



Fall Planning Survey Results

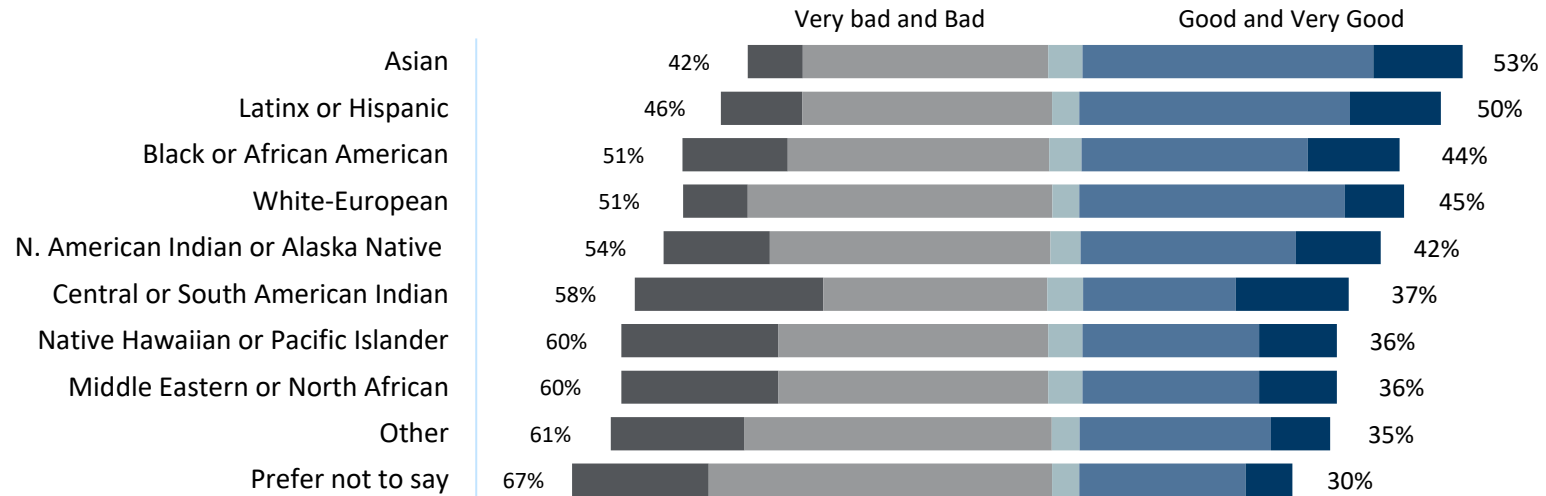
Sorted by Race and Ethnicity

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has conducted an informal survey of Minnesota families about their distance learning experiences. The survey received an overwhelming response from the community. Between June 15 and July 6, MDE collected more than 130,000 completed responses in English, Hmong, Somali and Spanish.

The survey asked a series of questions about parents' experiences with distance learning in the spring of 2020 and their hopes for the 2020-21 school year. Below are the survey responses sorted by self-reported race and ethnicity data.

Question 1: How would you rate your distance learning experience?

Most parents reported 'bad' or 'very bad' experience during the spring 2020 distance learning, although Asian and Latinx or Hispanic parents were nearly evenly divided



	All	American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian from South or Central America	Asian	Black	Latinx/ Hispanic	Middle Eastern or North African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White-European	Prefer not say	Other
Very Bad	10.3%	14.8%	26.4%	7.7%	14.7%	11.3%	20.9%	22.0%	9.0%	19.0%	18.6%
Bad	42.3%	39.1%	31.4%	34.3%	36.5%	34.7%	37.1%	37.7%	42.3%	47.7%	42.7%
Same as in Person	3.8%	4.2%	5.0%	4.8%	4.5%	3.8%	4.3%	4.8%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
Good	35.2%	30.0%	21.4%	40.7%	31.6%	37.6%	26.4%	24.7%	36.9%	23.1%	26.6%
Very Good	9.5%	11.8%	15.8%	12.5%	12.8%	12.6%	11.3%	10.9%	8.2%	6.5%	8.2%
Number of Responses	134,081	2,664	322	4,545	3,811	4,316	469	377	107,204	9,987	3,775

Question 2: What went well during the distance learning period? (Select all that apply.)

Access to internet



Access to technology



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Good communication from teacher(s)



Good communication from school(s)

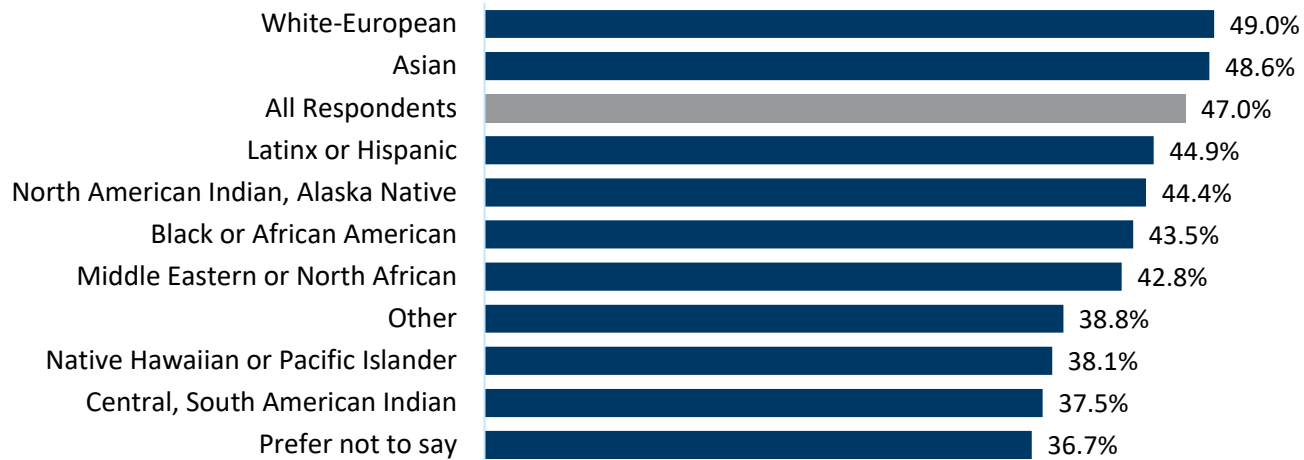


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Student(s) had place to work

