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## STOP-OUT SURVEY REPORT

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## Highlights

- The Stop-Out Survey was administered to students who had previously enrolled at BCC in Fall 2015, but had not re-enrolled in Fall 2016.
- The invitation to participate in the survey was sent to the students' Bergen and personal email addresses. Two hundred ninety-eight students responded to this invitation.
- Forty-four percent of respondents reported that they entered Bergen Community College for the purpose of obtaining an associate's degree while 26% of respondents indicated they had entered BCC to take courses necessary for transfer to another institution.
- When asked why they left BCC, 62 respondents indicated that they had issues with financial aid while 52 respondents indicated that they could no longer afford to attend BCC. Sixteen respondents were uncertain about the value of a college education.
- One hundred forty-two respondents said they plan to re-enroll at Bergen Community College at some point in the future.
- Twenty-nine percent of respondents transferred to another college/university. Among the transfer institutions were community colleges, New Jersey state universities, nursing schools, technical institutes, and international universities.
- Eighty-six percent of respondents said that they would recommend Bergen Community College to a friend or family member.
- Fourteen respondents under the age of 22 indicated that they were unable to navigate BCC processes (e.g. registration, financial aid, billing, etc.) compared to 8 respondents who were at least 22 years old.

## Introduction

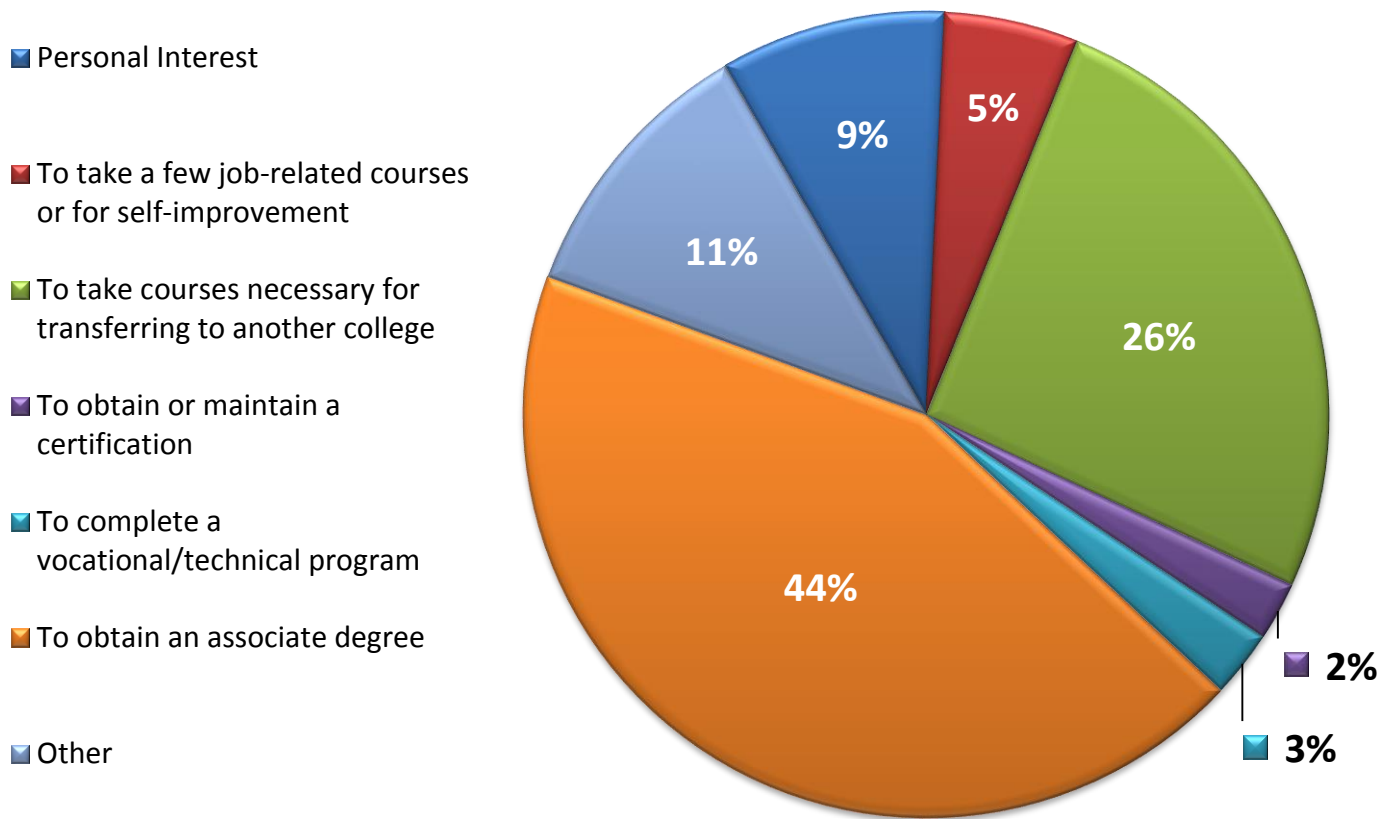
The Stop-Out Survey was administered to students who had previously enrolled at Bergen Community College in Fall 2015, but had not re-enrolled in Fall 2016. The intent of the survey was to learn more about why these students failed to return to BCC. A ten-question, online survey was developed and an invitation to participate was emailed to the students' Bergen and personal email addresses on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The survey was sent to 5,641 students. The survey was open from September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and had 298 total respondents. This report analyzes these responses. Appendix A presents findings only for those students who indicated in Question 1 that their primary reason for enrolling in BCC was to earn an Associate's Degree. Appendix B separates the survey results by age range. Appendix C presents the invitation to participate in the survey and the survey questions.

## Reasons for Entering Bergen Community College

When asked “What was your primary reason for enrolling in Bergen Community College?” 44% of respondents said they were at BCC to obtain an associate degree. This was followed by students who wanted to take courses necessary for transferring to another college (26%). Thirty-three students put “Other” as a primary reason for enrolling at BCC. When asked to specify, 4 students cited the ALP Program/their desire to learn English as their reason for attending, another 4 students said they wanted to take General Education courses or pre-requisites, and 3 students were looking for a way into BCC’s Nursing Program. Table 1 shows the results of this question.

**Table 1: What was your primary reason for enrolling in Bergen Community College?**

Primary Reason	Freq.	%
Personal Interest	27	9%
To take a few job-related courses or for self-improvement	16	5%
To take courses necessary for transferring to another college	77	26%
To obtain or maintain a certification	7	2%
To complete a vocational/technical program	8	3%
To obtain an associate degree	130	44%
Other	33	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Reasons for not Re-enrolling at Bergen Community College

The students were asked “What made you choose not to re-enroll at Bergen Community College?” and were given seventeen possible options to choose from and an option to write in any other reasons. One hundred twenty-five students wrote in other reasons (see page 6 for a breakdown of these reasons). Aside from the additional reasons, the most popular response was “Issues with financial aid” (62 responses). The second most popular was “Can no longer afford to attend Bergen Community College” (52 responses). Table 2 shows the results of this question.

