



Fall Planning Survey Results

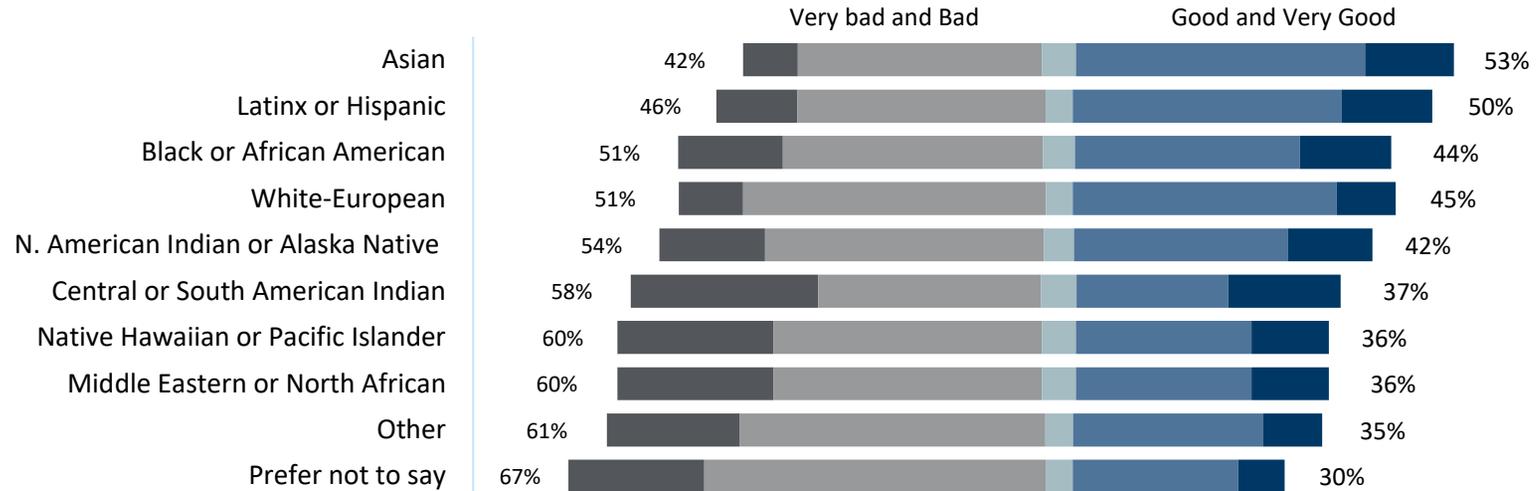
Sorted by Race and Ethnicity

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



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| 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)

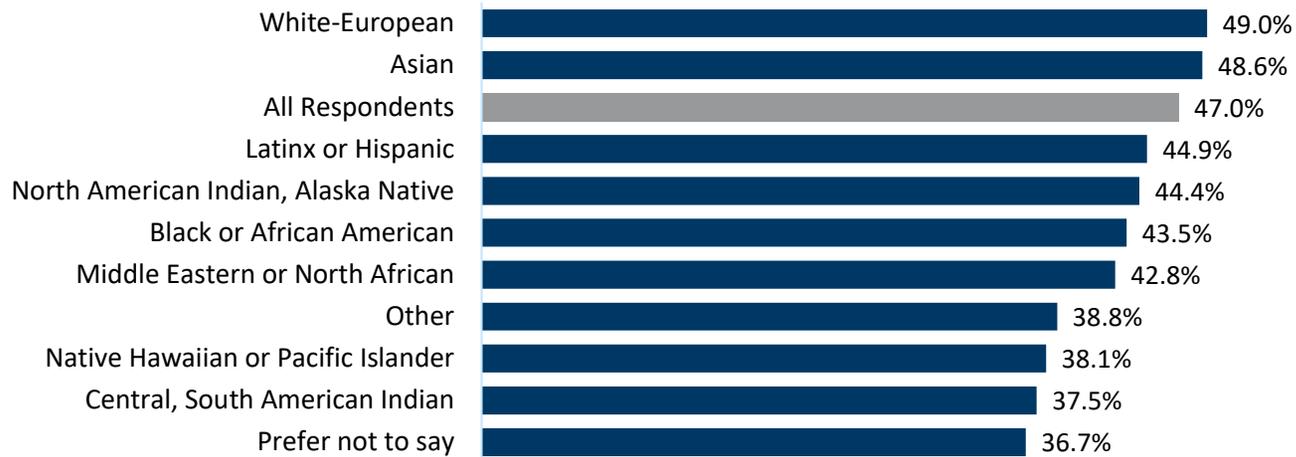


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Student(s) had place to work

