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Ohio Education Association Reopening Survey

July 2020

N = 2,006 members

Conducted July 14-19, 2020 via Qualtrics

Margin of error = +/- 2.2 percentage points

- OEA members are divided between wanting to continue distance learning and taking a hybrid approach in the fall. Very few support full reopening.
 - Members of color and younger members are more likely to favor distance learning.
- A slight majority of members favor Gov. DeWine's reopening plan.
- Educators want many safety precautions in place before returning to school, including disinfecting and cleaning, masks, and social distancing, but they are also concerned about students' ability to consistently socially distance.



- Members offer mixed reviews for their distance learning experience this spring.
- Educators offer concerns about learning loss, especially among younger students and in high-poverty schools.

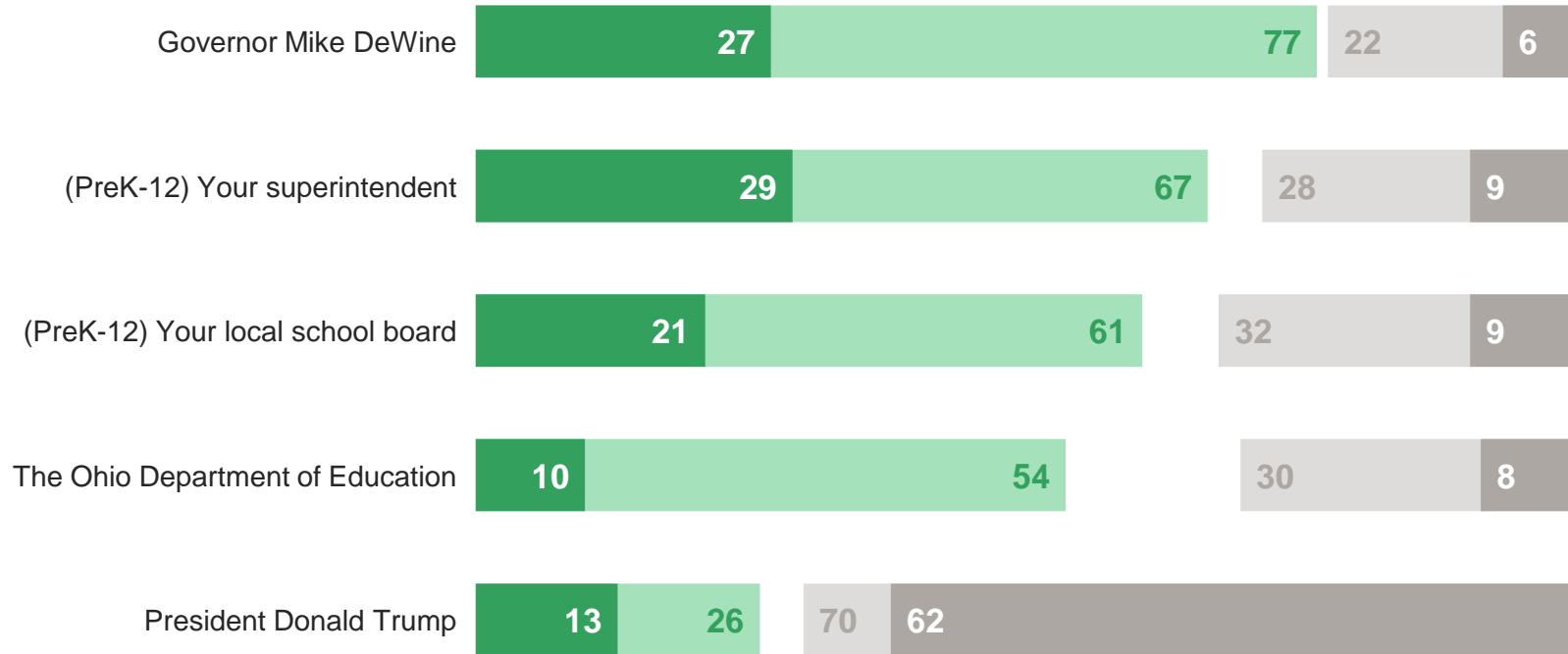
Members Approve Of DeWine's COVID Response, Disapprove Of Trump's

Figure 4

Coronavirus Job Approval

Please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing handling the coronavirus pandemic.

 Approve  Disapprove
Darker shade = Stronger intensity





Distance Learning

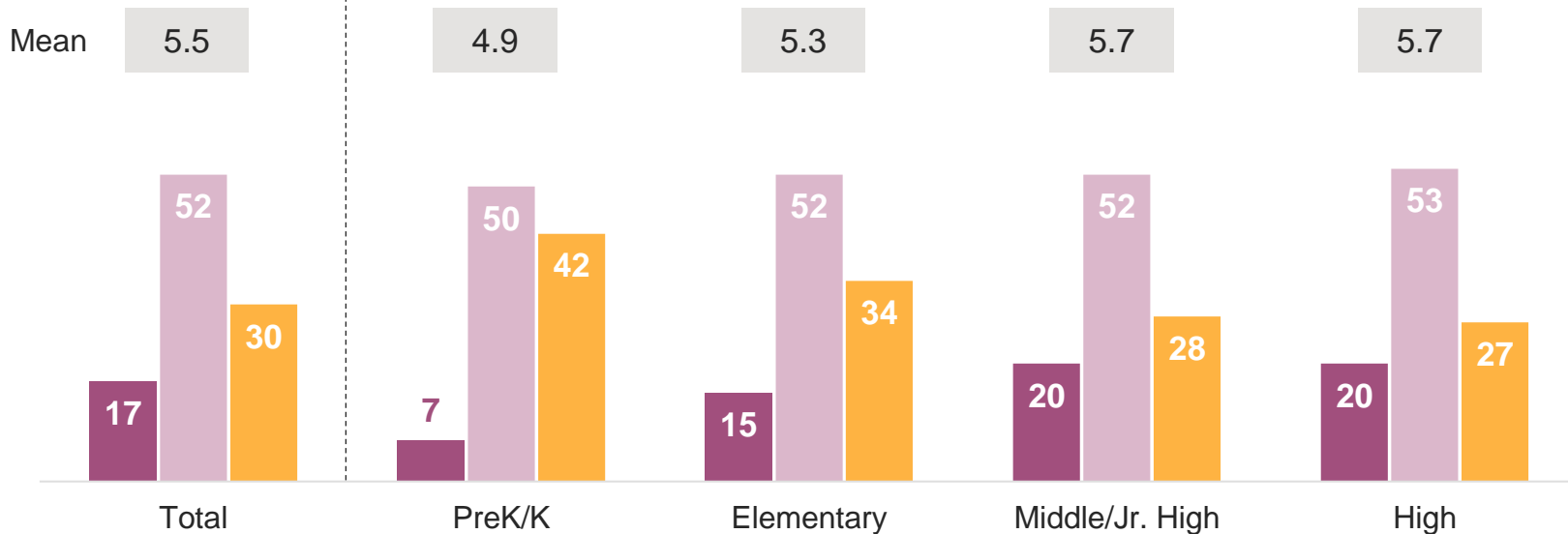
Members Give Distance Learning Middling Ratings; Those Who Work With Younger Students Had Worse Experiences

Figure 6

Distance Learning Rating

(Among those facilitating distance learning) Using a scale from 0 to 10, how would you describe your overall experience delivering distance learning?

- 8-10
- 5-7
- 0-4



Very Few Think Distance Learning Was Very Effective

Figure 7

Effectiveness

(Among those facilitating distance learning) How effective do you think distance learning was for your students?