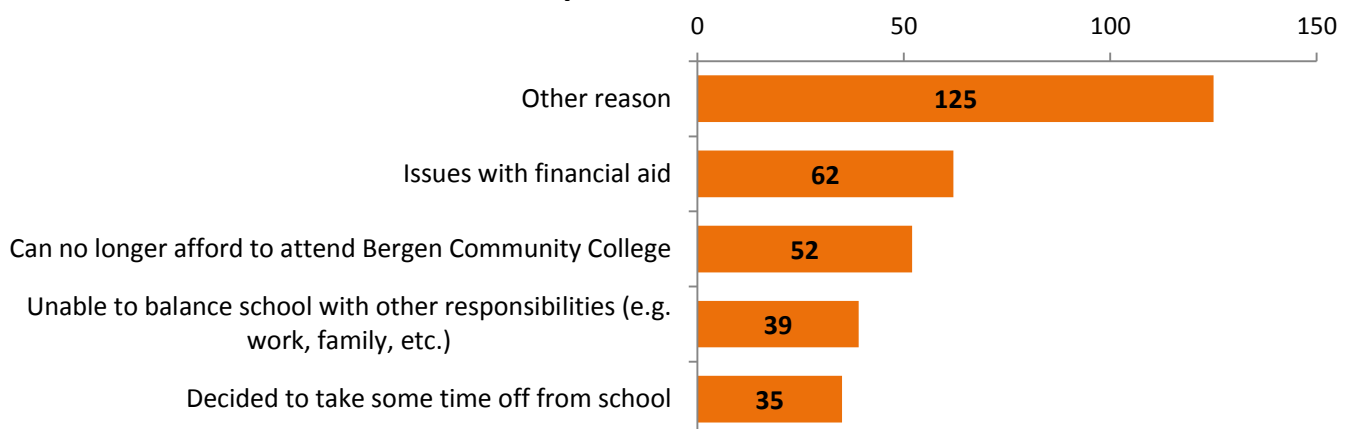
**Table 2: What made you choose not to re-enroll at Bergen Community College? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.**

Reason	Freq.	%*
Other reason	125	42%
Issues with financial aid	62	21%
Can no longer afford to attend Bergen Community College	52	17%
Unable to balance school with other responsibilities (e.g. work, family, etc.)	39	13%
Decided to take some time off from school	35	12%
Course(s) needed not currently offered	26	9%
Disappointed with the quality of instruction	26	9%
Health-related problem (family or personal)	22	7%
Unable to navigate BCC processes (e.g. registration, financial aid, billing, etc.)	22	7%
Returned to home college/university	18	6%
Uncertainty about the value of a college education	16	5%
Difficulty in obtaining transportation to this college	9	3%
Courses were not challenging	9	3%
Inadequate study habits	9	3%
Felt alone or isolated	7	2%
Child care was unavailable or too costly	5	2%
Desired major was not offered by this college	5	2%
Inadequate facilities for disabled students	2	1%

*\*Because respondents could select more than one option, the total % of respondents will not equal 100%. Each percentage is derived by dividing the number who selected that option by the total number of respondents.*

### What made you choose not to re-enroll at Bergen Community College?

#### Top Five Reasons



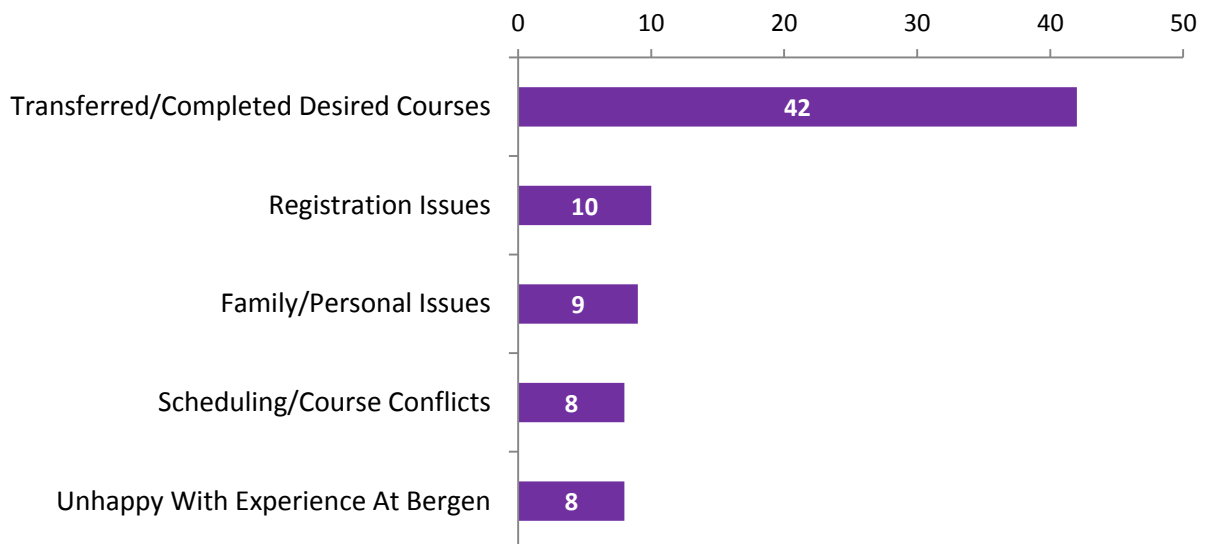
## Reasons for not Re-enrolling at Bergen Community College (continued)

As noted on the previous page, 125 of the respondents decided to write in an additional reason for not re-enrolling at BCC. These other reasons ranged from financial issues and family/personal issues to issues with registration and scheduling/course conflicts. Table 3 shows the breakdown of these responses separated into fourteen broad categories. Forty-two respondents said that they had already transferred, and/or completed their desired courses at BCC and another 10 respondents had issues registering for the Fall 2016 semester.

