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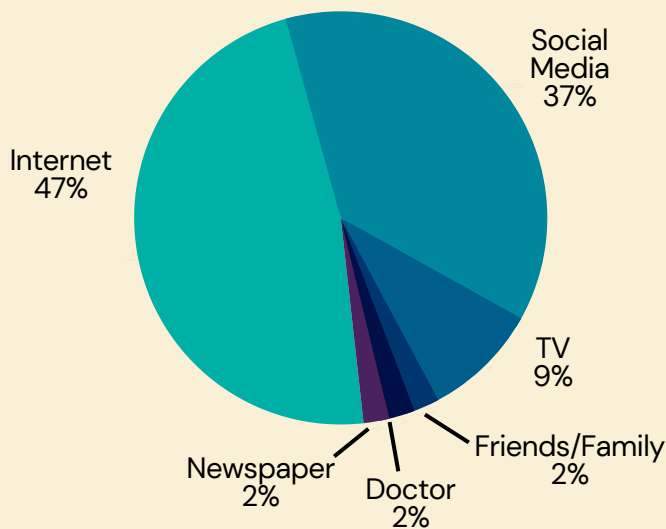
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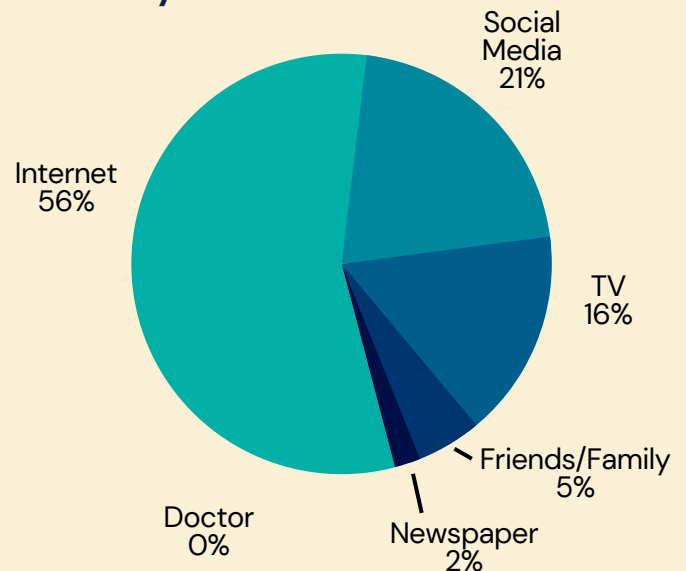
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### COVID-19 INFORMATION

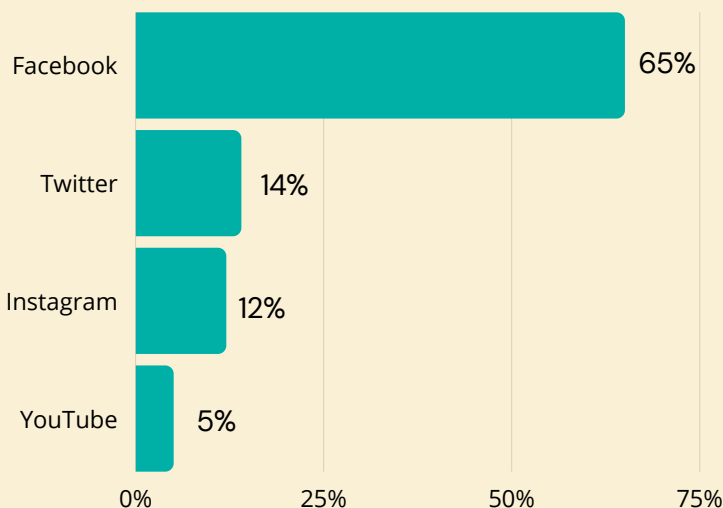
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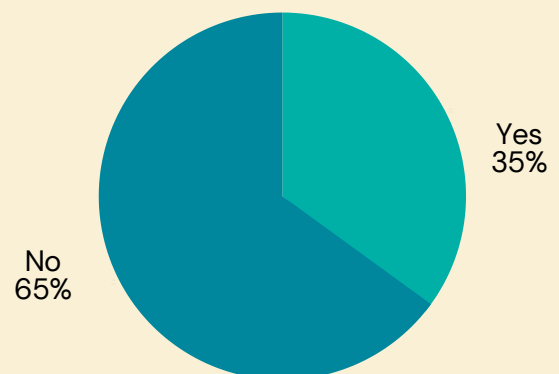
Where do you go to the MOST to get general COVID-19 information about the state you live in?