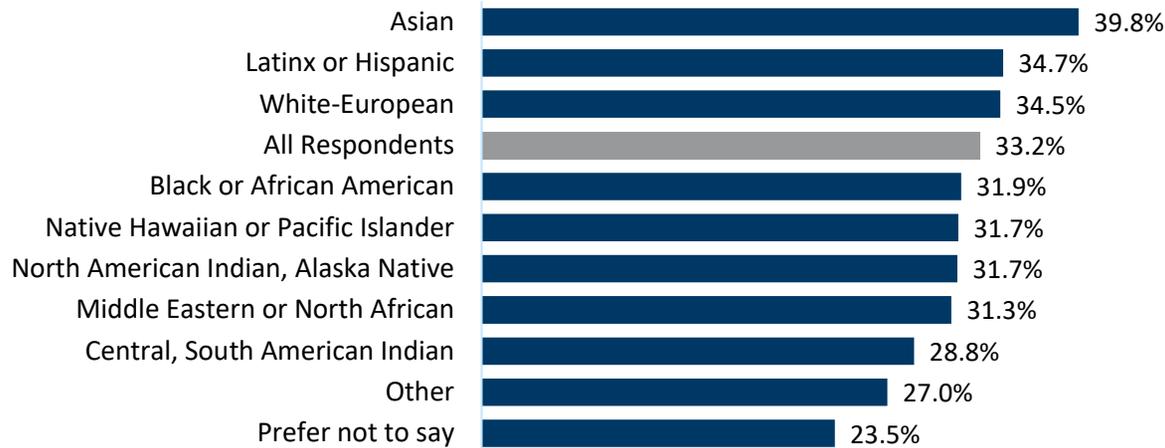


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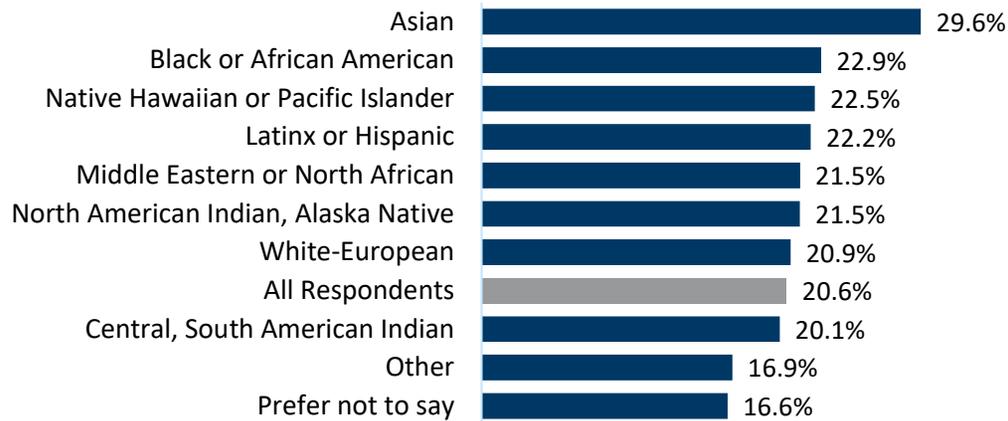


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Easy to understand lessons

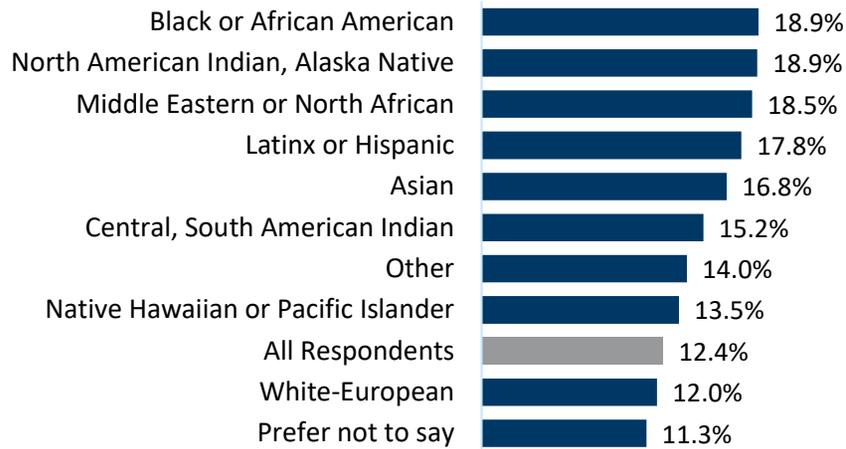


Student(s) felt empowered to learn on own

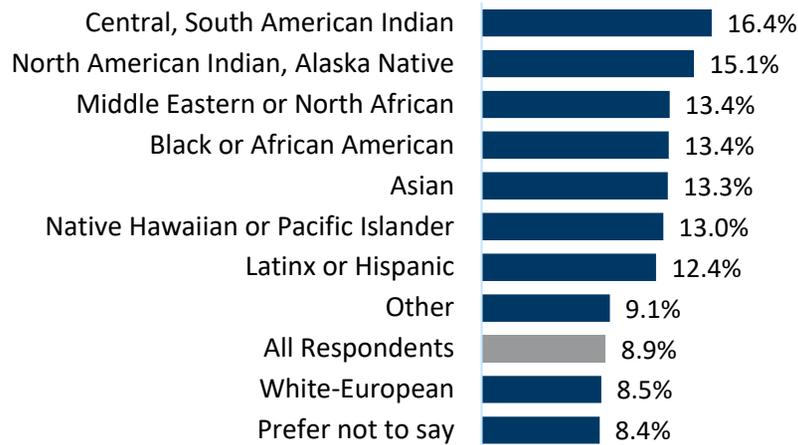


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Student(s) got more one-on-one attention

