

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on postsecondary students, 2020



1 OVERVIEW



Data

- The Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Postsecondary Students (ICPPS) is a crowdsourcing application developed by Statistics Canada.
- Targets all postsecondary students attending colleges or universities in Canada as of March 1st 2020.
- The data was collected through an online questionnaire.
- The data collection period was from April 19, 2020, to May 1, 2020

MANGEMENT QUESTION

What are the key impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on postsecondary students in Canada?

A more future-oriented one

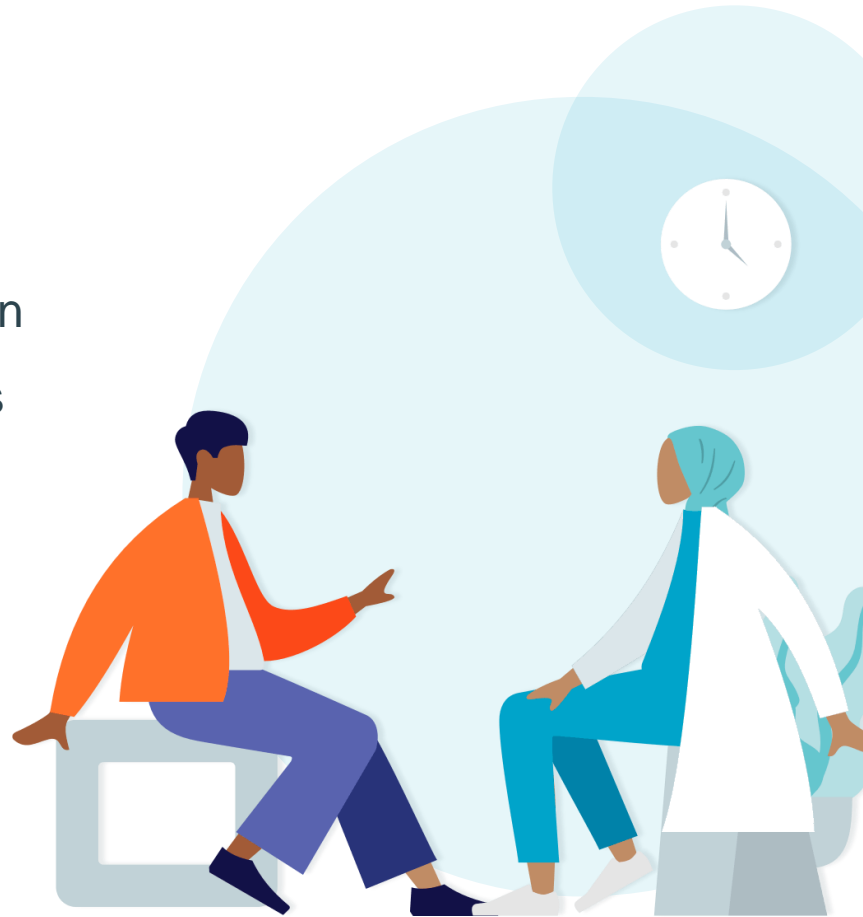
What are the potential key impacts of a future pandemic on postsecondary students, and how can we prepare to mitigate these impacts?





Objective

- Assist institutions and policymakers in understanding how future pandemics could impact students' education, employment, and finances.
- Use these insights to develop strategies and policies to mitigate potential impacts.



