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Attachments: [QEU Survey Results.pdf](#)

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Community Support and Services committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

I sincerely make this **submission NO further extension to the Emergency Bill until 31st October, 2022**, as well as SERIOUS consideration to the **Minister for Health to put an end to the public health emergency.**

Please end all measures due to expire 30 April, 2022 because the impacts are very harmful to Queenslanders.

Serious Harmful Impacts - Mental Health

My story

With absolute sincerity, this has been the most harmful event in my life, along with the highest of life challenges, including death of immediate family member, head injury resulting from a vehicle accident with 7yrs recovery and more.

This week, I have reached out to a small group of friends saying " I do not want to be here!"

I am usually highly resilient!

This great distress and mental health trauma to many Queenslanders must end.

I have lost my teaching career of 33yrs, great love and passion for teaching thousands of Queensland children. I have lost my income and superannuation accrual at an important time of career. While these costs are huge, the mental health damage is of the highest degree.

Real impacts of Harm to myself and thousands of Queenslanders

- depression
- Anxiety
- Weight change - loss/gain
- Fear of Future
- Feelings of Isolation
- Loss of Identity, self esteem
- Loneliness
- stress

Since the mandates were instated, the Mental Health impacts for thousands of Queenslanders has been nothing short of catastrophic. I pray this submission to NOT extend any legislation regarding the Emergency Bill, take note of these damaging impacts and also put an end to the public health emergency immediately.

Please see attached survey of teachers and the highly distressing impacts upon Mental Health. It is absolutely imperative that this conversation be of highest importance in the current status of little Covid infection, and such distressing impact to thousands still

occurring. The mental Health crisis is my genuine concern.

I pray your wisdom, common sense and heart prevail in this matter.

Sincerely

Antoinette Brustolin



School & ECE Staff Survey

QEU conducted a survey completed by 2401 respondents on information related to their employment in light of the recent COVID-19 vaccination requirements for education settings. Here are our findings

82%

have not had the Covid-19 vaccination.

of respondents including Principals, Teacher, Teacher's aides, cleaners and heads of departments said they will not be receiving a COVID-19 vaccination

69%

68%

of respondents believe their school is not coping with staff shortages

1,946
respondents

respondents are not currently allowed on site at school or childcare centers

of educative experience lost in schools - based on an average of 15.4 years of work in schools per respondent

29,900
years

68%

of people with a medical exemption are still not allowed to work.



of respondents who work at predominantly Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander schools believe that those students are being disadvantaged as a result of the mandates.

80%

77%

of respondents will not be voting for their electorate's State MP at the next state election.



**Queensland
Education
United**

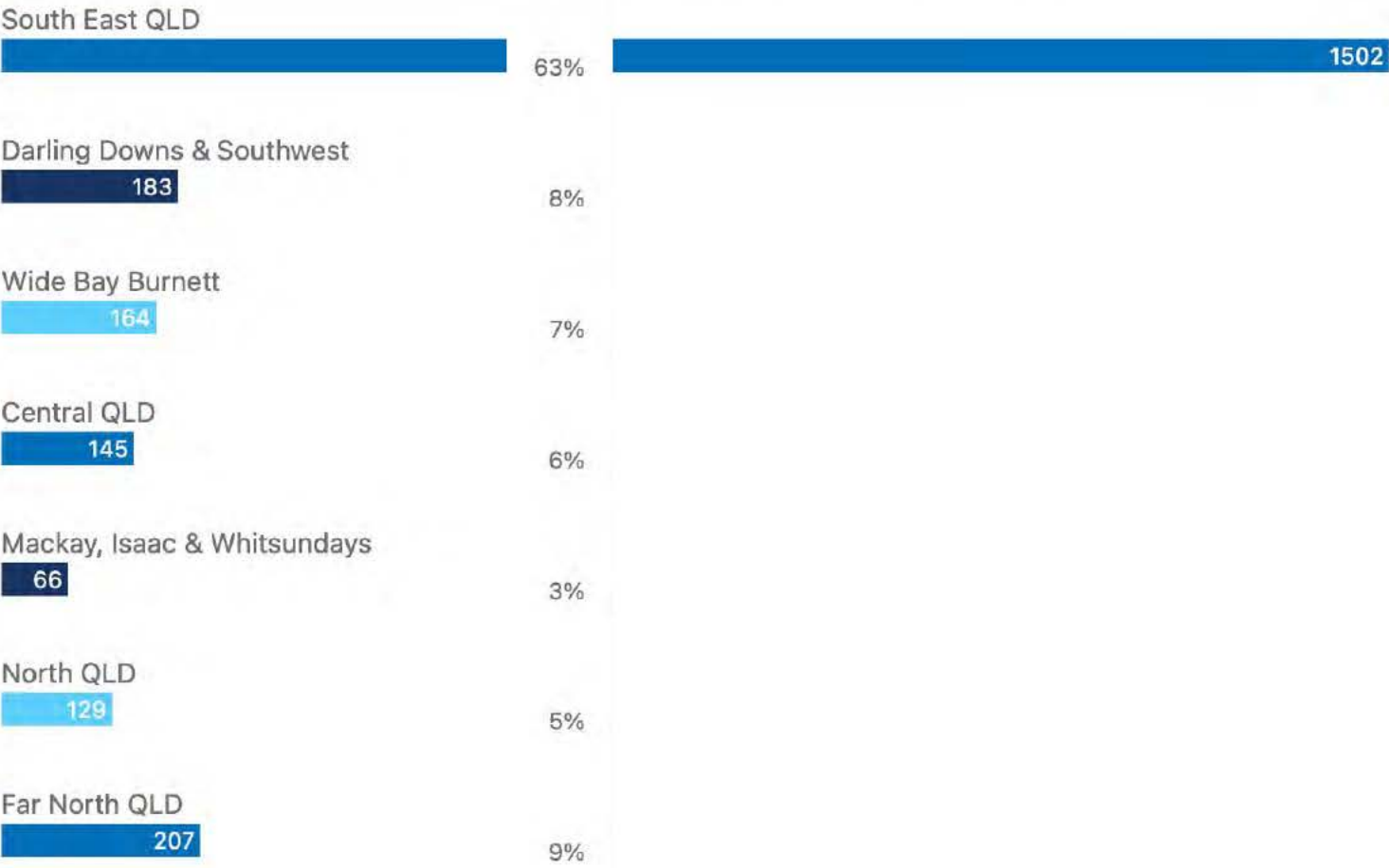


**Detailed
results**

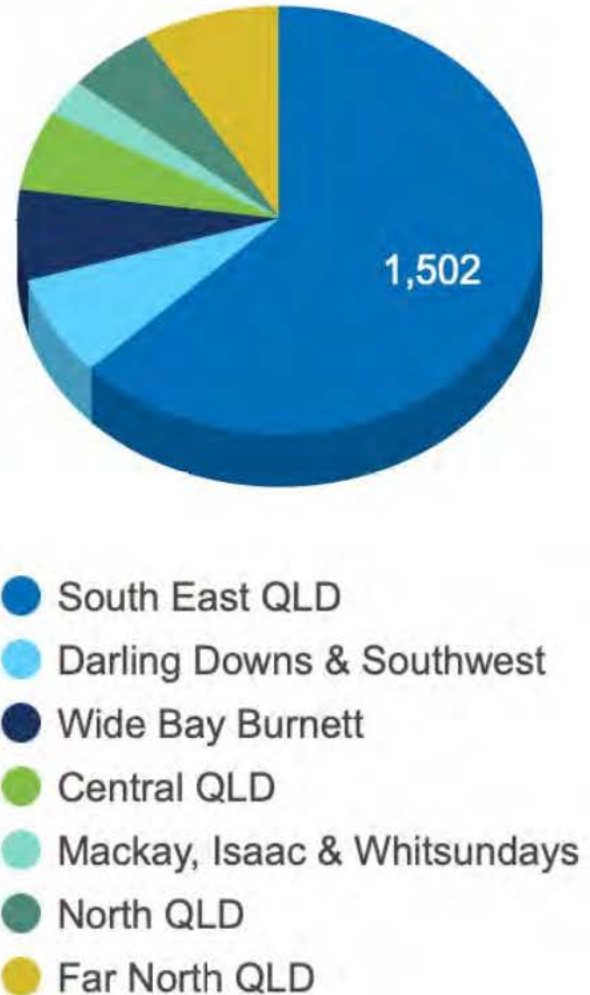


This survey is for QLD School & ECE Staff only. In which area in QLD do you live?

Q1

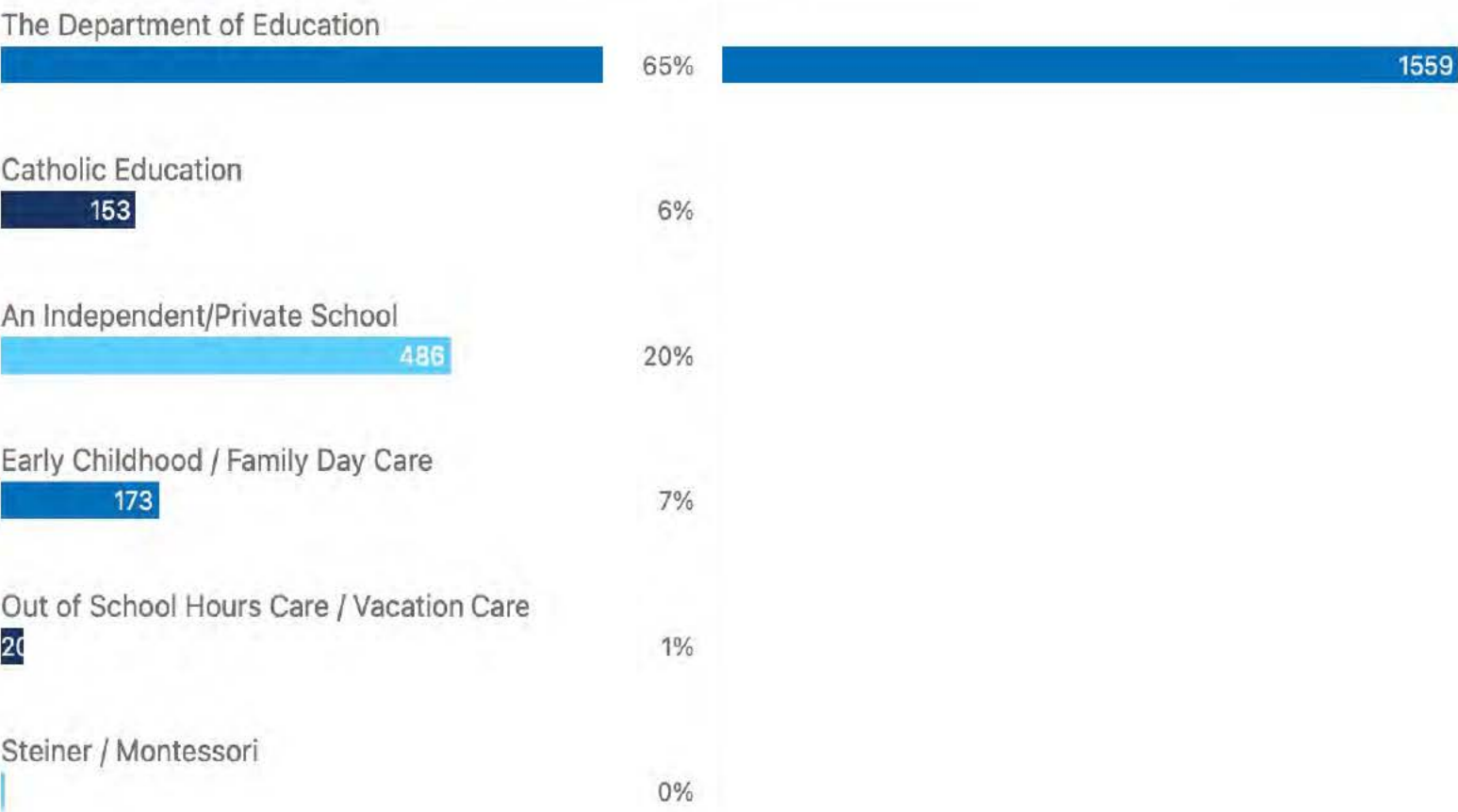


2396 Responses from 2401 Respondents

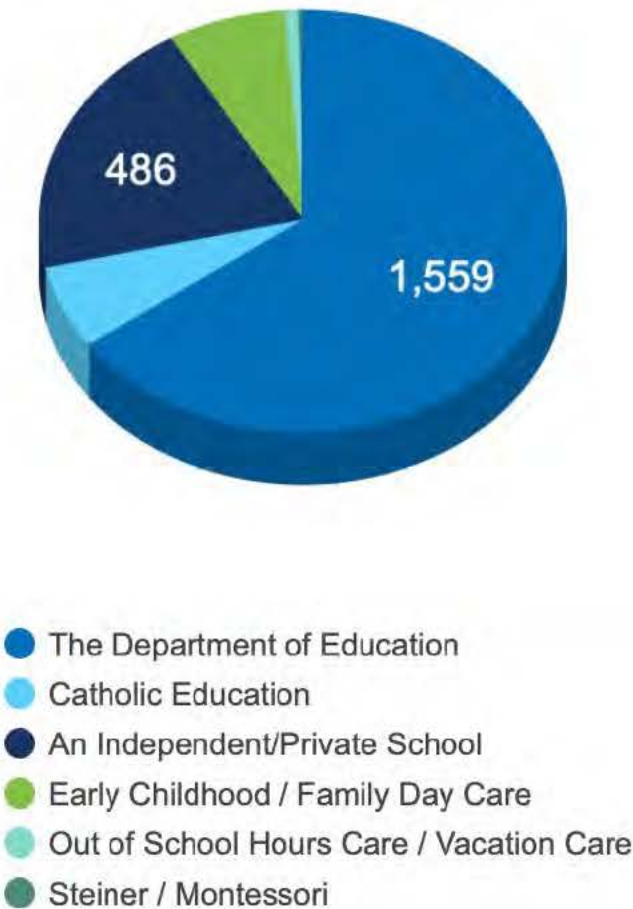


When the mandates were instated, I was mostly working for:

Q2

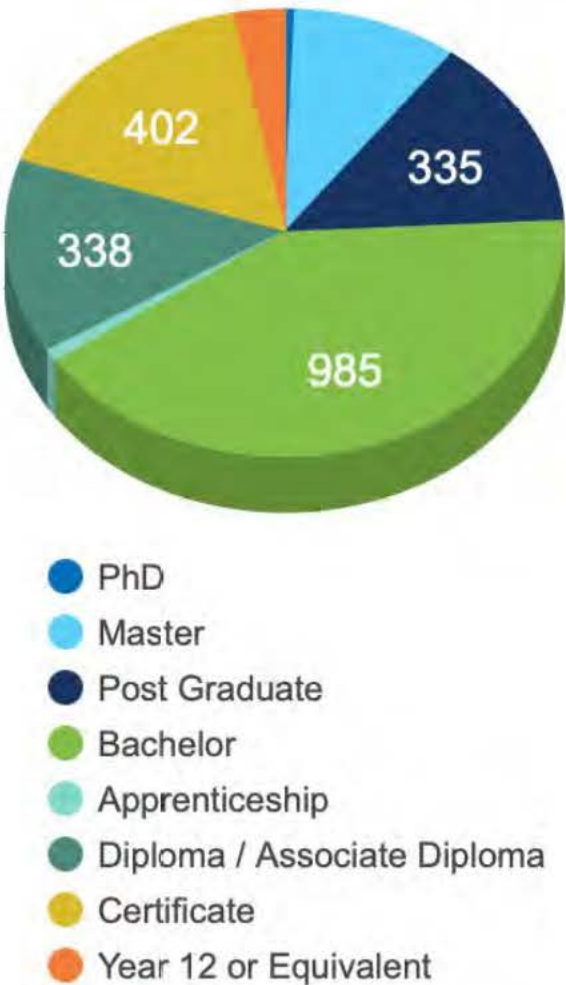
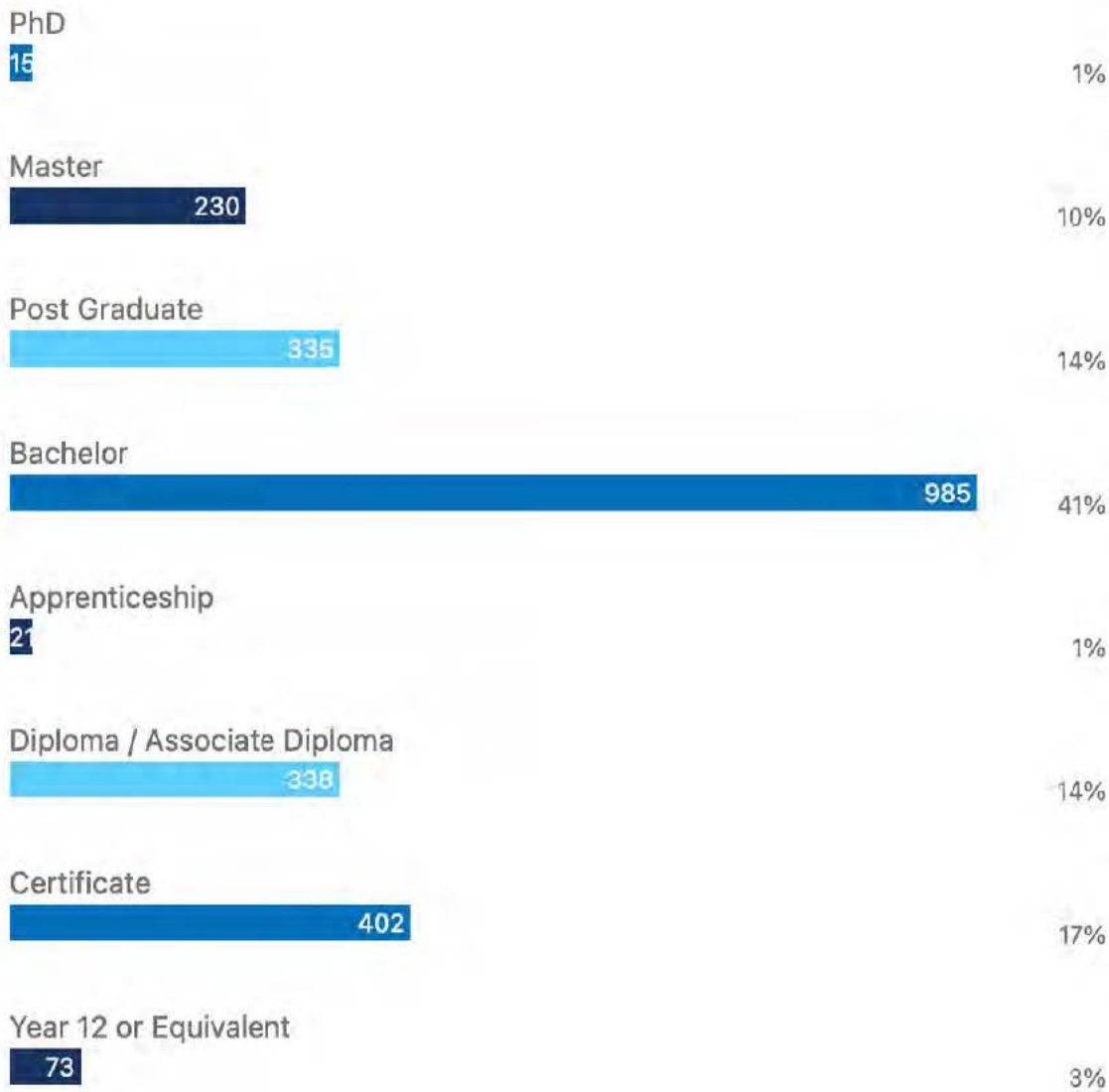


2400 Responses from 2401 Respondents



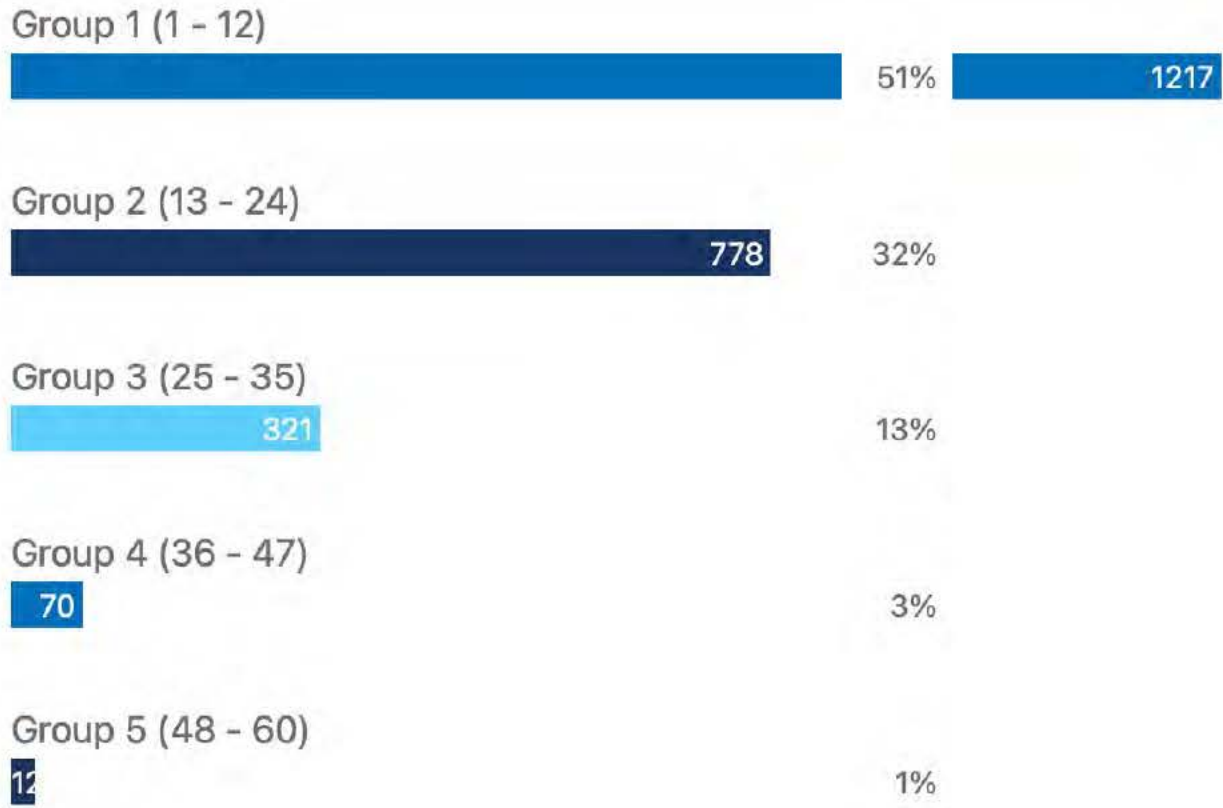
Please select your highest level of education / qualification:

Q3



Years that I have worked in Education:

Q4



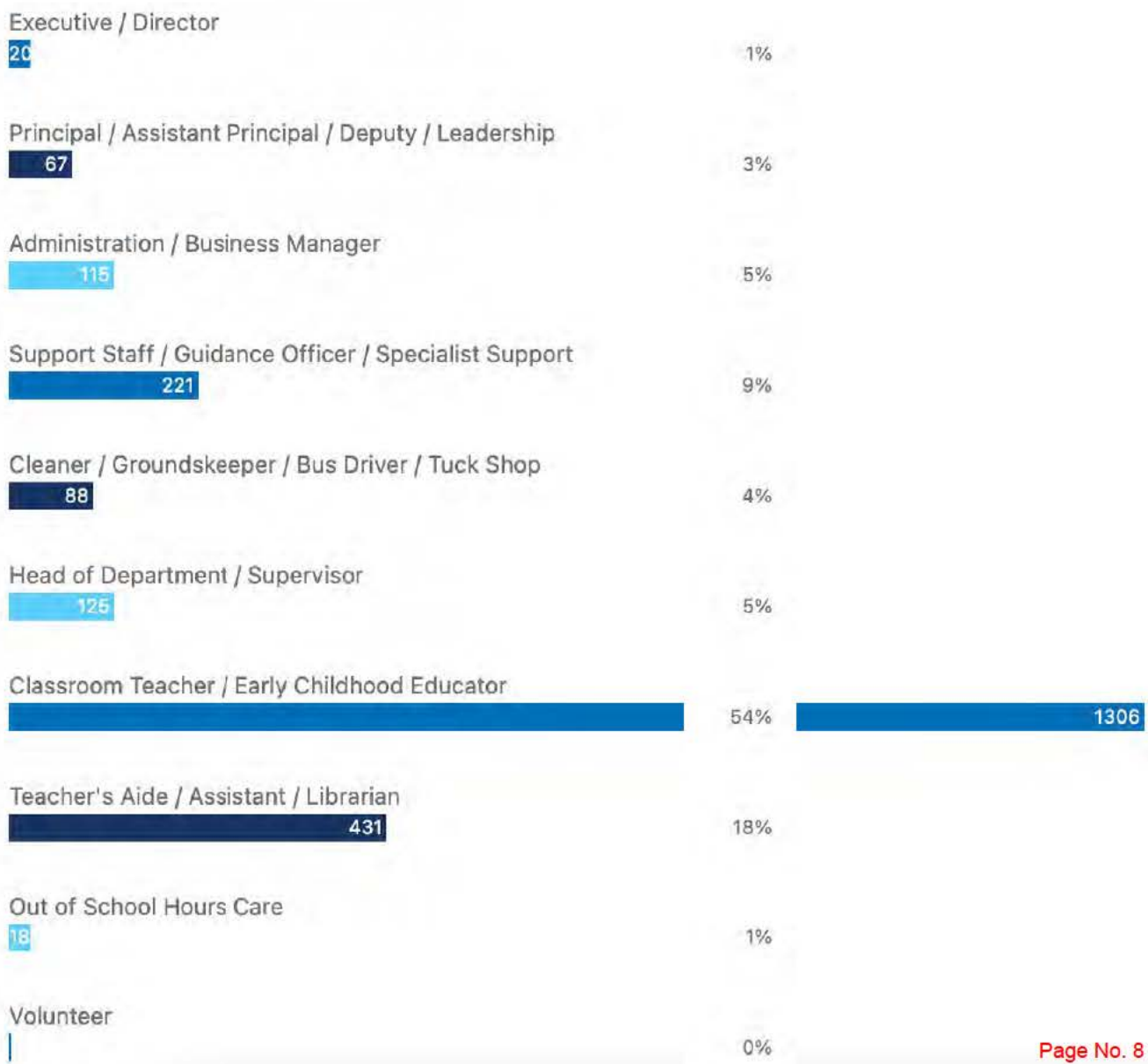
2398 Responses from 2401 Respondents



- Group 1 (1 - 12)
- Group 2 (13 - 24)
- Group 3 (25 - 35)
- Group 4 (36 - 47)
- Group 5 (48 - 60)

My role is/was best described as:

Q5



Which best describes your vaccination status?

