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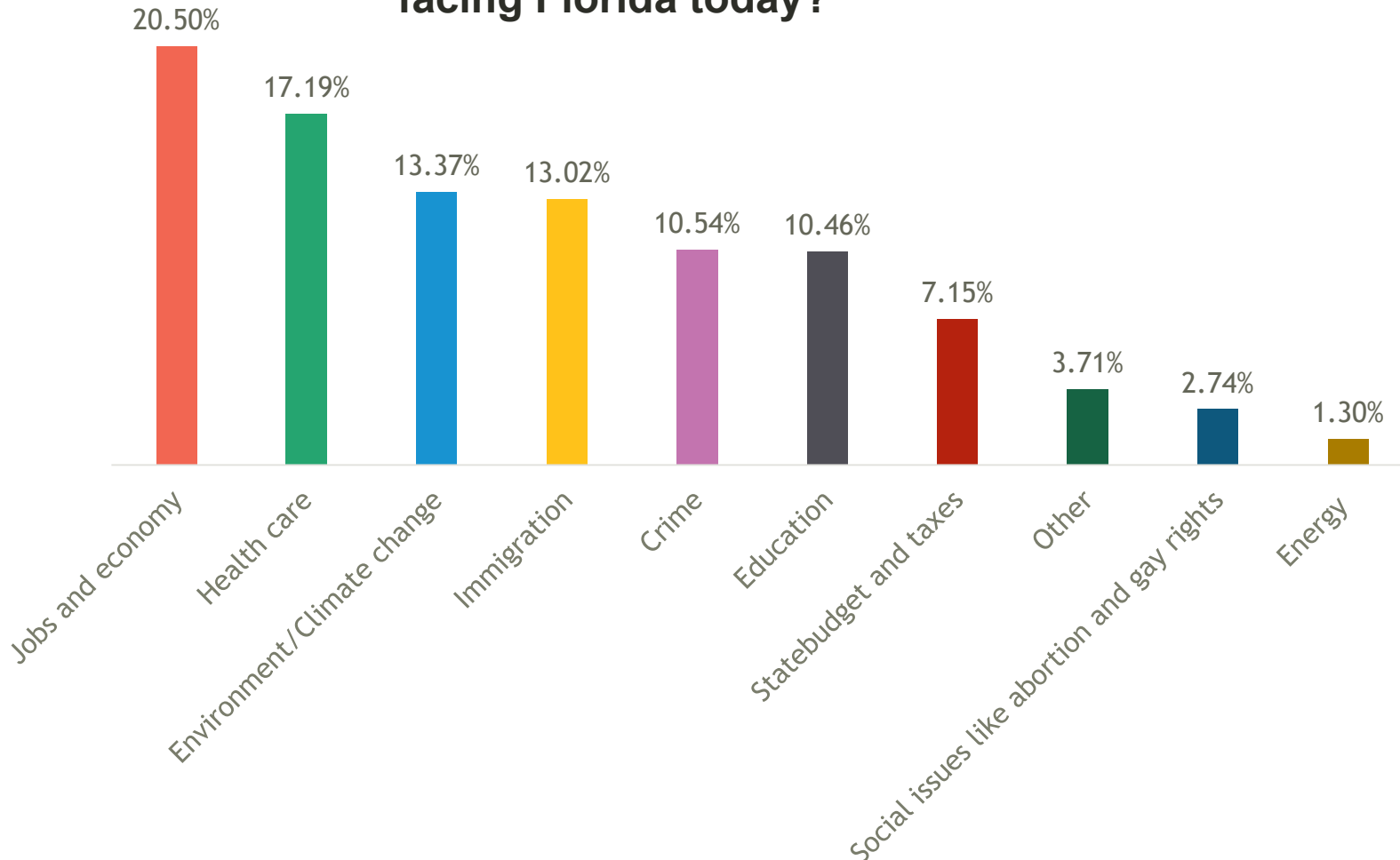
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Most important issues facing Florida



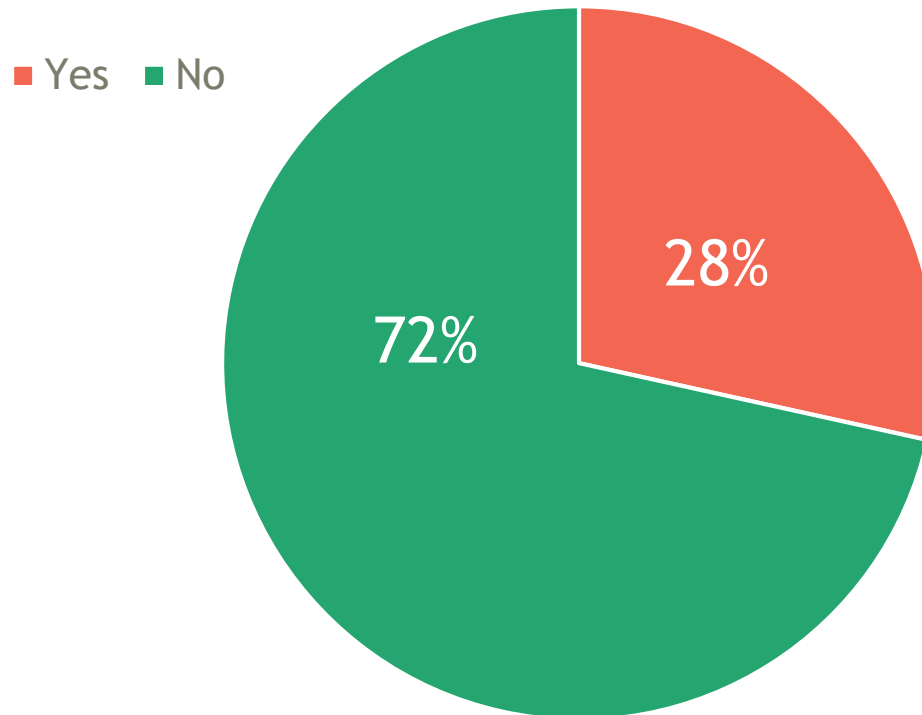
Which one of the following do you believe is the most important issue facing Florida today?



28% of respondents have a school-age child in Florida



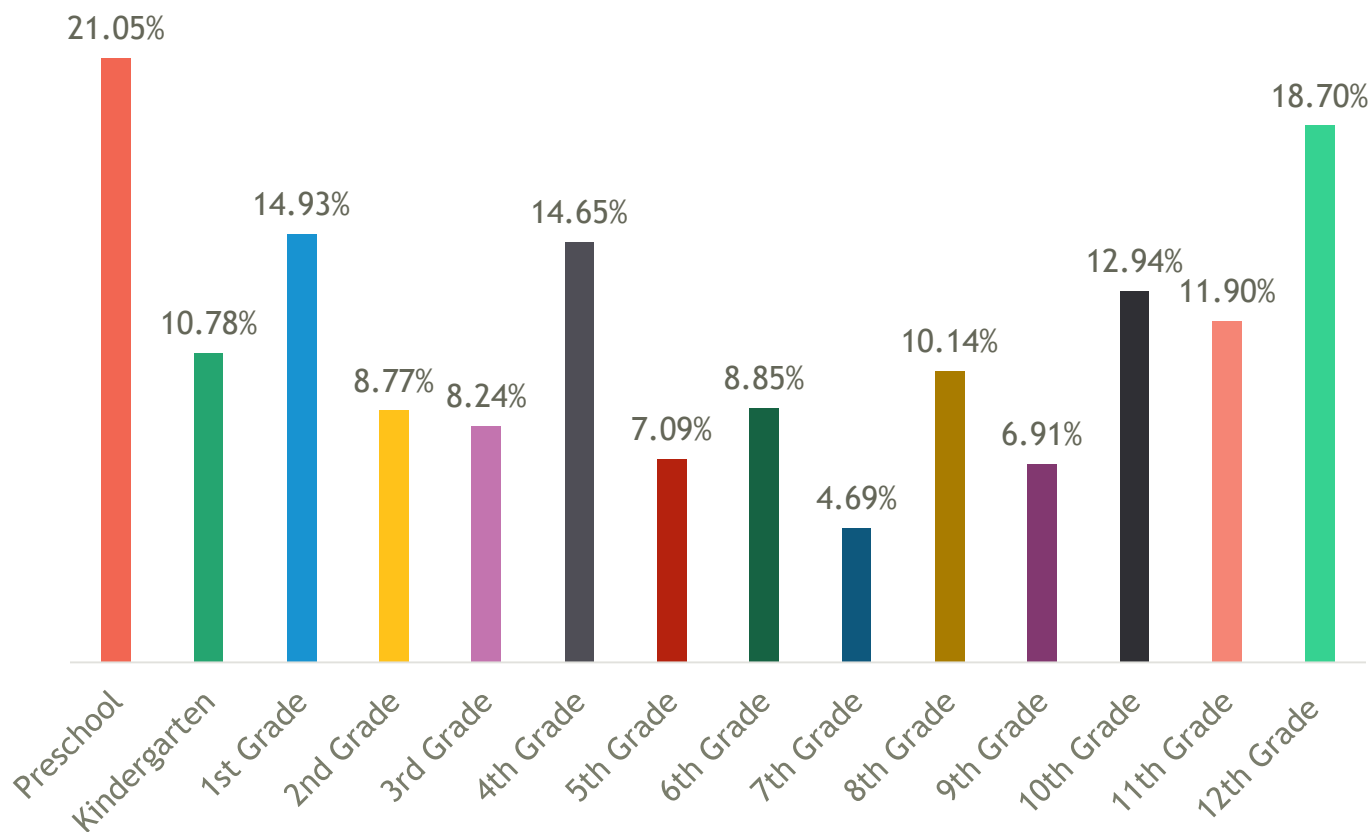
Are you a parent or guardian of a child who is currently enrolled in any grade from Pre-Kindergarten through High School in the state of Florida?



Age of respondents' school-age children



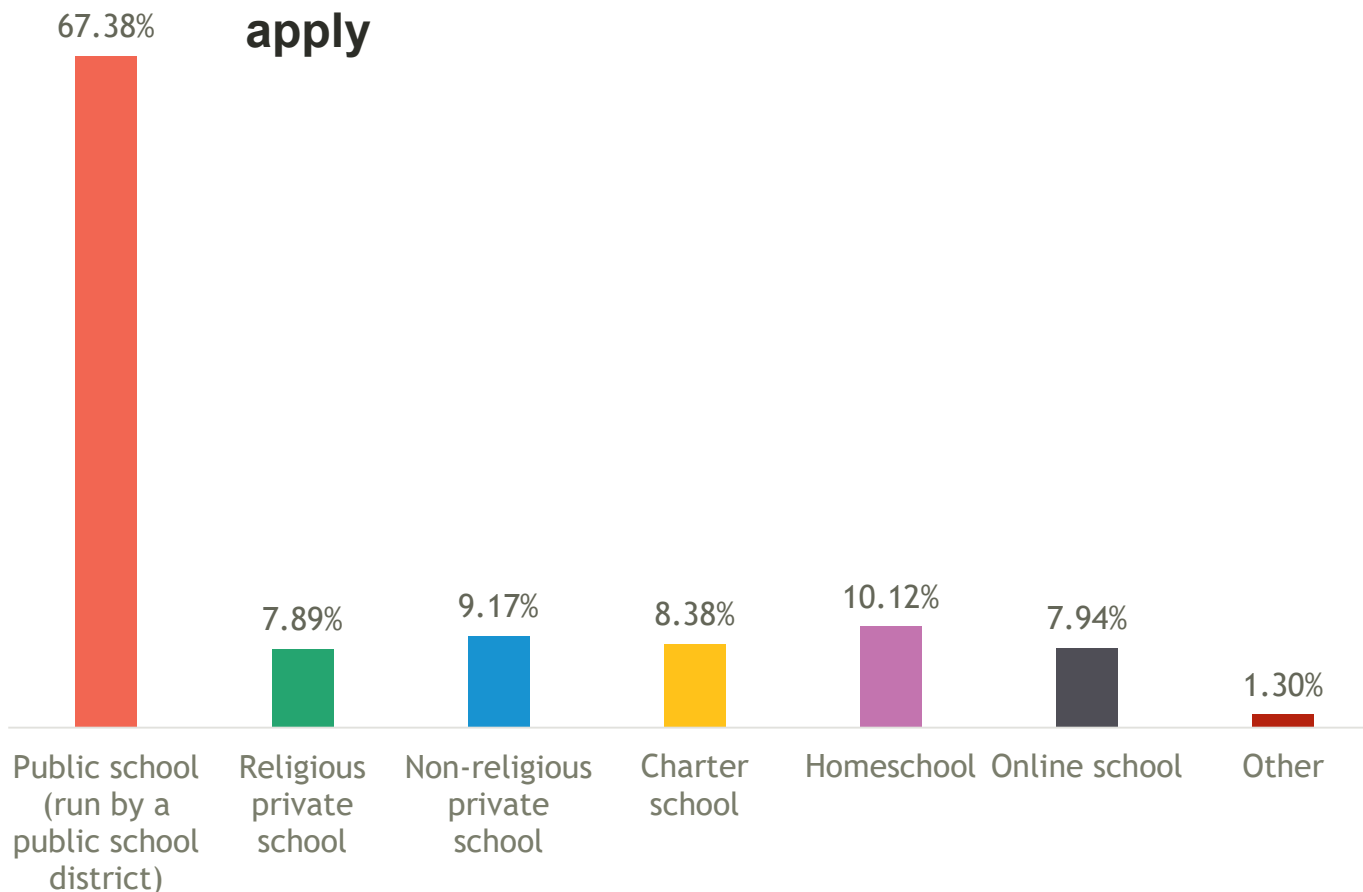
What grade is your child in? If you have multiple children, select each grade level that applies



