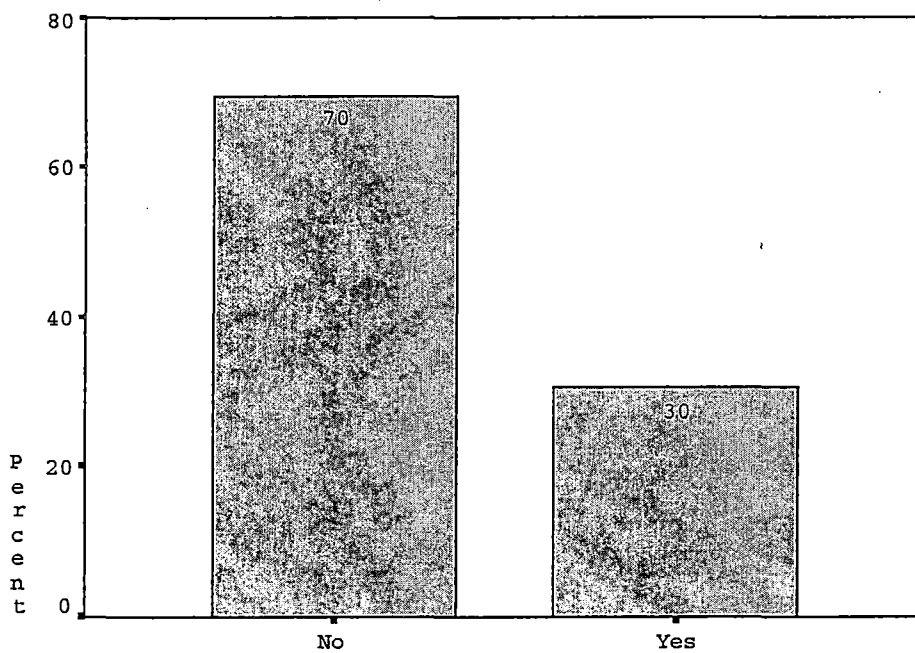


Found out about this course through employer

**FRND\_FAM Found out about this course through friend/family member**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	16	44.4	69.6	69.6
	1 Yes	7	19.4	30.4	100.0
	Total	23	63.9	100.0	
Missing	99	13	36.1		
Total		36	100.0		

Found out about this course through friend/family member

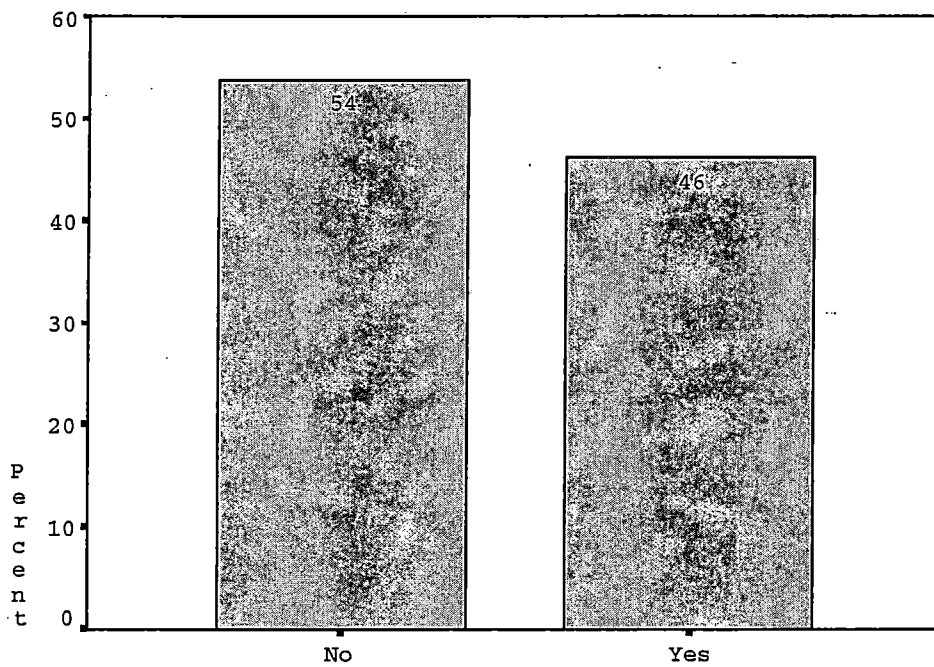


Found out about this course through friend/family member

**COLLGAD Found out about this course through college advertisement**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	14	38.9	53.8	53.8
	1 Yes	12	33.3	46.2	100.0
	Total	26	72.2	100.0	
Missing	99	10	27.8		
Total		36	100.0		

Found out about this course through college advertisement

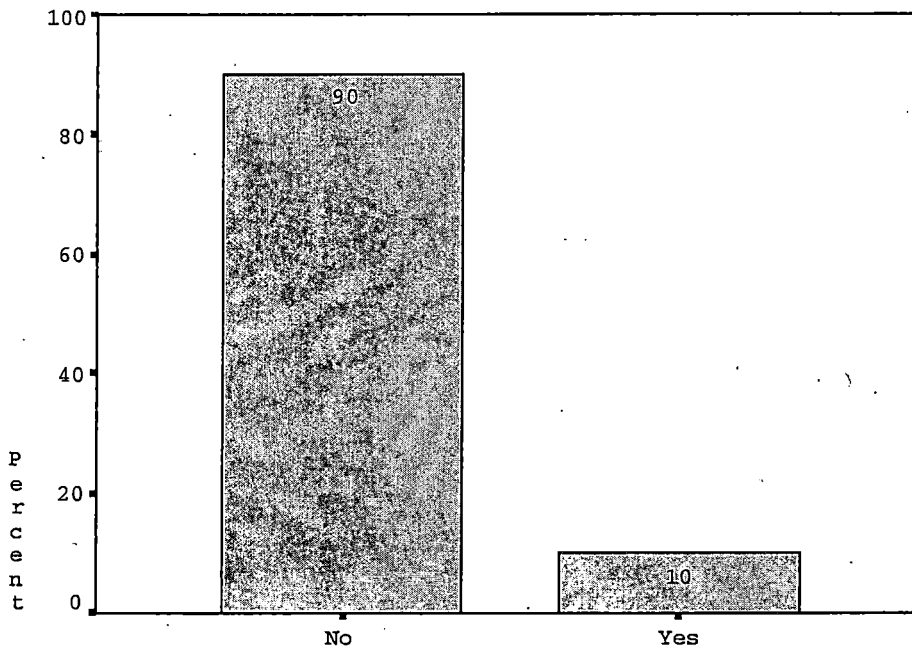


Found out about this course through college advertisement

**COLLWEB Found out about this course through college's web site**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	18	50.0	90.0	90.0
	1 Yes	2	5.6	10.0	100.0
	Total	20	55.6	100.0	
Missing	99	16	44.4		
Total		36	100.0		