Q6

Happily vaccinated but I am against the mandates



Been coerced but will keep having boosters to keep my job



Been coerced but will NOT have any boosters



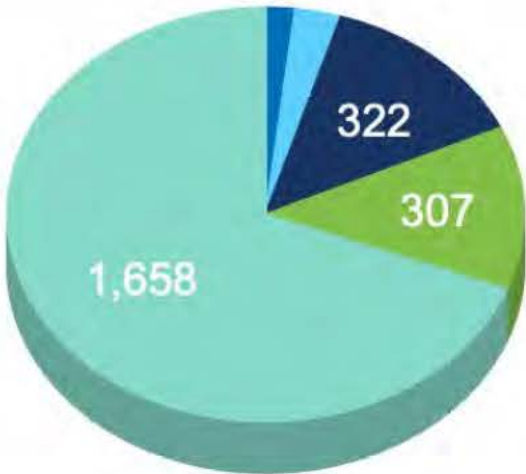
Haven't been vaccinated yet, but I might



I will not be getting a Covid-19 vaccination



82% Unvaccinated



2400 Responses from 2401 Respondents

- Happily vaccinated but I am against the mandates
- Been coerced but will keep having boosters to keep my job
- Been coerced but will NOT have any boosters
- Haven't been vaccinated yet, but I might
- I will not be getting a Covid-19 vaccination

Which best describes your Medical Exemption status?

Q7

No Medical Exemption



Permanent Exemption - Allowed to work

10

0%

Permanent Exemption - Not Allowed to work

2

1%

Temporary Exemption - Allowed to work

89

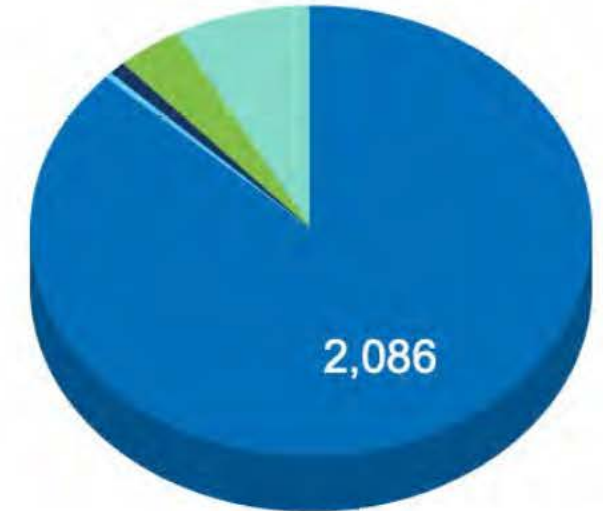
4%

Temporary Exemption - Not allowed to work

193

8%

68% of people with an exemption
are NOT allowed to work

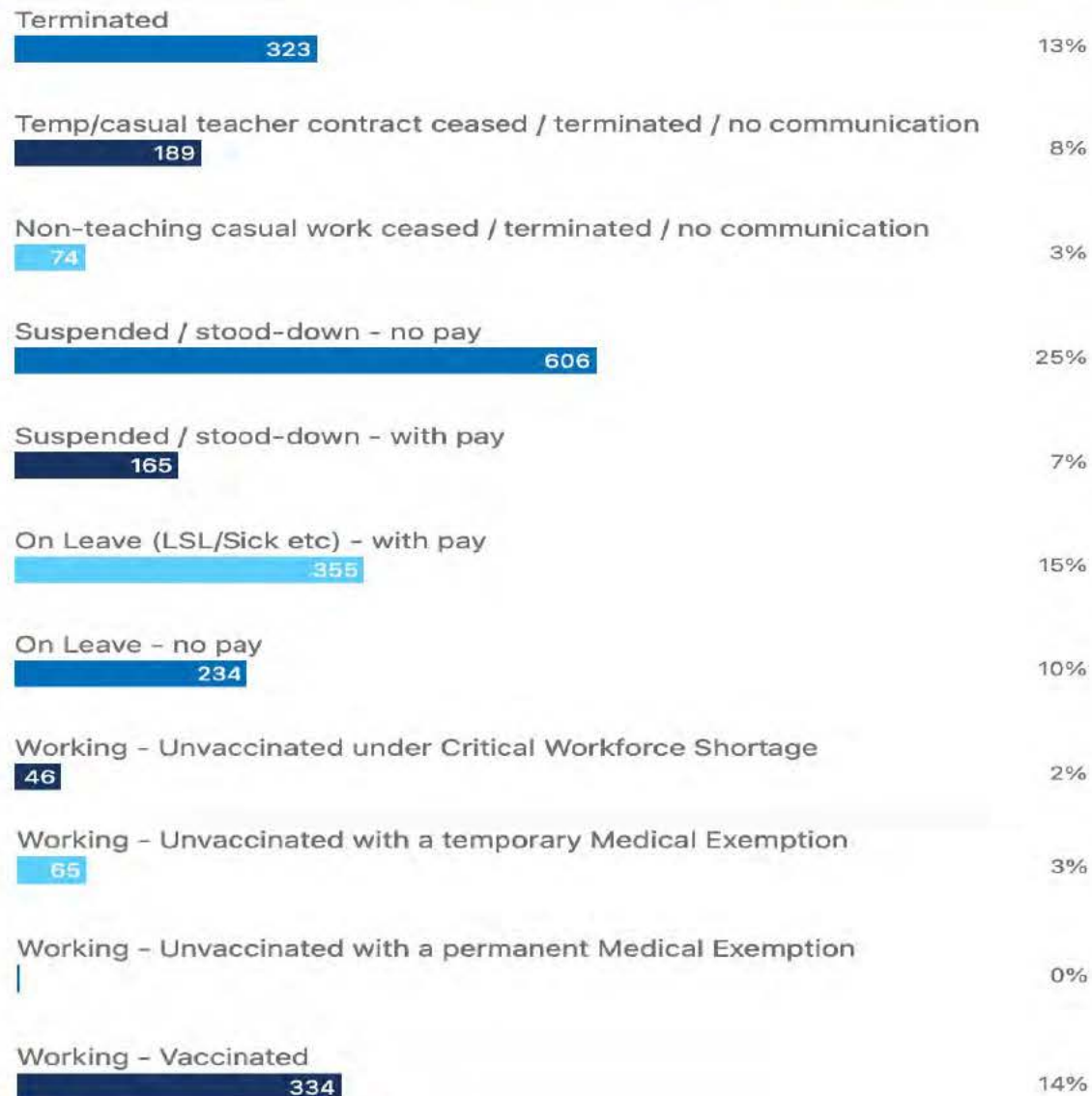


- No Medical Exemption
- Permanent Exemption - Allowed to work
- Permanent Exemption - Not Allowed to work
- Temporary Exemption - Allowed to work
- Temporary Exemption - Not allowed to work

2401 Responses

The following best describes my employment status:

Q8



1,946 not working



If you are currently on leave (paid/unpaid) will you eventually be:

Q9

Returning to work (vaccinated)

133

Only 10% plan to return from leave vaccinated

Returning to work (medical exemption - permanent)

8

Returning to work (medical exemption - temporary)

42

Remaining unvaccinated - entering or have entered a show cause / suspension / termination process

916

I will resign

201

15% plan to resign

I am not on leave

1097

2397 Responses from 2400 Respondents

6%

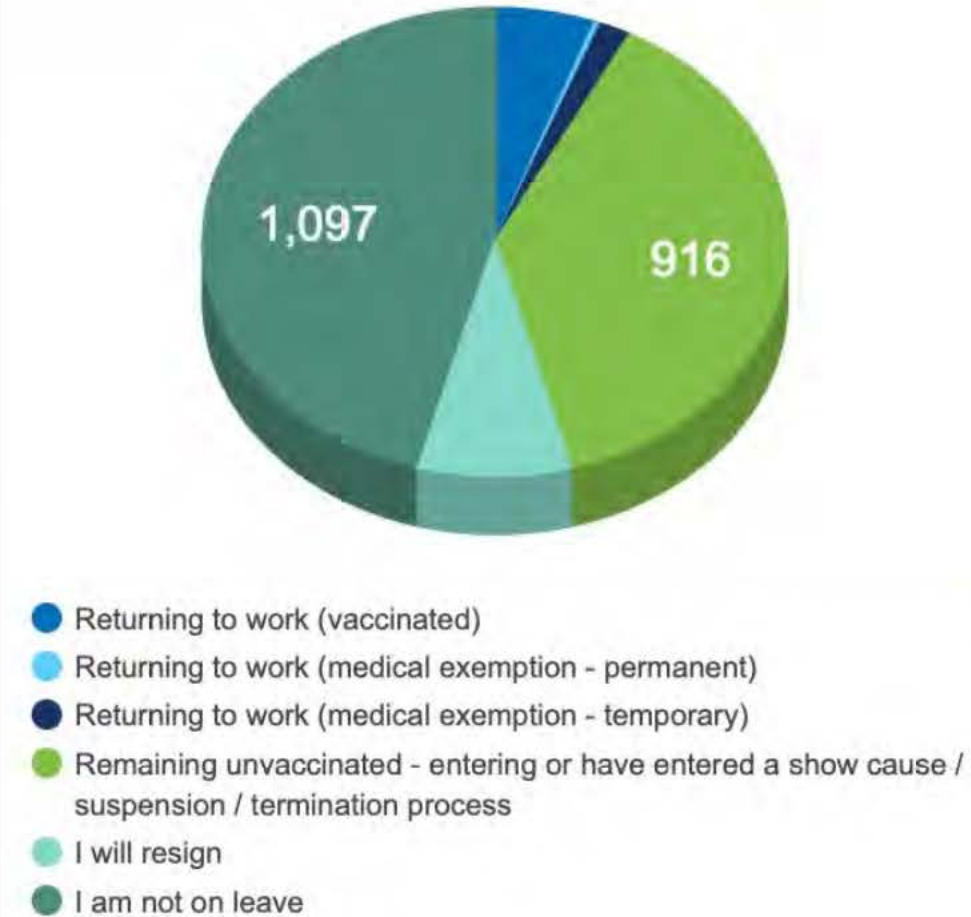
0%

2%

38%

8%

46%

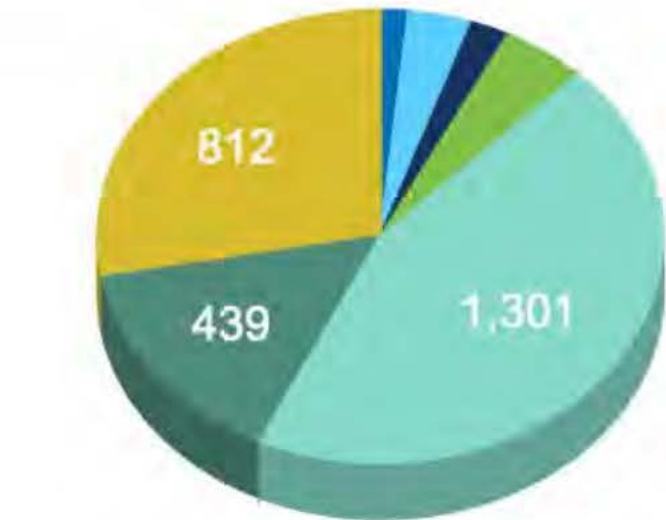


Please select all that apply to you:

Q10



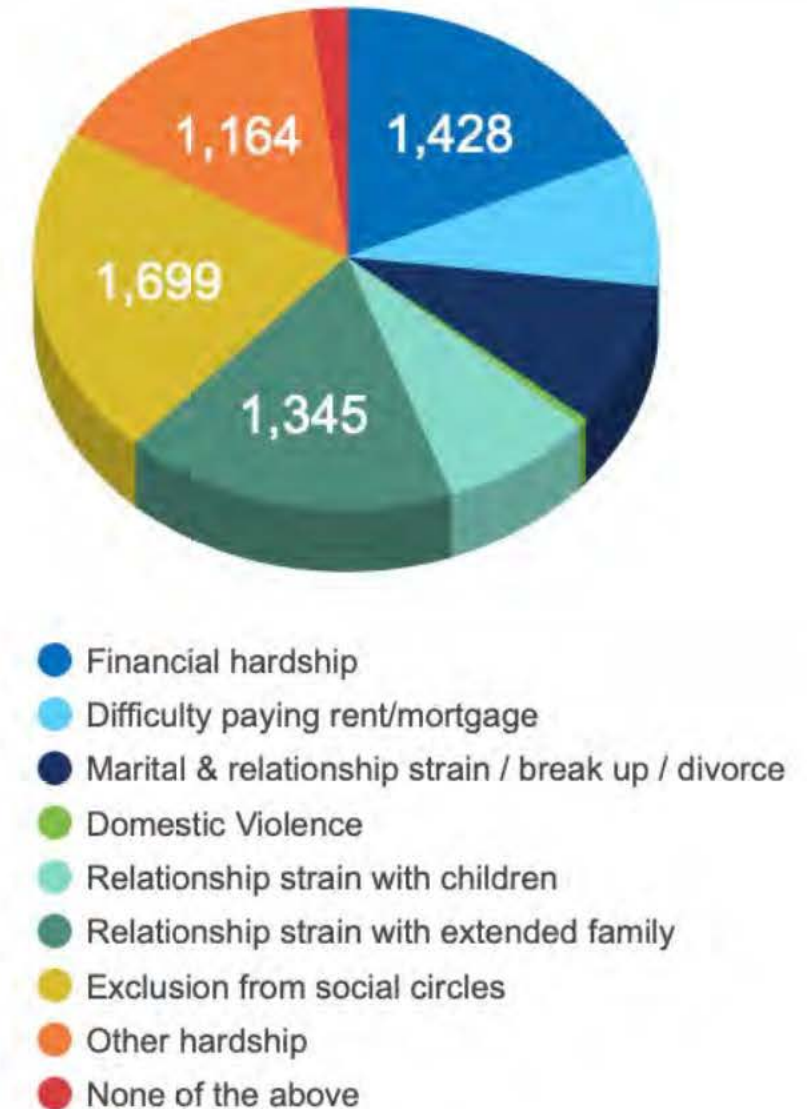
2910 Responses from 2400 Respondents



- I have experienced an adverse event (injury) from a Covid-19 vaccination (GP Verified)
- I have experienced an adverse event (injury) from a Covid-19 vaccination (NOT GP Verified)
- I have experienced an adverse event (injury) from another/childhood vaccination (GP Verified)
- I have experienced an adverse event (injury) from another/childhood...
- A family member or close friend has suffered an adverse event (injur...
- A family member or close friend has suffered an adverse event (injur...
- Does not apply

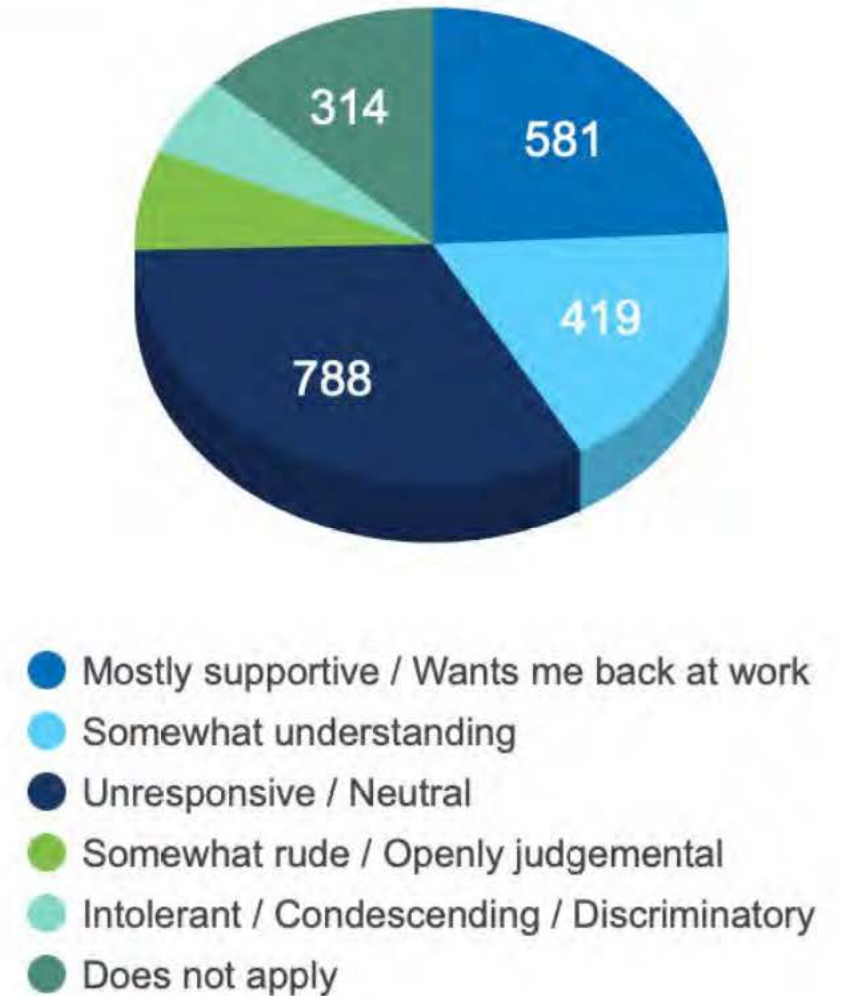
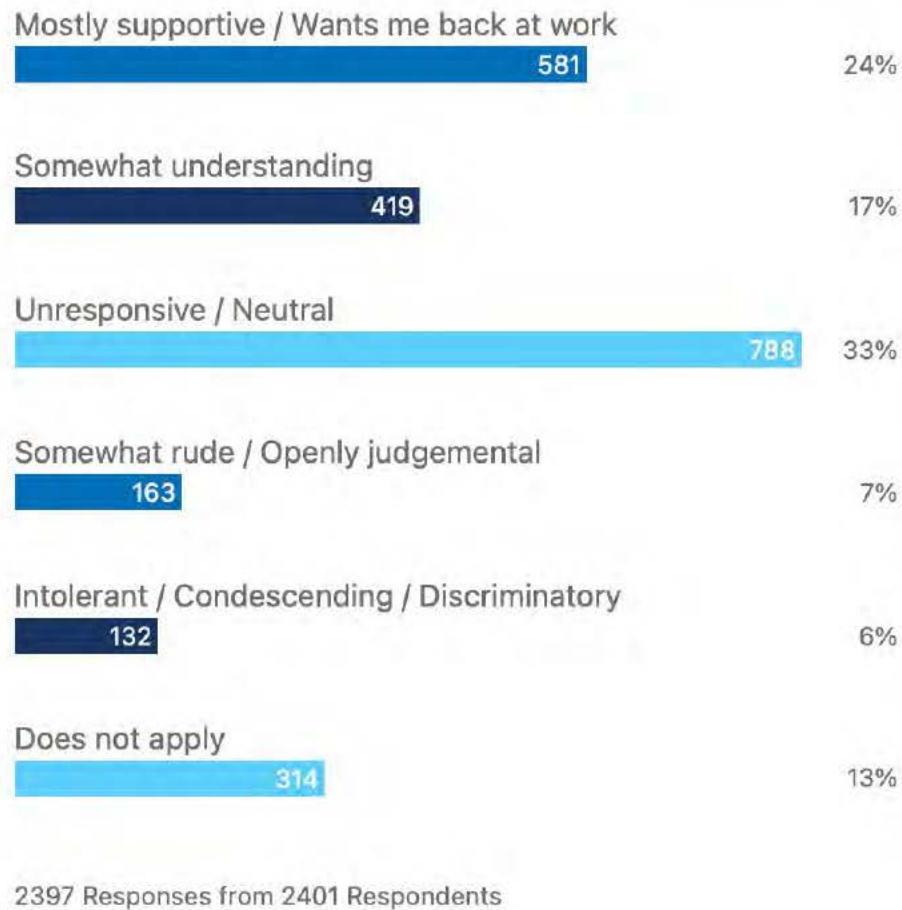
Since the mandates were instated, I have experienced:
(Check all that apply)

Q11



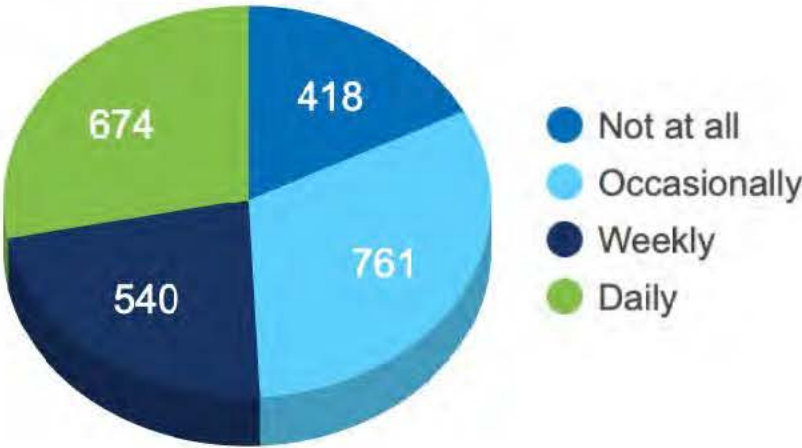
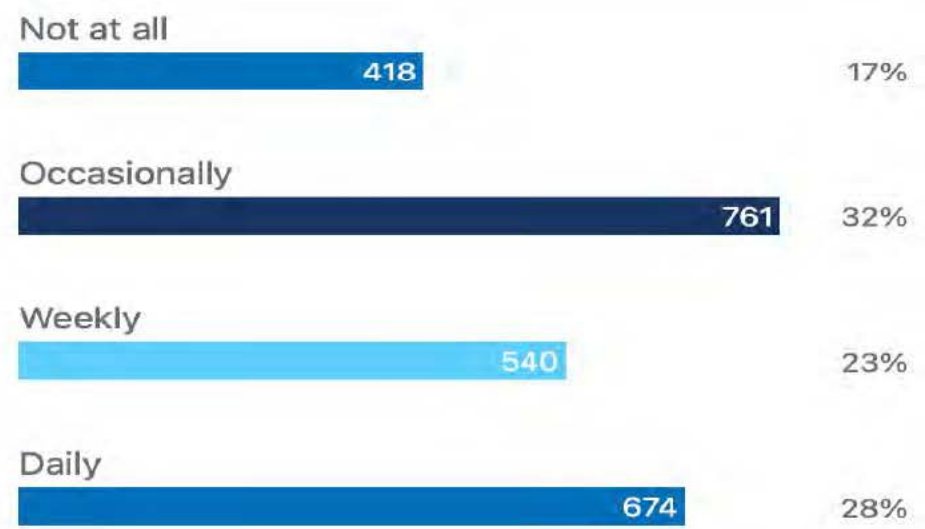
Since the mandates were instated, my Principal / Line Manager has been:

Q11



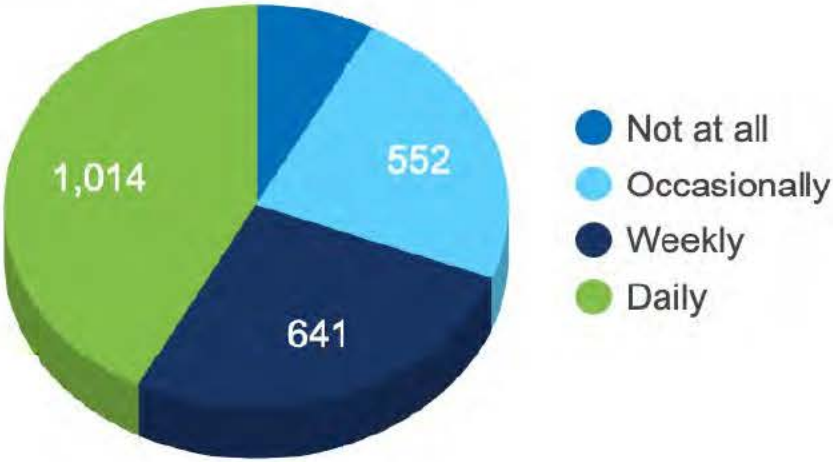
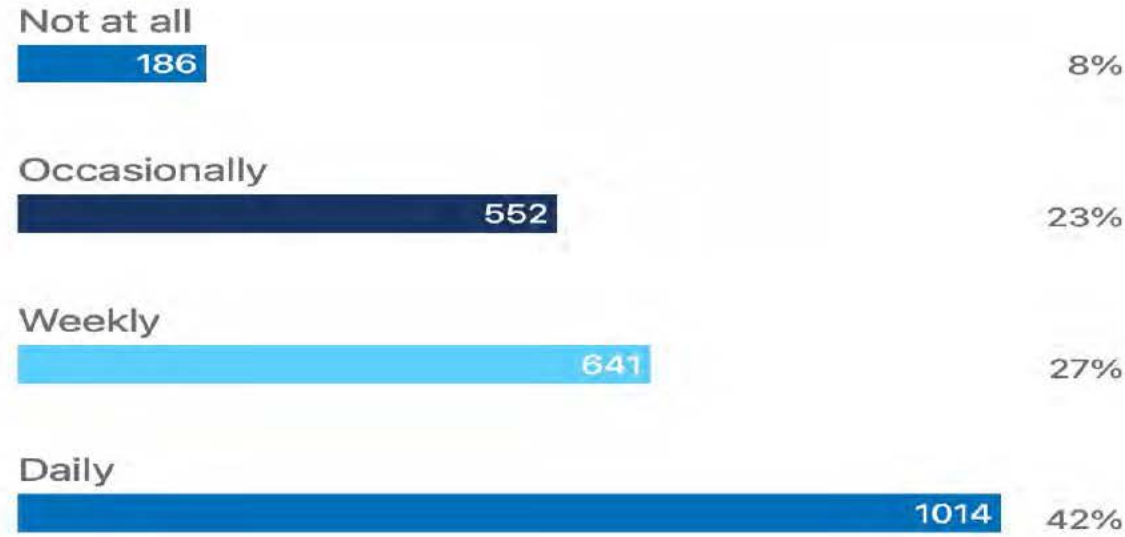
Depression

Q12



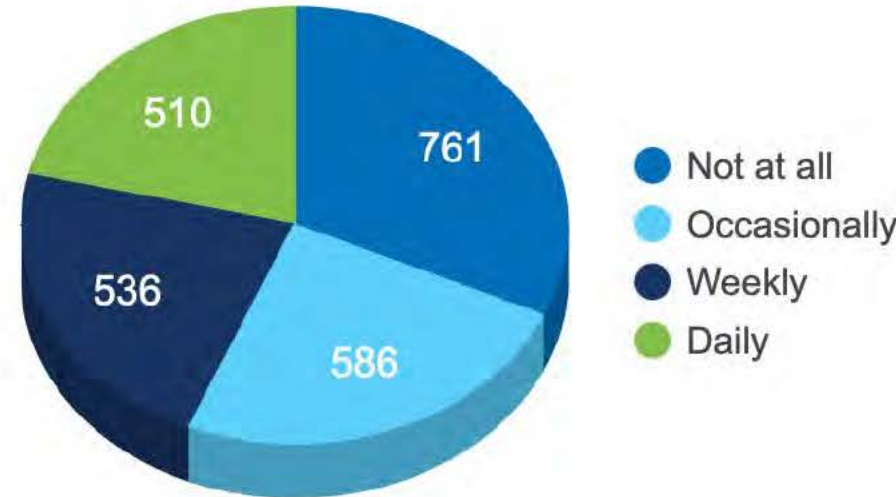
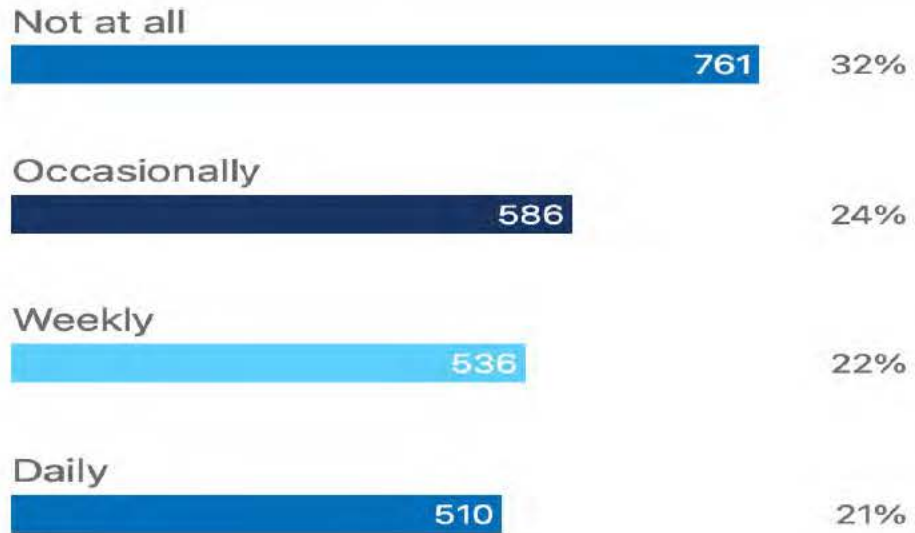
Anxiety

Q13



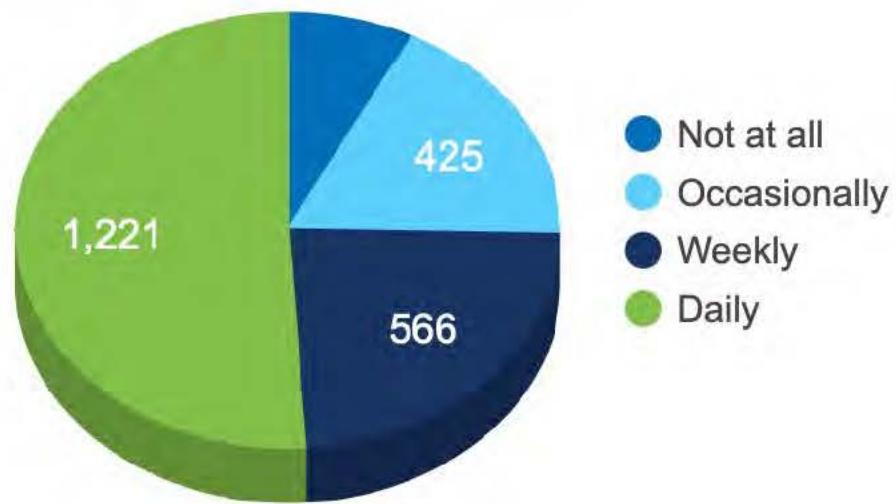
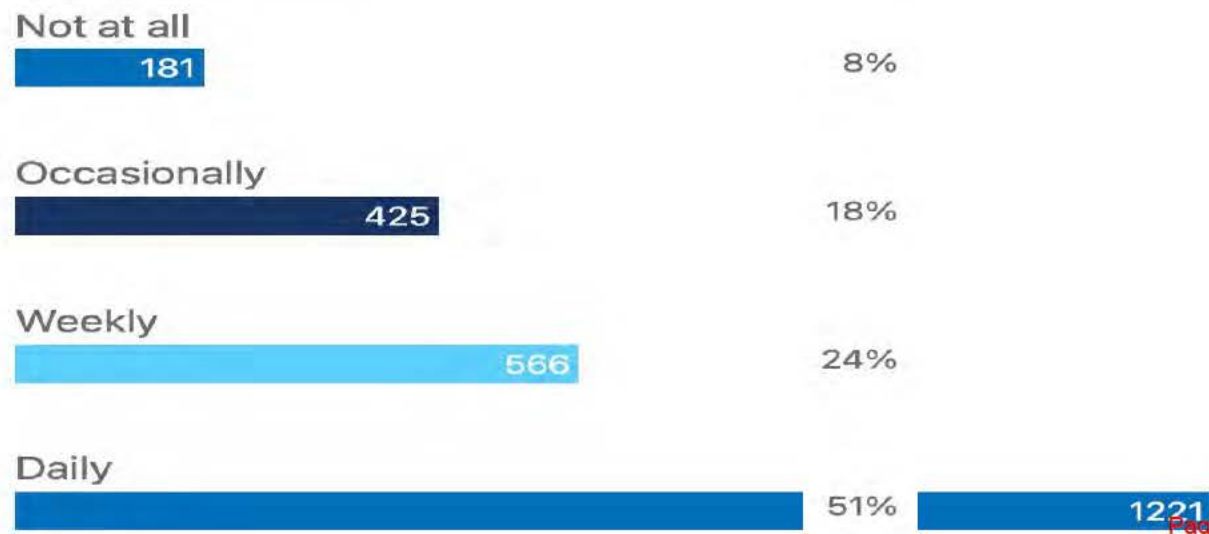
Weight change (gain/loss)

Q14



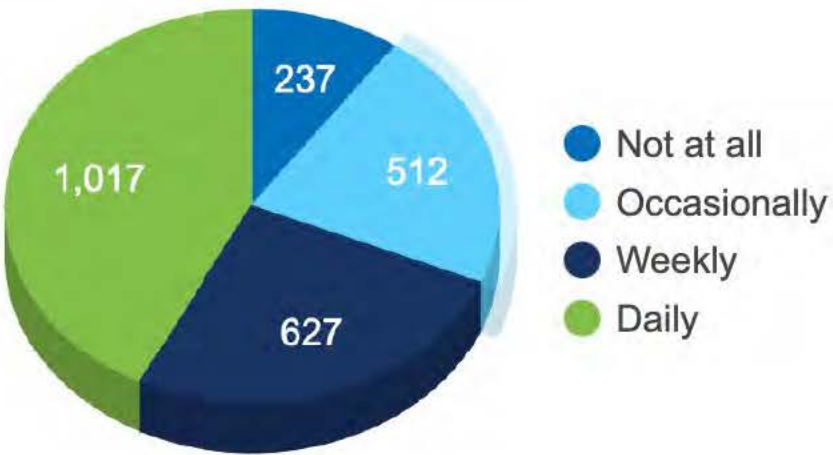
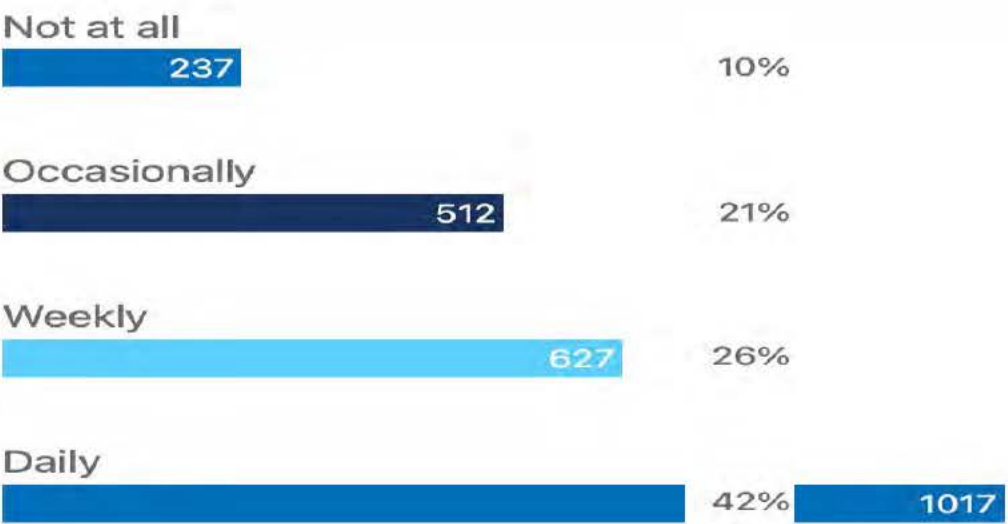
Fear of the future

