

# Perceptions of the Pandemic and its Effects

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# Methodology



# How the poll was conducted

- Fielded from 4/24/2020 to 5/7/2020 (by Hootology)
- 813 Arizonans (via Innovate)
- Web-based (desktop and mobile devices)
- 10-minute average completion time
- Balanced for age, gender, ethnicity, region
- American Indian, Hispanic, and rural residents were oversampled
- Margin of error is +/- 3 percentage points (95% confidence level)

# The poll in context

**3/15:**  
Arizona  
closes  
public  
schools

**3/30:**  
Arizona  
executive  
“stay  
home”  
order

**4/24-5/7:**  
Morrison  
Institute-  
Arizona  
Republic  
poll in field

**5/15:**  
Arizona  
executive  
order  
expires

**3/27:**  
CARES  
Act is  
signed  
(\$2T)

**4/13:**  
Americans  
begin  
receiving  
stimulus  
checks

**5/8:**  
Arizona  
“soft”  
reopen

# Government response and policy options

# Rating government entities

How would you rate the response of your government entities to COVID-19? Rate the response to COVID-19 on each government level.

Percent of Arizonans who rank each government entity as “good” or “excellent”



**39%**

**Urban Arizonans**

**30%**

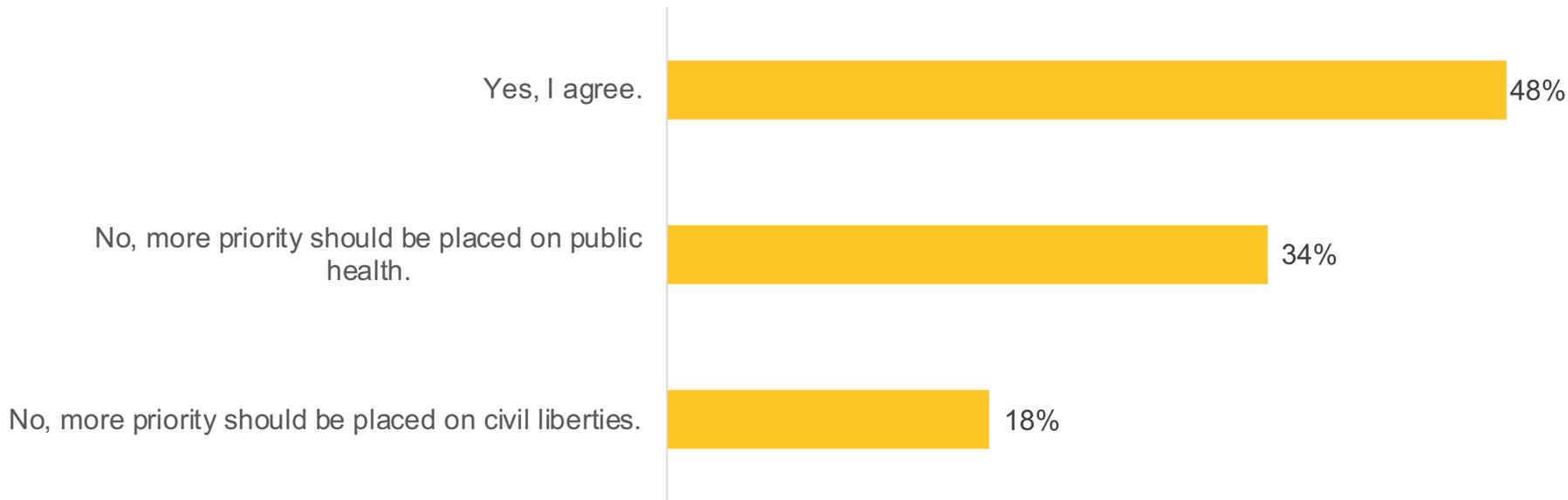
**Rural Arizonans**

**Rated the state government response to COVID-19  
as “excellent” or “good.”**



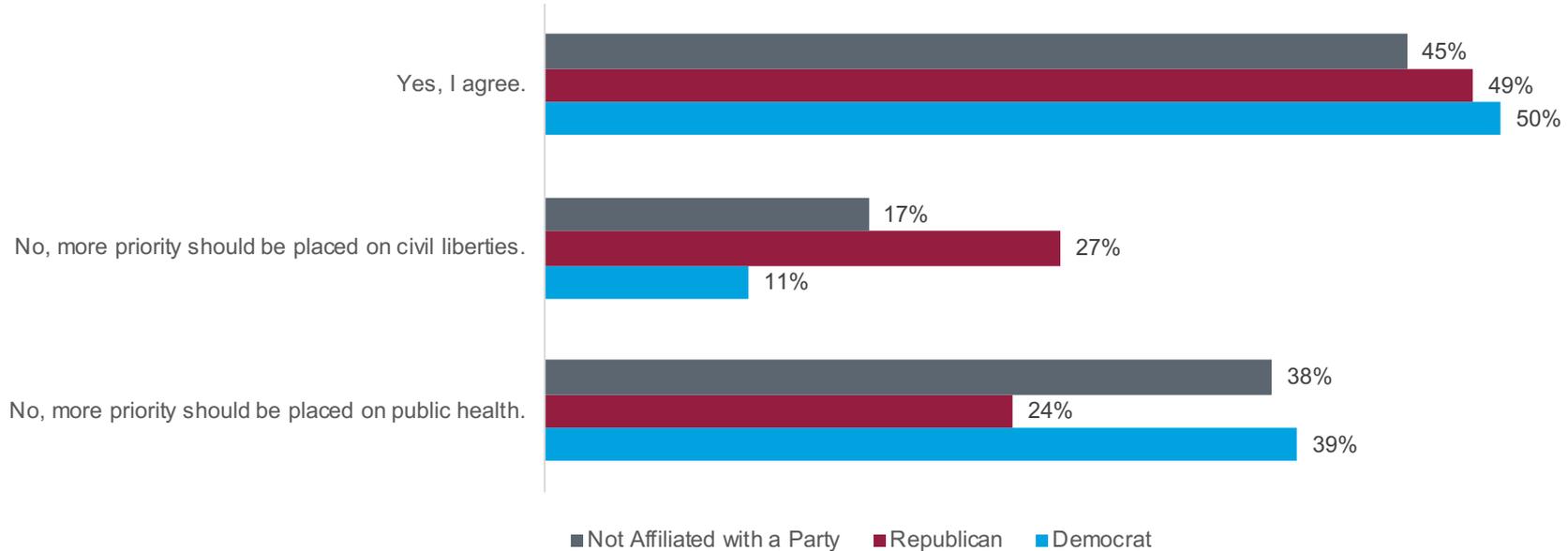
# Civil liberties and public health

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COVID-19 response.



# Civil liberties and public health, by party

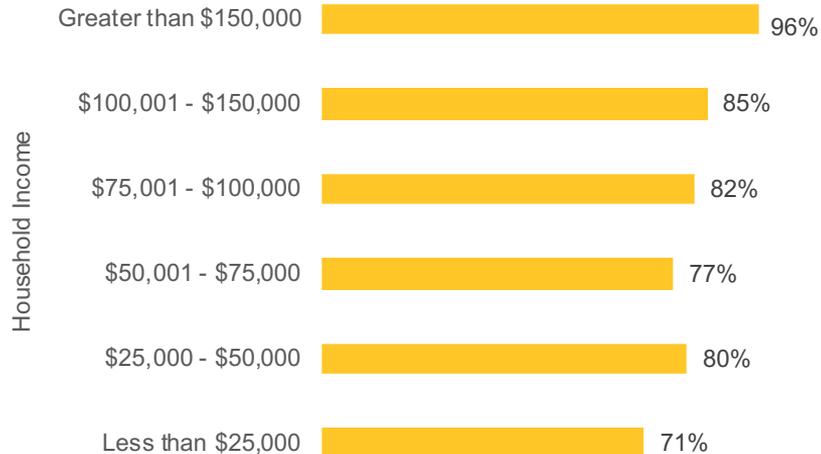
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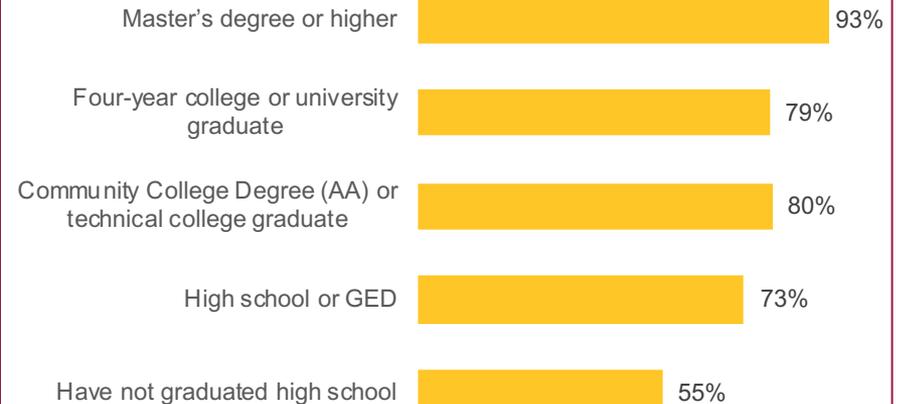
# Emergency health preparedness

Arizonans of all income levels and education levels believe that Arizona should routinely assess public health emergency preparedness with agreement increasing as incomes and educations increase.