Type of school(s) respondents' children attend



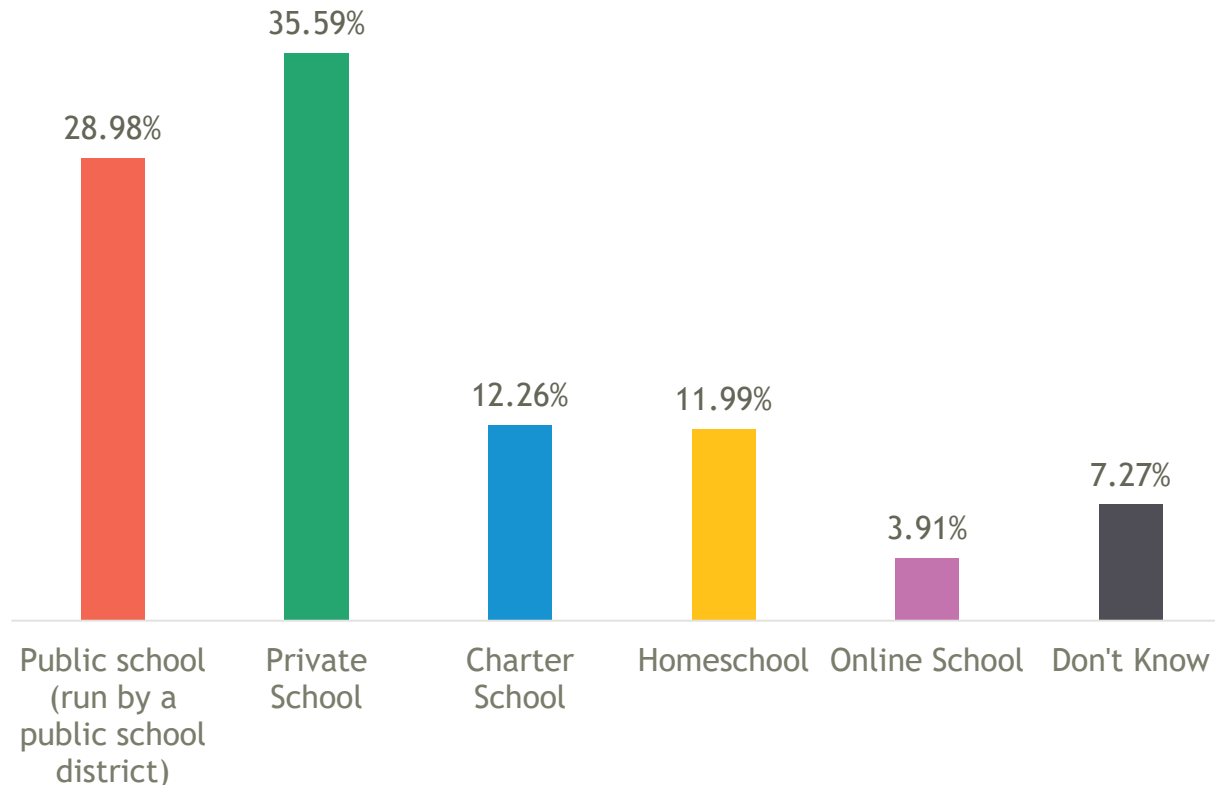
What type(s) of school(s) do your children attend? If you have children in different types of schools, select all that apply



Type of school respondents would send their child to if they could choose among all



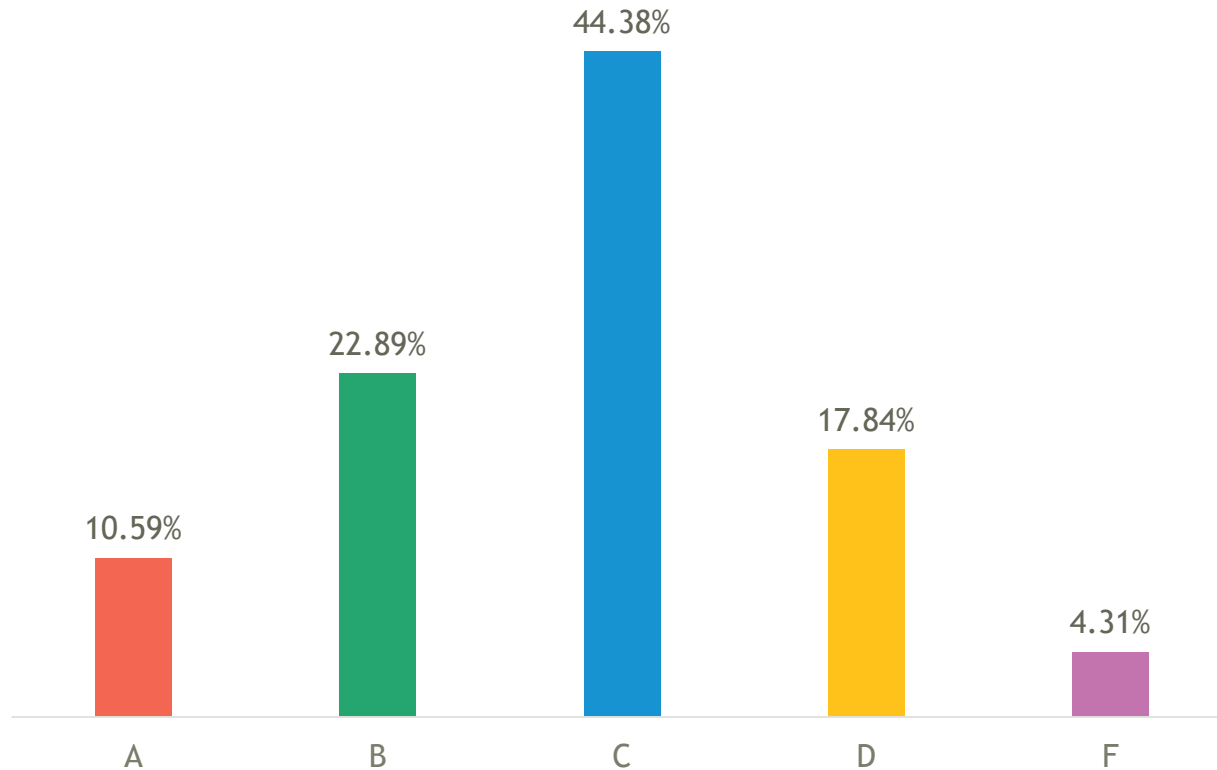
If it were your decision and you could select any type of school for your child, what type of school would you select for them to obtain the best education?



Grade K-12 education in FL on an A-F scale



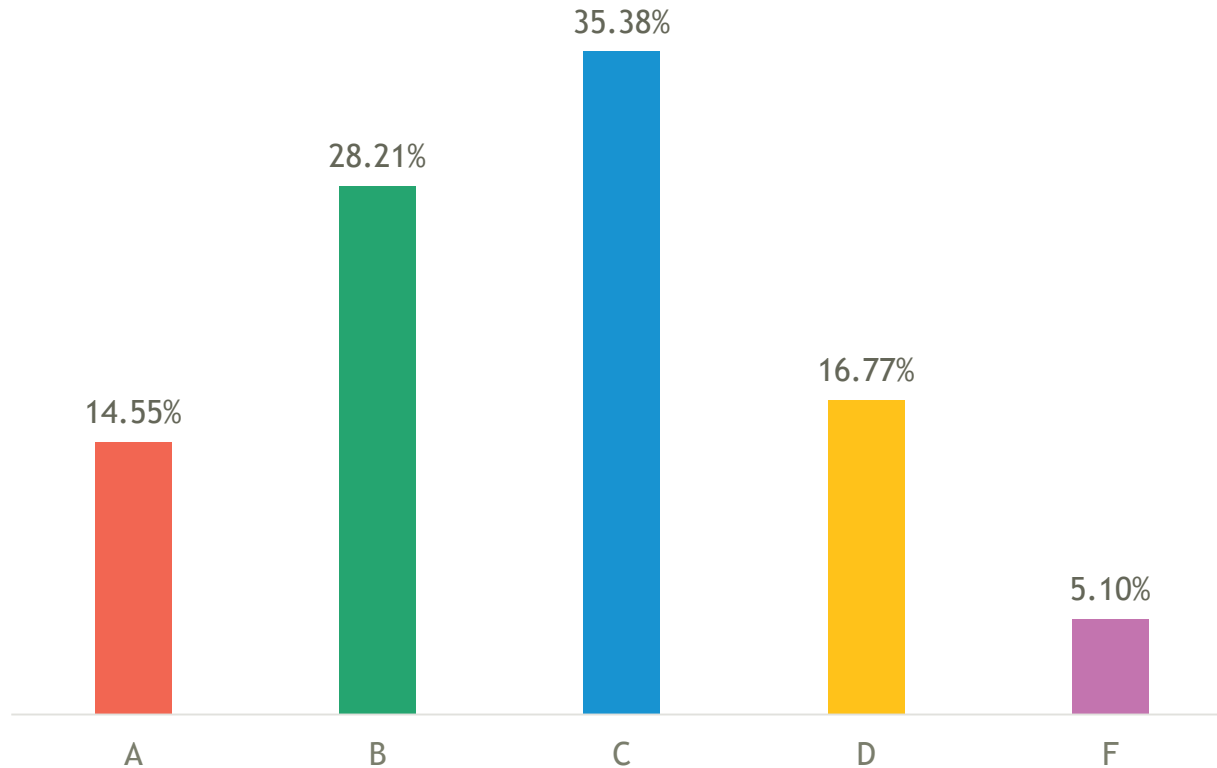
Many schools are graded using the letters A, B, C, D, or F, with A being the highest and F being the lowest. If you had the chance to grade Florida's overall K-12 public school system - what grade would you give it?



Grade your local public schools on an A-F scale



Suppose you had the chance to grade your local public schools - what grade would you give them on a scale from A through F?

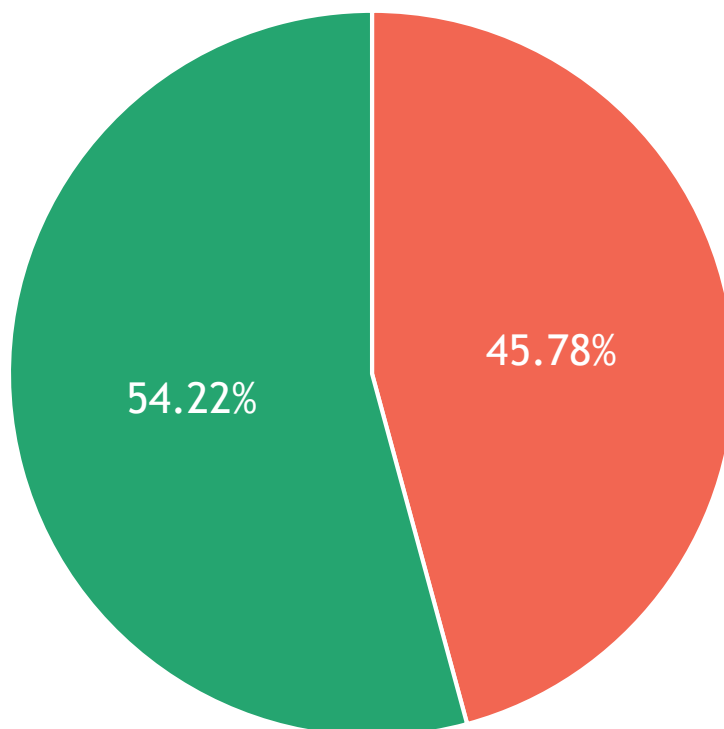


Is K-12 education in FL moving in the right direction?



