

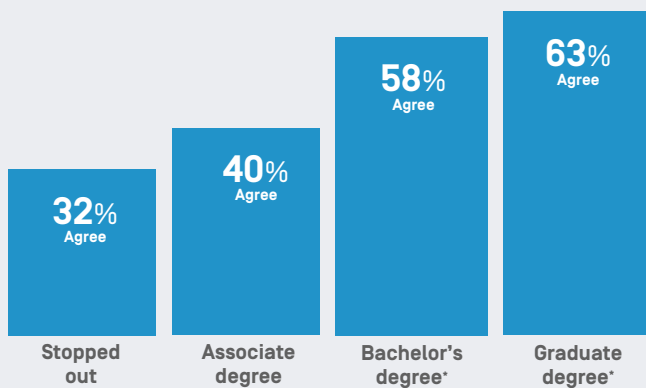
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When do people believe their student loans were worth it? The amount of the loan, how much money someone makes, and how much education they completed don't tell the whole story. Even accounting for these variables, Black and Latino alumni are less likely to report their loans were worth it. However, the standout factor across all individuals is whether they believe their college provided them with resources and support to get a good job.

This week's data are based on the 2020 spring and fall waves of the Strada-Gallup Education Consumer Survey. The research is intended to inform education and training providers, policymakers, and employers who are helping people complete valuable and purposeful education pathways.

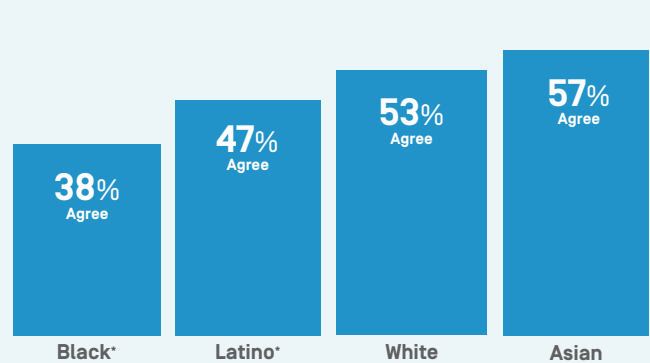
Individuals who complete **higher levels of education** are **more likely** to say it was worth taking out student loans.

It was worth taking out my student loans



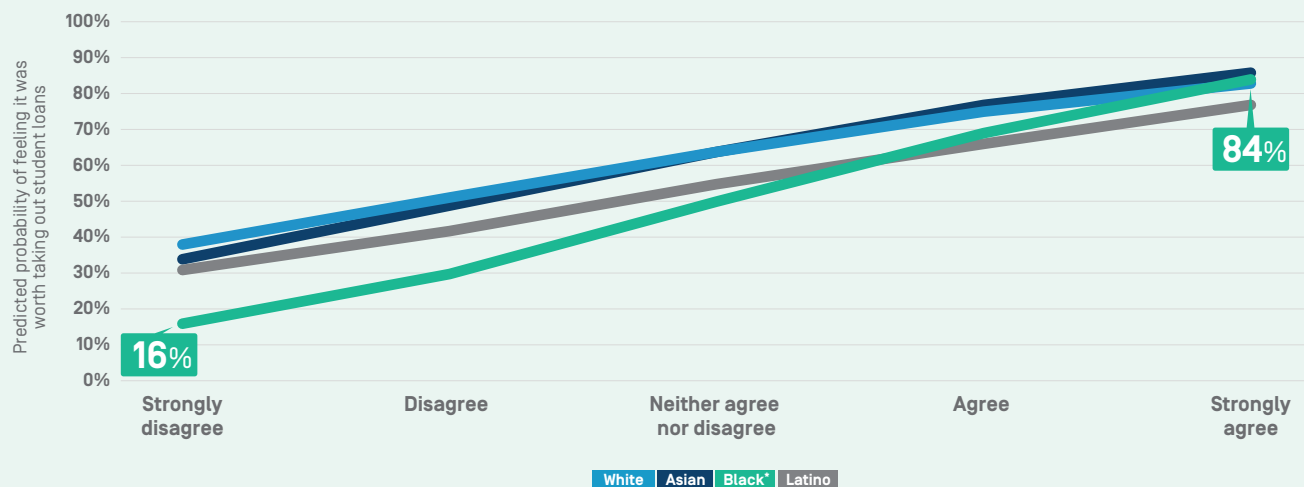
**Fewer than half of Black and Latino** alumni agree that their student loans were worth it.

It was worth taking out my student loans



When individuals **feel their school supported them** in getting a good job, perspectives on student loans shift and **racial and ethnic gaps close**.

My school provided resources and support to help me get a job\*



\* Statistically significant difference at  $p < .05$ . Source: Strada-Gallup Education Consumer Survey, April 2-Dec. 22, 2020. Base: adults ages 18-65 with at least some college who took out student loans,  $n=6,739$ .