

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**Response Rate**

		Degree Type (self-reported)	
		Master's	Doctoral
Answered at least part of survey	Yes	38.0%	46.9%
	No	62.0%	53.1%
	N	2558	3805

## ABOUT YOU

**What is the ultimate degree you are preparing for in this program?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
What is the ultimate degree you are preparing for in this program?	Masters (S.M., M.B.A., M.Arch., M.C.P., M.A., M.F.)	85.4%	0.0%	30.2%
	Masters in Engineering (M.Eng.)	10.8%	0.0%	3.8%
	Engineer (ENG)	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%
	Doctorate (Ph.D., Sc.D.)	0.0%	99.7%	64.4%
	Other	2.8%	0.3%	1.2%
	N	973	1780	2753

**What were you doing immediately prior to entering this program?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
What were you doing immediately prior to entering this program?	Attended undergraduate school	20.9%	52.5%	41.4%
	Attended graduate or professional school	5.2%	17.9%	13.4%
	Working (including self-employment, internship)	71.9%	27.8%	43.4%
	Volunteered/did community service	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%
	Cared for a family	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
	Other	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
	N	966	1774	2740

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**How many years have you spent at MIT as a graduate student?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
How many years have you spent at MIT as a graduate student?	Less than one year	49.5%	18.0%	29.1%
	One year	16.0%	4.2%	8.3%
	Two years	30.8%	20.2%	24.0%
	Three years	2.3%	18.6%	12.9%
	Four years	0.8%	18.2%	12.1%
	Five years	0.3%	12.5%	8.2%
	Six years	0.0%	4.6%	3.0%
	More than six years	0.3%	3.7%	2.5%
	N	968	1779	2747

**How many years TOTAL do you expect it will take to obtain your degree, from the time you started your current program until you complete it?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
How many years TOTAL do you expect it will take to obtain your degree, from the time you started your current program until you complete it?	Less than one year	5.1%	0.7%	2.3%
	One year	18.9%	0.5%	7.0%
	Two years	67.2%	0.6%	24.1%
	Three years	4.4%	2.3%	3.1%
	Four years	3.0%	7.2%	5.7%
	Five years	0.9%	48.8%	32.0%
	Six years	0.5%	31.8%	20.7%
	More than six years	0.0%	8.0%	5.2%
	N	969	1779	2748

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## OVERALL SATISFACTION

**Overall, how satisfied are you being a graduate student at MIT?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Overall, how satisfied are you being a graduate student at MIT?	Very dissatisfied	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	3.9%	6.5%	5.6%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4.3%	6.5%	5.7%
	Somewhat satisfied	42.0%	43.3%	42.9%
	Very satisfied	48.2%	41.7%	44.0%
	N	959	1759	2718

**If you were to start your graduate/professional career again...**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Would you select MIT?	Definitely not	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
	Probably not	3.6%	5.7%	4.9%
	Maybe	8.2%	11.5%	10.3%
	Probably	31.6%	33.0%	32.5%
	Definitely	55.2%	48.4%	50.8%
	N	956	1754	2710
Would you select the same field of study?	Definitely not	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%
	Probably not	4.4%	7.0%	6.1%
	Maybe	8.9%	14.8%	12.7%
	Probably	30.7%	29.7%	30.0%
	Definitely	54.6%	47.1%	49.8%
	N	936	1717	2653

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**Would you recommend MIT to someone considering your field of study?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Would you recommend MIT to someone considering your field of study?	Definitely not	0.8%	1.7%	1.4%
	Probably not	2.7%	4.4%	3.8%
	Maybe	9.4%	13.0%	11.7%
	Probably	25.6%	23.8%	24.4%
	Definitely	61.4%	57.1%	58.6%
	N	957	1759	2716

**Overall, how would you rate the quality of:**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Your academic experience at MIT?	Poor	1.4%	2.4%	2.0%
	Fair	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%
	Good	16.8%	16.5%	16.6%
	Very Good	37.3%	33.4%	34.8%
	Excellent	38.6%	41.6%	40.5%
	N	956	1761	2717
Your student life experience at MIT?	Poor	4.8%	6.3%	5.8%
	Fair	10.5%	16.4%	14.3%
	Good	25.4%	28.8%	27.6%
	Very Good	34.3%	30.1%	31.6%
	Excellent	24.9%	18.5%	20.8%
	N	955	1756	2711
Your personal development opportunities at MIT?	Poor	2.6%	4.1%	3.6%
	Fair	10.1%	14.7%	13.1%
	Good	22.8%	27.8%	26.1%
	Very Good	32.7%	31.9%	32.2%
	Excellent	31.8%	21.5%	25.1%
	N	955	1751	2706
Your professional development opportunities at MIT?	Poor	2.3%	2.8%	2.6%
	Fair	8.6%	10.5%	9.8%
	Good	20.8%	23.0%	22.2%
	Very Good	33.9%	33.4%	33.6%

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**Overall, how would you rate the quality of:**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	Excellent	34.5%	30.3%	31.8%
	N	954	1749	2703

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## QUALITY OF YOUR PROGRAM

Please rate each of the following aspects of your program.

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Quality of the graduate curriculum	Poor	2.3%	4.4%	3.6%
	Fair	8.5%	9.5%	9.1%
	Good	21.3%	22.2%	21.9%
	Very Good	40.4%	36.4%	37.8%
	Excellent	27.5%	27.7%	27.6%
	N	933	1724	2657
The relationship between faculty and graduate students	Poor	3.9%	5.9%	5.2%
	Fair	10.8%	13.0%	12.2%
	Good	25.8%	23.3%	24.2%
	Very Good	34.8%	29.9%	31.6%
	Excellent	24.8%	27.9%	26.8%
	N	932	1727	2659
Sense of community with students who entered the program with you	Poor	5.5%	6.7%	6.2%
	Fair	10.1%	15.3%	13.5%
	Good	17.5%	22.9%	21.0%
	Very Good	25.8%	26.5%	26.2%
	Excellent	41.2%	28.6%	33.0%
	N	932	1725	2657
Program space and facilities	Poor	3.9%	8.1%	6.6%
	Fair	13.8%	16.1%	15.3%
	Good	27.0%	24.8%	25.6%
	Very Good	33.2%	26.6%	28.9%
	Excellent	22.1%	24.6%	23.7%
	N	928	1725	2653
Quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	Poor	1.9%	5.2%	4.1%
	Fair	9.6%	10.3%	10.0%

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Please rate each of the following aspects of your program.

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	Good	23.3%	24.5%	24.1%
	Very Good	39.5%	35.4%	36.8%
	Excellent	25.7%	24.6%	25.0%
	N	931	1724	2655
Amount of your financial support	Poor	21.7%	6.3%	11.7%
	Fair	15.1%	13.4%	14.0%
	Good	19.5%	22.4%	21.4%
	Very Good	17.5%	29.4%	25.2%
	Excellent	26.2%	28.5%	27.7%
	N	915	1719	2634
Quality of academic advising and guidance	Poor	7.2%	8.2%	7.9%
	Fair	21.5%	13.6%	16.4%
	Good	26.9%	24.1%	25.1%
	Very Good	27.2%	29.8%	28.9%
	Excellent	17.1%	24.3%	21.8%
	N	929	1720	2649
Helpfulness of staff members in my program	Poor	3.9%	2.5%	3.0%
	Fair	9.2%	6.3%	7.3%
	Good	21.1%	16.6%	18.2%
	Very Good	32.9%	33.1%	33.0%
	Excellent	32.9%	41.5%	38.5%
	N	930	1720	2650
The opportunity to collaborate across disciplines	Poor	5.3%	5.9%	5.7%
	Fair	17.8%	14.7%	15.8%
	Good	27.4%	24.0%	25.1%
	Very Good	28.3%	27.7%	27.9%
	Excellent	21.2%	27.6%	25.4%
	N	925	1716	2641
Opportunity to work with diverse groups of people	Poor	3.5%	5.3%	4.7%
	Fair	9.3%	13.2%	11.8%
	Good	19.2%	24.2%	22.4%
	Very Good	32.0%	30.0%	30.7%

