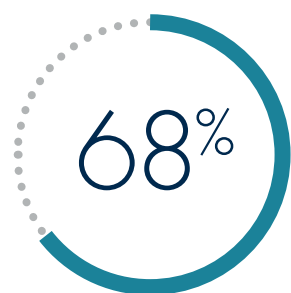


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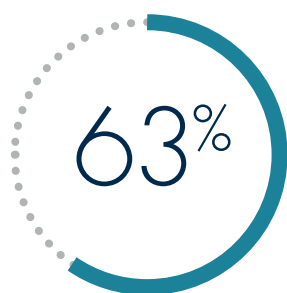
## ON HIGHER EDUCATION 2019

A recent poll of 600 registered Tennessee voters revealed important perspectives on the current state of higher education in Tennessee.

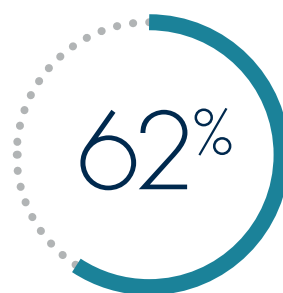
### Top obstacles to earning a degree



Job or work responsibilities



Family responsibilities



Cost of a degree



Student loans

### What priority level should Governor Bill Lee's administration give to these issues?

Access and affordability of college and technical training



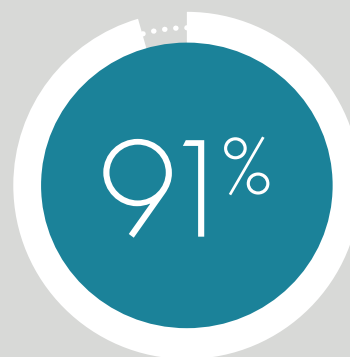
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Ability of graduates to succeed in the workplace



OTHER
  LOW
  MIDDLE
  TOP



91% said having some form of education after high school is important.

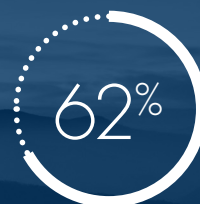


41% said they need more education for the job/career they want.

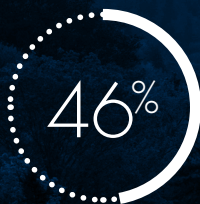
# Should Governor Lee's administration change the amount of resources dedicated to higher education by the previous administration?



said college options in Tennessee are good or excellent.



said the Tennessee state government should do more to ensure that public school students are prepared for college-level work.



said Tennessee's state government should increase funding for college education.



said online college degree programs were as good as or better than traditional college programs.

Governor Haslam introduced the Drive to 55 initiative, which seeks to equip 55% of Tennesseans with a postsecondary certificate by 2025. Should Governor Lee continue this initiative?

Strengthen it	41%
Keep it as is	36%
Replace it with a new approach	12%
End it entirely	4%
Don't know/Declined	8%