Which social media platform do you use the MOST to get information?



Did you experience internet issues accessing information online (can't connect to the internet, ASL videos won't load, etc.)?



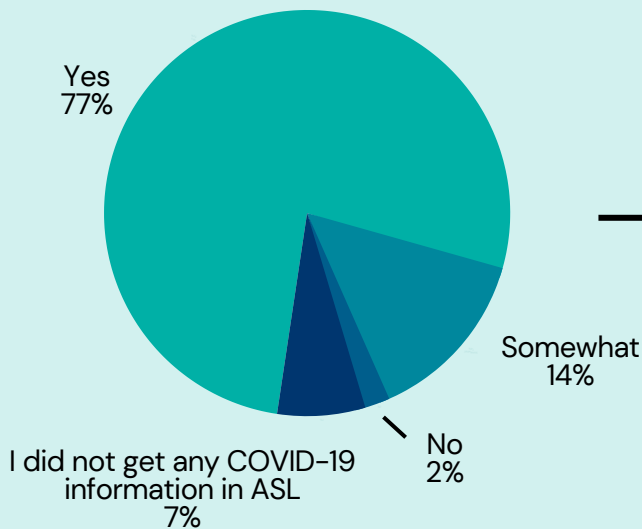
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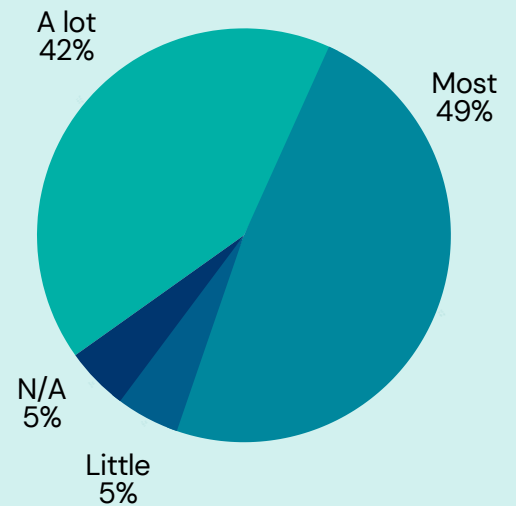
## ASL VIDEOS

Did you find information about COVID-19 in ASL to be helpful?

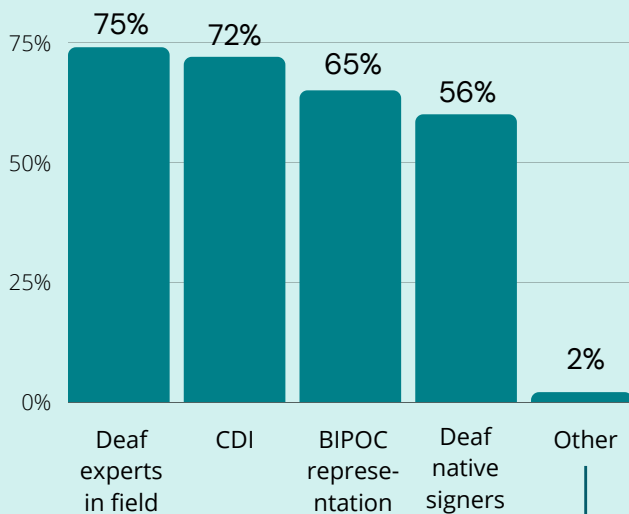


How much do you trust COVID-19 information explained in ASL?