Found out about this course through college's web site

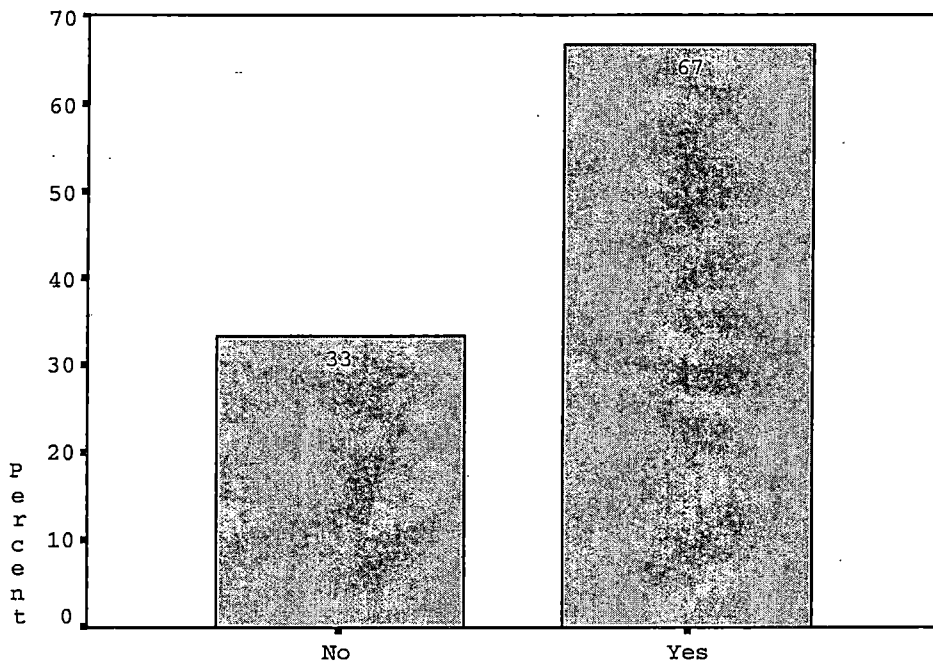


Found out about this course through college's web site

**CONTACT Found out about this course through contact the college**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 No	8	22.2	33.3	33.3
	1 Yes	16	44.4	66.7	100.0
	Total	24	66.7	100.0	
Missing	99	12	33.3		
Total		36	100.0		

Found out about this course through contact the college



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Twenty percent of the respondents found out about their course through two or more methods of communication.

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

EMPLSTAT Current employment status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Full-Time (30+ hours per week)	20	55.6	55.6	55.6
	2 Part-Time (less than 30 hours per week)	10	27.8	27.8	83.3
	3 Unemployed (actively looking for work)	2	5.6	5.6	88.9
	4 Out of labor force (not looking for job at this time)	4	11.1	11.1	100.0
	Total	36	100.0	100.0	

Current employment status



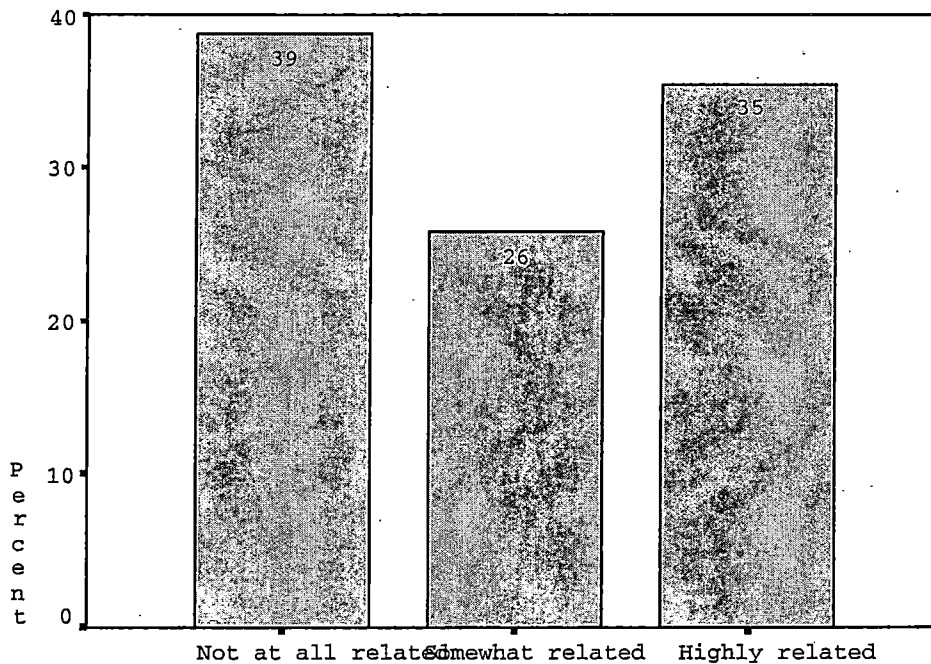
Current employment status

## CURRENT JOB RELATED TO LEGAL PROFESSION

JBRELATE To what extent is this job related to the legal profession?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 Not at all related	12	33.3	38.7	38.7
	1 Somewhat related	8	22.2	25.8	64.5
	2 Highly related	11	30.6	35.5	100.0
	Total	31	86.1	100.0	
Missing	99	5	13.9		
Total		36	100.0		

To what extent is this job related to the legal profession?



To what extent is this job related to the legal profession?

Of those students who reported that their current job did not relate to the legal profession, 100% indicated that they were taking this course to pursue OCC's Associates Degree in Legal Assistant. Consistent with this finding, none of the students who worked in an unrelated job were pursuing an OCC Certificate in Legal Assistant.