Regardless of the grade you gave your local public school, would you say K-12 education in Florida is moving in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?

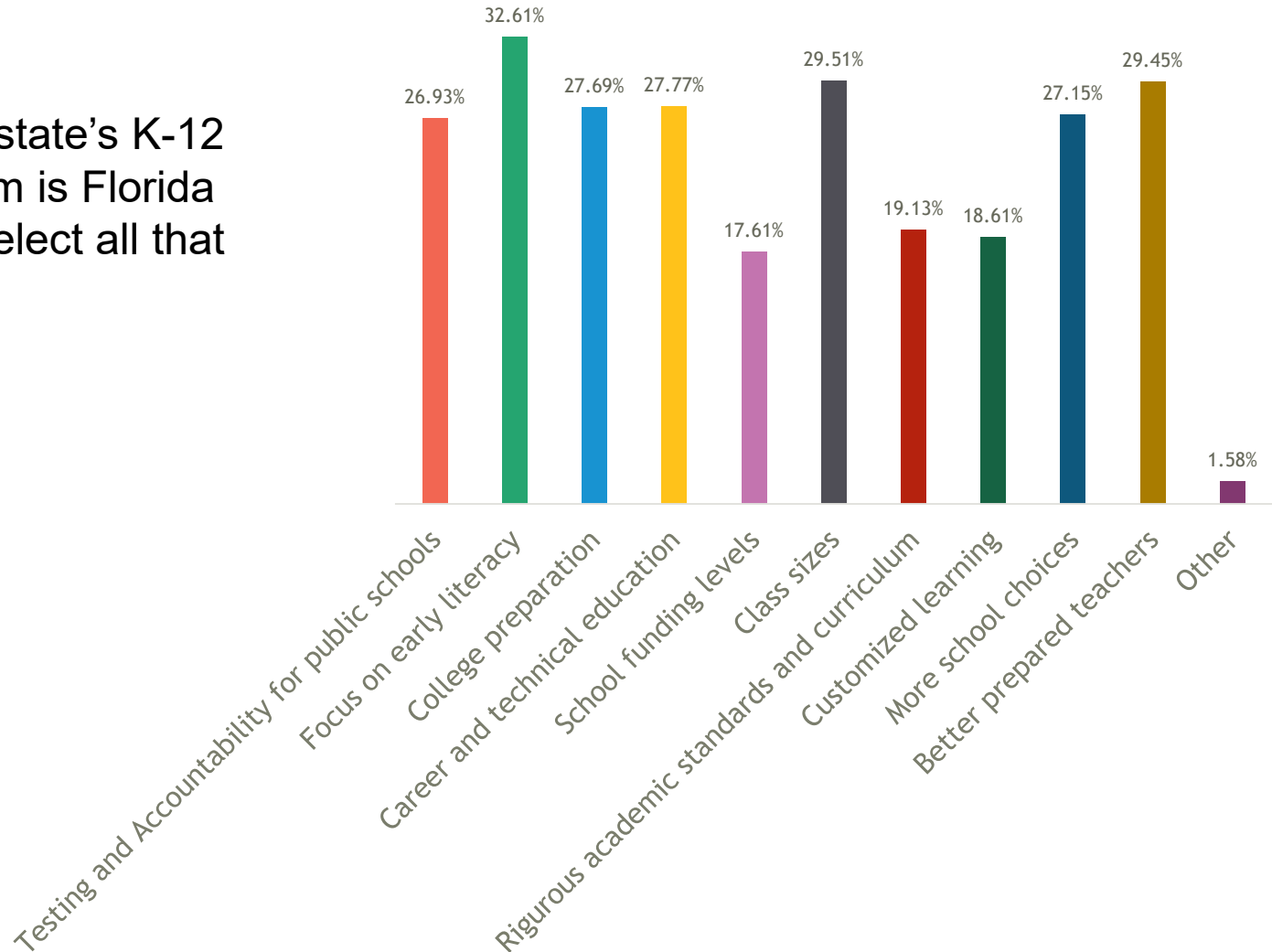
■ Right Direction ■ Wrong Direction



What about its K-12 system is FL getting right?



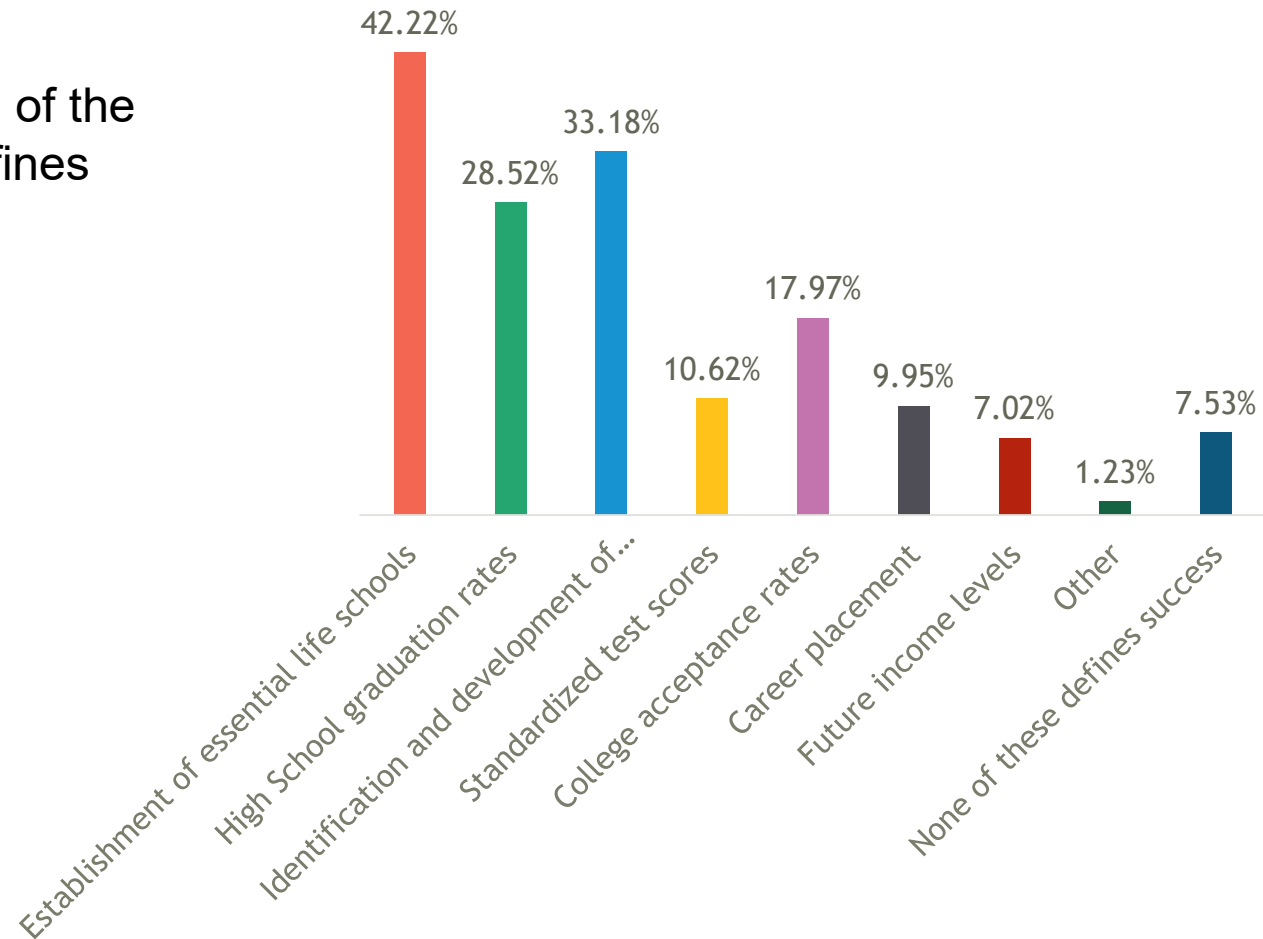
What about the state's K-12 education system is Florida getting right? Select all that apply.



What defines success in K-12 education



Which one or two of the following best defines success in K-12 education?

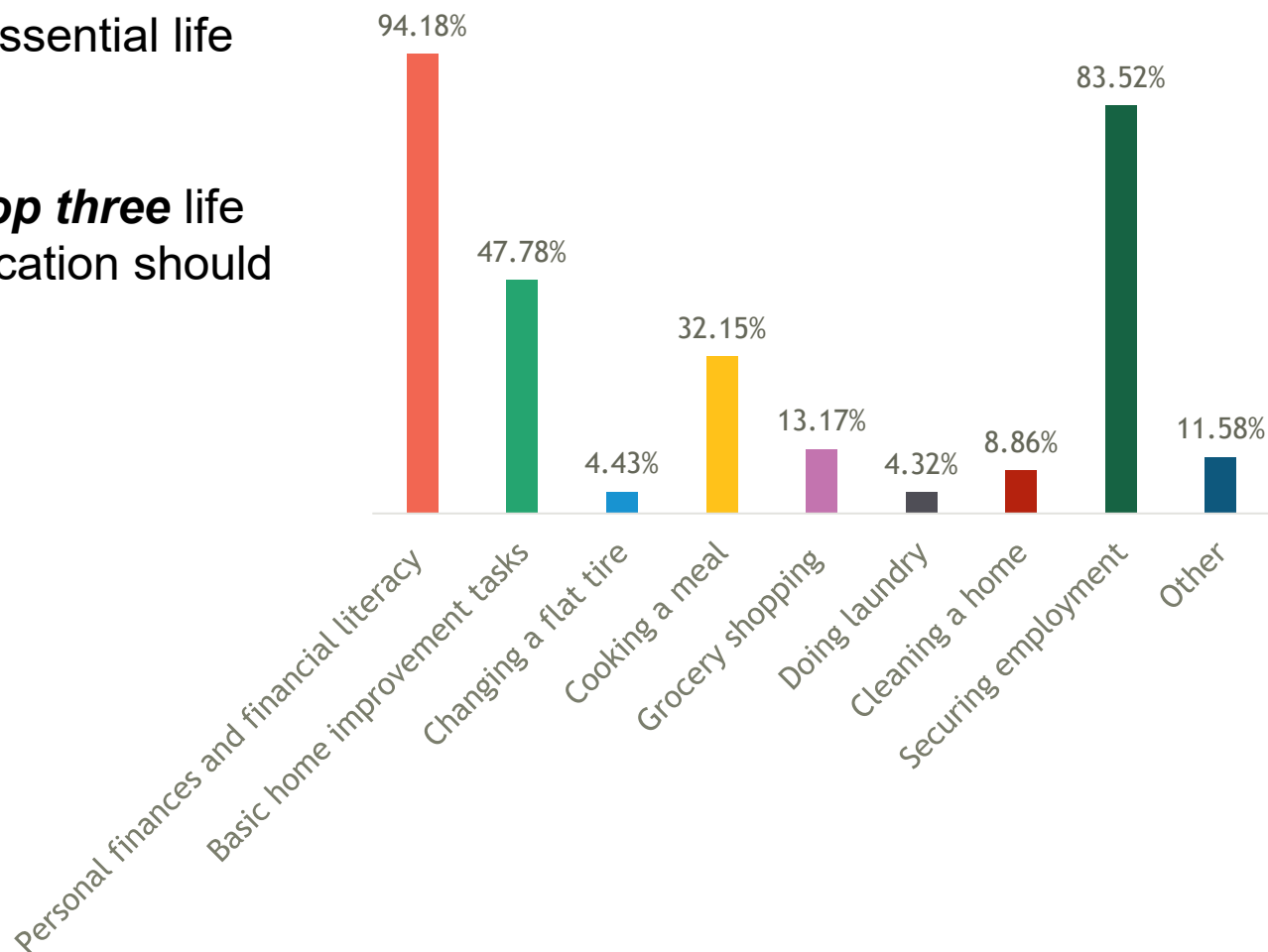


What does “essential life skills” mean?