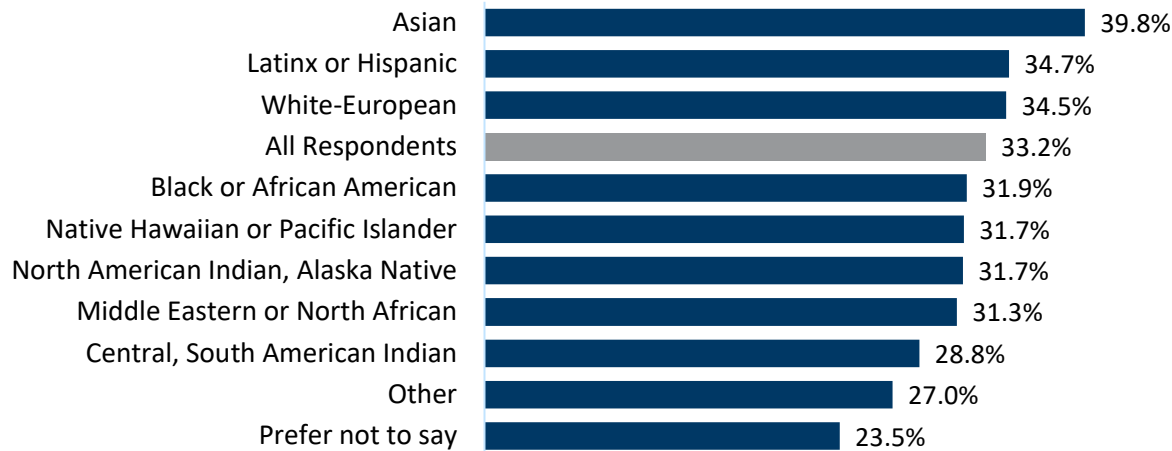


Student(s) had adult support

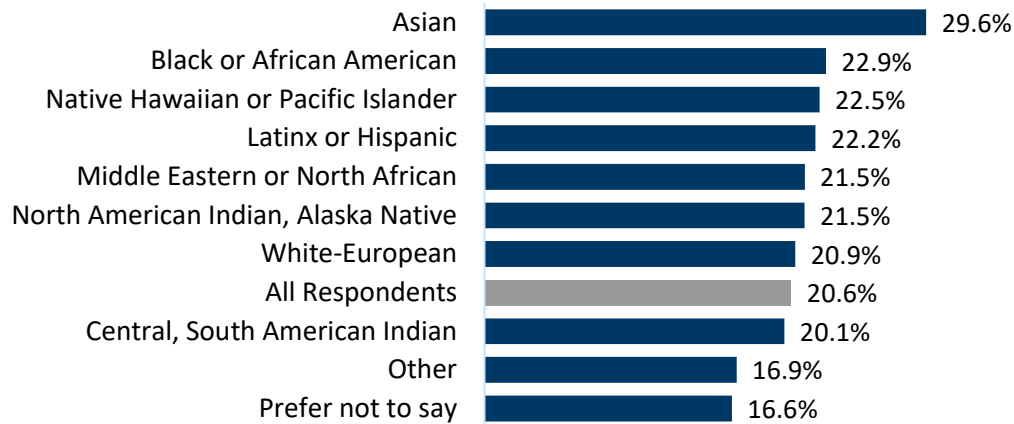


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Easy to understand lessons

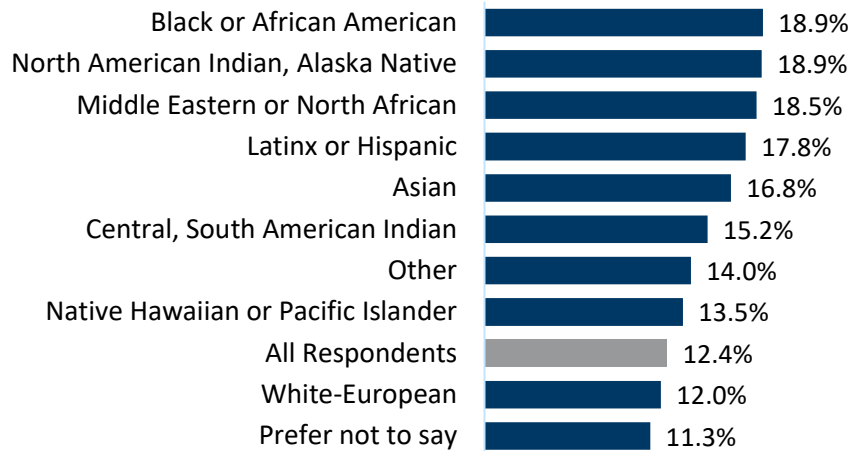


Student(s) felt empowered to learn on own

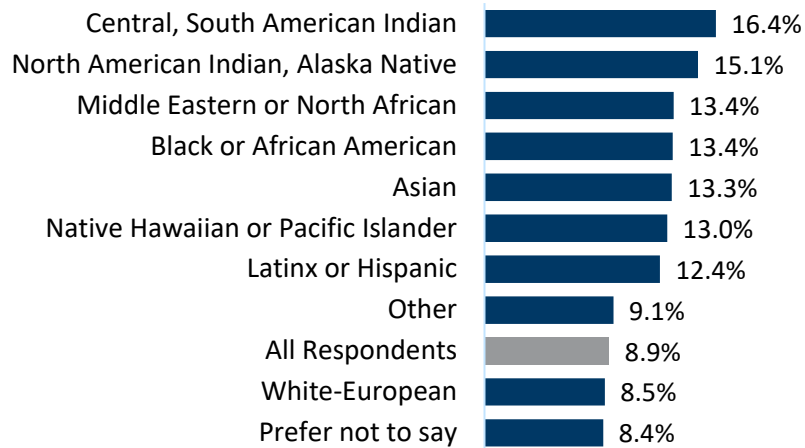


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Student(s) got more one-on-one attention