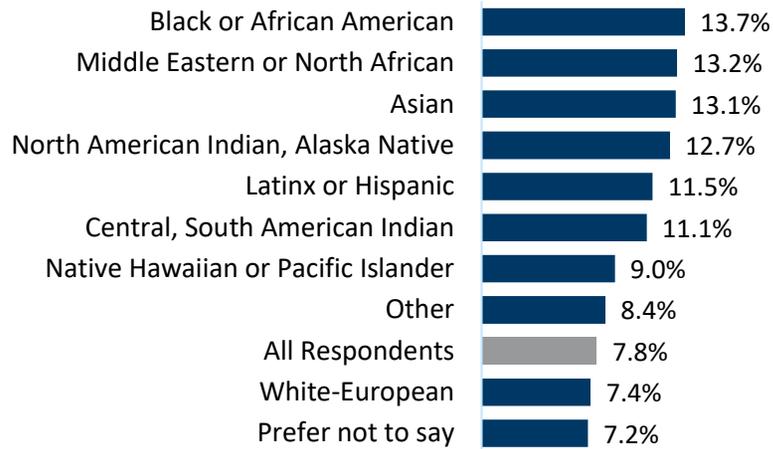


Student(s) mental health improved

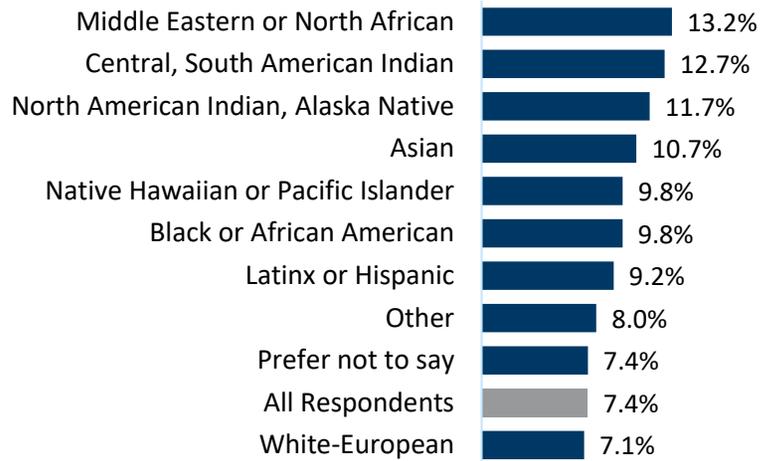


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Student(s) received more support



Student(s) physical health improved

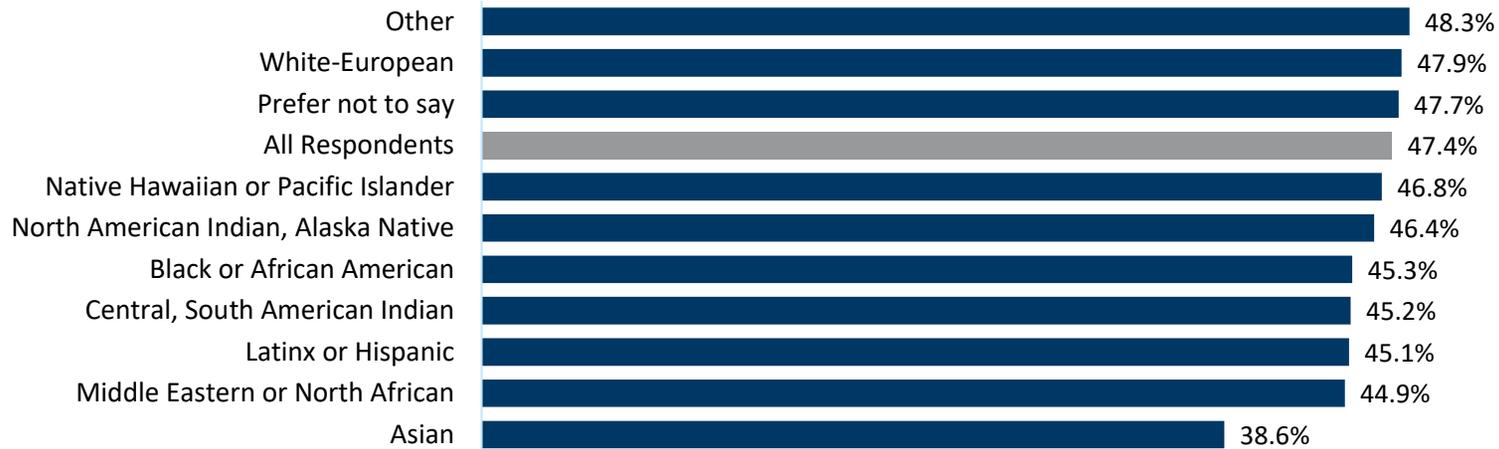


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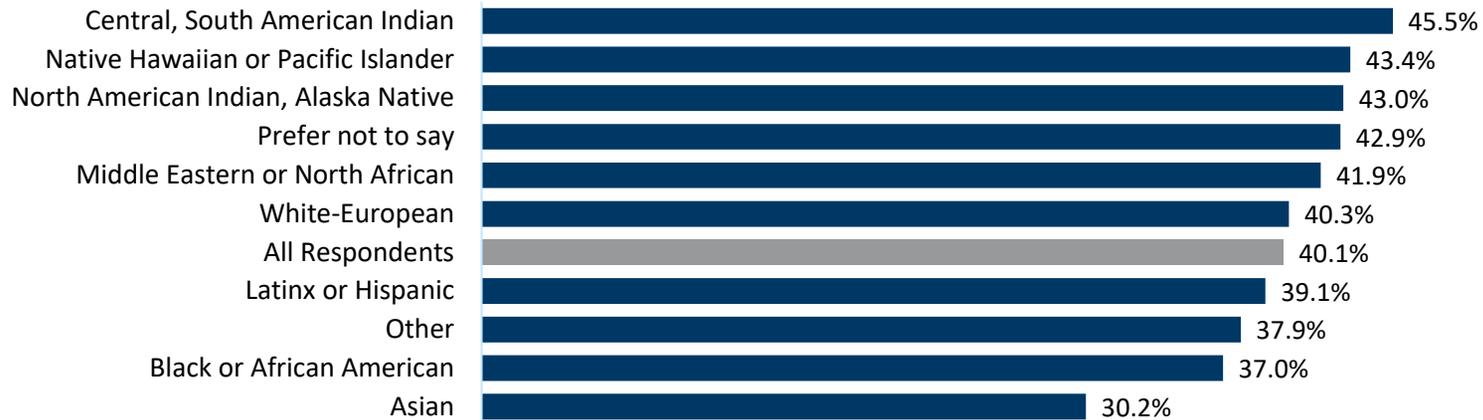
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| Access to internet | 68.4% | 61% | 53% | 71% | 62% | 61% | 59% | 57% | 71% | 57% | 57% |
| Access to technology | 61.5% | 55% | 48% | 67% | 57% | 58% | 54% | 52% | 64% | 49% | 48% |
| Good communication from teachers | 60.6% | 55% | 45% | 62% | 58% | 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