Follow up for those who selected “Establishment of essential life skills”:

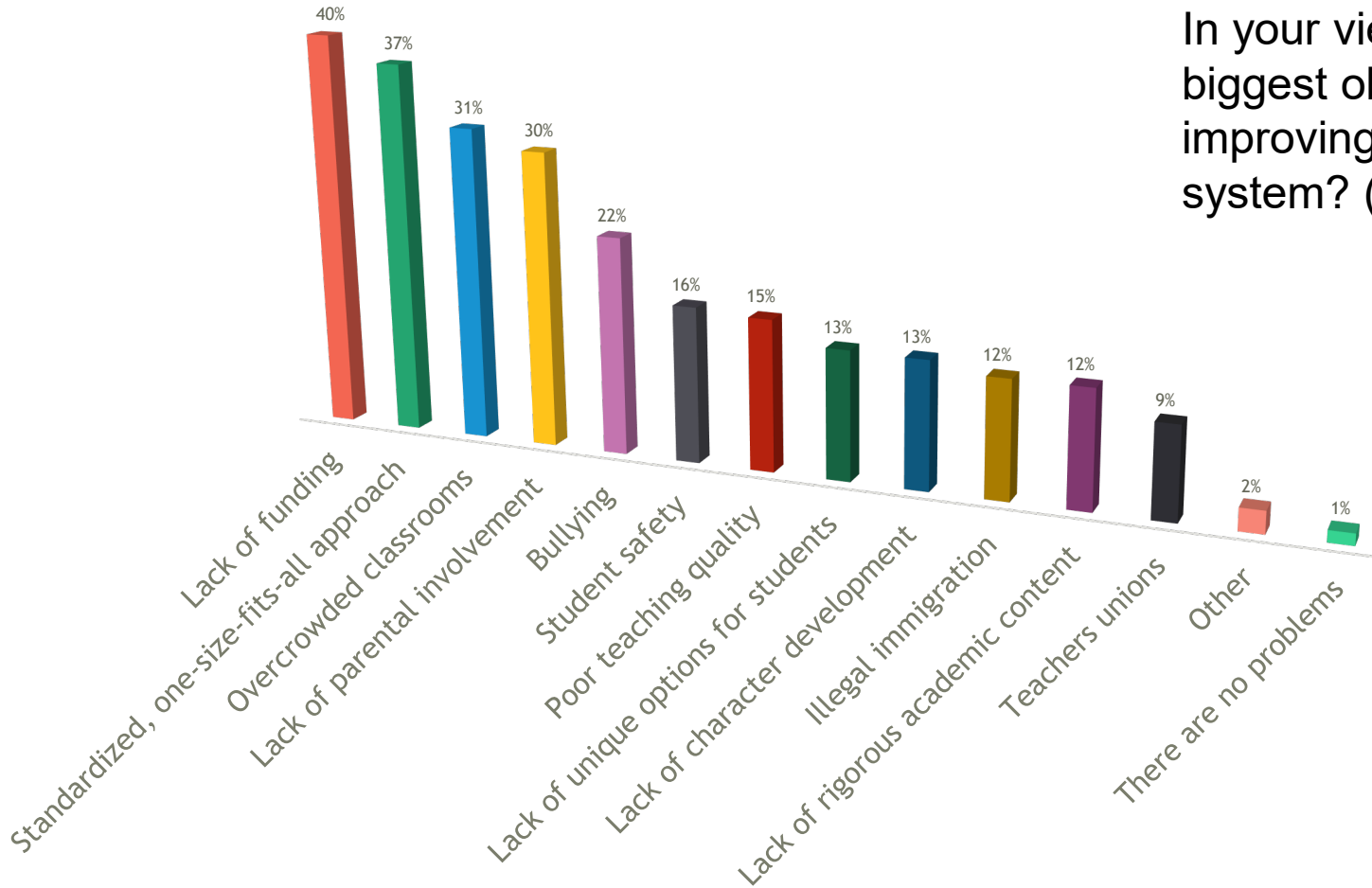
Please select the **top three** life skills that K-12 education should teach students.



Biggest obstacles to improving education

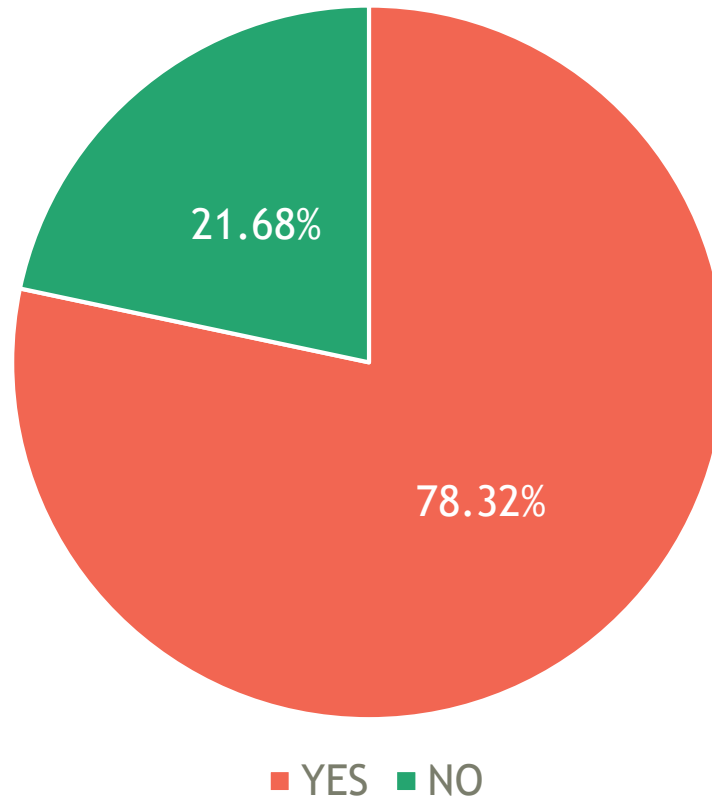


In your view, what are the biggest obstacles to improving Florida's K-12 system? (Select up to 3)





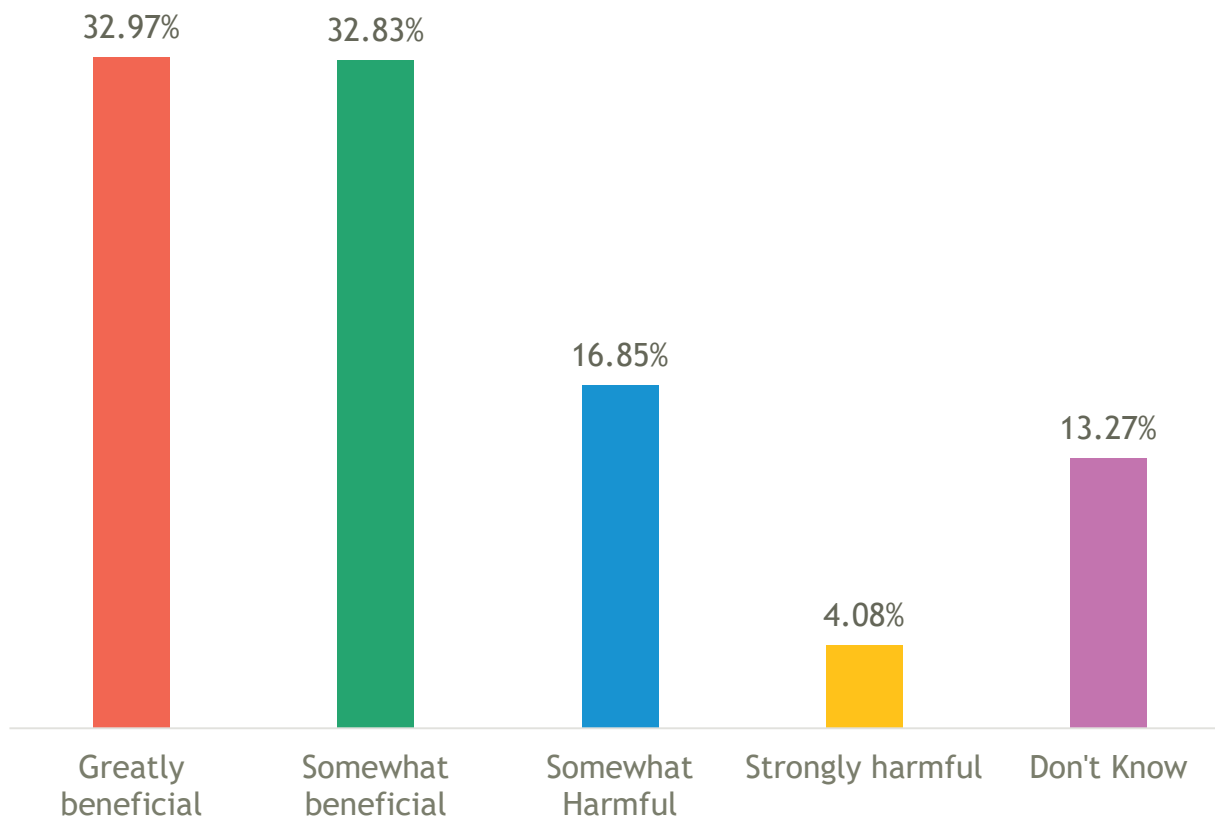
Generally speaking, do you support giving parents the opportunity to choose where they send their child to school rather than assigning children to schools based on zip code?



Support for FL's education choice universe

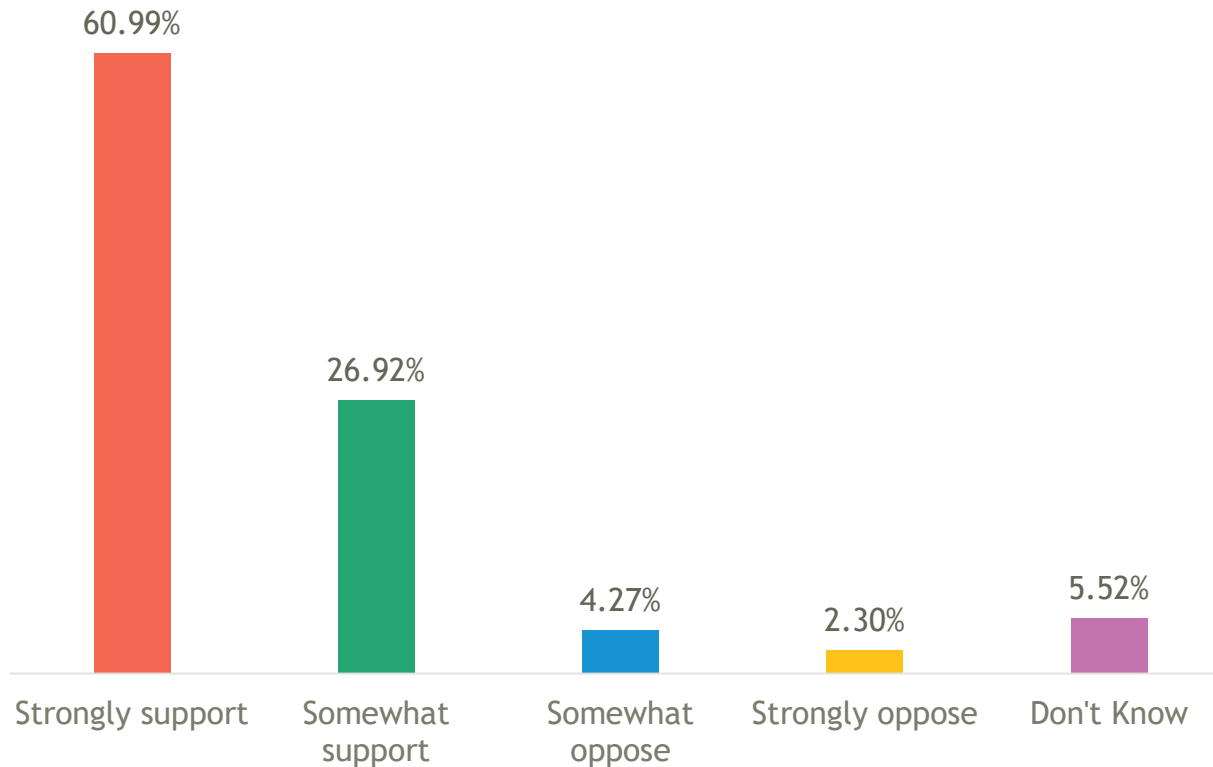


There are approximately 3.7 million PreK-12 students in Florida. In the 2016-17 school year, 46.4 percent of those students attended a school of their choice via open enrollment public schools, magnet programs, public charter schools, publicly-supported scholarship programs (Florida Tax Credit Scholarships, Gardiner Scholarships, McKay Scholarships), private schools, career and professional academies, home education, full-time virtual instruction and voluntary pre-k (VPK) programs. That means nearly 1.7million PreK-12 students in Florida attended a school other than the one to which they are residentially assigned by their zip-code. In general, do you believe that allowing students to attend a school other than the one which they are residentially assigned is beneficial or harmful to the state's education system?





