DATA

The class of 2026, by the numbers

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Ahead of Commencement, the News's data desk surveyed the Class of 2026 on their Yale experience and future directions, from academics and careers to love and nightlife. The News sent a questionnaire to 1737 graduating seniors and received 172 total responses, though responses vary by question.

What wisdom can we take away from our seniors? Dive in below.

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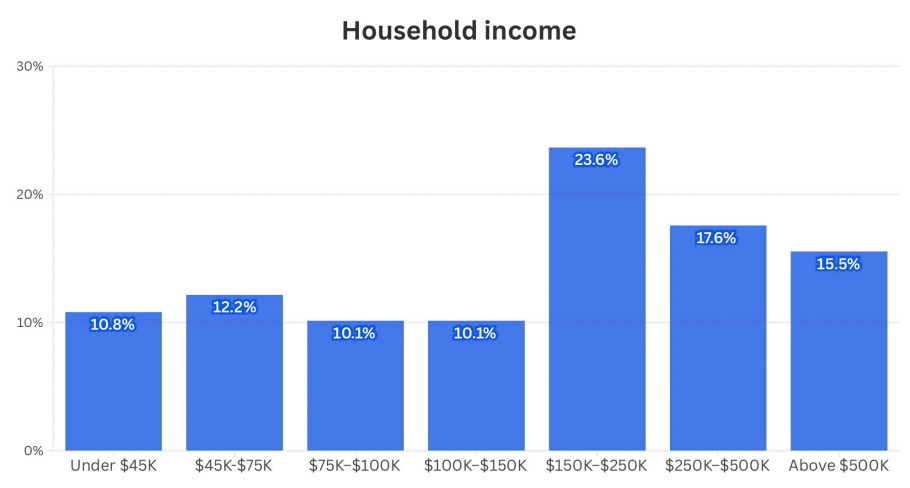
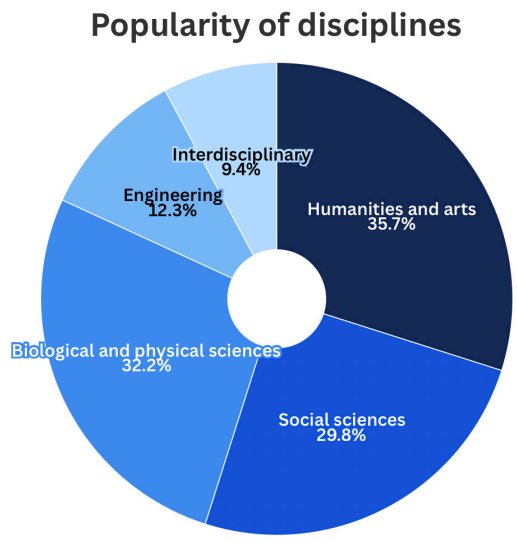


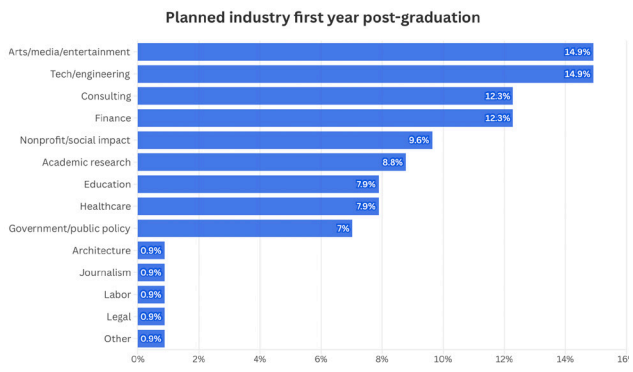
15.5%
percent of respondents identify as bisexual, gay, lesbian, queer or asexual