Arizonans who agree or strongly agree Arizona should routinely assess public health emergency preparedness, by income



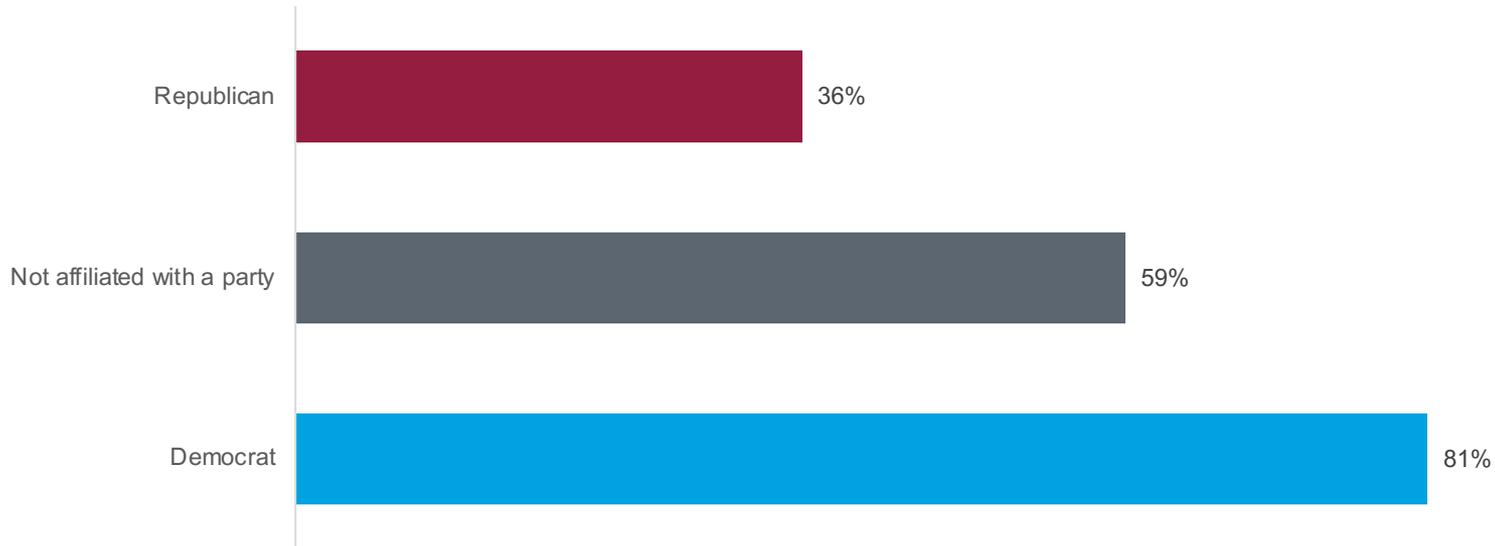
Arizonans who agree or strongly agree Arizona should routinely assess public health emergency preparedness, by education



# Health coverage for citizens

Sixty-one percent of Arizonans agree or strongly agree that the U.S. should provide health care coverage for all citizens.

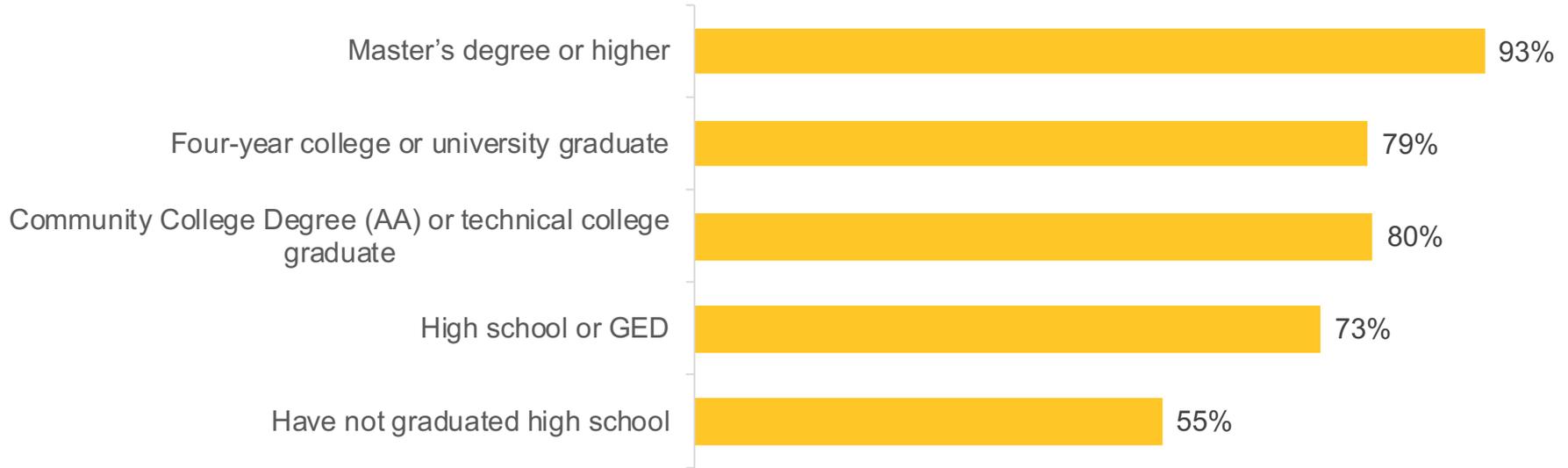
Registered voters who agree or strongly agree that the U.S. should provide health care coverage for all citizens, by party affiliation



# Funding for public health agencies

Seventy percent of Arizonans believe that Arizona should increase funding for public health agencies. Agreement with this statement varies with education. Highly educated Arizonans tend to agree with this statement at higher rates.