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DEMOGRAPHIC



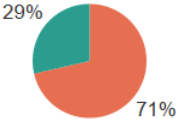
Demographic

Total Number of Respondents

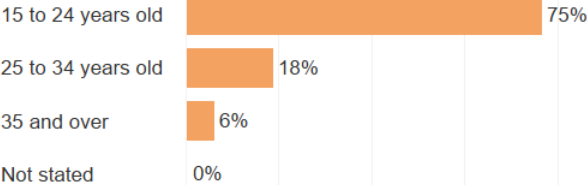
101,902

Gender

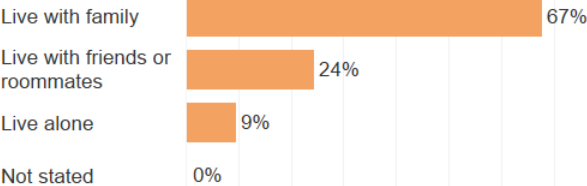
Female
Male



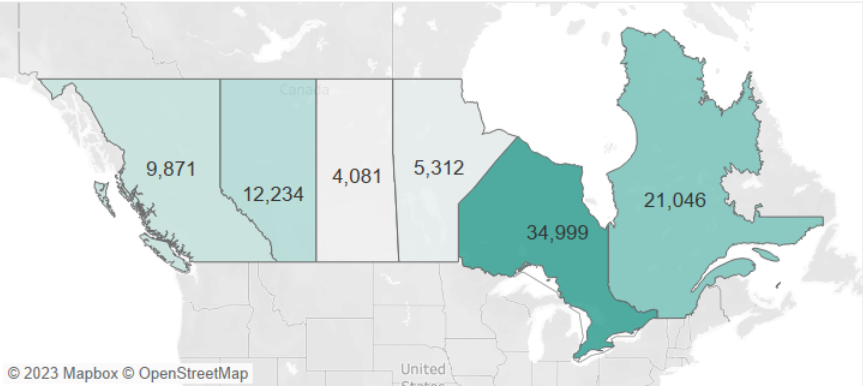
Age Group



Living Arrangement

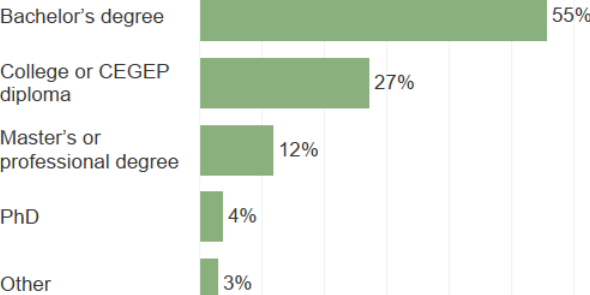


Province or Territory of Postsecondary Educational Institution

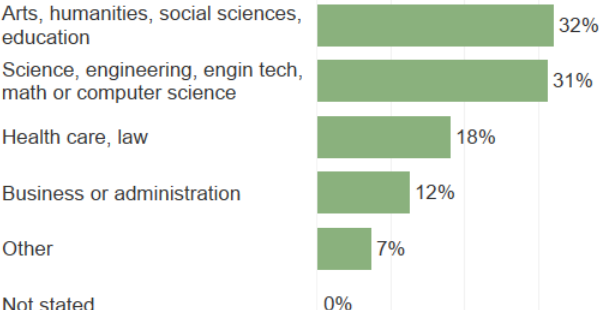


Ontario	34,999	34%
Quebec	21,046	21%
Atlantic Provinces	14,359	14%
Alberta	12,234	12%
British Columbia	9,871	10%
Manitoba	5,312	5%
Saskatchewan	4,081	4%

Program

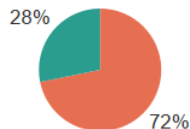


Field of Study

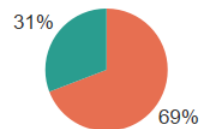


Gender by Level of Study

Undergraduate



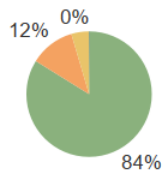
Graduate



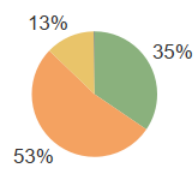
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Age Group by Level of Study

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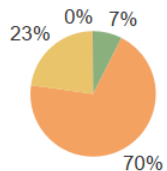
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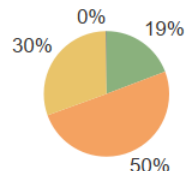
15 to 24 years old
25 to 34 years old
35 and over
Not stated

Living Arrangement by Level of Study

Undergraduate



Graduate



Live alone
Live with family
Live with friends or roommates
Not stated

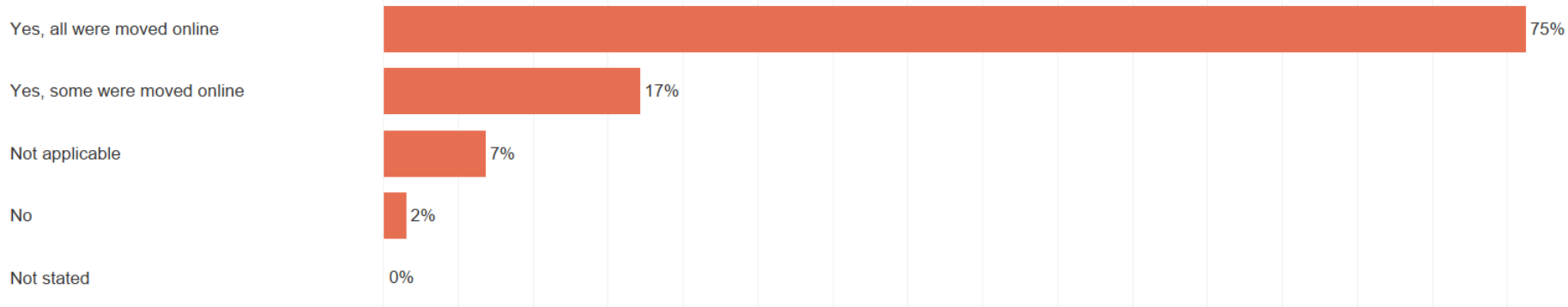
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Academic Disruptions

