

Student Opinion: NUS UK

August 2023

Students in employment

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Introduction

Student Opinion is a monthly online survey, enabling our colleagues to get a quick snapshot of our students' and learners opinions and attitudes

Student Opinion is promoted via the NUS TOTUM database

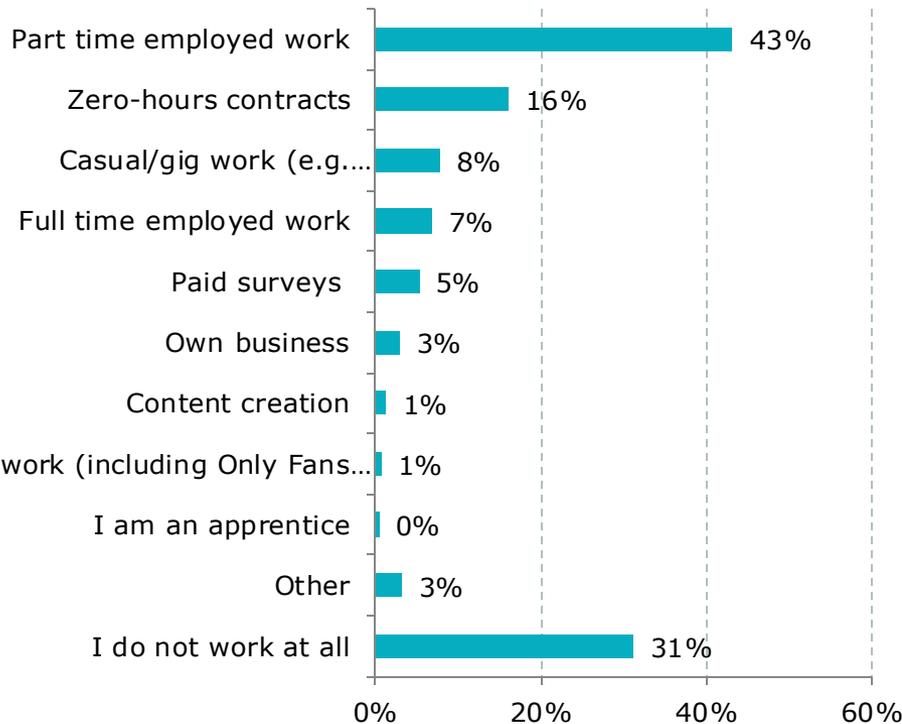
A prize draw of £150 is offered to encourage responses.

August's student opinion achieved a sample of 1367 full time students in Higher Education.

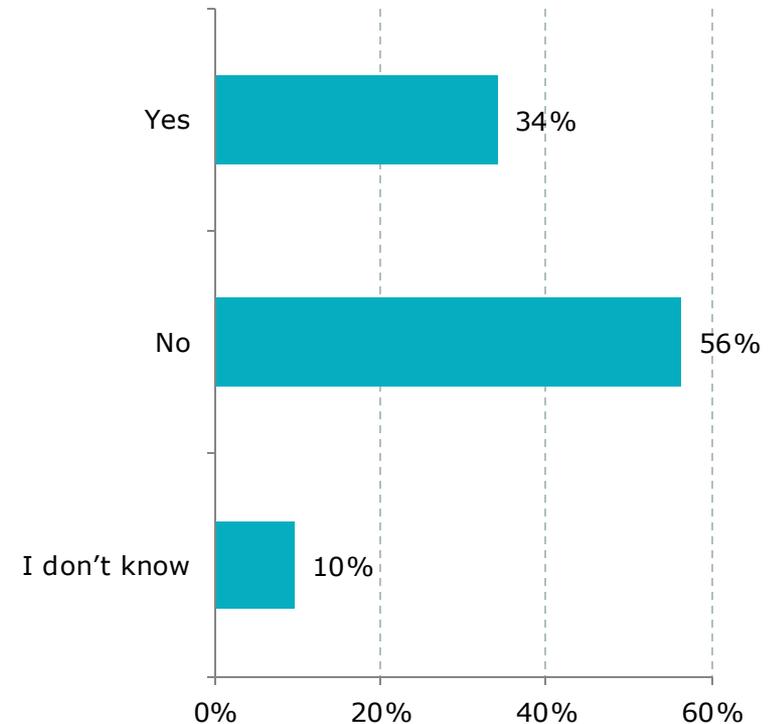
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Over two in five full time students in Higher Education have a part time job. With a third working in the industry they wish to pursue a career in on graduation