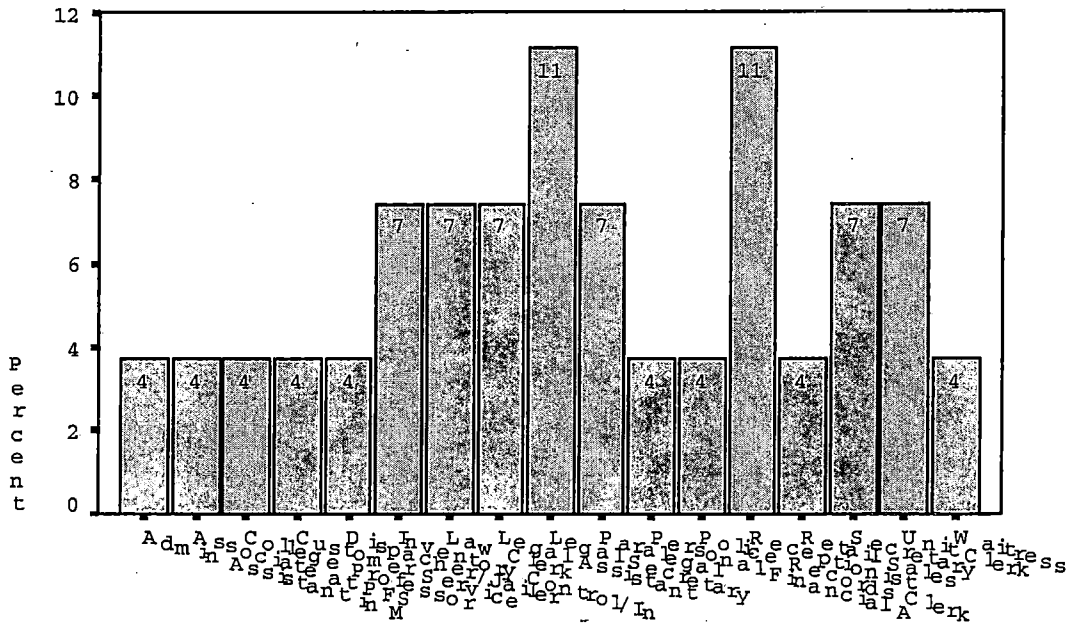


**CURRENT JOB TITLE**

JBTITLE Current job title

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1 Admin Assistant in Marketing	1	2.8	3.7	3.7
2 Associate at PFS	1	2.8	3.7	7.4
3 College Professor	1	2.8	3.7	11.1
4 Customer Service	1	2.8	3.7	14.8
5 Dispatcher/Jailer	1	2.8	3.7	18.5
6 Inventory Control/Inventory Control Clerk	2	5.6	7.4	25.9
7 Law Clerk	2	5.6	7.4	33.3
8 Legal Assistant	2	5.6	7.4	40.7
9 Legal Secretary	3	8.3	11.1	51.9
10 Paralegal	2	5.6	7.4	59.3
11 Personal Financial Analyst	1	2.8	3.7	63.0
12 Police Records Clerk	1	2.8	3.7	66.7
13 Receptionist	3	8.3	11.1	77.8
14 Retail Sales	1	2.8	3.7	81.5
15 Secretary	2	5.6	7.4	88.9
16 Unit Clerk	2	5.6	7.4	96.3
17 Waitress	1	2.8	3.7	100.0
Total	27	75.0	100.0	
Missing 99	9	25.0		
Total	36	100.0		

Current job title



Current job title

## HOURS PER WEEK EMPLOYED

### Statistics

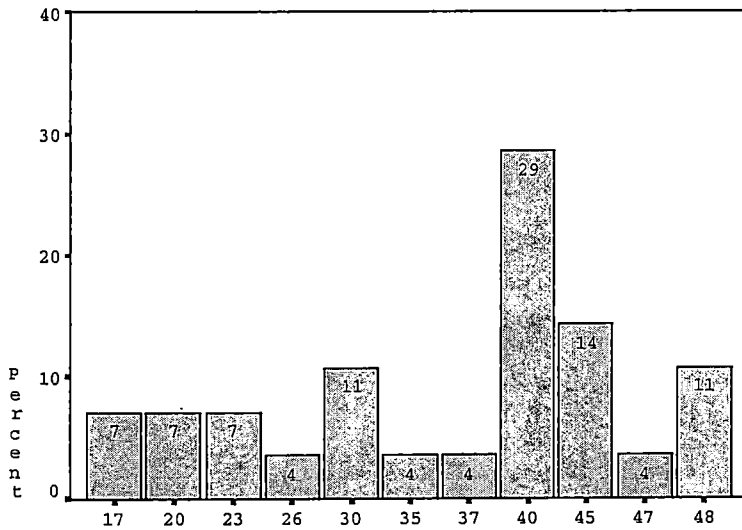
WKHOURS On average, how many hours per weeks do you work?

N	Valid	28
	Missing	8
Mean		35.68
Median		40.00
Mode		40

WKHOURS On average, how many hours per weeks do you work?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	17	2	5.6	7.1
	20	2	5.6	14.3
	23	2	5.6	21.4
	26	1	2.8	25.0
	30	3	8.3	35.7
	35	1	2.8	39.3
	37	1	2.8	42.9
	40	8	22.2	71.4
	45	4	11.1	85.7
	47	1	2.8	89.3
	48	3	8.3	100.0
Total	28	77.8	100.0	
Missing	99	8	22.2	
Total	36	100.0		

On average, how many hours per weeks do you work?

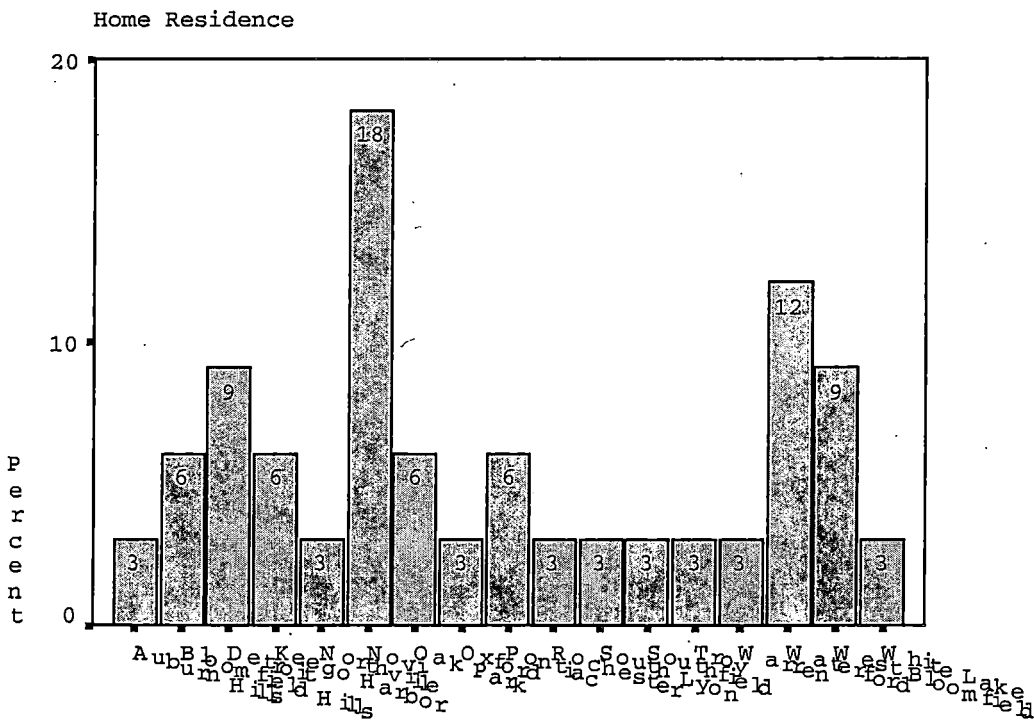


On average, how many hours per weeks do you work?