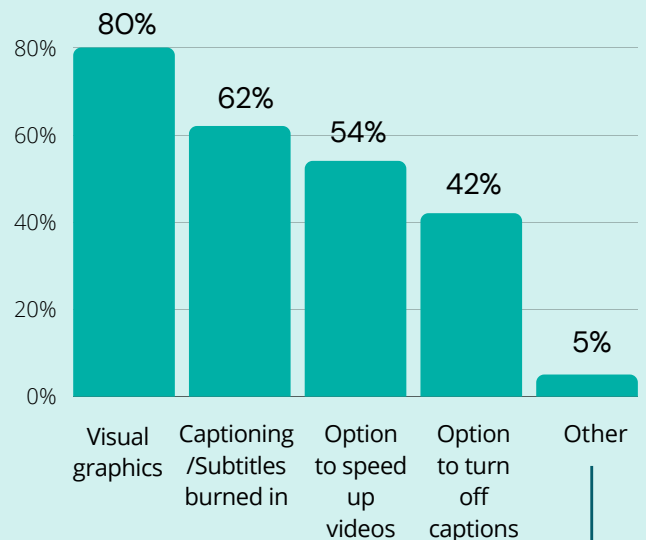
Of the 77% who found it helpful:



What would encourage you to watch ASL videos?



What features would encourage you to watch ASL videos?



### Other

- Availability to adjust speed
- Shorter videos
- Well executed translations
- RID certified interpreter
- Description and transcript
- GODHH Director

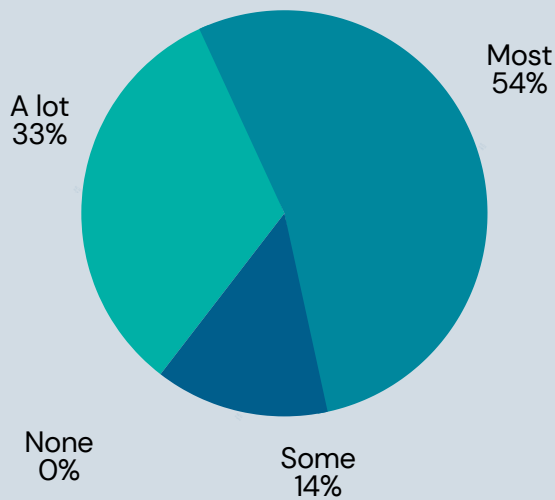
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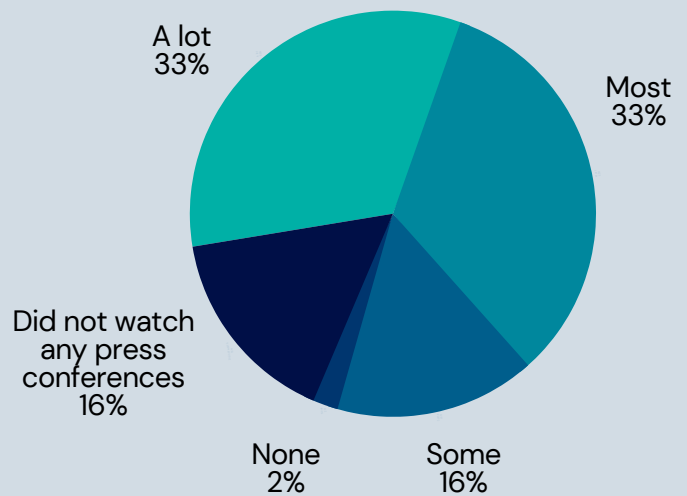
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## STATE-SPECIFIC COVID-19 INFORMATION

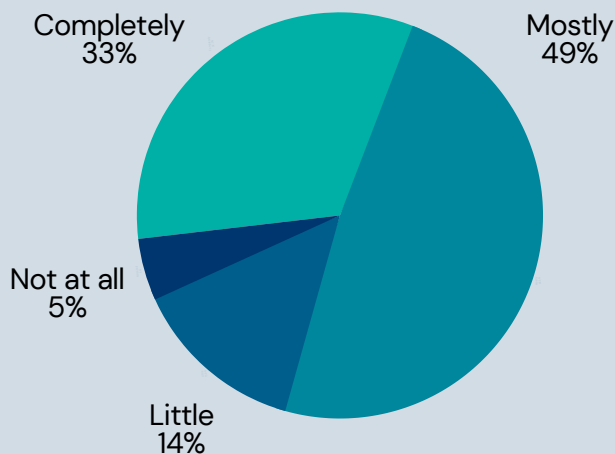
In the past several months, how much did you understand COVID-19 updates and information in your state?



