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Statewide COVID-19 Student Impact Survey Report of Results

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STATEWIDE COVID-19 STUDENT IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE



Ascertain how students are transitioning back to in-person instruction across institutions.



Overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, as well as the impact on student mental and physical health.



Financial impact on students and their families.



Provide comparative information for each institution or groups of institutions across the State.

Response Rates and Sampling Error by Sector of Institution

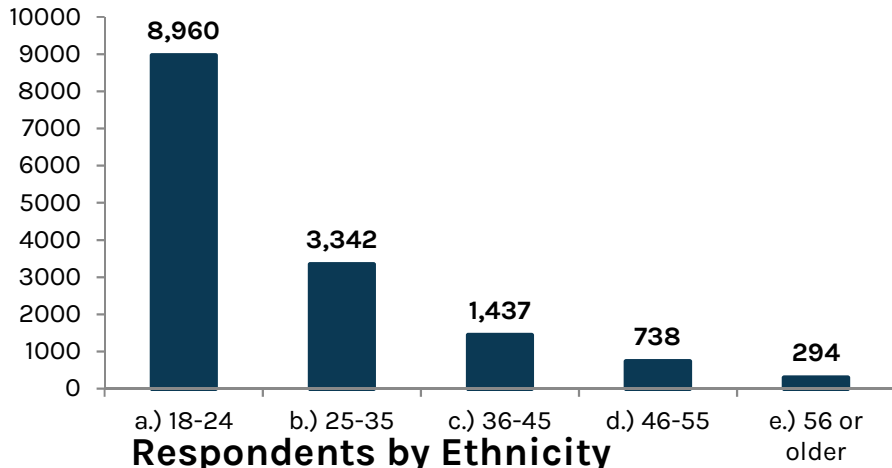
Sector	Fall 2021 Preliminary		Respondents		Sample Error at 95% Confidence Level	Response Rate- Estimated
	Enrollment	%		%		
Community College	114,752	30.2%	3,163	20.6%	1.7%	2.76%
Senior Public	182,665	48.0%	6,712	43.7%	1.2%	3.67%
Independent, Not-for-Profit	63,671	16.7%	1,857	12.1%	2.2%	2.92%
Independent, For-Profit	8,391	2.2%	439	2.9%	4.6%	5.23%
Religious	10,681	2.8%	90	0.6%	10.3%	0.84%
Unknown Sector/Institution*		0.0%	3,087	20.1%	1.5%	
Grand Totals	380,160	100.0%	15,348	100.0%	0.8%	4.04%

* Approximately 20 percent of respondents didn't indicate the institution they were attending and thus a sector of institution could not be identified. 62 out of 89 degree-granting institutions had at least one student respondent for a total institutional participation rate of approximately 70%.

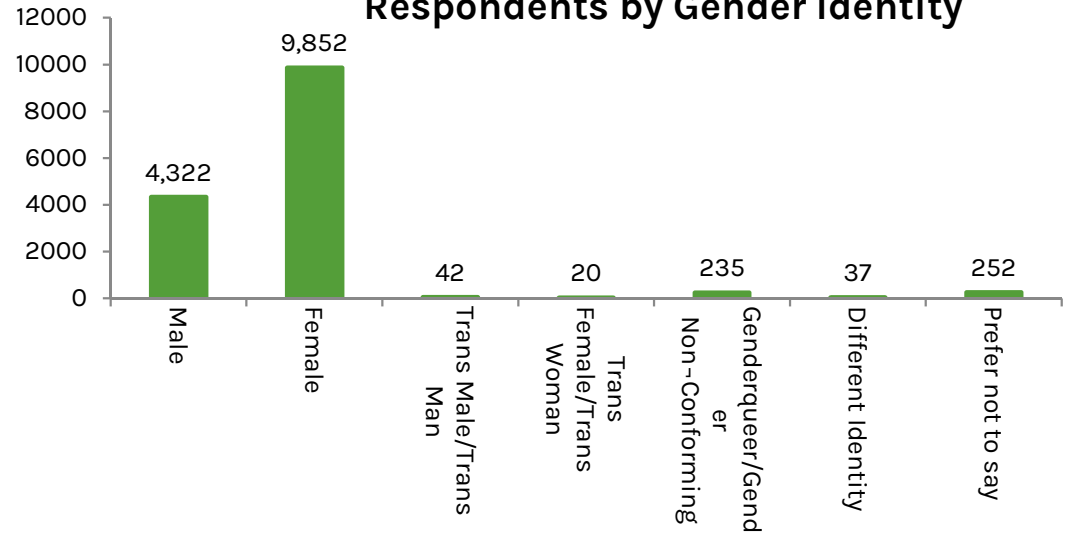


- Senior Public Institutions had the largest number of respondents, however, independent- for-profits had the largest response rate, over 5%.
- A significant number of respondents (20%) didn't indicate the institution they were currently attending.
- Overall, a sampling error of about 1%, however significant variation in sampling error between institutional sectors (low of 1.2% and a high of 10.3%).