63.3%
percent of respondents attended a public high school

57.8%
percent of respondents received financial aid

AFTER YALE

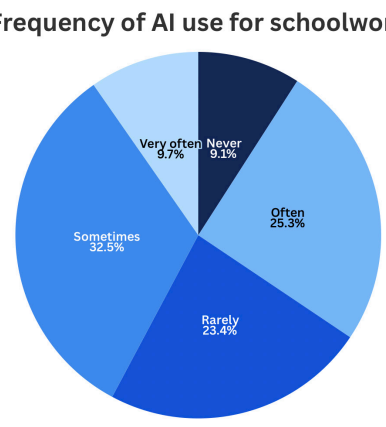


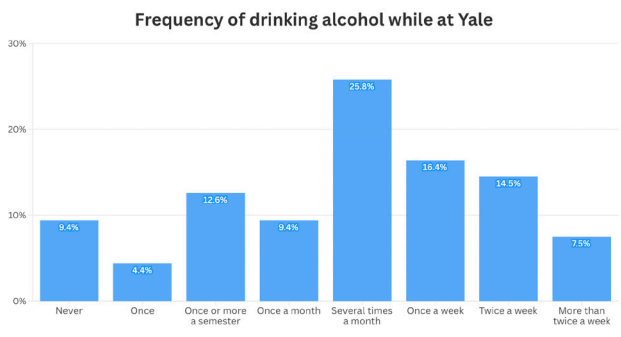
80.4%
percent of respondents are at least satisfied with their postgraduate plans

90.2%
percent of respondents not graduating with student loans

37%
percent of respondents working toward a PhD

EXPERIENCES ON CAMPUS





24.7%
percent of respondents in relationships with other Yale students

51.7%
percent of respondents never using marijuana at Yale

81.9%
percent of respondents using Fizz while at Yale

71.6%
percent of respondents joined societies

93%
percent of respondents held at least one student job

54.7%
percent of respondents read the YDN weekly

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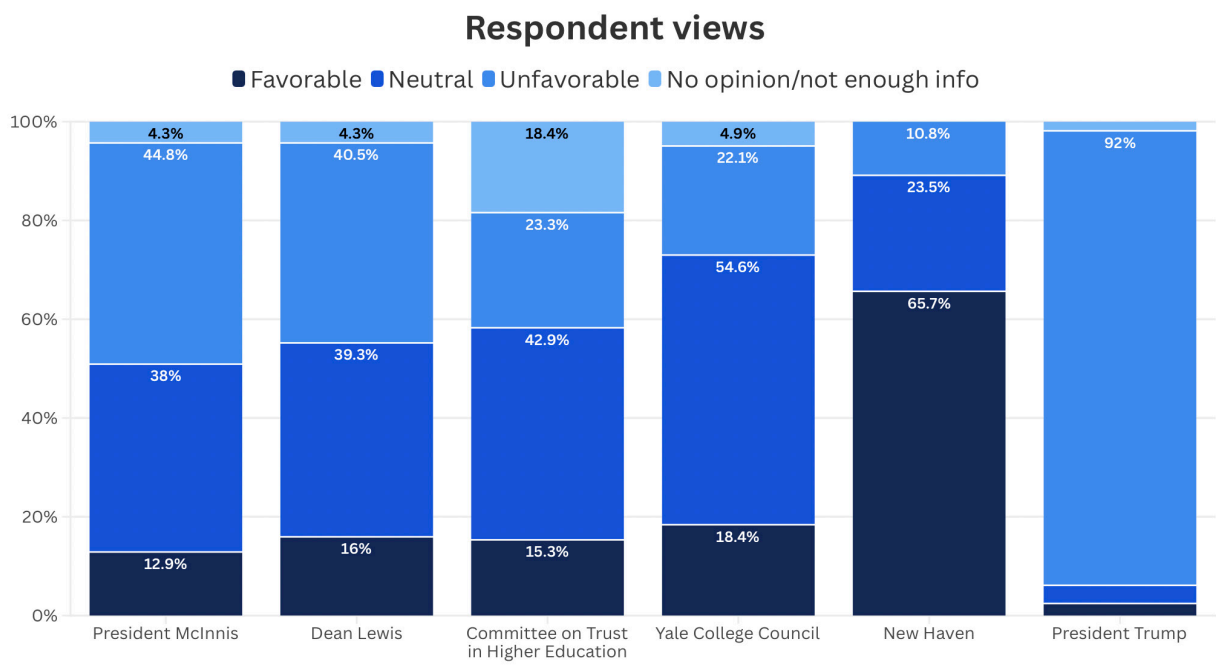