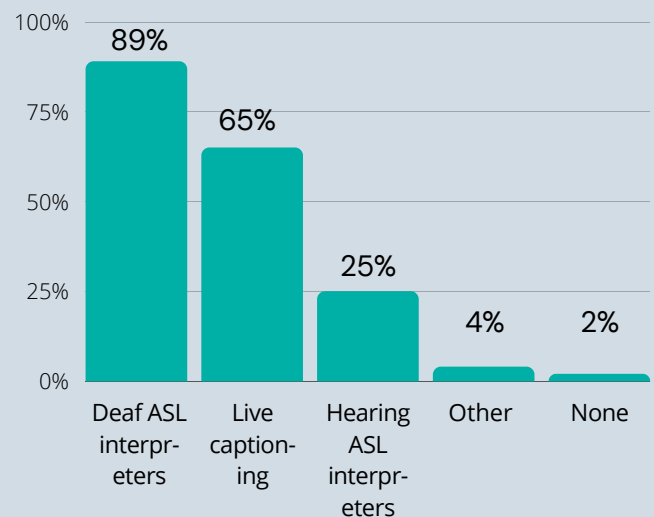
In the past several months, how much did you understand information provided from press conferences in your state?



In the past several months, how satisfied were you regarding accessibility of COVID-19 updates from your state government?



During live events (i.e. press conferences) by your state government, what kind of ASL resources were provided?



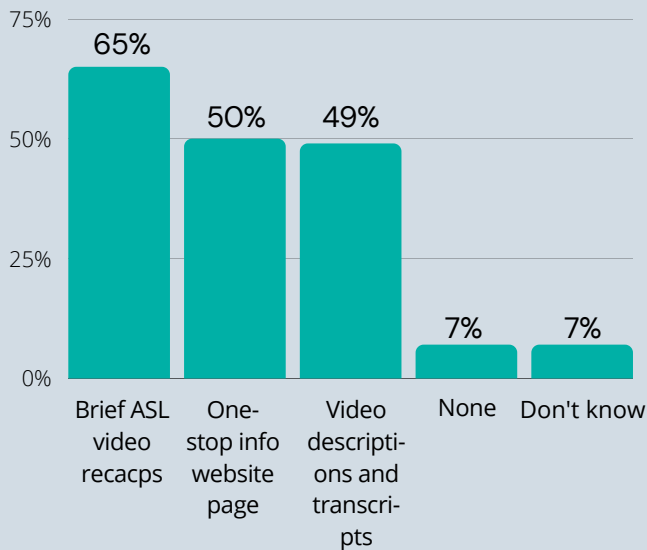
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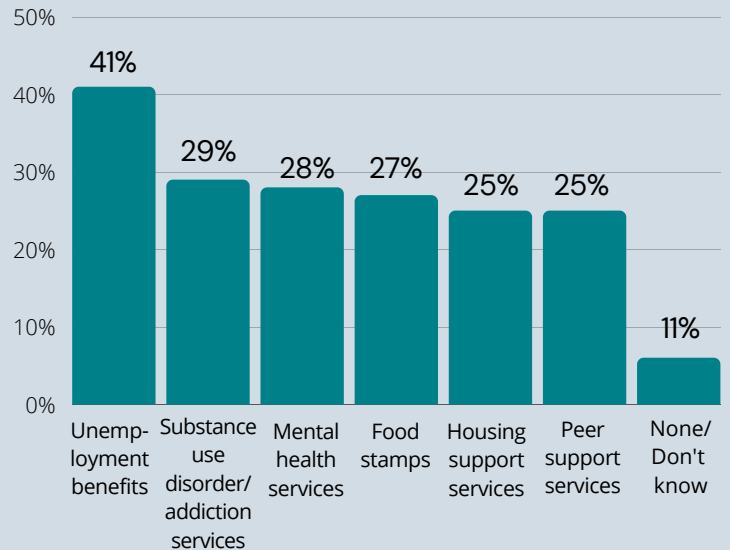
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Other than live events, what kind of ASL resources were provided by your state government and/or the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Office?