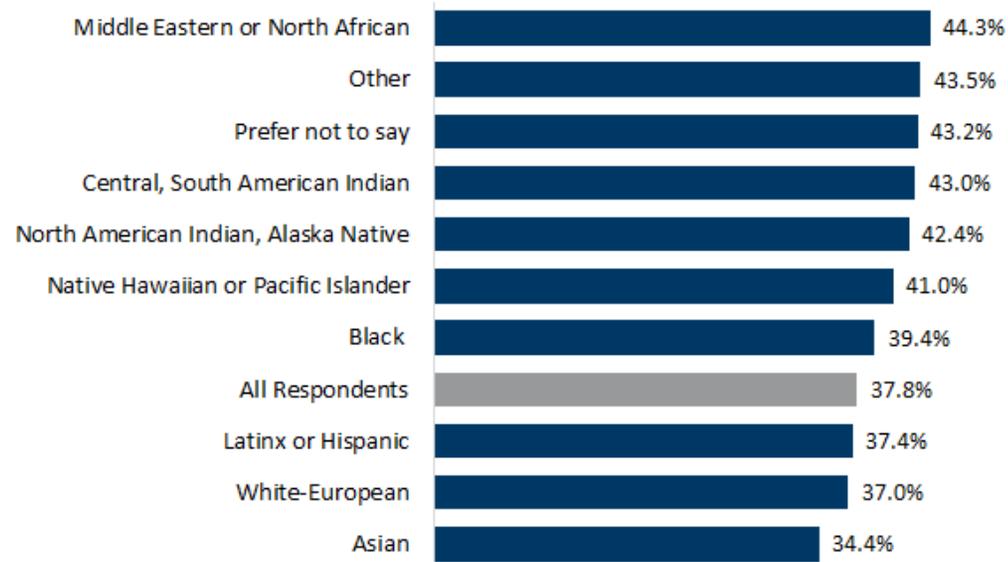


Student(s) experiencing mental health challenges due to COVID

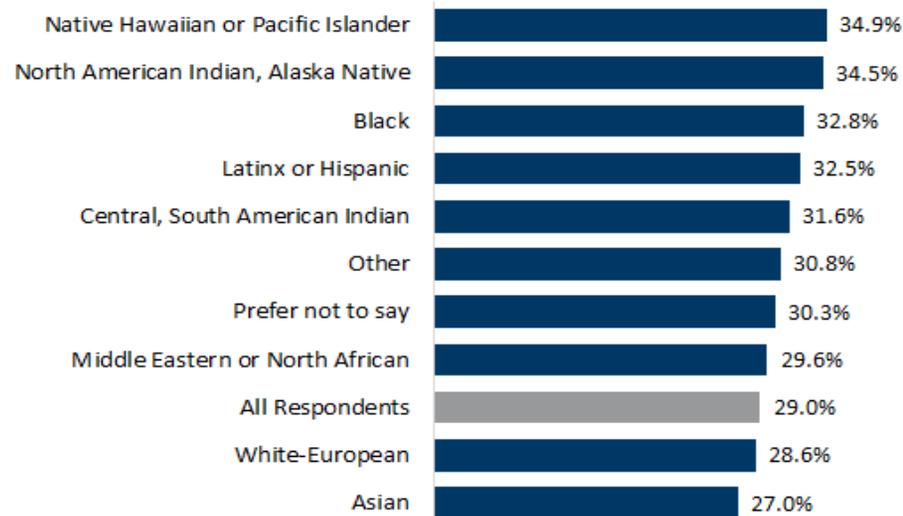


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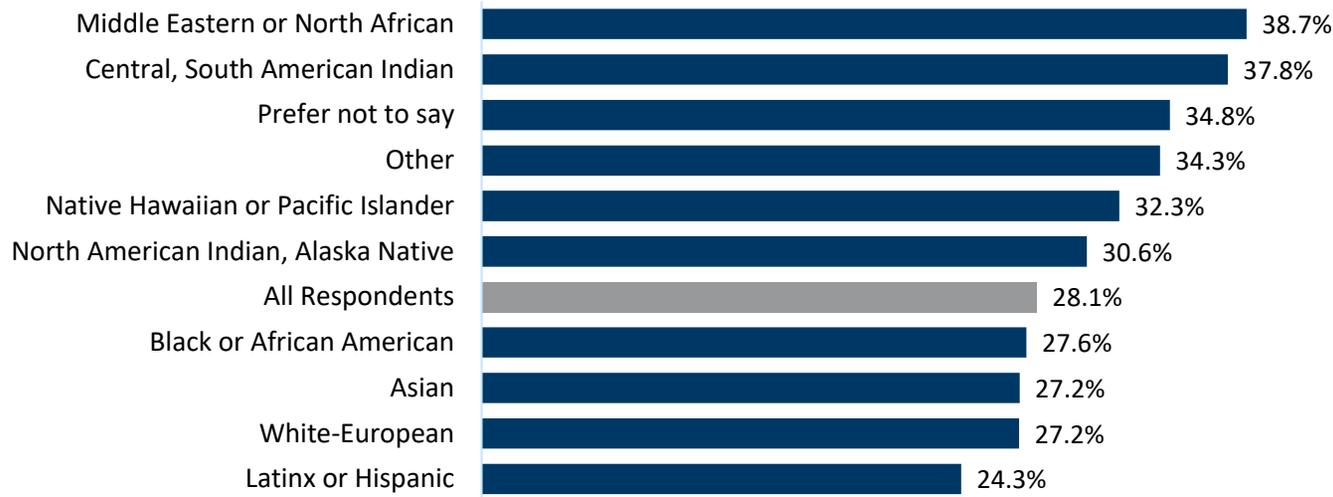


