

## UniSport Student Wellbeing Survey Summary

UniSport is committed to delivering evidence-based advocacy that represents the voice of university students. To support this, we have initiated a student wellbeing index to measure and report on the impact of participating in sport on student's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as their sense of inclusion and attainment at university.

To start this process we included 10 questions on wellbeing as part of the 2019 Div 1 Nationals registration process. Of 5,016 participants at Div 1 we received 2,737 responses (55%).

The results show that students who participated in sport are very likely to feel:

- well connected to their university
- positive about their results and employability
- positive and satisfied with life
- physically fit



## UniSport Student Wellbeing Survey Methodology

In 2018 British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) led a survey on the role physical activity can play in a university student's life.

The survey found that active students have higher wellbeing, inclusion and perceptions of employability and attainment compared to inactive students.

With BUCS permission we have used this survey as a basis for the UniSport Student Wellbeing Survey. We asked participants to respond to a number of wellbeing related statements (on a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree):

This document includes the results of the Div 1 Nationals survey for all respondents, as well as the results of your specific university. Please note we will not share individual university results they have just been produced for you.



## UniSport Student Wellbeing Survey Next Steps

From the survey of Div 1 participants it is clear that sport plays a positive role in student wellbeing.

The next logical step would be to compare the Div 1 results with the general student population. Our aim is to secure funding so that we can create a university-wide understanding of the level of activity of university students and the impact of sport on wellbeing.

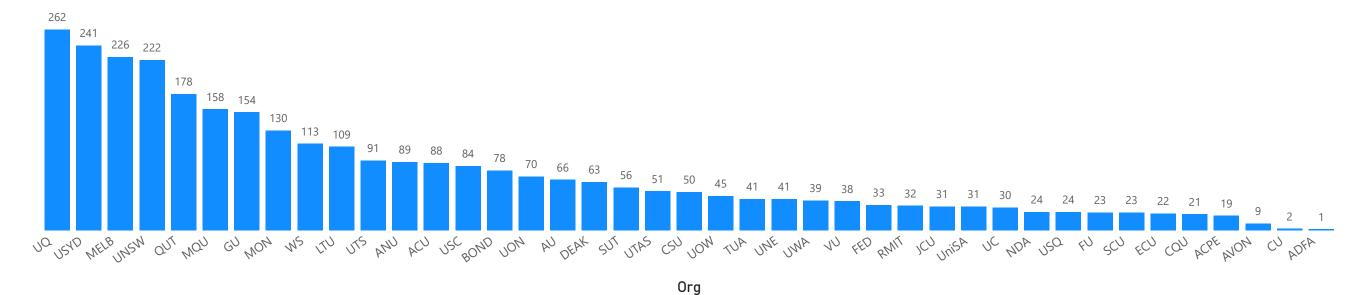
We seek to expand our interaction with universities beyond the sports department – at a time when universities are increasingly focusing on mental health issues and student wellbeing.

Ideally we would repeat the survey every two years with results providing (deidentified) comparisons across universities, states and internationally.

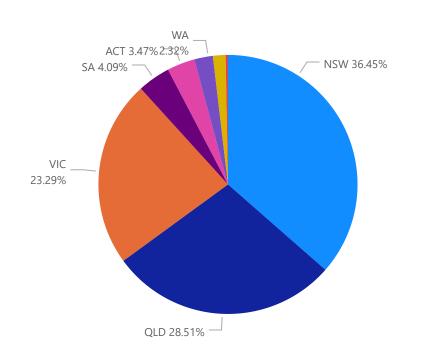
UniSport welcomes your feedback and ideas on this initiative.