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**Please rate each of the following aspects of your program.**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Overall program quality	Excellent	36.0%	27.3%	30.4%
	N	924	1714	2638
	Poor	0.9%	1.6%	1.4%
	Fair	5.6%	6.0%	5.9%
	Good	17.0%	18.9%	18.2%
	Very Good	48.6%	43.6%	45.3%
	Excellent	28.0%	29.9%	29.2%
	N	926	1722	2648

**Do you conduct research as part of your academic program?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Do you conduct research as part of your academic program?	Yes	49.4%	99.3%	81.8%
	No	50.6%	0.7%	18.2%
	N	935	1734	2669



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How would you characterize the nature of your research? Check all that apply.

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
Basic Research: the systematic study to gain knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications toward processes or products in mind	125	27.2%	936	55.0%	1061	49.1%
Use-Inspired Research: Basic research motivated by ultimate application	137	29.8%	567	33.3%	704	32.6%
Applied Research: systematic study to gain knowledge or understanding necessary for determining the means by which a recognized and specific need may be met	250	54.3%	765	45.0%	1015	47.0%
Development: systematic use of the knowledge and understanding gained from research for the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including the design and development of prototypes and processes	165	35.9%	445	26.2%	610	28.2%
Other	13	2.8%	30	1.8%	43	2.0%
Total	690	150.0%	2743	161.3%	3433	158.9%

Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.

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## SKILL DEVELOPMENT

**Please indicate the extent to which your graduate education at MIT is enhancing these skills.**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Becoming an expert in my field	Not at all	6.9%	1.2%	3.2%
	To some extent	58.4%	29.0%	39.2%
	To a great extent	34.6%	69.7%	57.5%
	N	907	1702	2609
Knowing the latest research techniques	Not at all	22.3%	3.4%	9.9%
	To some extent	52.4%	36.1%	41.7%
	To a great extent	25.3%	60.6%	48.3%
	N	905	1699	2604
Writing papers for publication	Not at all	48.0%	6.0%	20.6%
	To some extent	37.6%	43.5%	41.5%
	To a great extent	14.5%	50.5%	38.0%
	N	905	1695	2600
Presenting research results to an audience of peers	Not at all	34.6%	4.3%	14.8%
	To some extent	43.0%	38.9%	40.3%
	To a great extent	22.4%	56.8%	44.9%
	N	897	1692	2589
Writing grant proposals	Not at all	74.6%	42.1%	53.4%
	To some extent	20.0%	40.1%	33.2%
	To a great extent	5.3%	17.8%	13.4%
	N	898	1690	2588
Managing a research group or laboratory	Not at all	74.4%	47.5%	56.8%
	To some extent	20.0%	40.0%	33.1%
	To a great extent	5.6%	12.5%	10.1%
	N	896	1688	2584
Supervising others	Not at all	44.0%	34.9%	38.1%
	To some extent	38.6%	50.5%	46.3%
	To a great extent	17.4%	14.7%	15.6%
	N	900	1686	2586

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**Please indicate the extent to which your graduate education at MIT is enhancing these skills.**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Teaching	Not at all	53.6%	25.7%	35.4%
	To some extent	36.5%	53.4%	47.6%
	To a great extent	9.9%	20.9%	17.0%
	N	893	1688	2581
Working in a team	Not at all	5.4%	15.2%	11.8%
	To some extent	31.0%	52.6%	45.1%
	To a great extent	63.6%	32.2%	43.1%
	N	900	1690	2590
Leading a team	Not at all	14.4%	34.5%	27.5%
	To some extent	43.5%	50.5%	48.1%
	To a great extent	42.1%	15.0%	24.4%
	N	898	1682	2580
Understanding how an academic organization works	Not at all	24.1%	8.1%	13.6%
	To some extent	51.2%	50.7%	50.9%
	To a great extent	24.7%	41.2%	35.5%
	N	893	1689	2582
Negotiating with people in a position of authority	Not at all	20.6%	30.3%	26.9%
	To some extent	52.6%	49.7%	50.7%
	To a great extent	26.8%	20.0%	22.3%
	N	899	1688	2587
Collaborating with other researchers	Not at all	35.4%	7.8%	17.3%
	To some extent	43.1%	50.4%	47.9%
	To a great extent	21.5%	41.7%	34.8%
	N	891	1687	2578
Understanding principles of ethical conduct of research	Not at all	30.5%	9.3%	16.6%
	To some extent	47.5%	51.7%	50.2%
	To a great extent	22.1%	39.0%	33.2%
	N	893	1691	2584
Keeping up with current advances in my field	Not at all	7.9%	2.0%	4.1%
	To some extent	54.1%	39.2%	44.3%

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**Please indicate the extent to which your graduate education at MIT is enhancing these skills.**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	To a great extent	38.0%	58.8%	51.6%
	N	897	1694	2591
Facilitating interdisciplinary interactions	Not at all	15.9%	15.1%	15.4%
	To some extent	54.2%	53.8%	54.0%
	To a great extent	29.8%	31.1%	30.6%
	N	898	1690	2588
Time management	Not at all	9.2%	15.7%	13.5%
	To some extent	44.5%	51.7%	49.2%
	To a great extent	46.3%	32.5%	37.3%
	N	901	1690	2591
Self-reflection and self-improvement	Not at all	7.2%	18.9%	14.8%
	To some extent	42.6%	46.4%	45.1%
	To a great extent	50.2%	34.8%	40.1%
	N	899	1687	2586
Working with people from diverse backgrounds	Not at all	4.8%	12.3%	9.7%
	To some extent	36.2%	49.6%	44.9%
	To a great extent	59.0%	38.2%	45.4%
	N	900	1687	2587
Other	Not at all	22.5%	23.6%	23.1%
	To some extent	40.8%	43.1%	42.0%
	To a great extent	36.6%	33.3%	35.0%
	N	71	72	143

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## WORKLOAD &amp; ACADEMIC OBSTACLES

**Overall, how would you rate the reasonableness of your workload?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Overall, how would you rate the reasonableness of your workload?	Much too light	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%
	Too light	1.5%	1.3%	1.4%
	About right	59.8%	59.3%	59.5%
	Too heavy	31.3%	31.9%	31.7%
	Much too heavy	7.0%	7.4%	7.2%
	N	890	1684	2574

**Rate the extent to which the following factors have been an obstacle to your academic progress.**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Work/financial commitments	Not an obstacle	42.1%	56.2%	51.3%
	A minor obstacle	38.1%	32.1%	34.2%
	A major obstacle	19.8%	11.7%	14.5%
	N	843	1584	2427
Family obligations	Not an obstacle	57.2%	62.7%	60.8%
	A minor obstacle	31.2%	29.9%	30.4%
	A major obstacle	11.5%	7.4%	8.9%
	N	849	1578	2427
Availability of faculty	Not an obstacle	57.2%	46.9%	50.5%
	A minor obstacle	33.2%	41.2%	38.4%
	A major obstacle	9.6%	11.9%	11.1%
	N	876	1657	2533
Program structure or requirements	Not an obstacle	43.8%	44.3%	44.1%
	A minor obstacle	41.0%	41.7%	41.4%
	A major obstacle	15.2%	14.0%	14.4%
	N	876	1655	2531
Course scheduling	Not an obstacle	41.2%	59.9%	53.4%
	A minor obstacle	43.8%	32.8%	36.6%