Students in employment



Employment in industry of choice



Weighted base: 1359

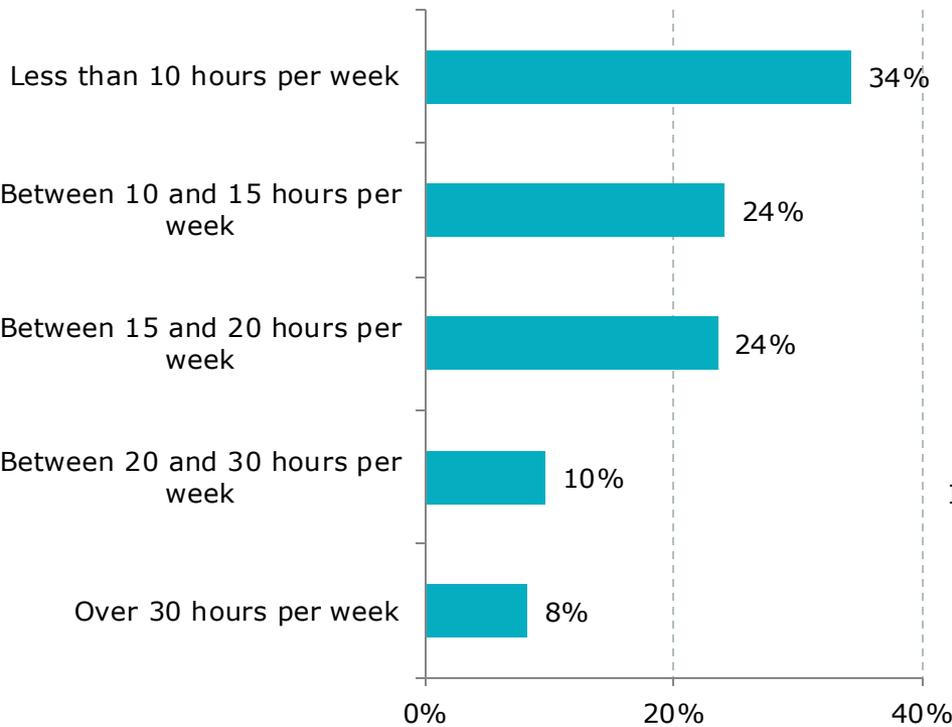
B1a. With regards to paid work, what do you currently do alongside your study (throughout the academic year?)

Weighted base: 933. Balance: those who don't work

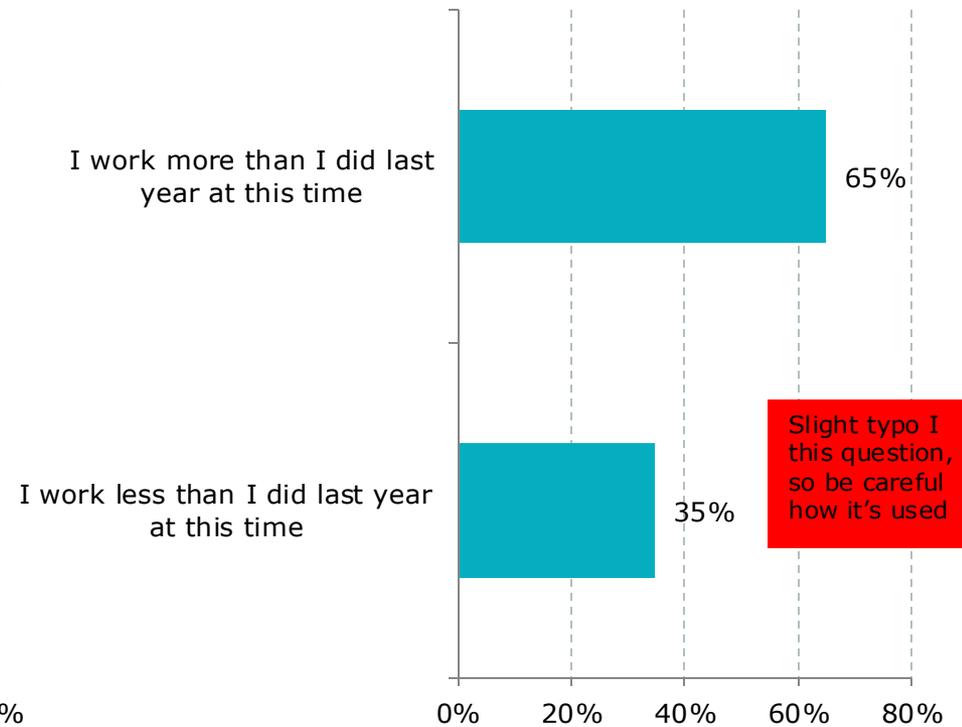
B1b. Do you work in an industry / area that you ultimately want to pursue a career in on leaving university?