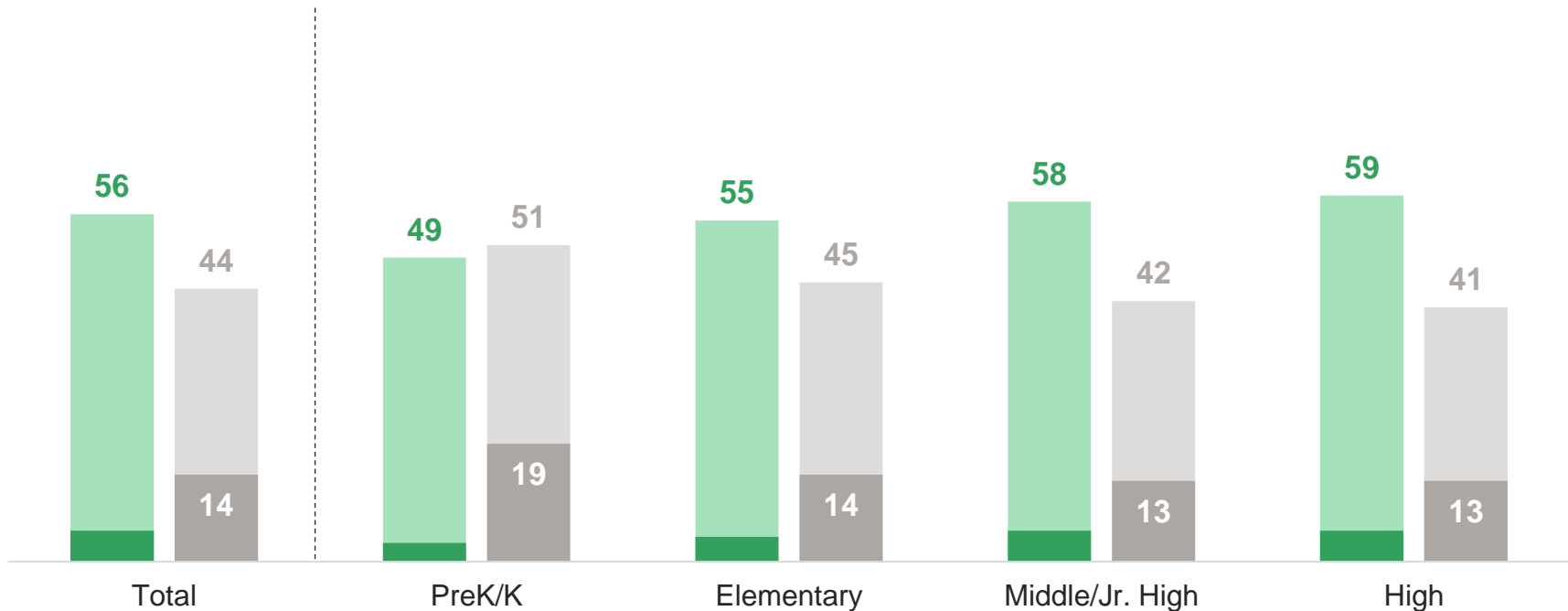


Effective



Not effective

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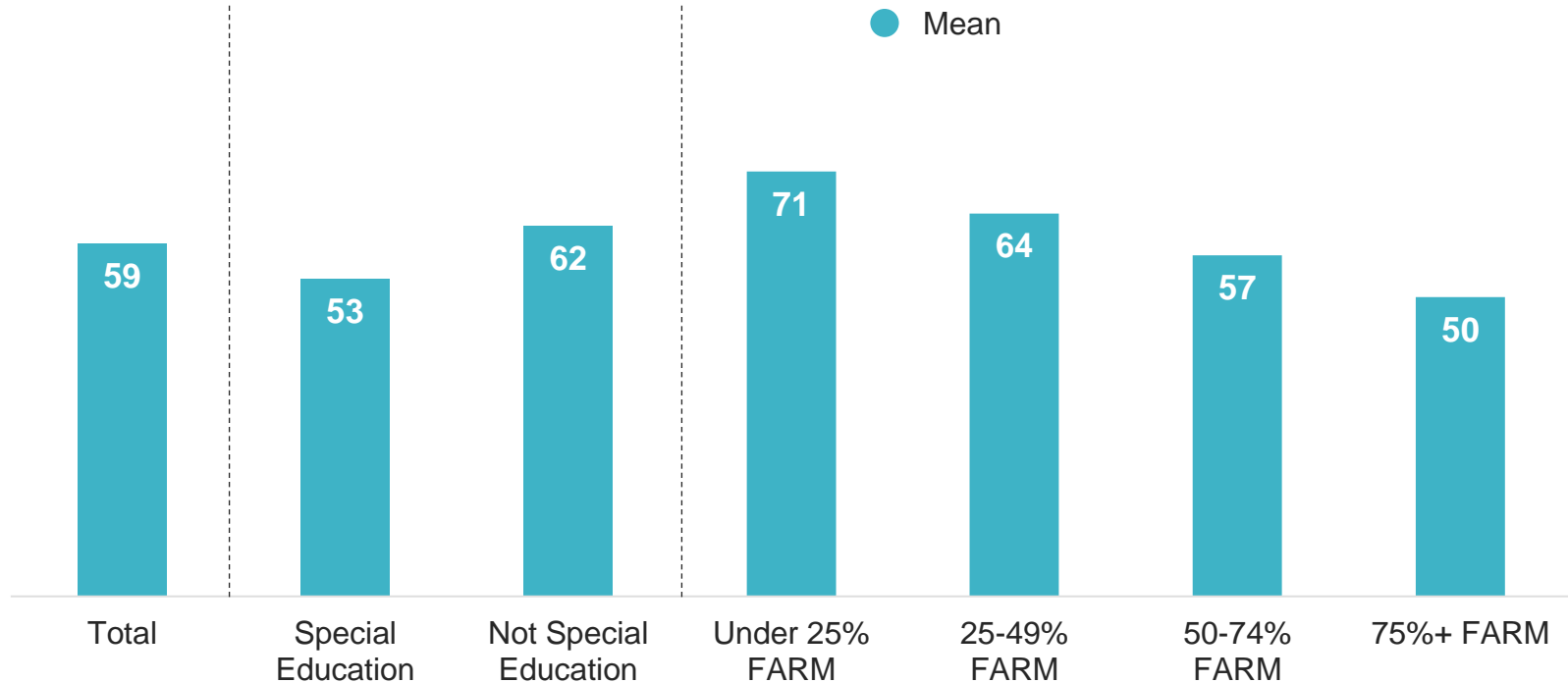


Equity Gaps In Distance Learning Participation

Figure 8

Class Attendance

(Among those facilitating distance learning) In terms of class attendance and participation, about what percentage of your students regularly attended or participated in distance or digital learning opportunities during the shutdown this spring? Give your best estimate.



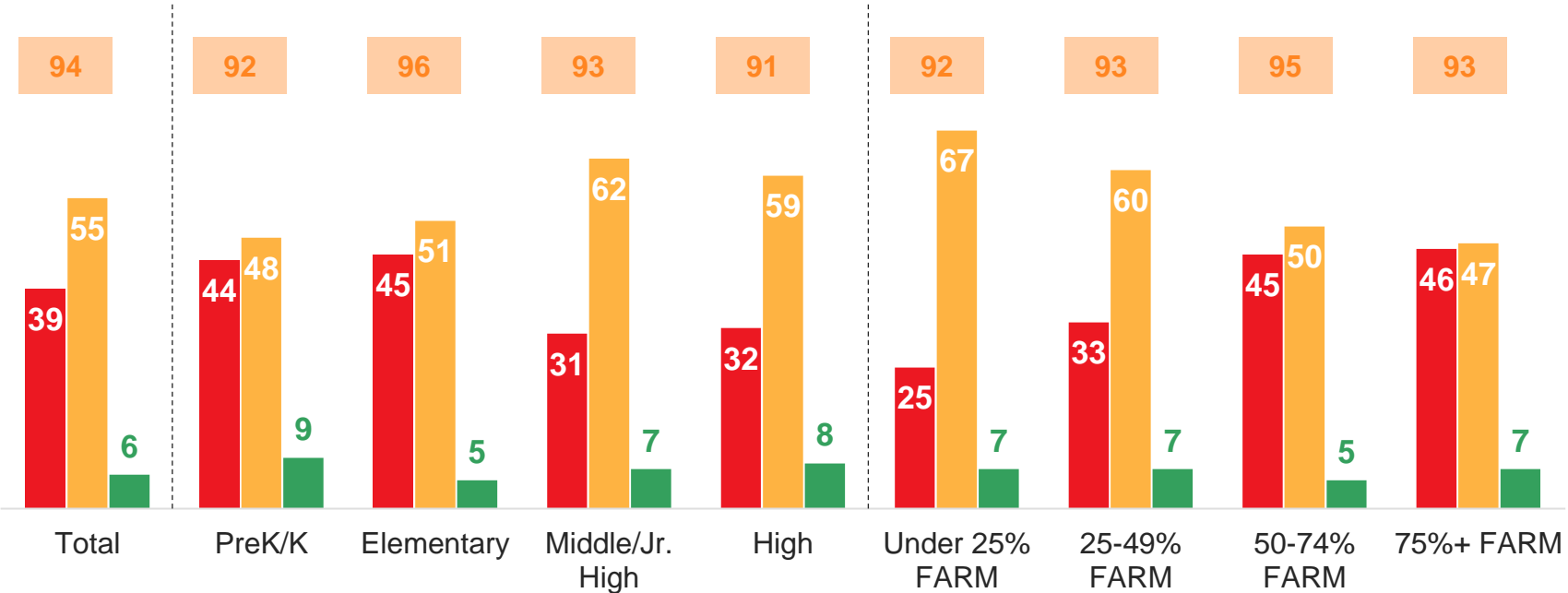
Most Members Think Students Have Experienced Learning Loss, With Highest Severity In Higher Poverty Schools And Younger Grades