Q15



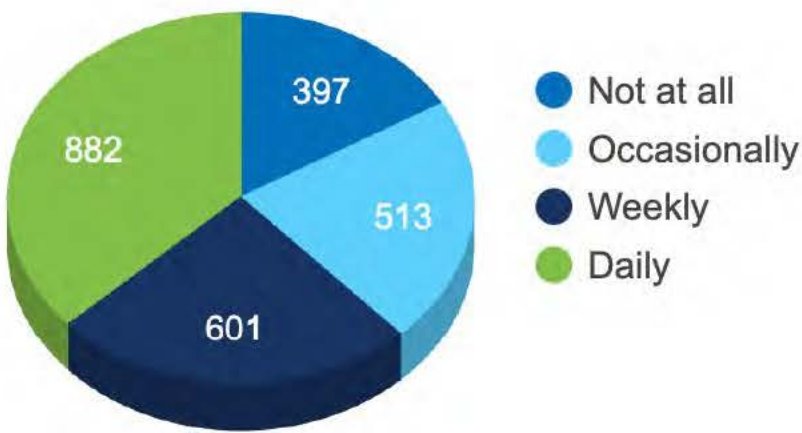
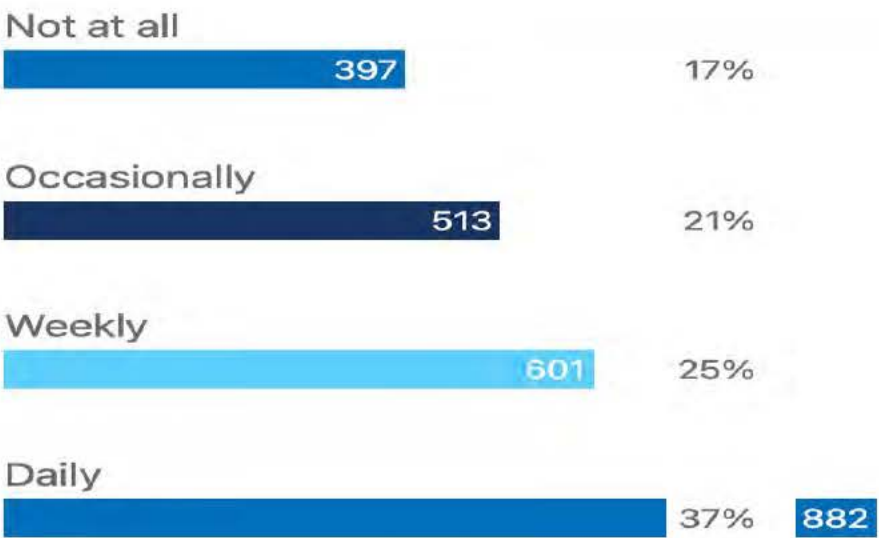
Feelings of isolation

Q16



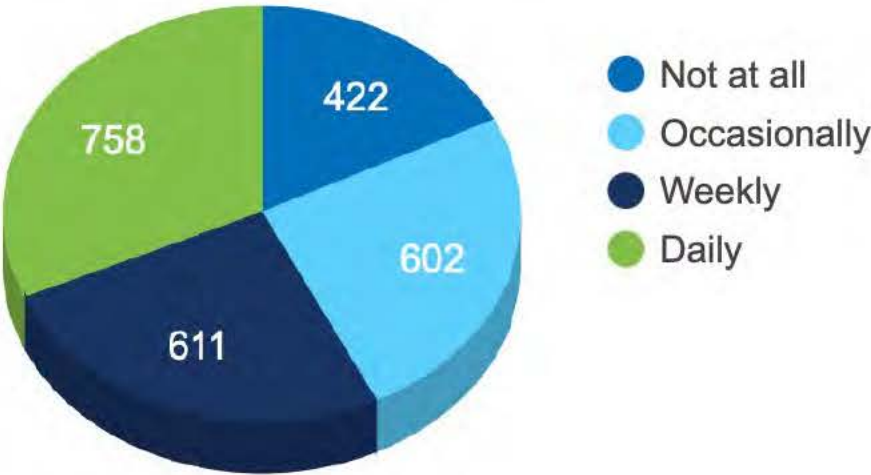
Loss of identity / self esteem

Q17



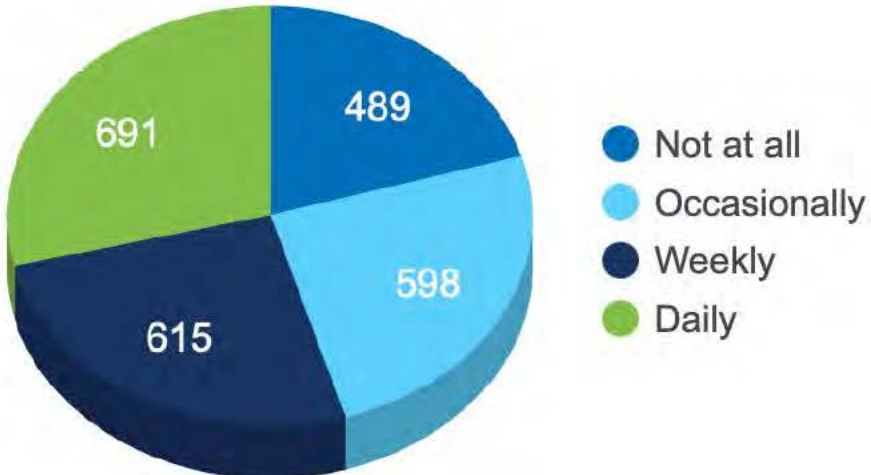
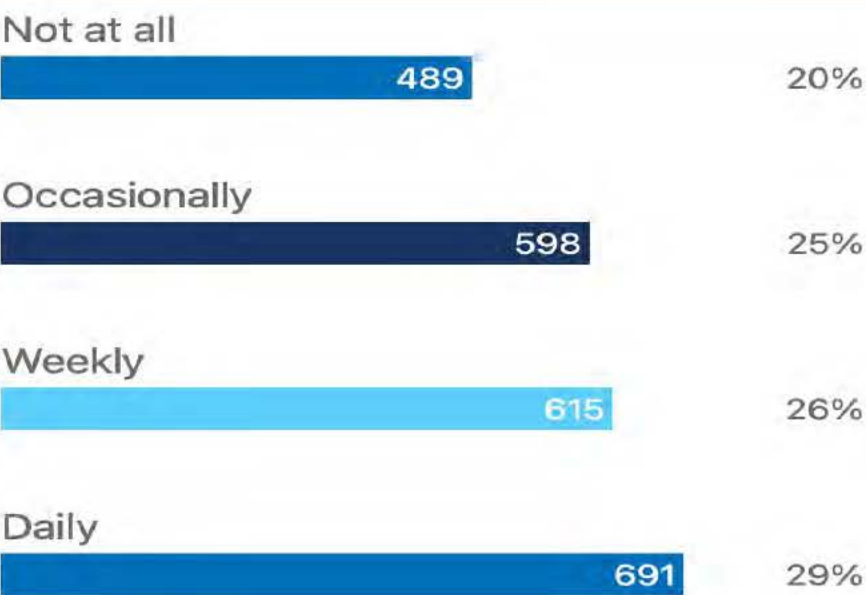
Loneliness

Q16



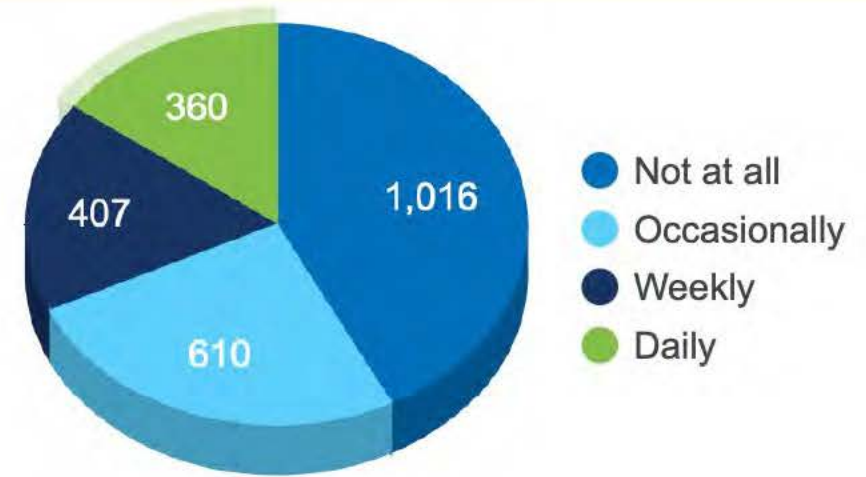
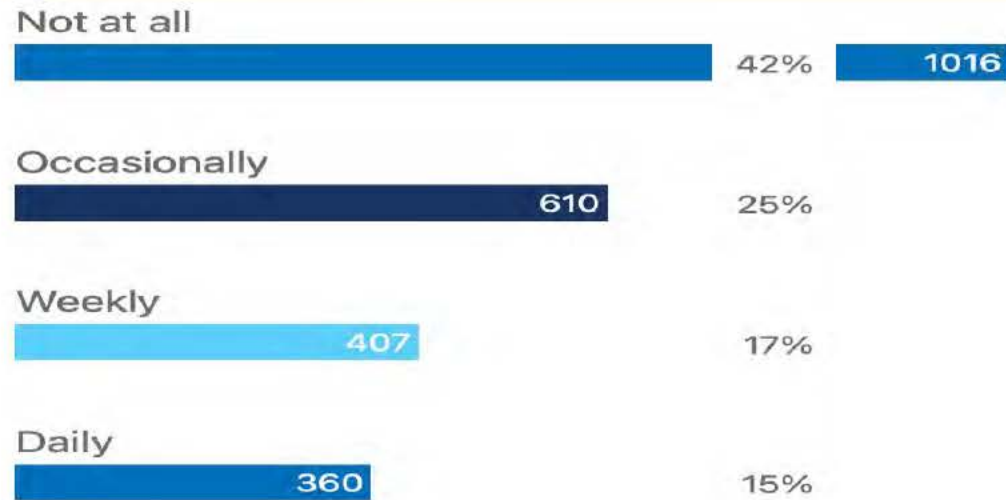
Insomnia

Q17



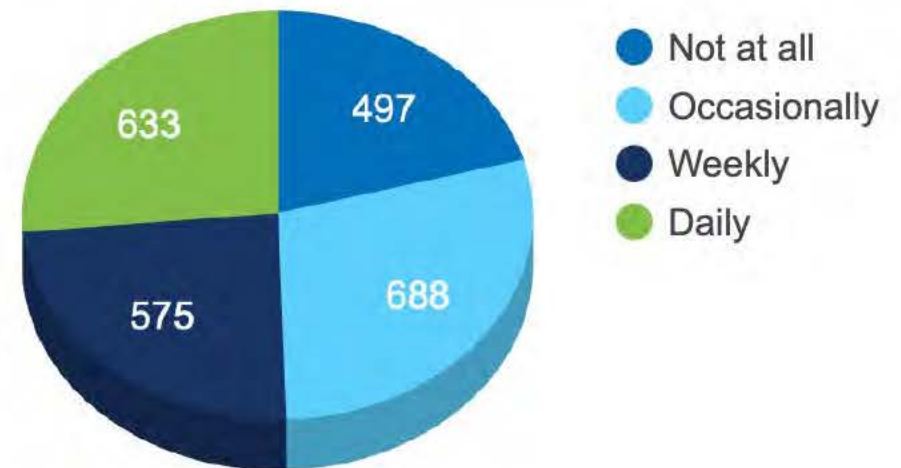
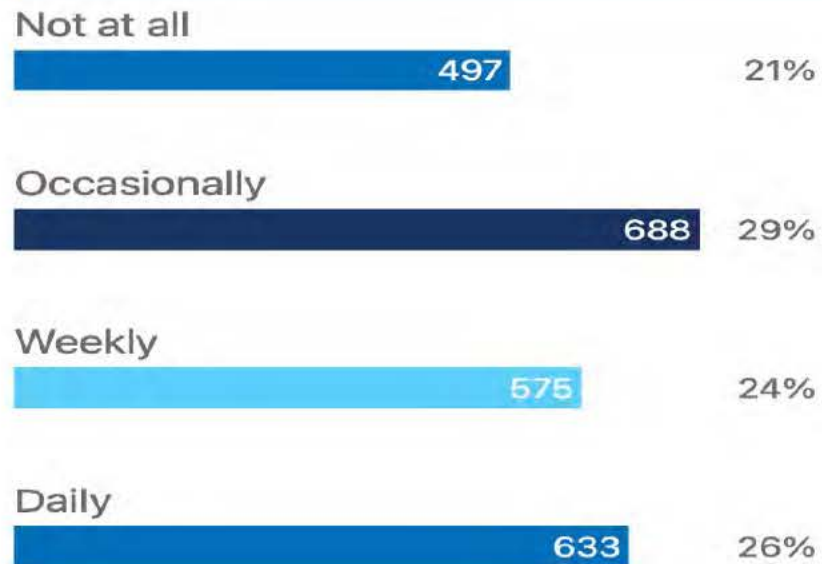
Panic Attacks