Almost one in five full time students work more than 20 hours per week alongside their studies. Two thirds claim this is more than they worked last year at this time

Hours per week in work



Working more or less as last year



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Weighted base: 935. Balance: Those who don't work

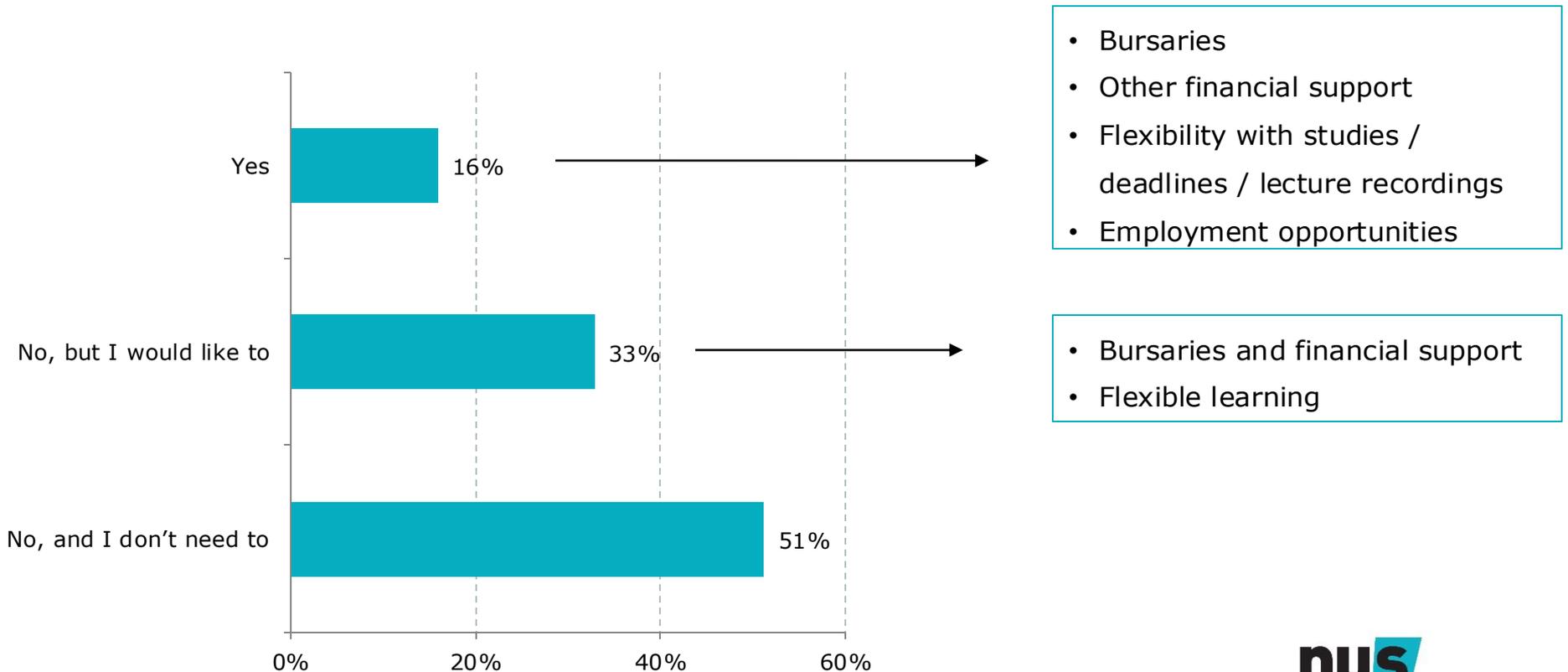
Weighted base: 928. Balance: those who don't work

B2. Approximately how many hours per week do you work in paid employment alongside your studies?