Figure 9

Learning Loss

Do you think most students have experienced learning loss during distance learning?

● Yes, significant ● Yes, slight ● No

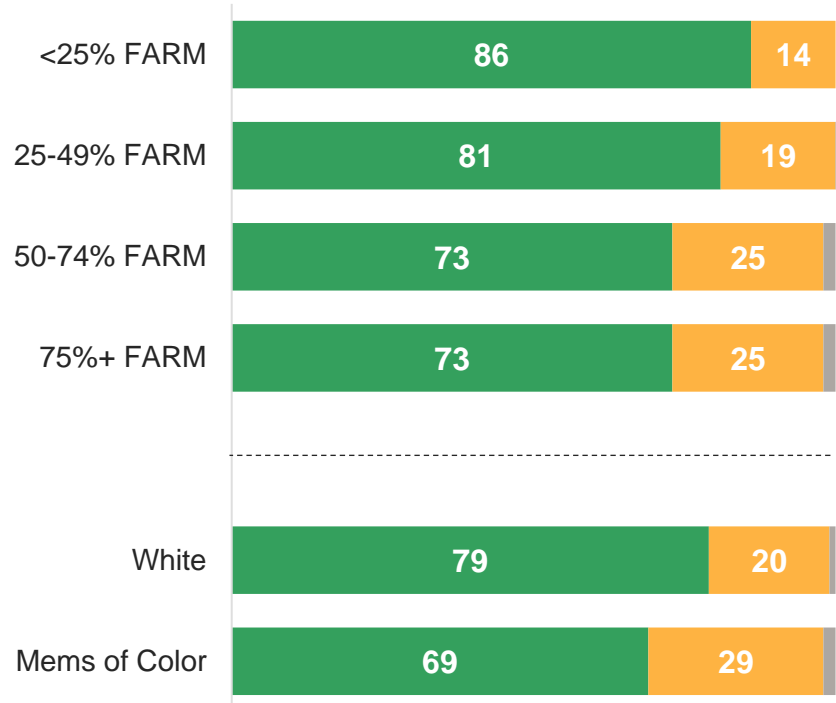
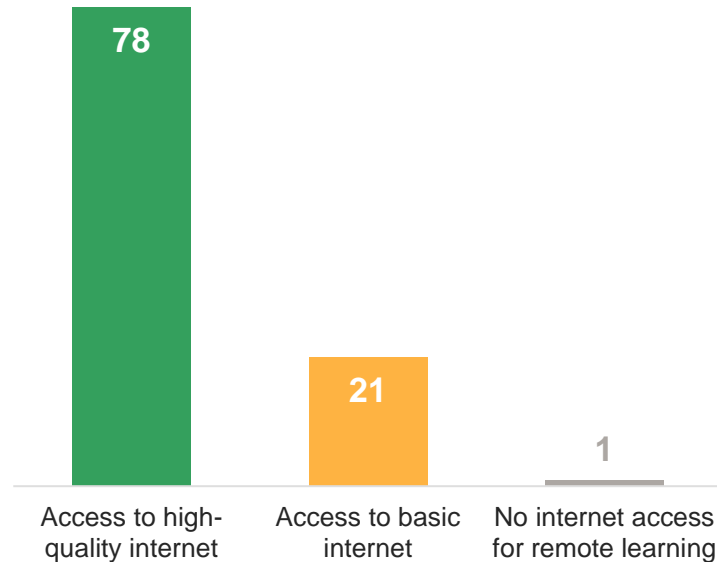


Most Members Have High-Quality Internet, But Not Universal

Figure 10

Member Internet

(Among those facilitating distance learning) Which of the following best describes your internet access for remote learning?





Reopening

Two Thirds Of Members Do Not Think Schools Will Be Able To Safely Reopen In The Fall

Figure 12

Reopening Safety – Ohio

Based on the way things are trending, how likely do you think it is that schools and campuses will be able to reopen safely in Ohio in the fall?

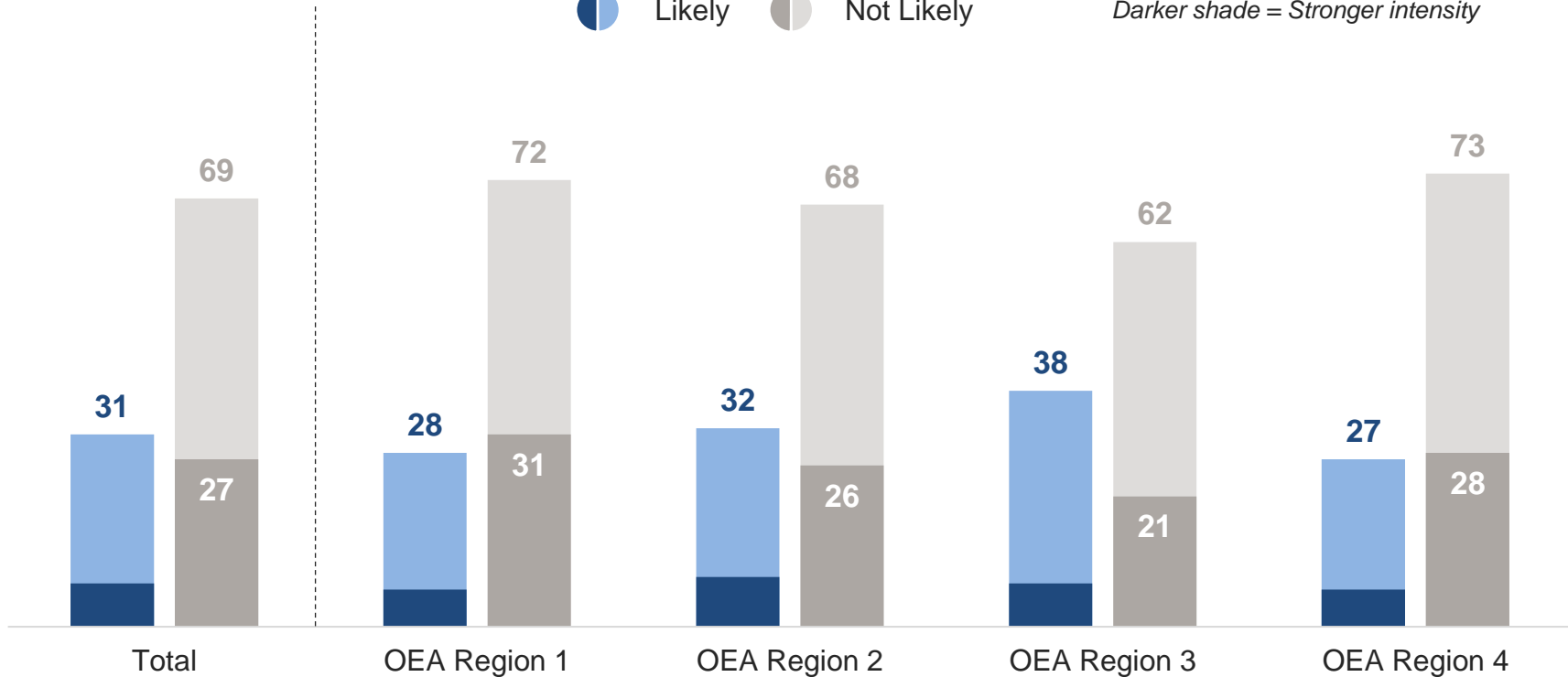


Likely



Not Likely

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Similar Concerns About Their Own Workplaces

Figure 13

Reopening Safety – Own

And how likely do you think it is that your workplace(s) will be able to reopen safely in the fall?