# HOME RESIDENCE

CITY Home Residence

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Auburn Hills	1	2.8	3.0	3.0
	2 Bloomfield Hills	2	5.6	6.1	9.1
	3 Detroit	3	8.3	9.1	18.2
	4 Keego Harbor	2	5.6	6.1	24.2
	5 Northville	1	2.8	3.0	27.3
	6 Novi	6	16.7	18.2	45.5
	7 Oak Park	2	5.6	6.1	51.5
	8 Oxford	1	2.8	3.0	54.5
	9 Pontiac	2	5.6	6.1	60.6
	10 Rochester	1	2.8	3.0	63.6
	11 South Lyon	1	2.8	3.0	66.7
	12 Southfield	1	2.8	3.0	69.7
	13 Troy	1	2.8	3.0	72.7
	14 Warren	1	2.8	3.0	75.8
	15 Waterford	4	11.1	12.1	87.9
	16 West Bloomfield	3	8.3	9.1	97.0
	17 White Lake	1	2.8	3.0	100.0
	Total	33	91.7	100.0	
Missing	99	3	8.3		
	Total	36	100.0		



# AGE

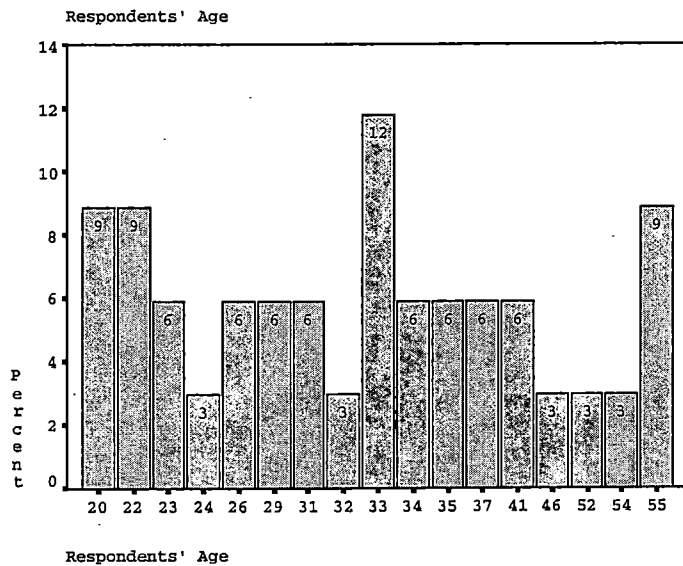
## Statistics

AGE Respondents' Age

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	Missing	2
Mean		33.62
Median		33.00
Mode		33

AGE Respondents' Age

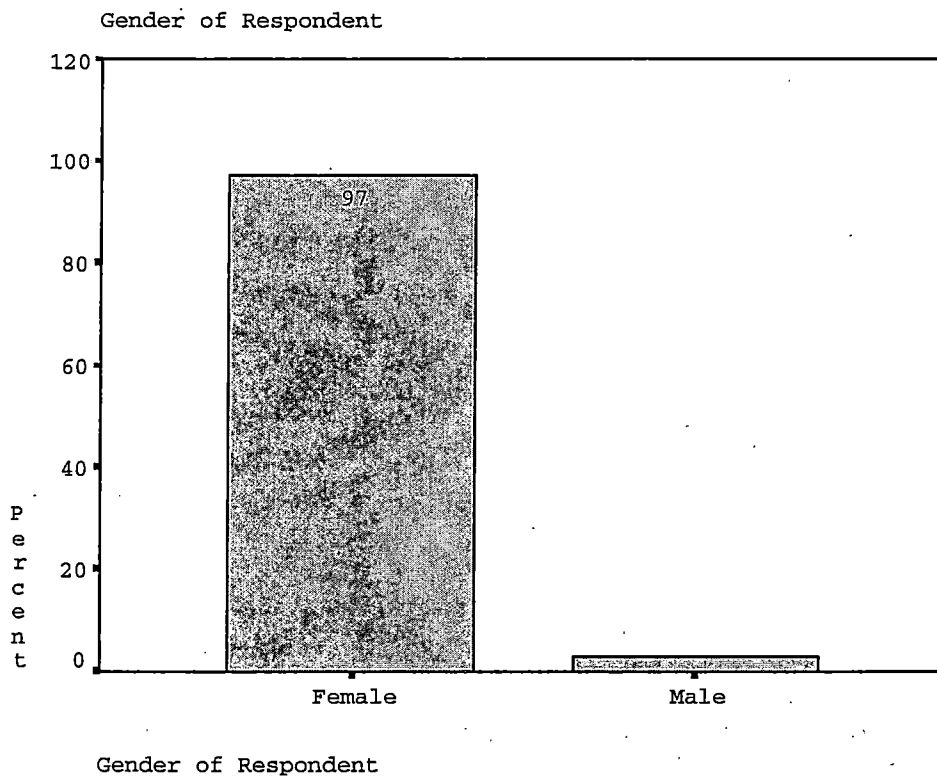
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 20	3	8.3	8.8	8.8
22	3	8.3	8.8	17.6
23	2	5.6	5.9	23.5
24	1	2.8	2.9	26.5
26	2	5.6	5.9	32.4
29	2	5.6	5.9	38.2
31	2	5.6	5.9	44.1
32	1	2.8	2.9	47.1
33	4	11.1	11.8	58.8
34	2	5.6	5.9	64.7
35	2	5.6	5.9	70.6
37	2	5.6	5.9	76.5
41	2	5.6	5.9	82.4
46	1	2.8	2.9	85.3
52	1	2.8	2.9	88.2
54	1	2.8	2.9	91.2
55	3	8.3	8.8	100.0
Total	34	94.4	100.0	
Missing System	2	5.6		
Total	36	100.0		



**GENDER**

**GENDER Gender of Respondent**

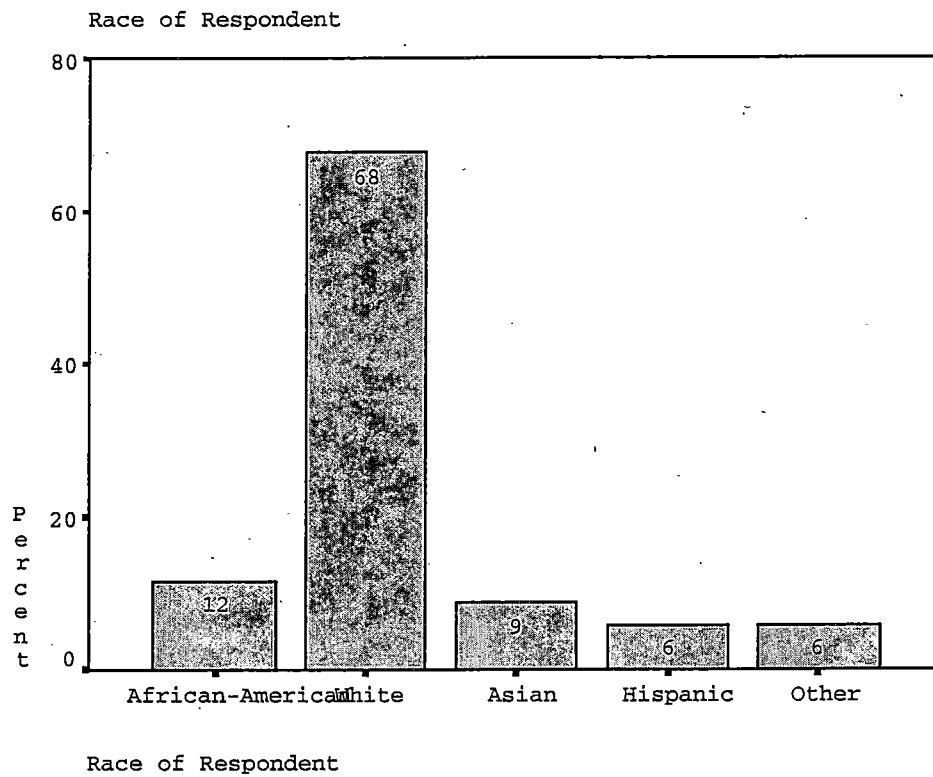
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 0 Female	35	97.2	97.2	97.2
1 Male	1	2.8	2.8	100.0
Total	36	100.0	100.0	