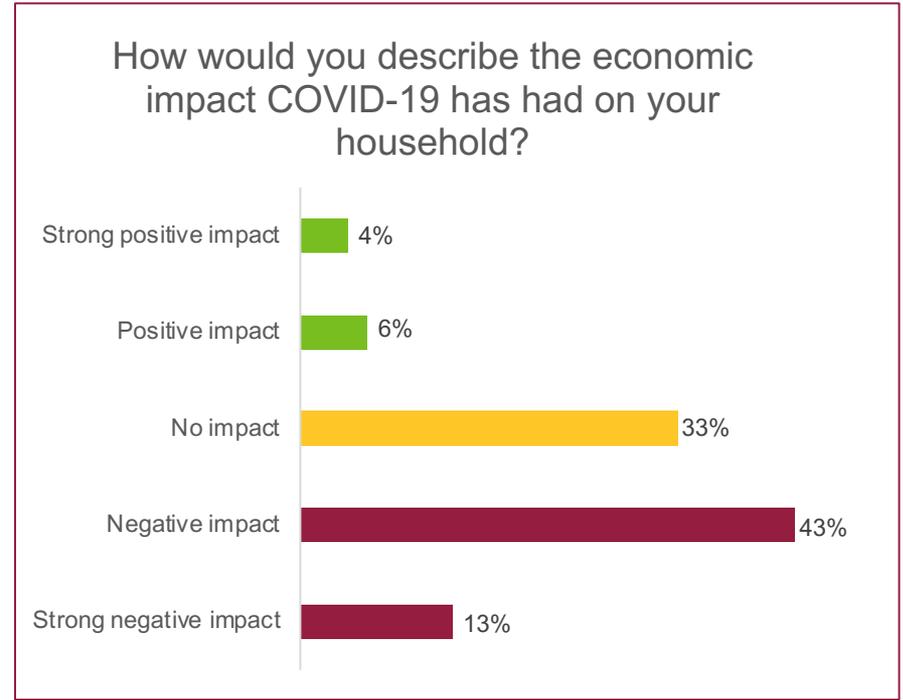
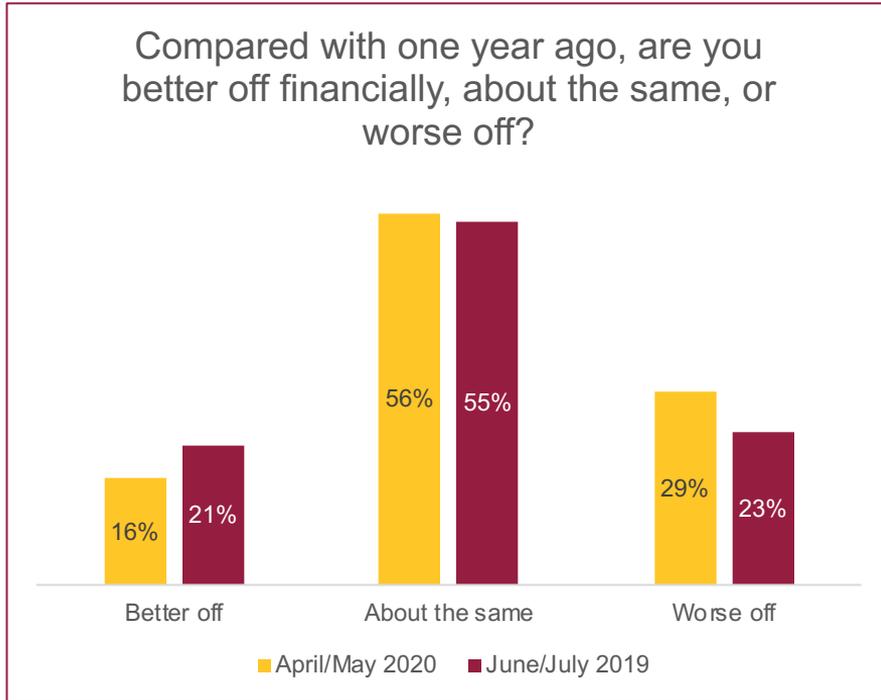
Arizonans who agree or strongly agree that Arizona should increase funding for public health agencies, by education



# The economy and housing

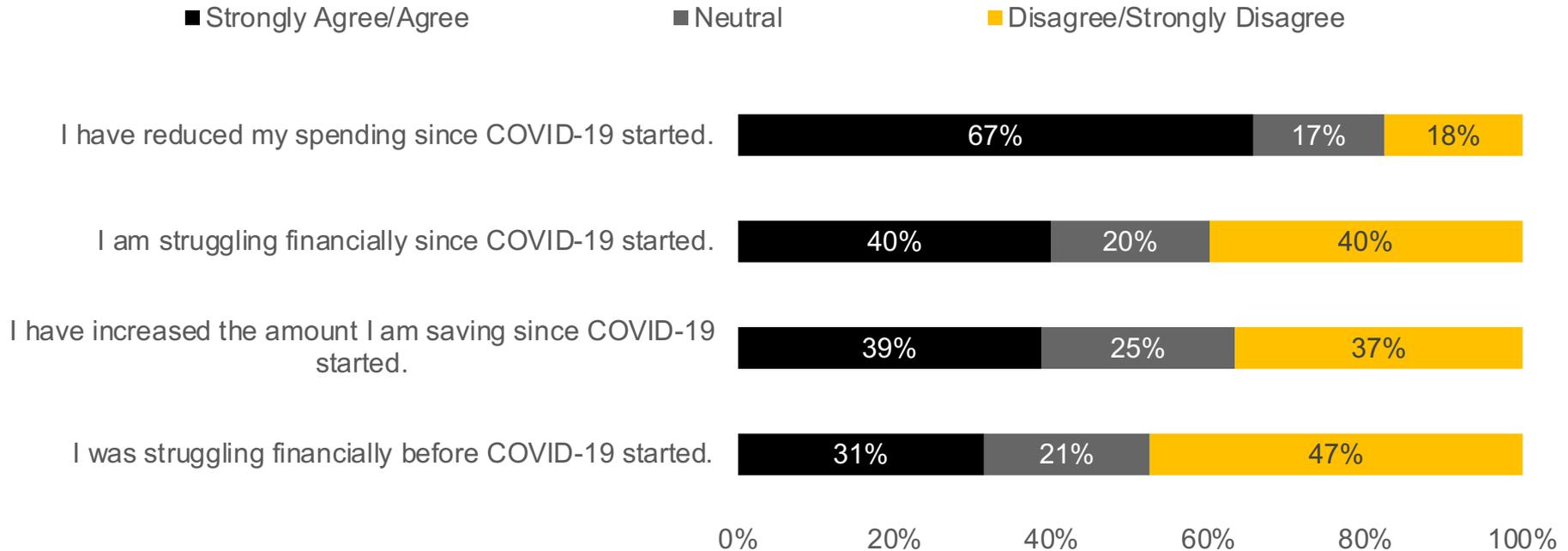
# Overall financial position

More than half of Arizonans (56%) say they are doing about as well as they were last year financially.



# Perceptions of personal financial position

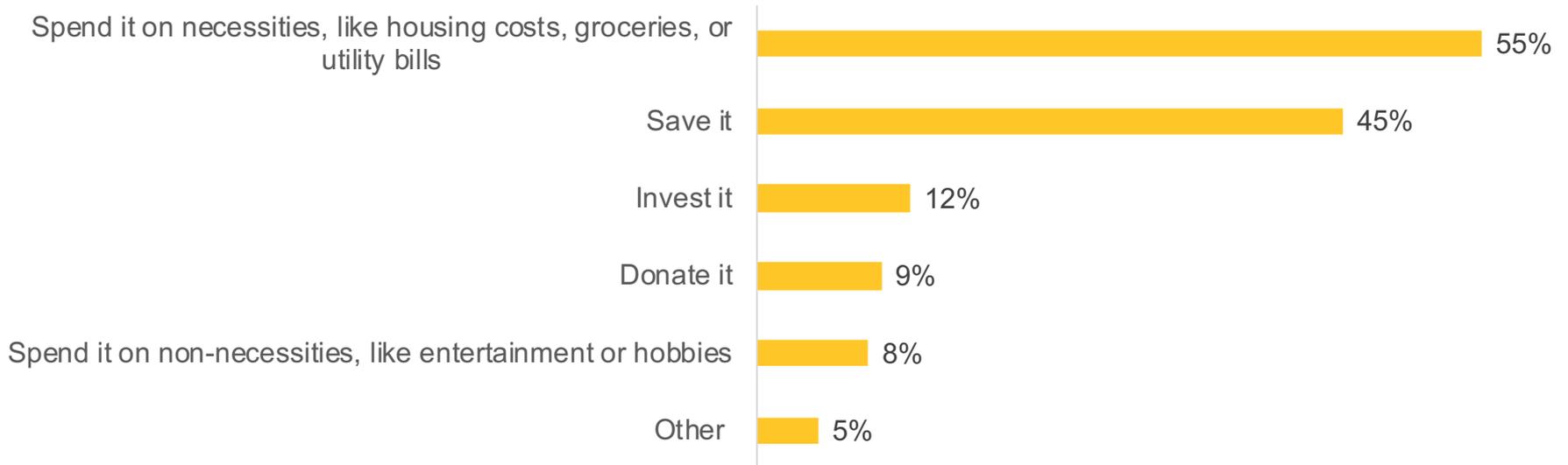
To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the financial impact COVID-19 has had on your household?