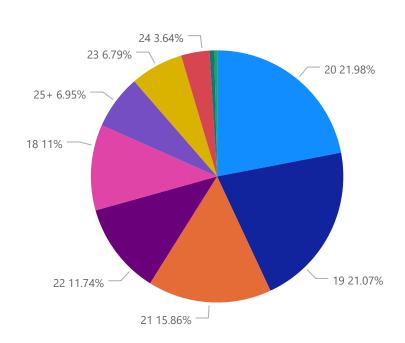
#### Respondents by university



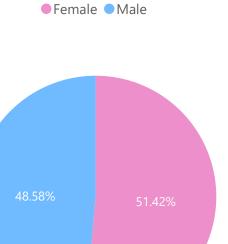




#### Respondents by age

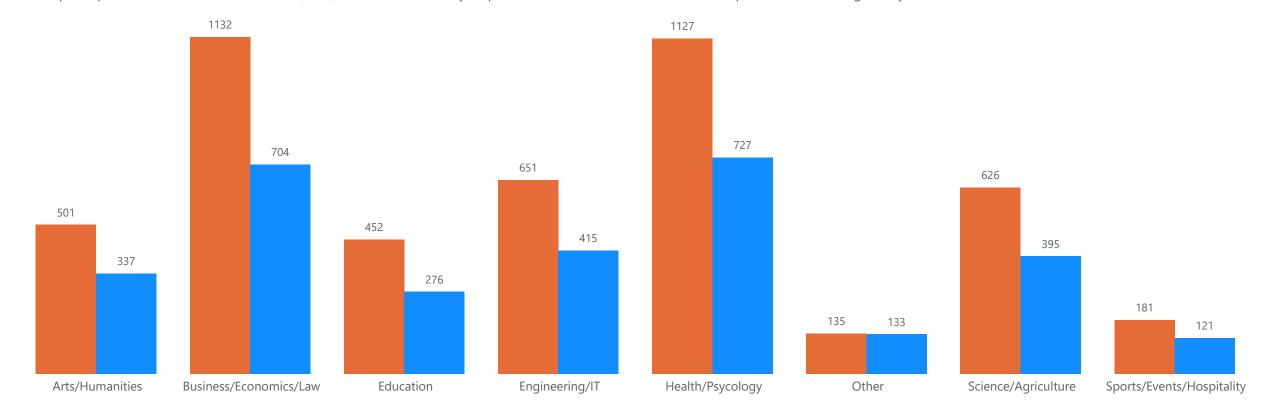


#### Respondents by gender



#### Percentage of survey respondants compared to participants (by area of study)

• Number of participants entered at Nationals Div 1 (total) • Number of survey respondants from Nationals Div 1 that completed the wellbeing survey





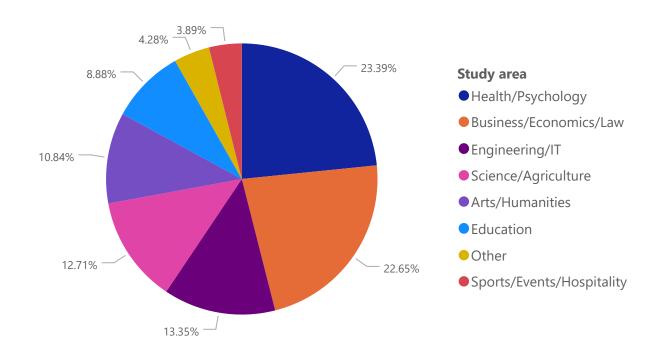


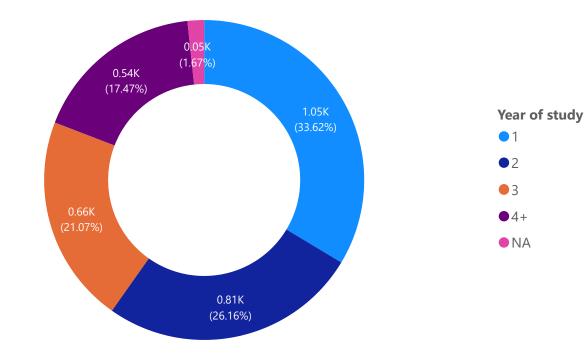


Wellbeing survey 2019 Nationals participants

#### Respondents by study area

#### Respondents by year of study





#### Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander?

No	3029
Yes, Aboriginal	67
Yes, Aboriginal, Yes, Torres Strait Islander	4
Yes, Torres Strait Islander	8
Total	3108

