

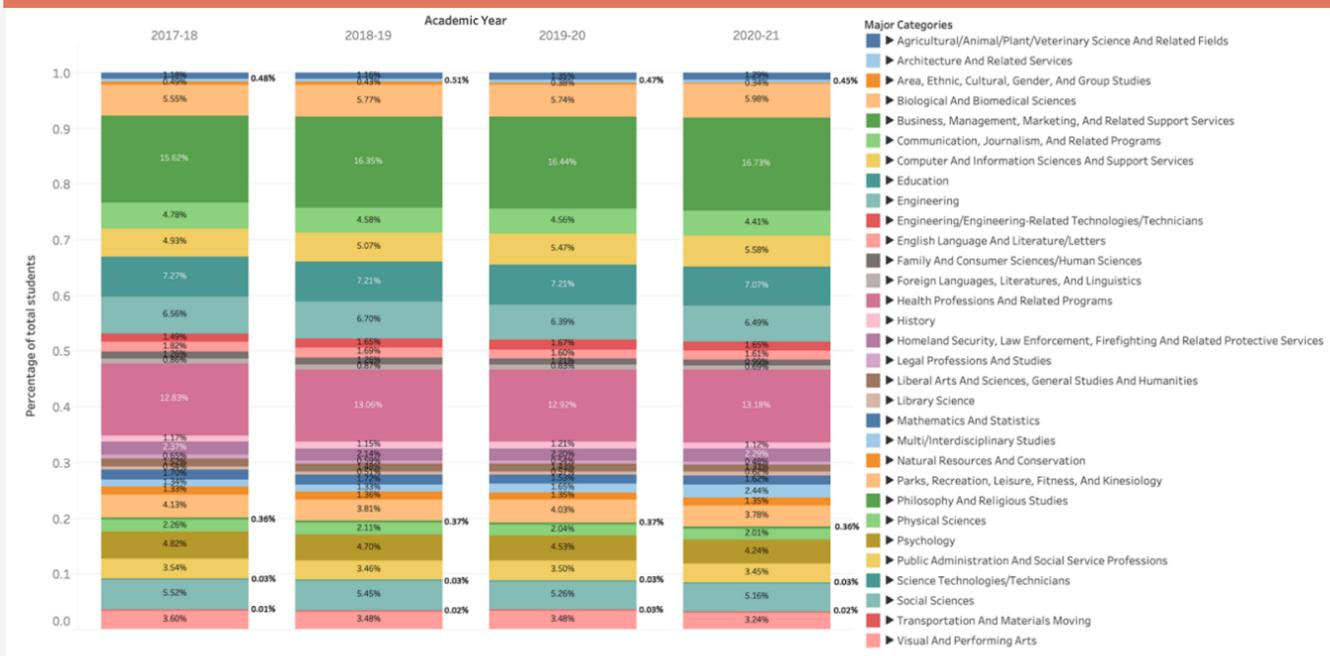
EDUCATION IN THE PANDEMIC

Central questions:

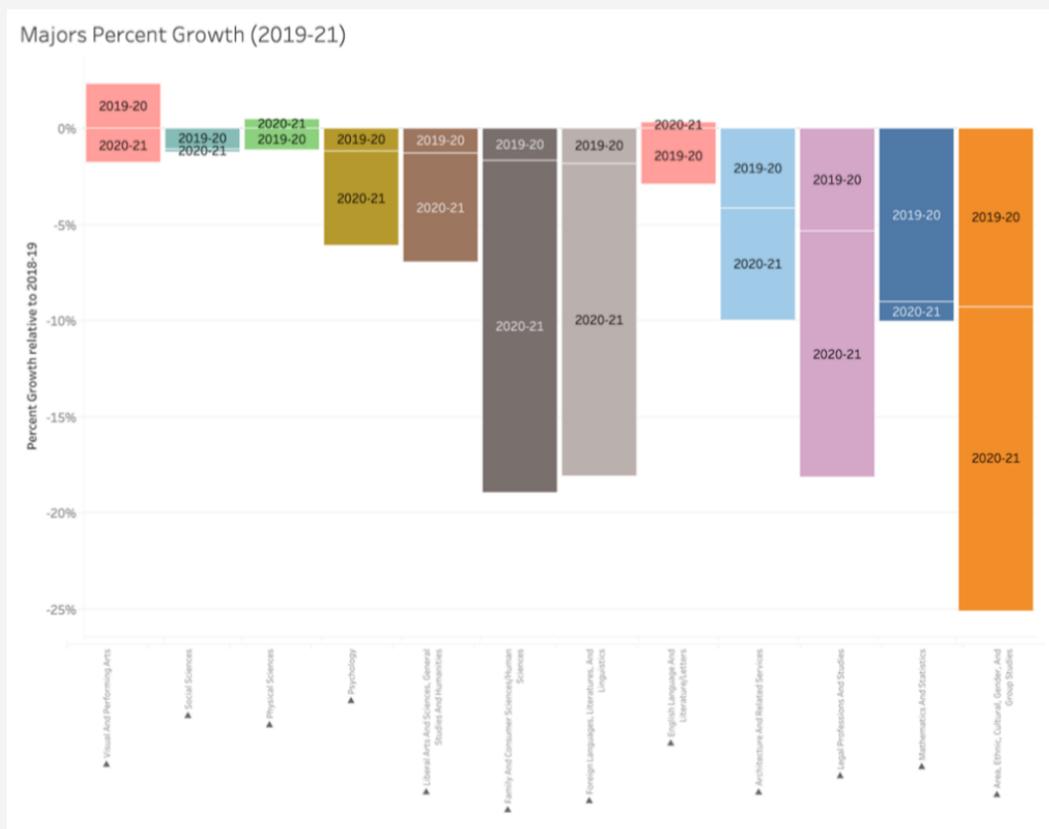
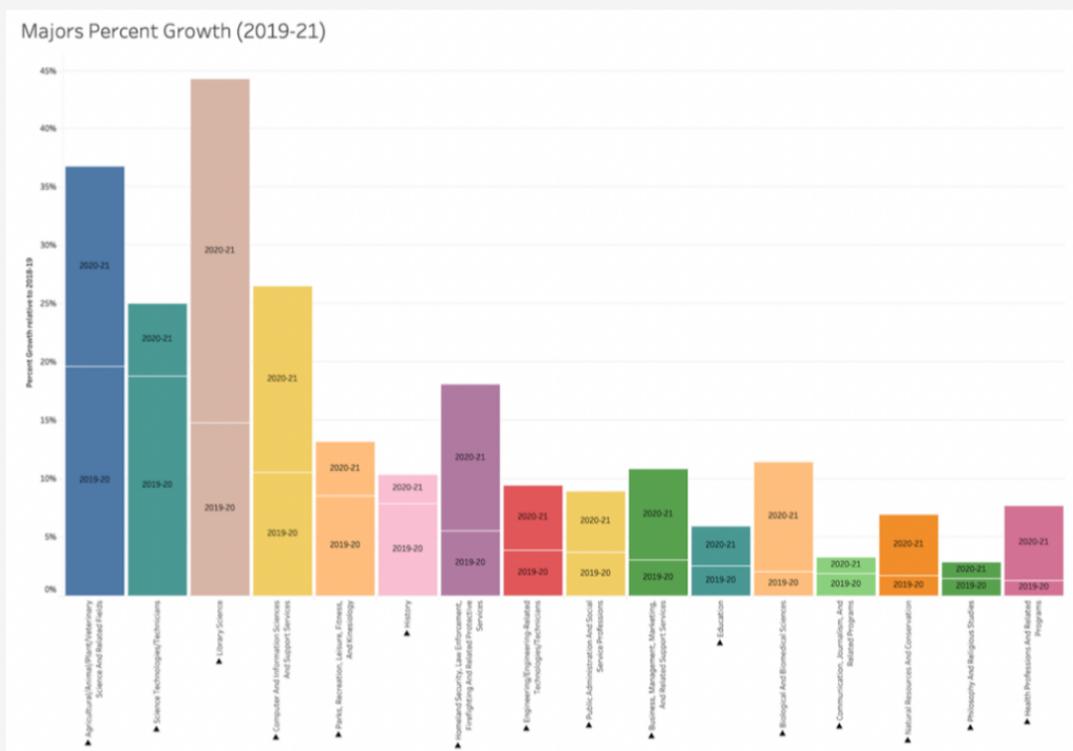
WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE DEGREE ATTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC?

WHAT TRENDS CAN BE FOUND IN TYPES OF DEGREES, TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC?

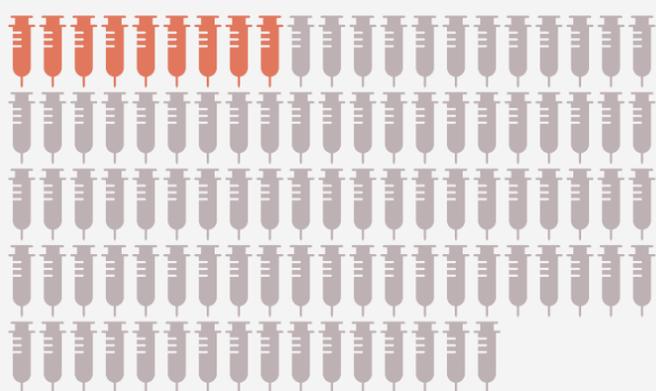
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE MAJORS BY YEAR



MAJORS PERCENT GROWTH (2019-21) (UTILIZING SAME KEY AS ABOVE)



There's been a 9.12% growth in Biomedical Science majors from August 2020-December 2021!



CONCLUSION:

Since August of 2020, the growth of various majors of both undergraduate and graduate students have fluctuated along with the conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Based on data collected from universities across North Carolina, large growth in the Biomedical Sciences and Education majors may have resulted from students seeking a higher education in hopes of mitigating the shortages of front-line healthcare workers or experience in biostatistics. Similarly, Library Sciences, which had the largest percent growth during COVID, may have garnered more interest due to the emphasis on international data collection from case tracking. While COVID-19 created large negative impacts, the pandemic may have served as an inspiration for students in higher education to respond to societal needs caused by unforeseen circumstances.