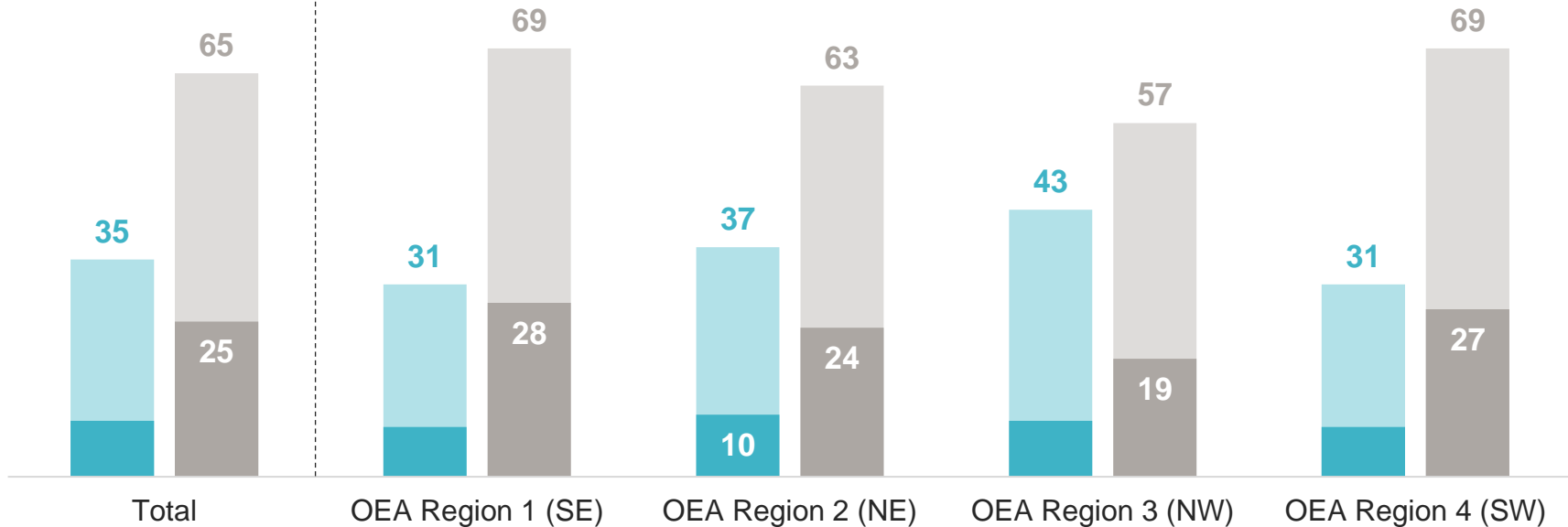


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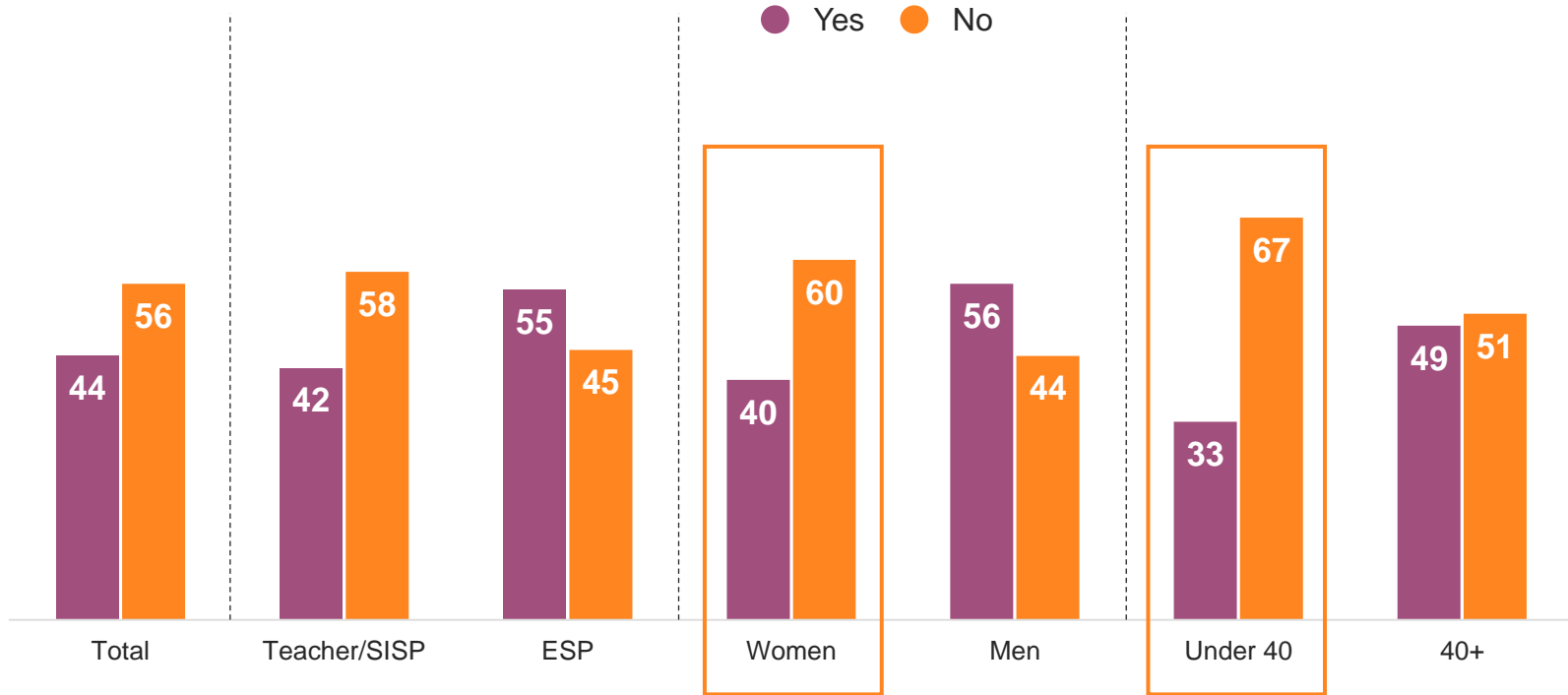


Women, Members Under 40 Least Likely To Say They Will Be Ready To Return

Figure 14

Readiness

(Split) Based on current trends, do you think you personally will be ready to return to work in-person in the fall?



