

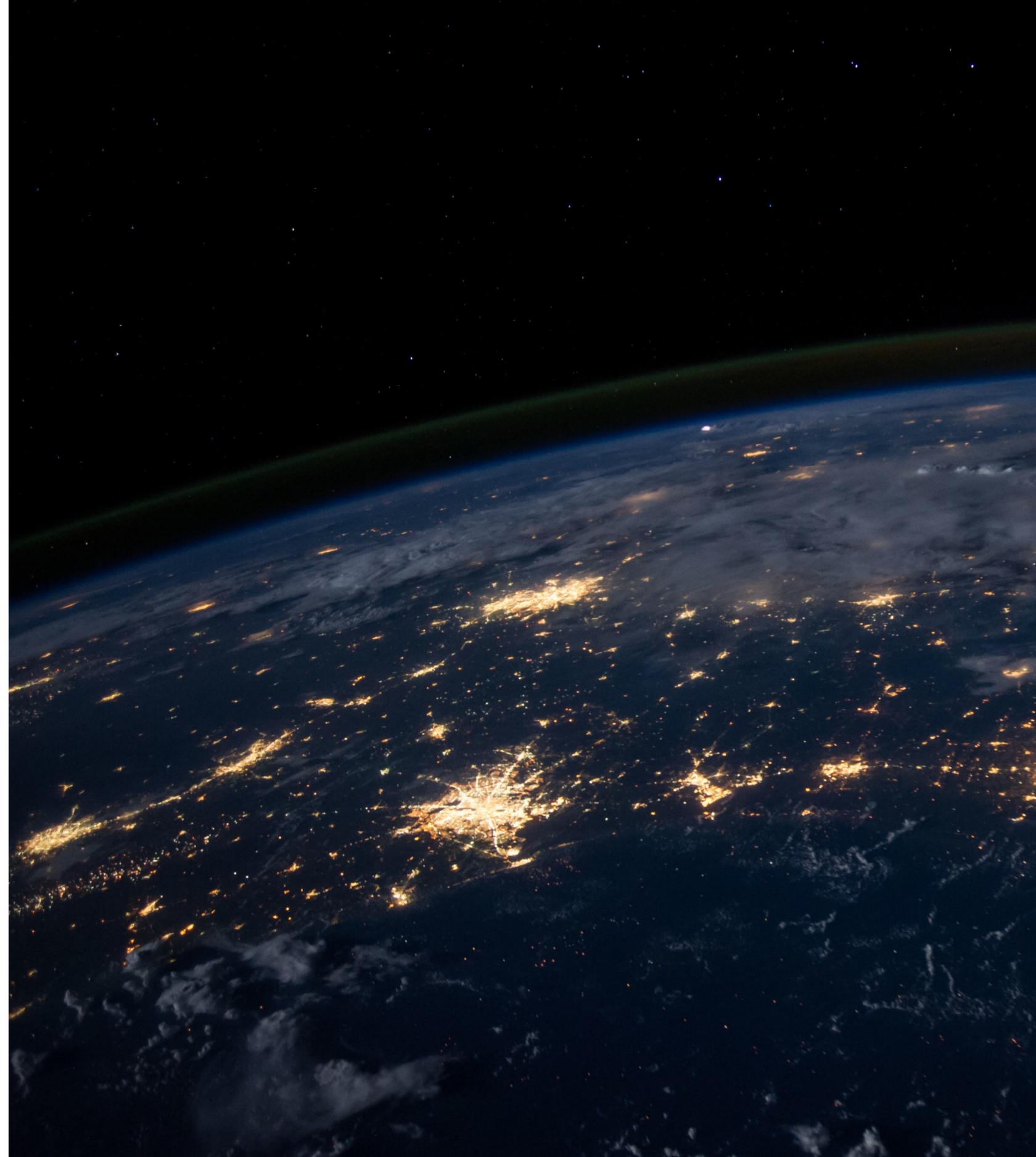


# **National Parents Union Coronavirus Impact Survey**

## **Key Trends and Week #5 Update**

Weekly survey of N=500 parents of K-12 public school students nationwide

Week #5: May 25–27, 2020



# Methodology

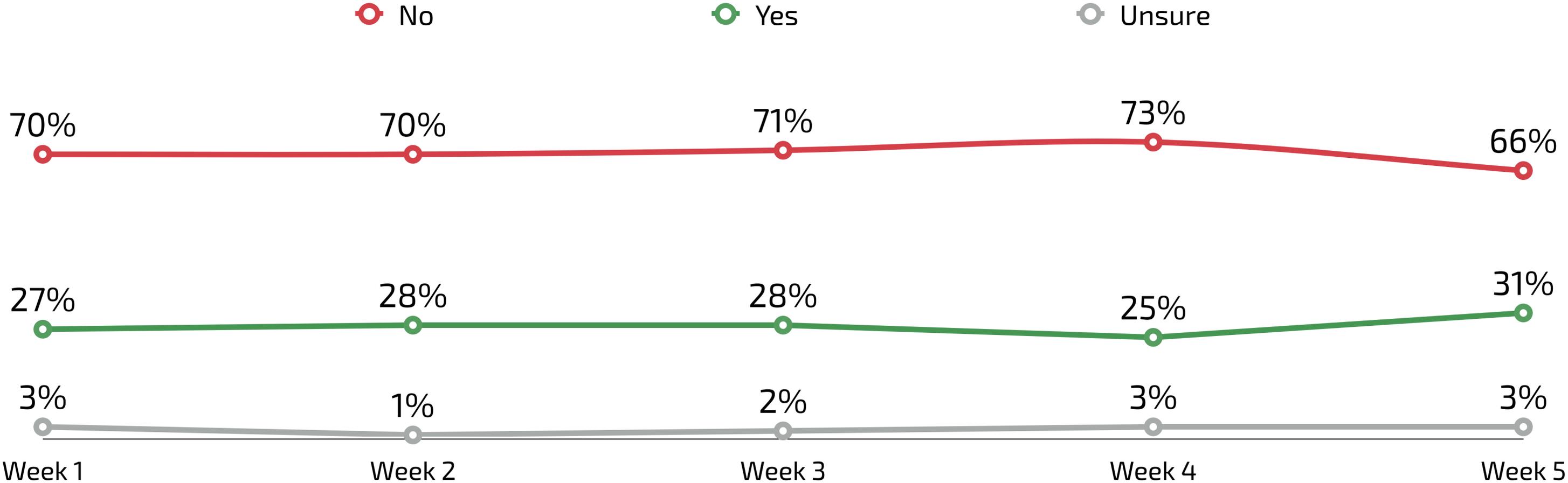
- We are conducting weekly online, national surveys of parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through high school to better understand the challenges and experiences they are facing during the COVID-19 crisis and their expectations and priorities for the future.
  - Sample: N=500 parents of K-12 public school students per week.
  - Field dates:
    - Week 1: April 27–29, 2020
    - Week 2: May 4–5, 2020
    - Week 3: May 11–12, 2020
    - Week 4: May 18–20, 2020
    - Week 5: May 25–27, 2020
  - Results are weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and region to reflect known population demographics.

# Key Trends



# Three In Ten Know Someone Who Has Been Sick

Q. Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?



# Parents' Top Concerns Remain Education and Social Interaction

**Q: With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian?**

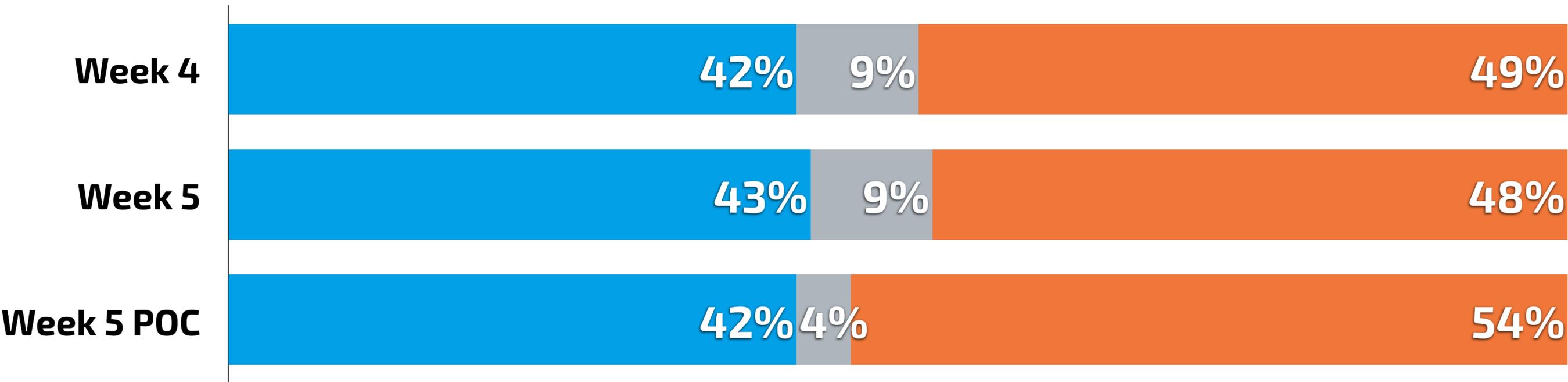
<b>% Worry a lot/Some about . . .</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 5</b>
<b>Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>60%</b>
School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education	55%	56%	53%	57%	60%
Your children spending too much time on screens (TV, computer, phone, etc.)	N/A	N/A	49%	49%	54%
How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing	N/A	50%	48%	49%	53%