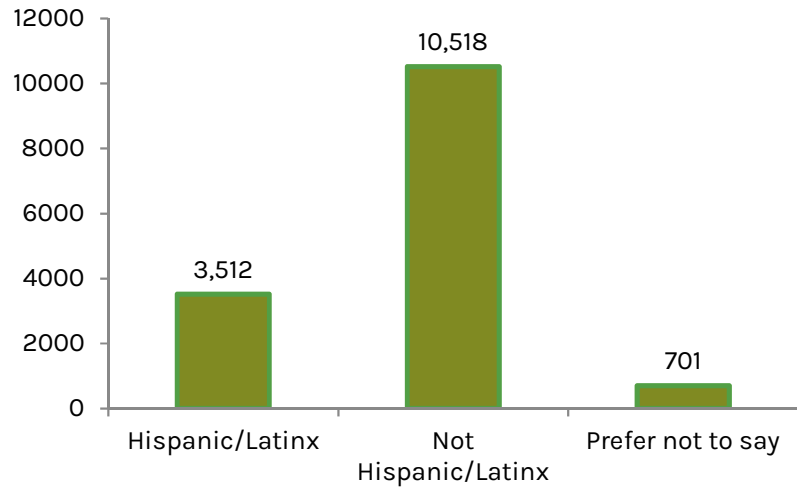
Respondents by Age Range



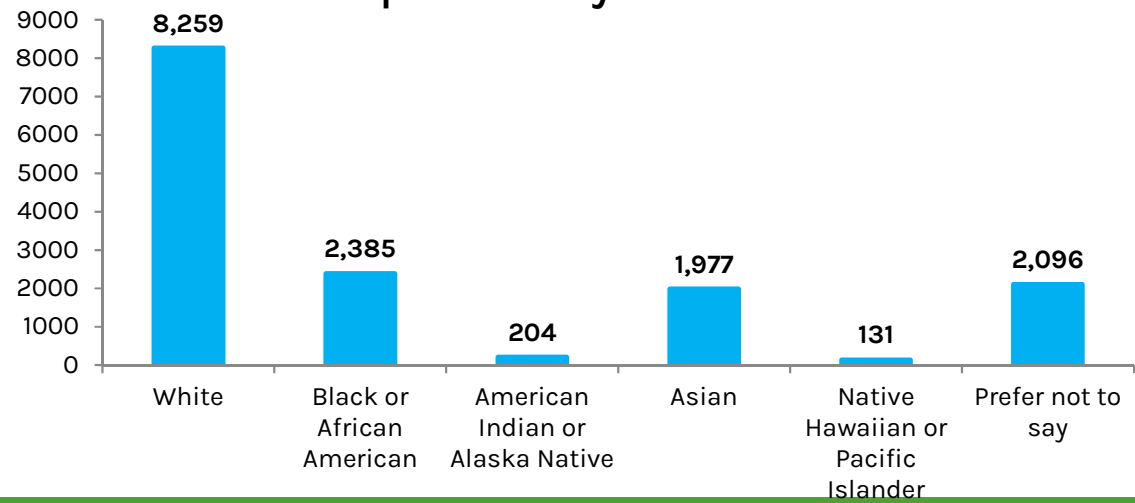
Respondents by Gender Identity



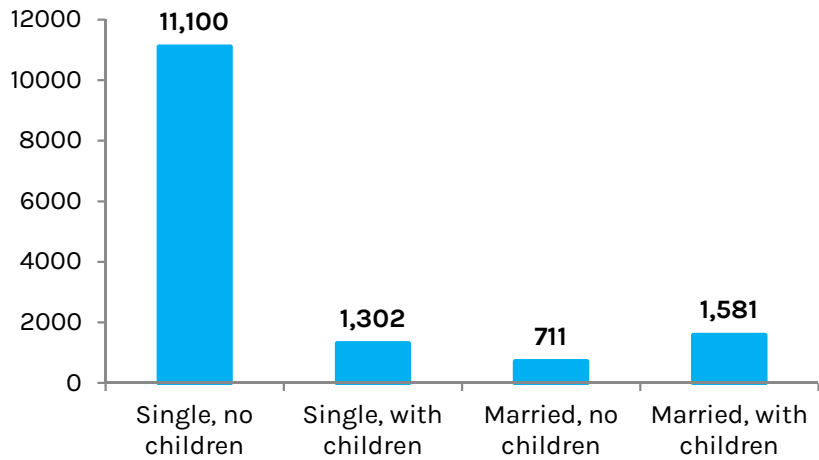
Respondents by Ethnicity



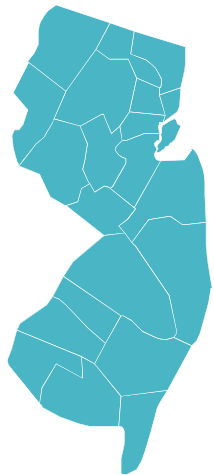
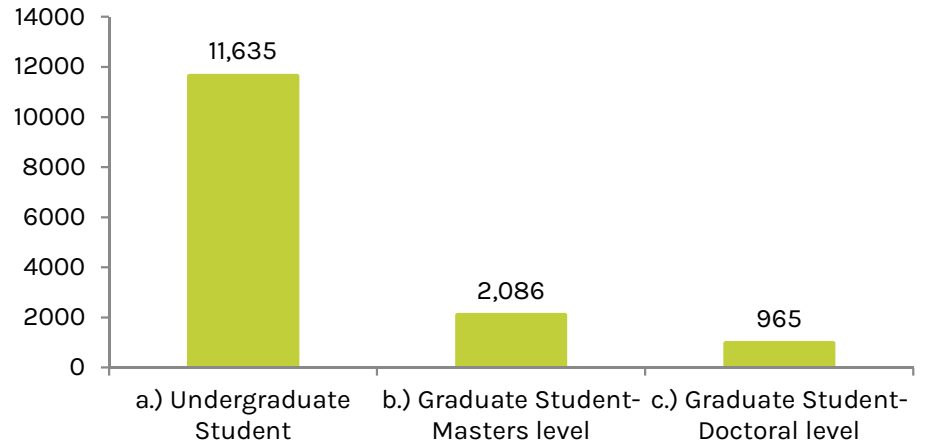
Respondents by Race



Respondents by Marital/Family Status

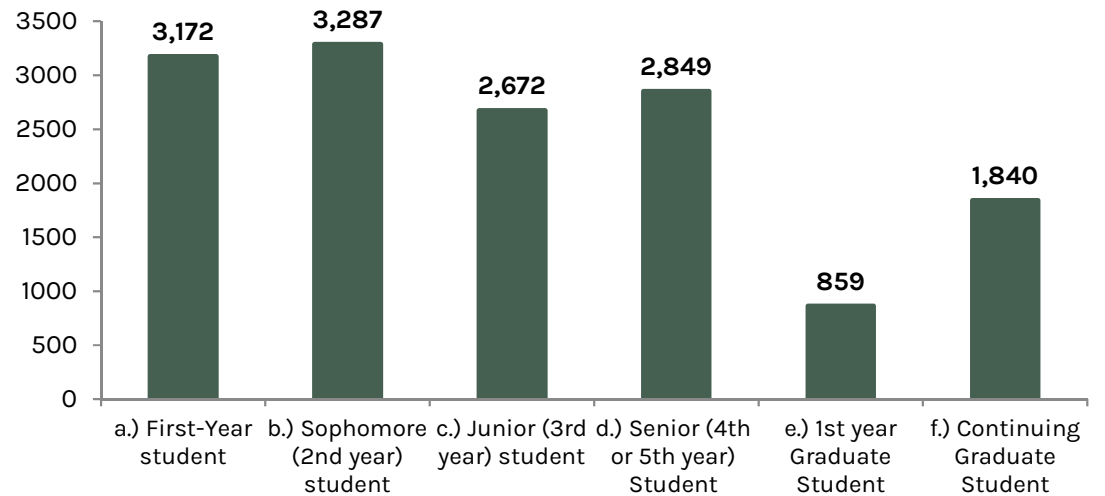


Respondents by Student Level

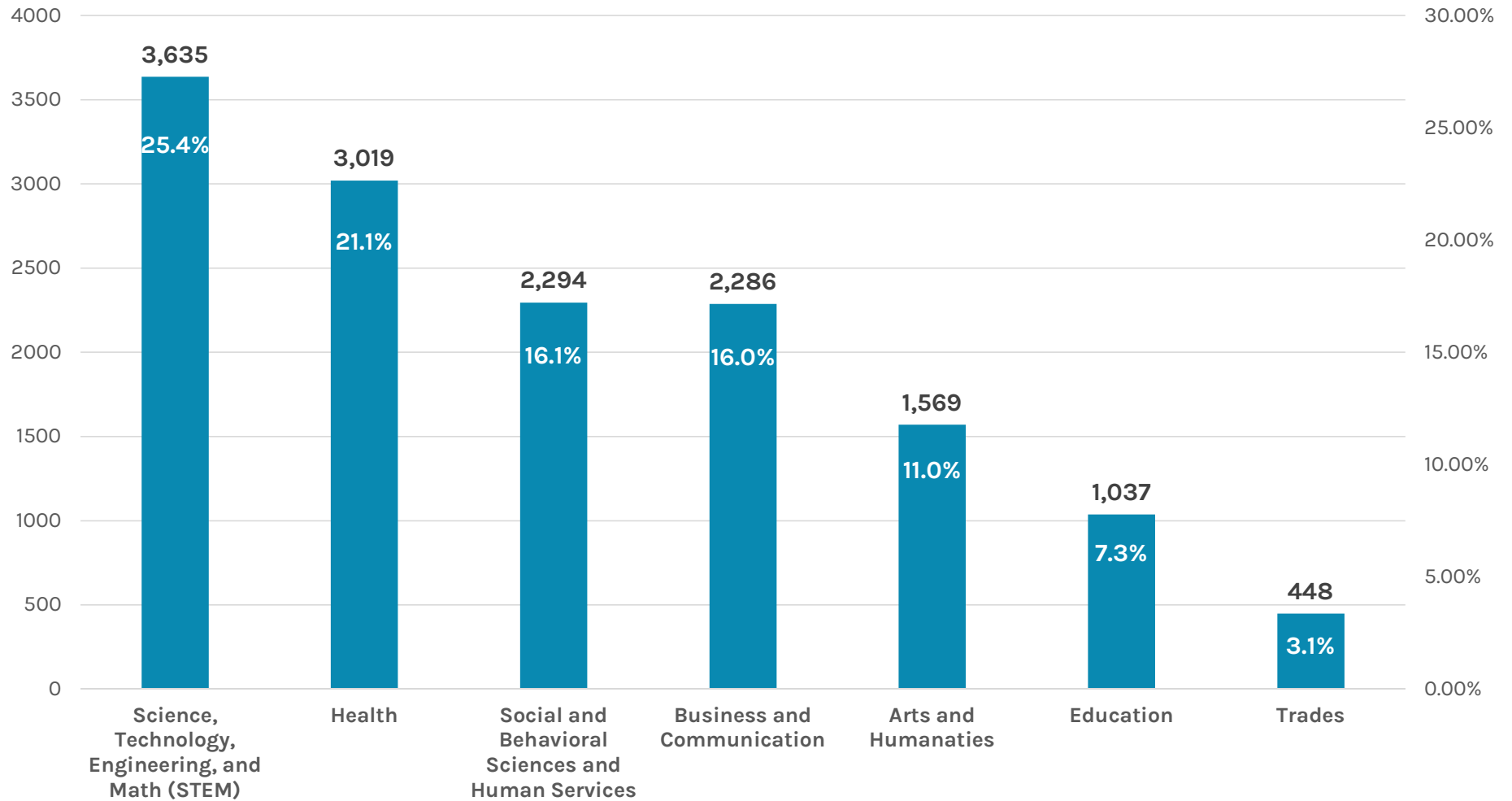


13,231 (90%) Respondents reported being New Jersey Residents

Respondents by Class Level



Respondents by Program Area/Major



COVID-19 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE HIGHLIGHTS

70% were aware of their institution's COVID-19 mitigation measures



60% were confident in their institution's policies + general health/safety protocols



70% rated current level of stress/anxiety as higher/much higher than last year at this time



