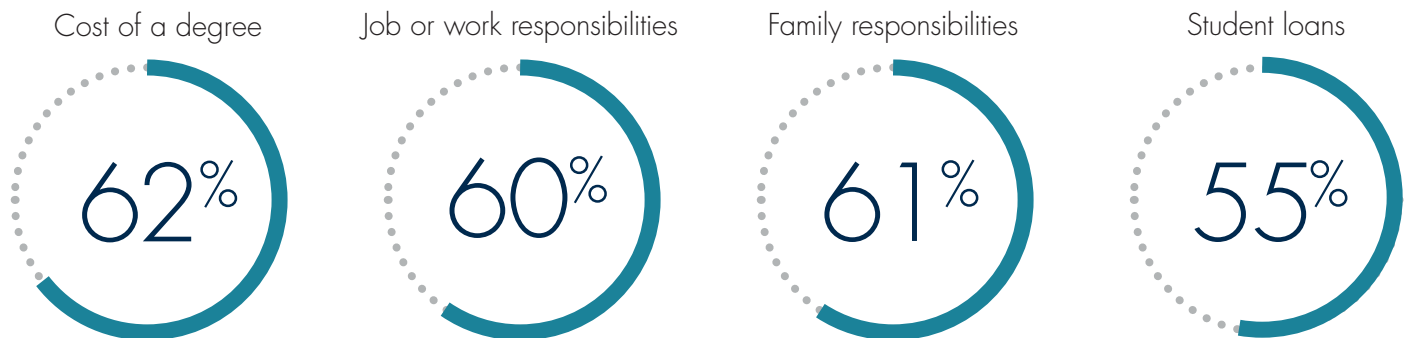


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## 2021 HIGHER EDUCATION

A recent poll of 500 registered Tennessee voters revealed important perspectives on the current state of higher education in Tennessee.

### Most common obstacles keeping prospective students from earning a degree.



### What priority level should Governor Bill Lee's administration give to these issues?

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  MIDDLE
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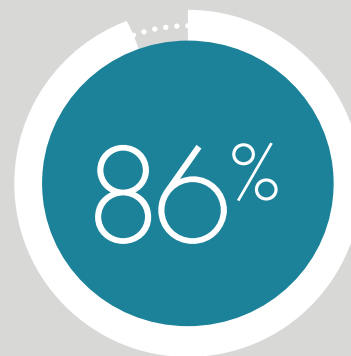
#### Affordability of college and technical training



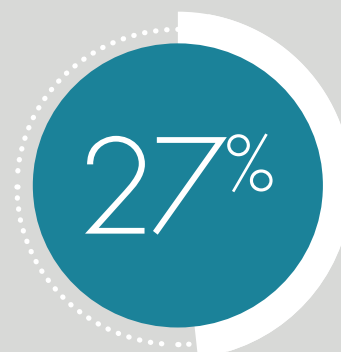
#### Student debt



#### Ability of graduates to succeed in the workplace

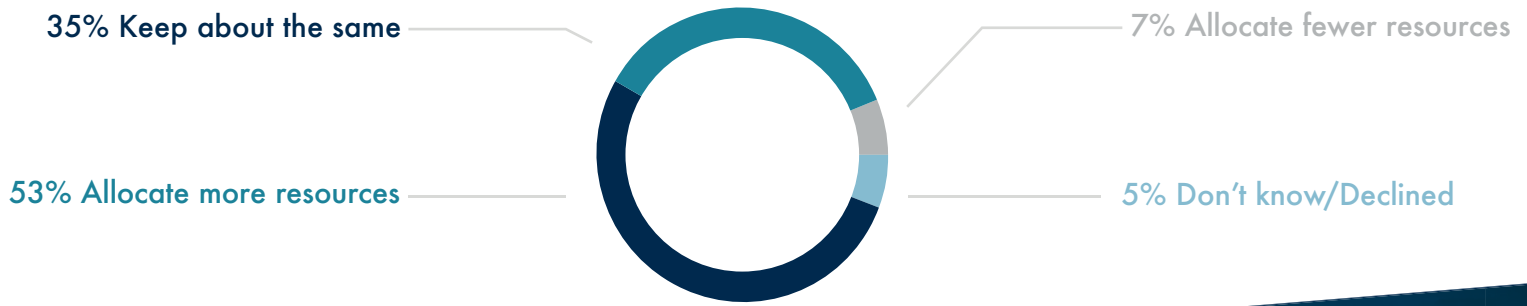


86% said having some form of education after high school is important.



27% said they need more education for the job/career they want.

# Should Governor Lee's administration change the amount of resources dedicated to higher education?



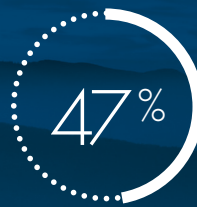
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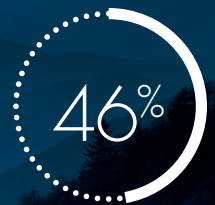
agree that HOPE scholarships should be available to students enrolled in other state-approved online college programs.



said online college degree programs were as good as or better than traditional college programs.



of those who had to purchase new electronics during the pandemic said that the purchase created financial hardship.



said that college readiness should be a top priority of Gov. Lee's administration.

## ABOUT THE SURVEY:

The Dallas-based market research firm Dynata surveyed 500 randomly selected registered voters who are currently employed to gauge attitudes and opinions regarding higher-education issues, including financial aid for traditional and online degree programs. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.