

# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL CHALLENGES IN CANADA

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**2.2 Million**

Post-secondary enrolments in Canada

**1.8 Million**  
Domestic students

**374K**  
International students

COVID-19 pandemic led to the closure of colleges and universities across Canada, postsecondary students experienced rapid changes to their academic and financial environment.

 **Statistics Canada**

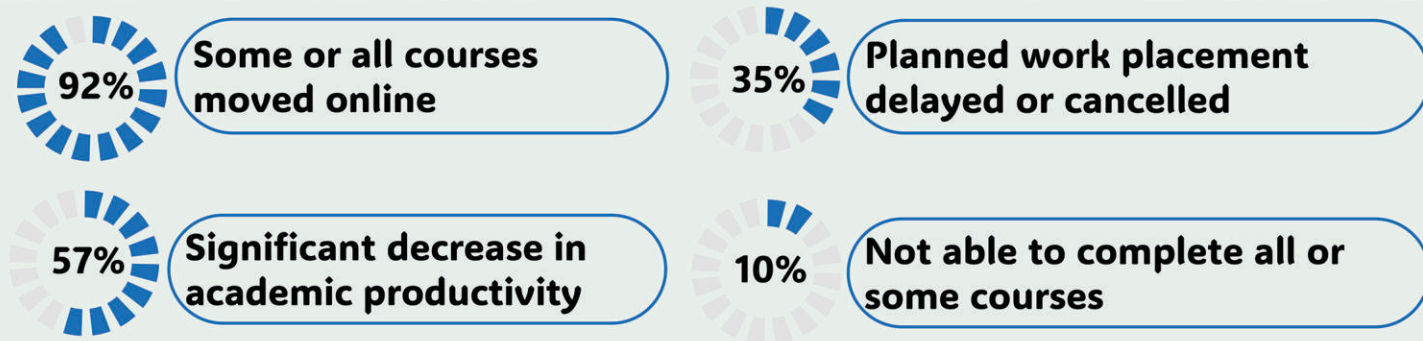
**101,902**  
**Respondents**

Conducted a survey with



## DELAY OR CANCELLATION OF ACADEMIC COURSES

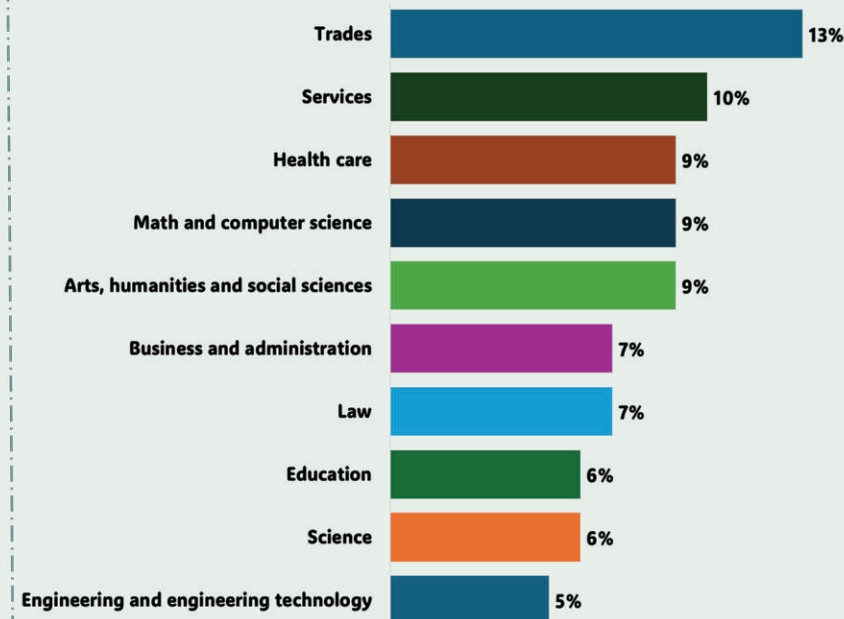
Proportion of respondents who reported following impacts on their academics:



COVID-19 pandemic shifted in-person learning to online learning. Students feel frustrated from online learning