# Stimulus checks

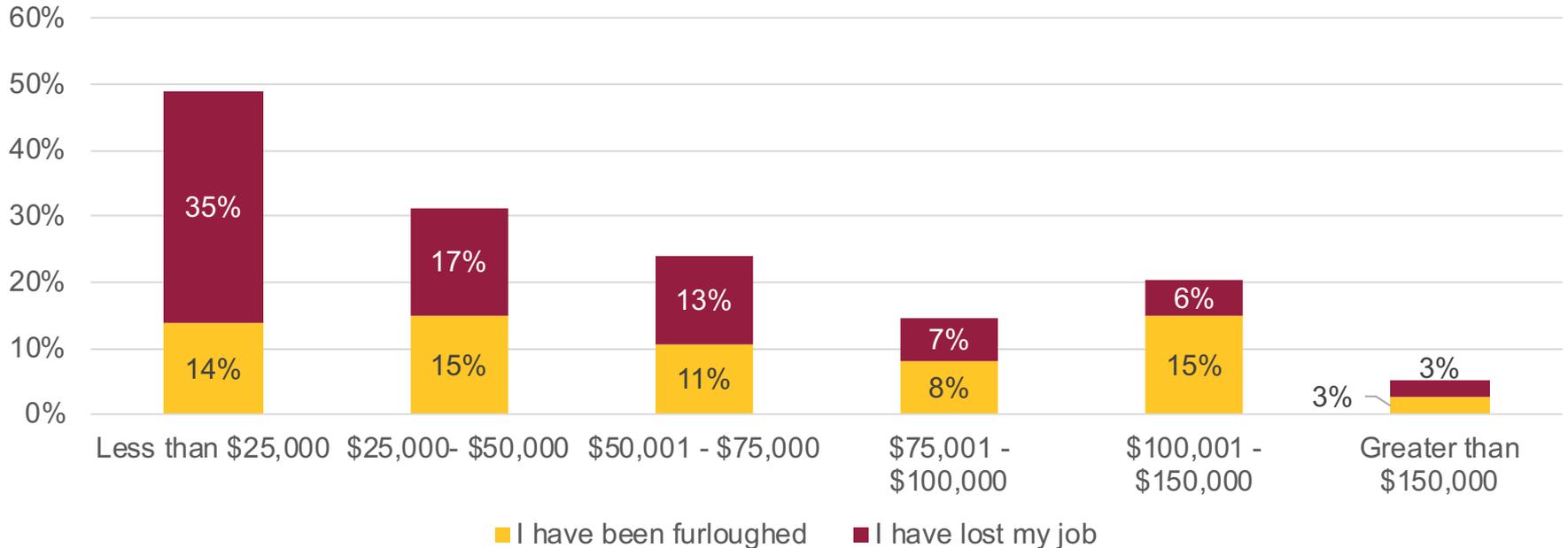
More than half of Arizonans say they will spend their stimulus check on necessities.

If I receive a stimulus check from the government, I will ...  
(check all that apply)



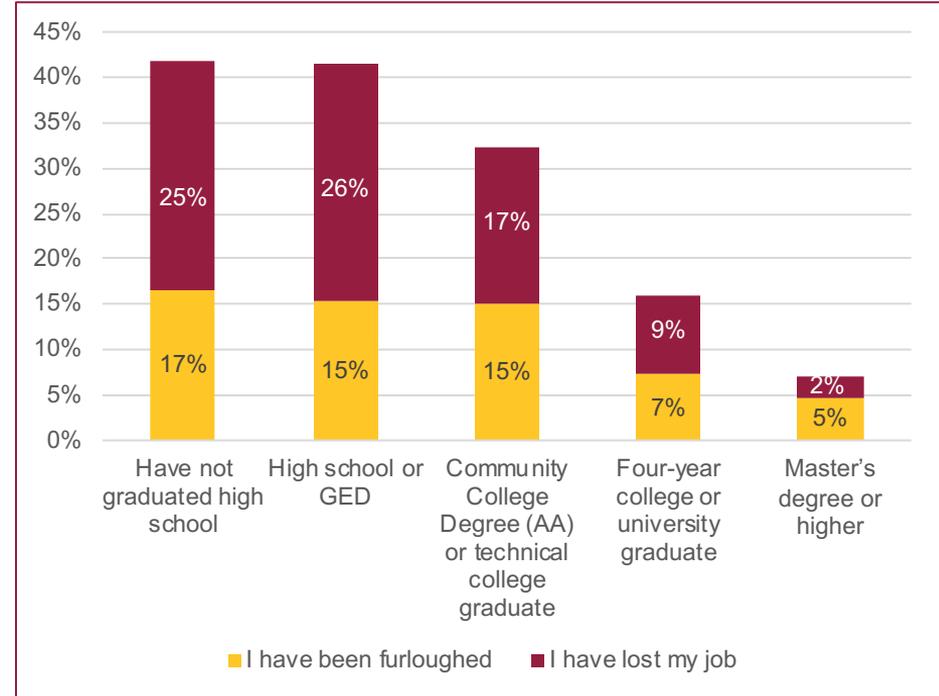
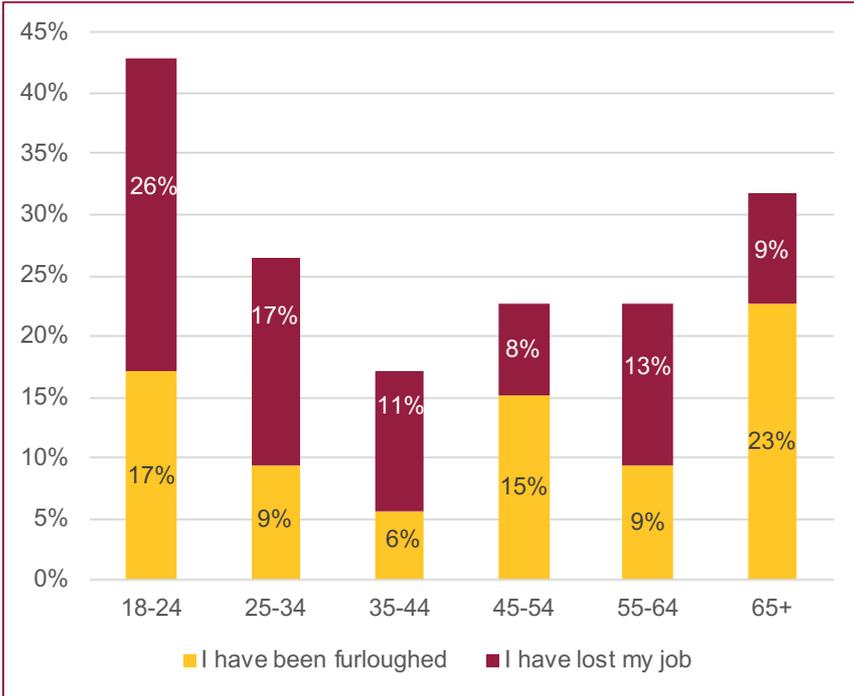
# Loss of income during the pandemic

Arizonans with lower incomes have been more likely to be furloughed or to have lost their jobs.



# Furloughs and layoffs, by age and education

Younger, older, and less-educated workers have been particularly hard-hit by the pandemic.