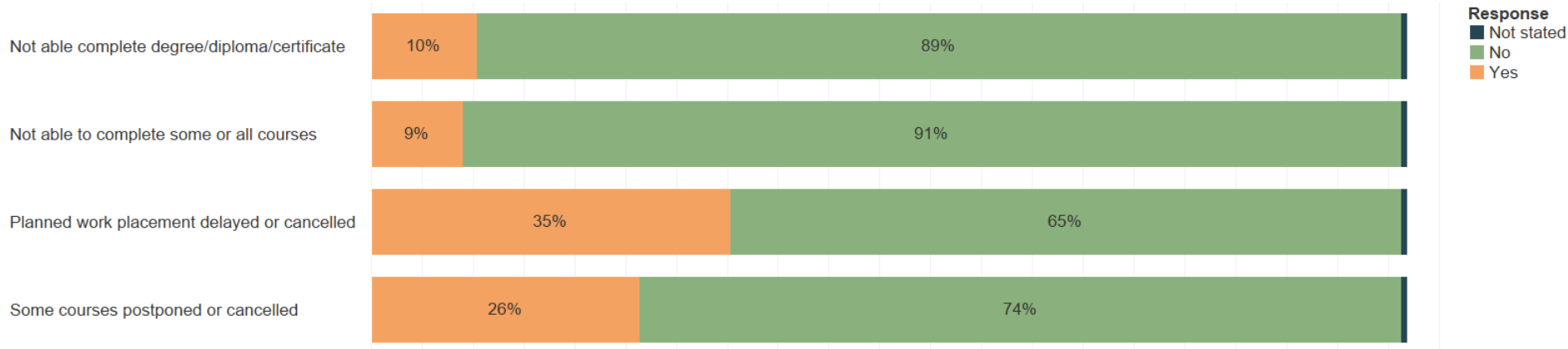


Academic Disruptions

Some or all of courses moved to online learning



As a result of COVID-19...



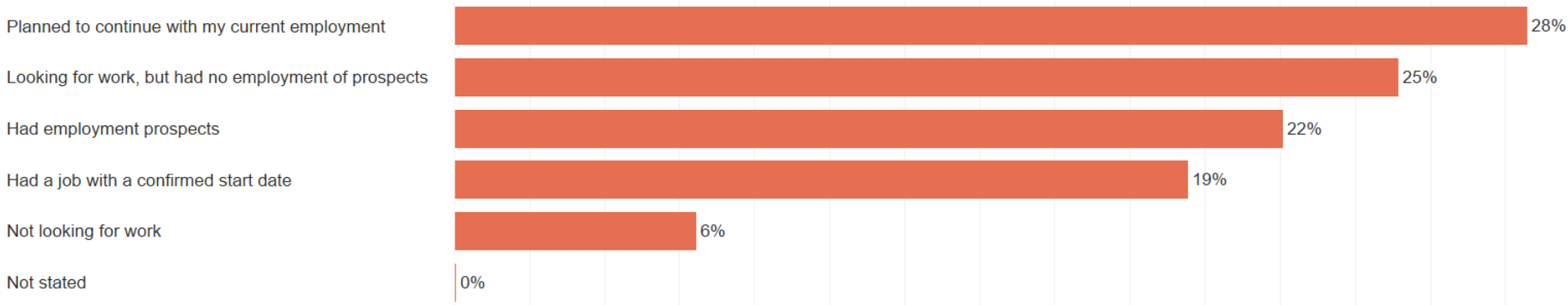
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Employment Disruptions