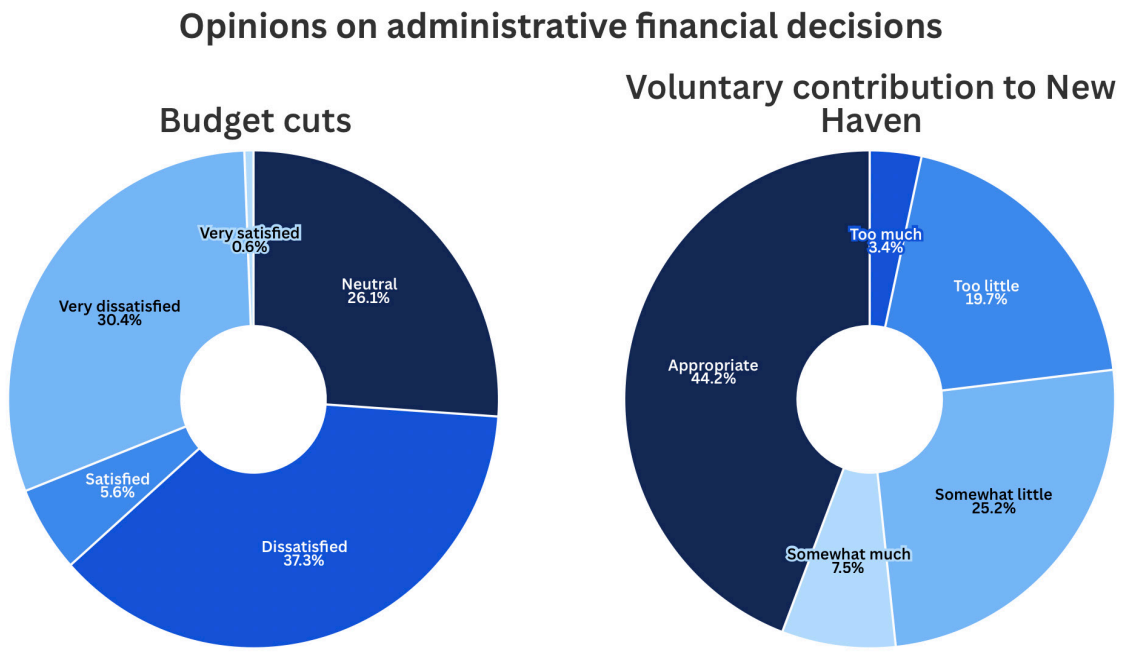

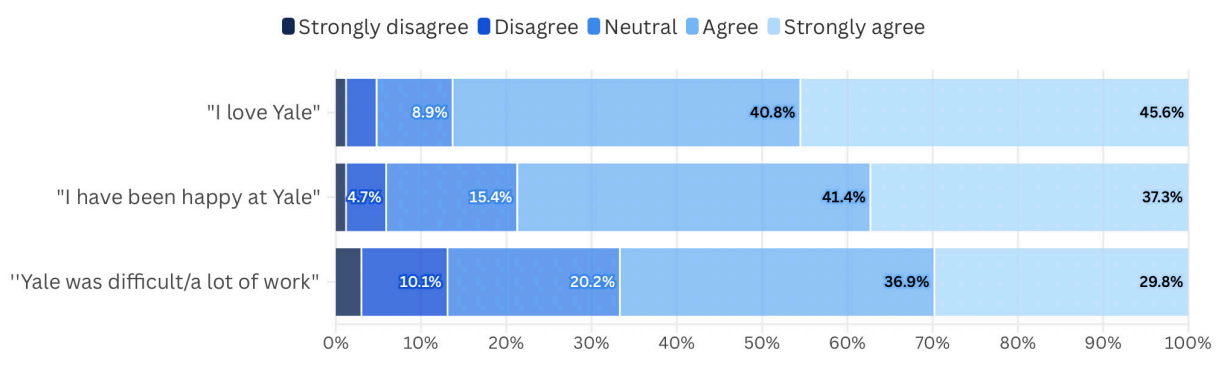

91.7% percent of respondents would have chosen to attend Yale again

66.7% percent of respondents view New Haven favorably