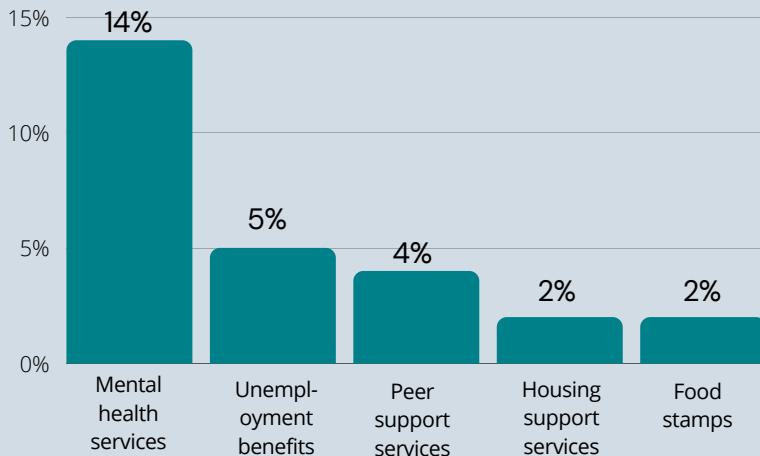


What kind of support services are available in your state?

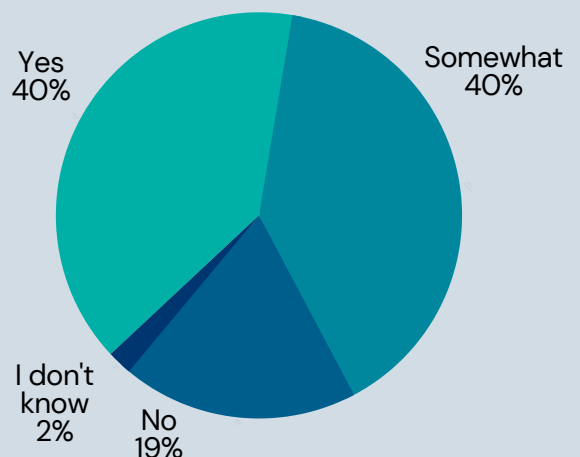


What kind of support services did you receive?

70% did not receive any support services. Among those who did:



Do you feel that your state government's emergency preparedness and policies were inclusive of, or accessible to, the Deaf and hard of hearing community?



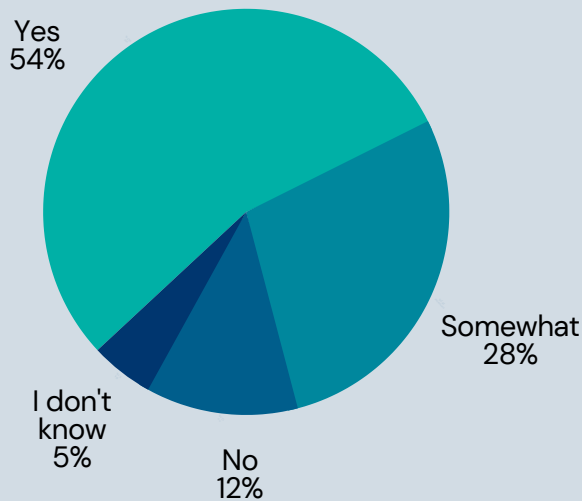
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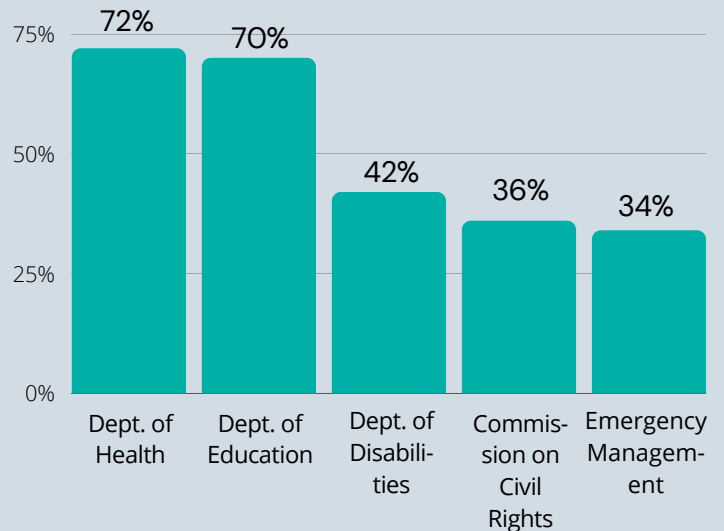
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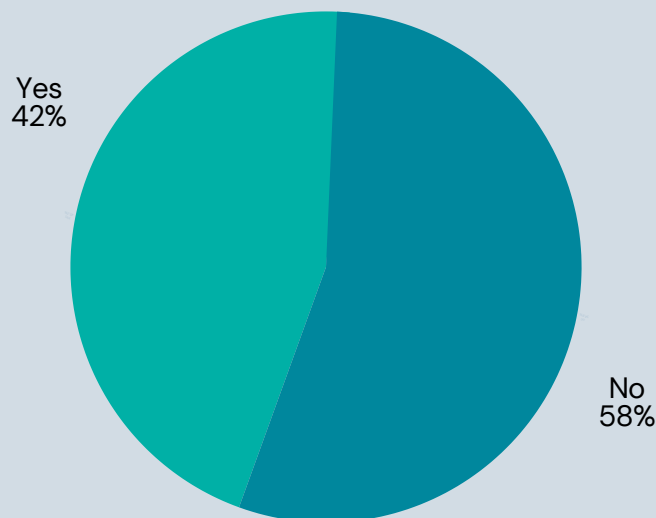
Do you feel that your state's commission/office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing represents your needs as a deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, or deafdisabled person?



