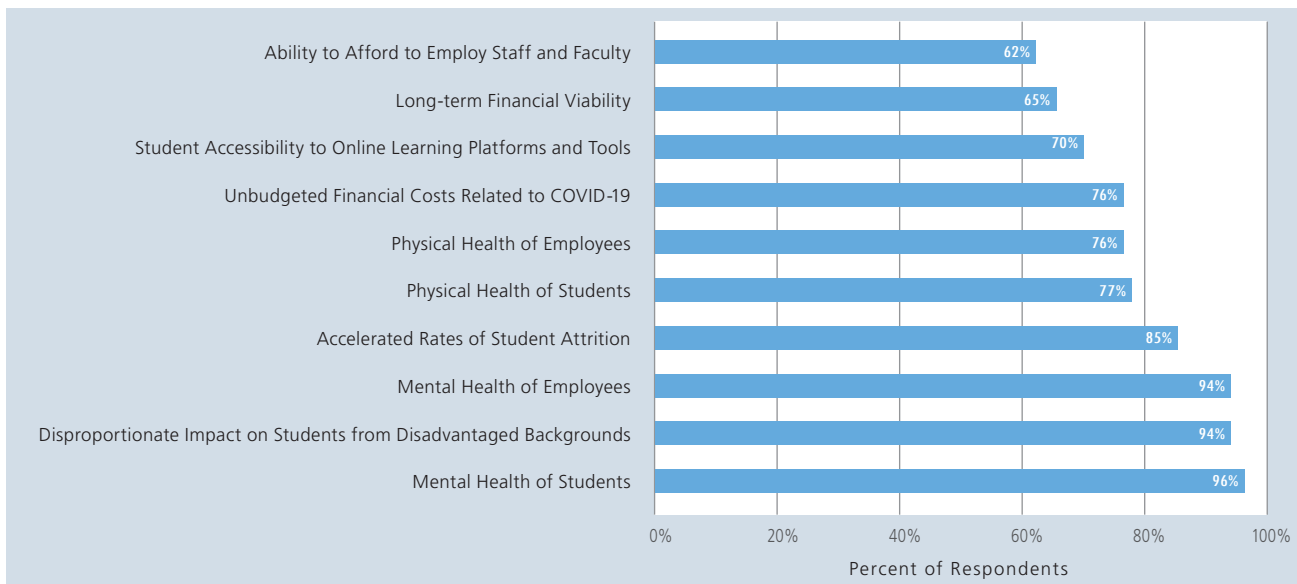


## COVID-19 AND HIGHER EDUCATION: CAMPUS LEADERS WEIGH IN

In March 2021, *Inside Higher Ed* released the findings from its annual Survey of College and University Presidents. This survey explored how campus leaders feel about important issues confronting higher education, with a specific focus on the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings are based on the responses of 433 college and university presidents from public, private, nonprofit, and for-profit U.S. institutions.

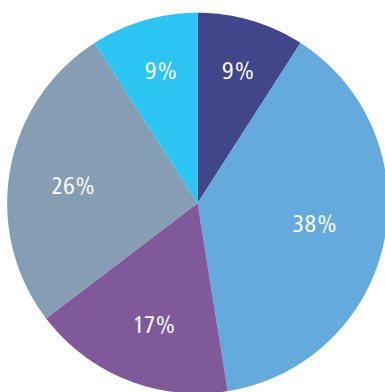
Results indicate that campus leaders' most pressing concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic are the "mental health of students," "disproportionate impact on students from disadvantaged backgrounds," and "mental health of employees." The chart below illustrates respondents' top ten pandemic-related concerns.

Respondents Reporting that They Are Very Concerned or Somewhat Concerned About the Following Issues in Regard to COVID-19, in Percent

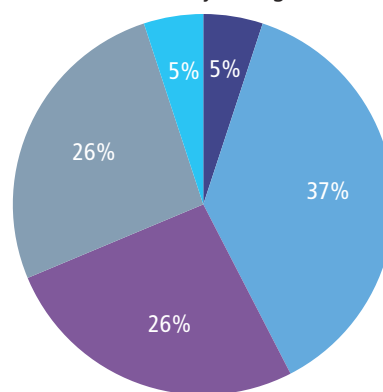


College and university presidents have conflicting views about COVID-19's impact on the future of higher education. Forty-seven percent of respondents agree that the pandemic will impact enrollment for the foreseeable future, with an increase in student preference for virtual instruction, compared with 35 percent who disagree with this view. Forty-two percent of respondents agree that COVID-19 will cause students to enroll at more affordable institutions, while 31 percent disagree.

COVID-19 Will Cause a Shift in Enrollment Trends for Years to Come, with More Prospective Students Favoring Virtual Instruction than Before the Pandemic



COVID-19 Will Cause a Shift from More Expensive Colleges to More Affordable Ones, Such as Community Colleges



- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

When asked how their institutions will respond to the pandemic and economic recession, most respondents indicated that their institutions should transform (44 percent) or reset for growth (34 percent).

Which of the Following Outcomes Most Closely Reflects Your View of How Your Institution Will Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Economic Recession?