Q18



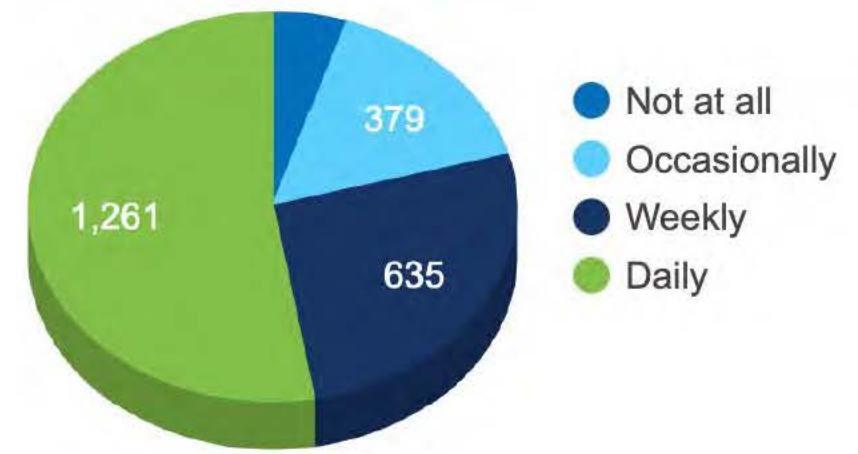
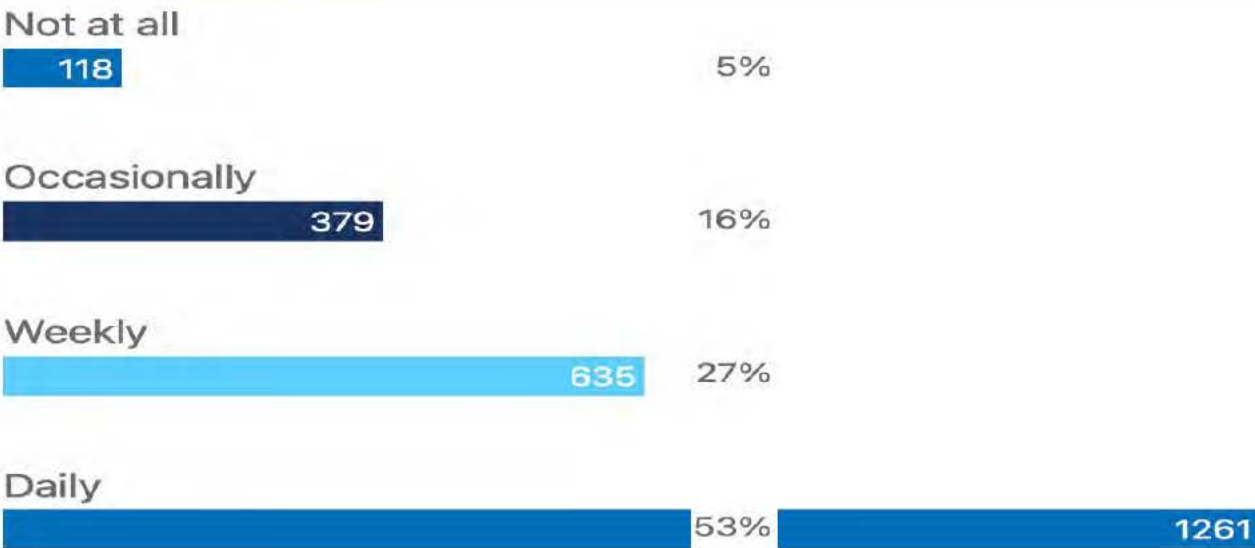
Despair/helplessness/hopelessness

Q19



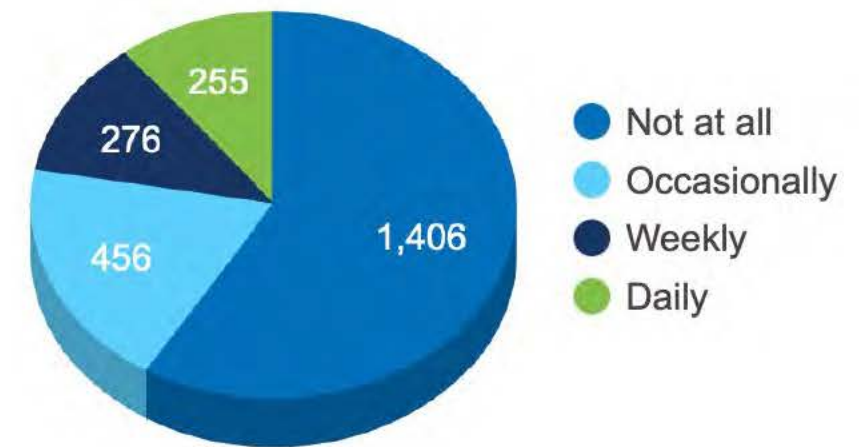
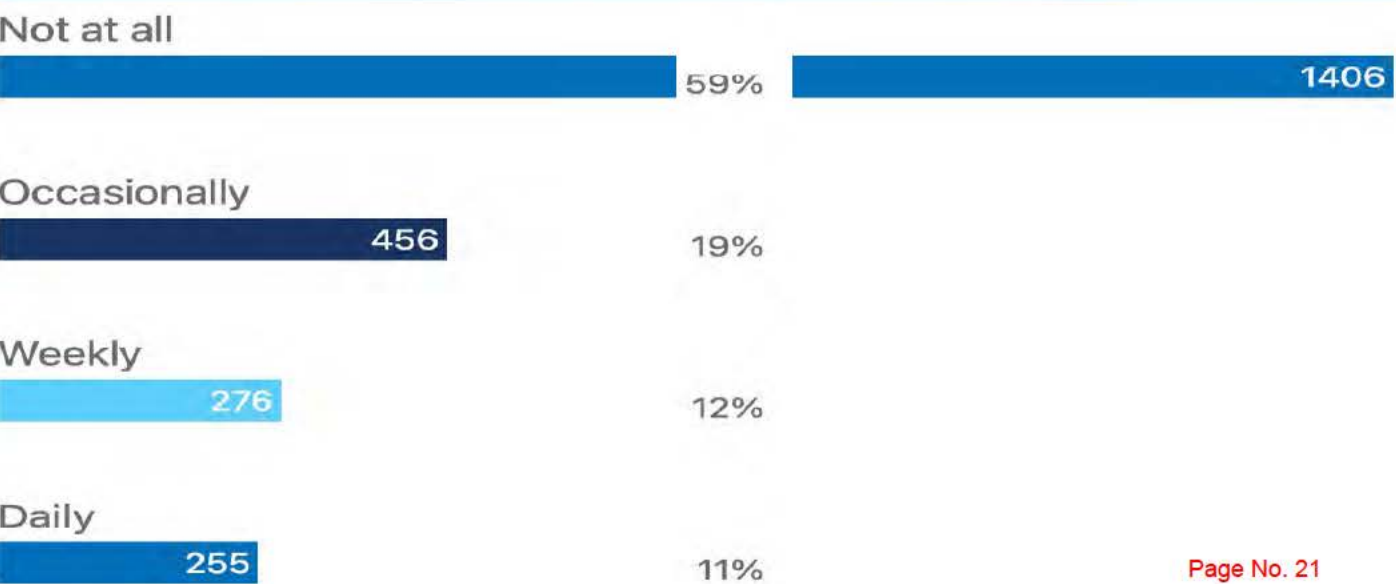
Stress

Q20



Elevated Substance Abuse (Alcohol/Drugs/Food)

Q21



Self Harm

Q22



Suicidal Thoughts

Q23



Since the mandates were instated:

Q24

My mental health has not been affected by the mandates

268

11%

My mental health has been negatively affected by the mandates

72%

1731

I have had to seek help for my mental health for the first time

223

9%

I am now on a Mental Health Plan for the first time

95

4%

I was on a Mental Health Plan prior to the mandates

82

3%



- My mental health has not been affected by the mandates
- My mental health has been negatively affected by the mandates
- I have had to seek help for my mental health for the first time
- I am now on a Mental Health Plan for the first time
- I was on a Mental Health Plan prior to the mandates

By perusing internal emails and having collegial conversations, how is your school/centre coping with the current Statewide Staff Shortage? (Check all boxes that apply)

Q25

Students are sometimes being encouraged to stay home (minimal supervision)

136

An alternate supervision program is sometimes running

338

Classes are frequently being merged or collapsed

375

Classes are sometimes being merged or collapsed

450

My school is coping well - Business as usual

596

Does not apply / cannot access my email

915

5%

12%

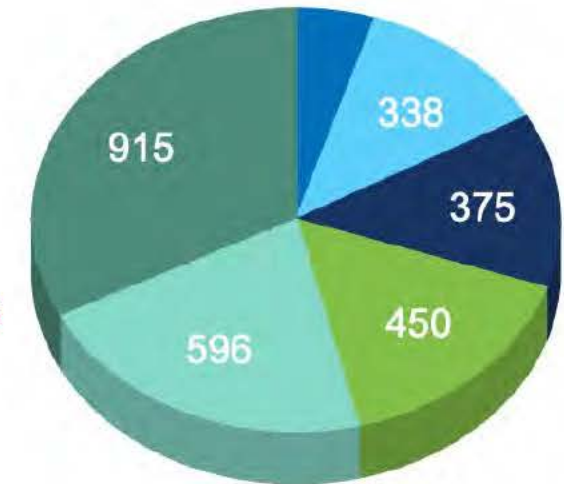
13%

16%

21%

33%

1,299 or 68%



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- Classes are sometimes being merged or collapsed
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- Does not apply / cannot access my email

If your school is predominantly Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, how do you believe the mandates are affecting the school and students?

Q26

ATSI students are being very disadvantaged

119

5%

ATSI students are being somewhat disadvantaged

111

5%

ATSI students are not being affected at all

58

2%

I do not teach at a predominantly ATSI school

88%

230 or 80%

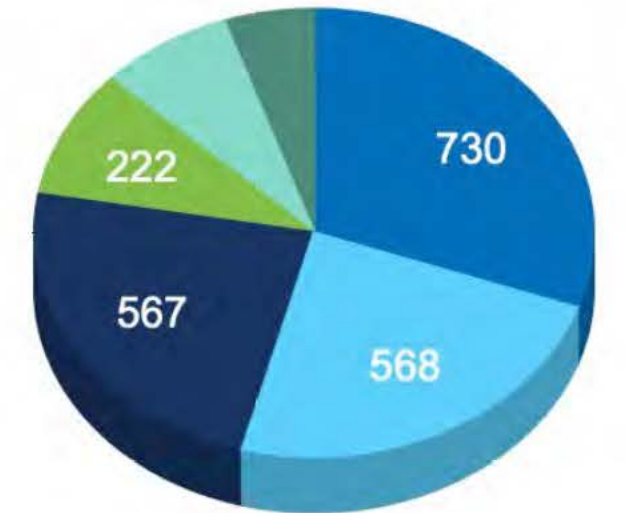
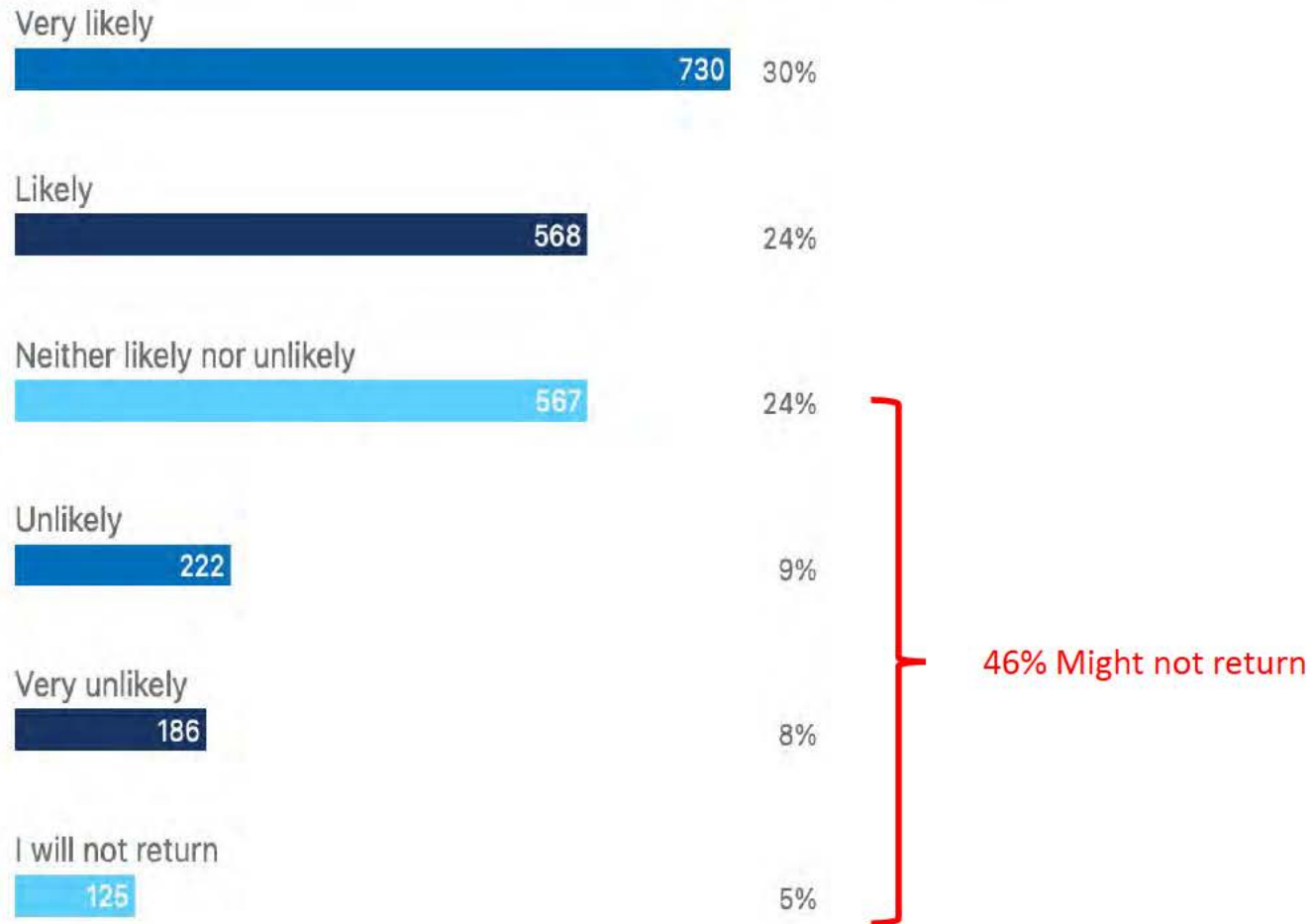


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- I do not teach at a predominantly ATSI school

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Considering your experience, how likely are you to return to your profession in education (if/when the mandate was lifted)?