Which of the following state services/agencies are you familiar with?



Do you know where to file a complaint within your state if you experience discrimination?



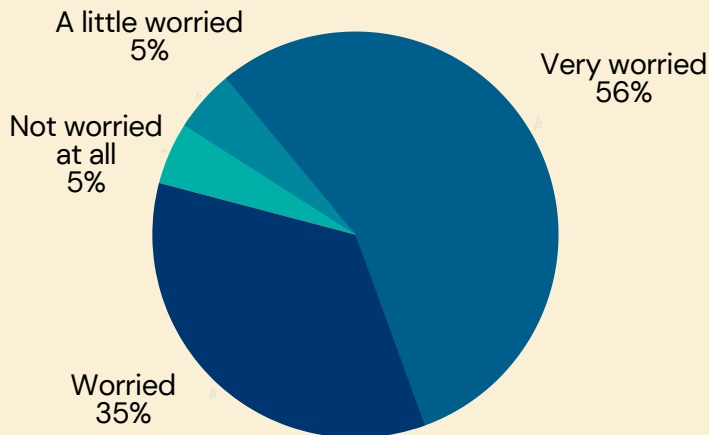
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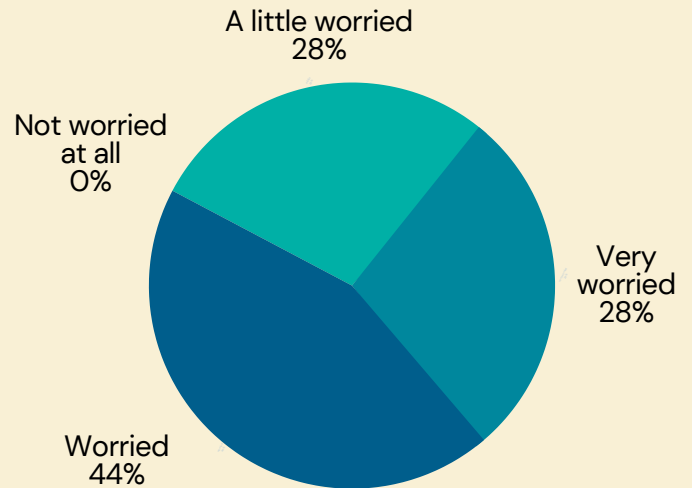
## COVID-19 EXPERIENCES

When COVID-19 started to become widespread in March 2020, how worried were you that you would be impacted?

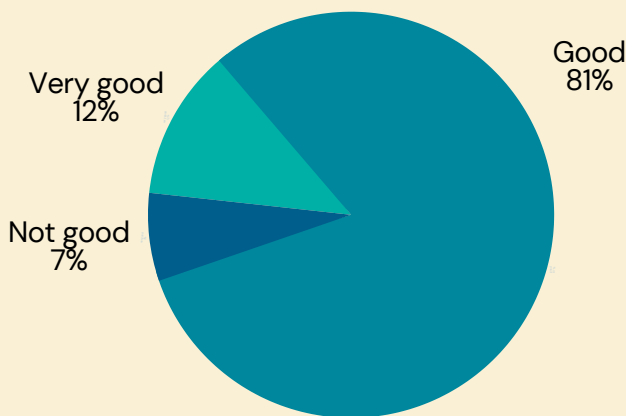


How worried are you now that you may be impacted by COVID-19?