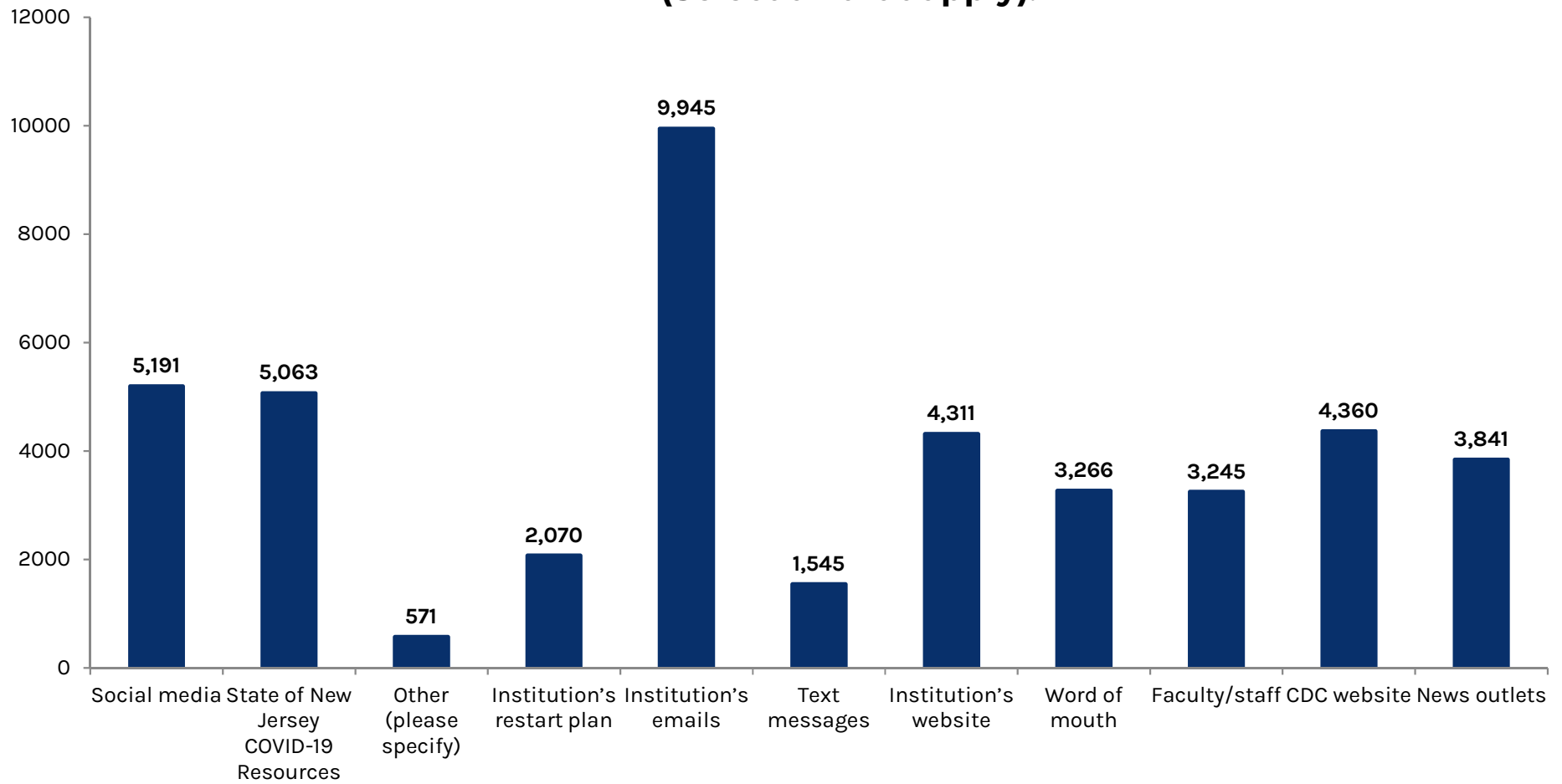
37% lost a job as a result of the pandemic (35% had a family member who lost a job)



32% incurred significant credit card debt over the last year



I have received most of my information regarding COVID-19 protocols and updates from (Select all that apply):





Please rate your agreement with the following statements....

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My institution clearly communicated COVID-19 mitigation measures and policies for the fall 2021 semester.



I have the tools necessary to complete any online/remote or hybrid coursework for this semester



I know where to find the most up-to-date information about my institution's policies (vaccine requirements, masking, remote instruction, etc.) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic for the fall 2021 semester.



Despite the pandemic, I remain motivated to pursue my higher education goals.



Despite the pandemic, I have been able to stay on-track to achieve my degree/credential.



I have confidence in COVID-19 vaccinations.



I have confidence that my institution's general health and safety measures will decrease the spread of COVID-19.



I believe students at my institution will abide by mask mandates and guidelines.

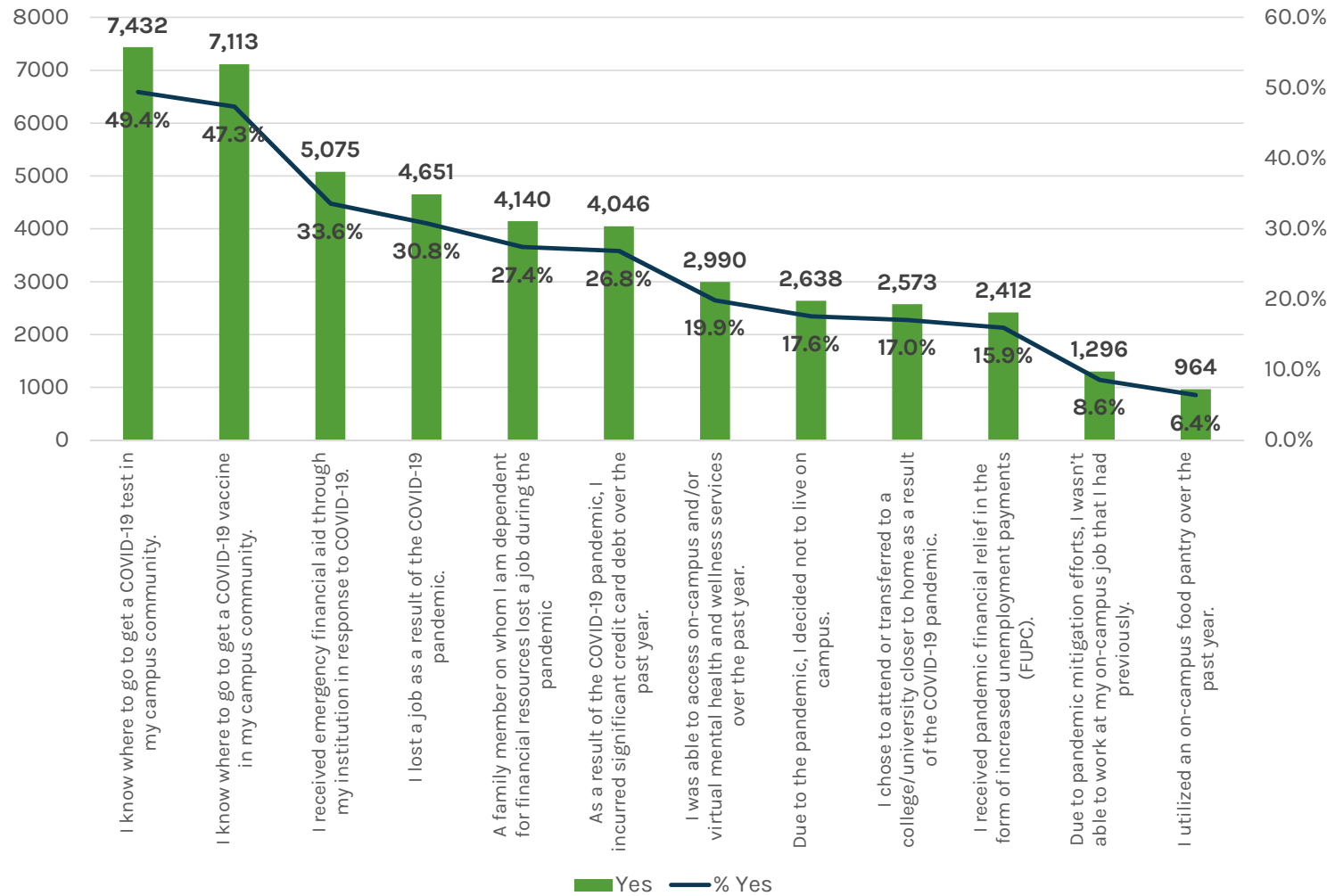


If available, I utilize my institution's online COVID-19 dashboard.