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**Rate the extent to which the following factors have been an obstacle to your academic progress.**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	A major obstacle	15.0%	7.3%	10.0%
	N	874	1654	2528
Relationship with advisor	Not an obstacle	72.7%	63.4%	66.5%
	A minor obstacle	20.8%	24.6%	23.3%
	A major obstacle	6.5%	12.0%	10.2%
	N	818	1657	2475
Immigration laws or regulations	Not an obstacle	71.4%	70.9%	71.1%
	A minor obstacle	17.3%	18.2%	17.9%
	A major obstacle	11.3%	10.9%	11.0%
	N	709	1338	2047
Personal relationships	Not an obstacle	62.4%	57.3%	59.1%
	A minor obstacle	30.0%	32.7%	31.8%
	A major obstacle	7.6%	10.0%	9.2%
	N	868	1645	2513
Separation from family	Not an obstacle	67.8%	65.0%	65.9%
	A minor obstacle	25.4%	28.0%	27.1%
	A major obstacle	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%
	N	850	1631	2481
Cost of living	Not an obstacle	34.4%	38.5%	37.1%
	A minor obstacle	41.4%	41.5%	41.5%
	A major obstacle	24.3%	20.0%	21.5%
	N	870	1664	2534
Housing situation	Not an obstacle	51.7%	43.9%	46.6%
	A minor obstacle	33.0%	40.6%	38.0%
	A major obstacle	15.2%	15.5%	15.4%
	N	866	1659	2525
Attitudes toward your race/gender/nationality/religion/sexual orientation	Not an obstacle	85.5%	83.0%	83.9%
	A minor obstacle	11.2%	13.4%	12.6%
	A major obstacle	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%
	N	858	1630	2488

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**Rate the extent to which the following factors have been an obstacle to your academic progress.**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Attitudes toward your parental status/obligations	Not an obstacle	89.7%	91.3%	90.7%
	A minor obstacle	6.5%	7.4%	7.0%
	A major obstacle	3.8%	1.4%	2.2%
	N	692	1224	1916
Ethical dilemmas related to authorship or collaboration	Not an obstacle	91.6%	78.2%	82.6%
	A minor obstacle	7.2%	17.1%	13.9%
	A major obstacle	1.2%	4.6%	3.5%
	N	765	1552	2317
Competition among my peers	Not an obstacle	71.7%	58.7%	63.2%
	A minor obstacle	23.5%	33.0%	29.7%
	A major obstacle	4.8%	8.3%	7.1%
	N	873	1653	2526
Time management	Not an obstacle	26.7%	23.9%	24.9%
	A minor obstacle	47.3%	48.1%	47.8%
	A major obstacle	26.0%	28.0%	27.3%
	N	880	1663	2543
Health issues, physical or mental	Not an obstacle	63.5%	47.4%	52.9%
	A minor obstacle	27.2%	36.5%	33.3%
	A major obstacle	9.3%	16.1%	13.8%
	N	849	1636	2485
Academic and/or social isolation	Not an obstacle	63.3%	42.2%	49.4%
	A minor obstacle	25.6%	38.4%	34.1%
	A major obstacle	11.1%	19.4%	16.5%
	N	858	1647	2505
Availability of resources needed for my research	Not an obstacle	75.1%	63.9%	67.5%
	A minor obstacle	21.0%	26.6%	24.8%
	A major obstacle	3.9%	9.4%	7.7%
	N	787	1653	2440
My self-confidence	Not an obstacle	53.8%	36.0%	42.1%
	A minor obstacle	33.3%	40.3%	37.9%

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**Rate the extent to which the following factors have been an obstacle to your academic progress.**

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		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Language/communication barriers	A major obstacle	13.0%	23.7%	20.0%
	N	872	1663	2535
	Not an obstacle	74.6%	76.3%	75.7%
	A minor obstacle	20.0%	18.3%	18.9%
Other	A major obstacle	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%
	N	828	1580	2408
	Not an obstacle	66.7%	59.2%	62.8%
	A minor obstacle	13.0%	13.2%	13.1%
	A major obstacle	20.3%	27.6%	24.1%
	N	69	76	145

*'Not applicable' counted as missing.*

**Where did you go to for support to help deal with these obstacles (check all that apply)?**

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
Academic advisor	314	37.7%	877	54.9%	1191	49.0%
Other faculty or researchers	149	17.9%	438	27.4%	587	24.2%
Peers/friends	723	86.9%	1440	90.2%	2163	89.0%
Spouse or partner, boyfriend or girlfriend	485	58.3%	953	59.7%	1438	59.2%
Parent or other family member	352	42.3%	790	49.5%	1142	47.0%
Department staff	131	15.7%	282	17.7%	413	17.0%
International Students Office (ISO)	63	7.6%	83	5.2%	146	6.0%
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	3	0.4%	24	1.5%	27	1.1%
Office of the Dean for Graduate Education (ODGE)	30	3.6%	85	5.3%	115	4.7%
Mental health service provider	95	11.4%	374	23.4%	469	19.3%
Ombuds Office	6	0.7%	46	2.9%	52	2.1%
Resources For Easing Friction and Stress (iREFS)	6	0.7%	52	3.3%	58	2.4%
Other	47	5.6%	58	3.6%	105	4.3%
Total	2404	288.9%	5502	344.5%	7906	325.5%

*Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.*



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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**In the last year, have you discussed issues related to professional development with your advisor?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
In the last year, have you discussed issues related to professional development with your advisor?	Yes	49.9%	66.2%	60.6%
	No	40.2%	31.3%	34.4%
	Not applicable	9.9%	2.5%	5.0%
	N	879	1670	2549

**Are there opportunities within your program for professional development (e.g., mentoring undergraduate theses, supervising projects)?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Are there opportunities within your program for professional development (e.g., mentoring undergraduate theses, supervising projects)?	Yes	70.1%	77.2%	74.7%
	No	29.9%	22.8%	25.3%
	N	874	1655	2529

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**Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
My program is preparing me adequately for my current career goals.	Strongly disagree	2.1%	2.8%	2.6%
	Disagree	3.9%	6.4%	5.5%
	Ambivalent	15.8%	20.2%	18.7%
	Agree	44.9%	42.8%	43.5%
	Strongly agree	33.3%	27.8%	29.7%
	N	865	1653	2518
I am confident in my prospects for employment or further study after completing my program.	Strongly disagree	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
	Disagree	3.9%	7.5%	6.3%
	Ambivalent	10.0%	18.0%	15.2%
	Agree	34.5%	36.8%	36.1%
	Strongly agree	49.4%	35.4%	40.2%
	N	854	1648	2502
My advisor would support me in any career path I choose.	Strongly disagree	2.2%	2.7%	2.5%
	Disagree	4.5%	6.0%	5.6%
	Ambivalent	17.4%	17.5%	17.5%
	Agree	37.2%	33.3%	34.5%
	Strongly agree	38.6%	40.5%	39.9%
	N	728	1631	2359
I feel comfortable seeking advice from my advisor on career options within academia.	Strongly disagree	5.5%	2.1%	3.1%
	Disagree	9.1%	4.5%	5.8%
	Ambivalent	18.6%	9.2%	11.9%
	Agree	29.9%	29.2%	29.4%
	Strongly agree	36.9%	55.0%	49.8%
	N	639	1595	2234
I feel comfortable seeking advice from my advisor on career options outside academia.	Strongly disagree	5.3%	7.4%	6.7%
	Disagree	10.1%	11.3%	10.9%
	Ambivalent	19.6%	17.6%	18.2%
	Agree	29.0%	30.5%	30.1%
	Strongly agree	36.0%	33.3%	34.1%
	N	751	1615	2366

