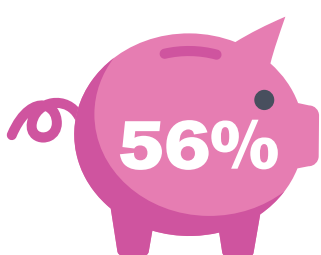


A Year of COVID-19: High School Students Share its Impact and Save for Higher Education

Over 1,000 seniors, juniors and sophomores across the country

Saving for Education During COVID-19

High School Students are Saving



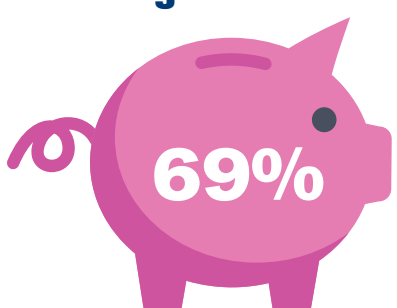
Saving for higher education

23% of savers use 529s as primary vehicle

13%

Students switched to private high school during shutdown

Parents are Saving



Saving for child's higher education

23% of savers use 529s as primary vehicle

49% of them were funded by 529 plans

How COVID-19 Impacted Higher Ed Financing

51%

Economic uncertainty affected my plans

How it changed saving and debt

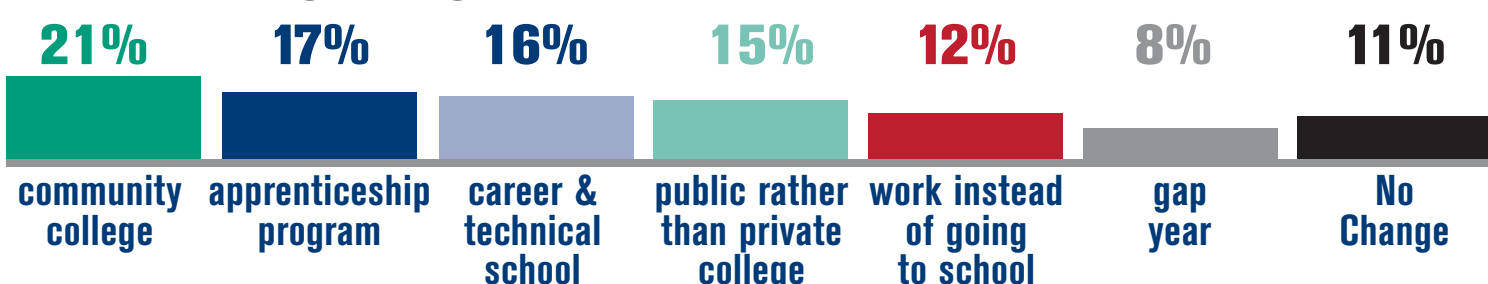
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parents laid off & less saved

44%

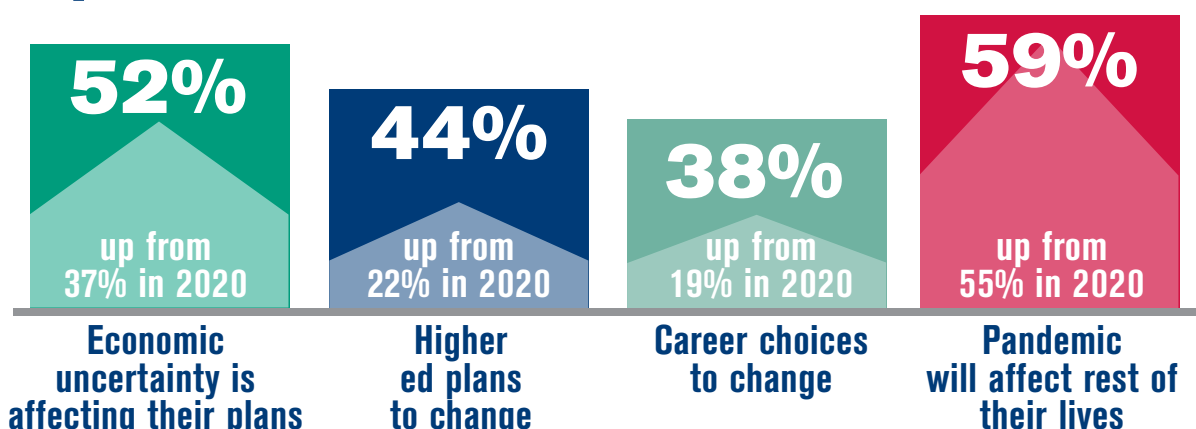
need to take on more debt

How it changed higher ed plans:



COVID-19's Impact:

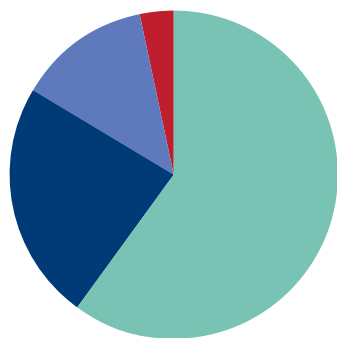
One Year Later



How They Feel about A Year of Online Learning

79%

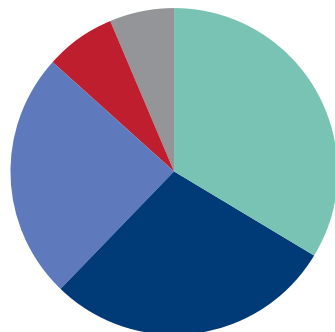
Said COVID-19 negatively impacted high school experience



- 59%** Inability to socialize with friends and classmates
- 23%** Don't feel academically prepared due to online classes
- 13%** Lacked confidence in dealing with people outside family
- 3%** Too much time with family

35%

Saw a positive impact on their high school experience



- 33%** More time with family
- 28%** More time for topics of interest
- 24%** Less frantic lifestyle
- 7%** More time in nature
- 6%** Responsibility for a new family pet

How They Ranked a Year of Online Study:

- Not academically prepared for higher education
- Not socially prepared for higher education
- Not mentally prepared for higher education
- Unable to participate in sports and clubs



Education Savings for a Lifetime.