Too much school work

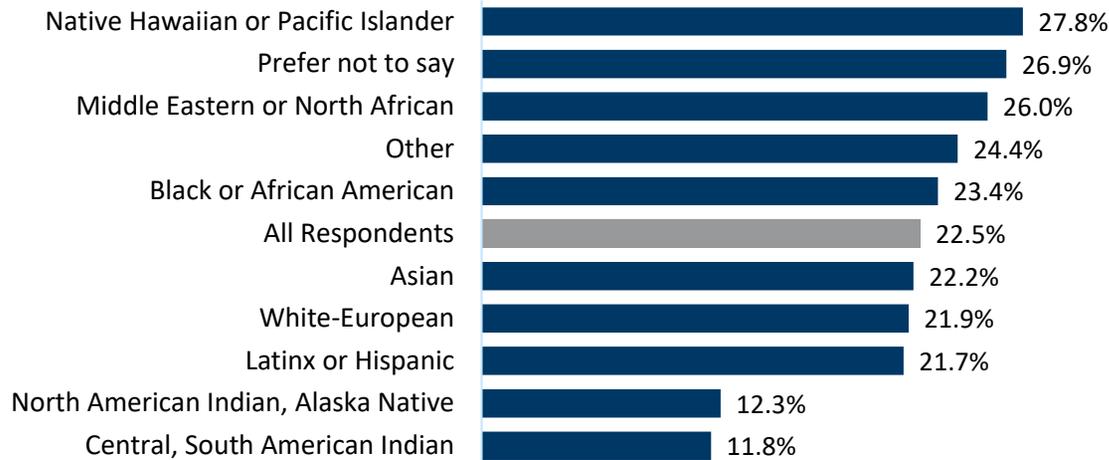


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Not enough communication from teachers

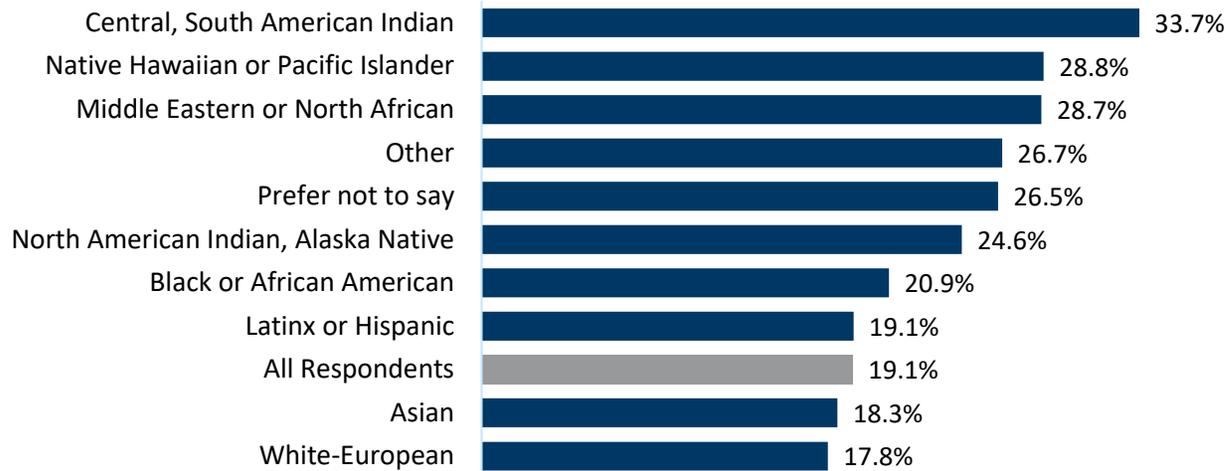


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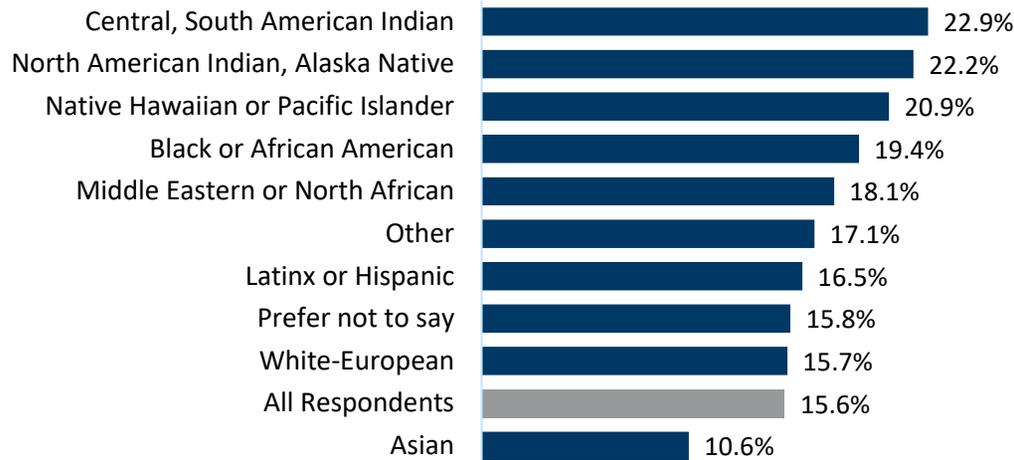


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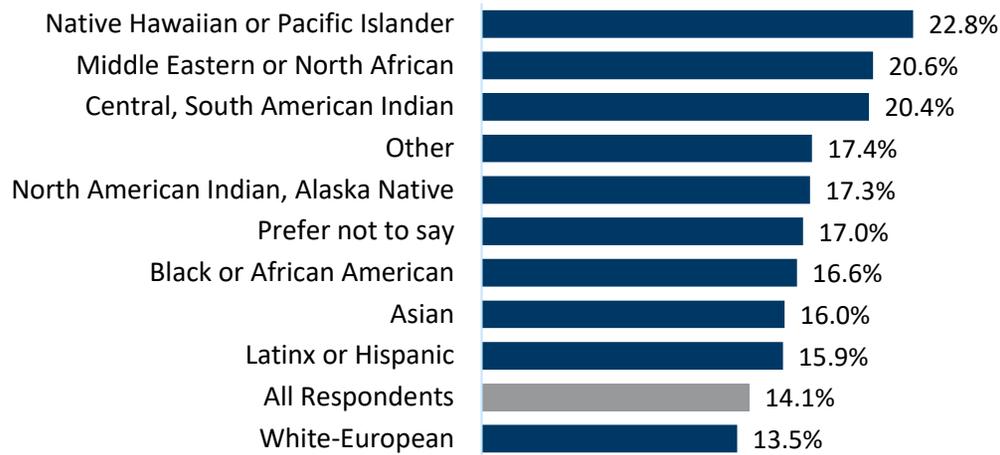