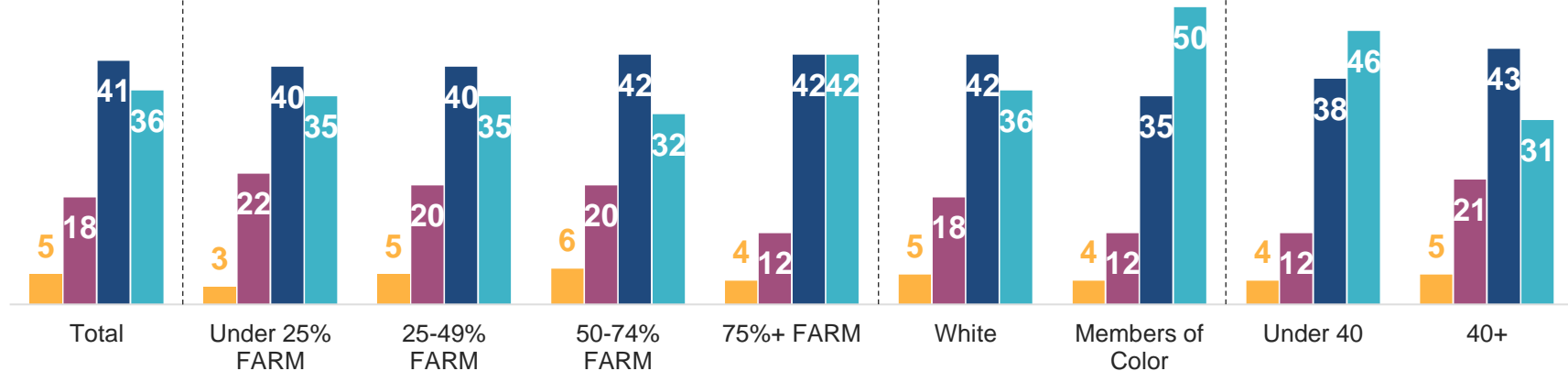
Members Split Between Desire For Hybrid Or Distance Learning; Few Want Full Reopening

Figure 15

Preferred Plan

Thinking about where things will be in the fall, which of the following do you support?

- Normal reopening with pre-coronavirus rules
- Full reopening with coronavirus safety precautions
- Reopening with a hybrid model
- Staying closed with distance learning until there is a vaccine

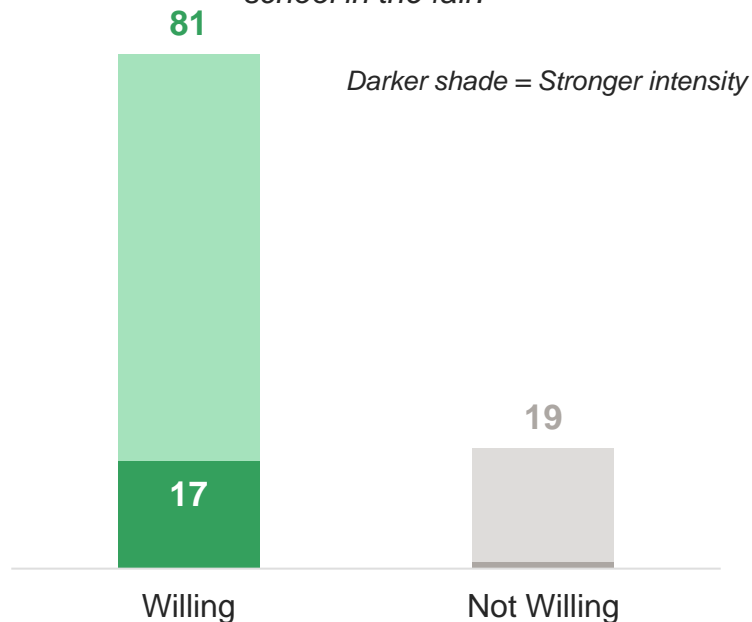


Most Think Parents Will Be Willing To Send Students, But Few Think They Will Be Very Willing; Split On Whether Students Will Be Ready

Figure 16

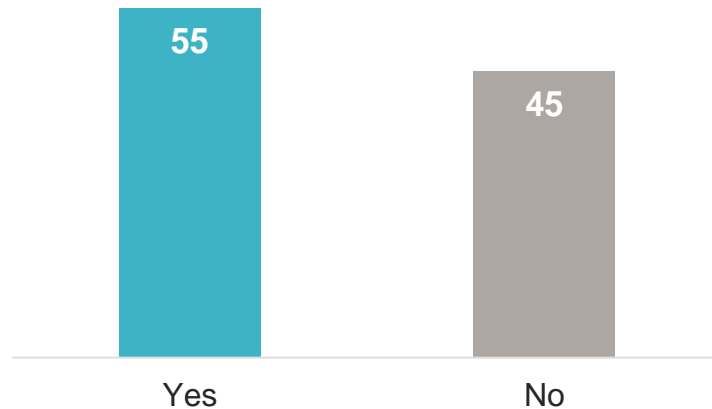
Parent Willingness

Based on the way things are trending, how willing do you think most parents in your community will be to send their kids to school in the fall?



Students Ready

Based on the way things are trending, do you think students will be ready to return to school or campus in the fall?

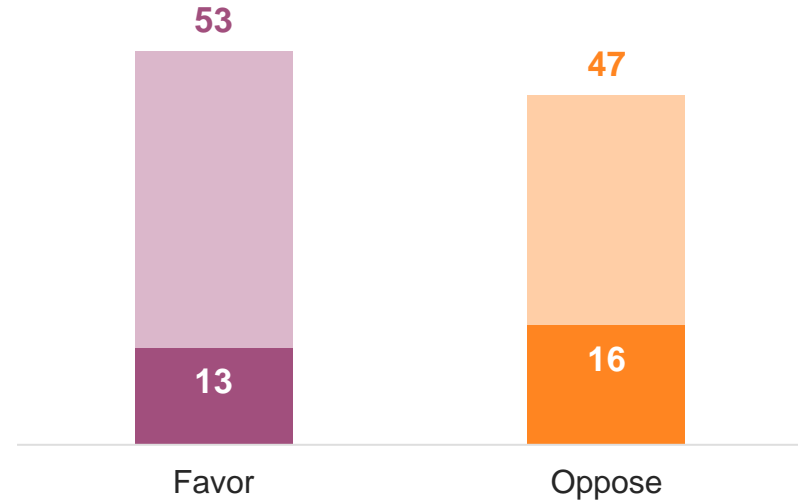


Slight Majority Support DeWine's Reopening Plan

As you may know, Governor DeWine released his school reopening plan. The Governor's plan leaves it to school districts to decide whether to reopen with in-person instruction. The Governor's guidelines require teachers to wear masks and strongly recommends students in 3rd grade and above wear masks. The guidelines recommend temperature checks, washing hands, cleaning and sanitizing shared surfaces, and practicing social distancing.

Based on this, do you favor or oppose Governor DeWine's school reopening plan?