Being able to make ends meet	46%	44%	40%	46%	51%
How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing	N/A	44%	42%	43%	45%
Your children being exposed to more negative aspects of online social interaction, such as cyberbullying	N/A	N/A	N/A	41%	45%
Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day	44%	37%	37%	37%	39%



# Slightly More Worry About Health vs Social Consequences

Q. Thinking about the next couple of months, which of the following would you say concerns you more?

- That my children missing important social interactions with friends could negatively affect their emotional wellbeing
- That allowing my children to hang out with friends could put them at risk of being exposed to the coronavirus
- Unsure



# Consistent Findings On Top Supports Week To Week

**Q: To cope with the coronavirus crisis, which of the following would be the most helpful for you to have as a parent right now? Please choose NO MORE THAN THREE.**

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Help keeping my children engaged in good activities	46%	46%	53%	52%	50%
More money to spend on necessities	41%	37%	43%	42%	46%
More information about how to support my child's learning	28%	31%	37%	30%	35%
High speed internet access	31%	29%	28%	29%	27%
Paid time off work from my job	22%	21%	23%	21%	23%
More hours in the day	19%	18%	16%	18%	18%
Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials	16%	14%	13%	12%	15%
More tablets or computers in the house	20%	13%	9%	14%	9%
Childcare	6%	10%	7%	7%	8%
Something else	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%