#### International student?

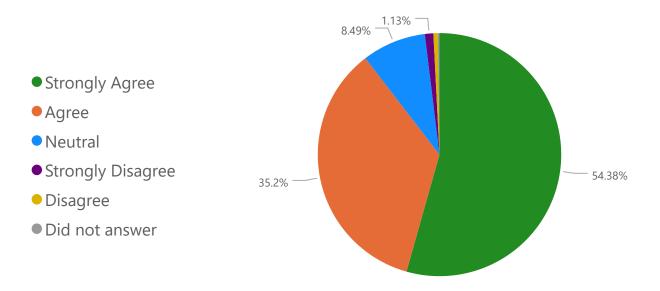
Total	3108
Yes	294
No	2814

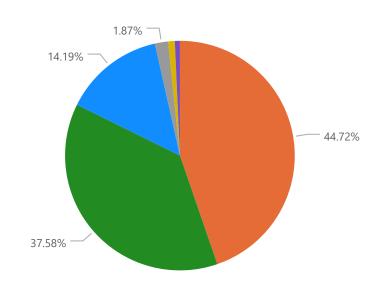


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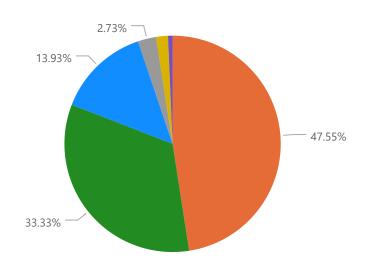
#### I've made new friends and networks playing sport at university

### Sporting and other physical programs have helped me feel like I belong to my university

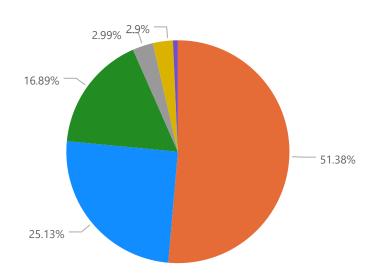




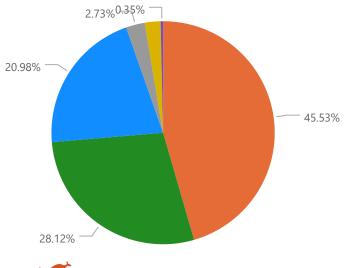
I feel well supported and part of a group at university



I feel confident that I will achieve good academic results this year

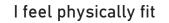


I feel that participating in physical activity or exercise improves my employability

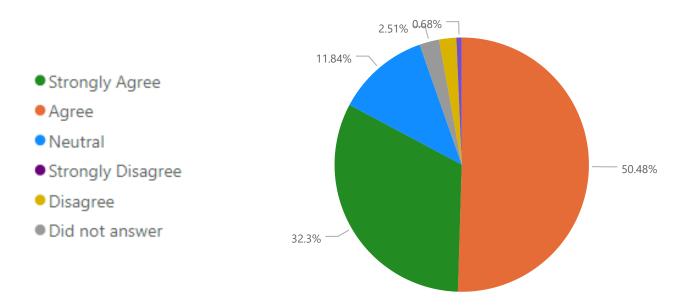


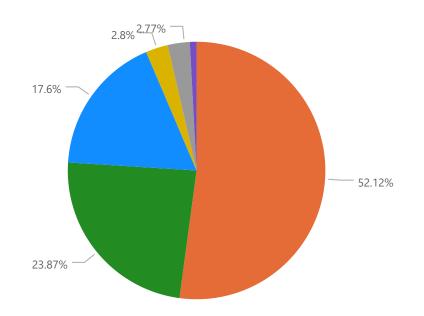


Wellbeing survey 2019 Nationals participants



#### I feel satisfied with my life at present

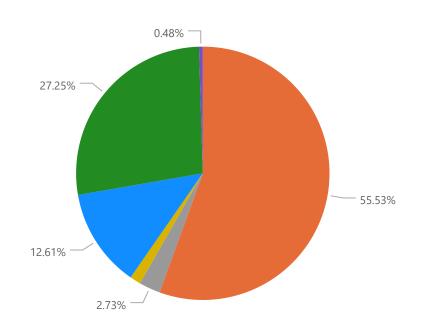


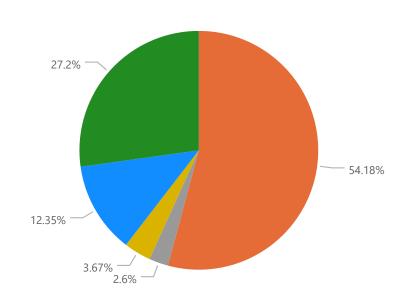


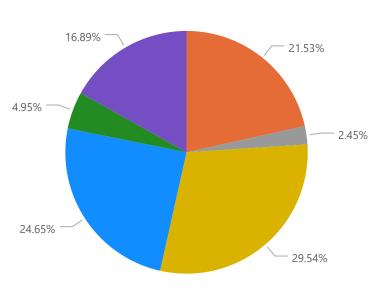
I feel that the things I do in my life are worthwhile