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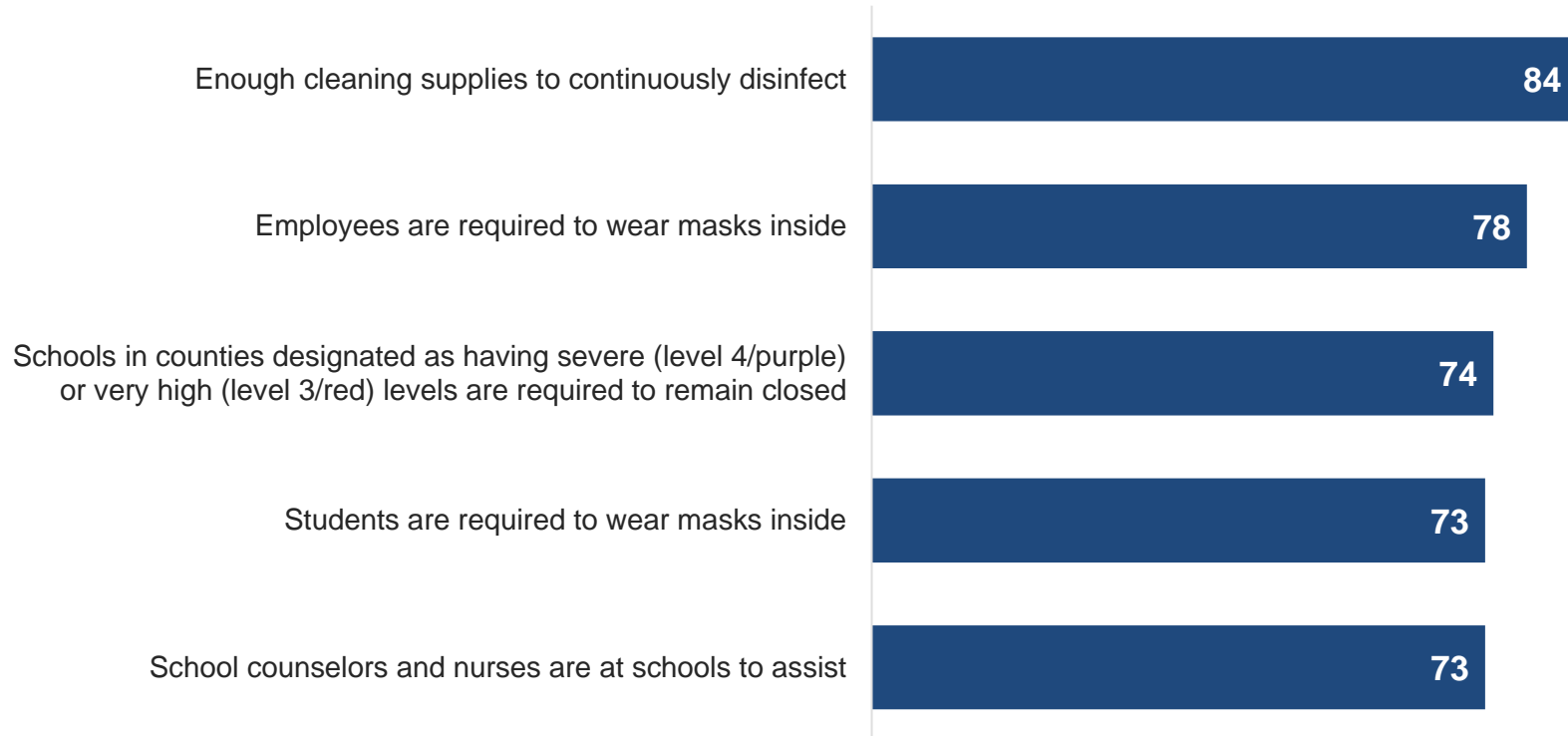


Majority Favor Most Of Listed Criteria

Figure 18

Reopening Criteria

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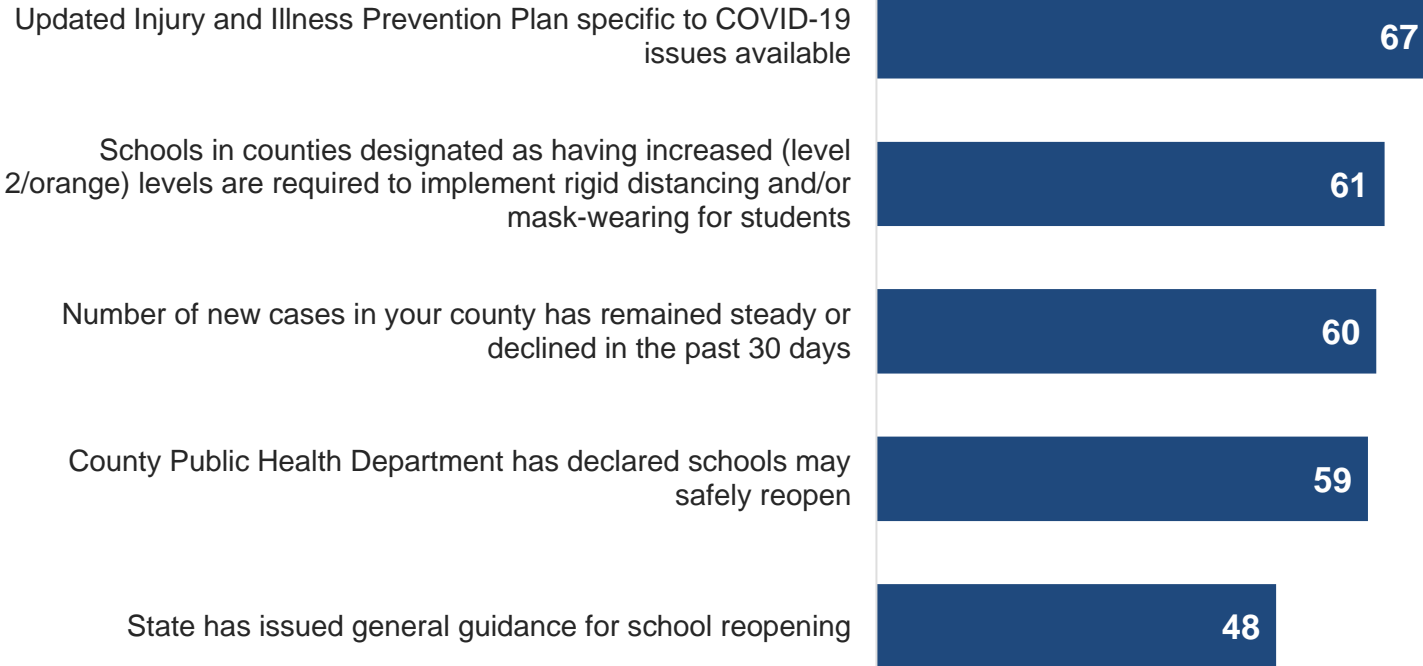


Fewer Think State Guidance Should Be Required

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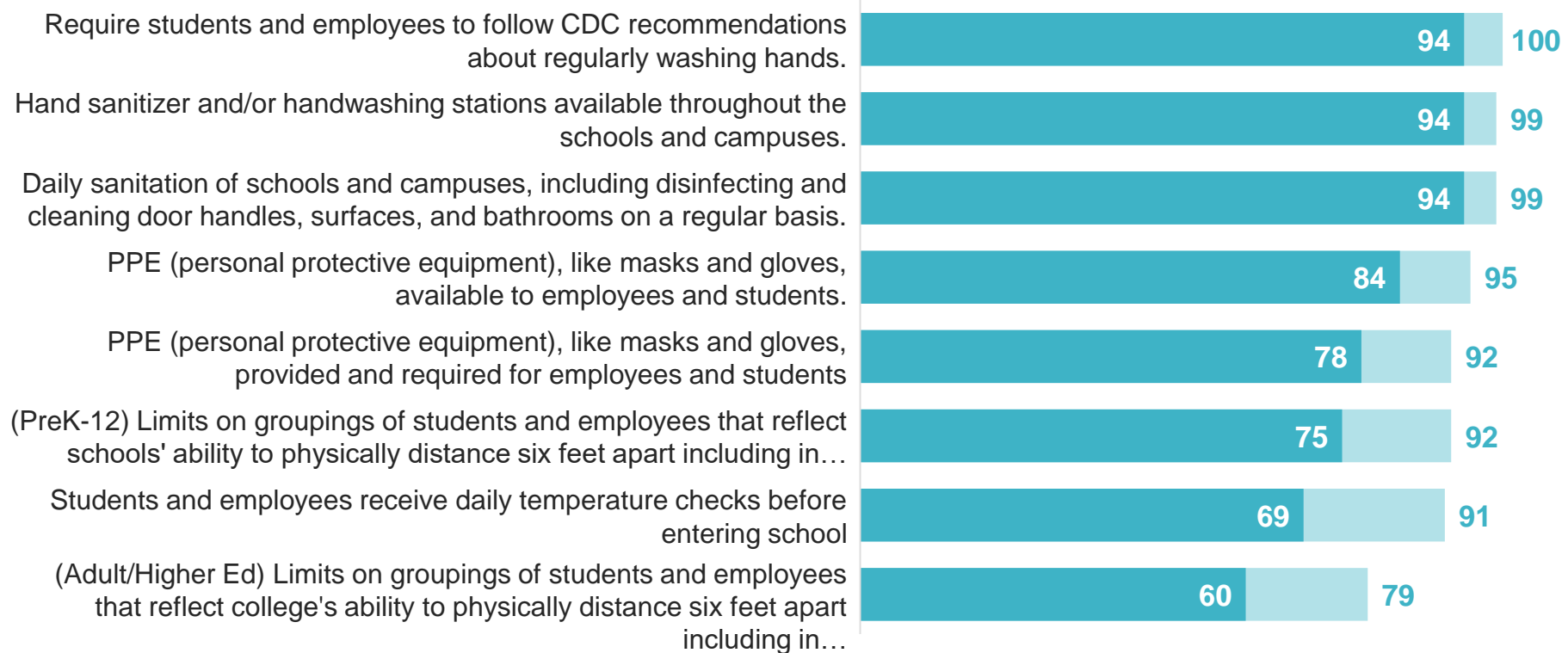