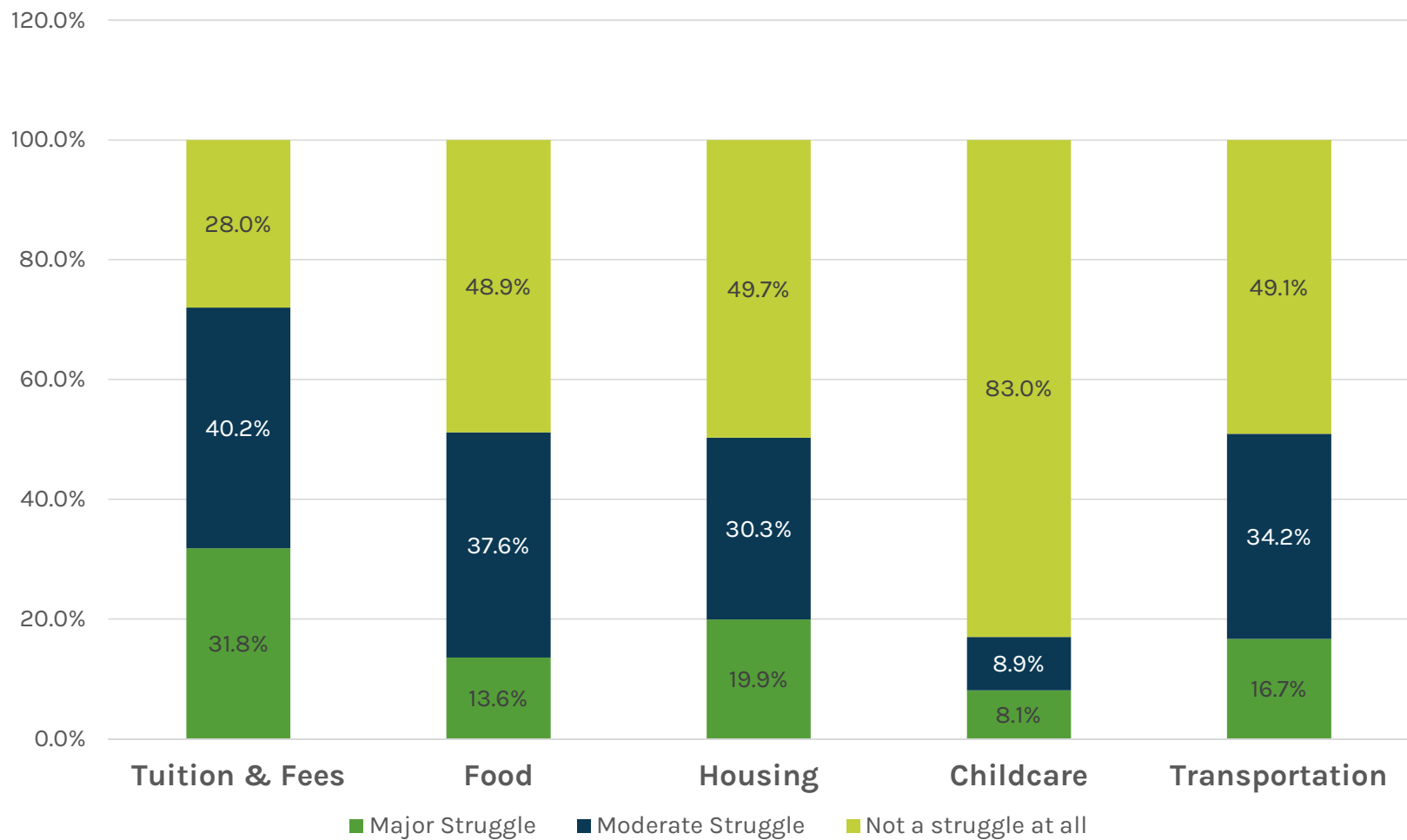
Strongly disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Strongly agree Not Applicable

Respondents who stated Yes to the following statements...

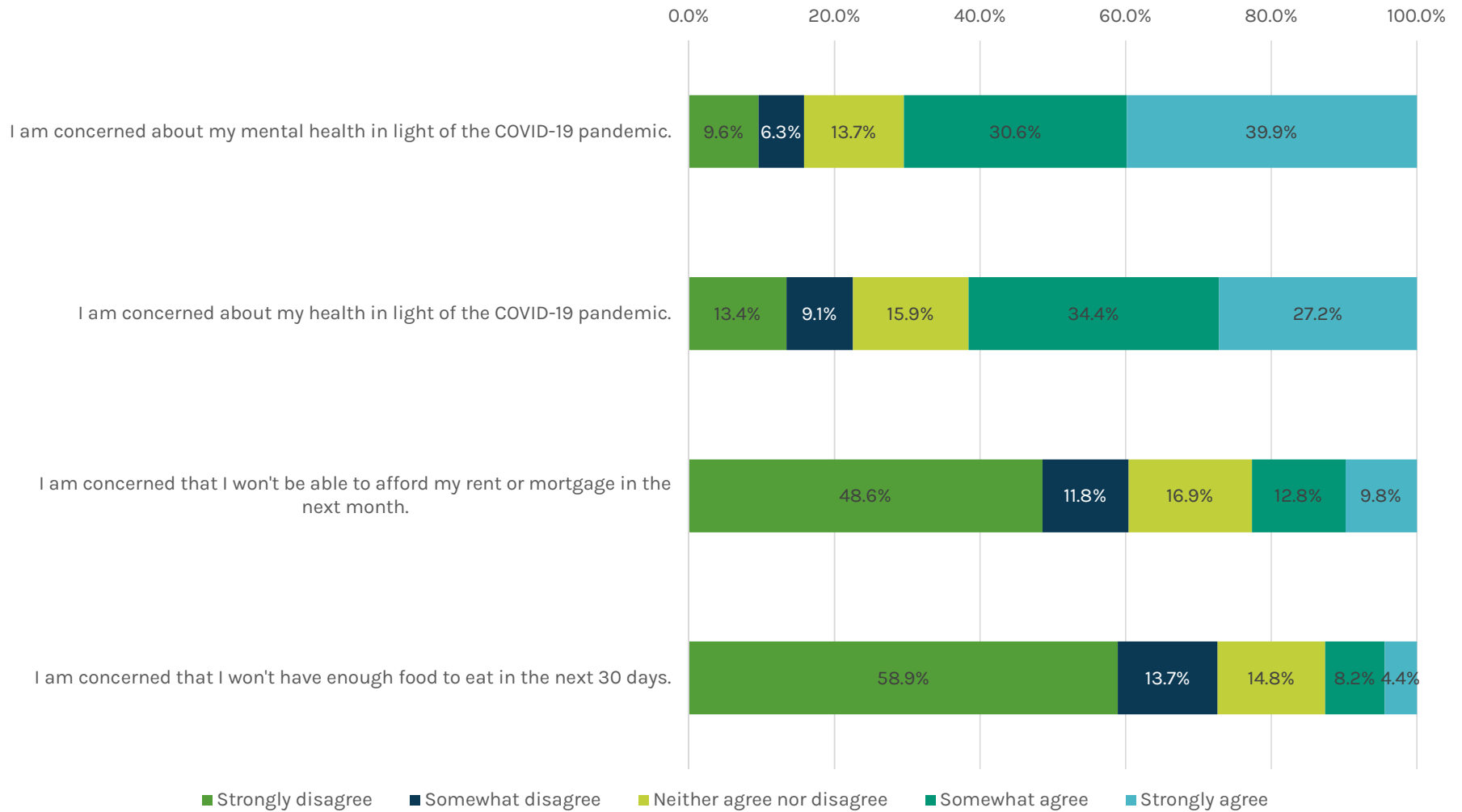




Please rate how much you struggled to pay the following educational costs over this past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