**Table 3: Please specify any other reasons for not re-enrolling at BCC.**

Other Reason Category	Freq.	%
Transferred/Completed Desired Courses	42	34%
Registration Issues	10	8%
Family/Personal Issues	9	7%
Scheduling/Course Conflicts	8	6%
Unhappy With Experience At Bergen	8	6%
Academic Suspension/Other Judicial Issues	7	6%
Did Not Leave Reason	7	6%
Moved Out Of State	7	6%
Did Not Get Into Desired Health Professions Program	6	5%
Got A Job	6	5%
Plans To Return To Bergen	6	5%
Financial Issues	4	3%
Joined Military/Police Academy	3	2%
Trying To Get Into Health Professions Program	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Top Five 'Other' Reasons for Not Re-Enrolling at BCC**

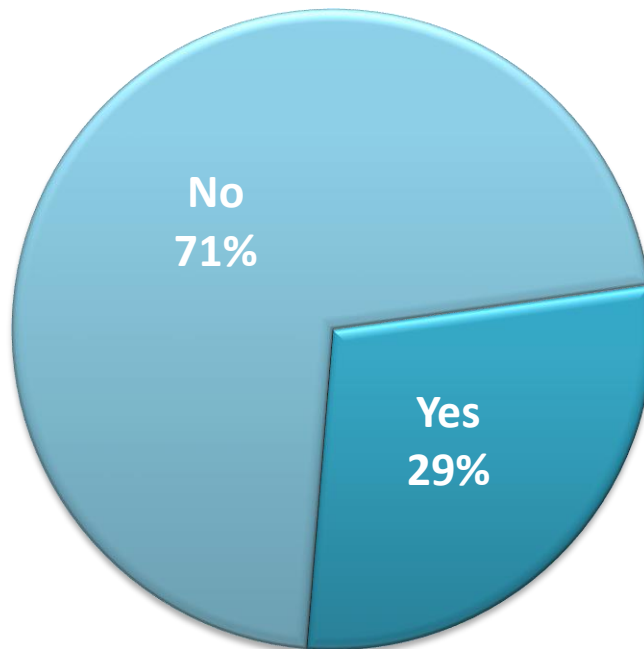


## Transferring to another College/University

The students were asked if they had transferred to another college/university since leaving Bergen Community College. Eighty-five of the respondents (29%) were enrolled at another college/university at the time of the survey's administration. Table 4 shows the breakdown for this question.

**Table 4: Have you transferred to another college/university?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	85	29%
No	213	71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>100%</b>





## Transferring to another College/University (continued)

The 85 respondents who had transferred to another college/university at the time of the survey were asked “What is the name of the college/university you are currently enrolled in?” Sixty-nine respondents shared their current college/university. Among the transfer institutions were community colleges, New Jersey state universities, nursing schools, and technical institutes. The majority of the respondents stayed in-state. A few attended colleges in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Oregon. One student transferred internationally, attending Gdansk Medical University in Gdansk, Poland. Table 5 shows the breakdown of the 35 transfer institutions and the number of respondents enrolled in each.

**Table 5: What is the name of the college/university you are currently enrolled in?**

College/University Name	# of Students Enrolled	College/University Name	# of Students Enrolled
Rutgers University	10	Hudson Community College	1
Montclair State University	7	Lincoln Technical Institute	1
Ramapo College	7	Monmouth University	1
County College of Morris	5	New Jersey City University	1
New Jersey Institute of Technology	4	Oregon State University	1
Holy Name Medical Center School of Nursing	3	Rhode Island college	1
Passaic County Community College	3	Rowan University	1
William Paterson University	3	Salisbury University	1
Arizona State University	1	Santa Monica College	1
Boston University	1	Seton Hall University	1
Centenary University	1	Southwestern College	1
Chamberlain College of Nursing	1	SUNY Maritime College	1
Dominican College	1	Sussex Community College	1
Eastern International College	1	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	1
Fairleigh Dickinson University	1	Thomas Edison State University	1
Felician University	1	Tri-County Technical College	1
Full Sail University	1	University of Scranton	1
Gdansk Medical University	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

## Re-enrolling at Bergen Community College

The respondents who indicated that they had not transferred to a college/university since leaving BCC were asked, “Do you plan to re-enroll at Bergen at any point in the future?” 68% (142 respondents) said they intended to return while 9% (19 respondents) said they had no intention of re-enrolling. Twenty-three percent (49 respondents) were undecided. Table 6 shows the results of this question.

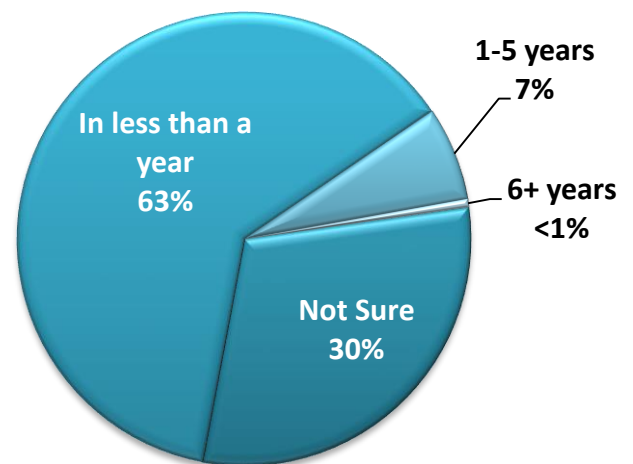
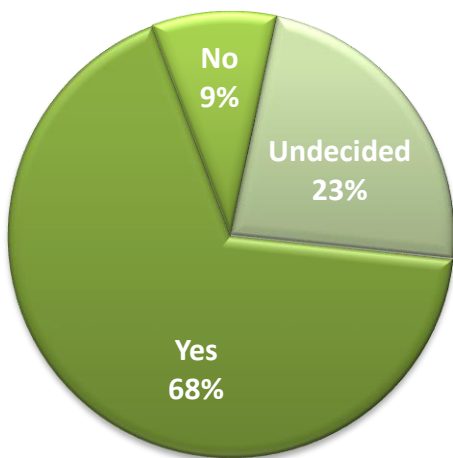
**Table 6: Do you plan to re-enroll at Bergen at any point in the future?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	142	68%
No	19	9%
Undecided	49	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>100%</b>

Students who answered “Yes” or “Undecided” to the previous question were asked as a follow-up question “When do you plan to re-enroll?” Sixty-three percent (112 respondents) indicated that they plan to re-enroll within the next year. Thirty percent (54 respondents) were unsure. Table 7 shows the results of this question.

**Table 7: When do you plan to re-enroll?**

Response	Freq.	%
Not Sure	54	30%
In less than a year	112	63%
1-5 years	12	7%
6+ years	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Planning to Transfer to another College/University

The respondents who indicated that they had not transferred to a college/university since leaving BCC were asked “Are you planning to transfer to another college/university?” Of the 205 respondents to this question, 71 (24%) indicated that they were planning to transfer to another college/university. The results from this question are shown in Table 8.

**Table 8: Are you planning to transfer to another college/university?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	71	35%
No	134	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>100%</b>

The 71 respondents who said they were planning to transfer to another college/university were asked as a follow-up question, “What is the name of the college/university you are planning on transferring to?” Fifty respondents shared their potential college/university. The majority of respondents were planning to attend New Jersey institutions such as Montclair State University, William Paterson University, and Ramapo College. Table 9 shows the breakdown of the 21 institutions and the number of respondents who were planning to transfer to each.