# Greatest Hardship Remains Not Seeing Family And Friends

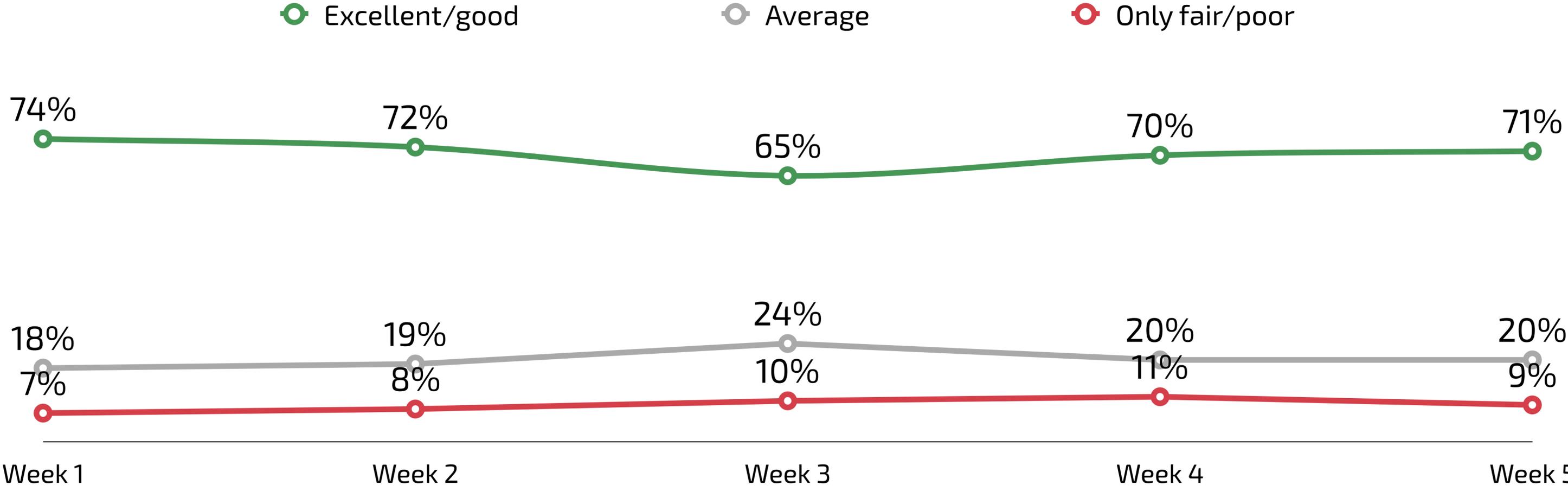
**Q: Which one or two of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the spread of the coronavirus?**

TOP FIVE RESPONSES	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
I haven't been able to see friends and family members	22%	24%	27%	24%	26%
I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now	25%	22%	19%	18%	24%
I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning	15%	18%	21%	20%	20%
I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine	17%	15%	19%	15%	21%
I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income	14%	15%	12%	14%	15%



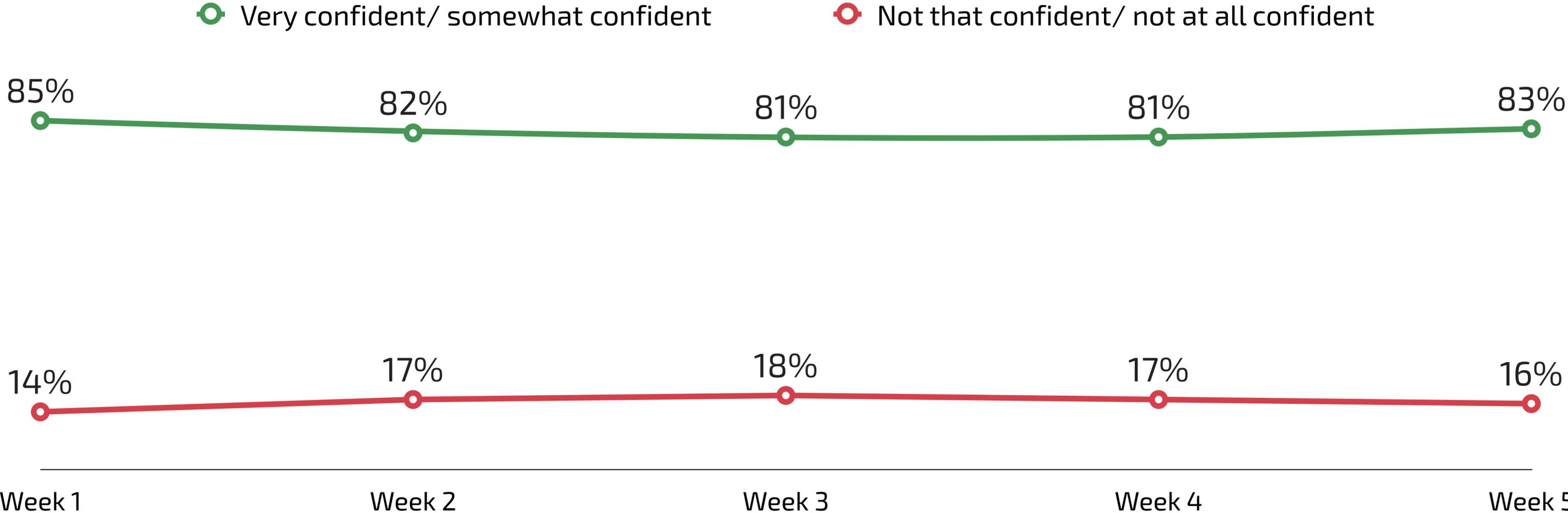
# Most Still Rate Schools' Coronavirus Response Positively

Q. Overall, how would you rate the job your child's school is doing in providing resources and support to help your child continue learning?



# Parents Remain Confident They Can Help Their Children Learn

Q. Overall, thinking honestly, how confident do you feel about being able to help your child continue learning?



# Parents Still Say Schools Should Err On Side Of Closing

Q. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more?