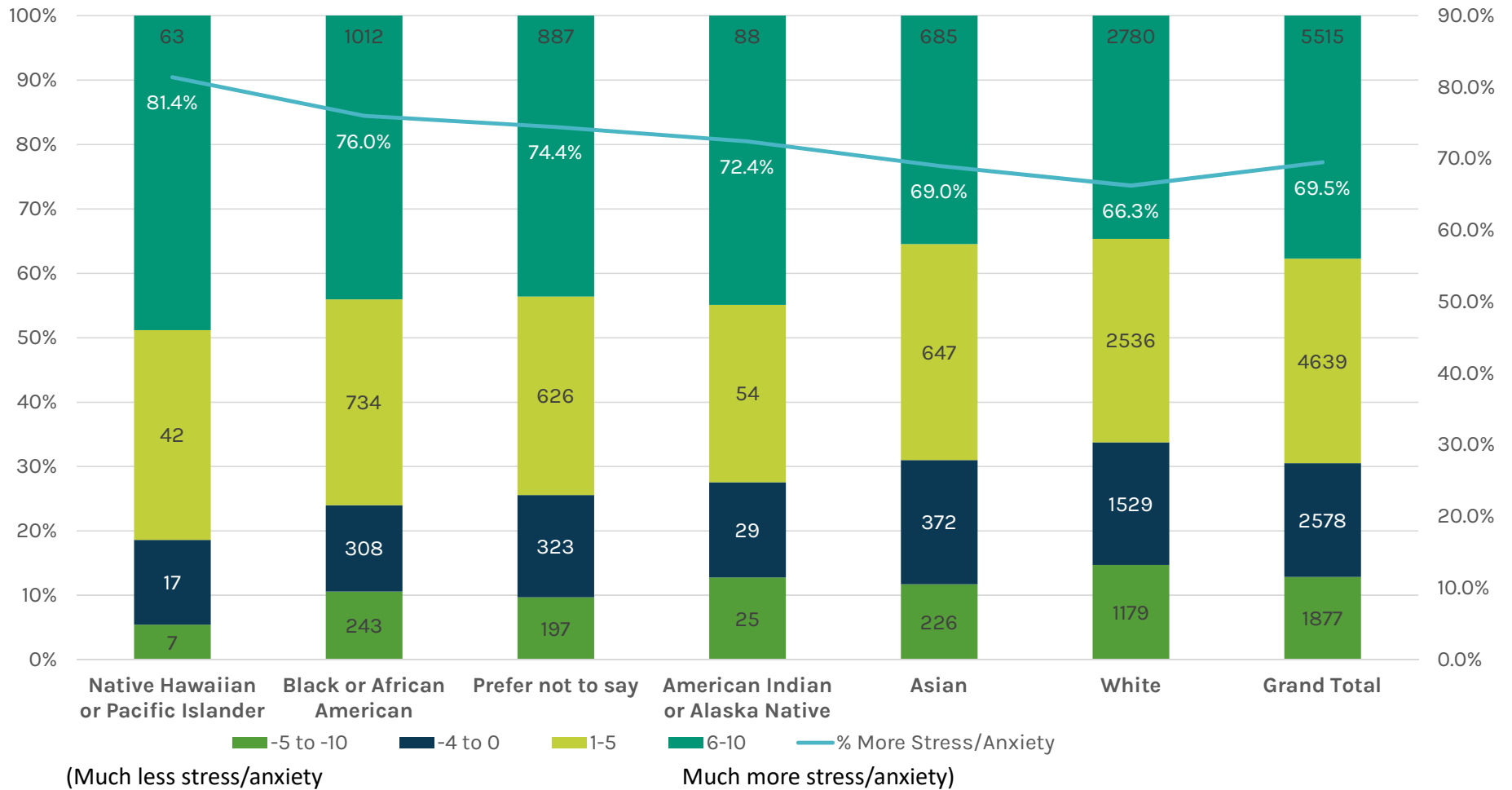


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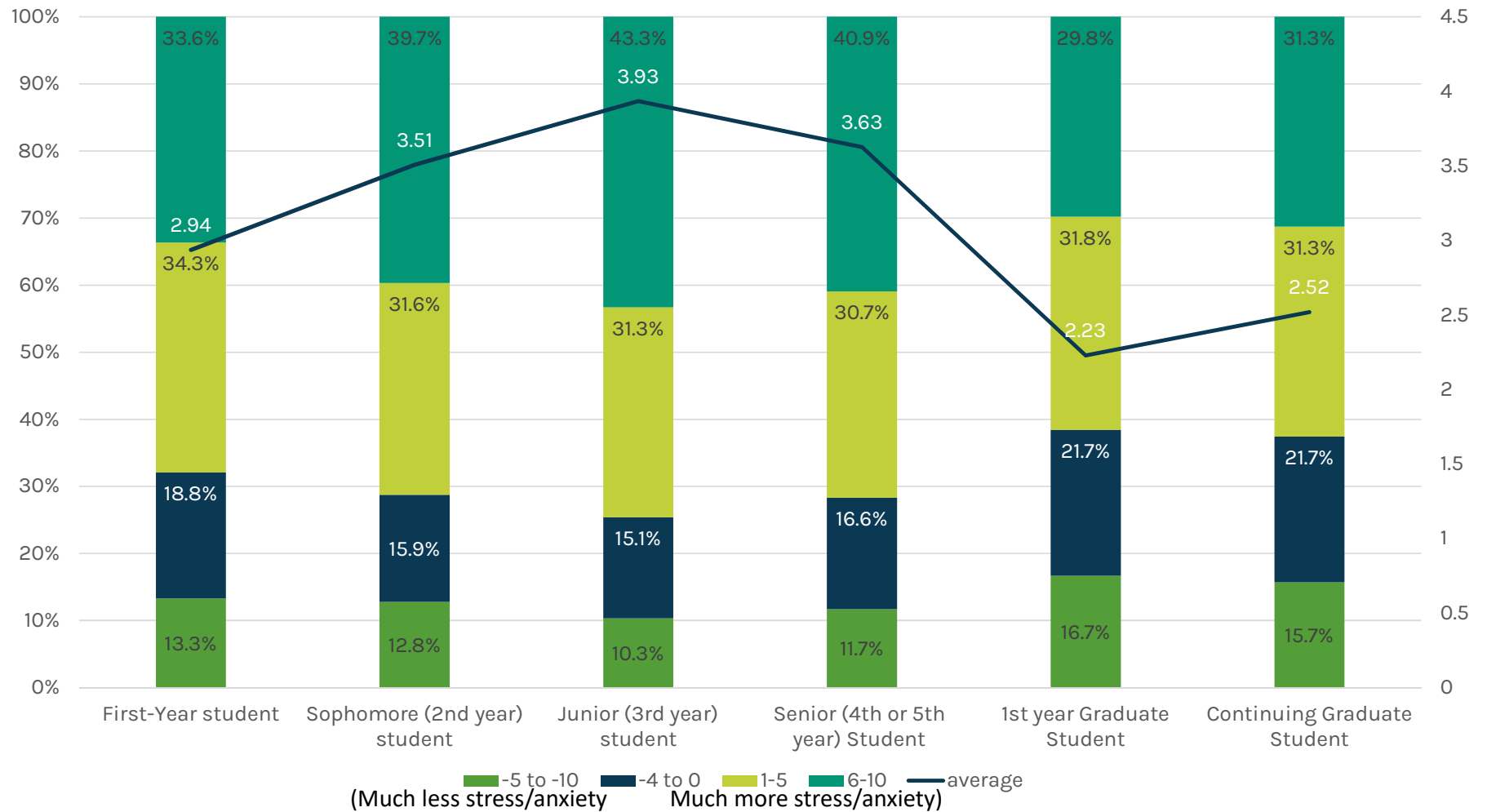




How does your current level of stress/anxiety related to the pandemic compare to last year at this time?



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RESULTS BY INSTITUTIONAL SECTOR

COVID-19 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE SECTOR DIFFERENCES

Public, 4-year respondents were less likely to feel motivated to persist toward degree completion and graduation

Community college and proprietary respondents were more likely to receive unemployment benefits

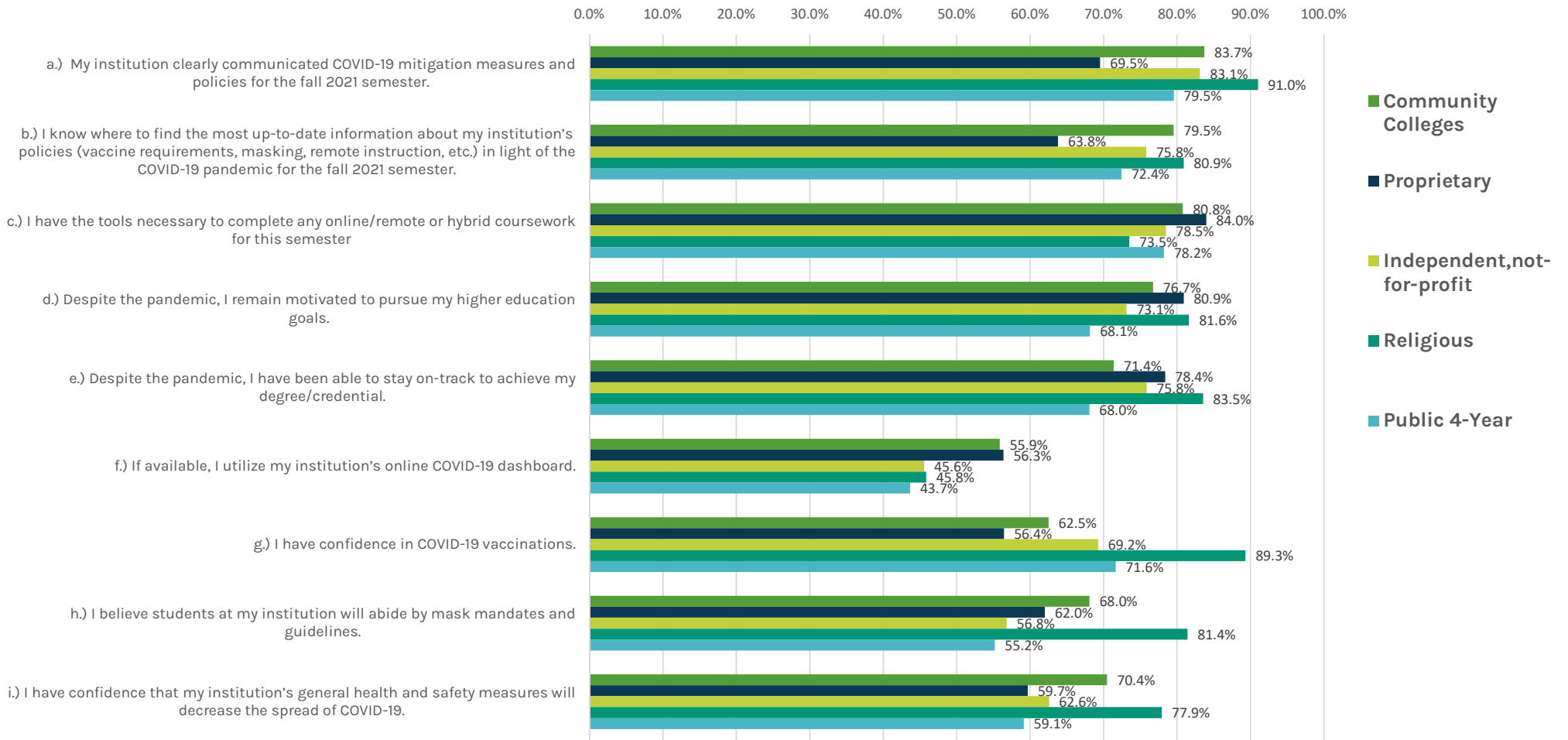
47% of community college respondents received emergency financial aid (highest across all sectors)

Community college respondents (34%) were more likely to transfer to an institution closer to home (compared to 22% for proprietary respondents; 18% for public, 4-years; and 14% for independents)