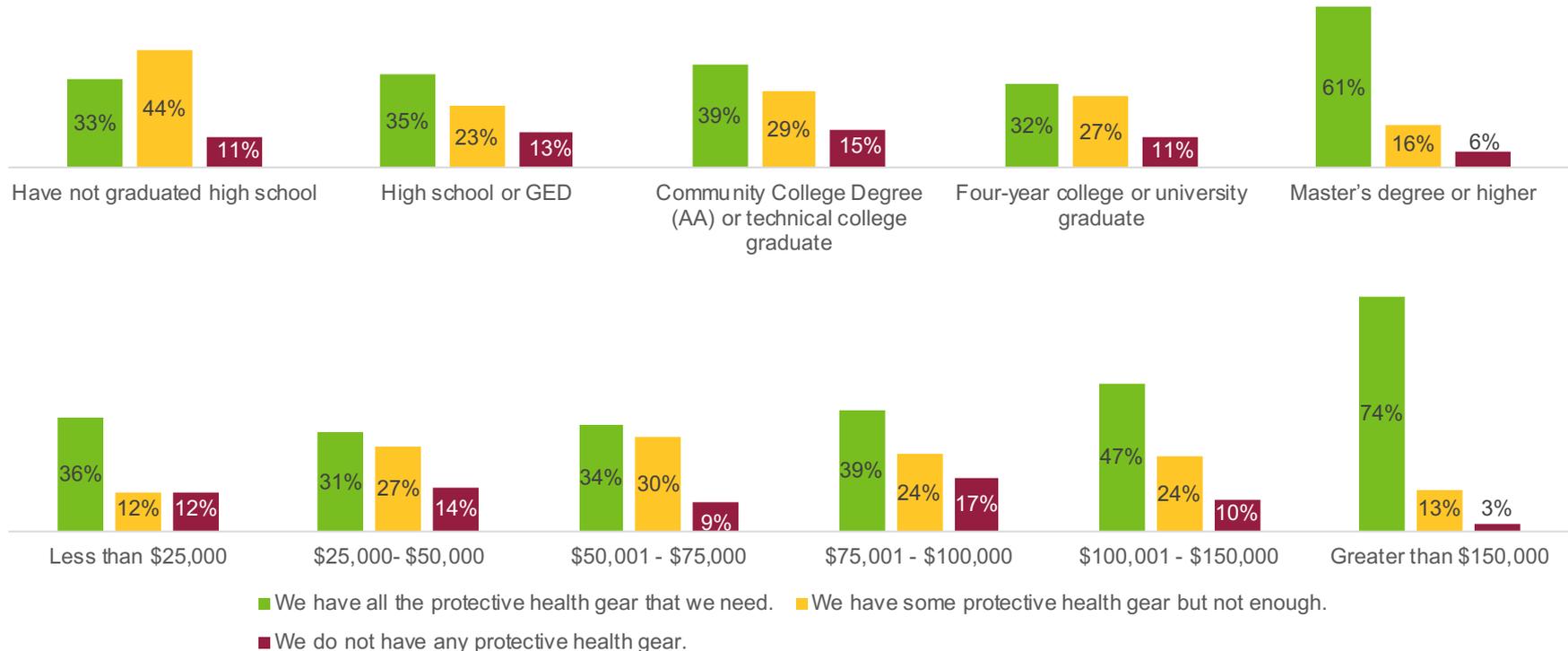
# Support for small businesses, by HH income

Since COVID-19, has any of the following changed for your household? Supporting small businesses.



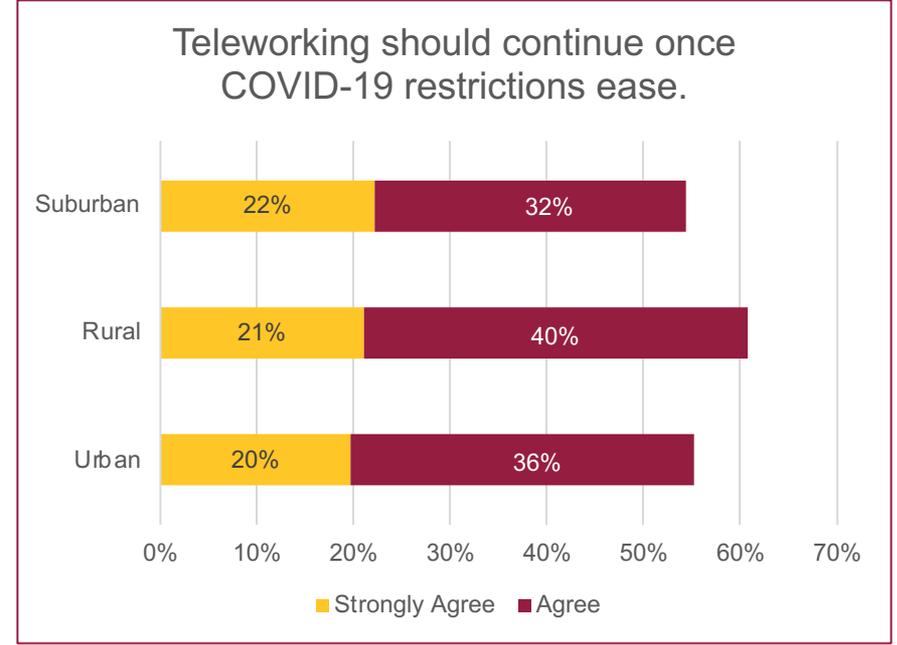
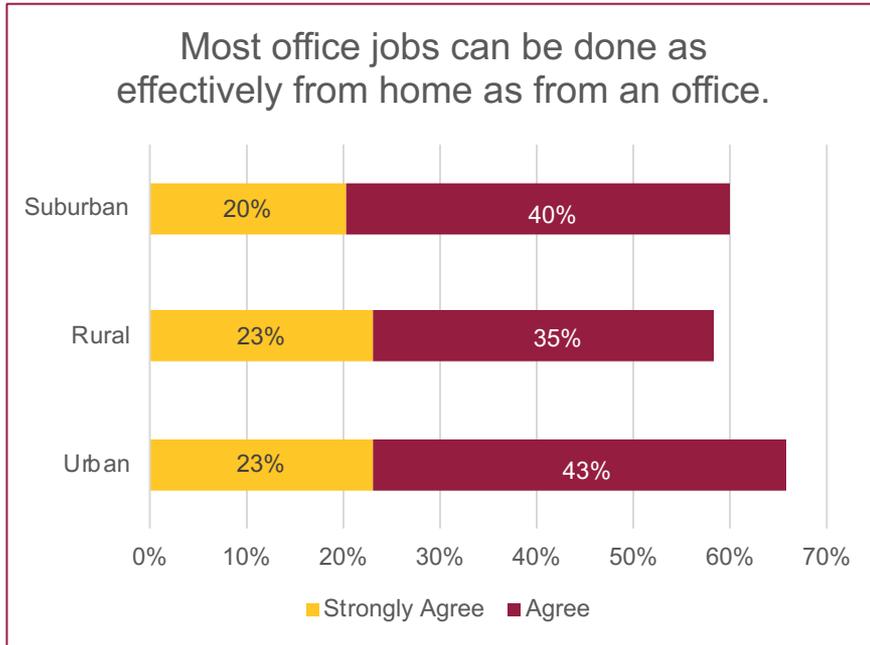
# Workplace safety, education & HH income

What is most true about your work environment and the protective health gear available (masks, gloves, shields, etc.)?



# Perceptions of telework

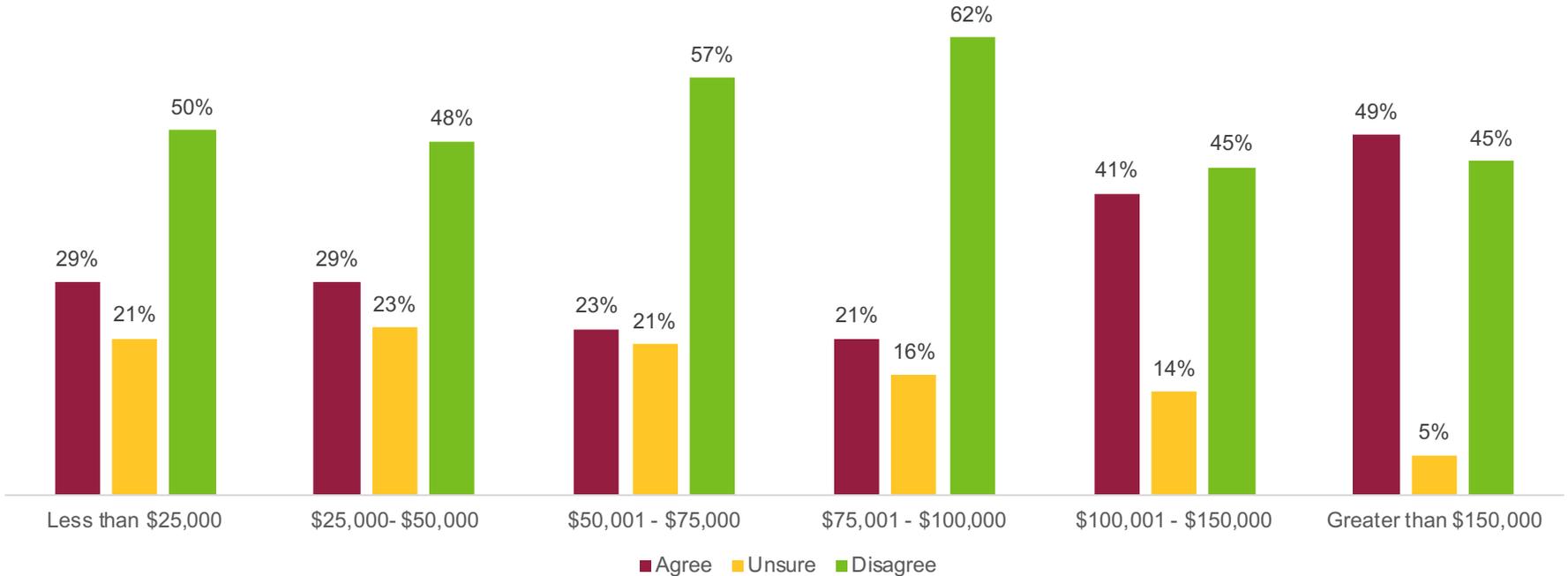
Most people agree office jobs can be done as effectively from home (60%) and agree teleworking should continue once COVID-19 restrictions ease (55%).