*'Not applicable' counted as missing.*

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## PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
The intellectual climate of my program is positive.	Strongly disagree	0.7%	2.3%	1.8%
	Disagree	3.0%	5.1%	4.4%
	Ambivalent	8.9%	10.3%	9.8%
	Agree	42.4%	39.9%	40.7%
	Strongly agree	45.0%	42.4%	43.3%
	N	840	1642	2482
The social climate of my program is positive.	Strongly disagree	1.2%	2.8%	2.3%
	Disagree	4.3%	8.2%	6.9%
	Ambivalent	12.4%	18.2%	16.2%
	Agree	39.1%	40.6%	40.1%
	Strongly agree	43.0%	30.2%	34.5%
	N	838	1640	2478
My program creates a collegial and supportive environment.	Strongly disagree	1.1%	3.3%	2.6%
	Disagree	4.8%	7.6%	6.6%
	Ambivalent	11.2%	16.9%	15.0%
	Agree	41.1%	41.8%	41.6%
	Strongly agree	41.8%	30.3%	34.2%
	N	837	1642	2479
My program helps me obtain the resources I need.	Strongly disagree	1.4%	1.7%	1.6%
	Disagree	3.8%	5.9%	5.2%
	Ambivalent	16.1%	16.1%	16.1%
	Agree	45.6%	47.0%	46.6%
	Strongly agree	33.0%	29.3%	30.6%
	N	833	1631	2464
I have a voice in the decision-making that affects the direction of my program.	Strongly disagree	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
	Disagree	13.9%	14.0%	14.0%
	Ambivalent	26.2%	26.7%	26.5%
	Agree	32.1%	35.0%	34.0%

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**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?***(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	Strongly agree	20.3%	16.8%	18.0%
	N	826	1623	2449
My program is a good fit for me.	Strongly disagree	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%
	Disagree	4.4%	6.8%	6.0%
	Ambivalent	13.0%	17.7%	16.1%
	Agree	37.9%	40.7%	39.8%
	Strongly agree	43.0%	33.1%	36.5%
	N	845	1640	2485
My program is responsive to student concerns.	Strongly disagree	3.6%	4.1%	3.9%
	Disagree	8.1%	7.4%	7.6%
	Ambivalent	22.7%	21.7%	22.0%
	Agree	39.2%	42.3%	41.2%
	Strongly agree	26.4%	24.6%	25.2%
	N	837	1624	2461
My program is a place where graduate students may comfortably raise personal and/or family responsibilities when scheduling obligations.	Strongly disagree	3.5%	5.0%	4.5%
	Disagree	6.5%	10.6%	9.2%
	Ambivalent	21.5%	23.4%	22.8%
	Agree	37.1%	39.8%	38.9%
	Strongly agree	31.3%	21.2%	24.6%
	N	766	1486	2252
My program's procedures are fair and equitable to all.	Strongly disagree	2.7%	3.4%	3.2%
	Disagree	5.6%	6.9%	6.4%
	Ambivalent	17.0%	18.6%	18.1%
	Agree	43.0%	44.3%	43.9%
	Strongly agree	31.7%	26.8%	28.5%
	N	827	1615	2442
My program's procedures are transparent and open for discussion.	Strongly disagree	4.9%	6.5%	5.9%
	Disagree	8.9%	12.1%	11.0%

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**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?***(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Students in my program are collegial.	Ambivalent	27.0%	26.7%	26.8%
	Agree	36.9%	33.8%	34.9%
	Strongly agree	22.4%	20.9%	21.4%
	N	823	1615	2438
	Strongly disagree	0.6%	1.0%	0.9%
	Disagree	1.7%	3.2%	2.7%
	Ambivalent	9.1%	10.2%	9.9%
Students in my program are treated with respect by faculty.	Agree	38.6%	47.2%	44.3%
	Strongly agree	50.0%	38.3%	42.3%
	N	832	1635	2467
	Strongly disagree	1.1%	2.7%	2.1%
	Disagree	2.3%	5.4%	4.3%
	Ambivalent	10.0%	12.6%	11.7%
	Agree	37.9%	43.4%	41.5%
I feel excluded from informal networks in my program.	Strongly agree	48.8%	36.0%	40.4%
	N	844	1640	2484
	Strongly disagree	23.9%	16.9%	19.3%
	Disagree	39.0%	42.9%	41.6%
	Ambivalent	19.6%	21.9%	21.1%
	Agree	11.8%	13.0%	12.6%
	Strongly agree	5.6%	5.4%	5.4%
I feel part of the community at MIT.	N	820	1586	2406
	Strongly disagree	1.3%	3.2%	2.6%
	Disagree	9.0%	9.7%	9.5%
	Ambivalent	18.7%	19.5%	19.2%
	Agree	44.5%	45.3%	45.0%
	Strongly agree	26.5%	22.3%	23.7%
	N	820	1631	2451
I feel safe on this campus.	Strongly disagree	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
	Disagree	0.9%	1.5%	1.3%
	Ambivalent	4.6%	5.4%	5.2%

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?***(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	Agree	36.5%	43.8%	41.3%
	Strongly agree	57.9%	49.0%	52.0%
	N	821	1625	2446
Administrators at MIT are genuinely concerned about my welfare.	Strongly disagree	2.4%	3.8%	3.4%
	Disagree	5.4%	5.8%	5.7%
	Ambivalent	22.2%	22.4%	22.3%
	Agree	38.4%	43.2%	41.6%
	Strongly agree	31.7%	24.8%	27.1%
	N	802	1614	2416
MIT's senior leadership is responsive to student concerns.	Strongly disagree	3.0%	3.8%	3.5%
	Disagree	6.5%	6.2%	6.3%
	Ambivalent	27.9%	30.7%	29.8%
	Agree	39.1%	40.6%	40.1%
	Strongly agree	23.5%	18.7%	20.3%
	N	767	1510	2277
MIT would take any reports of sexual assault seriously.	Strongly disagree	0.4%	0.8%	0.7%
	Disagree	1.9%	3.1%	2.7%
	Ambivalent	10.5%	14.4%	13.1%
	Agree	36.3%	40.6%	39.1%
	Strongly agree	51.0%	41.2%	44.5%
	N	755	1501	2256
My peers value my research/scholarship.	Strongly disagree	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%
	Disagree	3.5%	4.1%	3.9%
	Ambivalent	16.9%	17.4%	17.3%
	Agree	51.8%	52.8%	52.5%
	Strongly agree	27.4%	25.0%	25.7%
	N	685	1622	2307
I am satisfied with opportunities to collaborate.	Strongly disagree	0.9%	2.5%	2.0%
	Disagree	6.0%	8.3%	7.6%
	Ambivalent	15.9%	16.3%	16.2%
	Agree	48.1%	48.0%	48.0%