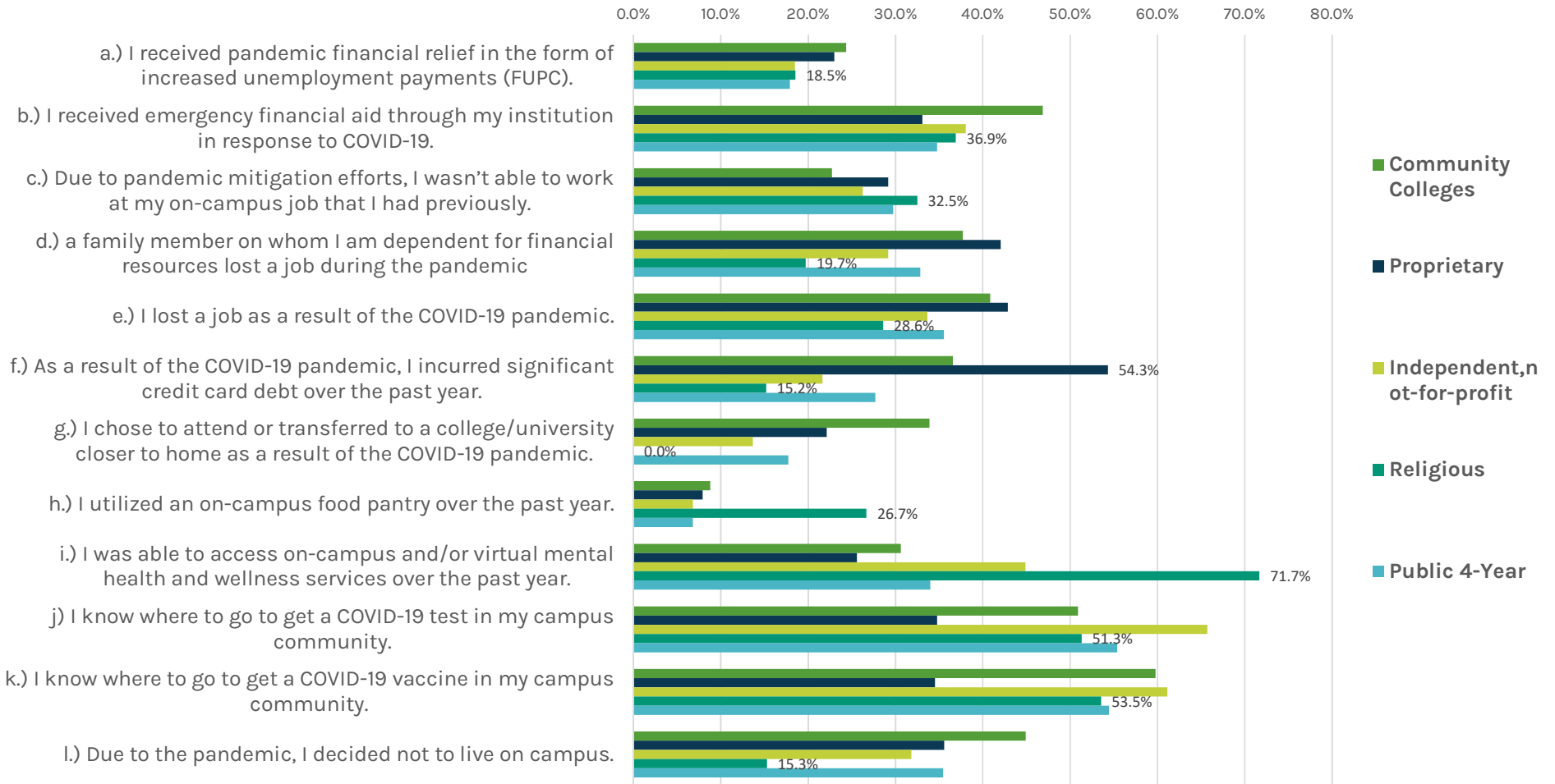
More than half of **proprietary respondents** incurred significant credit card debt over the past year. More than 40% said they or a family member on whom they are dependent lost a job during the past year.

Public, 4-year and independent respondents were less likely to agree that their peers abide by their institutions' mask mandates/guidelines.

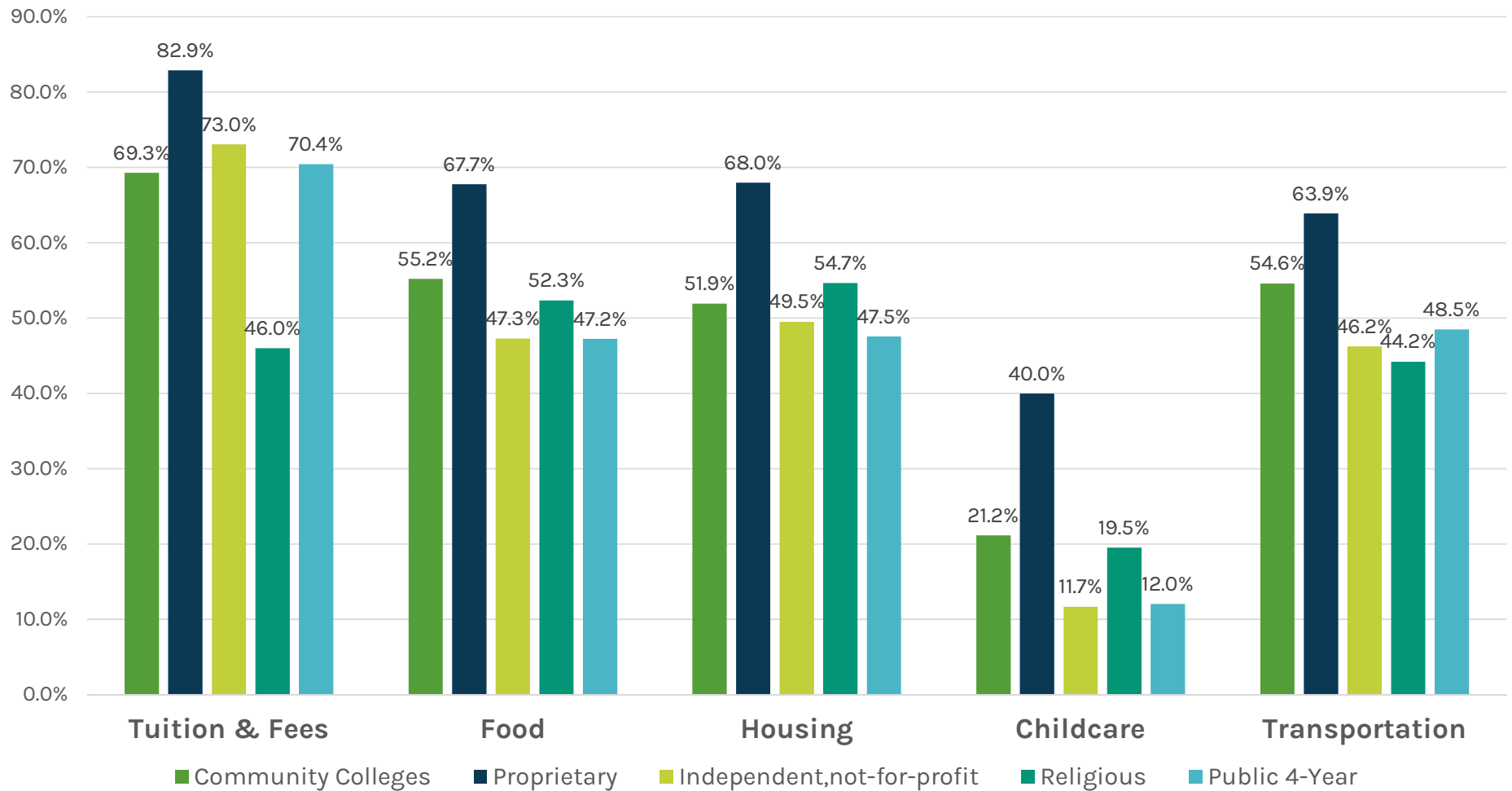
Percent Respondents that Somewhat or Strongly Agreed with Statement



