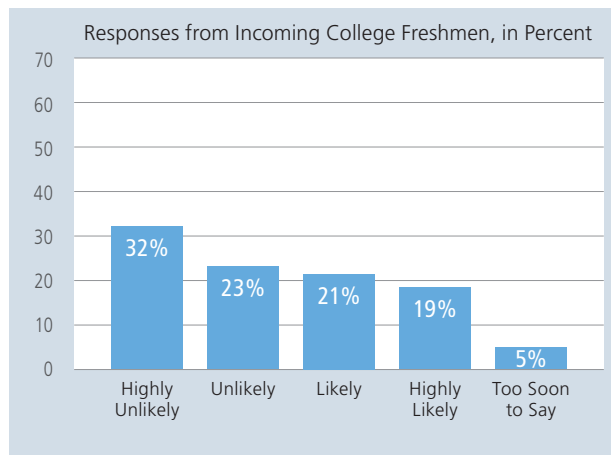


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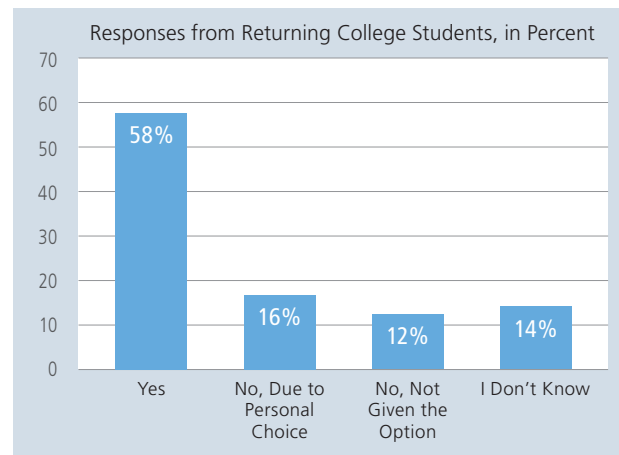
In August 2020, SimpsonScarborough released the findings from its *Higher Ed and COVID-19: National Student Survey, Pt. III*. This survey, conducted in July, explores students' views about returning to campus in the wake of COVID-19. Findings were based on the responses of 927 incoming college freshmen and 905 returning college sophomores, juniors, and seniors at institutions across the United States.

Data indicate that both incoming freshmen and returning students are uneasy about being on campus in the fall. Forty percent of incoming freshmen reported that they were likely or highly likely not to attend college this fall. A total of 30 percent of returning students reported that they had not made a decision about returning to campus for in-person instruction or would not be returning to campus due to personal choice.

How Likely is it that You Will Not Go to College Next Term Due to COVID-19?

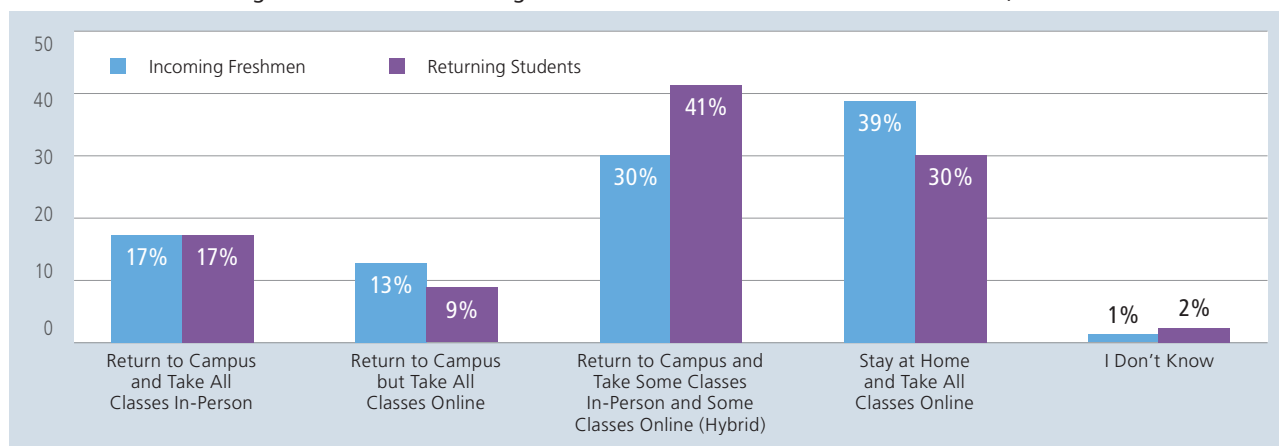


Are You Planning to Return to Campus for In-Person Instruction this Fall?



When asked how they would prefer to take classes in the fall, the majority of incoming freshmen (39 percent) said they would prefer to stay home and take all of their classes online. Returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors favored returning to campus with a hybrid model of instruction (41 percent).

Incoming Freshmen and Returning Students' Preferences for Fall 2020 Instruction, in Percent



Note: Incoming freshmen included in the sample were high school seniors who planned to attend traditional four-year institutions as residential students. Returning students included in the sample were the prior year's residential freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Source: *Higher Ed and COVID-19: National Student Survey, Pt. III—The Fragility of Trust*, SimpsonScarborough. View the full report here: <https://info.simpsonscarborough.com/hubfs/SimpsonScarborough%20National%20Student%20Survey.%20Pt.%20III.pdf>.