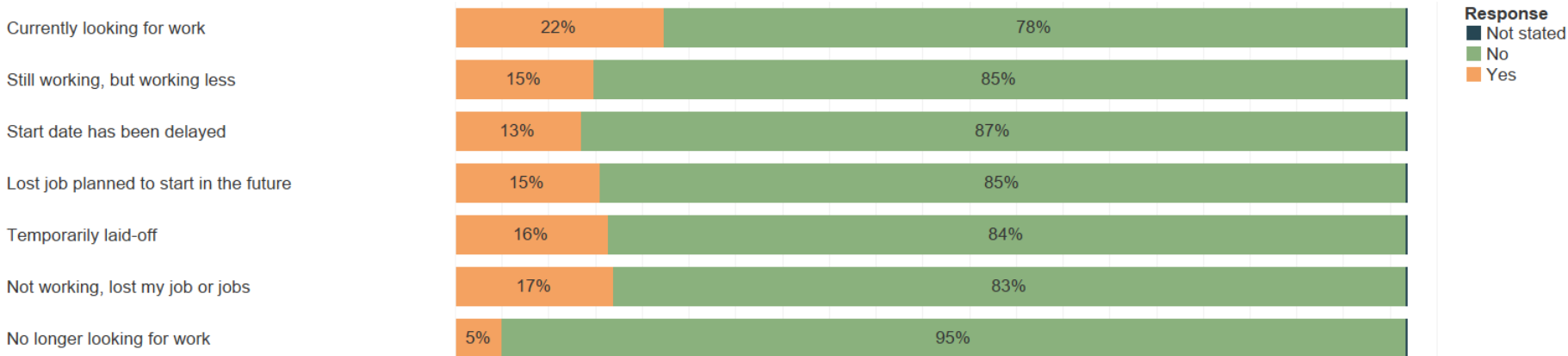


Employment Disruptions

Employment plans upon finishing academic term



Employment situation changed



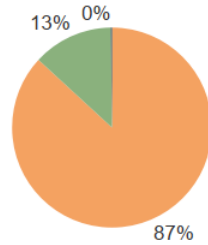
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Concerns on Impacts



Concerns on Academic Impacts

Do respondents have concerns on academic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic?



Response

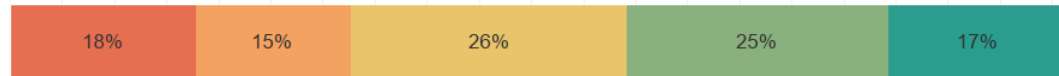
Yes

No

Not stated

How concerned are respondents about...

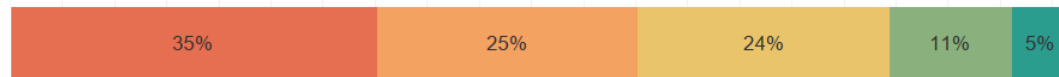
Degree not considered equivalent



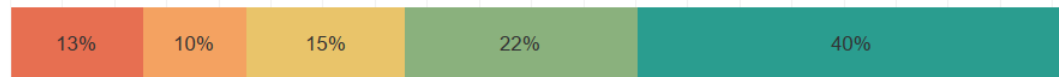
I will not be able to return to school next term