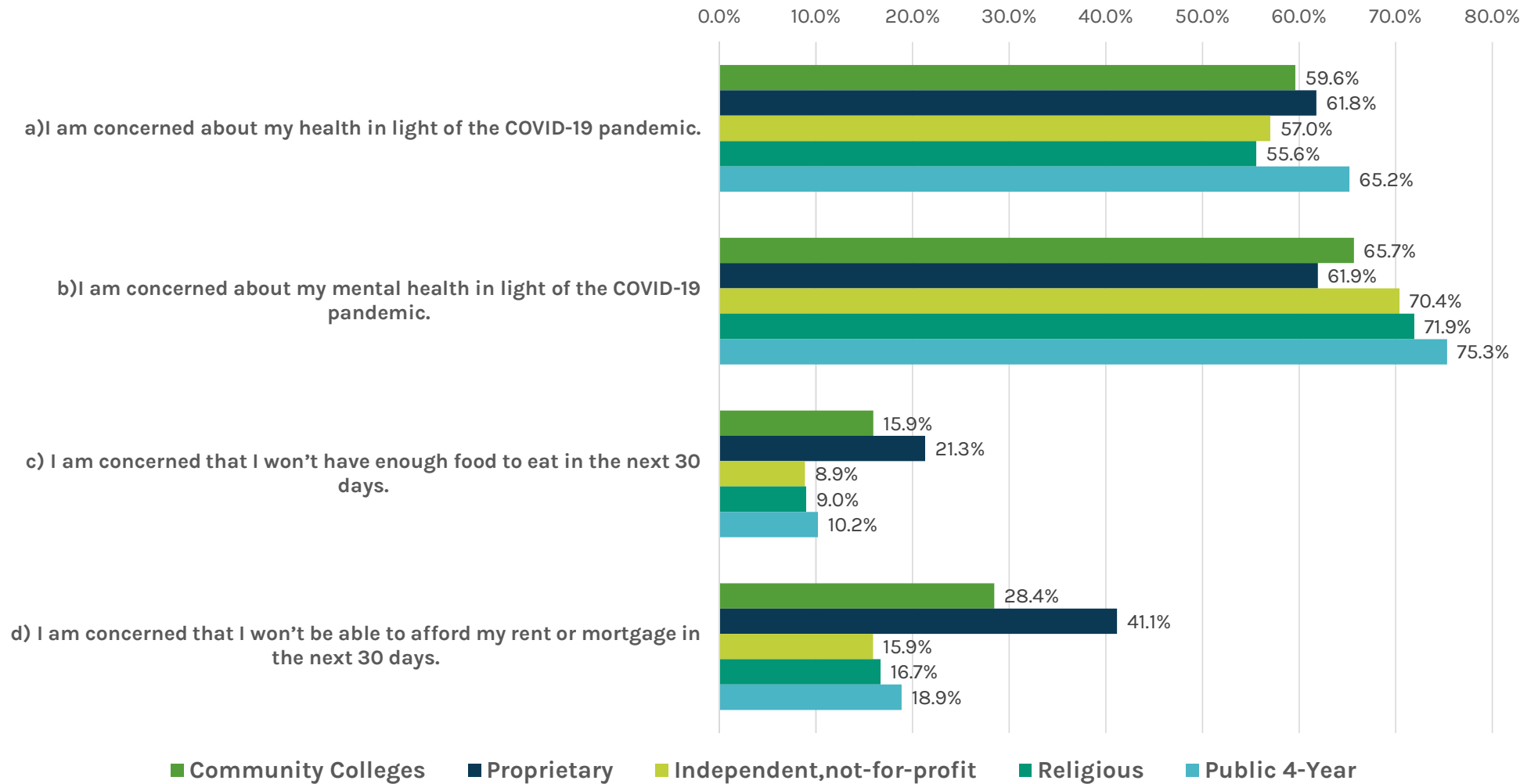
Percent that responded Yes to the following statements:



Percent of Respondents who stated the following was a moderate or major struggle to pay over the last year:

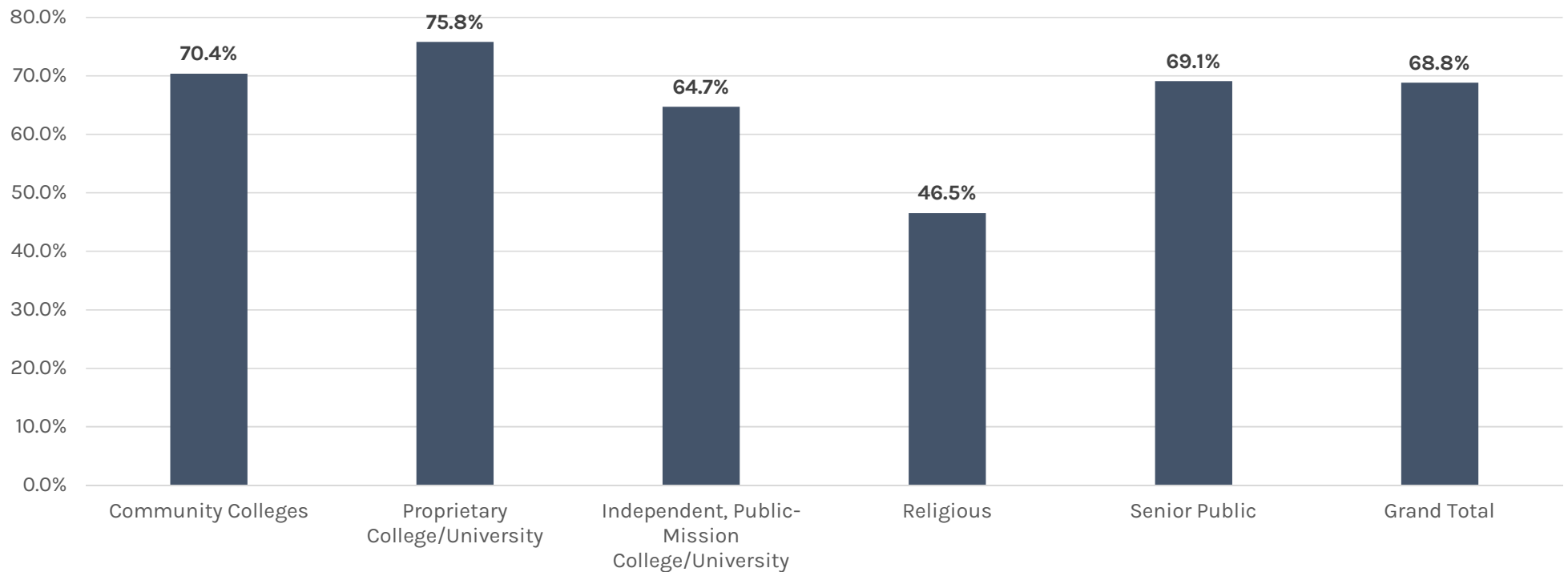


Percent of Respondents who Somewhat Agree or Strongly Agree with the following Statements:



COVID-19 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE STRESS & ANXIETY

How does your current level of stress/anxiety related to the pandemic compare to last year at this time?
Percent More Stress/Anxiety

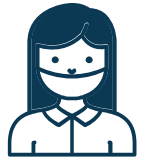




RESULTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY

COVID-19 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE HIGHLIGHTS

81% of minority student respondents were aware of their institution's COVID-19 mitigation measures, a similar percentage to White respondents



66% of minority student respondents were confident in their institutions' policies + general health/safety protocols, compared to 62.5% of White respondents



76% of minority students rated their current level of stress/anxiety as higher/much higher than last year at this time, compared to 64% for White respondents



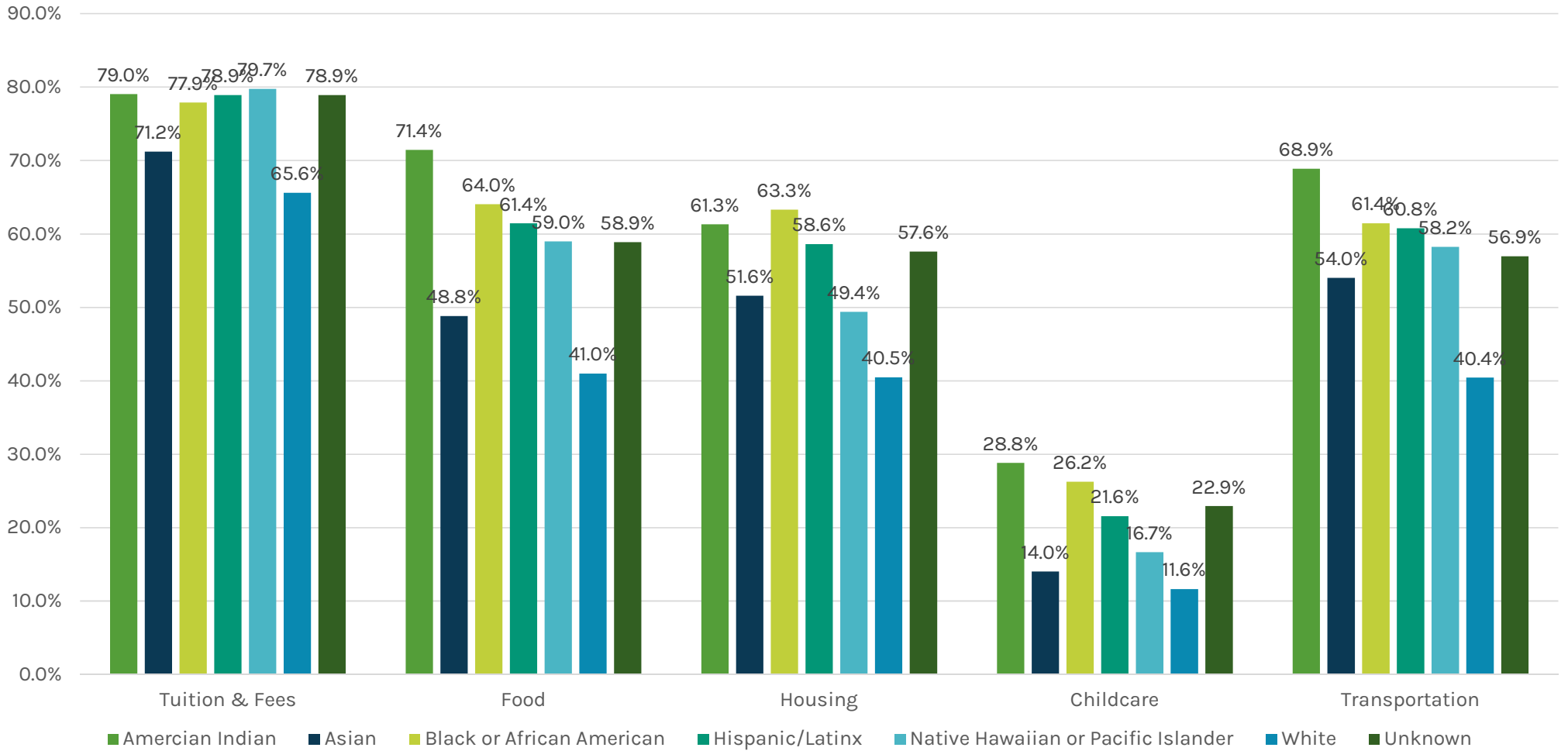
43% of minority respondents lost a job as a result of the pandemic (and a slightly greater number, 45% had a family member who lost a job), compared to 33% and 27% respectively for White respondents