I felt happy yesterday

I felt anxious yesterday





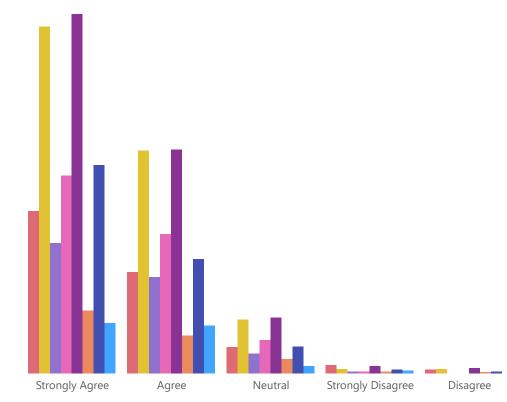




# Ive made new friends and networks playing sport By gender Female Male



- Arts/Humanities
- Business/Economics/Law
- Education
- Engineering/IT
- Health/Psychology
- Other
- Science/Agriculture
- Sports/Events/Hospitality



By 1st year of study

Strongly Agree

11.67% 0.96% 7.26% 1.6% 46.32% 40.1% 33.83% 56.33%

Neutral

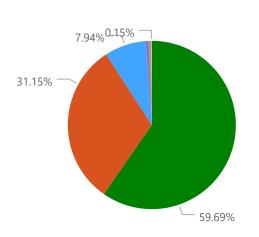
Agree

Strongly Disagree

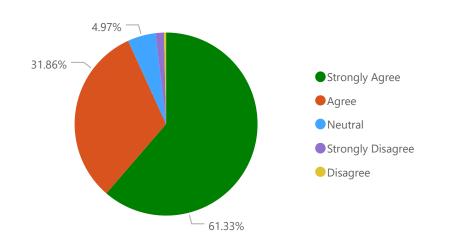
By 2nd year of study

Disagree

By 3rd year of study

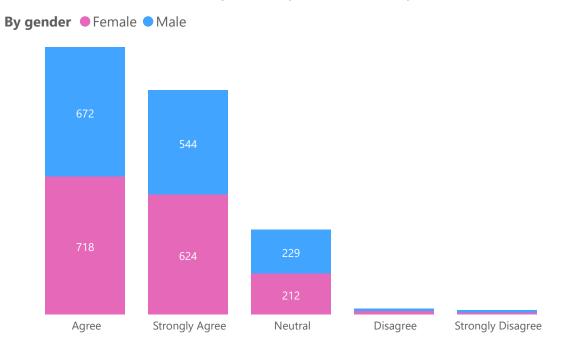


By 4th year of study





## Sporting and other physical programs have helped me feel like I belong to my university



By study area

Arts/Humanities

Business/Economics/Law

Education

Engineering/IT

Health/Psychology

Other

Science/Agriculture

Sports/Events/Hospitality

Strongly Agree

By 4th year of study