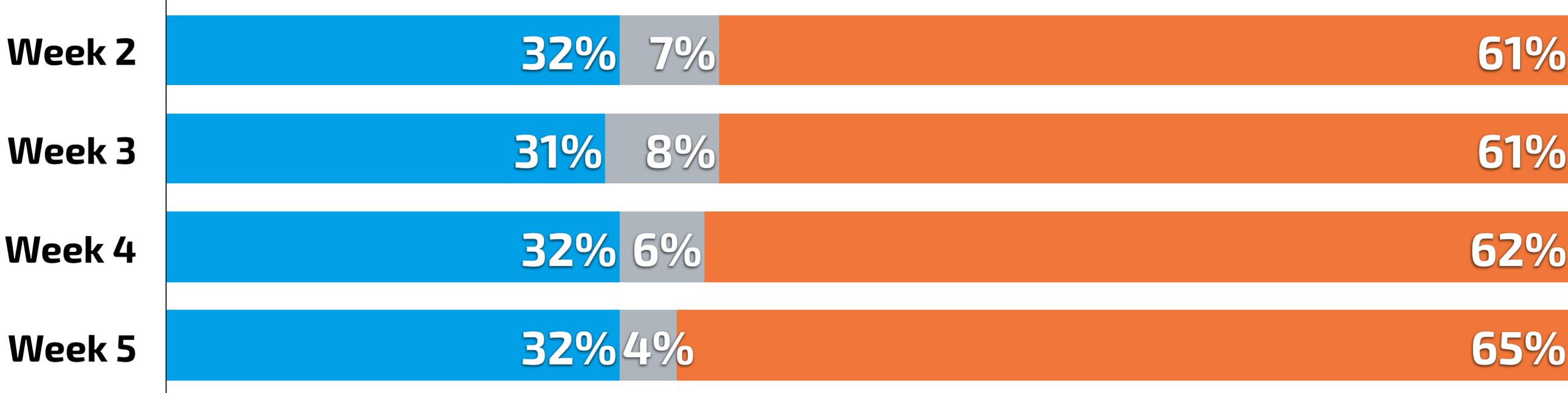
-  Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if it means students fall farther behind.
-  Schools should reopen as soon as possible so students don't fall too far behind and can receive the educational support they need.
-  Unsure



# Parents Continue To Say School Should Be Re-Imagined

Q. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more?

-  Schools should be focused on trying to get back to the way things were before the COVID-19 crisis as soon as it is safe to do so.
-  School should be focused on rethinking how we educate students, coming up with new ways to teach children moving forward as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.
-  Unsure

