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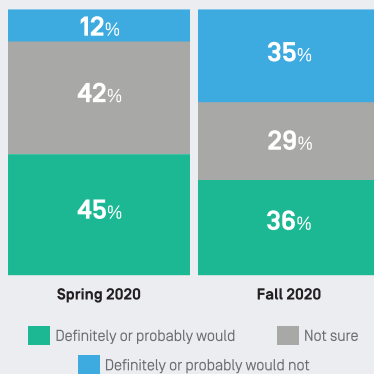
Community colleges endured a more severe drop in enrollment than four-year institutions in fall 2020, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Yet community college students nationwide are more likely than their peers at four-year institutions to say they believe their education will be worth the cost and that their institution does an excellent or very good job connecting education to a meaningful career.

This week's data are based on the Strada Student Viewpoint and Strada-Gallup Education Consumer surveys. The research is intended to provide insights to the education and training providers, policymakers, employers, and individual Americans who are navigating the COVID-19 crisis.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE

Among Americans without degrees, skepticism about the value of education grew during 2020.

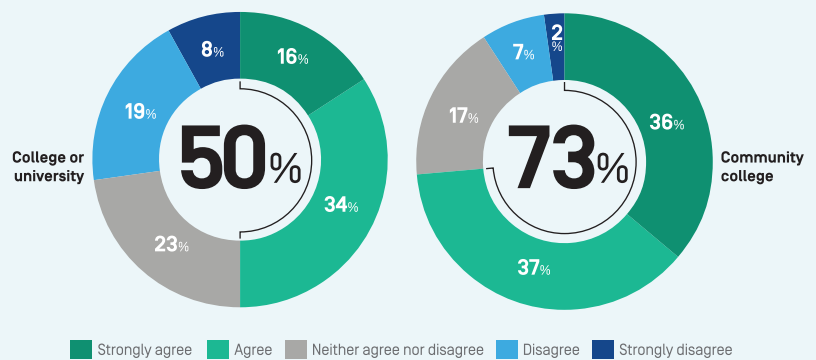
Additional education would help you get a job in times of economic uncertainty.



VALUE

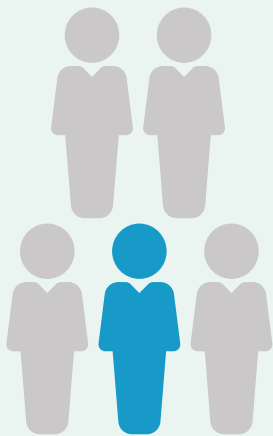
Community college students are more likely than their peers at four-year institutions to feel their education will be worth the cost.

My education will be worth the cost.



COMPLETION

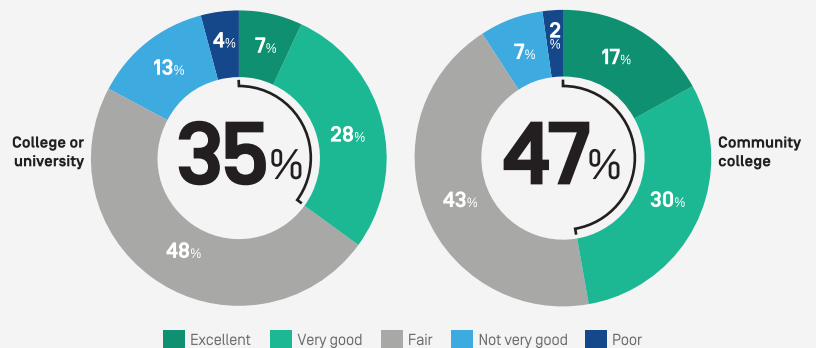
1 in 5 community college students expect to delay their graduation because of COVID-19.



PURPOSE

Community college students are more likely than their peers at four-year institutions to feel support connecting their education to a meaningful career.

% who rate their institution excellent or very good at helping students connect education to career.



* The 2020 Strada-Gallup Education Consumer Survey was fielded from April to May and October to December 2020 and is a nationally representative mail- and web-based survey of U.S. adults ages 18 to 65. The Strada Student Viewpoint Survey was fielded by College Pulse from Sept. 10 to 25 as an online survey from a panel of undergraduate students enrolled at two- and four-year institutions.