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

By 1st year of study

15.79%

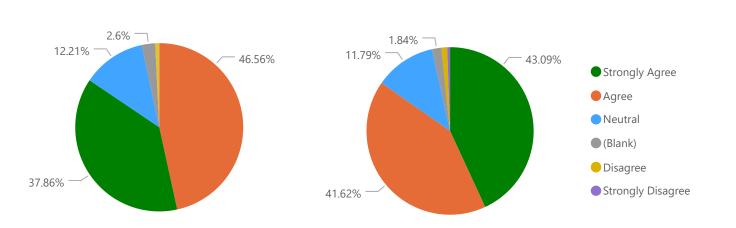
33.78%

1.34%

1.97% — 47.66% 15.13% — 41.45%

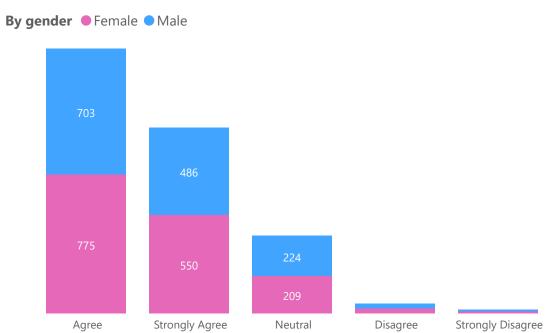
By 2nd year of study

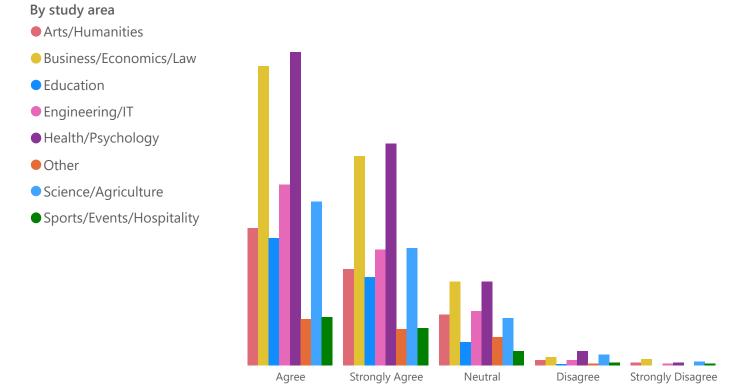
By 3rd year of study





## I feel well supported and part of a group at university





By 4th year of study

By 1st year of study

1.91% —

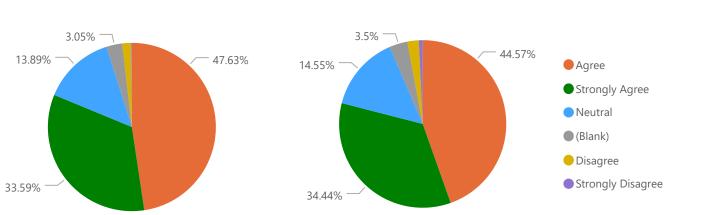
14.64%

32.34% -

3.32% 48.61% 12.3% 47.97%

By 2nd year of study

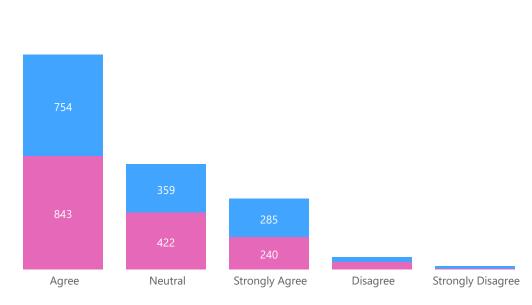
By 3rd year of study





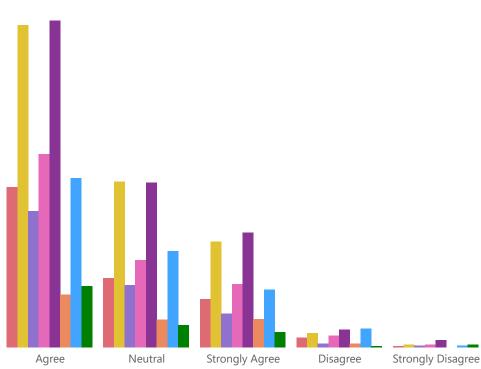
## I feel confident that I will achieve good academic results this year

**By gender** • Female • Male



52.92%

By study area
Arts/Humanities
Business/Economics/Law
Education
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Health/Psychology
Other
Science/Agriculture
Sports/Events/Hospitality