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?***(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	Strongly agree	29.1%	24.8%	26.3%
	N	797	1610	2407
I am satisfied with opportunities for individual scholarly achievement.	Strongly disagree	0.4%	1.5%	1.1%
	Disagree	4.5%	4.9%	4.8%
	Ambivalent	15.1%	13.5%	14.0%
	Agree	49.1%	50.9%	50.4%
	Strongly agree	30.9%	29.2%	29.8%
	N	757	1618	2375
I have peers in my program who are my personal friends.	Strongly disagree	0.2%	2.1%	1.5%
	Disagree	2.3%	3.8%	3.3%
	Ambivalent	5.8%	6.2%	6.1%
	Agree	34.1%	35.9%	35.3%
	Strongly agree	57.5%	52.1%	53.9%
	N	817	1623	2440
I have peers at MIT outside my program who are my personal friends.	Strongly disagree	6.6%	4.5%	5.2%
	Disagree	14.2%	12.9%	13.3%
	Ambivalent	10.3%	8.9%	9.4%
	Agree	30.2%	31.5%	31.0%
	Strongly agree	38.8%	42.2%	41.1%
	N	809	1623	2432
I have to work harder than some of my peers to be perceived as a legitimate scholar.	Strongly disagree	11.1%	9.6%	10.1%
	Disagree	27.1%	27.8%	27.6%
	Ambivalent	23.0%	25.6%	24.8%
	Agree	25.6%	25.6%	25.6%
	Strongly agree	13.2%	11.4%	11.9%
	N	749	1612	2361
I have been subjected to inappropriate or disrespectful language while a graduate student at MIT.	Strongly disagree	51.8%	44.9%	47.2%
	Disagree	28.8%	32.7%	31.4%

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**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?***(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
student at MIT.	Ambivalent	6.4%	7.8%	7.3%
	Agree	9.6%	10.6%	10.3%
	Strongly agree	3.3%	4.0%	3.8%
	N	778	1592	2370
I have been harassed while a graduate student at MIT.	Strongly disagree	66.3%	62.0%	63.4%
	Disagree	23.5%	27.8%	26.4%
	Ambivalent	3.7%	4.3%	4.1%
	Agree	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
	Strongly agree	2.3%	1.8%	2.0%
	N	766	1572	2338

**In the last year, how often have you...**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Felt insulted or threatened based on your social identity (e. g., sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, or values)?	Never	74.1%	73.9%	74.0%
	Rarely	17.0%	18.5%	18.0%
	Occasionally	6.5%	6.2%	6.3%
	Often	1.6%	1.0%	1.2%
	Very Often	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
	N	827	1634	2461
Witnessed someone else being insulted or threatened based on some aspect of that individual's social identity?	Never	70.6%	64.0%	66.2%
	Rarely	21.1%	25.7%	24.2%
	Occasionally	6.7%	8.7%	8.0%
	Often	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%
	Very Often	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
	N	824	1629	2453



## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## MIT RESOURCES

Please check which of the following MIT resources you have used in the last year.

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
Student community space on campus (e.g., Student Center or Walker Memorial)	671	82.3%	1223	75.2%	1894	77.6%
MIT Campus Dining	280	34.4%	444	27.3%	724	29.7%
Athletic facilities	619	76.0%	1254	77.1%	1873	76.7%
Main office of your current graduate program	517	63.4%	1183	72.8%	1700	69.6%
Office of the Dean for Graduate Education (ODGE)	84	10.3%	190	11.7%	274	11.2%
International Students Office (ISO)	301	36.9%	527	32.4%	828	33.9%
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	122	15.0%	325	20.0%	447	18.3%
Student Financial Services	346	42.5%	491	30.2%	837	34.3%
Careers Office	338	41.5%	221	13.6%	559	22.9%
Ombuds Office	4	0.5%	35	2.2%	39	1.6%
Mediation@MIT	12	1.5%	38	2.3%	50	2.0%
Resources for Easing Friction and Stress (iREFS)	4	0.5%	58	3.6%	62	2.5%
MIT Police	62	7.6%	121	7.4%	183	7.5%
MIT Medical	583	71.5%	1248	76.8%	1831	75.0%
MIT Mental Health & Counseling	107	13.1%	367	22.6%	474	19.4%
MIT Work-Life Center	11	1.3%	25	1.5%	36	1.5%
MIT Spouses & Partners	33	4.0%	44	2.7%	77	3.2%
MIT FamilyNet	5	0.6%	14	0.9%	19	0.8%
Other	12	1.5%	25	1.5%	37	1.5%
Total	4111	504.4%	7833	481.7%	11944	489.3%

Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.

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**For the resources you have used, please rate the quality of each resource.**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Student community space on campus (e.g., Student Center or Walker Memorial)	Poor	6.4%	6.9%	6.7%
	Fair	16.3%	17.0%	16.8%
	Good	37.6%	41.9%	40.4%
	Very Good	30.1%	26.0%	27.5%
	Excellent	9.4%	8.1%	8.6%
	N	667	1217	1884
MIT Campus Dining	Poor	13.3%	12.2%	12.7%
	Fair	22.7%	23.8%	23.4%
	Good	32.4%	43.8%	39.4%
	Very Good	26.6%	14.3%	19.1%
	Excellent	5.0%	5.9%	5.6%
	N	278	441	719
Athletic facilities	Poor	1.3%	0.7%	0.9%
	Fair	4.6%	4.3%	4.4%
	Good	22.3%	20.8%	21.3%
	Very Good	39.8%	43.0%	41.9%
	Excellent	32.0%	31.3%	31.5%
	N	613	1247	1860
Main office of your current graduate program	Poor	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%
	Fair	8.0%	5.2%	6.0%
	Good	32.4%	30.5%	31.0%
	Very Good	38.4%	35.6%	36.4%
	Excellent	19.7%	27.2%	25.0%
	N	513	1178	1691
Office of the Dean for Graduate Education (ODGE)	Poor	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
	Fair	11.9%	6.9%	8.4%
	Good	33.3%	30.7%	31.5%
	Very Good	33.3%	41.8%	39.2%
	Excellent	20.2%	19.6%	19.8%
	N	84	189	273

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**For the resources you have used, please rate the quality of each resource.**

*(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
International Students Office (ISO)	Poor	4.4%	3.2%	3.6%
	Fair	9.4%	10.5%	10.1%
	Good	35.2%	29.2%	31.4%
	Very Good	35.6%	37.8%	37.0%
	Excellent	15.4%	19.3%	17.9%
	N	298	524	822
Graduate Student Council (GSC)	Poor	0.8%	1.3%	1.1%
	Fair	9.1%	9.4%	9.3%
	Good	38.0%	39.2%	38.9%
	Very Good	37.2%	32.3%	33.6%
	Excellent	14.9%	17.9%	17.0%
	N	121	319	440
Student Financial Services	Poor	5.2%	3.7%	4.3%
	Fair	17.4%	14.8%	15.9%
	Good	39.0%	39.8%	39.5%
	Very Good	27.6%	29.0%	28.4%
	Excellent	10.8%	12.7%	11.9%
	N	344	487	831
Careers Office	Poor	5.7%	2.3%	4.3%
	Fair	13.1%	7.7%	11.0%
	Good	34.3%	35.5%	34.8%
	Very Good	32.2%	35.5%	33.5%
	Excellent	14.6%	19.1%	16.4%
	N	335	220	555
Ombuds Office	Poor	0.0%	5.7%	5.1%
	Fair	0.0%	2.9%	2.6%
	Good	50.0%	22.9%	25.6%
	Very Good	50.0%	5.7%	10.3%
	Excellent	0.0%	62.9%	56.4%
	N	4	35	39

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**For the resources you have used, please rate the quality of each resource.**