My grades will be affected



Not have access funding opportunities for research



Response

Not stated

Not applicable

Not at all concerned

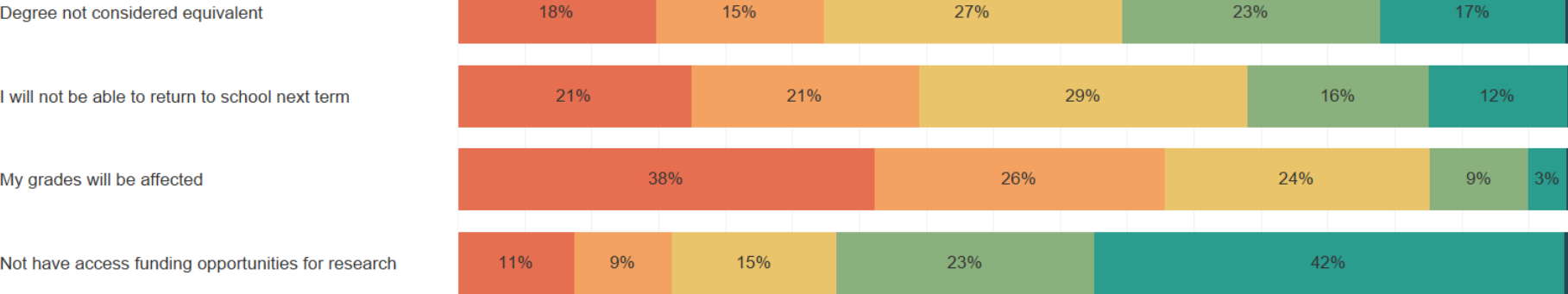
Somewhat concerned

Very concerned

Extremely concerned

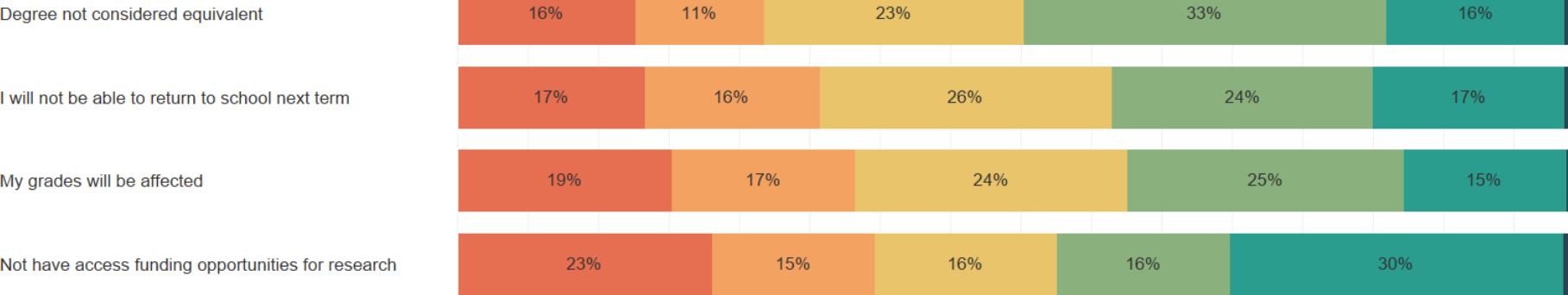
How concerned are undergraduate respondents about...

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How concerned are graduate respondents about...

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Concerns on Financial Impacts

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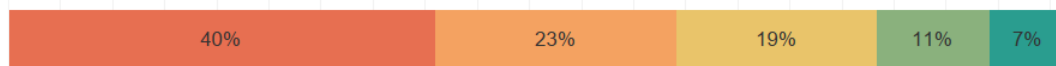
I will have difficulty paying for tuition next term