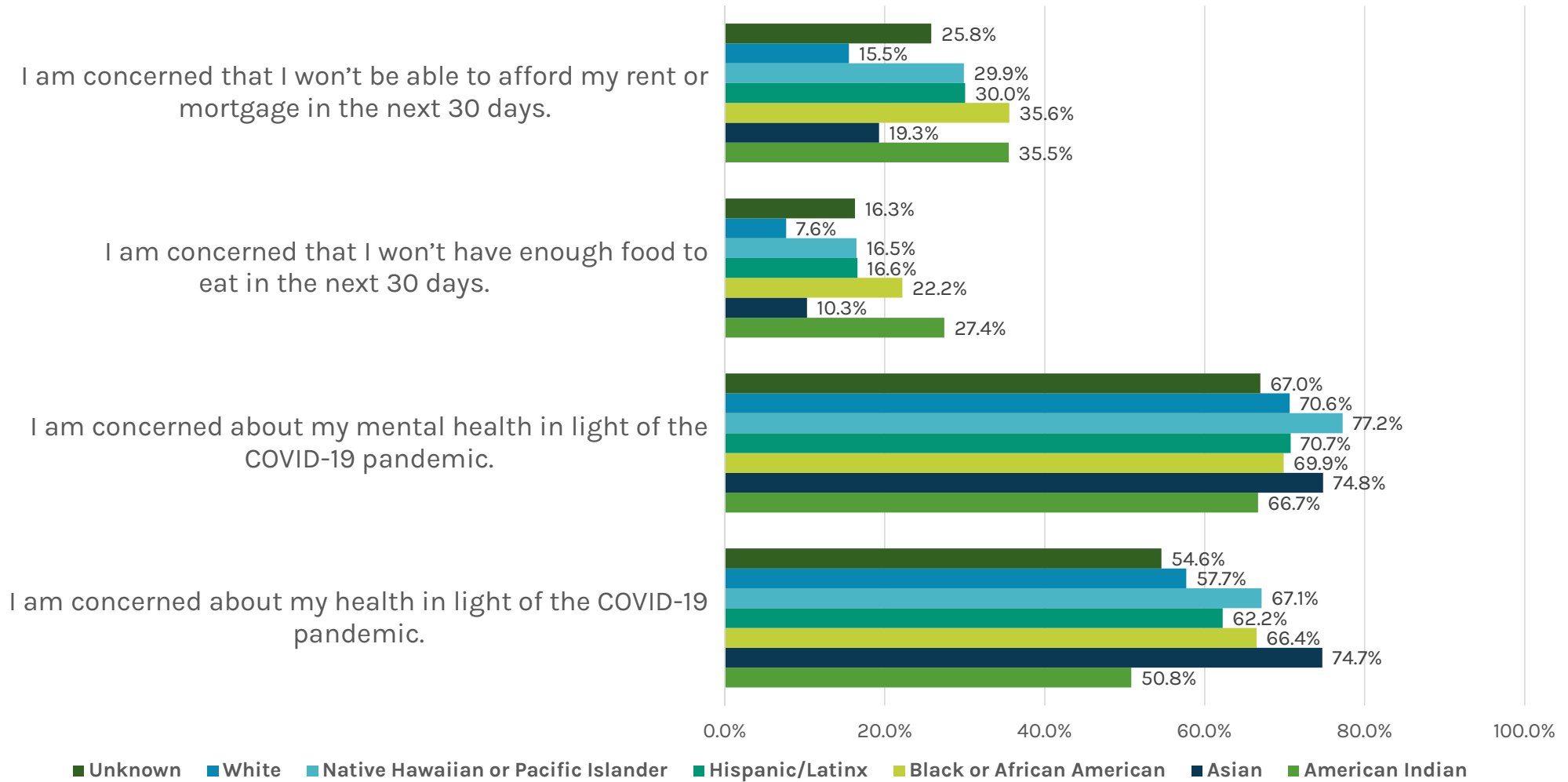
45% of minority respondents incurred significant credit card debt over the last year, compared to 23% for White respondents



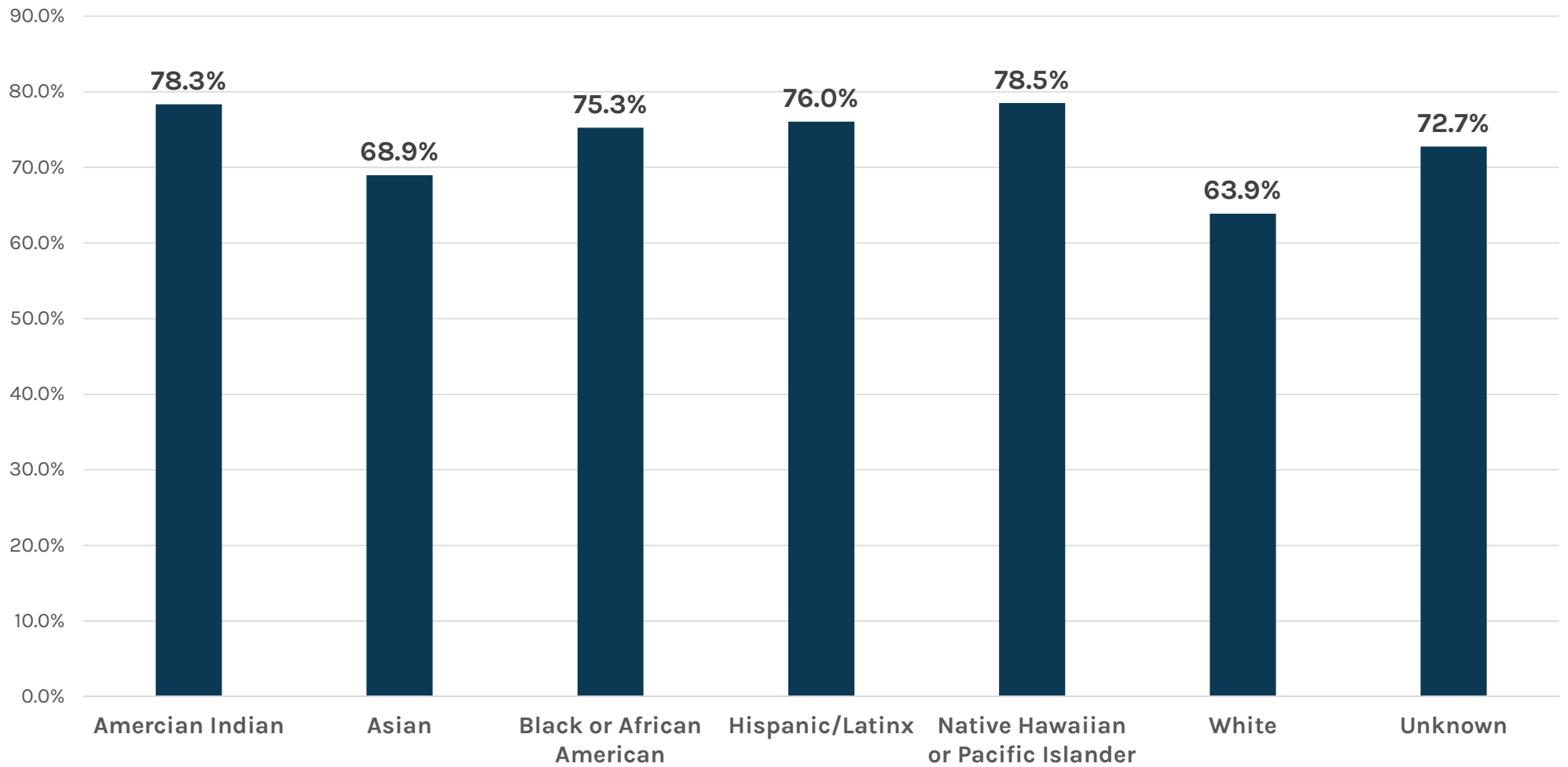
Percent of Respondents who stated the following was a Moderate or Major Struggle to Pay within the Last Year



Percent Somewhat or Strongly Agree with followign statements.....



How does your current level of stress/anxiety related to the pandemic compare to last year at this time?
Percent More Stress/Anxiety by Race/Ethnicity





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