**Table 9: What is the name of the college/university you are planning on transferring to?**

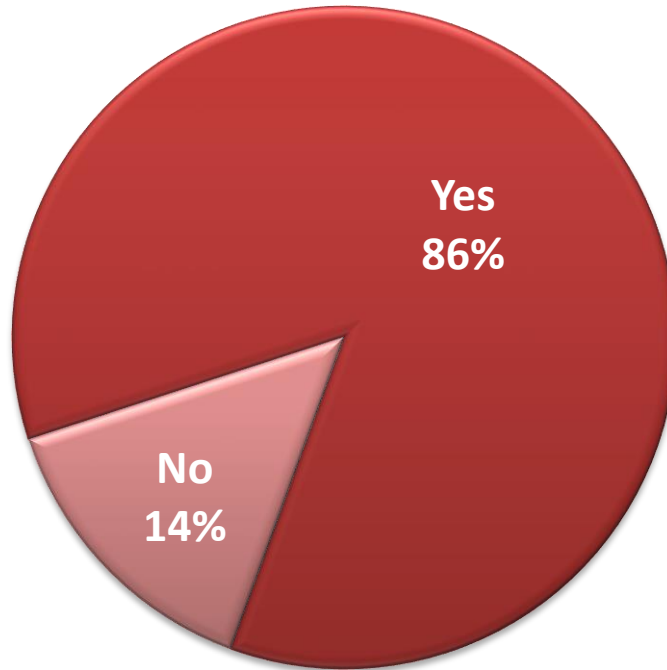
College/University Name	# of Students Planning to Enroll
Montclair State University	12
William Paterson University	6
Ramapo College	4
Fashion Institute of Technology	3
New Jersey Institute of Technology	3
Rutgers University	3
Berkeley College	2
Fairleigh Dickinson University	2
Full Sail University	2
New York University	2
Arizona State University	1
Cornell University	1
Eastwick College	1
Georgia State University	1
Hunter College	1
Jersey City University	1
New Age Training	1
Northwest Vista College	1
Nova Southeastern University	1
School of Visual Arts	1
University of California, Los Angeles	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

## Recommending Bergen Community College

Students were asked whether they would recommend Bergen Community College to a friend. Two hundred thirty-seven respondents (86%) said they would recommend BCC. Table 10 shows the results of this question.

**Table 10: Would you recommend Bergen Community College to a friend?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	237	86%
No	40	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>

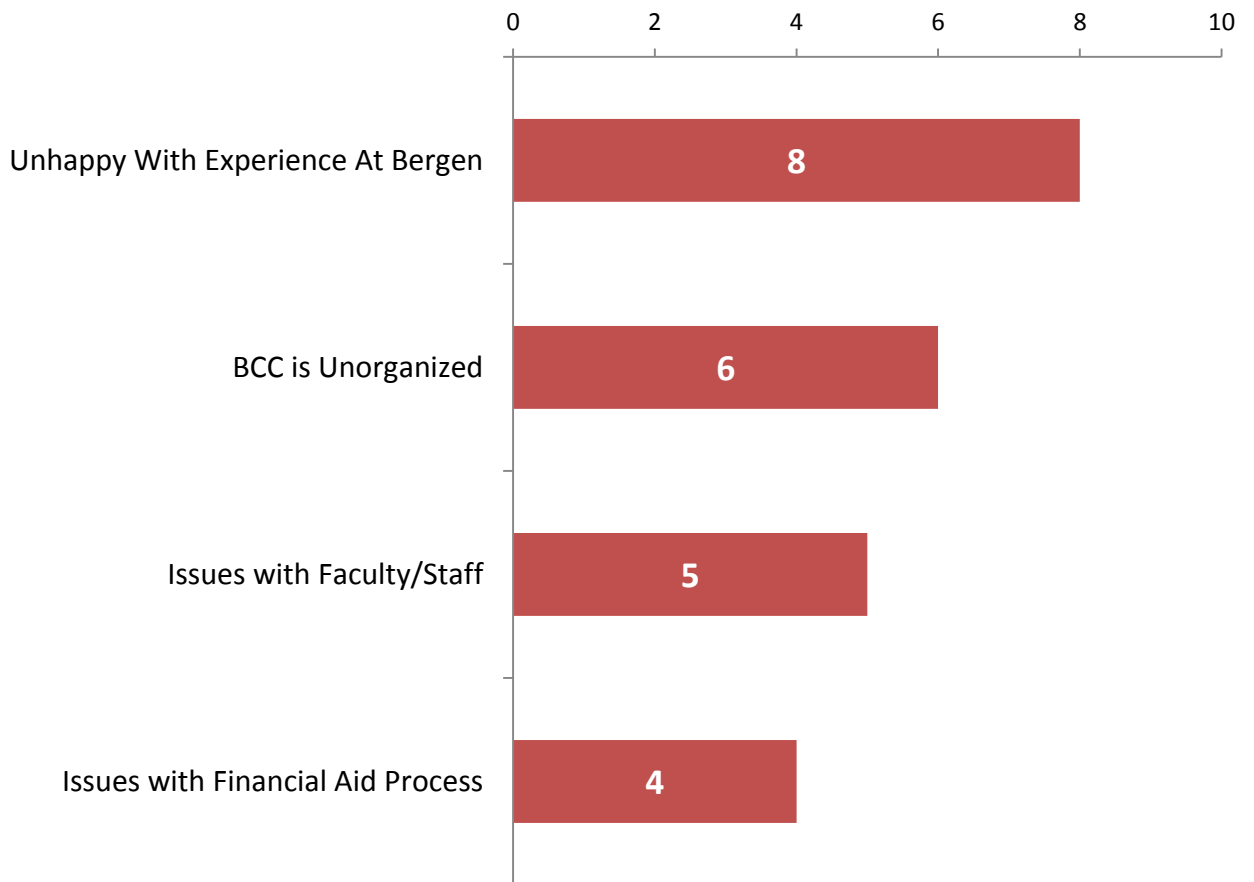


## Recommending Bergen Community College (continued)

The 40 respondents who indicated they would not recommend Bergen Community College to a friend were asked to explain this choice. Out of the 40 respondents, 23 provided an explanation. The responses are grouped into 4 broad categories in Table 11 below. Reasons ranged from the issues with the financial aid process to unhappiness with the Bergen experience.

**Table 11: If you would not recommend BCC, why not?**

Reason for not Recommending BCC	# of Responses
Unhappy With Experience At Bergen	8
BCC is Unorganized	6
Issues with Faculty/Staff	5
Issues with Financial Aid Process	4