# Housing security, by HH income

Almost one-third of Arizonans (29%) feel like their housing situation is less secure than before COVID-19.

My housing situation feels less secure than before COVID-19.



# Missed rent/mortgage, by HH income

Arizonans in the highest income brackets missed their rent or mortgage payments more than lower income Arizonans.

Have you missed a rent or mortgage payment as a result of COVID-19?

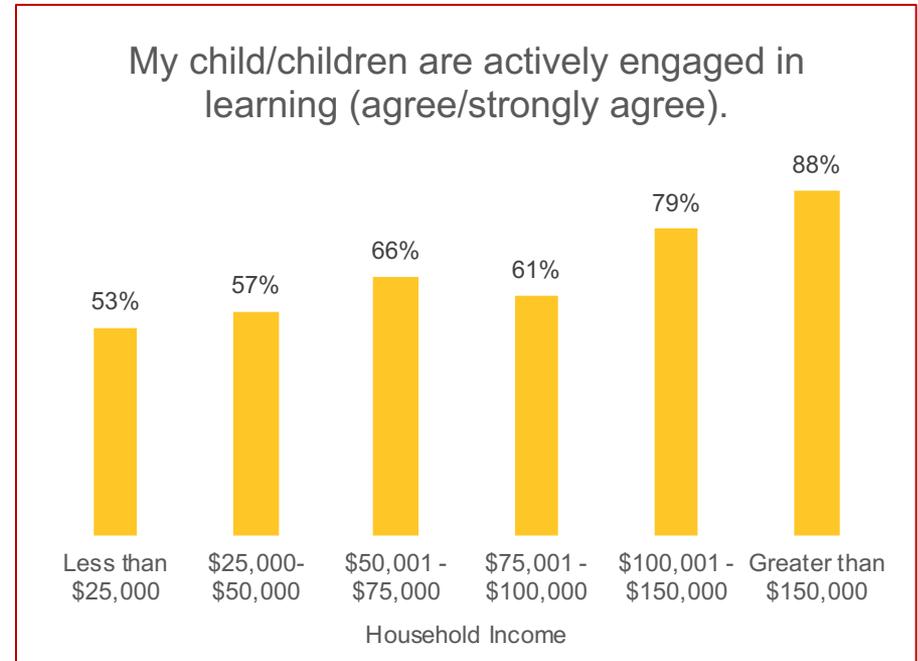
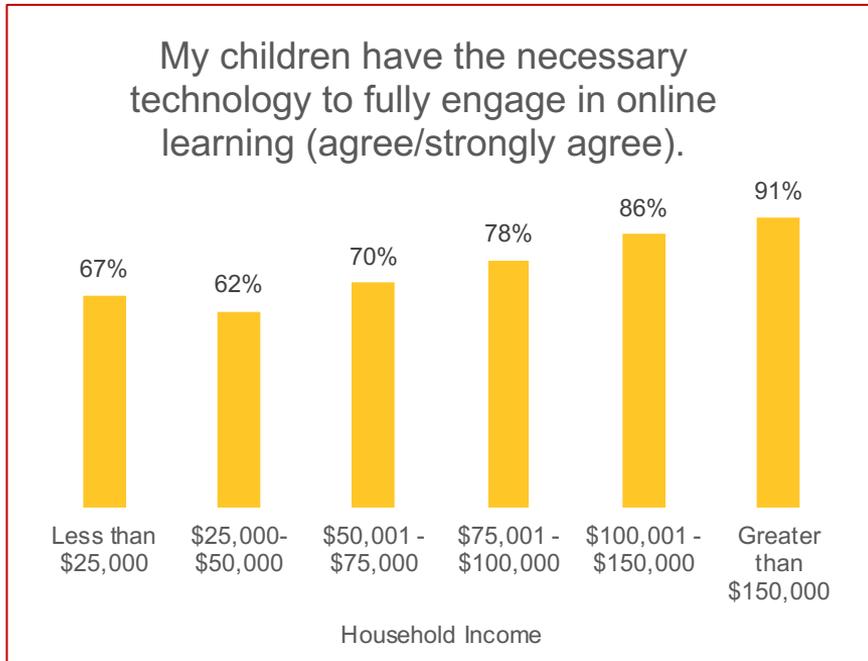


# Education and health



# Access to technology & learning engagement

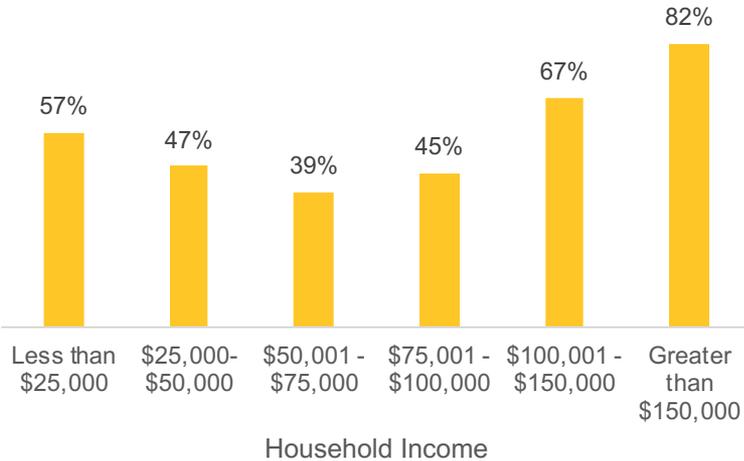
Parents with children from low income families are less likely to say that their children have the technology necessary to engage in online learning and are less likely to say that their children are actively engaged in online learning.



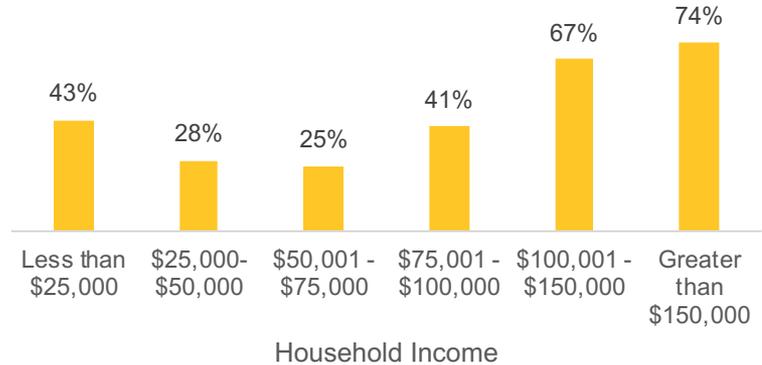
# Concern about disruption to learning

In contrast, parents of children in higher income brackets are more likely to be concerned that their child will fall behind in school. People with higher household incomes are also more likely to be concerned that COVID-19 will decrease the chance their child will graduate high school.

I worry that my child(ren) will fall behind (agree/strongly agree).