Student(s) experienced pre-existing mental health challenges

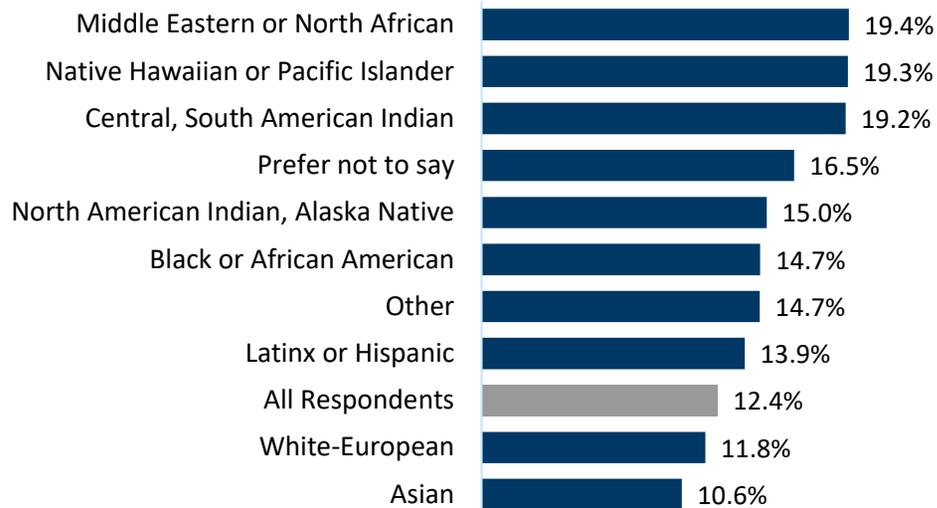


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Student(s) experiencing physical health challenges

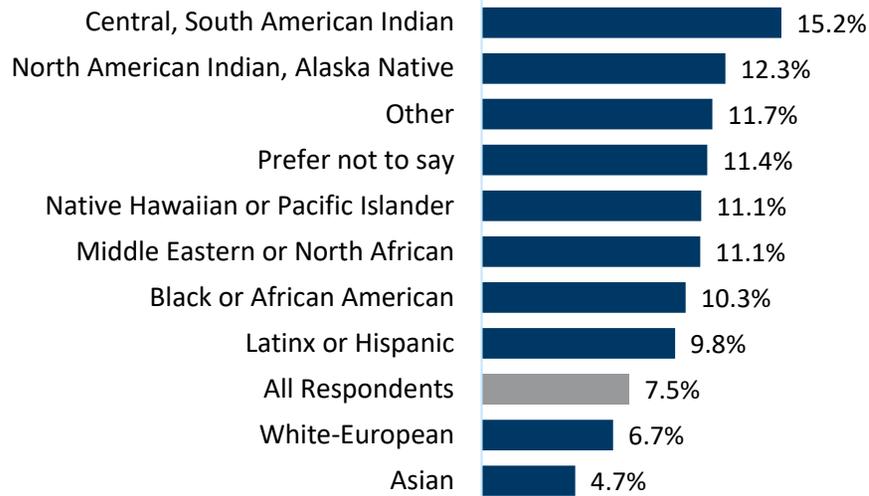


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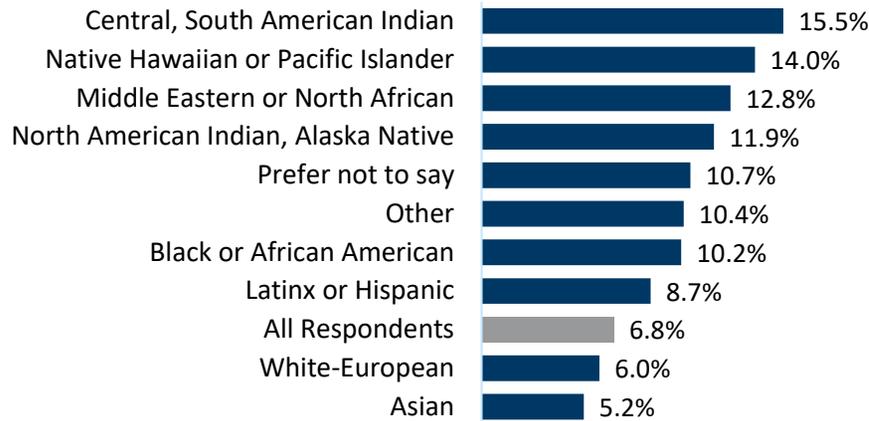


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Little or no access to internet

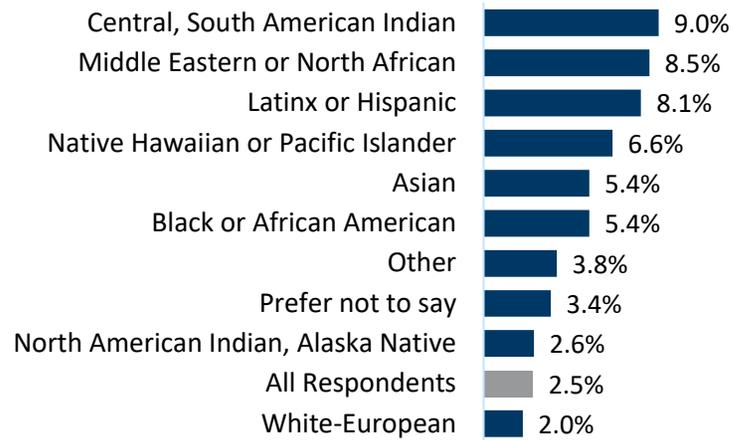


Little or no access to technology



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Language barrier



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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% |

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| 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?

