

# COVID-19 and Its Impact on Students



One year after the start of the pandemic, the majority of students' top concerns for the 2021-22 school year are more about the cost of college vs. personal health.

Even as some of the uncertainties posed by COVID-19 appear to be easing, the financial impact is not. Students and families continue to struggle to cover the cost of higher education and the pandemic has made matters worse.



**72%** of students who responded said paying for tuition and fees is one of their top concerns



**31%** listed the impact of COVID-19 on their studies as a top concern



**25%** listed contracting the virus as a top concern



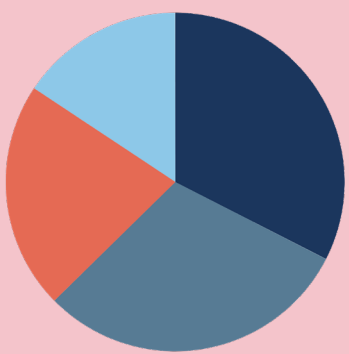
**65%** said the pandemic has increased their need for financial aid



**40%** said COVID-19 has dramatically reduced income needed to help pay for their education



## Added Stress...



**27%** reported that they lost a job due to COVID-19

**25%** said that one or more of their parents/guardians lost their job

**18%** said that they're no longer able to pay for their food needs

**13%** stated they're no longer able to pay their rent or mortgage



## Outside of the classroom...



**69%** of students are responsible for supporting themselves in college



**25%** contribute financially to help their family



**11%** financially support their children or other dependent