*(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Mediation@MIT	Poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Fair	0.0%	5.3%	4.0%
	Good	41.7%	18.4%	24.0%
	Very Good	33.3%	57.9%	52.0%
	Excellent	25.0%	18.4%	20.0%
	N	12	38	50
Resources for Easing Friction and Stress (iREFS)	Poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Fair	0.0%	1.8%	1.6%
	Good	25.0%	28.1%	27.9%
	Very Good	50.0%	40.4%	41.0%
	Excellent	25.0%	29.8%	29.5%
	N	4	57	61
MIT Police	Poor	4.9%	4.1%	4.4%
	Fair	9.8%	9.1%	9.3%
	Good	26.2%	29.8%	28.6%
	Very Good	37.7%	32.2%	34.1%
	Excellent	21.3%	24.8%	23.6%
	N	61	121	182
MIT Medical	Poor	2.9%	2.4%	2.6%
	Fair	8.6%	8.3%	8.4%
	Good	25.3%	28.2%	27.3%
	Very Good	40.8%	36.4%	37.8%
	Excellent	22.4%	24.7%	24.0%
	N	581	1242	1823
MIT Mental Health & Counseling	Poor	5.7%	3.3%	3.9%
	Fair	9.4%	8.1%	8.4%
	Good	26.4%	20.8%	22.1%
	Very Good	34.9%	37.2%	36.7%
	Excellent	23.6%	30.6%	29.0%
	N	106	360	466

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**For the resources you have used, please rate the quality of each resource.**

*(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
MIT Work-Life Center	Poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Fair	0.0%	4.0%	2.9%
	Good	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%
	Very Good	40.0%	24.0%	28.6%
	Excellent	20.0%	32.0%	28.6%
	N	10	25	35
MIT Spouses & Partners	Poor	0.0%	4.5%	2.6%
	Fair	12.1%	9.1%	10.4%
	Good	30.3%	47.7%	40.3%
	Very Good	33.3%	20.5%	26.0%
	Excellent	24.2%	18.2%	20.8%
	N	33	44	77
MIT FamilyNet	Poor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Fair	0.0%	21.4%	15.8%
	Good	20.0%	42.9%	36.8%
	Very Good	60.0%	35.7%	42.1%
	Excellent	20.0%	0.0%	5.3%
	N	5	14	19
Other	Poor	0.0%	5.6%	4.0%
	Fair	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Good	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Very Good	57.1%	44.4%	48.0%
	Excellent	42.9%	50.0%	48.0%
	N	7	18	25

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## LIFE OUTSIDE MIT

**Overall, how satisfied are you with your life outside MIT?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Overall, how satisfied are you with your life outside MIT?	Very dissatisfied	1.3%	3.0%	2.4%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	8.0%	8.6%	8.4%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7.5%	9.9%	9.1%
	Somewhat satisfied	40.8%	43.8%	42.8%
	Very satisfied	42.3%	34.7%	37.2%
	N	822	1632	2454

**Please indicate your satisfaction with your ability to integrate the needs of your work with those of your personal/family life.**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Please indicate your satisfaction with your ability to integrate the needs of your work with those of your personal/family life.	Very dissatisfied	3.9%	6.1%	5.3%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	16.0%	21.5%	19.7%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	12.7%	15.5%	14.6%
	Somewhat satisfied	43.6%	39.8%	41.1%
	Very satisfied	23.8%	17.1%	19.3%
	N	819	1630	2449

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**Please indicate the extent to which each of the following aspects of YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE MIT is currently a source of stress for you.**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Managing household responsibilities	Not at all	34.8%	39.2%	37.8%
	Somewhat	54.0%	52.6%	53.0%
	Extensive	11.2%	8.2%	9.2%
	N	721	1481	2202
Finding suitable childcare	Not at all	80.8%	87.2%	85.1%
	Somewhat	11.4%	5.7%	7.6%
	Extensive	7.8%	7.1%	7.3%
	N	307	619	926
Cost of childcare	Not at all	79.1%	86.5%	84.1%
	Somewhat	5.9%	4.5%	4.9%
	Extensive	15.0%	9.0%	11.0%
	N	306	624	930
Managing or providing care for someone who is ill, disabled, aging, and/or in need of special services	Not at all	82.1%	81.5%	81.7%
	Somewhat	13.0%	13.8%	13.5%
	Extensive	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%
	N	307	669	976
Your health	Not at all	42.9%	42.2%	42.5%
	Somewhat	47.7%	47.1%	47.3%
	Extensive	9.3%	10.7%	10.2%
	N	771	1574	2345
Cost of living	Not at all	22.4%	26.5%	25.1%
	Somewhat	52.4%	50.3%	51.0%
	Extensive	25.2%	23.2%	23.9%
	N	786	1599	2385
Immigration matters	Not at all	58.0%	59.1%	58.8%
	Somewhat	24.3%	28.7%	27.2%
	Extensive	17.6%	12.2%	14.0%
	N	522	1025	1547
Inability to pursue outside interests and avocations	Not at all	31.3%	28.8%	29.6%
	Somewhat	51.0%	51.1%	51.1%

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**Please indicate the extent to which each of the following aspects of YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE MIT is currently a source of stress for you.**

*(cont.)*

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
	Extensive	17.8%	20.1%	19.3%
	N	771	1571	2342
Lack of time to think and reflect	Not at all	25.0%	23.4%	23.9%
	Somewhat	50.2%	49.5%	49.7%
	Extensive	24.8%	27.1%	26.3%
	N	795	1606	2401
Situation of my spouse/partner (e.g., job situation, living in another city)	Not at all	42.5%	46.6%	45.2%
	Somewhat	35.2%	30.0%	31.7%
	Extensive	22.2%	23.5%	23.0%
	N	616	1211	1827
Confusion/uncertainty about life after MIT	Not at all	35.2%	26.1%	29.1%
	Somewhat	41.9%	45.2%	44.1%
	Extensive	22.9%	28.7%	26.8%
	N	782	1580	2362
Time management	Not at all	20.0%	18.4%	18.9%
	Somewhat	56.5%	55.1%	55.6%
	Extensive	23.5%	26.5%	25.5%
	N	796	1598	2394

*'Not applicable' counted as missing.*



## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## YOUR HEALTH &amp; WELL-BEING

**How would you describe your overall physical health?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
How would you describe your overall physical health?	Poor	2.1%	2.9%	2.6%
	Fair	13.4%	15.8%	15.0%
	Good	51.9%	52.8%	52.5%
	Excellent	32.6%	28.5%	29.9%
	N	807	1630	2437

**On how many of the past 7 days did you get enough sleep so you felt rested when you woke up?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
On how many of the past 7 days did you get enough sleep so you felt rested when you woke up?	0	4.4%	5.6%	5.2%
	1	7.0%	6.0%	6.4%
	2	11.6%	12.3%	12.1%
	3	17.3%	13.7%	14.9%
	4	17.4%	17.5%	17.4%
	5	19.1%	21.7%	20.8%
	6	14.7%	14.3%	14.4%
	7	8.5%	8.9%	8.7%
	N	811	1626	2437