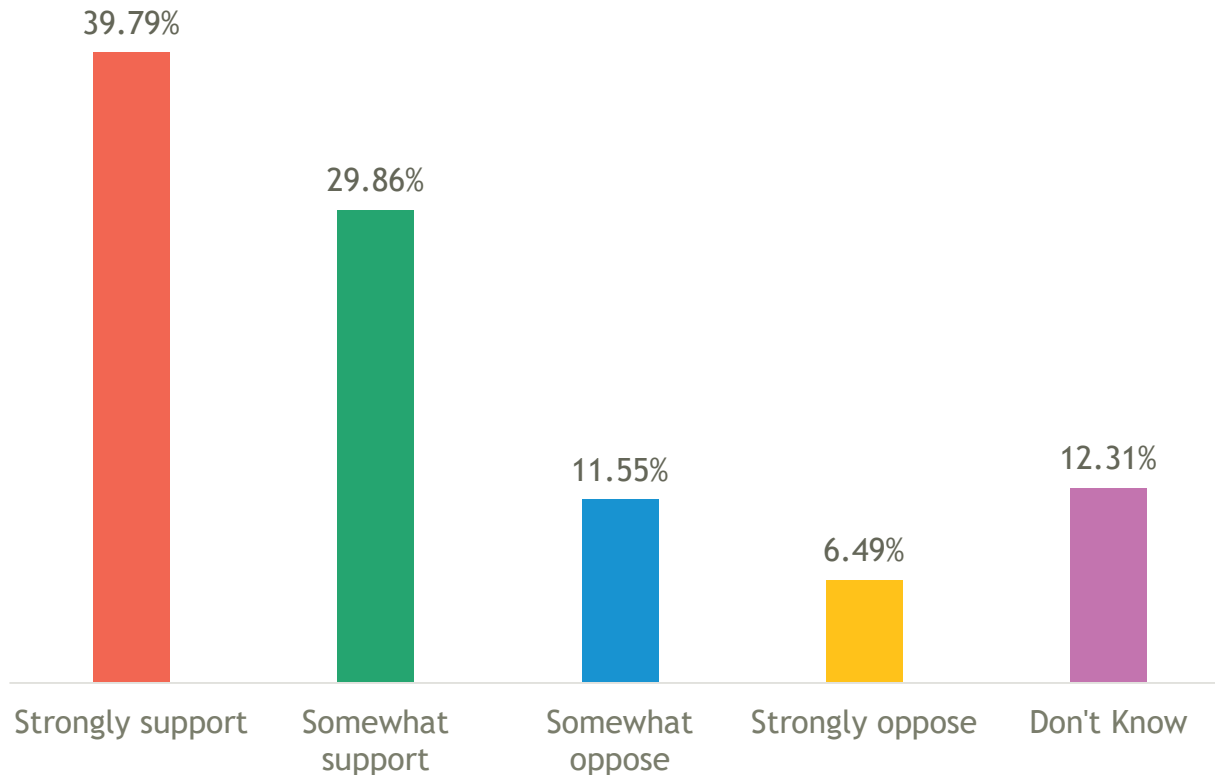
As you may know, Florida was one of the first states in the country to offer free prekindergarten to all 4-year-olds. The program, named the Voluntary Pre-K Program (Pre-K), allows parents to enroll their child in a private, public, charter, or specialized pre-K program. It is estimated that nearly 80 percent of Florida's 4-year-olds attend a preschool through the VPK program. In general, do you support or oppose Florida's Voluntary Pre-K Program?



Support for expanding VPK to K-1



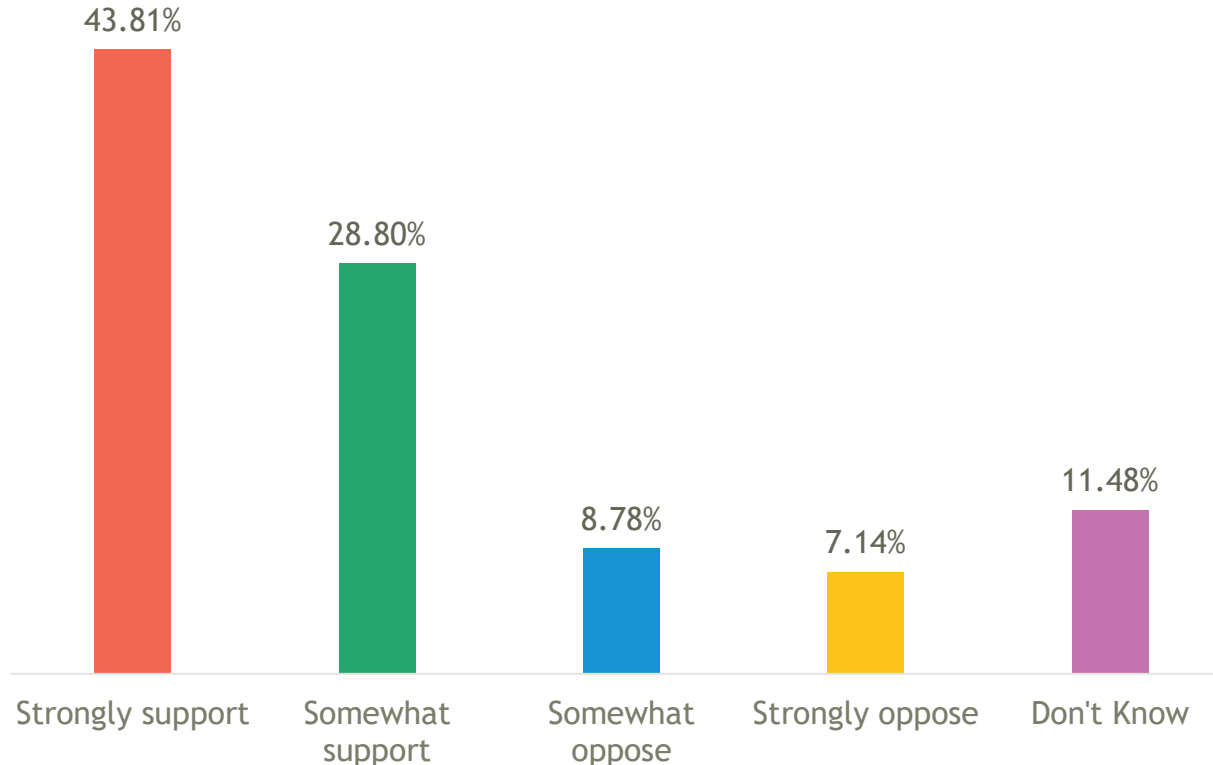
Some have suggested that Florida should expand the state's VPK program to include kindergarten and 1st grade students. Currently, these students only have access to state funding for public and charter elementary programs, and do not have access to state funding for private or specialized elementary programs. In general, do you support or oppose expanding Florida's VPK program to provide students with access to private and specialized elementary programs?



Support for ESAs in general



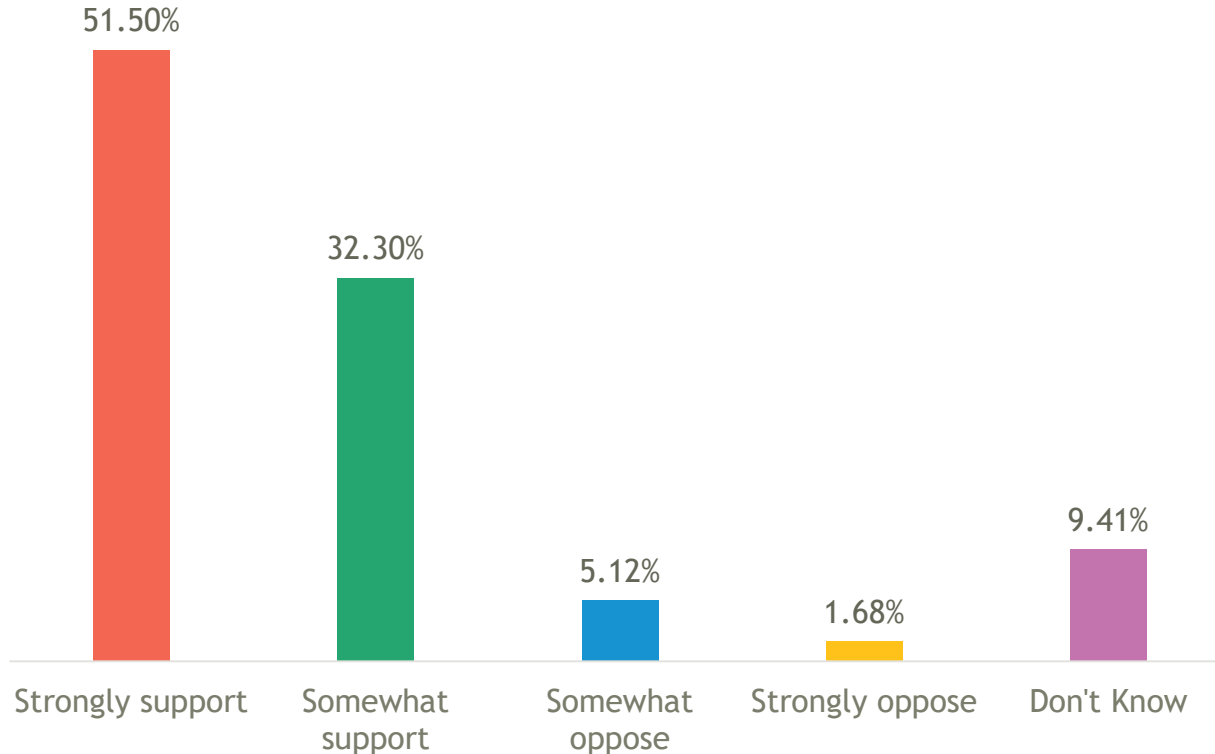
An “Education Scholarship Account” is a flexible education scholarship that parents can use to pay for their child’s education. Instead of sending a child’s share of education funding directly to a public school like most districts do now, funds are deposited into an Education Scholarship Account that parents can use to pay for a variety of uses, including private school tuition, tutoring, therapy, online education, curriculum and other state-approved educational services. In general, do you support or oppose Education Scholarship Accounts?



Support for Gardiner Scholarships

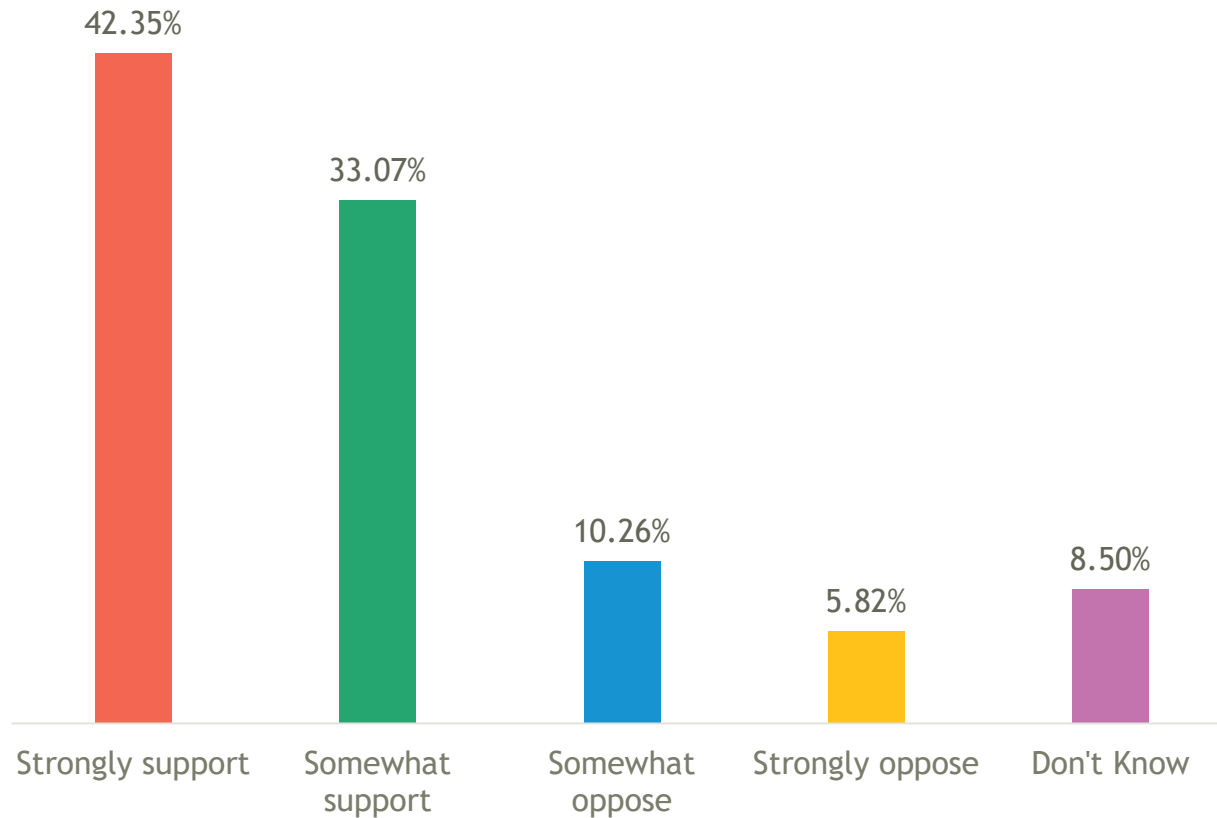


Florida has the largest Education Scholarship Account program in the country, the Gardiner Scholarship Program. In this program, students with specific disabilities are eligible to receive a scholarship account with funds to pay for private school tuition, tutoring, online education, curriculum, therapy, and other state-approved educational services. Recent data show nearly 12,000 students with disabilities were participating in this program. In general, do you support or oppose the Gardiner Scholarship Program?