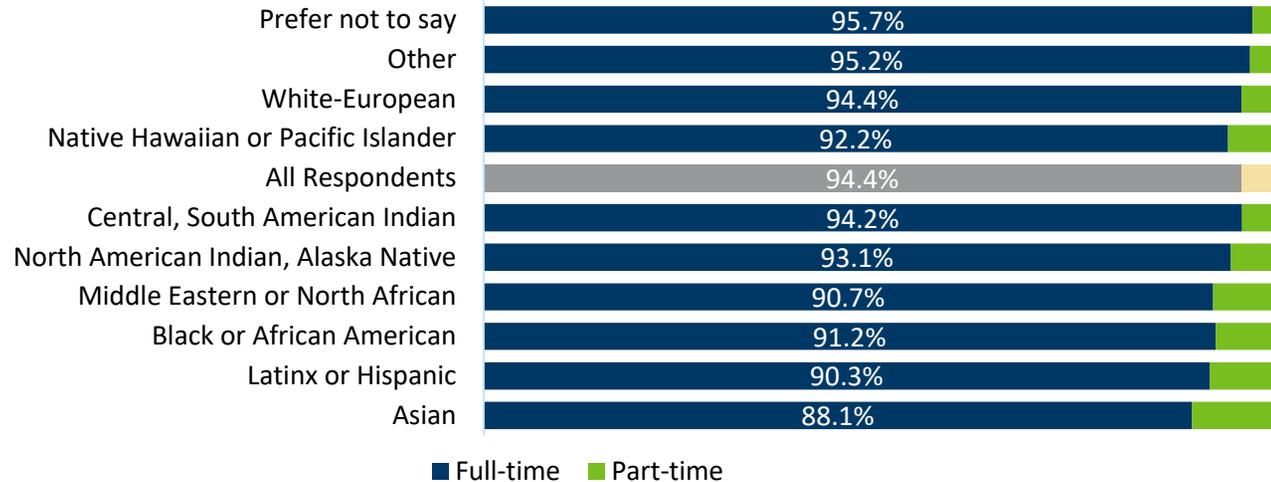
More than half of the survey respondents are comfortable sending their students to school in the fall ...



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| 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:

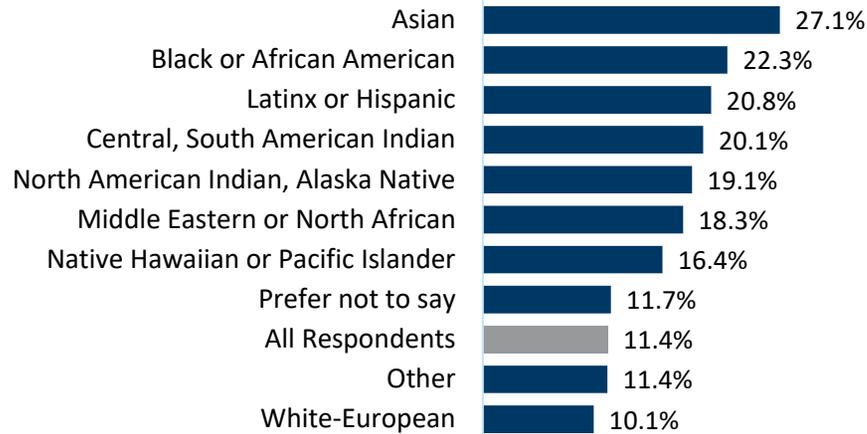
...and the majority of survey respondents would send their student(s) to school full time



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| 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 ...



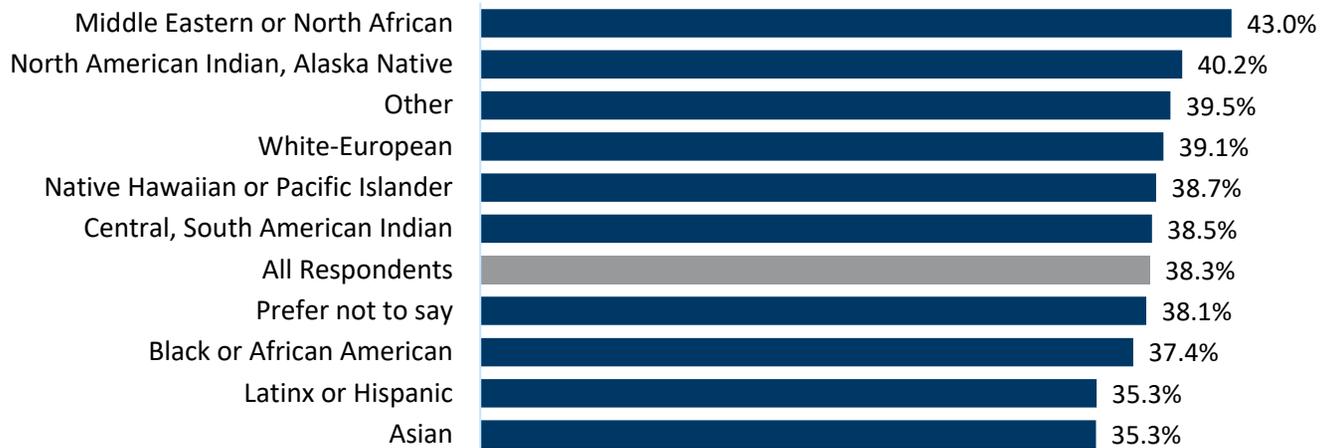
...and cite concerns about public health,