Majorities Think All Proposed Reopening Precautions Are “Very Important”

Figure 20

Reopening Precautions

● Very important ● Total important

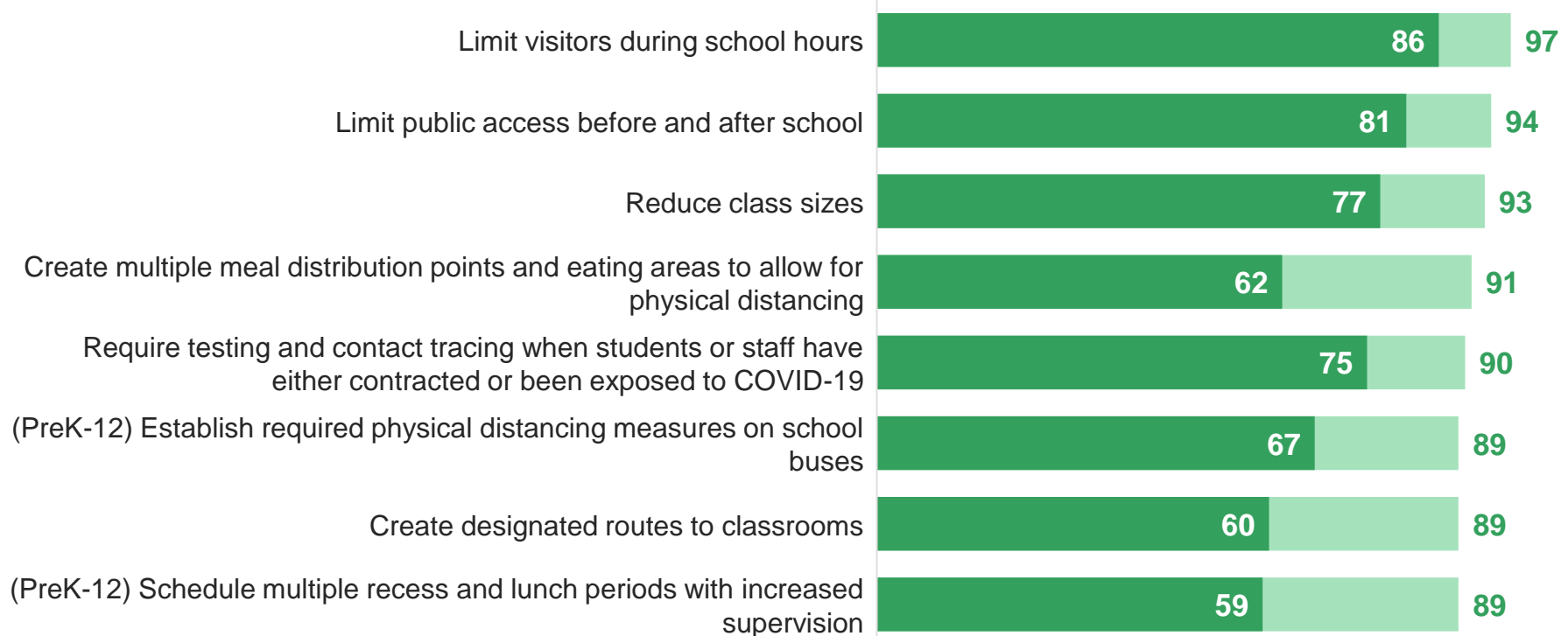


Top Physical Precautions

Figure 21

Physical Precautions

● Strongly favor ● Total favor



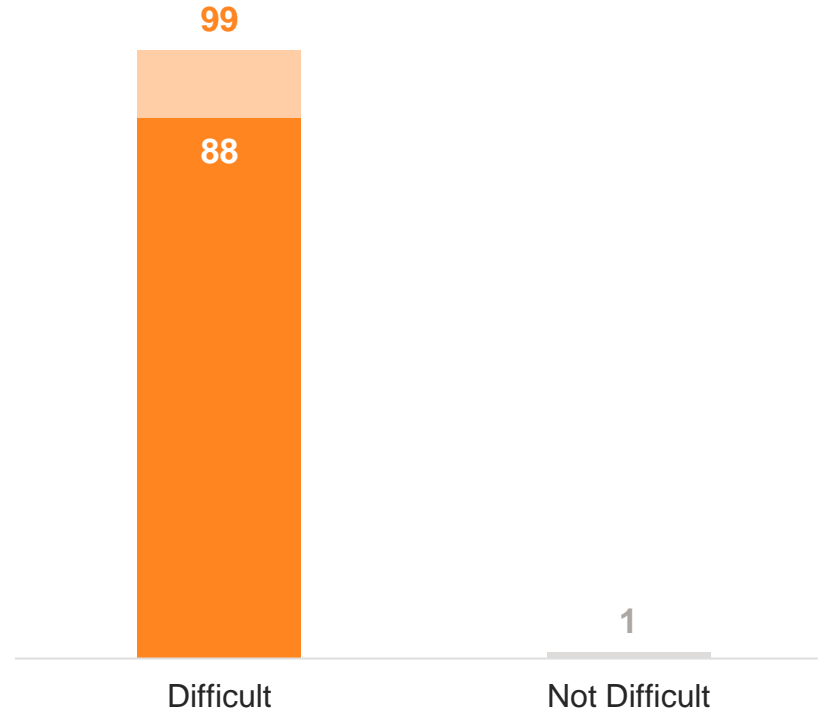
Near Unanimity That It Will Be Difficult For Students To Socially Distance

Figure 22

Distancing Difficulty

How difficult do you think it will be for students to maintain six feet apart from each other?

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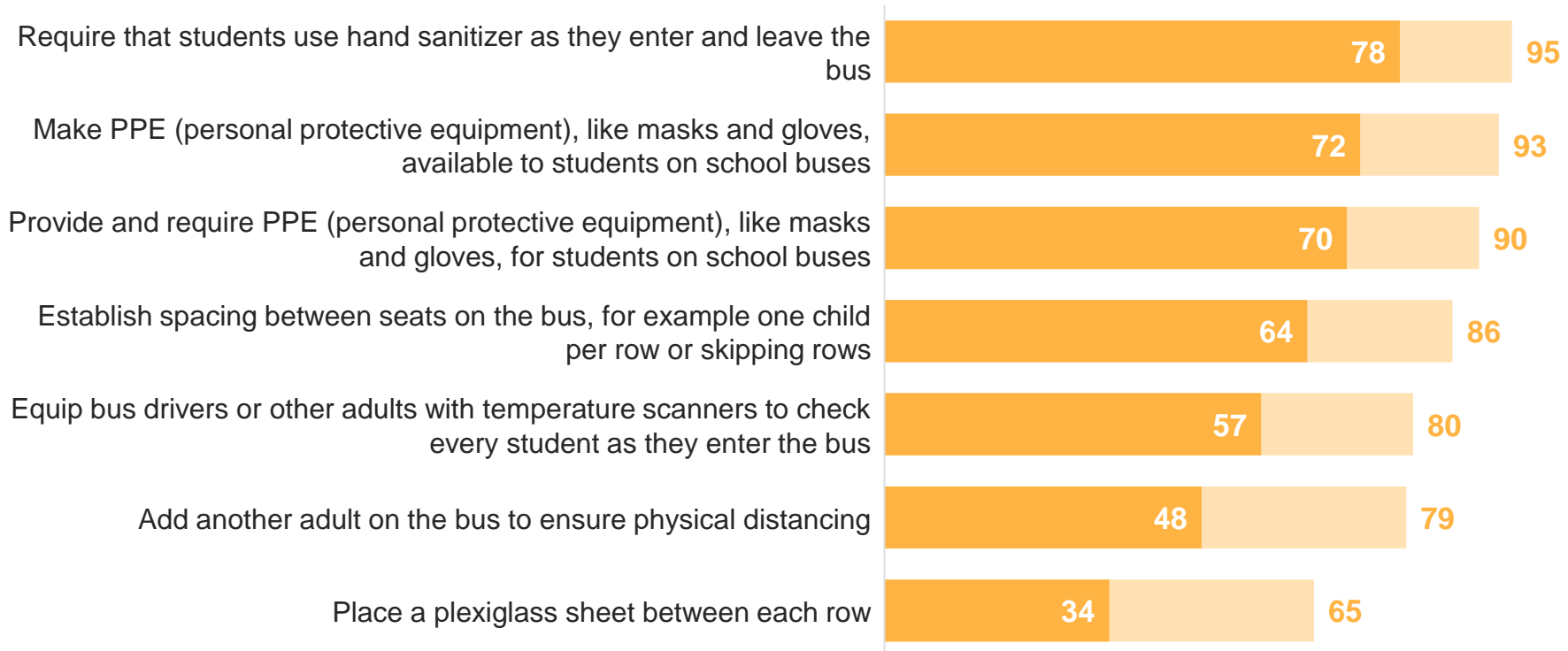