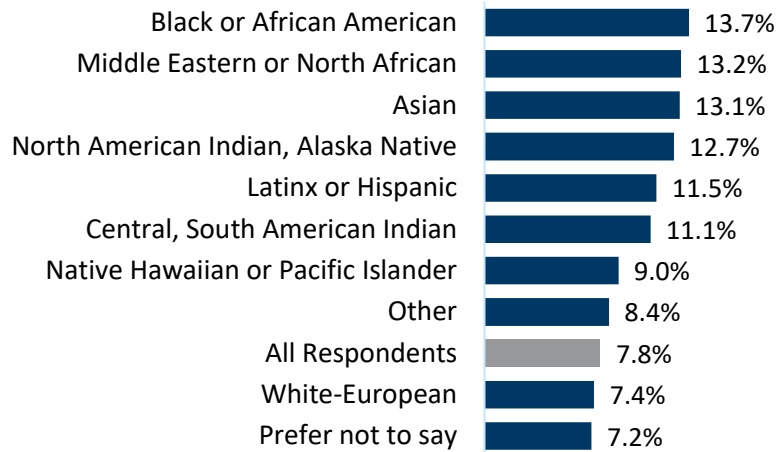


Student(s) mental health improved

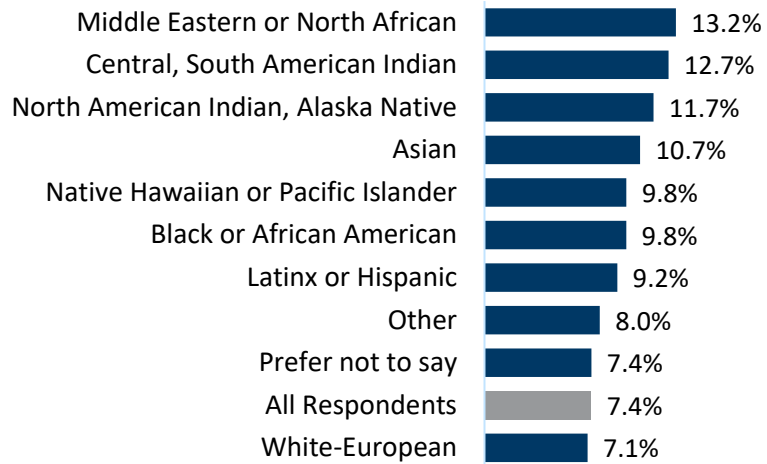


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Student(s) received more support



Student(s) physical health improved



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	All	American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian from South or Central America	Asian	Black	Latinx/ Hispanic	Middle Eastern or North African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White-European	Prefer not say	Other
Access to internet	68.4%	61%	53%	71%	62%	61%	59%	57%	71%	57%	57%
Access to technology	61.5%	55%	48%	67%	57%	58%	54%	52%	64%	49%	48%
Good communication from teachers	60.6%	55%	45%	62%	58%	60%	51%	52%	63%	48%	50%
Good communication from school	55.3%	49%	39%	55%	51%	51%	47%	46%	58%	43%	43%
Student(s) had a place to work	53.7%	47%	39%	54%	46%	47%	45%	44%	56%	43%	44%
Student(s) had adult support	47.0%	44%	37%	49%	44%	45%	43%	38%	49%	37%	39%
Easy to understand lessons	33.2%	32%	29%	40%	32%	35%	31%	32%	35%	24%	27%
Student(s) felt empowered to learn on their own	20.6%	21%	20%	30%	23%	22%	21%	22%	21%	17%	17%
Student(s) received more one-on-one attention	12.4%	19%	15%	17%	19%	18%	19%	13%	12%	11%	14%
Student(s) mental health improved	8.9%	15%	16%	13%	13%	12%	13%	13%	9%	8%	9%
Student(s) received more support	7.8%	13%	11%	13%	14%	12%	13%	9%	7%	7%	8%
Student(s) physical health improved	7.4%	12%	13%	11%	10%	9%	13%	10%	7%	7%	8%
Number of Responses	134,082	2,667	323	4,535	3,818	4,322	470	378	107,334	15,684	3,782

Question 3: What was challenging during the distance learning period? (Select all that apply.)