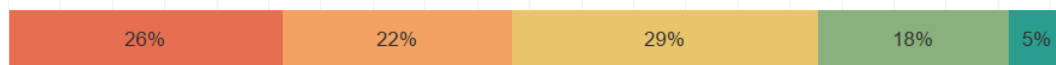
I will have to take on more student deb



I will use up my savings



Not be able keep up with other bills and payments

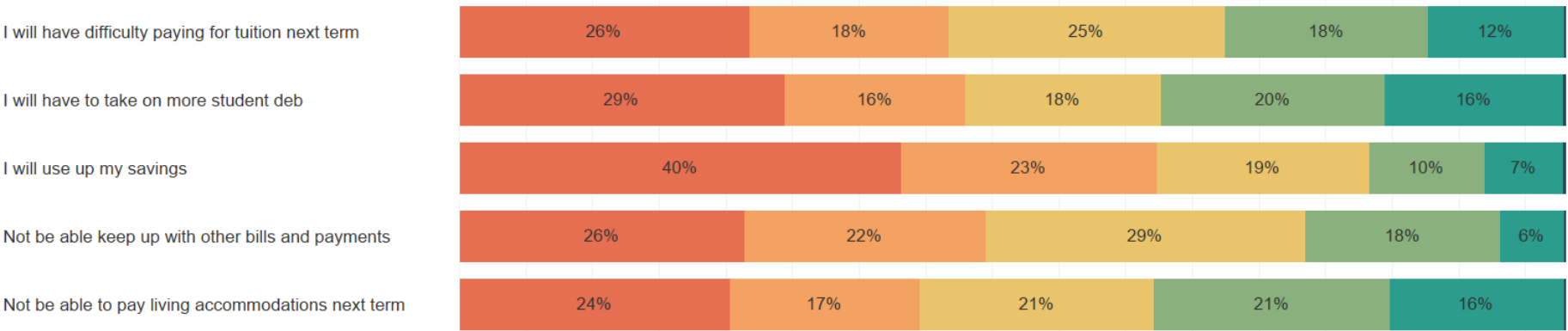


Not be able to pay living accommodations next term



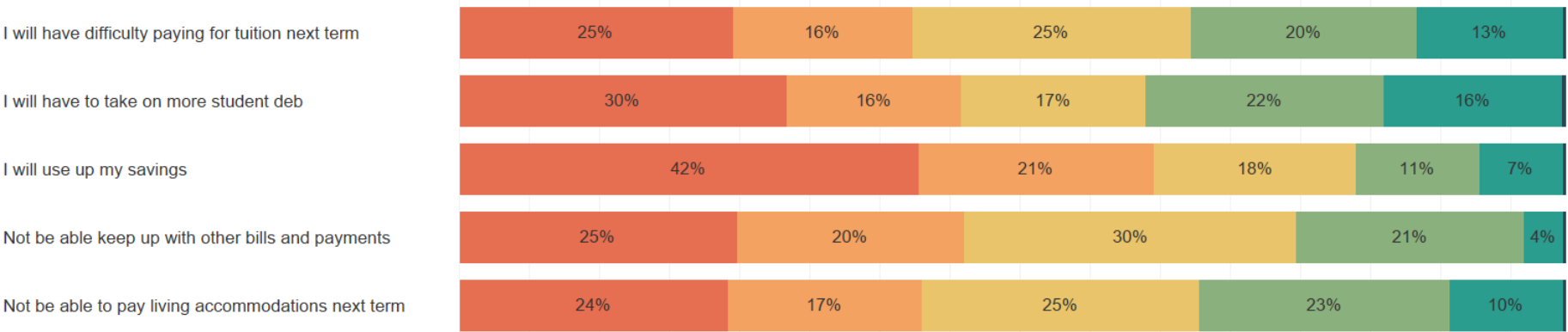
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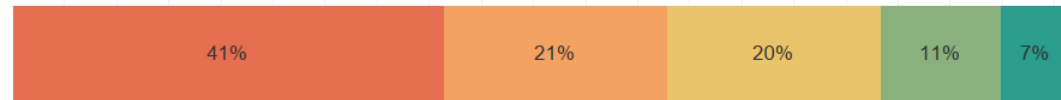


How concerned are respondents about...

I will lose my job or jobs



I will not have prospects for a job in near future



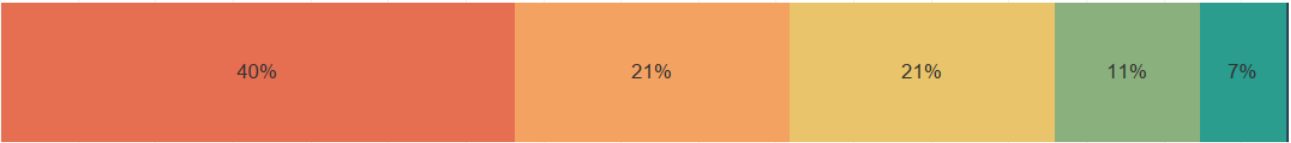
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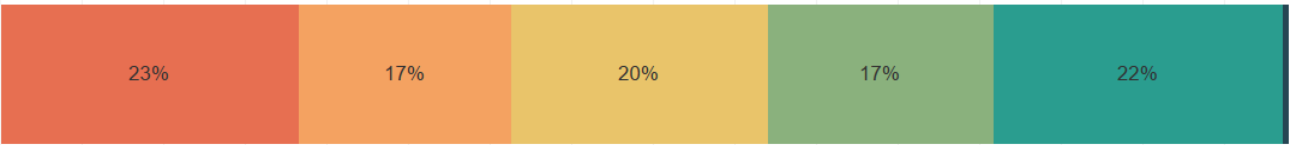
I will not have prospects for a job in near future



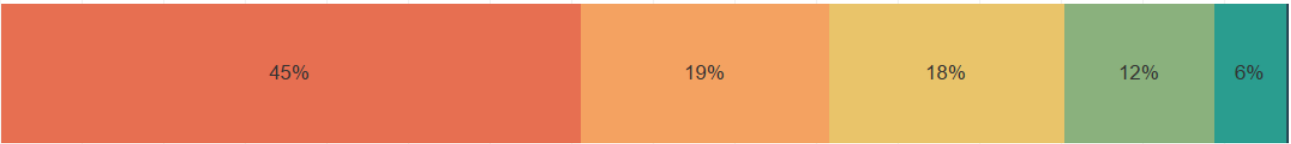
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Conclusion





The survey has demonstrated the disruptions and concerns that post-secondary students face during a pandemic. It serves as a valuable example, highlighting the need for proactive measures and support systems to address the challenges in education, employment, and finances.





By understanding these impacts, educational institutions, government organizations, and policymakers can work towards developing preemptive measures to mitigate future disruptions and better support students in times of crisis.