family members who are medically fragile,



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

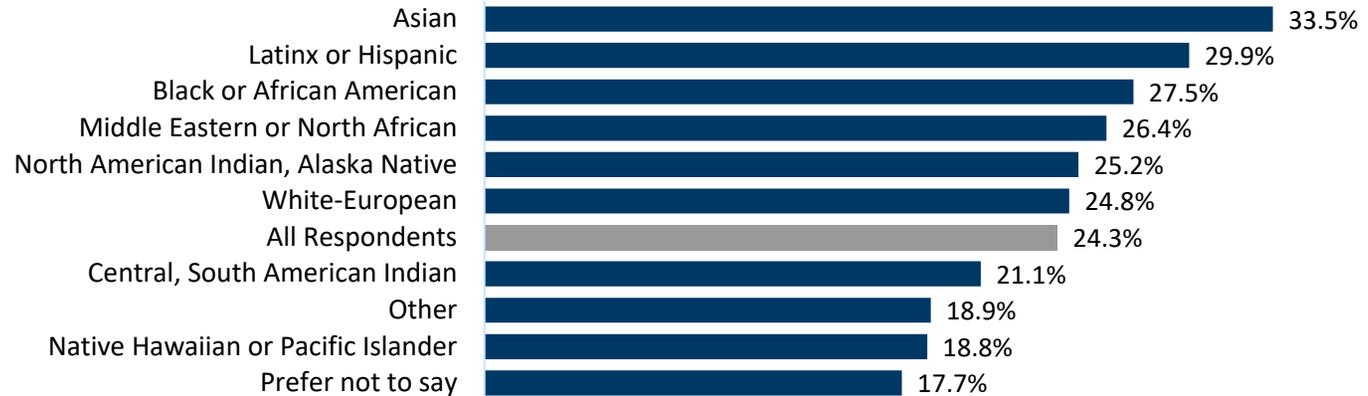


Question 6: If no [to question 4], why not? (...continued)

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|--|--------|----------------------------------|---|-------|-------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| 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?

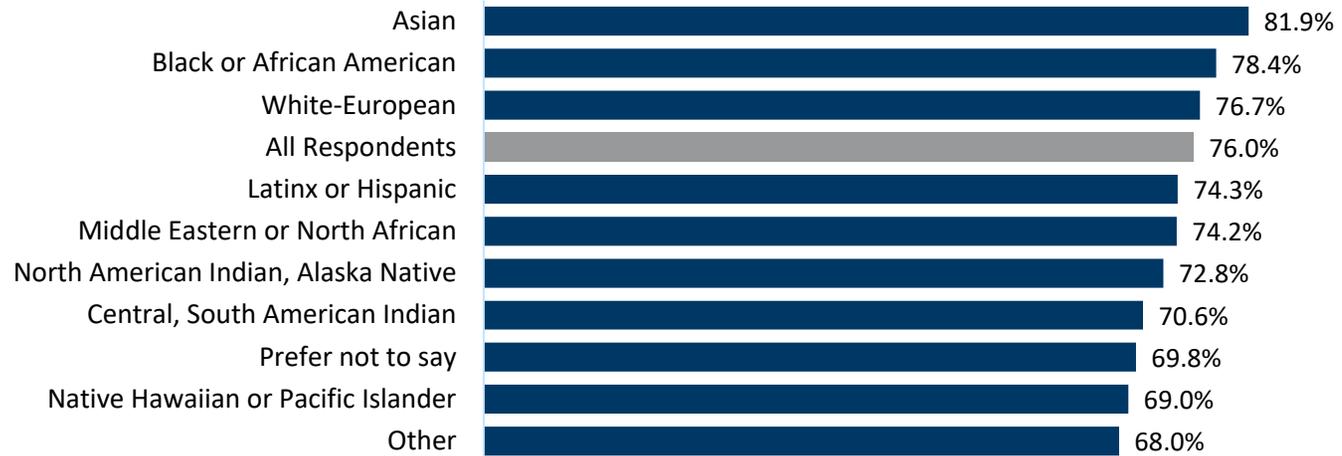
And about one-quarter of survey respondents are *not sure* if they are comfortable sending their student(s) back to



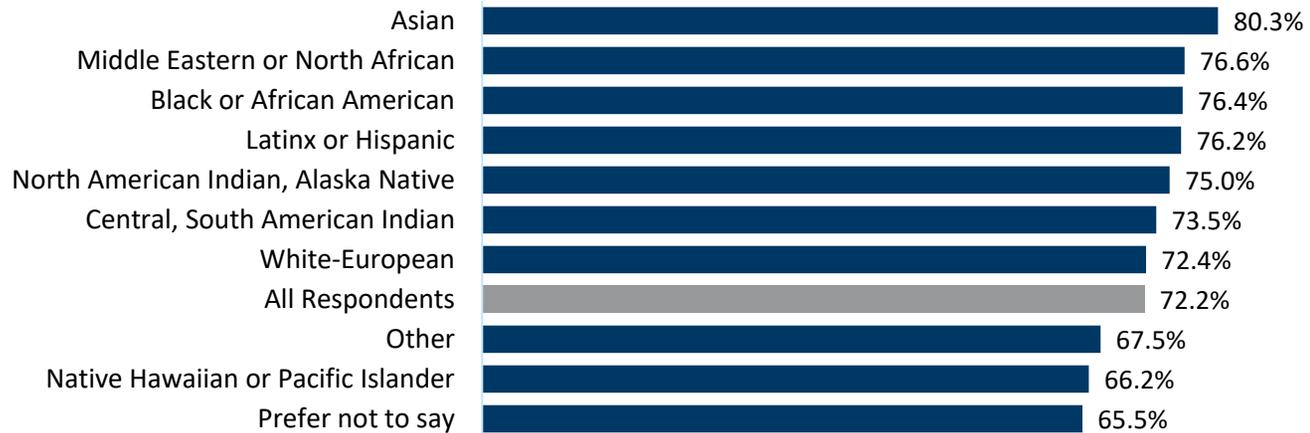
Respondents would be more comfortable with *daily cleaning of surfaces,*



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.)