Student(s) didn't feel empowered to work on their own

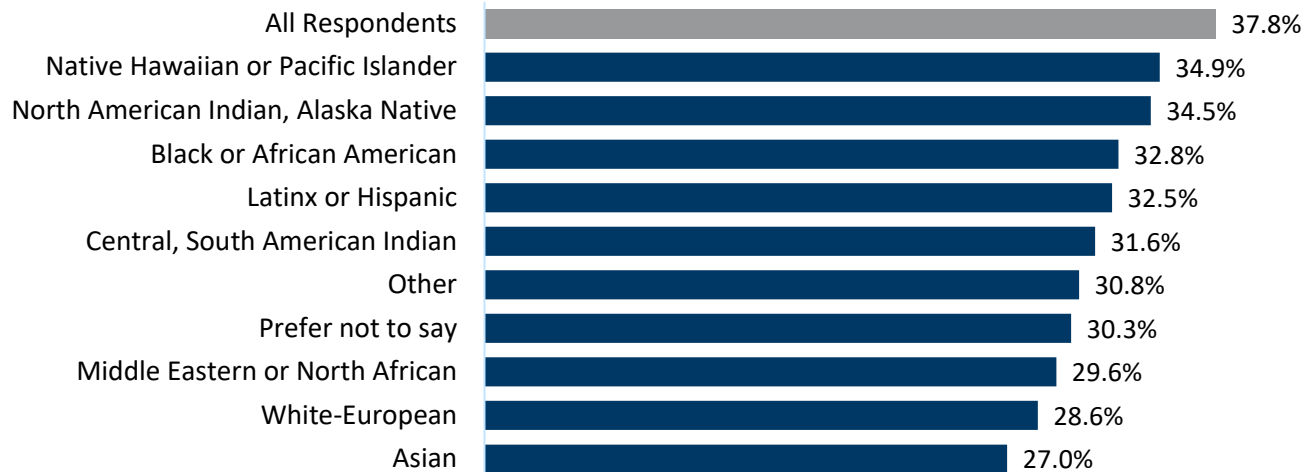


Student(s) experiencing mental health challenges due to COVID



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Hard to understand lessons

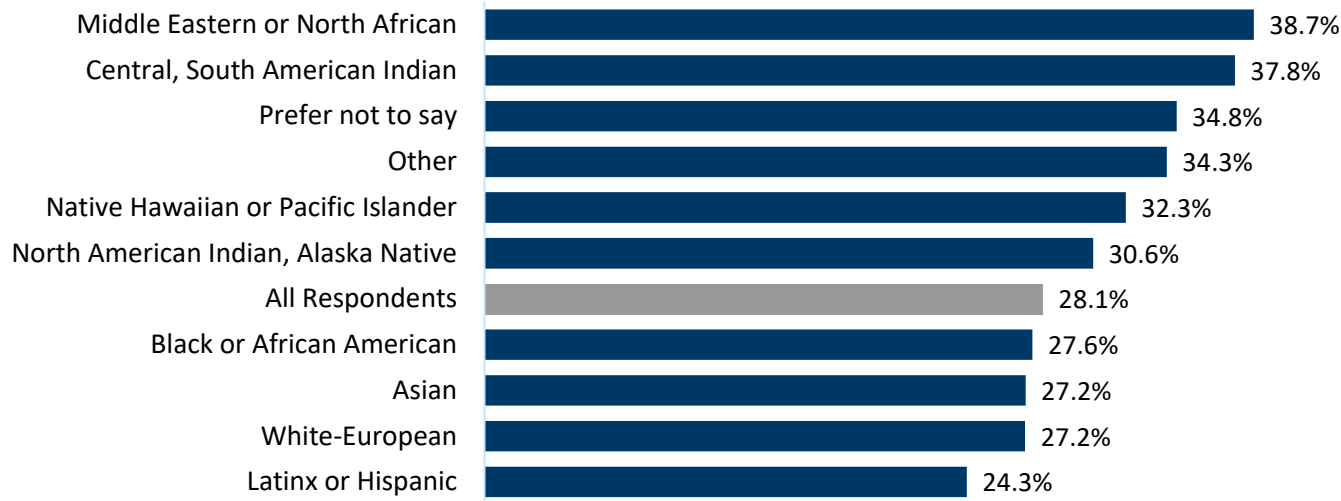


Too much school work

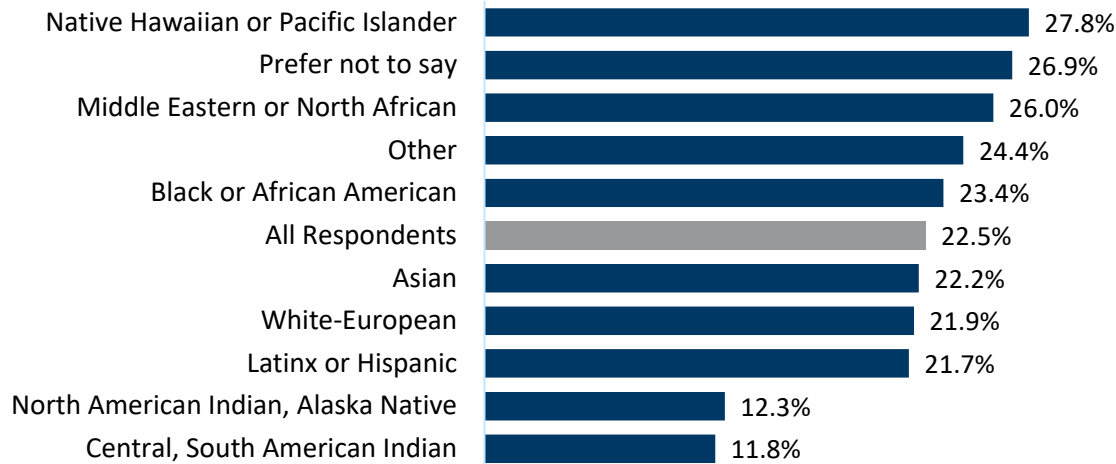


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Not enough communication from teachers

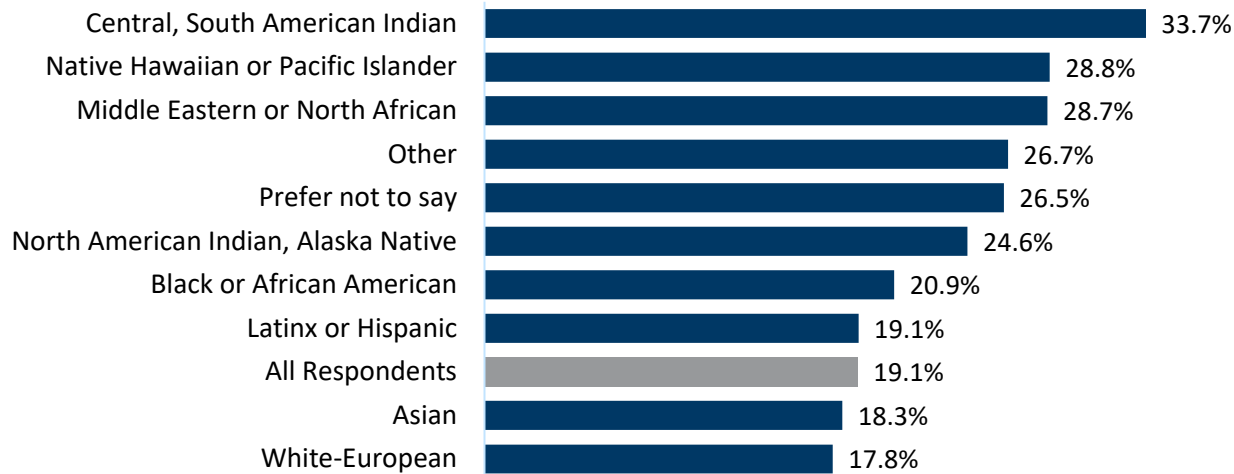


Student(s) didn't have adult support

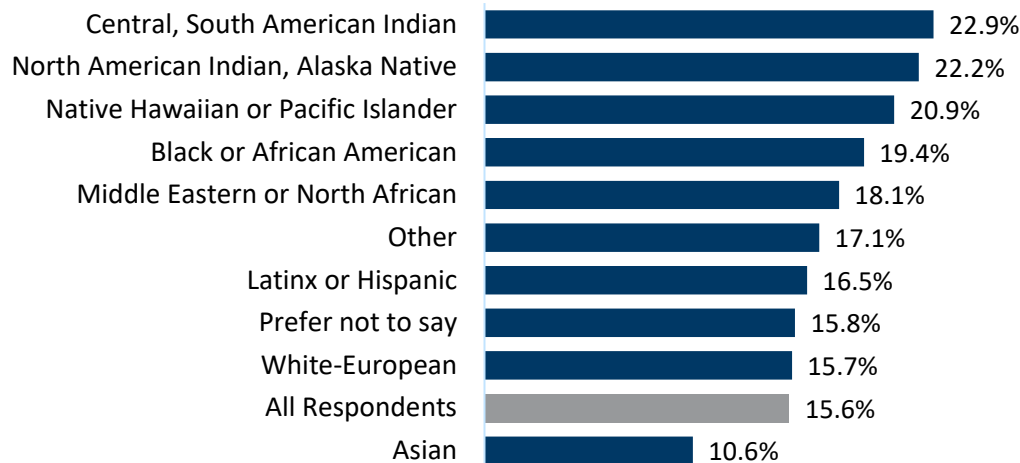


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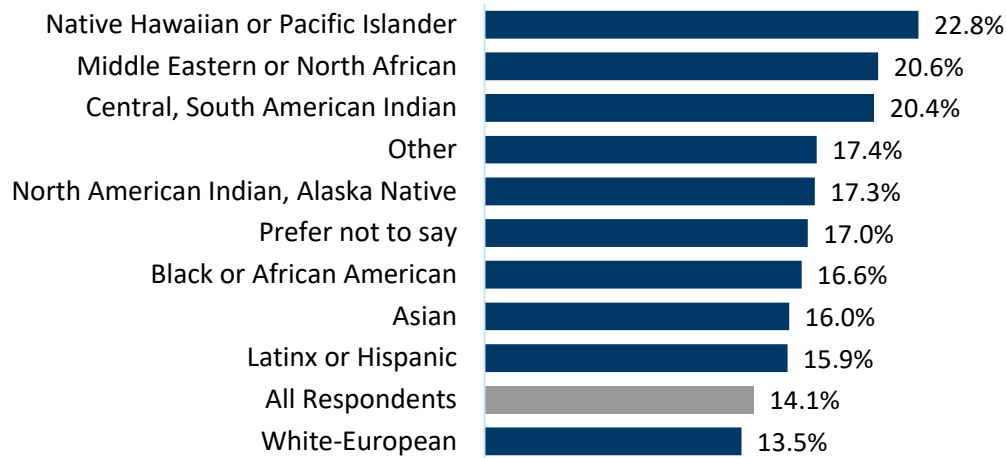