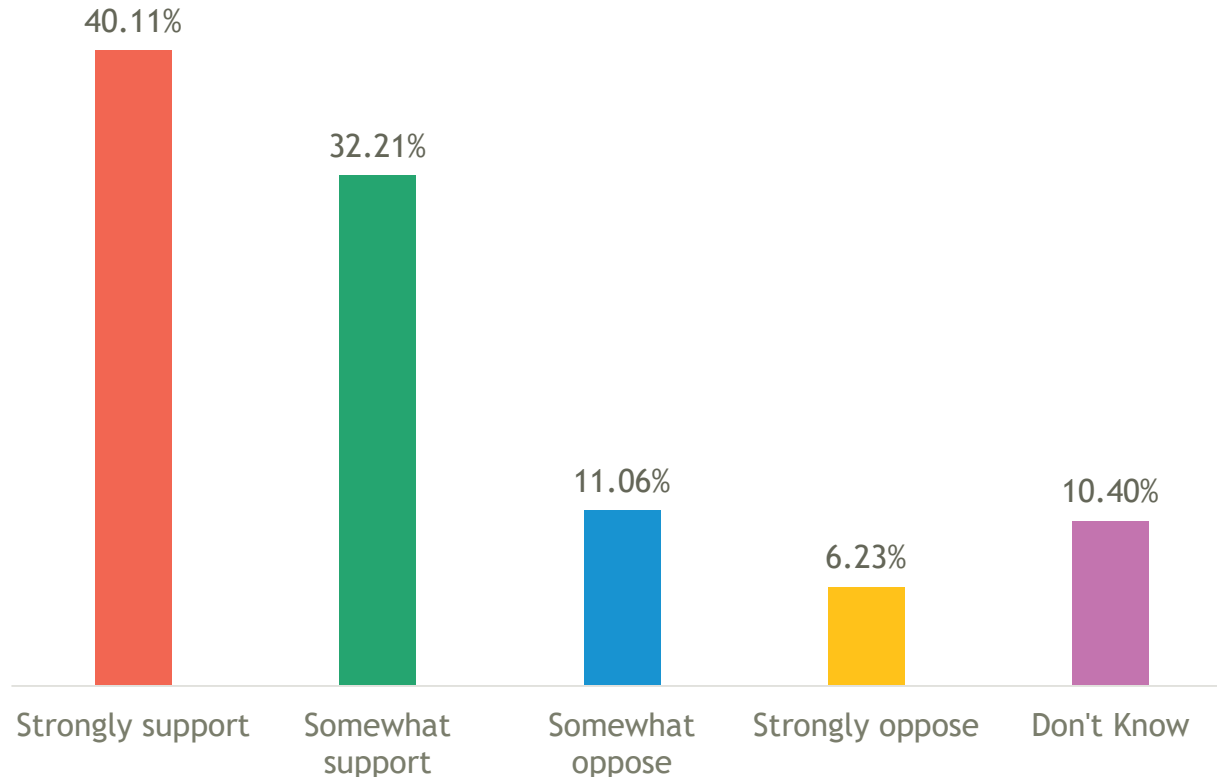
Florida is also home to the nation's largest private education choice program, the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. This program provides low-income children with more learning options by providing private school tuition scholarships based on financial need. The average annual household income of participants is \$25,749, though a family of four can have an income of up to \$50,200. Currently, more than 100,000 low-income students attend a private school with such a scholarship. In general, do you support or oppose the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program?



Support for expanding ESAs for more kids



Florida lawmakers are considering expanding the state's Education Scholarship Account program, such that many more students would be eligible to participate. Instead of sending a child's share of education funding directly to a public school, under this program participating parents could elect to have their child's funds deposited into an education scholarship that parents could use to pay for a variety of uses, including private school tuition, tutoring, online education, curriculum, therapy, and other state-approved educational services. In general, do you support or oppose the expansion of Florida's Education Scholarship Account program such that many more students would be eligible to participate?



Reasons for supporting ESAs

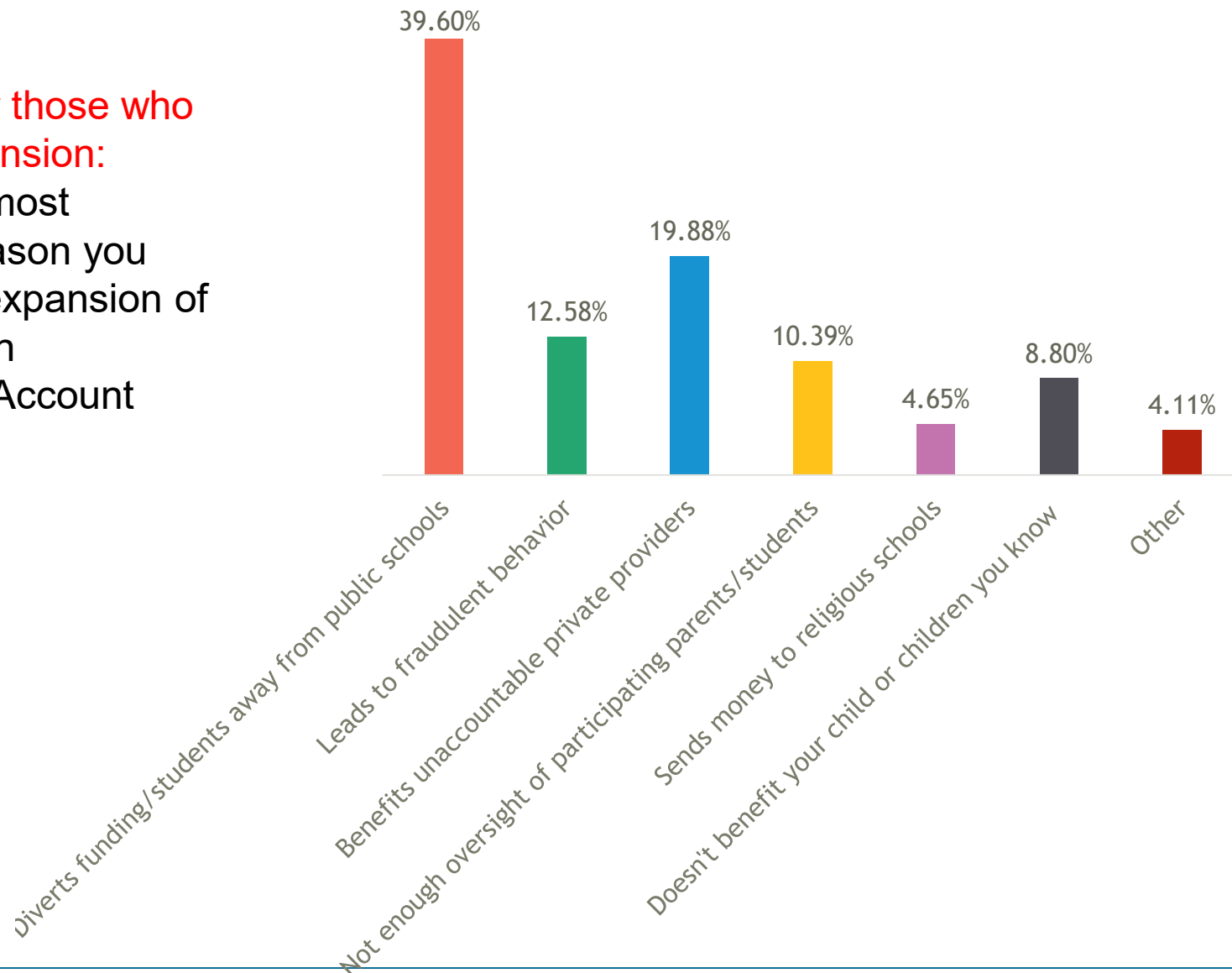


Follow up for those who support expansion:
What is the most important reason you support the expansion of the Education Scholarship Account program?

Reasons for opposing ESAs



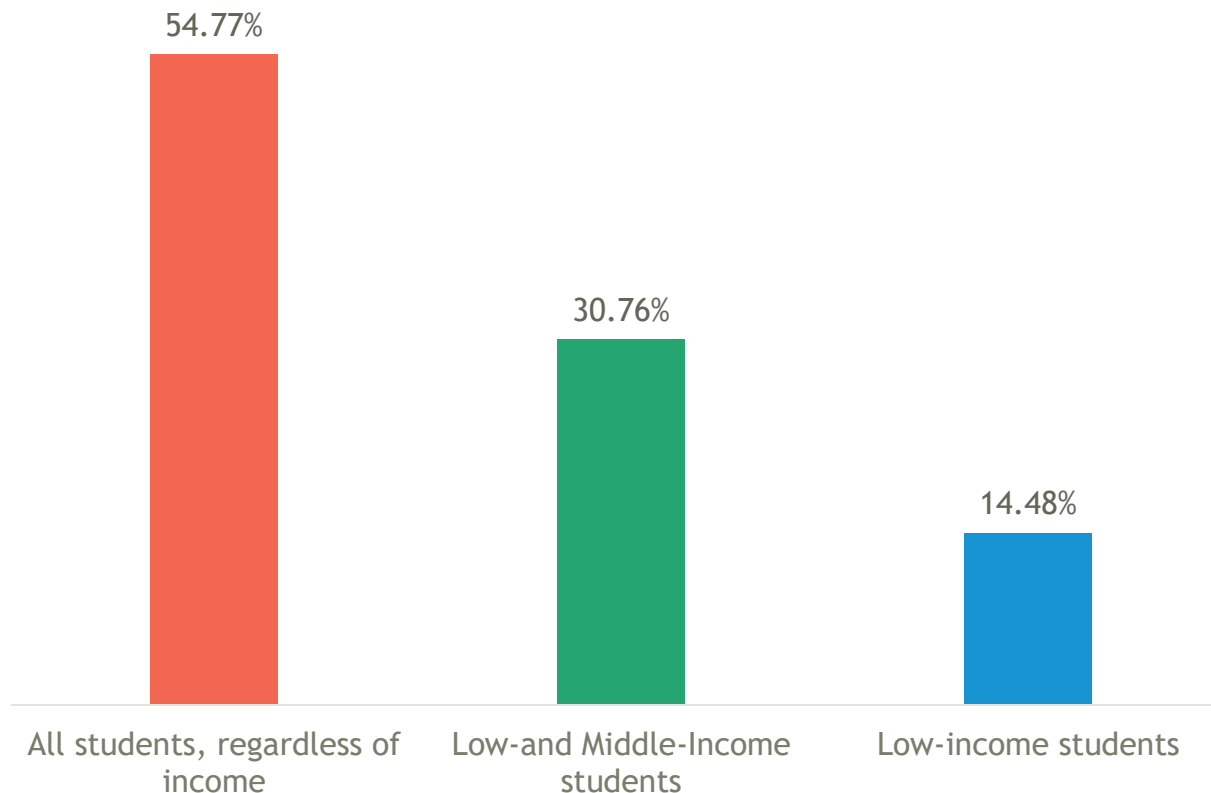
Follow up for those who oppose expansion:
What is the most important reason you oppose the expansion of the Education Scholarship Account program?