Members Favor Most Proposed Bus Precautions

Figure 23

Bus Precautions

● Strongly favor ● Total favor

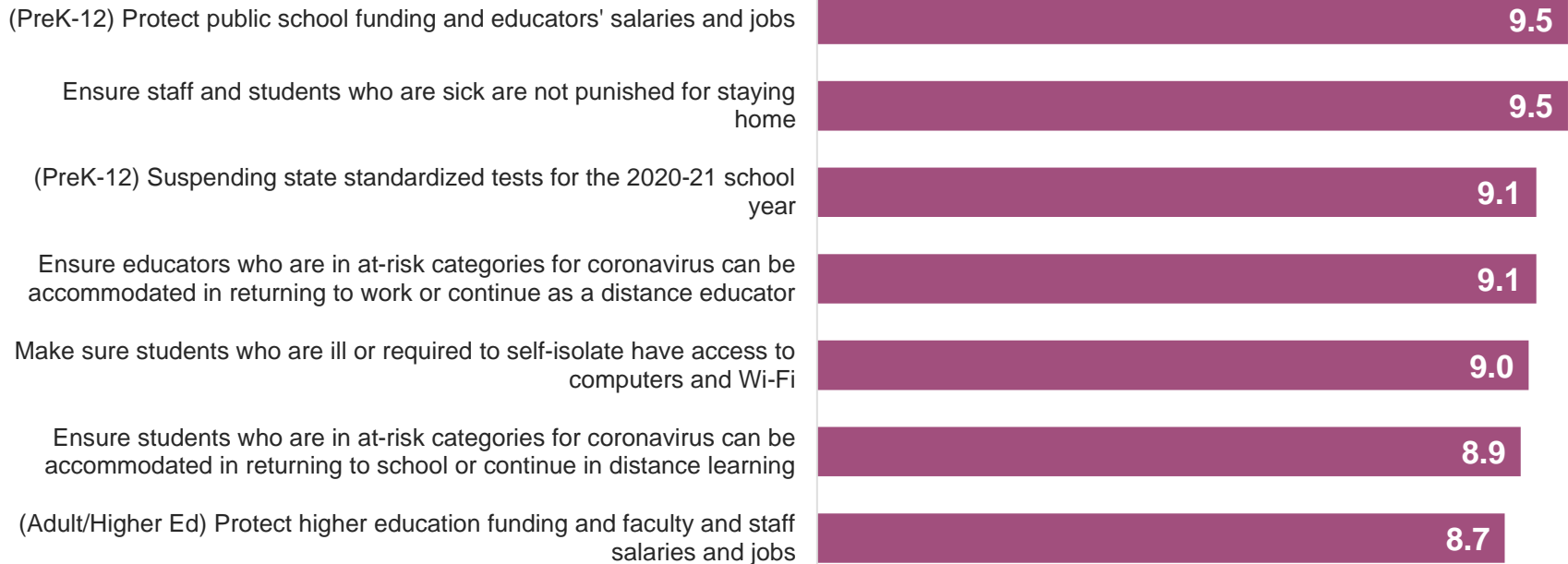


Protecting Funding, Jobs Top Priorities

Figure 24

Priorities

Using a scale from 0 to 10, please indicate how important of a priority this should be when educational institutions reopen, where a 10 means it is a top priority and 0 means it is a low priority.

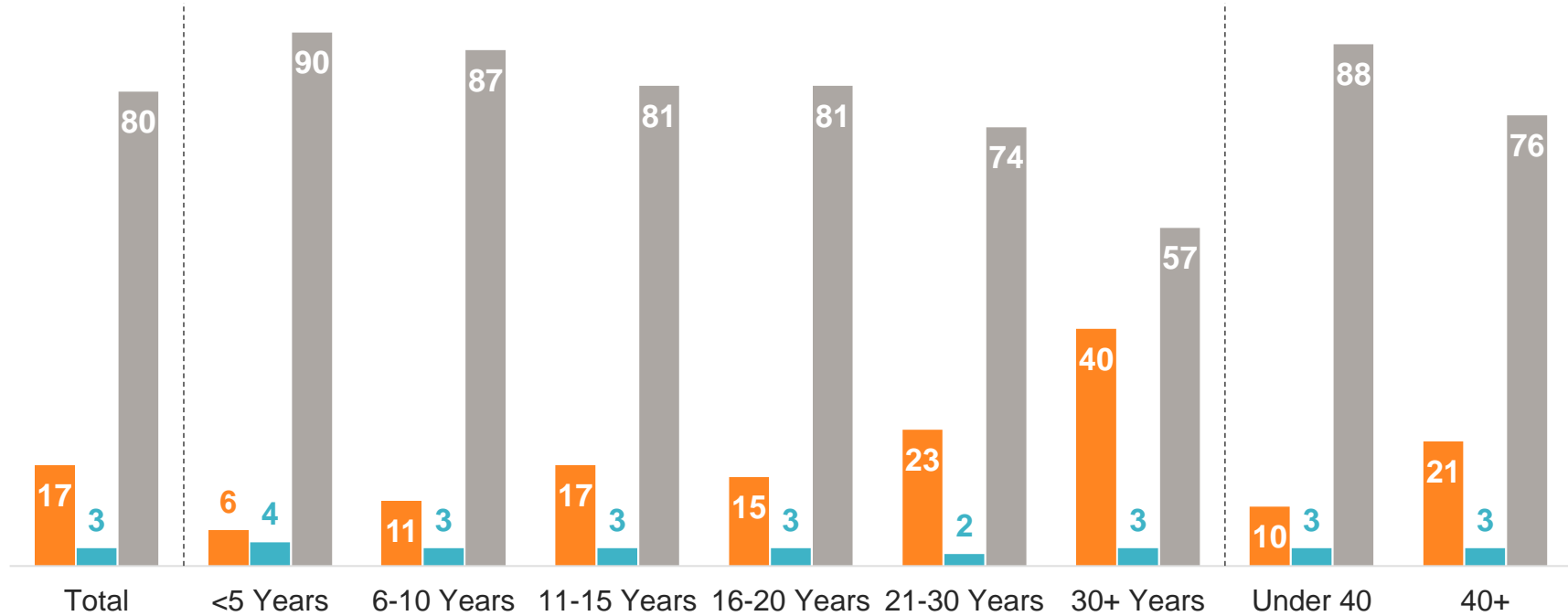


Those Considering Retiring/Leaving Profession Because Of COVID Are Later In Their Careers

Figure 25

Retirement/Leaving Plans

● Retire/Leave Earlier ● Stay Longer ● No Effect



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