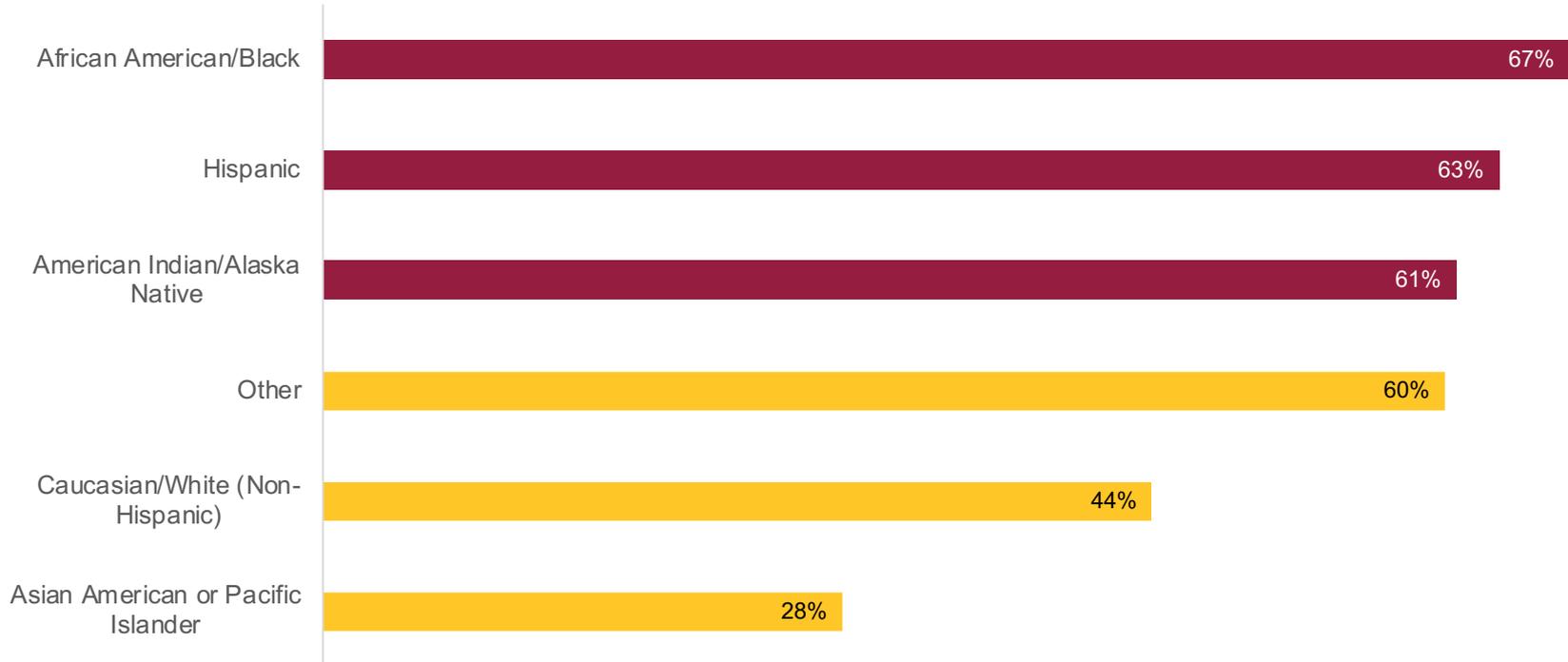


I am concerned the COVID-19 disruption will decrease my child(ren)'s likelihood of graduating high school (agree/strongly agree).



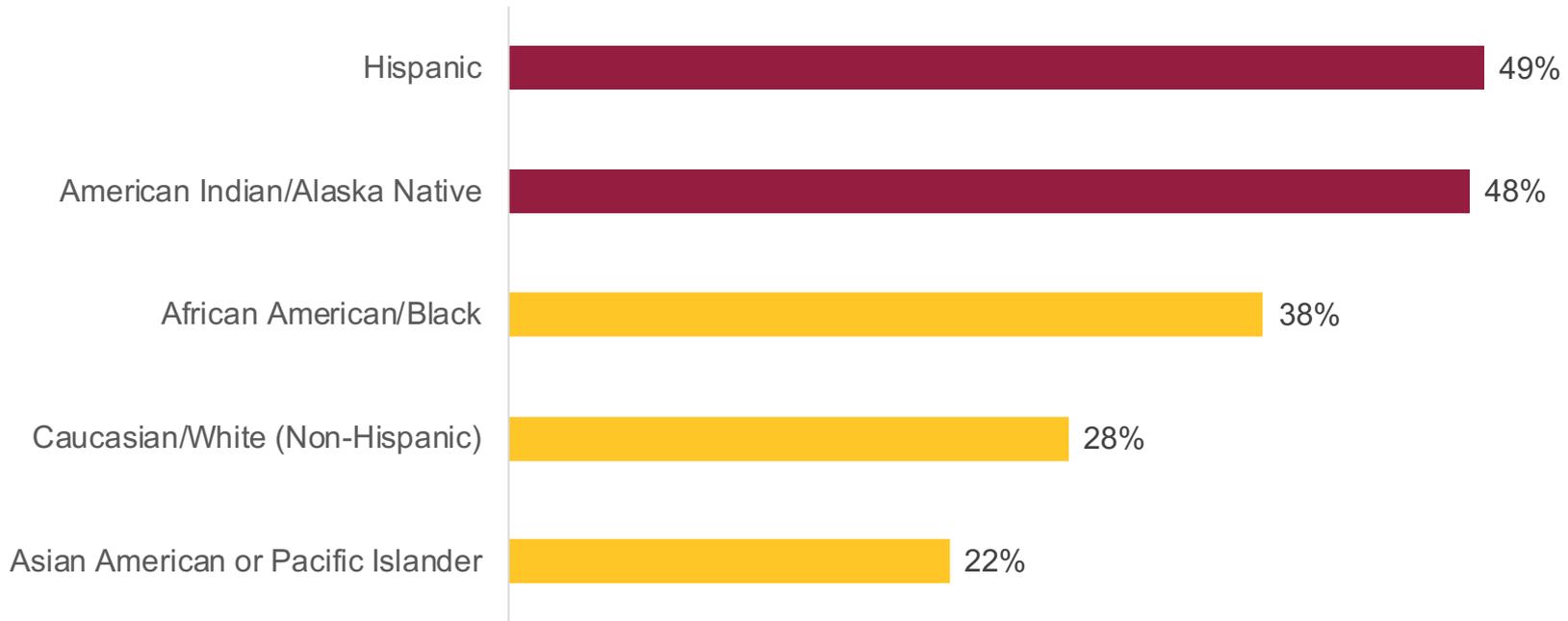
# Concern about learning disruption, by race

Percent of parent/guardians who agree/strongly agree with: I worry that my child(ren) will fall behind.