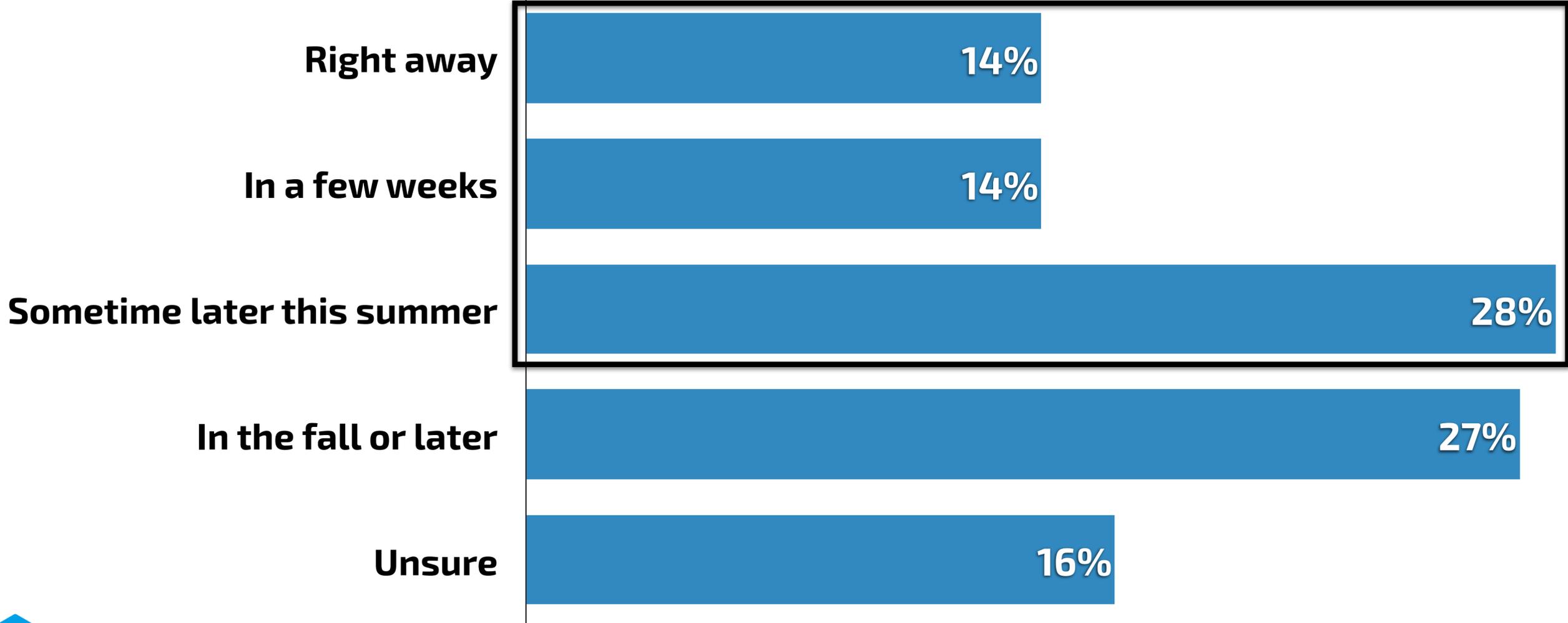


# Week #5: Summer Plans



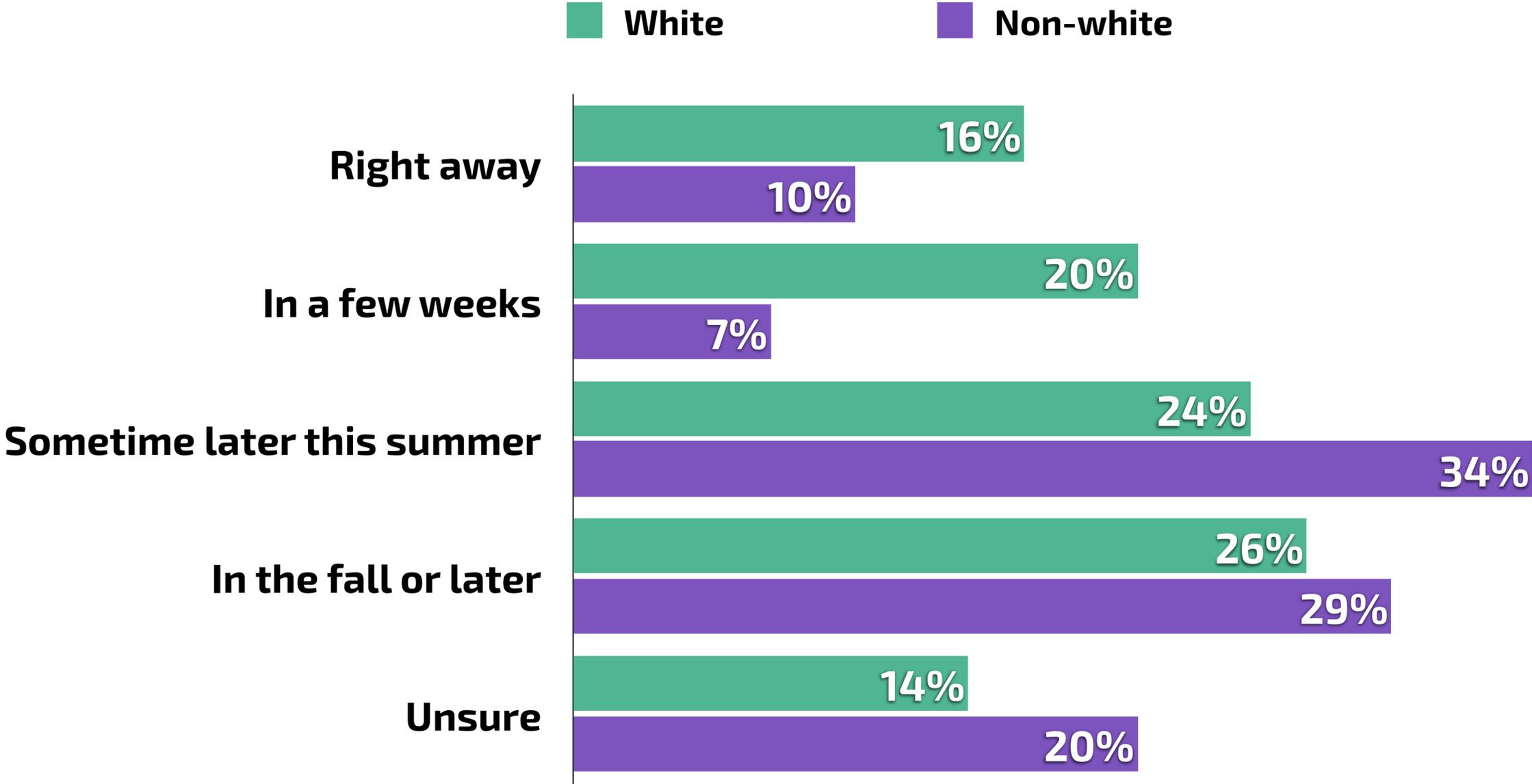
# Most Think Their Kids Will See Other Children By End of Summer

**Q. When do you think you will feel comfortable allowing your children to start hanging out with friends and being around other groups of children again?**