Income preferences for expanded ESAs



If Florida's Education Scholarship Account program were to be expanded, which group of students would you make eligible to participate?

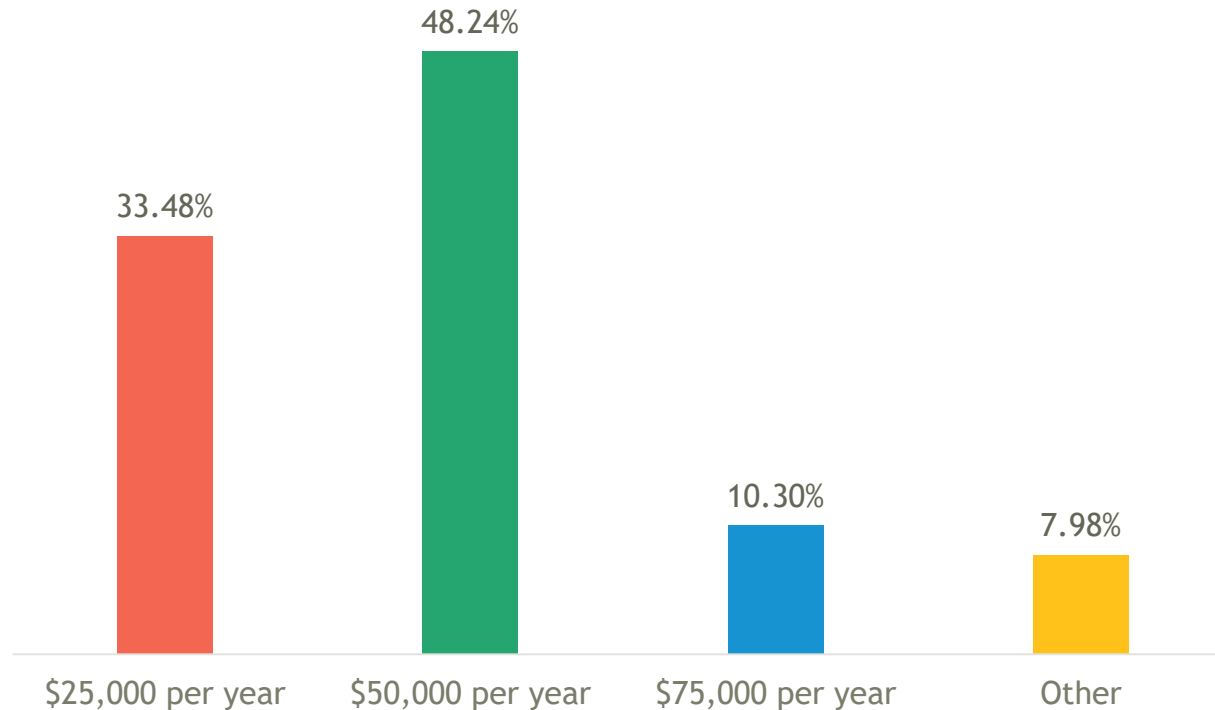


Follow-up for those who selected Low-Income



Follow up question for those who responded that they only want **LOW-INCOME** students to participate in an expanded program (14% of respondents):

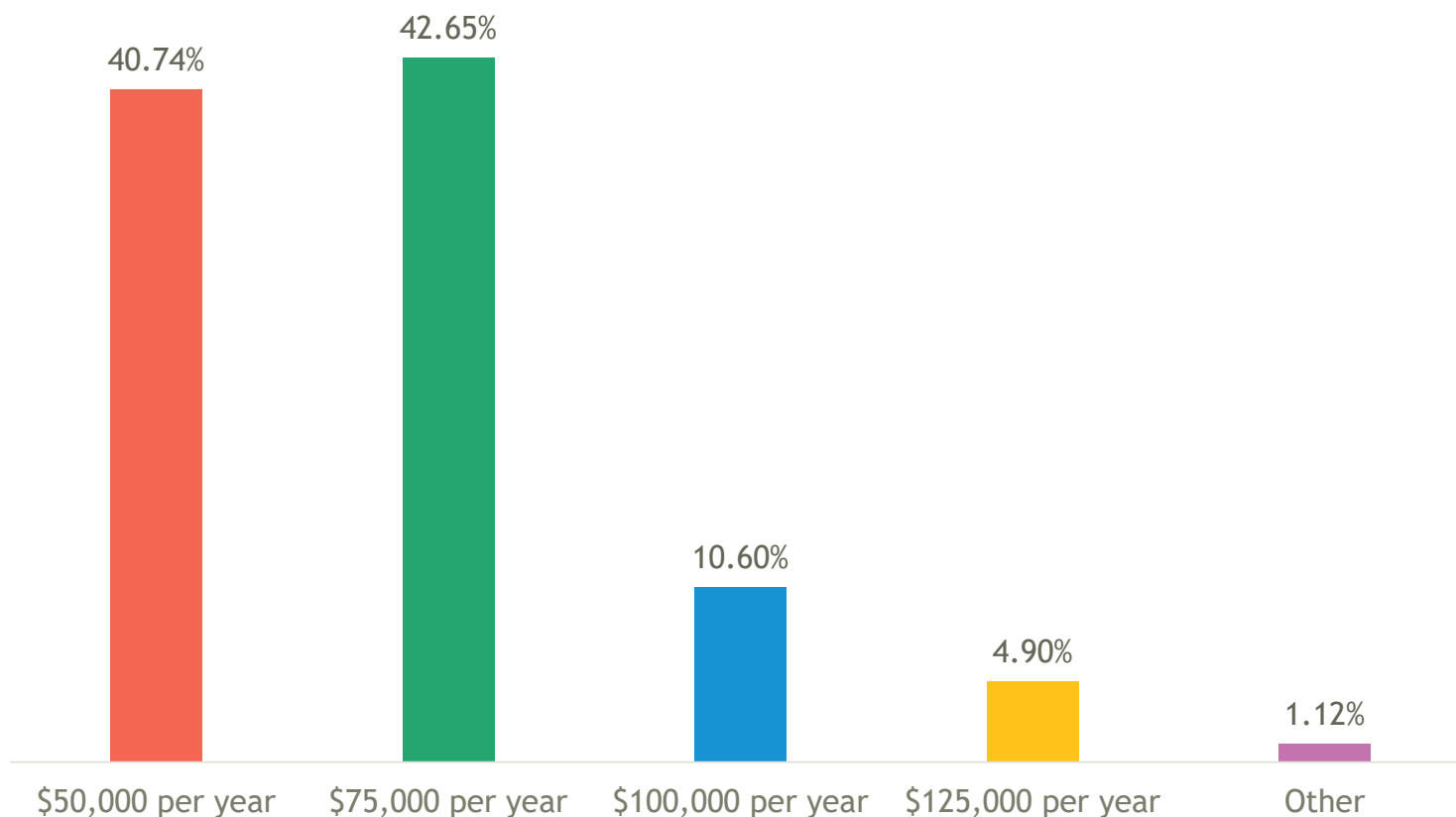
Imagine a family of four (parents and two children), what is the highest annual income you would allow to participate in this program?



Follow-up for those who selected Middle-Income



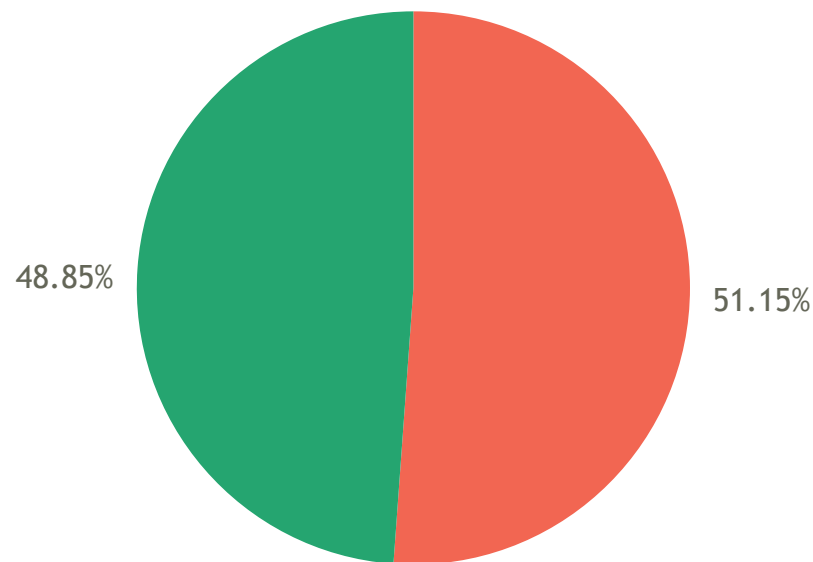
Follow up question for those who responded that they want **LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME** students to participate in an expanded program (31%):
Imagine a family of four (parents and two children), what is the highest annual income you would allow to participate in this program?





If all students are eligible, should each student receive the same funding amount, or should the funding amount be based on family need? (For example, a low-income student might receive a \$7,000 funding amount, a middle-income student may receive \$5,000, and a high-income student may receive \$3,000).

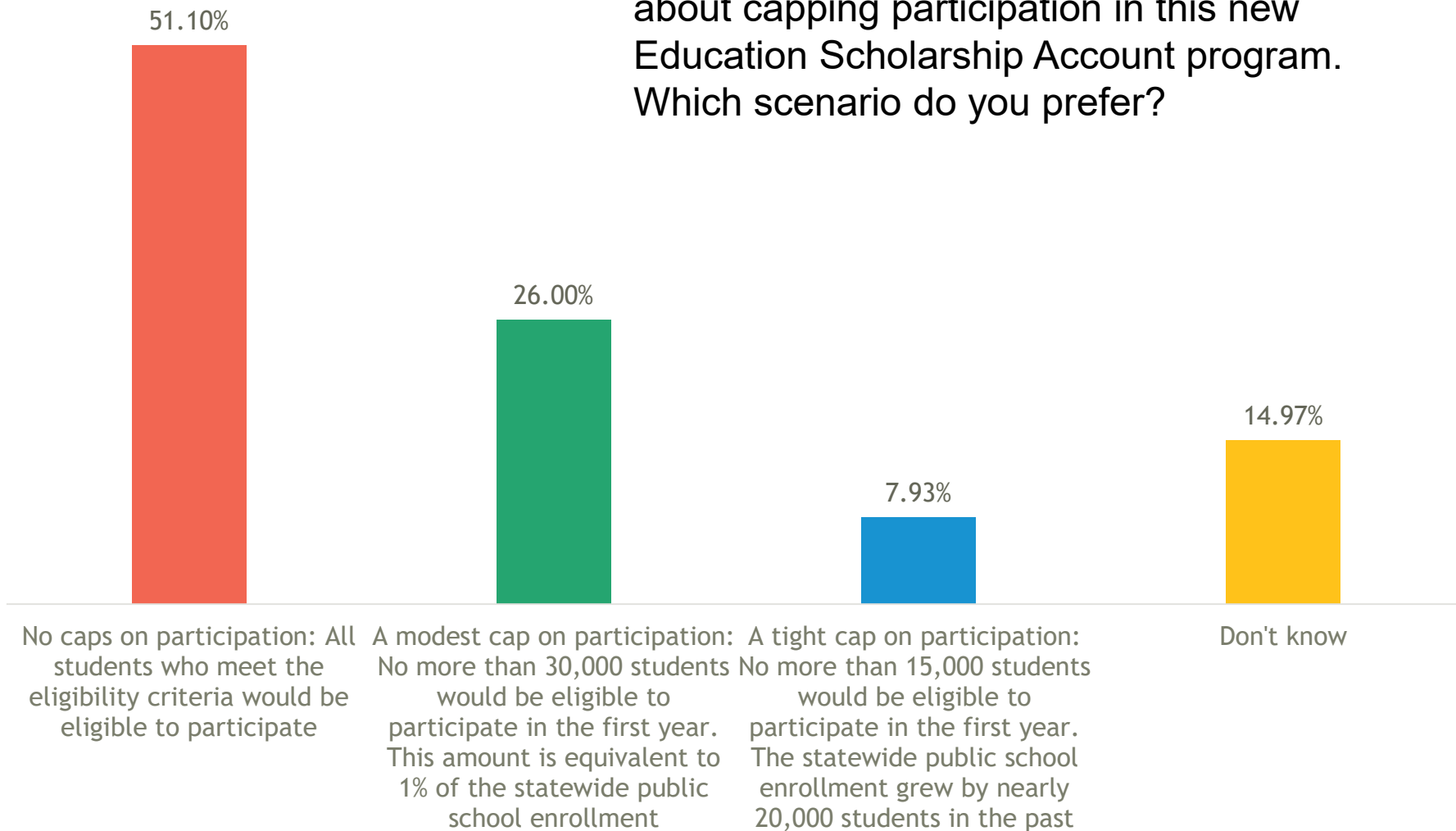
- All students should receive the same funding
- Funding amounts should be based on financial need, with low-income families receiving higher amounts