Student(s) experienced pre-existing mental health challenges

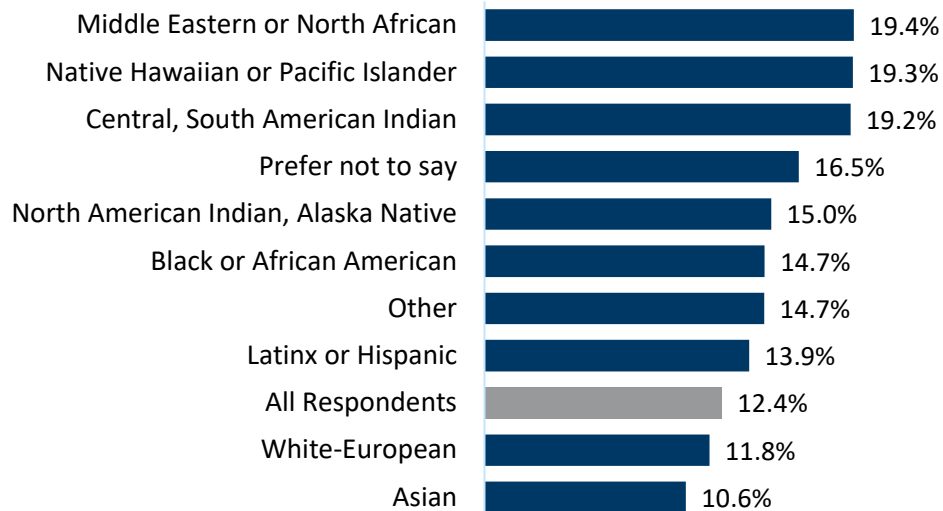


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Student(s) experiencing physical health challenges

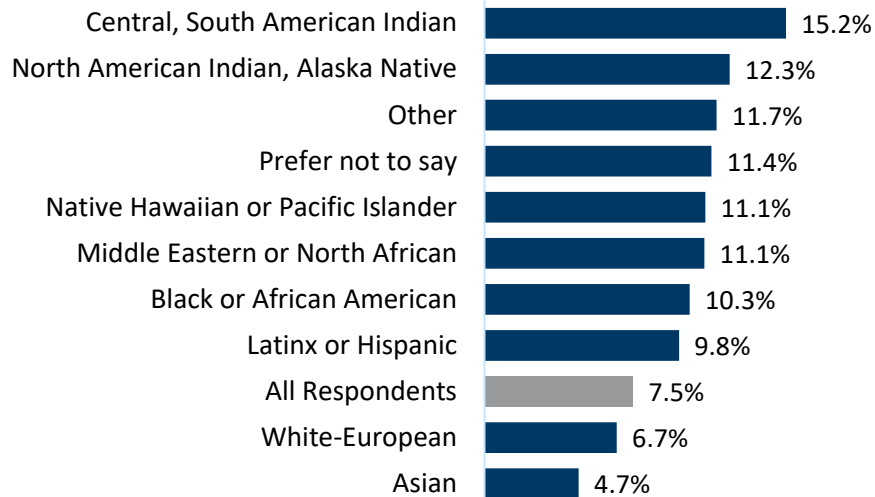


Student(s) didn't have a place to work

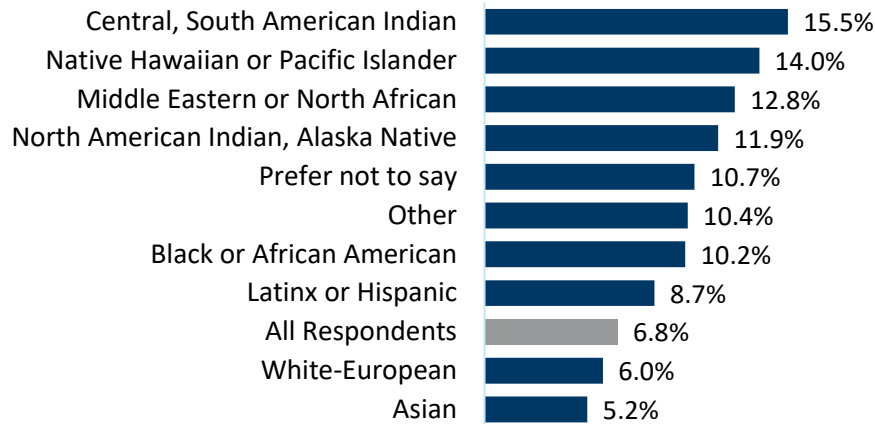


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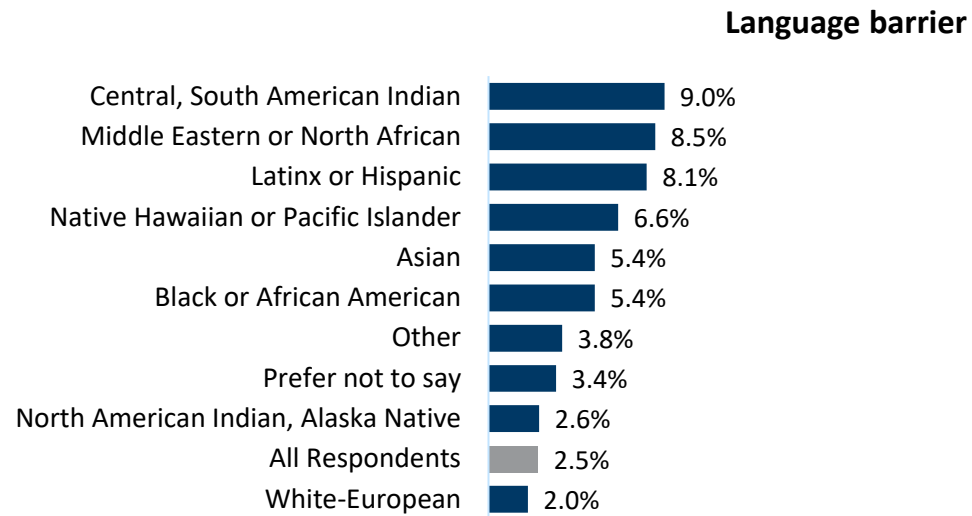
Little or no access to internet