**RACE**

**RACE Race of Respondent**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 African-American	4	11.1	11.8	11.8
	2 White	23	63.9	67.6	79.4
	3 Asian	3	8.3	8.8	88.2
	4 Hispanic	2	5.6	5.9	94.1
	5 Other	2	5.6	5.9	100.0
	Total	34	94.4	100.0	
Missing	99	2	5.6		
Total		36	100.0		

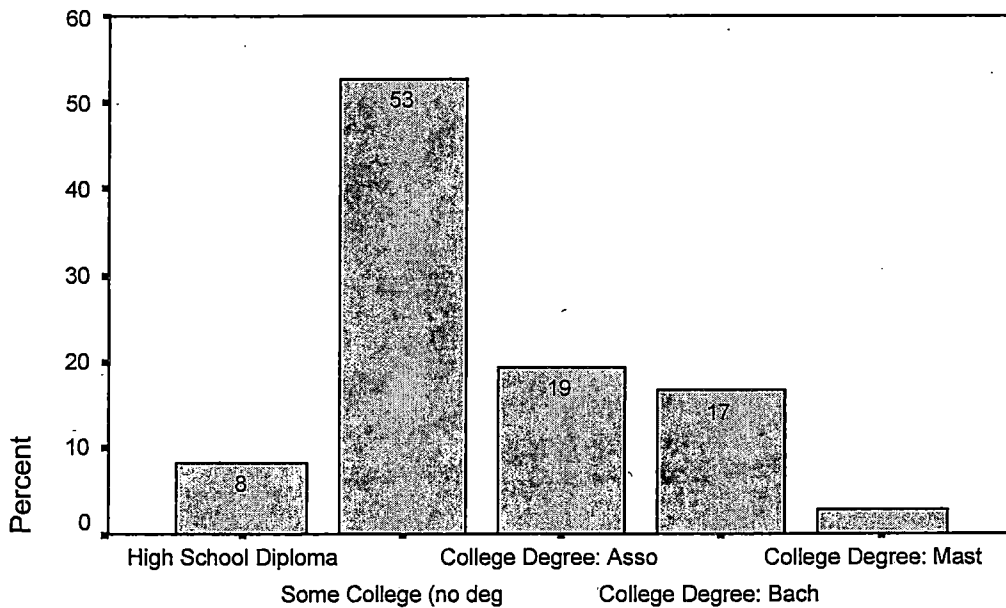


## HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION

**LEVELED** Your highest level of education attained thus far

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 High School Diploma	3	8.3	8.3	8.3
	3 Some College (no degree or certificate)	19	52.8	52.8	61.1
	5 College Degree: Associates	7	19.4	19.4	80.6
	6 College Degree: Bachelors	6	16.7	16.7	97.2
	7 College Degree: Masters or Higher	1	2.8	2.8	100.0
	Total	36	100.0	100.0	

Your highest level of education attained thus far



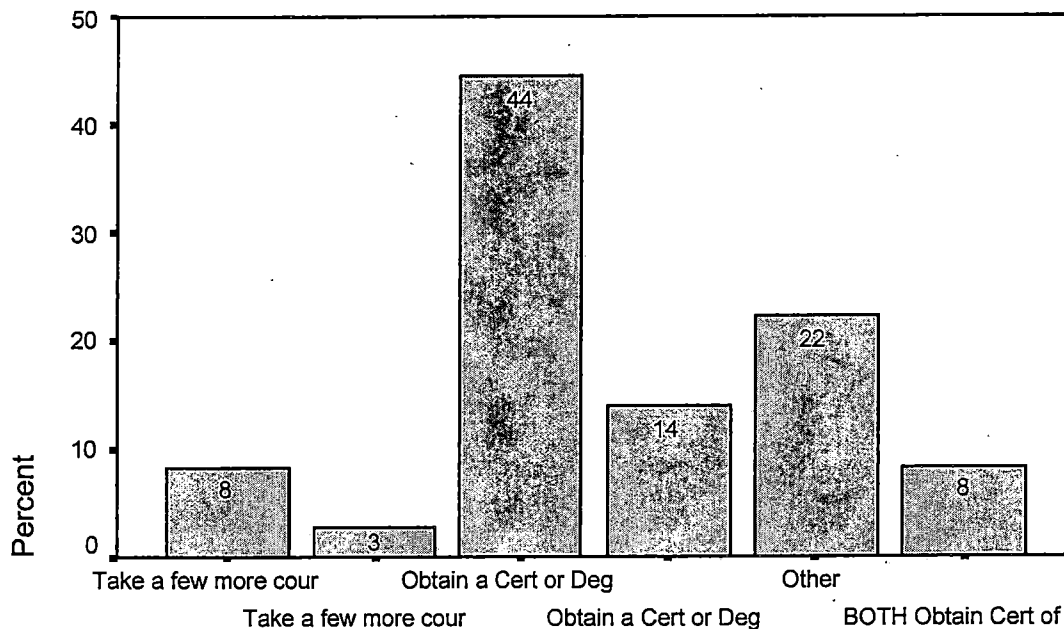
Your highest level of education attained thus far

## LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL GOALS (NEXT FIVE YEARS)

**EDGOAL** What are your long-term (next five years) educational goals?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2 Take a few more courses in Legal Assistant	3	8.3	8.3	8.3
3 Take a few more courses, but not in Legal Assitant	1	2.8	2.8	11.1
4 Obtain a Cert or Degree in area of Legal Assistant	16	44.4	44.4	55.6
5 Obtain a Cert or Degree in field other than Legal Assistant	5	13.9	13.9	69.4
6 Other	8	22.2	22.2	91.7
8 BOTH Obtain Cert of Degree either IN LGL OR OUTSIDE LGL	3	8.3	8.3	100.0
Total	36	100.0	100.0	