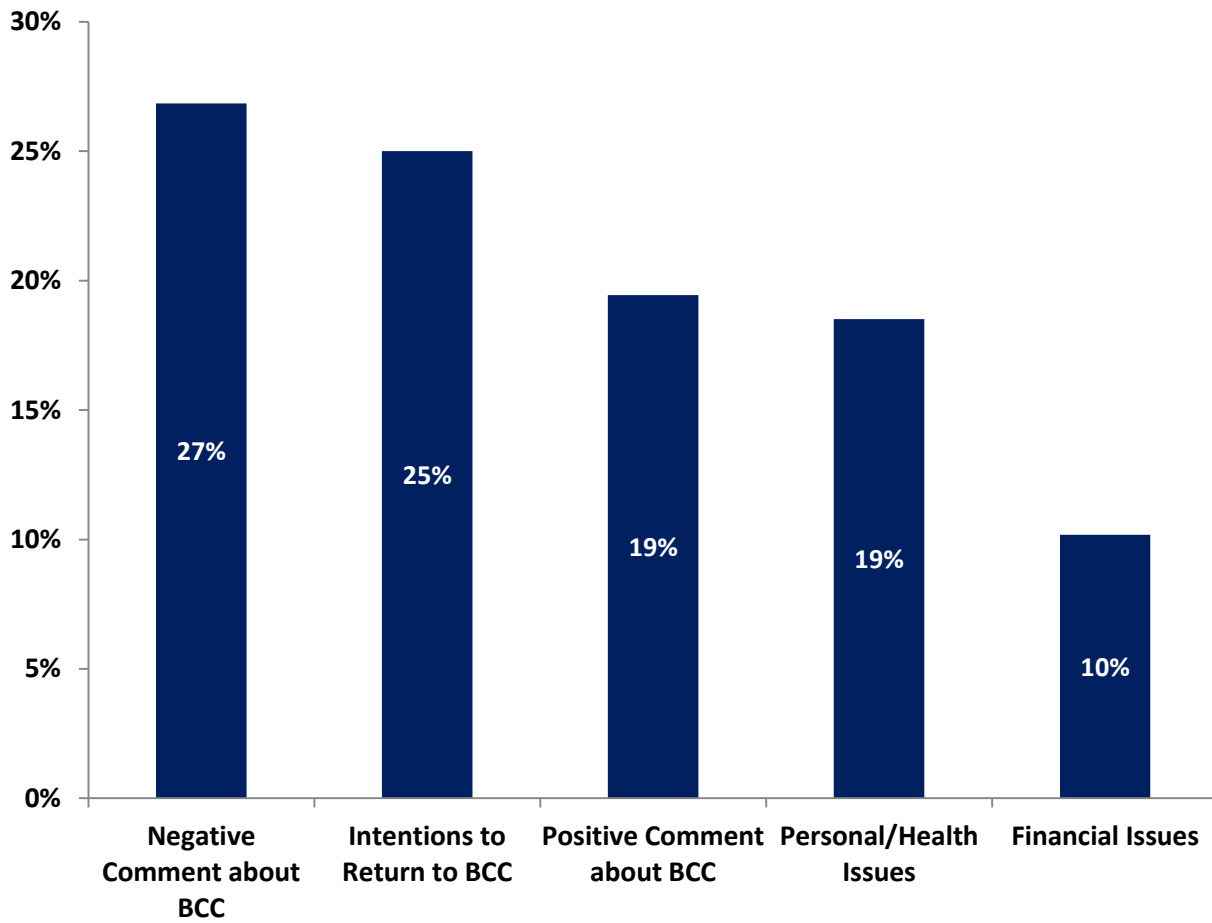


## Additional Comments

At the end of the survey, the students were asked to provide additional comments regarding their experience at Bergen Community College. In total, 108 students left comments, which were very different in nature and covered a wide range of topics. As Table 12 shows, of the 108 comments, 21 of them were positive remarks about BCC (19%) while 29 of them were negative in nature (27%). Twenty-seven respondents (25%) expressed their intentions to re-enroll in BCC at some point in the future.

**Table 12: Please provide any additional comments on your exit from BCC.**

Type of Comment	Freq.	%
Negative Comment about BCC	29	27%
Intentions to Return to BCC	27	25%
Positive Comment about BCC	21	19%
Personal/Health Issues	20	19%
Financial Issues	11	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Additional Comments (continued)

Tables 13-17 below show the 108 additional comments grouped together in five broad categories. The comments were not corrected for grammar, they are transcribed below verbatim.

**Table 13: Negative Comments about BCC**

1. Worst experience ever
2. What happened to the days when you can actually sit down with a registration employee or financial aid employee without standing on lines that are two hours long? I really miss the good ol days when there was one to one communication, and one actually cared.
3. This college needs to organize themselves and make the students their priority other than having them follow a paper that was started, we change ideas and pursue other things and no one is there to give a helping hand unless you look for it, everything is late
4. The selection of languages in your World language category has been very disappointing.
5. The college financial aid doesn't except certain things from tax transcript that irs doesn't have a problem with matter of fact it's ok to file the way I did, but the college itself is not ok with it. It takes weeks maybe months to almost a year to fix what the college what's that will end up costing so much money that I barely have anyway. I planned to attend college this semester determined to pass because I refuse to fail or give up on anything and the college crushed that hope this semester, hopefully next semester I can attend and hopefully I save up enough money to attend during the summer.
6. Paralegal Studies Department would not work with me on changing fall 2016 class schedule in order for me to graduate this fall.
7. Online registration should be more accommodating to those who work full time.
8. My transcripts were not evaluated until I Called and visited the person doing that job, which led to me not "having" the prerequisites for the nursing program, although I did have all the necessary prerequisites so my application was denied. Even the current courses I was taking did not show up in the system so the nursing application was not even considered Bc they could not look in the system and see that I was enrolled in these classes and had a 4.0 gpa. I do not need financial aid and was hoping to go to school here. I even wrote to the nursing school president and never got a response. I mean who does that!
9. It would be helpful to have email addresses for financial aid advisors so that one can get responses personally.
10. I'm not very experienced with online navigating and found it very difficult to get to the information and processes needed to check for certain classes and register successfully without it becoming very time consuming and frustrating.
11. I was very disappointed about my experience last Fall. I needed to take those courses as part as a state requirement to work as a child therapist. However, my Bach in psychology and my experience as a professional were not enough to be mistreated by a professor. Therefore, there was a major incident that required a proper diciplinary action towards a professor. This action never happened because there was a lot of bourocracy and it was not easy access as a student to report it properly
12. I was just reinstated and was not given any help getting into classes I had to take and therefore seem unable to attend.
13. I was just having a lot of difficulty with financial aid. I didnt understand why it was so complicated. I got the information I needed but everything is still very confusing. Even though I went a good couple of times to figure out what was going on, it still was confusing. The whole service department needs to be a lot more helpful and patient with students who seriously need the help.
14. I hope you really improve with the resources and make sure to give people extra help
15. I felt very isolated here and for the first time in my life I felt discriminated due to my skin color
16. I feel the school takes advantage of students and assumes they are all wealthy enough to not care about the money grubbing policies.