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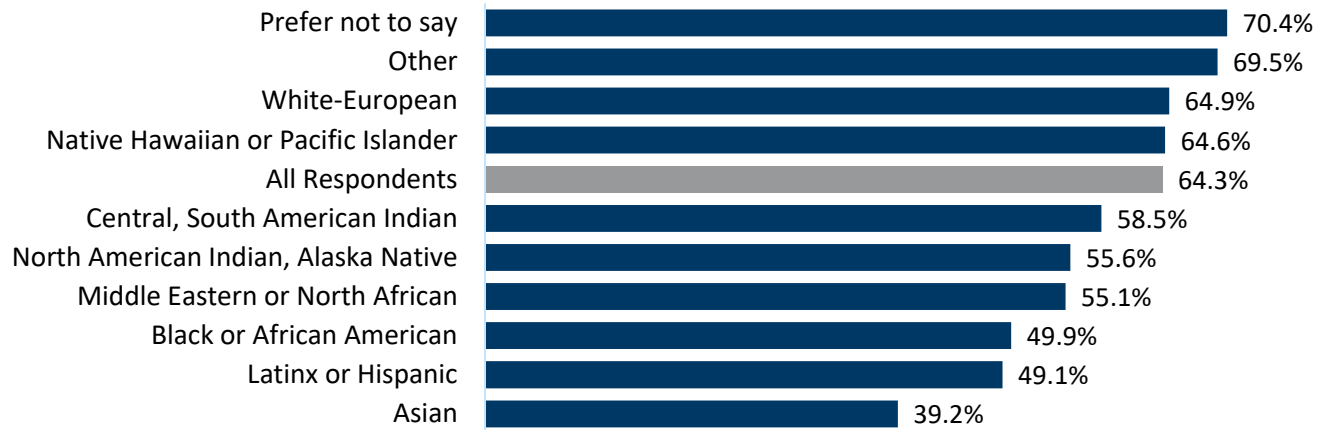
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Student(s) didn't feel empowered to work on their own	47.4%	46.4%	45.2%	38.6%	45.3%	45.1%	44.9%	46.8%	47.9%	47.7%	48.3%
Student(s) experiencing mental health challenges due to COVID	40.1%	43.0%	45.5%	30.2%	37.0%	39.1%	41.9%	43.4%	40.3%	42.9%	37.9%
Hard to understand lessons	37.8%	34.5%	31.6%	27.0%	32.8%	32.5%	29.6%	34.9%	28.6%	30.3%	30.8%
Too much school work	29.0%	42.4%	43.0%	34.4%	39.4%	37.4%	44.3%	41.0%	37.0%	43.2%	43.5%
Not enough communication from teachers	28.1%	30.6%	37.8%	27.2%	27.6%	24.3%	38.7%	32.3%	27.2%	34.8%	34.3%
Not enough school work	24.1%	17.1%	22.3%	28.8%	19.7%	19.9%	28.1%	25.1%	24.2%	25.4%	23.3%
Student(s) didn't have adult support	22.5%	12.3%	11.8%	22.2%	23.4%	21.7%	26.0%	27.8%	21.9%	26.9%	24.4%
Not enough communication from schools	19.1%	24.6%	33.7%	18.3%	20.9%	19.1%	28.7%	28.8%	17.8%	26.5%	26.7%
Student(s) experiencing pre-existing mental health challenges	15.6%	22.2%	22.9%	10.6%	19.4%	16.5%	18.1%	20.9%	15.7%	15.8%	17.1%

	All	American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian from South or Central America	Asian	Black	Latinx/ Hispanic	Middle Eastern or North African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White-European	Prefer not say	Other
Student(s) experiencing physical health challenges	14.1%	17.3%	20.4%	16.0%	16.6%	15.9%	20.6%	22.8%	13.5%	17.0%	17.4%
Student(s) didn't have a place to work	12.4%	15.0%	19.2%	10.6%	14.7%	13.9%	19.4%	19.3%	11.8%	16.5%	14.7%
Little or no access to internet	7.5%	12.3%	15.2%	4.7%	10.3%	9.8%	11.1%	11.1%	6.7%	11.4%	11.7%
Little or no access to technology	6.8%	11.9%	15.5%	5.2%	10.2%	8.7%	12.8%	14.0%	6.0%	10.7%	10.4%
Language barrier	2.5%	2.6%	9.0%	5.4%	5.4%	8.1%	8.5%	6.6%	2.0%	3.4%	3.8%
Number of Responses	134,082	2,667	323	4,535	3,818	4,322	470	378	107,334	15,684	3,782

Question 4: Would you feel comfortable sending your student(s) back to a classroom this fall?

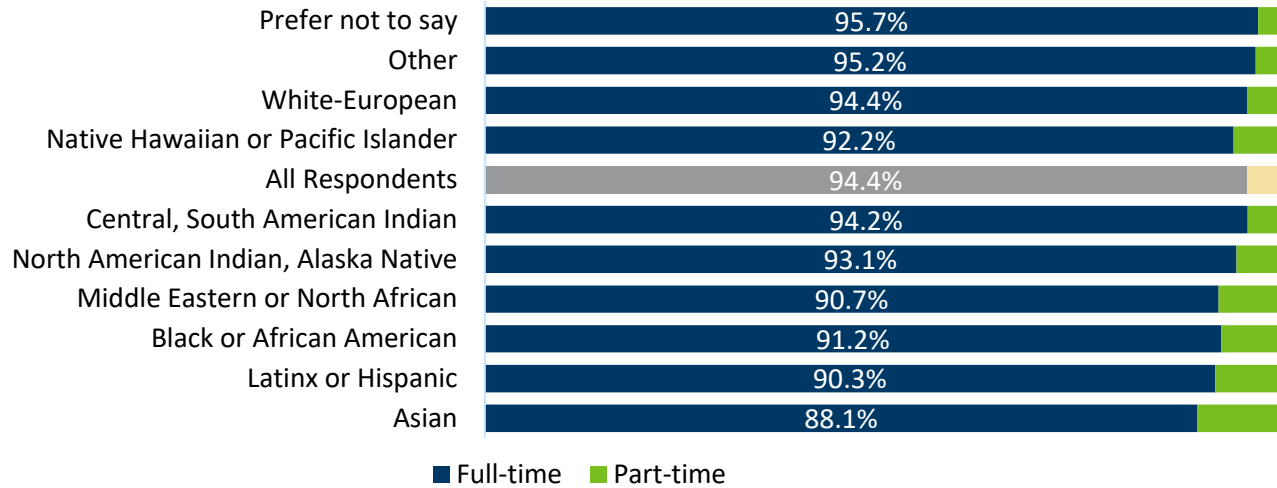
More than half of the survey respondents are comfortable sending their students to school in the fall ...