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**During the current academic year, how often, if ever, have you...**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Felt so depressed it was difficult to function	Rarely or never	71.7%	61.3%	64.8%
	Occasionally	20.7%	26.2%	24.4%
	Often	5.1%	8.5%	7.4%
	Very often	2.5%	3.9%	3.4%
	N	806	1616	2422
Stayed up all night to finish an academic assignment or prepare for an exam	Rarely or never	55.5%	64.0%	61.2%
	Occasionally	32.3%	27.7%	29.2%
	Often	7.8%	5.6%	6.4%
	Very often	4.5%	2.7%	3.3%
	N	806	1617	2423
Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do	Rarely or never	17.6%	13.5%	14.8%
	Occasionally	44.9%	46.1%	45.7%
	Often	26.4%	27.3%	27.0%
	Very often	11.0%	13.2%	12.5%
	N	806	1619	2425
Felt out of place or that you just didn't fit in on campus	Rarely or never	55.0%	51.2%	52.5%
	Occasionally	31.6%	33.1%	32.6%
	Often	9.8%	10.5%	10.3%
	Very often	3.6%	5.1%	4.6%
	N	806	1616	2422
Felt very sad	Rarely or never	55.4%	38.7%	44.3%
	Occasionally	33.2%	43.1%	39.8%
	Often	8.3%	12.3%	11.0%
	Very often	3.1%	5.9%	5.0%
	N	805	1619	2424
Intervened when a friend's behavior concerned you	Rarely or never	68.8%	67.3%	67.8%
	Occasionally	27.6%	28.2%	28.0%
	Often	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%
	Very often	0.6%	1.6%	1.3%
	N	805	1612	2417
Felt affected by the sadness or depression of someone you know	Rarely or never	63.8%	52.6%	56.3%
	Occasionally	30.4%	36.8%	34.7%

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**During the current academic year, how often, if ever, have you...**

*(cont.)*

	Degree Type (self-reported)		
	Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Often	4.6%	7.9%	6.8%
Very often	1.2%	2.7%	2.2%
N	803	1615	2418

**Think back to a time this academic year when you had a personal concern that was impacting your life, but you did not reach out for help. What made you decide not to reach out? (mark all that apply)**

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
I could handle the concern on my own	498	79.6%	1029	75.9%	1527	77.0%
I didn't want anyone at MIT to know I had a problem	143	22.8%	399	29.4%	542	27.3%
I would feel bad burdening others	175	28.0%	501	36.9%	676	34.1%
Never got around to it	129	20.6%	328	24.2%	457	23.1%
I didn't know who to talk to	125	20.0%	274	20.2%	399	20.1%
There was no one I trusted enough to talk to	140	22.4%	367	27.1%	507	25.6%
I could not reach the person I wanted to talk to	23	3.7%	62	4.6%	85	4.3%
MIT Mental Health was closed	7	1.1%	14	1.0%	21	1.1%
ODGE's Graduate Personal Support (GPS) was closed	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Other	24	3.8%	73	5.4%	97	4.9%
Total	1265	202.1%	3047	224.7%	4312	217.6%

*Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.*

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**How many close friends do you have (meaning people that you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, and can call on for help)?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
How many close friends do you have (meaning people that you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, and can call on for help)?	0 (none)	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
	1	4.2%	6.3%	5.6%
	2	12.2%	14.0%	13.4%
	3	17.1%	21.5%	20.0%
	4	14.8%	16.9%	16.2%
	5	14.7%	13.8%	14.1%
	6	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
	7 or more	30.9%	21.3%	24.5%
N		805	1612	2417

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER

**Do you have a spouse or partner?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Do you have a spouse or partner?	Yes	51.1%	45.5%	47.4%
	No	48.9%	54.5%	52.6%
	N	822	1636	2458

**Tell us about your spouse/partner:**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Is your spouse or partner enrolled in school at MIT?	Yes	8.9%	16.6%	13.9%
	No	91.1%	83.4%	86.1%
	N	415	733	1148
Is your spouse or partner enrolled in school, but not at MIT?	Yes	18.2%	28.8%	25.0%
	No	81.8%	71.2%	75.0%
	N	411	721	1132
Is your spouse or partner employed?	Yes	58.3%	66.4%	63.4%
	No	41.7%	33.6%	36.6%
	N	412	726	1138
Does your spouse or partner live in the same household as you at this time?	Yes	67.1%	57.6%	61.0%
	No	32.9%	42.4%	39.0%
	N	413	735	1148

*Only shown to students who said they had a spouse or partner.'*

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## CHILDREN

## How many children do you have in total?

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
0	717	88.0%	1524	94.2%	2241	92.1%
Currently expecting	17	2.1%	18	1.1%	35	1.4%
1	28	3.4%	50	3.1%	78	3.2%
2	43	5.3%	24	1.5%	67	2.8%
3	12	1.5%	5	0.3%	17	0.7%
4	2	0.2%	1	0.1%	3	0.1%
5	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
More than 5	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	2	0.1%
Total	820	100.6%	1623	100.3%	2443	100.4%

*Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.*

## Do you have any children in the following age ranges? (Check all that apply.)

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
0-2 years	57	66.3%	61	75.3%	118	70.7%
3-4 years	35	40.7%	21	25.9%	56	33.5%
5-12 years	26	30.2%	23	28.4%	49	29.3%
13-17 years	11	12.8%	3	3.7%	14	8.4%
18-23 years	8	9.3%	1	1.2%	9	5.4%
24 or older	2	2.3%	1	1.2%	3	1.8%
Total	139	161.6%	110	135.8%	249	149.1%

*Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.*

*Only shown to students who said they had children.*

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## CHILDCARE

**What is your primary form of childcare for your children?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
What is your primary form of childcare for your children?	Self	7.2%	3.8%	5.5%
	Spouse/partner or relative	51.8%	43.8%	47.9%
	Paid professional/nanny/babysitter in your home	15.7%	17.5%	16.6%
	MIT child care center	10.8%	10.0%	10.4%
	Off-campus day care	12.0%	16.3%	14.1%
	Other	2.4%	8.8%	5.5%
	N	83	80	163

*Only shown to students who said they had children.*

**How satisfied are you with your current childcare situation?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
How satisfied are you with your current childcare situation?	Very dissatisfied	5.2%	14.9%	9.9%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	14.3%	9.5%	11.9%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	9.1%	10.8%	9.9%
	Somewhat satisfied	31.2%	29.7%	30.5%
	Very satisfied	40.3%	35.1%	37.7%
	N	77	74	151

*'Not applicable' counted as missing.*

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**How difficult was it for you to locate appropriate childcare, for any reason?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
How difficult was it for you to locate appropriate childcare, for any reason?	Very difficult	25.3%	30.0%	27.6%
	Somewhat difficult	22.9%	30.0%	26.4%
	Not difficult at all	25.3%	28.7%	27.0%
	Not applicable	26.5%	11.3%	19.0%
	N	83	80	163

*Only shown to students who said they had children.*

**Please rate your satisfaction with the following:**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
In general, how satisfied are you with the availability of childcare?	Very dissatisfied	23.7%	29.2%	26.6%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	25.4%	27.7%	26.6%
	Somewhat satisfied	30.5%	26.2%	28.2%
	Very satisfied	20.3%	16.9%	18.5%
	N	59	65	124
In general, how satisfied are you with the cost of childcare?	Very dissatisfied	60.3%	64.1%	62.3%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	15.5%	21.9%	18.9%
	Somewhat satisfied	20.7%	9.4%	14.8%
	Very satisfied	3.4%	4.7%	4.1%
	N	58	64	122

*'Not applicable' counted as missing.*



## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

**Which of the following best describes where you are living now?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Which of the following best describes where you are living now?	Residence hall or other campus housing Fraternity, Sorority or Independent Living Group (FSILG)	38.9%	38.1%	38.4%
	Off Campus Residence (house, apartment, etc.) within a 15 minute walk from MIT	26.5%	21.1%	22.9%
	Off Campus Residence (house, apartment, etc.) more than a 15 minute walk from MIT	32.9%	38.5%	36.6%
	Other	1.6%	2.3%	2.1%
	N	814	1626	2440