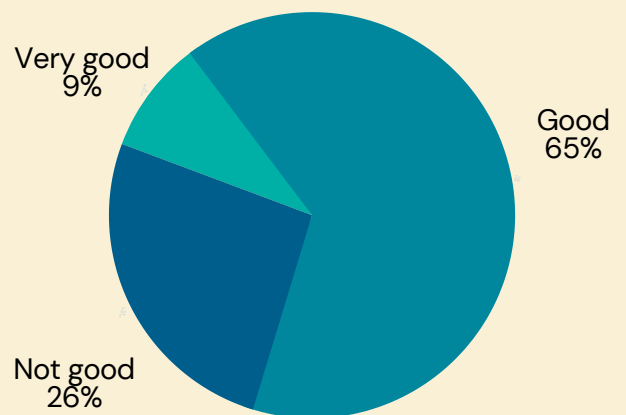
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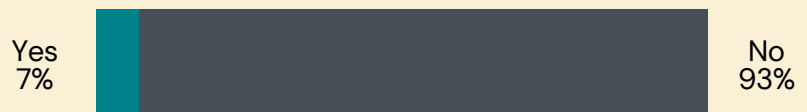
How would you rate your quality of life during the COVID-19 pandemic?



How would you rate your mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic?



Did you lose your job due to COVID-19?



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## COVID-19 EXPERIENCES

Do you know where to go for COVID-19 testing?

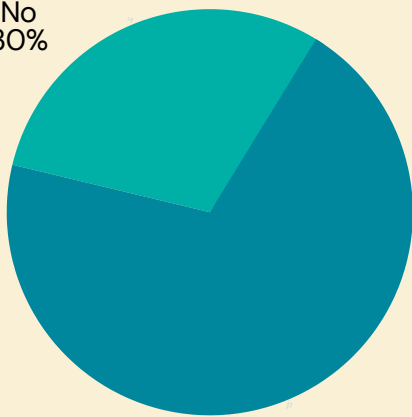
Yes  
88%



No  
12%

Have you ever been tested positive for COVID-19?

No  
30%

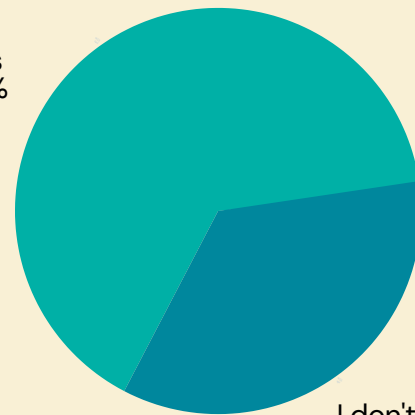


Yes  
0%

I haven't taken a COVID-19 test  
68%

Is COVID-19 testing free of charge?

Yes  
65%

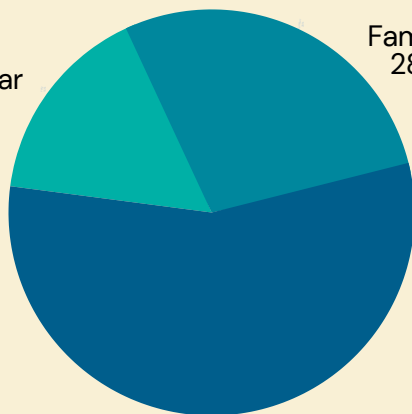


No  
0%

I don't know  
35%

How familiar are you with the accessibility requirements for COVID-19 testing?

Very familiar  
16%

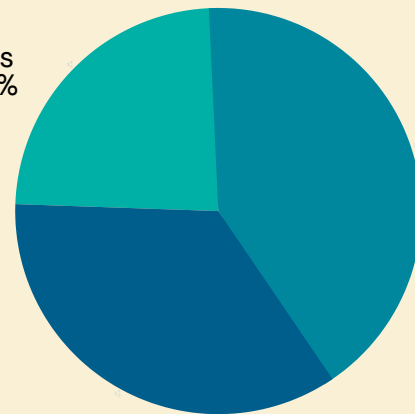


Familiar  
28%

Not familiar  
56%

Do you feel confident that you will receive full accessibility at COVID-19 testing locations?