	All	American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian from South or Central America	Asian	Black	Latinx/Hispanic	Middle Eastern or North African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White-European	Prefer not say	Other
Yes	64.3%	55.6%	58.5%	39.2%	49.9%	49.1%	55.1%	64.6%	64.9%	70.4%	69.6%
No	11.4%	19.1%	20.1%	27.1%	22.3%	20.8%	18.3%	16.4%	10.1%	11.7%	11.4%
Unsure	24.3%	25.2%	21.1%	33.5%	27.5%	29.9%	26.4%	18.8%	24.8%	17.7%	18.9%
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Question 5: If yes [to question 4], would you send your student(s) back to a classroom:

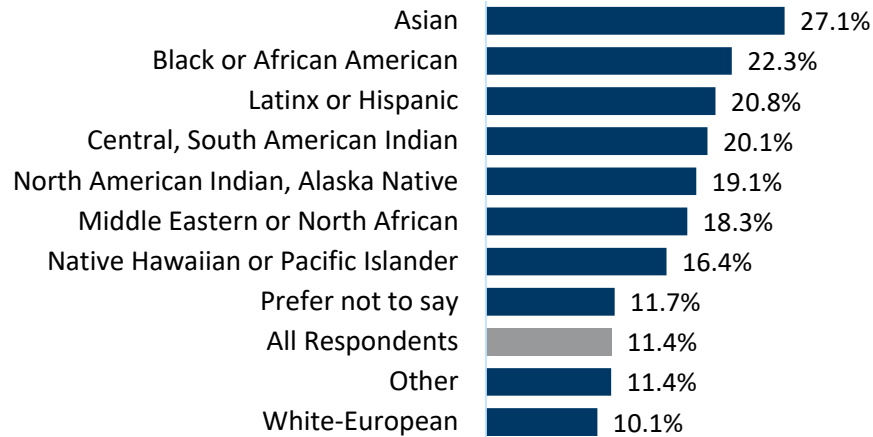
...and the majority of survey respondents would send their student(s) to school full time



	All	American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian from South or Central America	Asian	Black	Latinx/ Hispanic	Middle Eastern or North African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White-European	Prefer not say	Other
Full-time	94.4%	93.1%	94.2%	88.1%	91.2%	90.3%	90.7%	92.2%	94.4%	95.7%	95.2%
Part-time	5.4%	6.7%	5.3%	11.5%	8.6%	9.3%	8.9%	7.0%	5.4%	4.0%	4.3%
Number of Responses	86,185	1,482	189	1,777	1,907	2,123	259	244	69,708	11,049	2,629

Question 6: If no [to question 4], why not?

Overall, one-tenth of respondents are *not comfortable* sending their students back to school in the fall ...



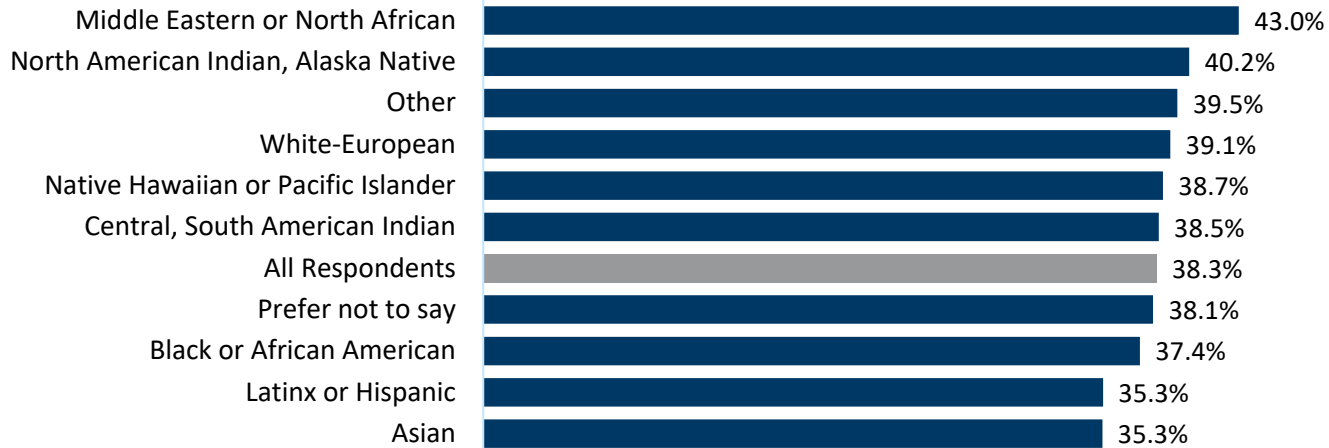
...and cite concerns about public health,



family members who are medically fragile,



or that distance learning worked well for them in spring 2020.

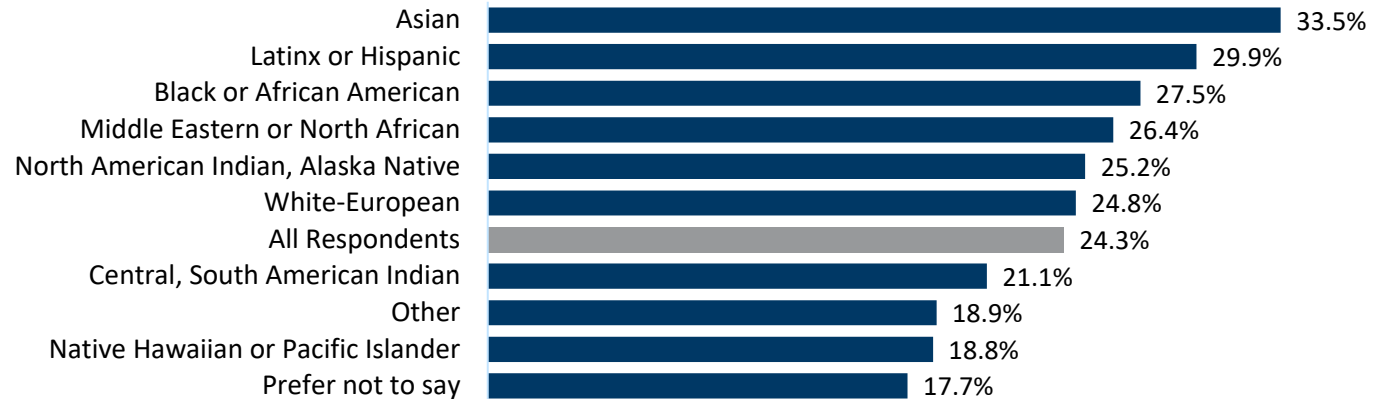


Question 6: If no [to question 4], why not? (...continued)