By 1st year of study

2.97%

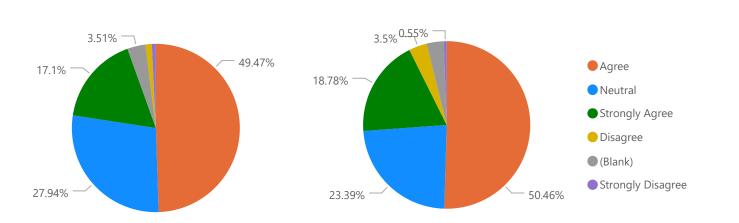
16.56%

24.78%

3.81% <sup>3.2%</sup>
15.87%
24.6%
51.54%

By 2nd year of study

By 3rd year of study

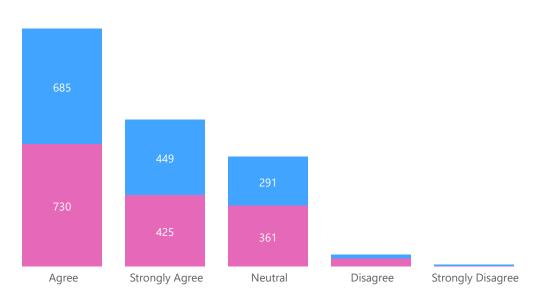


By 4th year of study



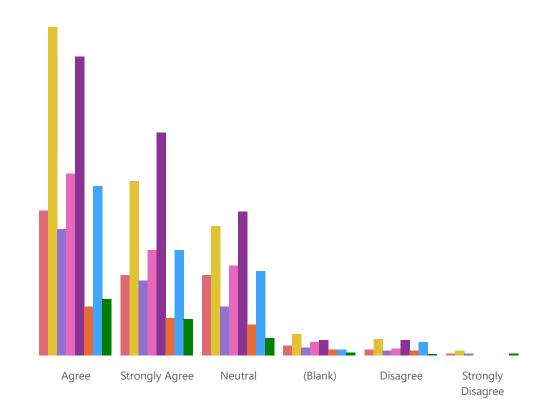
## I feel that participating in physical activity or excercise improves my employability

**By gender** • Female • Male



46.7%

By study area
Arts/Humanities
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By 1st year of study

2.11% —

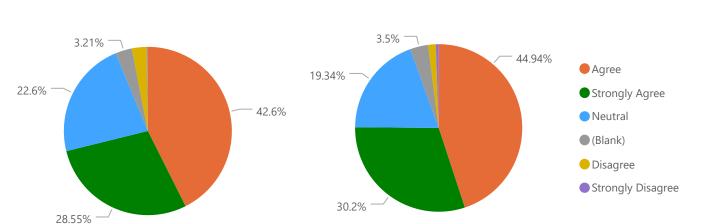
21.05%

27.85%

2.83% 46.49% 20.79% 26.81%

By 2nd year of study

By 3rd year of study

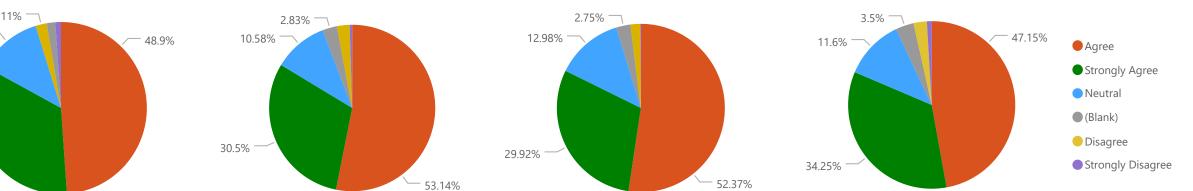


By 4th year of study



#### I feel physically fit By study area Arts/Humanities **By gender** • Female • Male Business/Economics/Law Education Engineering/IT Health/Psychology Other Science/Agriculture Sports/Events/Hospitality Disagree Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Neutral Neutral Agree By 4th year of study By 2nd year of study By 3rd year of study By 1st year of study 2.11% 2.75% 3.5% 2.83% -12.25%