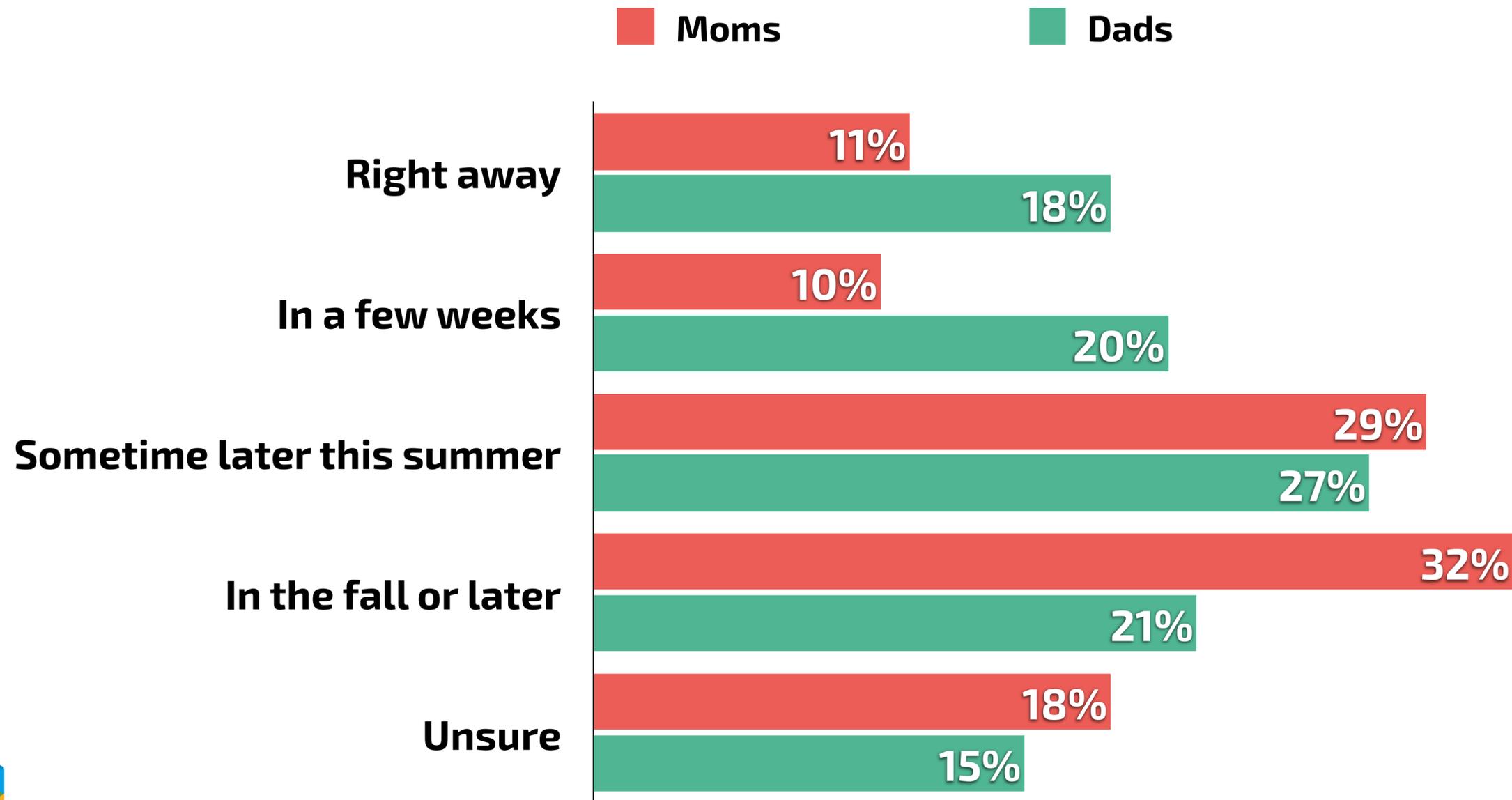
# White Parents More Likely To Think Kids Will Socialize Soon

Q. When do you think you will feel comfortable allowing your children to start hanging out with friends and being around other groups of children again?



# Dads Also More Likely To Think Kids Will Socialize Soon

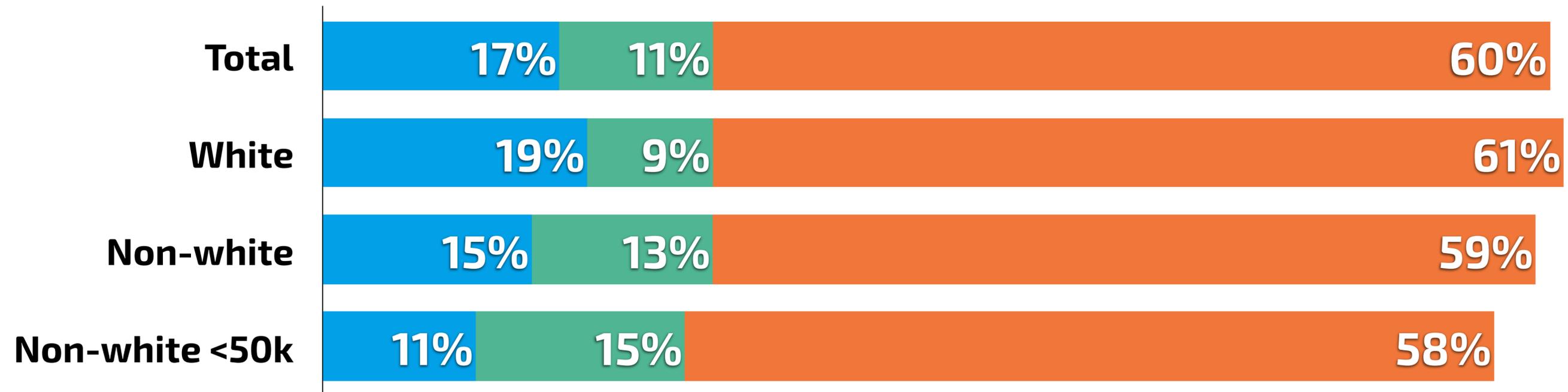
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# Most Parents Aren't Sending Kids To Activities

Q. Which of the following best describes how you feel about your children participating in activities this summer where they will be around groups of people, such as day camps, summer school, or community programs?