17. I feel that BCC do not have the students best interest at heart. The faculty is more concerned about own personal advancement then that of the students and that is a shame considering that we help pay their salaries. Don't misunderstand me, I am aii for advancement but not at the expense of the students.
18. I didn't like that no one there seemed to know the answer to any questions I had. Often, I was told, "I think." Only to find out they were completely wrong. It made my time there horrible.
19. Have to back to my country Education was not intensive so decided to leave
20. Have a more flexible program for dental hygiene.
21. Get better staff who are willing to help and be patient with the financial aid. I know there are many more students who can't afford it, but are smart and willing to work for it.
22. F*** out of my face. You better have physical transcripts ready, when I come in, because I won't pay for your bulls*** delivery service and when I called to solve it, they told me to call you guys. Nobody f***ing called me back.
23. Financial aid needs help. Rude and unhelpful people working there. Feels like a question is too much for them to answer. Must be friendly and helpful. Needs to let people know ahead of time if things are missing I was let know in August when it takes four weeks to review I had to drop my fall classes very unhappy with the help
24. Everything was confirmed with my financial aid, up until I tried to get my books from the book store. They told me to go to the financial aid window, and when I did the lady told me that I am missing a marriage verification form. I have never gotten an email nor a notice about this form, but I did receive an estimate. However, the next day (September 8th) all of my classes were dropped. I went to the window and they told me I now have to register for Fall 2. This process was bothersome, and it did not help that the financial aid office at the school was uninformative and rude. The schools offices should be looking at the bigger picture of the education being gained than trying to swindle innocent, tax paying students from their earned money. Extensions should be offered based on the situation.
25. dont make people take classes they have no interest in taking. it causes unnecessary and unwanted stress
26. Didnt want to exit was forced to because how long the financial aid takes.
27. Besides not feeling guided or feeling like I have someone I can ask for instruction and help.. The financial aid program really does not help and offer anything but loans. My mom had lost her job and financial aid only offered loans making it very difficult to pay
28. ASU has a community built into it. Everyone wants to help you succeed and grow. Bergen doesn't do any of that. Not once was I able to meet with an actual advisor. I did all the registering myself.
29. A lot of the professors I had didn't care that I worked full time. In fact one of them even said at the beginning of her class that if you had to work then you shouldn't take her class. Well not all of us have people paying for their school. I had to support my family while going to school and I feel that some professors should have been more understanding of that.

**Table 14: Comments related to Students' Intentions to Return to BCC**

1. will be back soon
2. It is not an exit. I just need to make sure that I can handle the extra work responsibilities. So my studies and grades do not suffer.
3. Im going to go back to the school to finish my ASL program as soon as I can..
4. I'm coming back in the Spring
5. I would love to go back and get a Health Science Degree,for Spring 2017.
6. I wish I could come back.
7. I will register in November. To continue nursing program
8. I will be returning, just needed to make some money to afford to return
9. I will be enrolling this monday for fall 2 , I did not drop out of school
10. I will be back to Bergen next semester (spring)
11. I will be back for the 2017 spring semester!!
12. I wasn't able to join fall semester, joining winter
13. I plan on returning this winter session



14. I plan on enrolling in spring, I'm just saving this semester
15. I have not exit out I had applied for the nursing program. I have no other classes to give. Taking micro at ccm because of better schedule for me. But returning to Bergen
16. I don't see it as an exit - A pause -
17. I do plan to return. I did not have the proper guidance.
18. I did not exit, I plan on returning.
19. I am through with all my prerequisites geared towards the nursing program but I am still undecided if I wish to come back to BCC to complete it or transfer out to a 4 year college.
20. I am only trying to finish all my credentials to enter the nursing program. But the class I am missing is not available this semester which is chemistry, then after taking it I will be able to take the placement test and enroll the program. I was very disappointed when I enter in the summer 2 the class was cancel because of not enough students. And when I went for the fall 2016 not many were available. So now I have to wait
21. I am not exiting. My financial aid is processing.
22. i am not exiting i want to return in the spring semester.
23. I am just taking a long break from school since I will be going to basic training for army early next year. I will be returning once I am done with army.
24. Have 2 more classes to take to graduate but were not offered in Fall, only in spring. They would not substitute with any other classes. Have to wait to spring.
25. FALL 2 REGISTRATION
26. As I said before I had a baby in July and needed time off to recover, but will be returning to take more classes in the spring semester.
27. Actually for me BBC was an amazing experience. i am planning to enroll again depending on FAID but actually it was a great experience amazing teachers and people

**Table 15: Positive Comments about BCC**

1. Would recommend to anyone.
2. would like to come back at night to complete my degree. I am currently in the Police Academy.
3. Was very satisfied my 2 semesters there. :)
4. Was easy and successful.
5. Overall experience is great.
6. My experience at BCC was wonderful. I have not return due to failure in the nursing program.
7. It was a rewarding experience. My professor was excellent.
8. It was a great school, but it was my time to move on to bigger and better things.
9. I truly miss BCC. I loved all my professors and really grew as a student and as a person. I will come back to BCC just to take a few other classes. But for now, I'm working on my occupational therapy studies.
10. I still plan to attend Bergen for Fall (2) on September 21. I am currently gathering my money to pay off bursar. Bergen is a great school.
11. I really do appreciate those professors who teach there who do try to hold a higher standard in what appears to be a challenging work environment. I just wish the school itself were more stable in its structure and that the standards across the board were higher.
12. I really did enjoy the time I had at bergen I wished It had worked out.
13. i loved BCC. My professor, Tzianna Quatrone was excellent. i felt the students were intelligent and hard working.
14. I love the school but I'm not in a rush to get my degree due to the unrelated nature of my profession. I also needed some time off so I could move into a new house without overburdening myself between work, school, and family life. Thanks.
15. I had a great experience in Level I of the Nursing Program. Very rigorous and prepared me well for Rutgers ABSN
16. Great Esl program! Thank you! I am satisfied with professors and your curriculum.
17. Great community college. Happy with my overall experience

18. Bergen community college is a great school , but it was not in my town .
19. BCC was a great school with excellent professors and at an affordable price. Thank you.
20. BCC is a wonderful college and for anybody who is attending the staff and students are spectacular.
21. As a whole, the College is a great experience with most Professors that will engage the class, that will give you great teaching techniques and life lessons that we can carry with us (beyond the classroom). I would like to see more Professors hired especially in subjects that are needed, as long as, they are experienced, dedicated and approachable in what they do in my opinion, this will help students navigate, motivate and dedicate implementing school and of course, more added Saturday hours would be great!