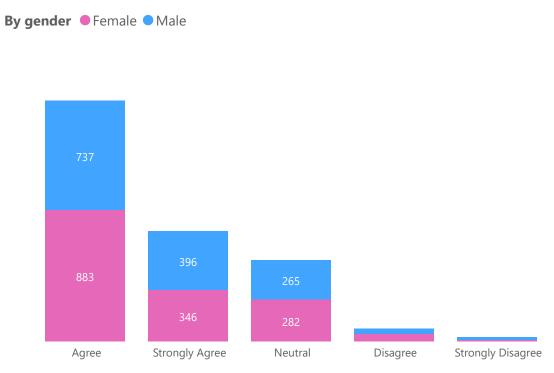
34.07%



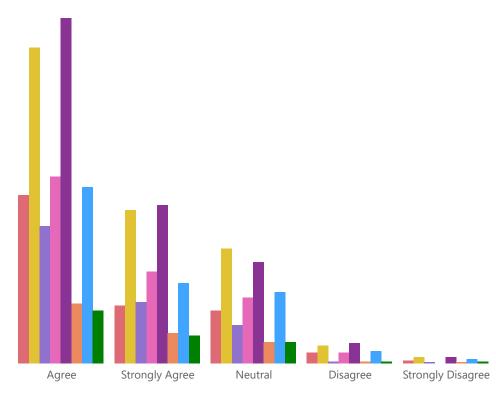
Disagree

Strongly Disagree

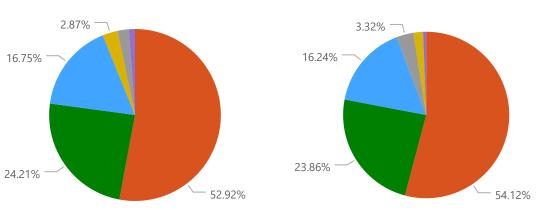
#### I feel satisfied with my life at present





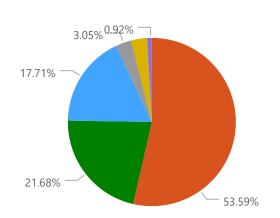


By 1st year of study

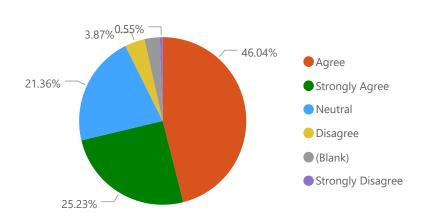


By 2nd year of study

By 3rd year of study



By 4th year of study



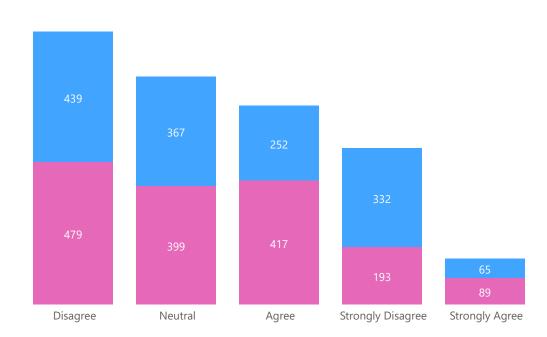


#### I feel that the things I do in my life are worthwhile By study area Arts/Humanities **By gender** • Female • Male Business/Economics/Law Education Engineering/IT Health/Psychology Other Science/Agriculture Sports/Events/Hospitality Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree Neutral Strongly Agree Neutral Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Disagree By 4th year of study By 2nd year of study By 3rd year of study By 1st year of study 1.72% — 3.68% — 2.83% — 3.51% 12.25% 11.56% 13.63% 13.59% Agree Strongly Agree Neutral (Blank) Disagree 25.34% 28.55% Strongly Disagree 27.06% 27.66% 52.12% 55.57% 56.83% 56.46%

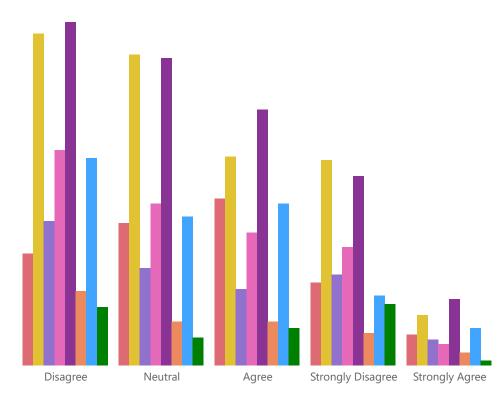
#### I felt happy yesterday By study area Arts/Humanities **By gender** • Female • Male Business/Economics/Law Education Engineering/IT Health/Psychology Other Science/Agriculture Sports/Events/Hospitality Disagree Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree Agree Strongly Agree Neutral Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree By 4th year of study By 2nd year of study By 3rd year of study By 1st year of study 4.79% 3.5% 3.66% 1.22% -3.83% — 2.95% 12.06% Agree 12.67% 13.13% 11.05% Strongly Agree Neutral Disagree (Blank) 23.76% -28.33% 27.8% 25.95% Strongly Disagree 52.77% 53.21% 53.28% 55.99%

#### I felt anxious yesterday





By study area
Arts/Humanities
Business/Economics/Law
Education
Engineering/IT
Health/Psychology
Other
Science/Agriculture
Sports/Events/Hospitality



By 1st year of study

By 2nd year of study

By 3rd year of study

By 4th year of study