-  I am choosing to have my child participate in those types of activities
-  I have no choice but to have my children participate in those types of activities because I have to work
-  My children will be staying home and not be participating in those types of activities



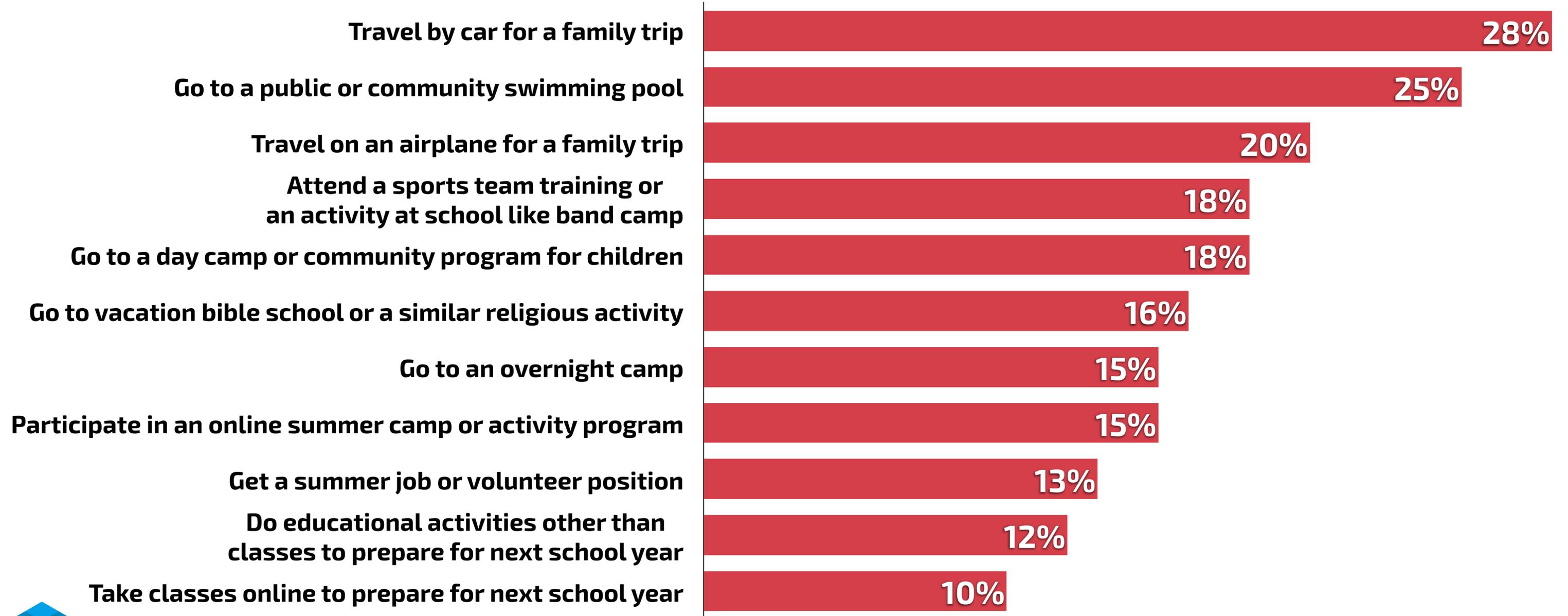
# A Low-Key Summer Ahead For Most Families

- 75% of parents say their children plan to “mostly stay home.”
  - 52% say this was always the plan, but 23% say this wasn't originally the plan.
- 50% say their child's plans are “nothing much, my kid needs a break.”
  - 55% of white parents say this is the case, with the bulk of them saying this was already the plan (40%).
  - Only 41% of nonwhite parents say the same, and only 30% said this was their plan previously. Another 17% said their plan originally had been “nothing much, my kid needs a break” but this is no longer a plan (only 8% for white parents).
- Only 23% of parents say they expect their child to do all or most of their normal activities. However, only 11% believe that none of their normal activities will be possible.
- Most (51%) are somewhat or very worried about activities where their children will be around other people. Only 15% feel “very confident” that their children will be safe in light of the coronavirus situation.