Participation Caps



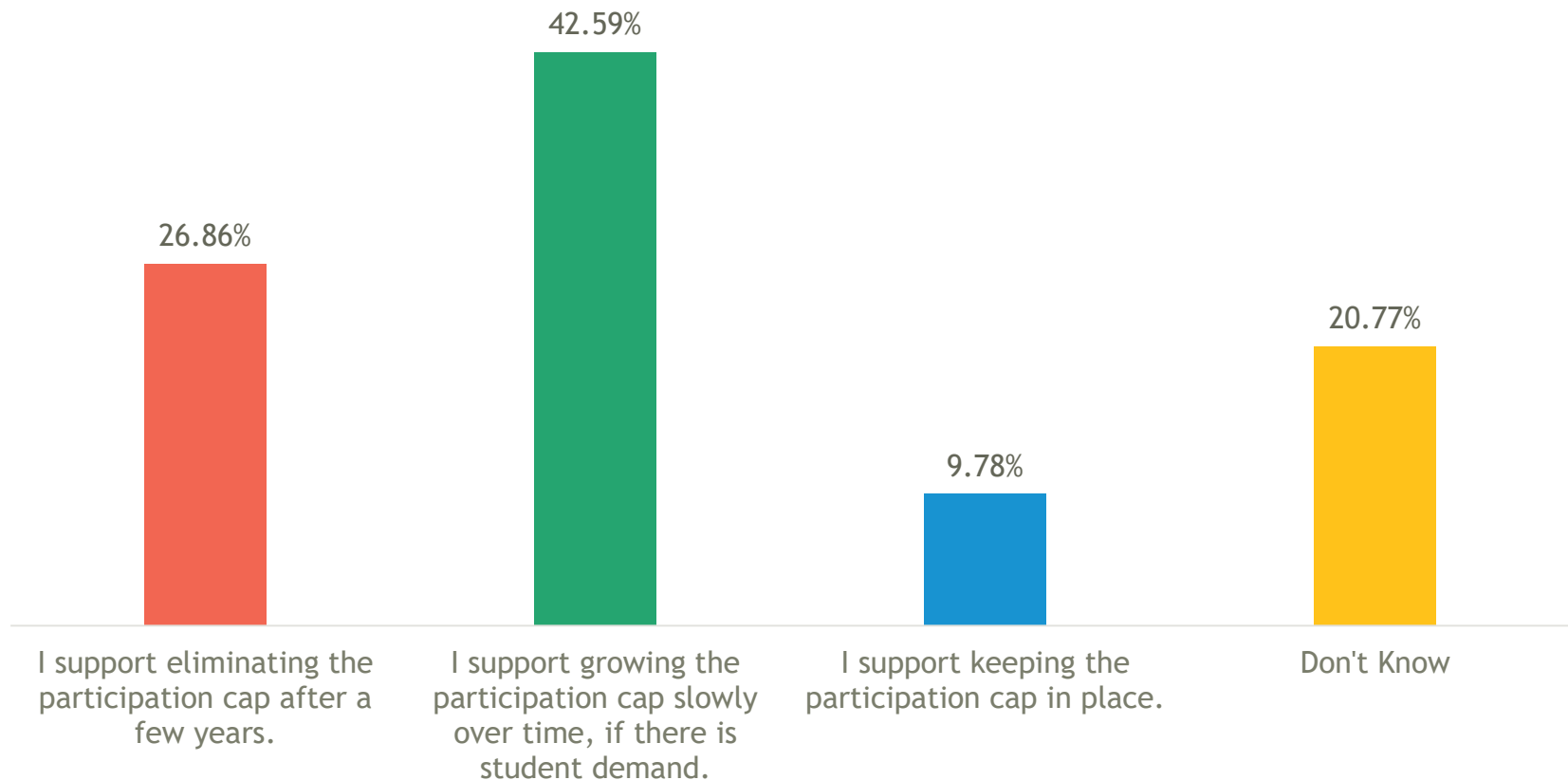
Some people in the state have talked about capping participation in this new Education Scholarship Account program. Which scenario do you prefer?



Participation Cap Expansion



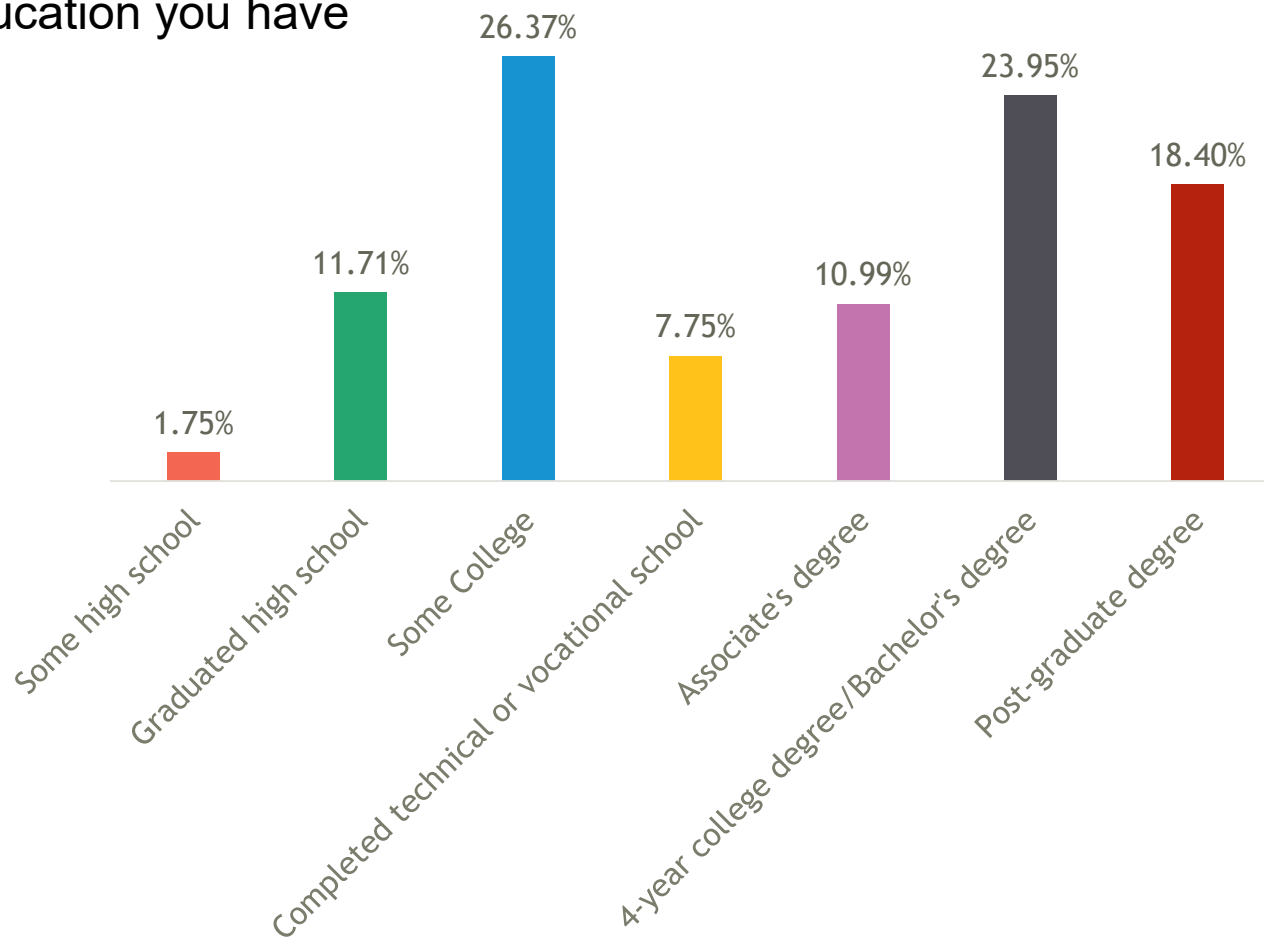
If a cap on participation was put in place, would you support making this cap grow to meet student demand?



Respondents' level of education



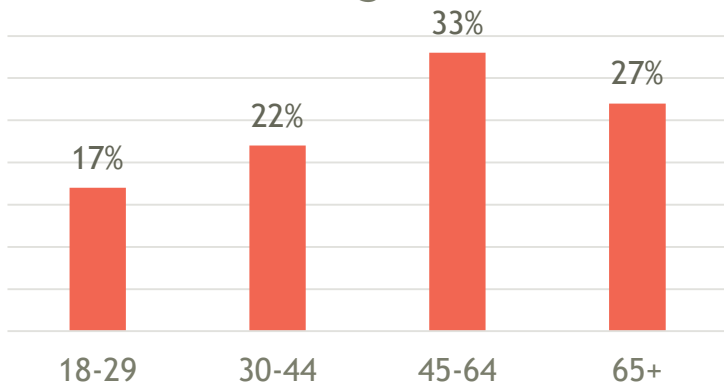
For statistical purposes only, what is the highest level of education you have completed?



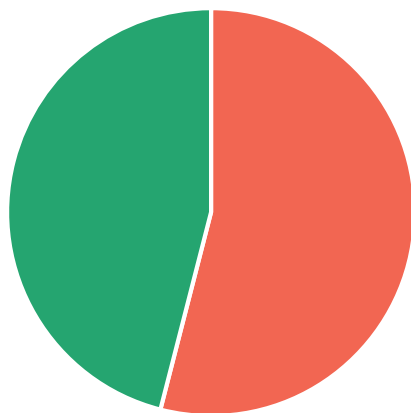
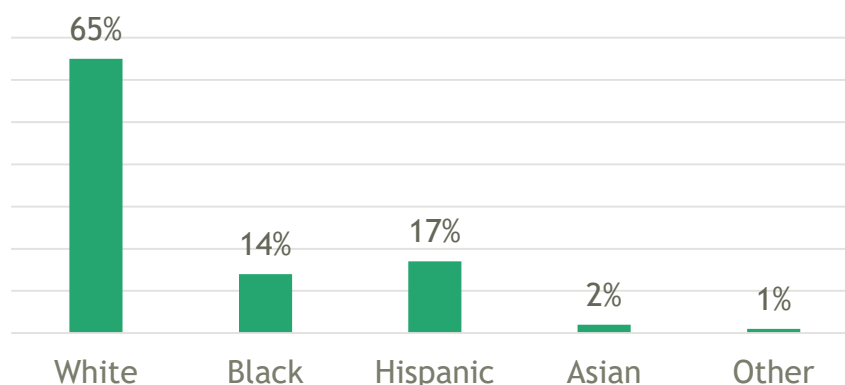
Additional respondent demographics



Age

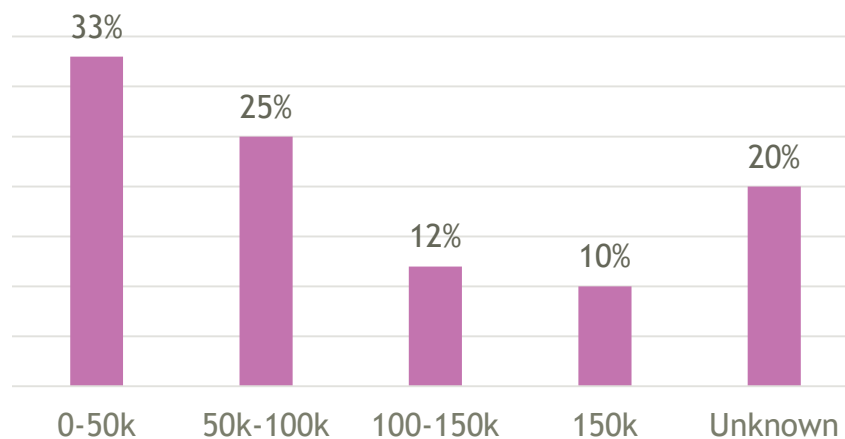


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