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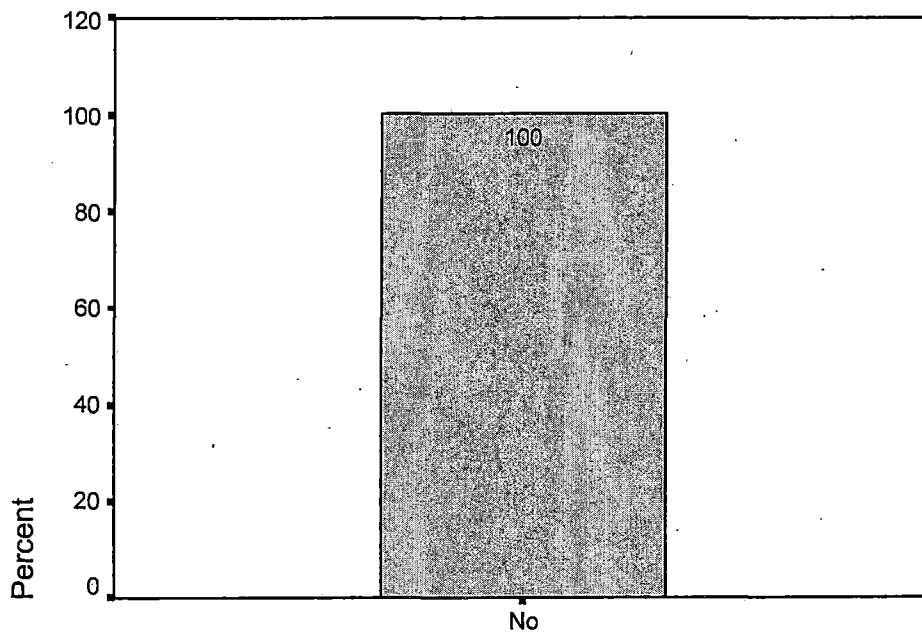


## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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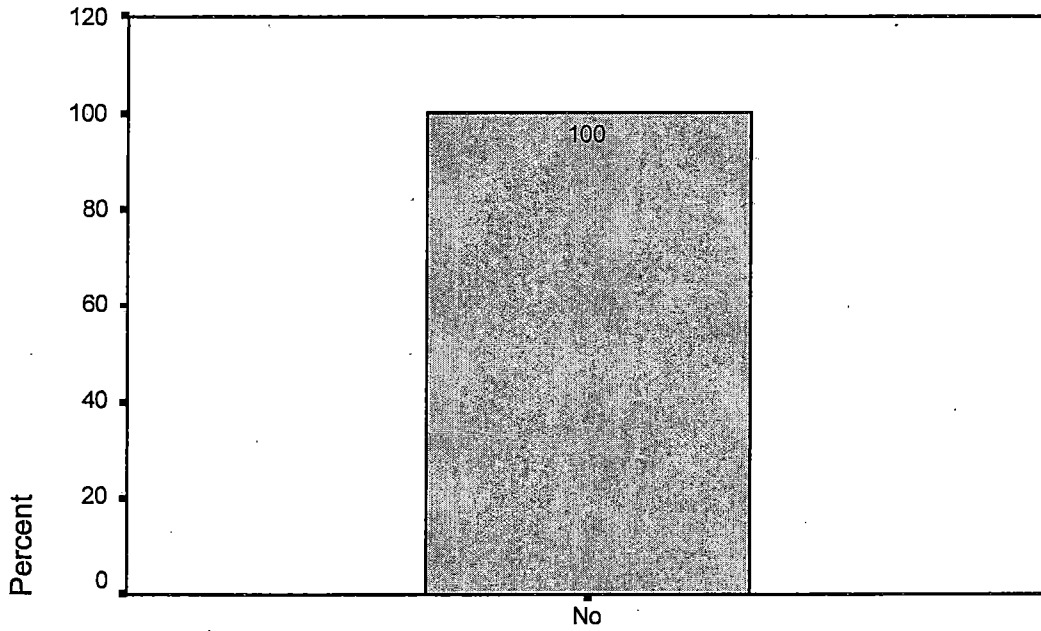


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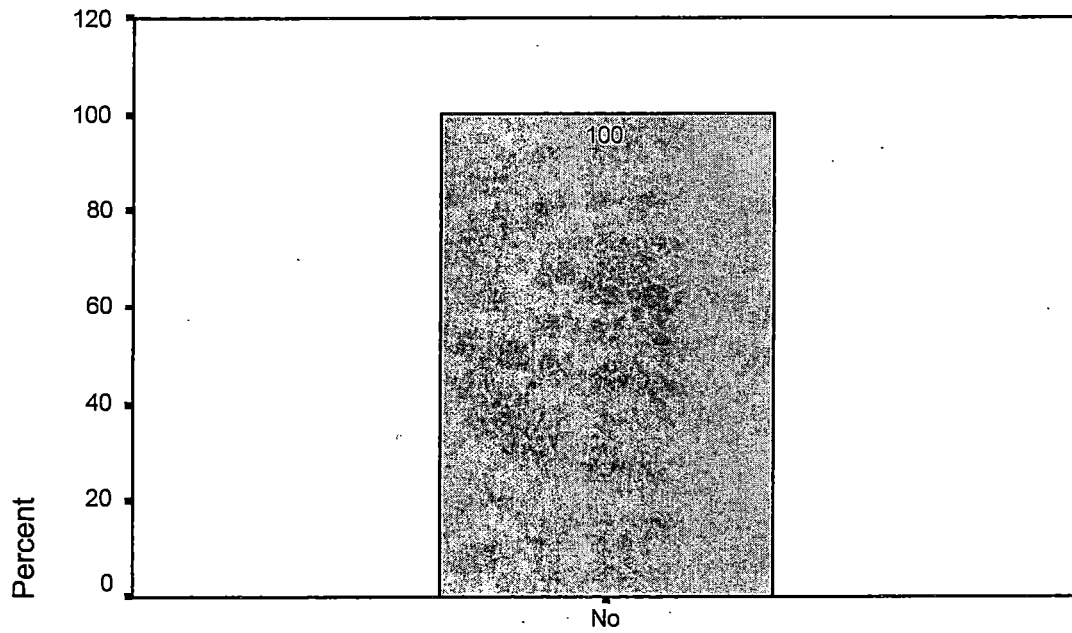