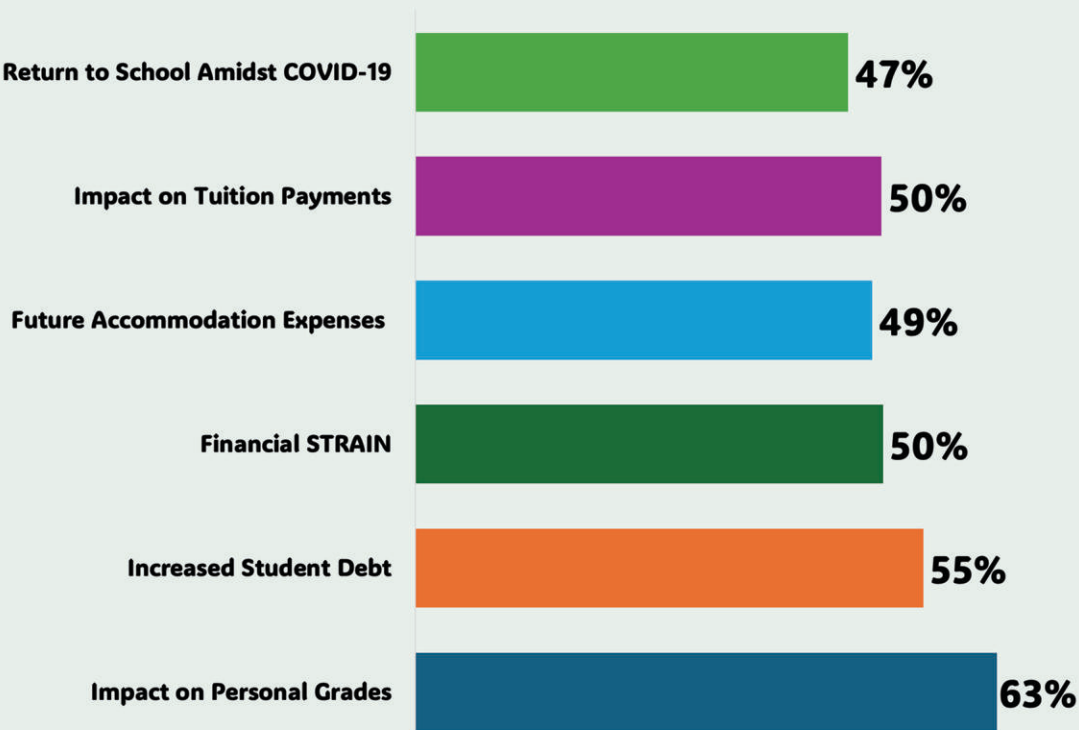


Proportion of respondents who were unable to complete course due to covid-19

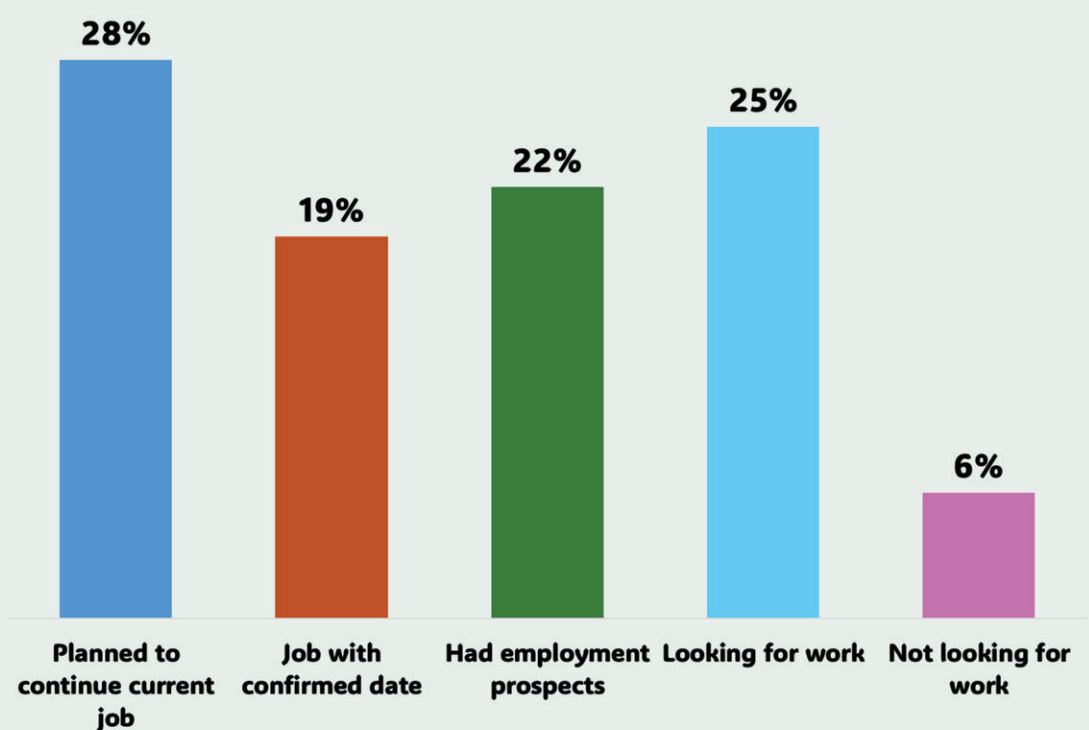


## FINANCIAL STRAIN AND DIFFICULTIES

Proportion of respondents who were 'very' or 'extremely' concerned about:



Proportion of respondents with employment plans after academic term:



## CONCLUSION



**Educational & Financial Disruptions**

COVID-19 has significantly impacted Canadian post-secondary students.



**Support for Vulnerable Groups**

Essential for institutions to aid these groups to prevent burnout and promote inclusivity.



**Equitable Online Learning**

A call for online environments that are fair, diverse, and inclusive.



**Job Placement & Research**

Improvement in job programs and collaborative research is crucial for sector recovery.



**Informed Policymaking**

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Enhance Online Learning experience**

Innovate and refine online platforms for universal accessibility, engagement, and effectiveness.

**Support International Students**

Create policies to attract and retain international students, enhancing institutional diversity and financial health.

**1**

**Strengthen Job Placement**

Develop job placement and internship programs aligned with academic disciplines for better career opportunities.

**2**

**3**

**4**

**Ensure Inclusive Financial Support**

Offer more scholarships and grants to financially impacted students, including international students.