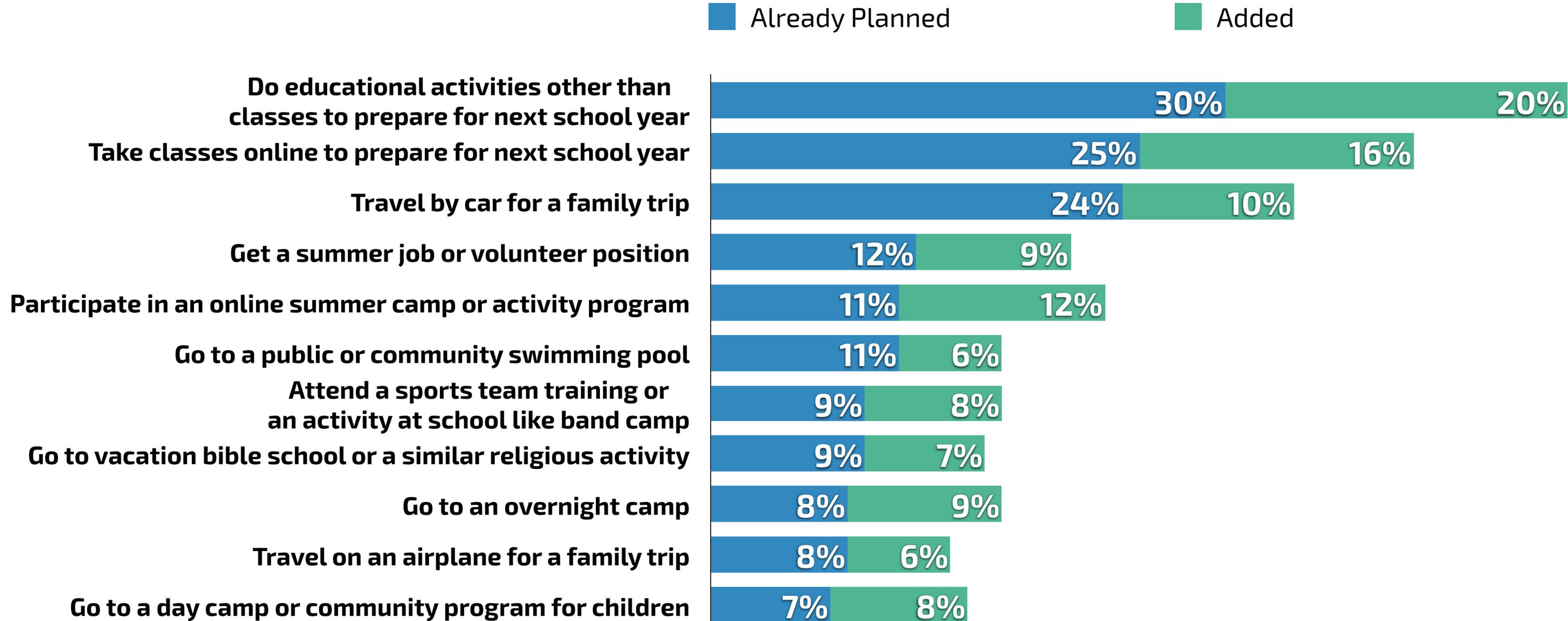


# Most Likely To Be Cancelled: Road Trips and Pool Day

“Planned to do this, but are no longer planning to.”

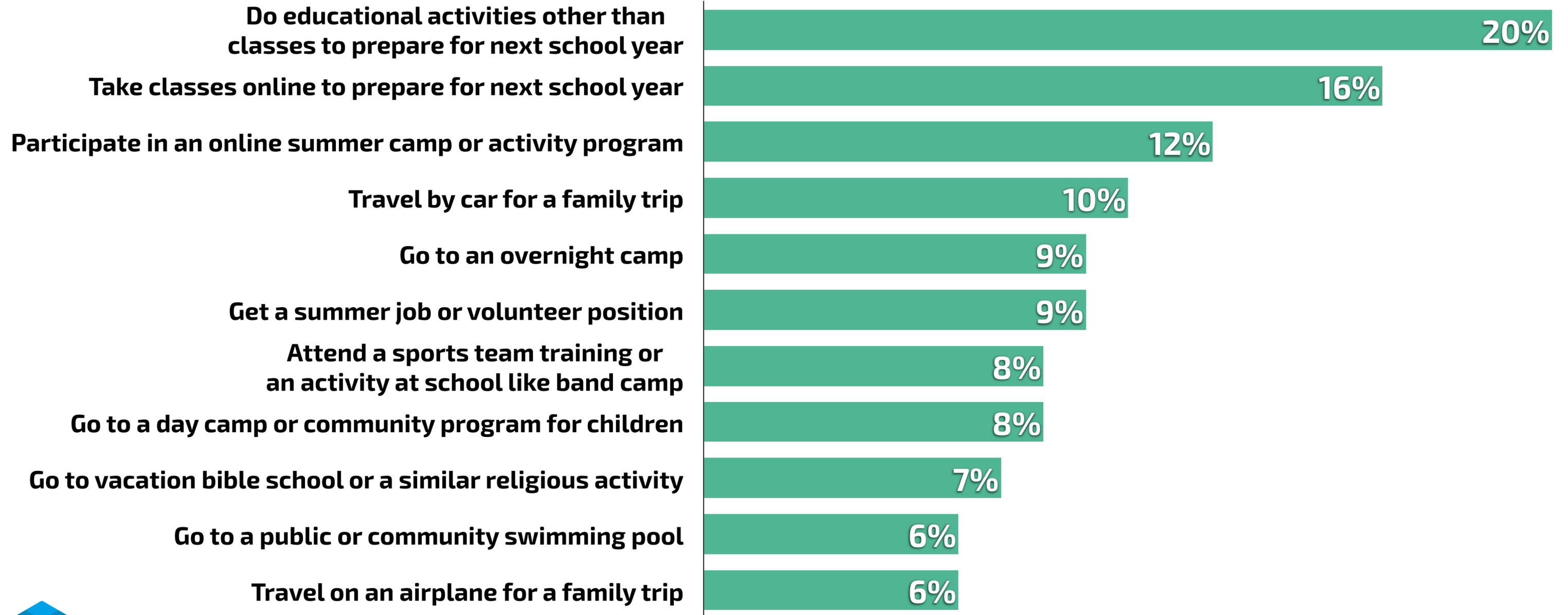


# So What's The Plan? Educational Activities.



# Educational Activities Most Likely To Be Added To Plans

**“Did not plan to do this, but are now planning to.”**



# Online Activities and Workbooks Are Parent's Top Choice

**Q: If your children's schools were to offer the following educational activities this summer a way to help them prepare, for the next school year, please indicate which ones you would want your children to do.**

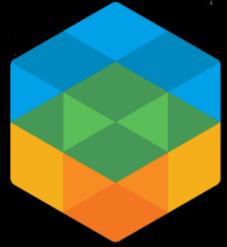
	Week 5
Online educational activities other than classes	39%
Educational activity packets or workbooks	37%
Online summer school classes	34%
One on one online tutoring sessions	27%
One on one in-person tutoring sessions	15%
In-person summer school classes	13%
<b>None of these - I don't think my children need to do schoolwork this summer</b>	<b>16%</b>



# Parents of Older Students Are More Likely to Choose Online Classes, While Parents of K-5 Students Prefer Activity Packets and Workbooks

	Parents of Students in Grades . . .		
	K-5	6-8	9-12
Online educational activities other than classes	40%	43%	38%
Educational activity packets or workbooks	<b>40%</b>	33%	34%
Online summer school classes	29%	<b>36%</b>	<b>39%</b>
One on one online tutoring sessions	26%	31%	31%
One on one in-person tutoring sessions	15%	14%	12%
In-person summer school classes	12%	15%	12%
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