**Whether you live on or off campus:**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
In general, how satisfied are you with the availability of housing?	Very dissatisfied	8.3%	11.0%	10.1%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	19.5%	25.1%	23.3%
	Somewhat satisfied	38.5%	40.9%	40.1%
	Very satisfied	33.8%	23.0%	26.5%
	N	775	1593	2368
In general, how satisfied are you with the cost of housing?	Very dissatisfied	21.7%	28.2%	26.1%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	32.1%	37.6%	35.8%
	Somewhat satisfied	31.1%	25.0%	27.1%
	Very satisfied	15.0%	9.1%	11.0%
	N	787	1586	2373

*'Not applicable' counted as missing.*

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**Does your current living situation, whether you live on or off-campus, enhance or inhibit any of the following?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Interdisciplinary interactions with peers from other departments and graduate programs	Enhances	31.5%	28.4%	29.4%
	Inhibits	21.5%	20.7%	20.9%
	Neither	47.0%	50.9%	49.6%
	N	796	1598	2394
Access to on-campus research facilities	Enhances	30.5%	36.1%	34.3%
	Inhibits	16.5%	17.7%	17.3%
	Neither	53.0%	46.2%	48.4%
	N	796	1599	2395
Research productivity	Enhances	26.0%	39.1%	34.8%
	Inhibits	15.0%	12.6%	13.4%
	Neither	59.0%	48.2%	51.8%
	N	795	1598	2393
Engagement with local innovation/entrepreneurs/industry	Enhances	18.2%	11.6%	13.8%
	Inhibits	14.5%	10.7%	12.0%
	Neither	67.3%	77.7%	74.2%
	N	793	1593	2386
Cultural exchange	Enhances	38.0%	35.0%	36.0%
	Inhibits	12.6%	11.8%	12.1%
	Neither	49.4%	53.2%	51.9%
	N	792	1597	2389
Community building	Enhances	37.8%	33.6%	35.0%
	Inhibits	17.2%	16.9%	17.0%
	Neither	44.9%	49.5%	48.0%
	N	790	1586	2376
Work-life balance	Enhances	52.6%	53.6%	53.3%
	Inhibits	12.6%	10.9%	11.5%
	Neither	34.8%	35.5%	35.2%
	N	793	1593	2386
Other	Enhances	9.7%	20.7%	15.9%
	Inhibits	8.3%	8.7%	8.5%
	Neither	81.9%	70.7%	75.6%
	N	72	92	164

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**What were the primary factors in your choice to live OFF campus?**

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
Price	226	47.7%	609	64.8%	835	59.1%
Convenience	185	39.0%	305	32.4%	490	34.7%
Location	251	53.0%	469	49.9%	720	50.9%
Quality of housing	261	55.1%	550	58.5%	811	57.4%
Access to childcare	6	1.3%	6	0.6%	12	0.8%
Needs of spouse	87	18.4%	146	15.5%	233	16.5%
Was not assigned housing in the graduate housing allocation	35	7.4%	95	10.1%	130	9.2%
Other	85	17.9%	177	18.8%	262	18.5%
Total	1136	239.7%	2357	250.7%	3493	247.0%

Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.

Only shown to students who said they lived off campus.

**What were the primary factors in your choice to live ON campus?**

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
Price	171	55.2%	243	40.0%	414	45.1%
Convenience	278	89.7%	539	88.7%	817	89.0%
Location	244	78.7%	492	80.9%	736	80.2%
Quality of housing	66	21.3%	217	35.7%	283	30.8%
Access to childcare	4	1.3%	5	0.8%	9	1.0%
Needs of spouse	11	3.5%	22	3.6%	33	3.6%
Other	16	5.2%	49	8.1%	65	7.1%
Total	790	254.8%	1567	257.7%	2357	256.8%

Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.

Only shown to students who said they lived on campus.

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

**Did you use any of the following resources for your off-campus housing search?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
MIT's Off-Campus Housing listings	Yes	28.0%	35.6%	33.0%
	No	72.0%	64.4%	67.0%
	N	439	863	1302
A realtor	Yes	41.4%	57.5%	52.1%
	No	58.6%	42.5%	47.9%
	N	435	879	1314
Other off-campus listings	Yes	32.4%	45.9%	41.2%
	No	67.6%	54.1%	58.8%
	N	272	521	793
Other	Yes	28.0%	36.8%	33.6%
	No	72.0%	63.2%	66.4%
	N	157	266	423

*Only shown to students who said they lived off campus.*

**Are you living with a roommate or roommates, other than your spouse or partner or children?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Are you living with a roommate or roommates, other than your spouse or partner or children?	Yes	48.6%	59.5%	55.9%
	No	51.4%	40.5%	44.1%
	N	802	1611	2413

## 2015 Graduate Enrolled Student Survey

## PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

**Your citizenship:**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Your citizenship:	U.S. Citizen	55.2%	59.5%	58.1%
	Permanent U.S. Resident	2.8%	1.8%	2.2%
	International	42.0%	38.6%	39.8%
	N	821	1626	2447

**Were you born in the U.S.?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Were you born in the U.S.?	Yes	48.0%	53.1%	51.4%
	No	52.0%	46.9%	48.6%
	N	816	1621	2437

**Were you raised in the U.S.?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Were you raised in the U.S.?	Yes	51.9%	56.4%	54.9%
	No	48.1%	43.6%	45.1%
	N	810	1606	2416

**Is English your native language?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
Is English your native language?	Yes	58.3%	62.4%	61.0%
	No	41.7%	37.6%	39.0%
	N	810	1607	2417

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**What is your gender?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
What is your gender?	Male	61.8%	64.6%	63.7%
	Female	37.7%	34.9%	35.8%
	Other	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
	N	812	1614	2426

**What is your sexual orientation?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
What is your sexual orientation?	Heterosexual	91.9%	89.6%	90.4%
	Gay or Lesbian	3.4%	4.9%	4.4%
	Bisexual	2.6%	3.3%	3.1%
	Unsure	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%
	Other	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
	N	804	1600	2404

**Your race or ethnic group. Mark all that apply.**

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	0.9%	19	1.2%	26	1.1%
Asian	253	32.0%	570	36.2%	823	34.8%
Black or African American	30	3.8%	31	2.0%	61	2.6%
Hispanic or Latino	102	12.9%	100	6.3%	202	8.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	0.6%	2	0.1%	7	0.3%
White	474	59.9%	985	62.5%	1459	61.6%
Total	871	110.1%	1707	108.3%	2578	108.9%

*Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.*

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**Which of the following sources of financial support have you received in the last year?**

	Degree Type (self-reported)					
	Master's		Doctoral		Overall	
	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents	Responses	Percent of Respondents
RA Stipend	241	33.3%	1056	65.7%	1297	55.6%
TA Stipend	146	20.2%	414	25.7%	560	24.0%
MIT Fellowship Stipend	222	30.7%	485	30.2%	707	30.3%
Outside Fellowship Stipend	92	12.7%	455	28.3%	547	23.5%
Job or Internship	256	35.4%	138	8.6%	394	16.9%
Spouse's income (from all sources)	115	15.9%	173	10.8%	288	12.3%
Income from other sources	168	23.2%	75	4.7%	243	10.4%
Total	1240	171.3%	2796	173.9%	4036	173.1%

Note: 'Percent of Respondents' column adds to more than 100% because students could check more than one item.

**What form of dental insurance do you have, if any?**

		Degree Type (self-reported)		
		Master's	Doctoral	Overall
What form of dental insurance do you have, if any?	Self-purchased Delta Dental Graduate Student Dental Plan	23.8%	27.5%	26.3%
	Self-purchased other	6.0%	2.5%	3.7%
	Through parents	14.2%	16.3%	15.6%
	Through spouse/partner	4.4%	3.4%	3.7%
	No coverage	46.7%	49.3%	48.5%
	Other	4.9%	1.0%	2.3%
	N	797	1609	2406