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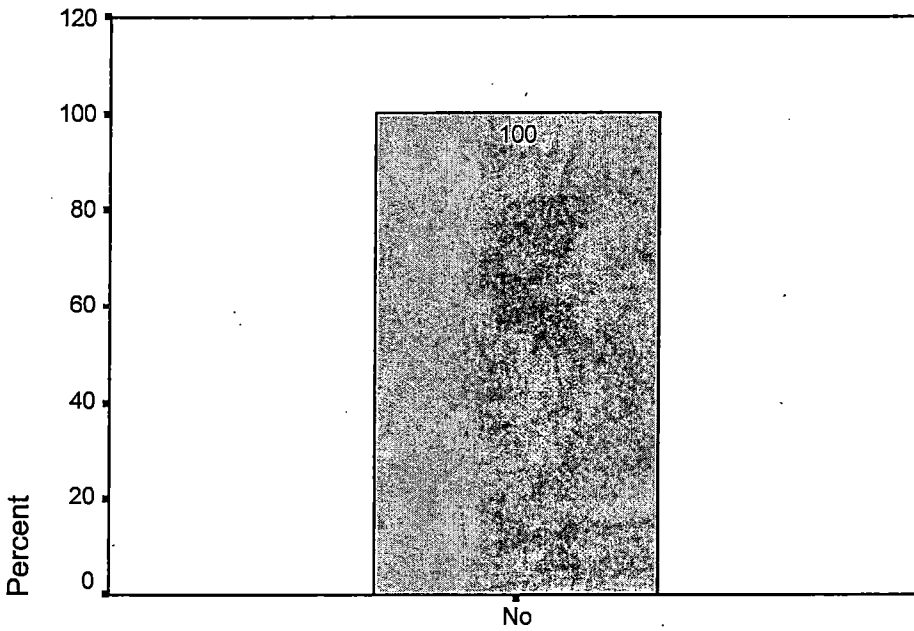
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**MIPA Member of: Michigan Paralegal Association**

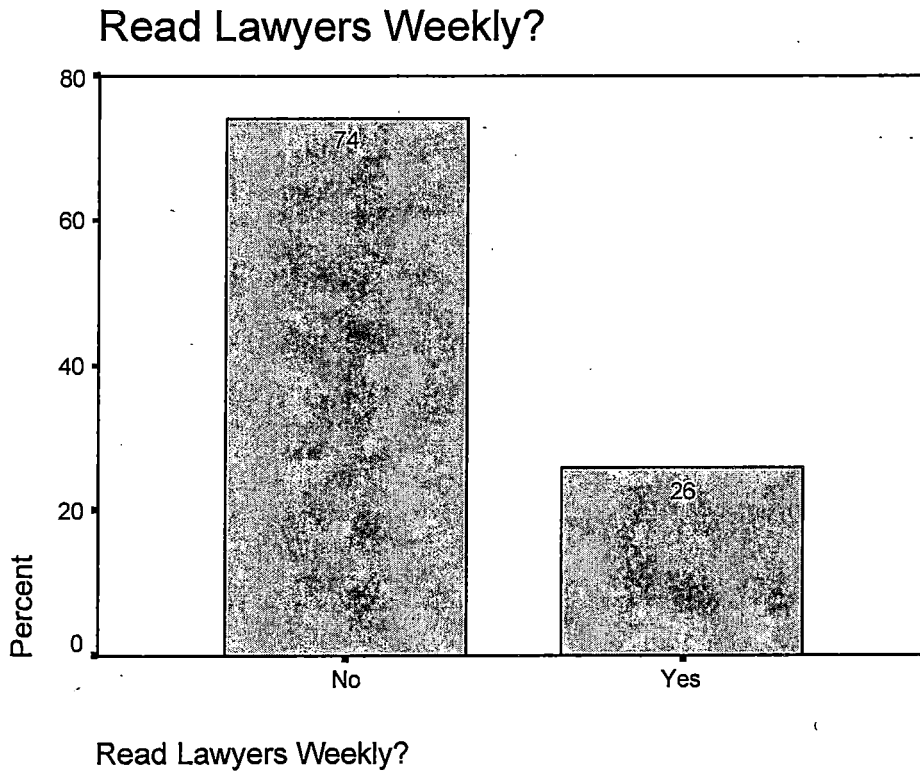
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Member of: Michigan Paralegal Association

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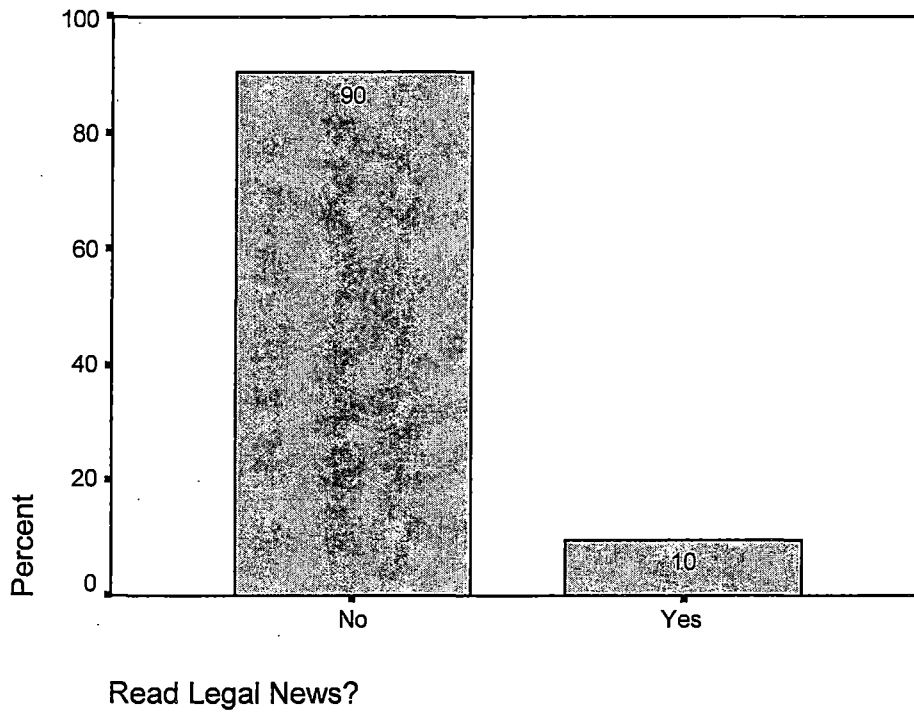
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LEGALNEW Read Legal News?