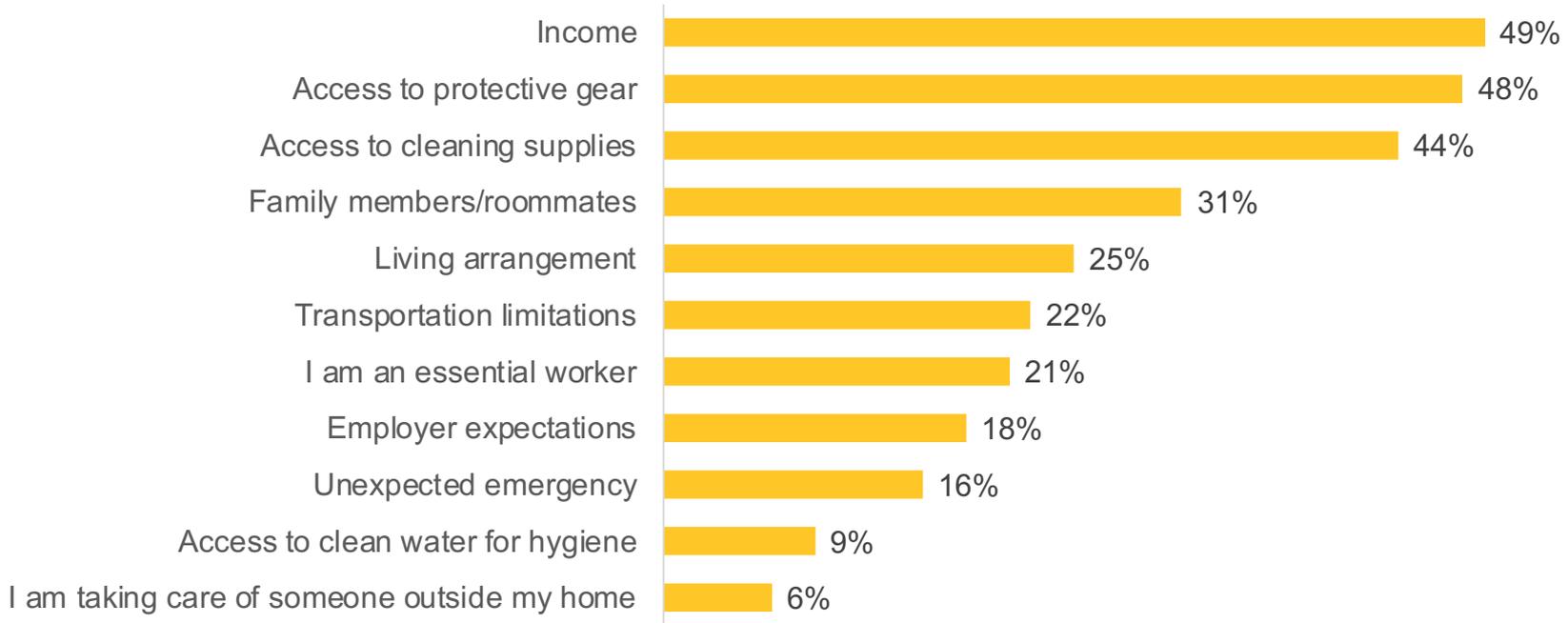
# Concern about completing high school

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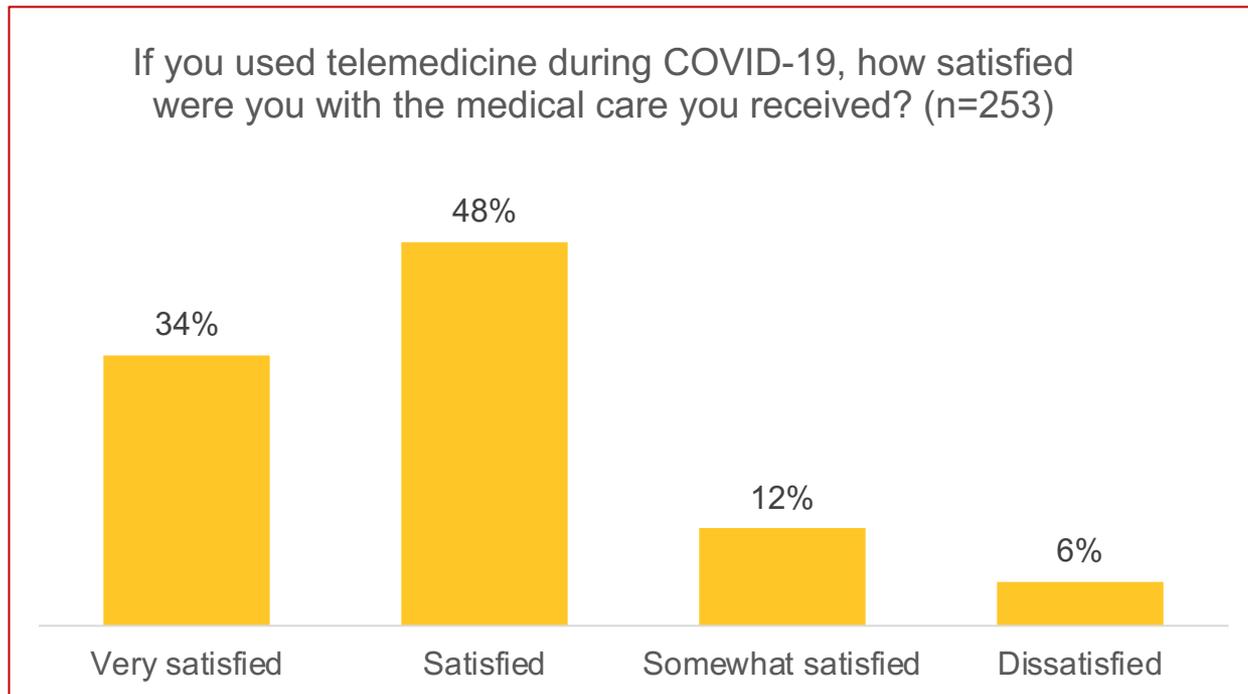
# Personal precautions during the pandemic

Most Arizonans (75%) say they are taking all the COVID-19 precautions they want to take. However, income and access to protective gear are reported to be the top barriers to preventing Arizonans from taking all the precautions they would want to take to minimize exposure to the coronavirus.



# Telemedicine use during COVID-19

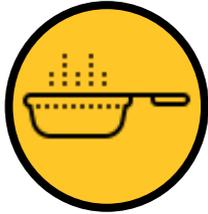
Of the Arizonans who have used telemedicine during COVID-19, an most are satisfied or very satisfied.



20% of Arizonans have used telemedicine for the first time during COVID-19

# Health and lifestyle during the pandemic

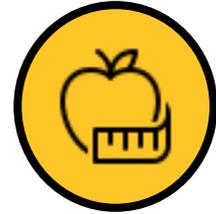
Half of Arizonans say that they are cooking more since COVID-19 and 28% of Arizonans say they are exercising more and eating healthy more since COVID-19.



53% of Arizonans say they are cooking more since COVID-19



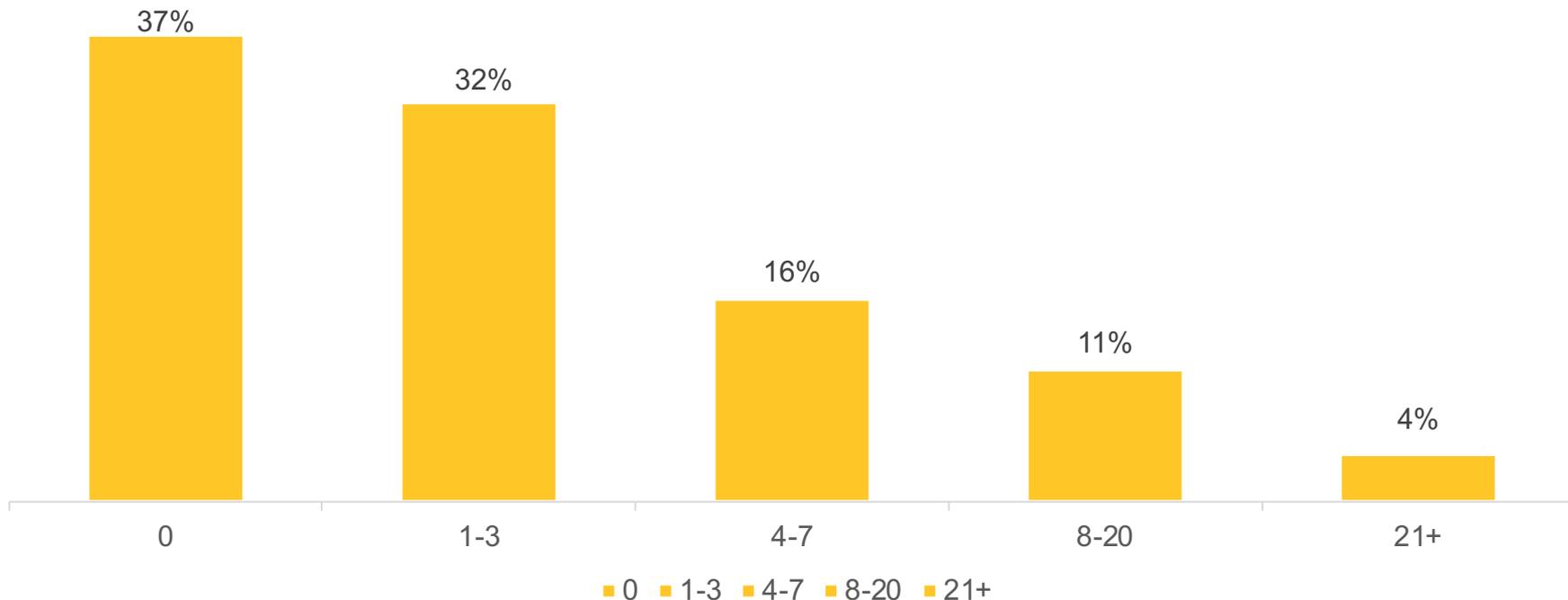
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# Social distancing, general population

In the last 24 hours, other than the people in your household, how many different individuals have you been within six feet of?



# Gain more insight.



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