B3 Do you work more, less, or the same amount of time as you did last year?

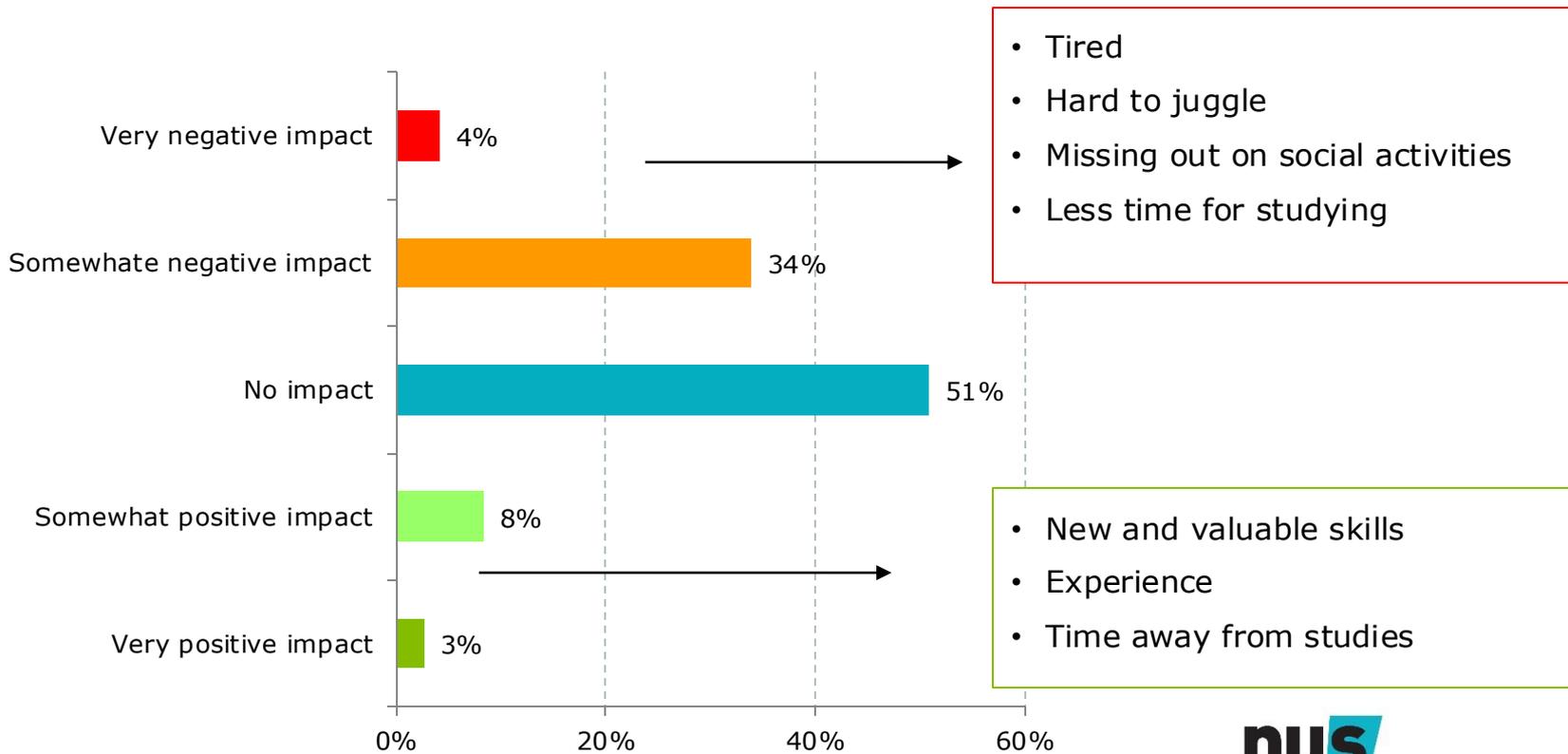
16% receive support from their institution to help balance work and study; this is in the form of bursaries and other financial support, and flexibility with studies. A third of students don't receive any support but would like to.