Q27

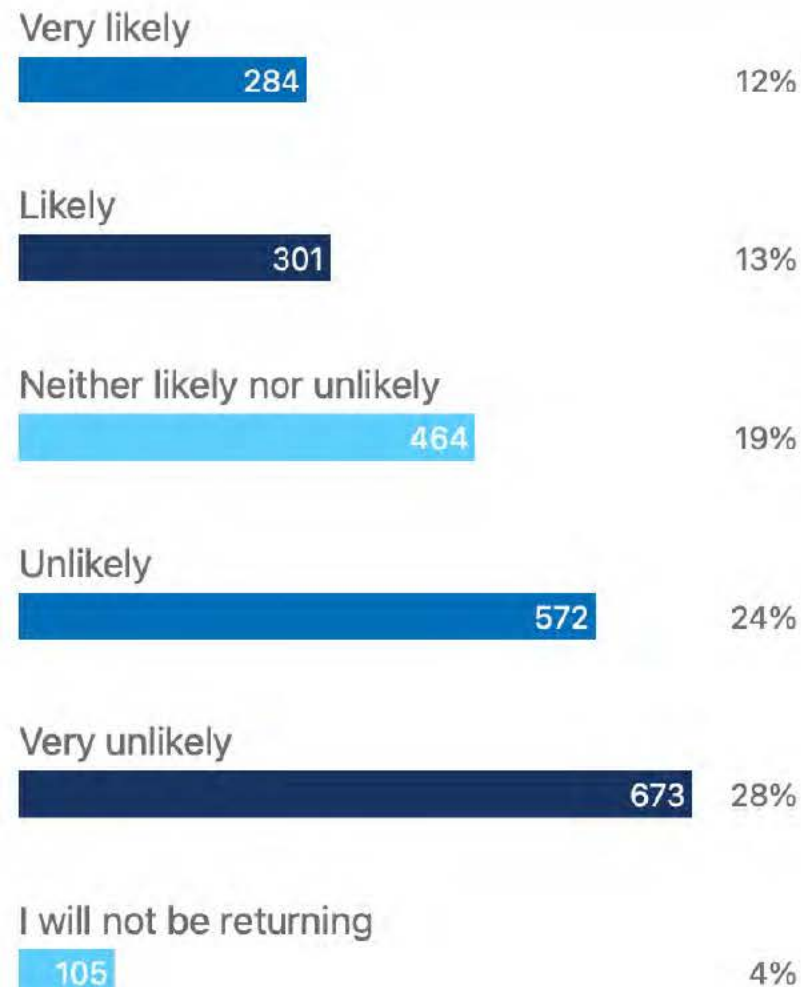


- Very likely
- Likely
- Neither likely nor unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely
- I will not return

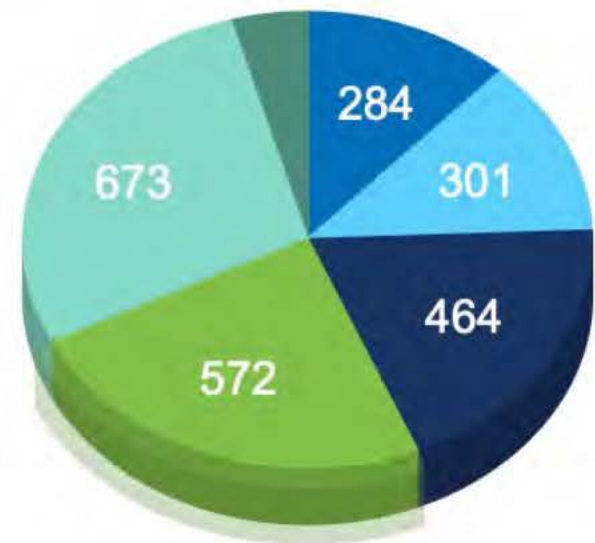
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If you were to return, how likely are you to want to put in the same amount of work, volunteer for extra roles, or complete work outside of school hours?

Q28



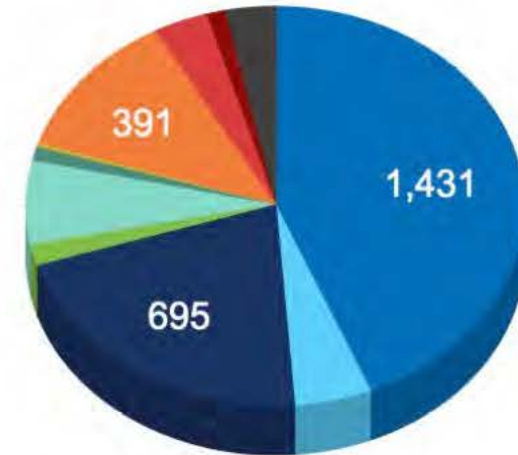
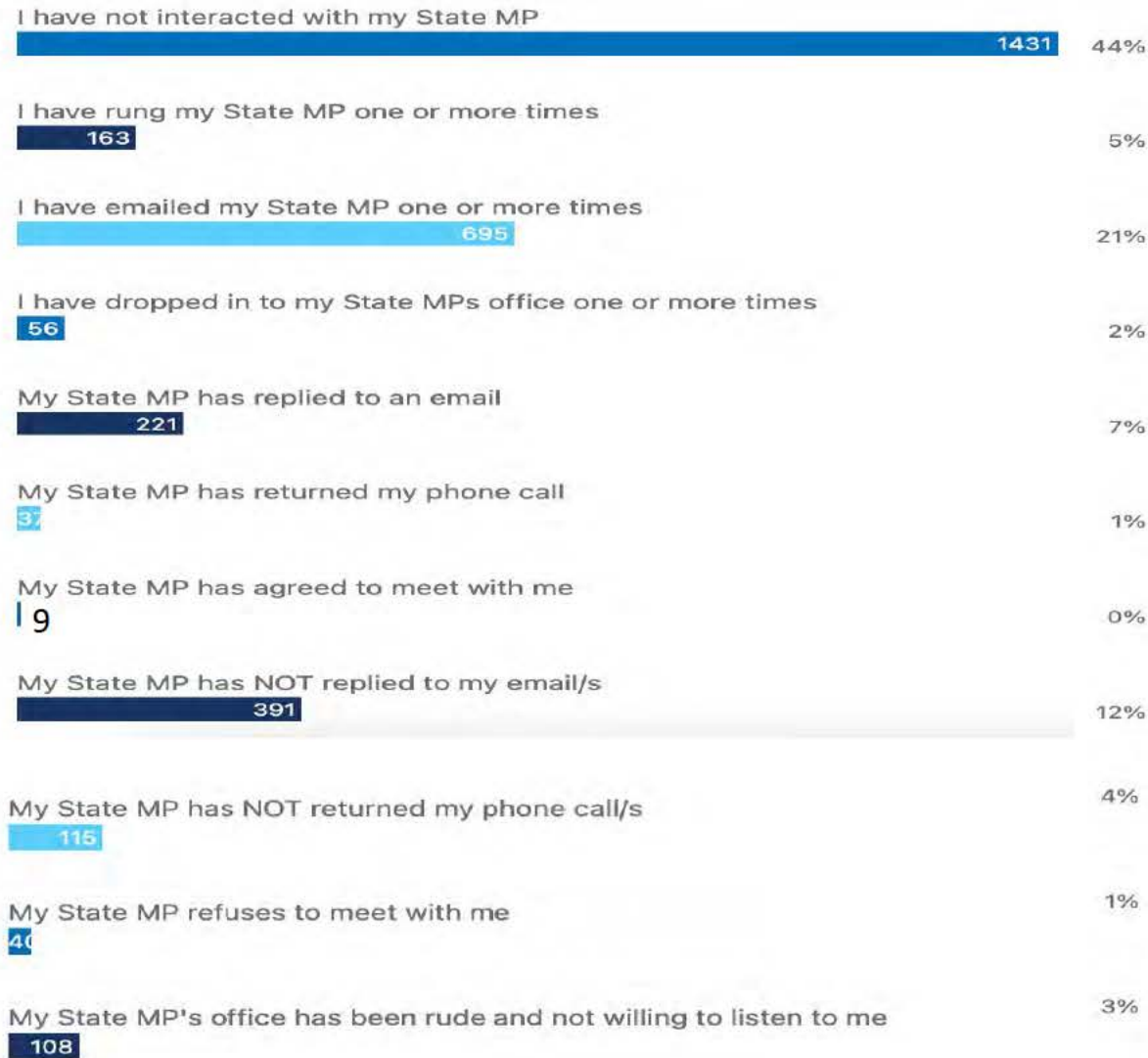
75% Disengaged/Disillusioned workforce



- Very likely
- Likely
- Neither likely nor unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely
- I will not be returning

How have interactions with your State MP been (regarding the mandates)? (Check all that apply)

Q30



- I have not interacted with my State MP
- I have rung my State MP one or more times
- I have emailed my State MP one or more times
- I have dropped in to my State MPs office one or mor...
- My State MP has replied to an email
- My State MP has returned my phone call
- My State MP has agreed to meet with me
- My State MP has NOT replied to my email/s
- My State MP has NOT returned my phone call/s
- My State MP refuses to meet with me
- My State MP's office has been rude and not willing to listen to me

Based on my interactions regarding mandates with my State MP, I will:

Q31

NOT be voting for my electorate's State MP (LABOUR) in the next State Election



58%

NOT be voting for my electorate's State MP (LIBERAL) in the next State Election



12%

NOT be voting for my electorate's State MP (OTHER) in the next State Election



7%

WILL be voting for my electorate's State MP (LABOUR) in the next State Election



1%

WILL be voting for my electorate's State MP (LIBERAL) in the next State Election

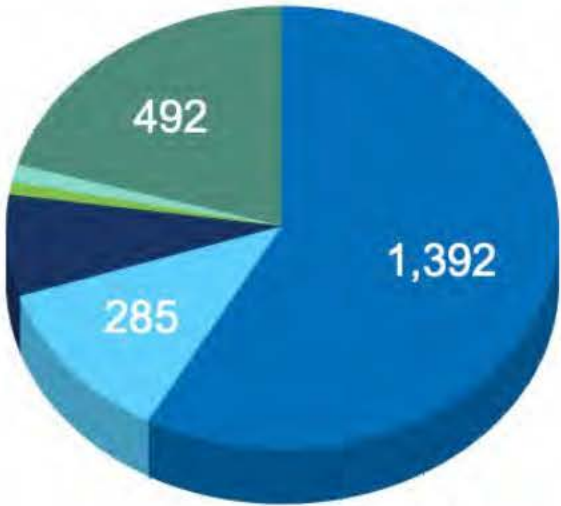


1%

WILL be voting for my electorate's State MP (OTHER) in the next State Election



20%



- NOT be voting for my electorate's State MP (LABOUR) in State Election
- NOT be voting for my electorate's State MP (LIBERAL) in State Election
- NOT be voting for my electorate's State MP (OTHER) in the State Election
- WILL be voting for my electorate's State MP (LABOUR) in State Election
- WILL be voting for my electorate's State MP (LIBERAL) in State Election
- WILL be voting for my electorate's State MP (OTHER) in the State Election