**Table 16: Comments related to Students' Personal/Health Issues**

1. There was Certain situation that happened in BCC that made me leave. That situation I can't explain to you because its personal and if you want to know why ask the Student Life and Conduct deans on the reason why and you will know either way sorry but I am considering on not returning to your school for my own reasons, safety, and fears of being jailed without any reason of doubt thank you and have a great day/evening. Sorry for the leave but I am dropping out of your school thank you once more and goodbye.
2. Thanks, and I'll try to find a job with a better schedule.
3. Sick parent needed my help.
4. New mommy,i want to come back soon
5. My parents due to work moved out of NJ to Maryland and so I had to transfer school.
6. Just have a lot of work during this time
7. It was simply a stressful time in my life which took its toll on my academic performance. I want to return upon taking care of the issues I have outside of school first.
8. If it was closer to my home and i was capable of maintaining what i need to do at home i would have loved to stay and continue the vet tech program
9. I would take online courses from here, but I don't have the time or the responsibility to do so.
10. i will try to register earlier for next semester. I was not able to register for classes i wanted to take, since i have a full time job i have to balance my schedule
11. I was diagnosed with breast cancer and have already started treatment. I hope I can register in the spring of 2017.
12. i needed late night classes but there werent any available after 7:30
13. I need to work while studying
14. I lost my brother and I didn't feel doing my major. I was out of country for the summer so I missed the summer and spring semester.
15. I just had a baby and need some time for recovery.
16. I have been away treating myself due to cancer. Plan on going back soon
17. I got too distracted by outside things (family, work, boyfriend). Lost track of good study habits, but am eager to try again
18. I actually stopped attending mostly because I picked up a second job and don't quite have to time to continue for now. Will most likely return at some point in the future to take more classes.
19. honestly, need more hoes with different area codes
20. Health problem

**Table 17: Comments related to the Students' Financial Issues**

1. My father recently passed away so I'm waiting on the right paperwork to finish my Fiancial aid.
2. If they would've let me make a payment plan and still enroll for my classes i would've stayed. I just wish they were more understanding that not everyone has 2,000 chilling under the mattress
3. If I ever have the money, I would very much like to come back.
4. I'm out of county so it's more expensive and I don't qualify for financial aid. Federal loans help but not completely, and I'm not too aware about scholarships at Bergen so they should make it more known.
5. I'll consider any help with my tuition.

6. i would like to found help to star as soon as possible please call me i have issue with my finantial aid and i lost my classes
7. I only transferring because of the things my "friends" said about taking science and math courses at a community college. Though it was also because of the amount of attention I had from several random people... Anyway, they said it would make it less likely for me to get accepted into medical school. They made me believe I would get bad grades and ruin my chance to pursue medicine if I were to continue, but I believe I would have gotten A's in those courses with all my hard work. Peer pressure shouldn't have changed my decision to save money on college and feel comfortable in my environment.
8. I have not exited. The only reason I didn't go to every semester is because of tuition. Looking at my history with tuition, I've spent about \$13,000 out of my own pocket and I've received amazing grades but money is also the reason I can't constantly keep going. I work for my money and I am going to earn my degree before I leave. I just wish it was sooner than later.
9. I can't afford it right now but I am definitely returning in the near future.
10. Don't have the funds at the moment
11. Can't afford the few classes I need to take to graduate

## Appendix A

The main purpose of this survey was to learn why students who were enrolled at BCC in Fall 2015 did not re-enroll in Fall 2016. While this report is both comprehensive and informative on that subject matter, it does not take into account the different intentions of the student body at BCC. A student who is enrolled for one semester to take a few courses for transfer to a 4-year college or a vocational program may not be looking for the same experience as a student who has come to Bergen to earn an Associate's Degree.

While BCC caters to both traditional and nontraditional students, one of the main goals of the college is to award Associate's Degrees to those seeking them. For this reason, the respondents who indicated in question one that they were at BCC to earn an associate's degree were parceled out. Included in this Appendix are the answers these 130 respondents provided for the remaining questions of the Stop-Out Survey.

**Question 2: What made you choose not to re-enroll at Bergen Community College? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.**

Reason	Freq.	%*
Other reason	43	33%
Issues with financial aid	40	31%
Can no longer afford to attend Bergen Community College	33	25%
Unable to balance school with other responsibilities (e.g. work, family, etc.)	21	16%
Decided to take some time off from school	17	13%
Course(s) needed not currently offered	12	9%
Unable to navigate BCC processes (e.g. registration, financial aid, billing, etc.)	11	8%
Health-related problem (family or personal)	10	8%
Disappointed with the quality of instruction	8	6%
Uncertainty about the value of a college education	8	6%
Difficulty in obtaining transportation to this college	5	4%
Inadequate study habits	5	4%
Courses were not challenging	4	3%
Returned to home college/university	3	2%
Child care was unavailable or too costly	2	2%
Desired major was not offered by this college	2	2%
Felt alone or isolated	1	1%
Inadequate facilities for disabled students	1	1%

*\*Because respondents could select more than one option, the total % of respondents will not equal 100%. Each percentage is derived by dividing the number who selected that option by the total number of respondents.*

**Question 2a: Please specify any other reasons for not re-enrolling at BCC.**

Other Reason Category	Freq.	%
Family/Personal Issues	6	7%
Transferred/Completed Desired Courses	5	6%
Registration Issues	4	5%
Scheduling/Course Conflicts	4	5%
Plans To Return To Bergen	4	5%
Financial Issues	4	5%
Unhappy With Experience At Bergen	3	3%
Academic Suspension/Other Judicial Issues	3	3%
Did Not Get Into Desired Health Professions Program	3	3%
Got A Job	3	3%
Joined Military/Police Academy	2	2%
Moved Out Of State	1	1%
Trying To Get Into Health Professions Program	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 3: Have you transferred to another college/university?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	21	16%
No	109	84%
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 3a: What is the name of the college/university you are currently enrolled in?**

College/University Name	# of Students Enrolled
Passaic Community College	3
County College of Morris	2
Montclair State University	2
Chamberlain College of Nursing	1
Eastern International College	1
Felician University	1
Holy Name Medical Center School of Nursing	1
New Jersey Institute of Technology	1
Oregon State University	1
Ramapo College of New Jersey	1
Rutgers University	1
Salisbury University	1
Southwestern College	1
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

**Question 4: Do you plan to re-enroll at Bergen at any point in the future?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	89	83%
No	5	5%
Undecided	13	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 4a: When do you plan to re-enroll?**

Response	Freq.	%
Not Sure	20	20%
In less than a year	76	75%
1-5 years	5	5%
6+ years	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 5: Are you planning to transfer to another college/university?**

Response	Freq.	%
Yes	37	35%
No	68	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 5a: What is the name of the college/university you are planning on transferring to?**

College/University Name	# of Students Planning to Enroll
Montclair State University	7
William Paterson University	5
Ramapo College of New Jersey	3
Berkeley College	2
Fairleigh Dickinson University	2
New Jersey Institute of Technology	2
Arizona State University	1
Fashion Institute of Technology	1
Full Sail University	1
Georgia State University	1
Montclair	1
New York University	1
Northwest Vista College	1
Nova southeastern university	1
School of Visual Arts	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

**Question 6: Would you recommend Bergen Community College to a friend?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Freq.</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	104	85%
No	19	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 6a: If you would not recommend BCC, why not?**

<b>Reason for not Recommending BCC</b>	<b># of Responses</b>
Unhappy With Experience At Bergen	3
BCC is Unorganized	3
Issues with Financial Aid Process	3
Issues with Faculty/Staff	2

## Appendix B

Respondents were asked to provide their age on the survey. In Appendix B, the results from the survey are parceled out by age to see why certain age groups attend and choose to not re-enroll at Bergen Community College.