	All	American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian from South or Central America	Asian	Black	Latinx/ Hispanic	Middle Eastern or North African	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White-European	Prefer not say	Other
Concerned about public health	83.5%	81.0%	76.9%	89.3%	83.0%	82.9%	88.4%	90.3%	83.8%	80.4%	76.0%
My student(s) or family are medically fragile	42.8%	53.9%	55.4%	35.2%	50.2%	43.0%	48.8%	40.3%	44.5%	40.4%	41.4%
Distance learning went well for my student(s)	38.3%	40.2%	38.5%	35.3%	37.4%	35.3%	43.0%	38.7%	39.1%	38.1%	39.5%
Other	10.3%	12.7%	9.2%	10.6%	10.0%	9.4%	81.4%	12.9%	9.5%	15.1%	19.3%
Number of Responses	15,343	510	65	1,231	853	901	86	62	10,870	1,835	430

Question 7: If maybe [to question 4], what would make you feel comfortable sending your child back to school?

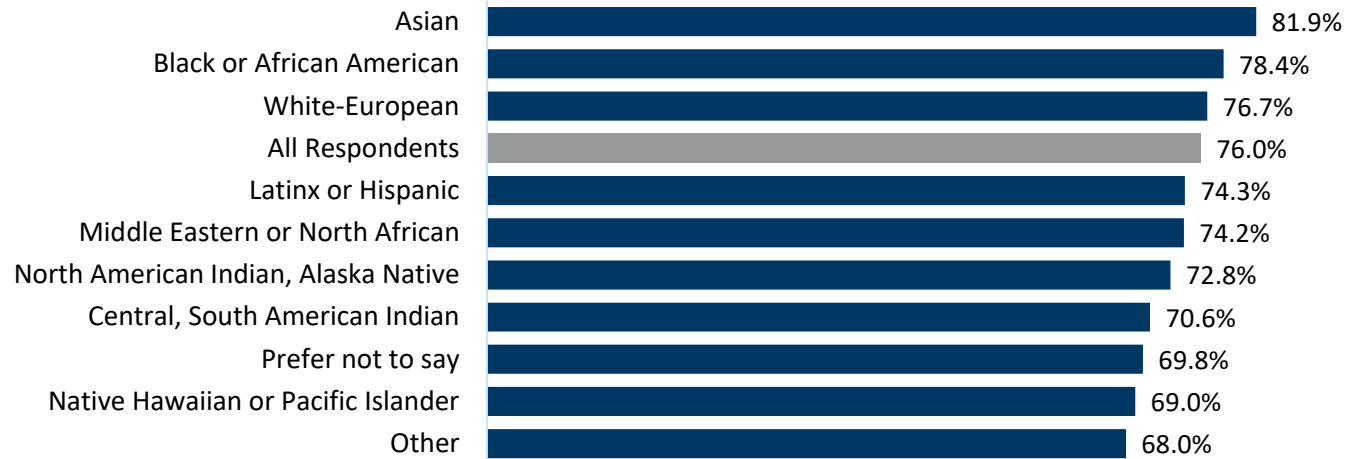
And about one-quarter of survey respondents are *not sure* if they are comfortable sending their student(s) back to



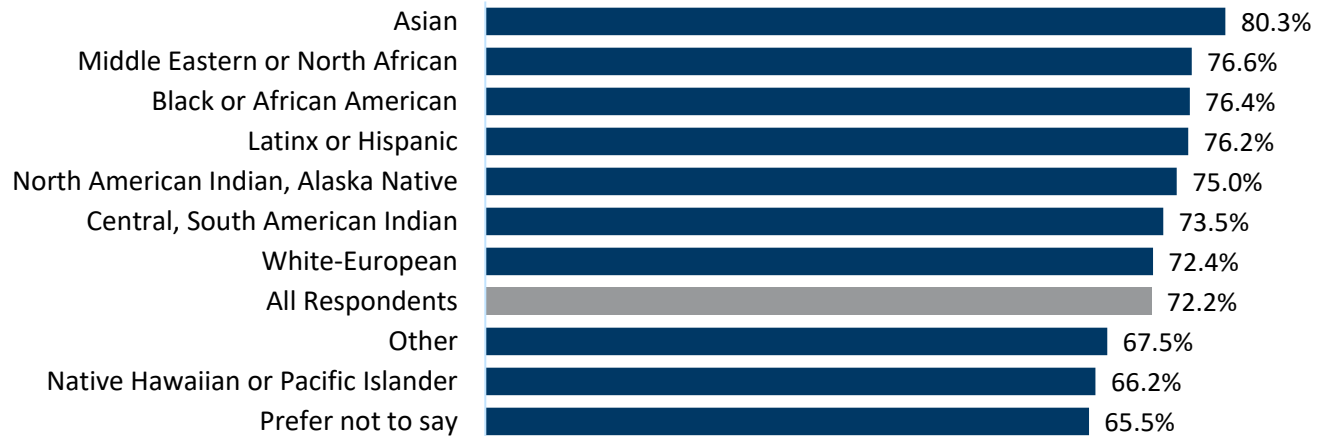
Respondents would be more comfortable with *daily cleaning of surfaces,*



smaller class sizes,



daily health checks,



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Daily cleaning of surfaces	87.2%	85.0%	80.9%	90.2%	88.9%	86.8%	90.3%	84.5%	87.8%	81.1%	82.3%
Smaller class sizes	76.0%	72.8%	70.6%	81.9%	78.4%	74.3%	74.2%	69.0%	76.7%	69.8%	68.0%
Daily health checks	72.2%	75.0%	73.5%	80.3%	76.4%	76.2%	76.6%	66.2%	72.4%	65.5%	67.5%
Decrease in the number of COVID cases	69.2%	65.5%	67.6%	79.2%	73.1%	67.8%	67.7%	64.8%	70.0%	61.1%	59.5%
Other	20.2%	20.7%	26.5%	22.7%	19.1%	20.8%	20.2%	26.8%	19.8%	24.7%	31.8%
Number of Responses	32,554	672	68	1,517	1,051	1,292	124	71	26,627	2,778	716

[Download the full set of responses to the survey here.](#) (Excel format.)