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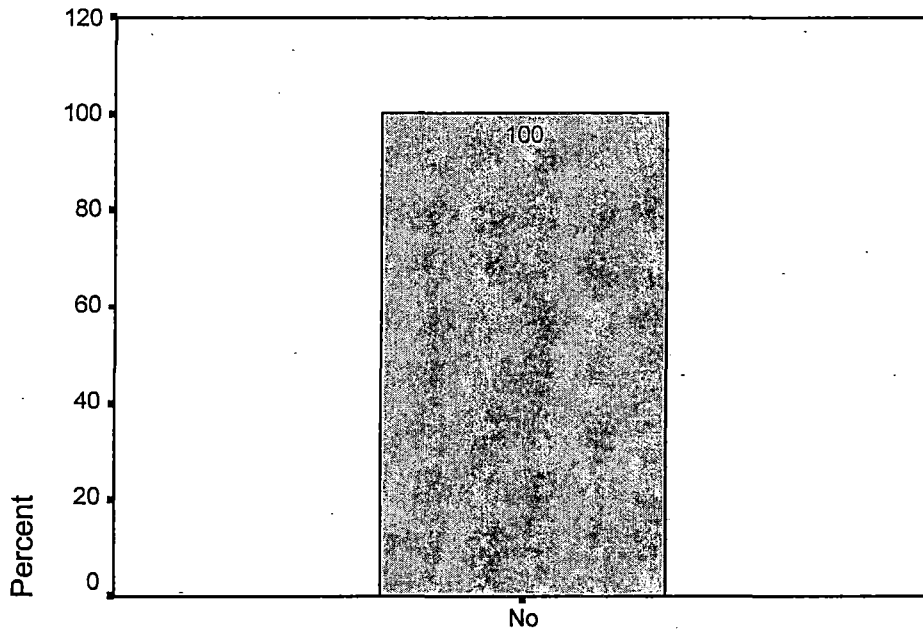
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Read Legal Advertiser

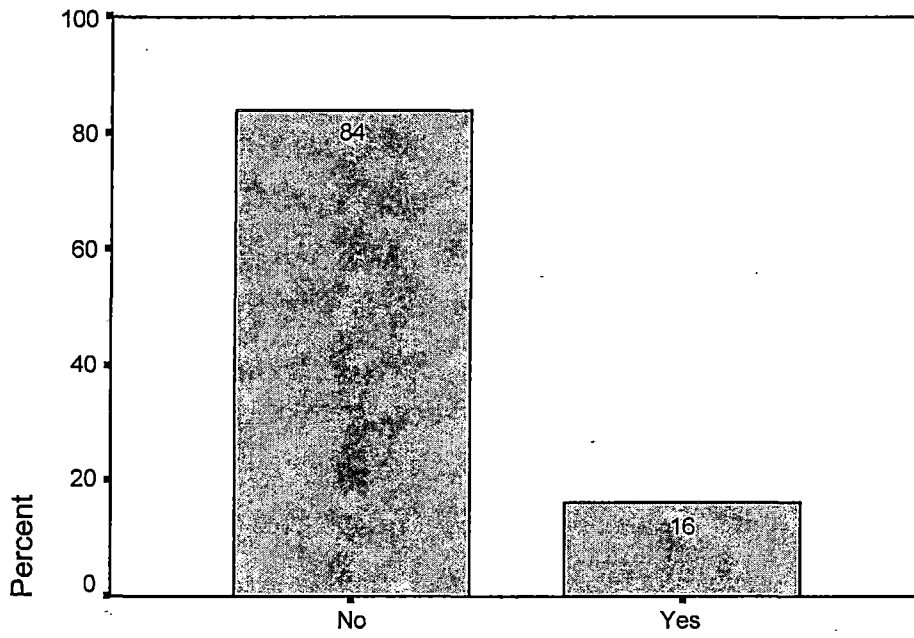


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LATM Read Legal Assistant Today Magazine

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Read Legal Assistant Today Magazine



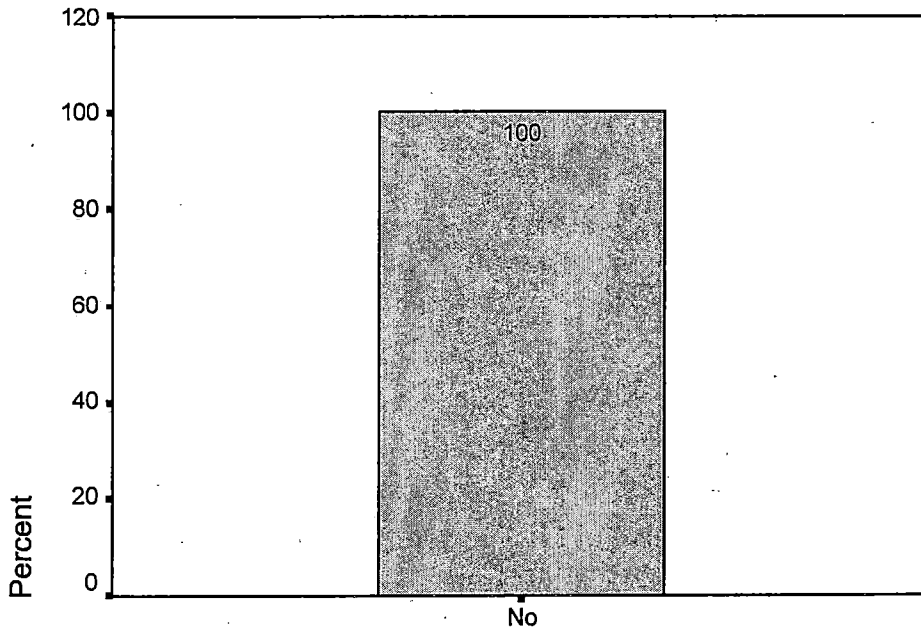
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STBAR: Attend State Bar Conferences

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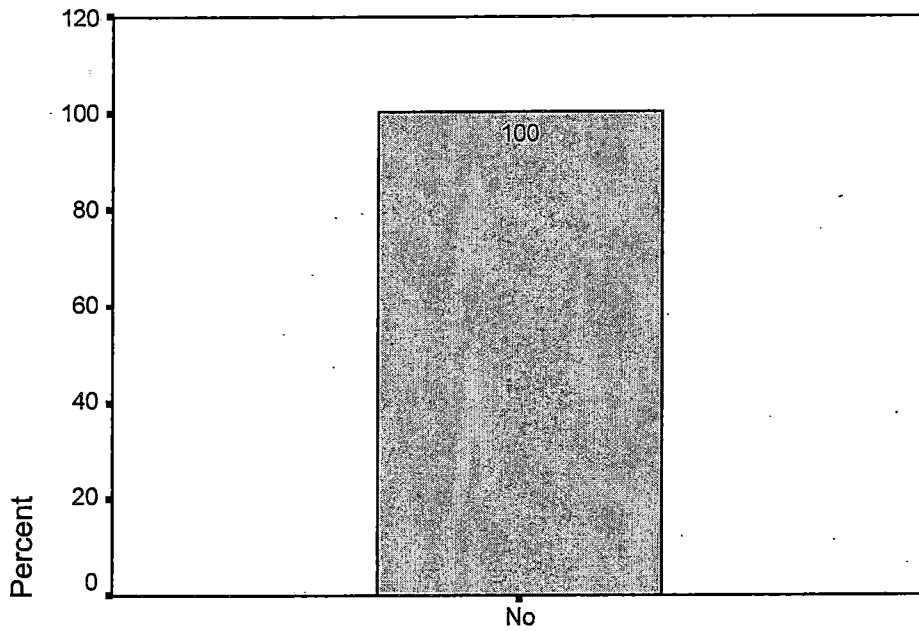


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