### Question 1: For what purpose did you enter Bergen Community College?

Reason	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Personal Interest	8	8	9	2
To take a few job-related courses or for self-improvement	3	6	6	1
To take courses necessary for transferring to another college	39	22	10	6
To obtain or maintain a certification	2	1	2	2
To complete a vocational/technical program	2	4	2	0
To obtain an associate degree	49	49	29	3
Other	9	12	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>

### Question 2: What made you choose to not re-enroll at Bergen Community College? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

Reason	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Can no longer afford to attend Bergen Community College	19	21	9	3
Child care was unavailable or too costly	2	1	2	0
Course(s) needed not currently offered	9	11	6	0
Courses were not challenging	5	3	1	0
Decided to take some time off from school	19	10	6	0
Desired major was not offered by this college	4	0	0	1
Difficulty in obtaining transportation to this college	6	2	0	1
Disappointed with the quality of instruction	8	11	6	1
Felt alone or isolated	5	2	0	0
Health-related problem (family or personal)	5	8	6	3
Inadequate facilities for disabled students	1	1	0	0
Inadequate study habits	6	2	1	0
Issues with financial aid	27	23	9	3
Returned to home college/university	9	5	2	2
Unable to balance school with other responsibilities (e.g. work, family, etc.)	16	12	11	0
Unable to navigate BCC processes (e.g. registration, financial aid, billing, etc.)	14	2	6	0
Uncertainty about the value of a college education	9	6	0	1
Other reason	46	43	30	6



**Question 2a: Please specify any other reasons for not re-enrolling at BCC.**

Other Reason Category	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Academic Suspension/Other Judicial Issues	3	3	1	0
Did Not Get Into Desired Health Professions Program	1	2	3	0
Did Not Leave Reason	3	2	0	2
Family/Personal Issues	0	6	2	1
Financial Issues	0	3	1	0
Got A Job	0	4	2	0
Joined Military/Police Academy	2	1	0	0
Moved Out Of State	4	2	0	1
Plans To Return To Bergen	4	1	1	0
Registration Issues	2	2	6	0
Scheduling/Course Conflicts	4	0	4	0
Transferred/Completed Desired Courses	19	14	7	2
Trying To Get Into Health Professions Program	0	0	2	0
Unhappy With Experience At Bergen	4	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>

**Question 3: Have you transferred to another college/university?**

Response	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Yes	42	19	14	10
No	70	83	55	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>

**Question 3a: What is the name of the college/university you are currently enrolled in?**

College/University Name	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Arizona State University	-	1	-	-
Boston University	-	1	-	-
Centenary University	-	1	-	-
Chamberlain college of Nursing	1	-	-	-
County College of Morris	2	-	3	-
Dominican College	-	-	1	-
Eastern International College	-	1	-	-
Fairleigh Dickinson University	1	-	-	-
Felician University	-	-	1	-
Full Sail University	1	-	-	-
Gdansk Medical University	1	-	-	-
Holy Name Medical Center School of Nursing	1	1	1	-
Hudson Community College	1	-	-	-
Lincoln Technical Institute	1	-	-	-
Monmouth University	1	-	-	-
Montclair State University	3	1	2	1
New Jersey City University	1	-	-	-
New Jersey Institute of Technology	4	-	-	-
Oregon State University	-	1	-	-
Passaic Community College	3	-	-	-
Ramapo College of New Jersey	6	1	-	-
Rhode Island College	1	-	-	-
Rowan University	1	-	-	-
Rutgers University	2	6	1	1
Salisbury University	1	-	-	-
Santa Monica College	1	-	-	-
Seton Hall University	-	1	-	-
Southwestern College	1	-	-	-
SUNY Maritime College	-	1	-	-
Sussex Community College	1	-	-	-
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	1	-	-	-
Thomas Edison State University	-	-	1	-
Tri-County Technical College	-	1	-	-
University of Scranton	1	-	-	-
William Paterson University	3	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

**Question 4: Do you plan to re-enroll at Bergen at any point in the future?**

Response	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Yes	47	55	39	1
No	6	8	5	0
Undecided	17	20	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>

**Question 4a: When do you plan to re-enroll?**

Response	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Not Sure	16	22	15	1
In less than a year	43	42	27	0
1-5 years	3	6	3	0
6+ years	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>

**Question 5: Are you planning to transfer to another college/university?**

Response	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older	Unknown
Yes	29	29	13	0
No	37	54	41	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>

**Question 5a: What is the name of the college/university you are planning on transferring to?**

College/University Name	21 and under	22 to 29	30 and older
Arizona State University	1	-	-
Berkeley College	-	1	1
Cornell University	1	-	-
Eastwick College	1	-	-
Fairleigh Dickinson University	-	2	-
Fashion Institute of Technology	1	1	1
Full sail University	-	2	-
Georgia State University	-	1	-
Hunter College	-	-	1
Jersey City University	-	1	-
Montclair State University	4	3	5
New Age Training	1	-	-
New York University	1	-	1
New Jersey Institute of Technology	2	-	1
Northwest Vista College	1	-	-
Nova Southeastern University	-	1	-
Ramapo College of New Jersey	2	2	-
Rutgers University	1	2	-
School of Visual Arts	1	-	-
University of California	-	1	-
William Paterson University	2	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>

**Question 6: Would you recommend Bergen Community College to a friend?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>21 and under</b>	<b>22 to 29</b>	<b>30 and older</b>
Yes	94	86	57
No	15	14	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>68</b>

**Question 6a: If you would not recommend BCC, why not?**

<b>Reason for Not Recommending BCC</b>	<b>21 and under</b>	<b>22 to 29</b>	<b>30 and older</b>
BCC is Unorganized	1	3	2
Issues with Faculty/Staff	2	1	2
Issues with Financial Aid Process	2	1	1
Unhappy With Experience At Bergen	5	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

## Appendix C

### Invitation to Participate

Greetings Student,

Our records indicate that you were recently enrolled at Bergen Community College, but have not registered for the Fall 2016 semester. As part of our ongoing efforts to improve service to our students, I am asking that you fill out this short survey, which will allow Bergen Community College to better understand the reasons why you may have not returned to the College.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bccsto>

Thank you for your participation and I look forward to welcoming you back on campus in the near future!

Sincerely,

Dr. Yun Kim  
Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness  
Bergen Community College  
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### Survey Questions

1. What was your primary reason for enrolling in Bergen Community College? MARK ONLY ONE ANSWER CHOICE.
2. What made you choose not to re-enroll at Bergen Community College? MARK ALL THAT APPLY
3. Have you transferred to another college/university?
  - a. If yes, what is the name of the college/university you are currently enrolled in?
4. Do you plan to re-enroll at Bergen at any point in the future?
  - a. If yes, when do you plan to enroll?
5. Are you planning to transfer to another college/university?
  - a. If yes, what is the name of the college/university you are planning on transferring to?
6. Would you recommend Bergen Community College to a friend?
  - a. Please explain your answer choice.
7. Please select your age range.
8. Please provide any additional comments regarding your exit from Bergen Community College.
9. Please enter your Bergen Community College student ID number if you no longer wish to receive future emails regarding this survey.