Receipt of support from institution to help balance work / study



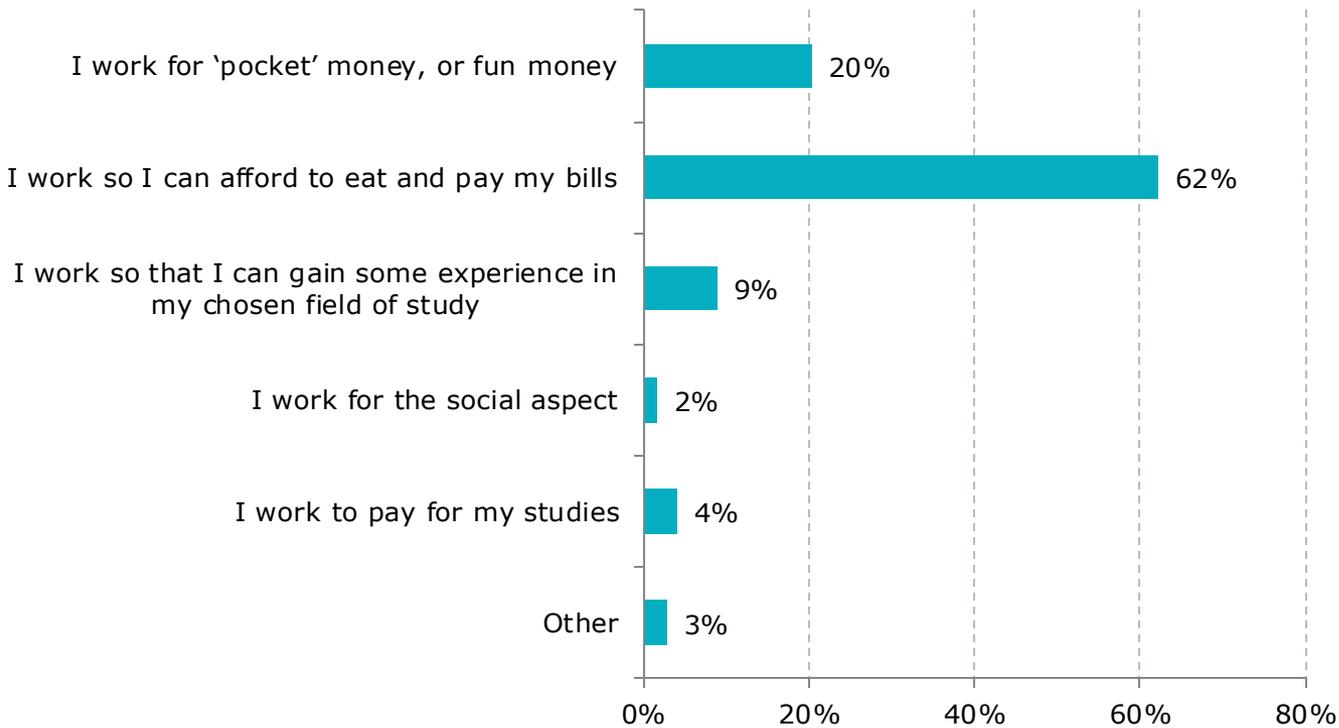
Over half of those who work claim work has no impact on their studies. Almost two in five claim work has a negative impact on their work: they indicate tiredness, juggling and missing out on social activities. However, one in 10 claim they work has a positive impact in the form of learning new skills and experiences

Impact of work on studies



Almost two thirds of students who work do so to pay for food and bills

Main reason for working



Demographics

February's Student Opinion

Key demographics & characteristics

1359 students and learners completed the survey

33% of participants have a disability, impairment or long-term health condition

76% study in England

71% of respondents are under 30

25% are international students

56% of students are women, **36%** are men and **5%** are non-binary

69% are UG and **31%** are PG students