Yes  
23%



No  
40%

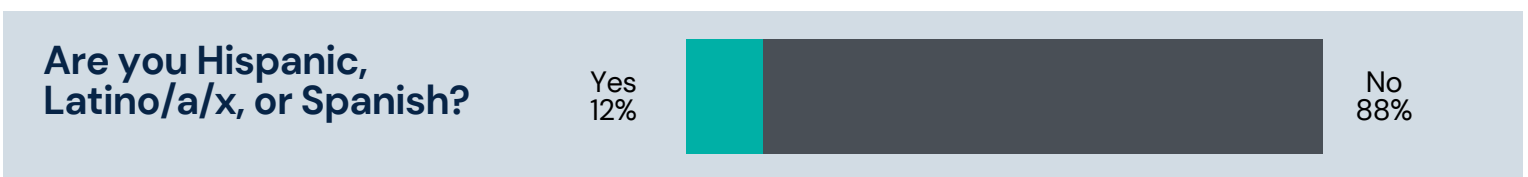
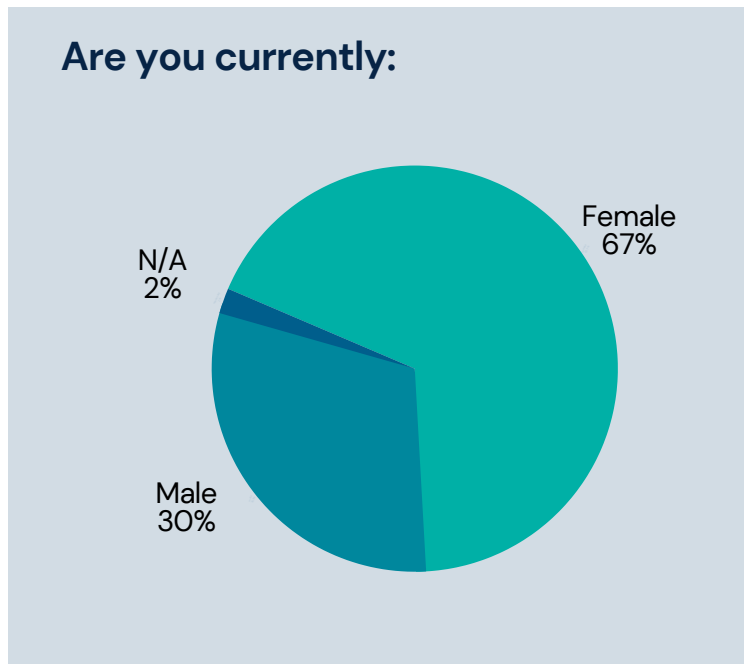
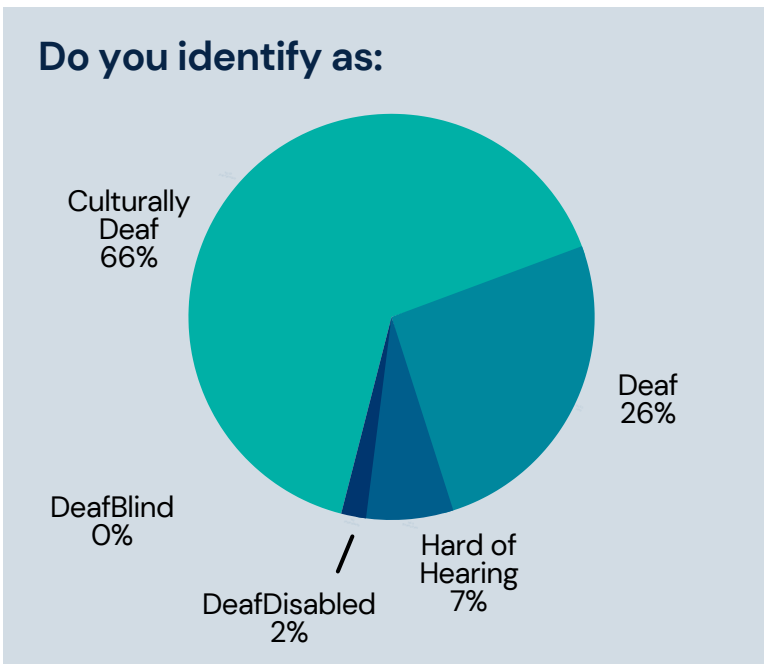
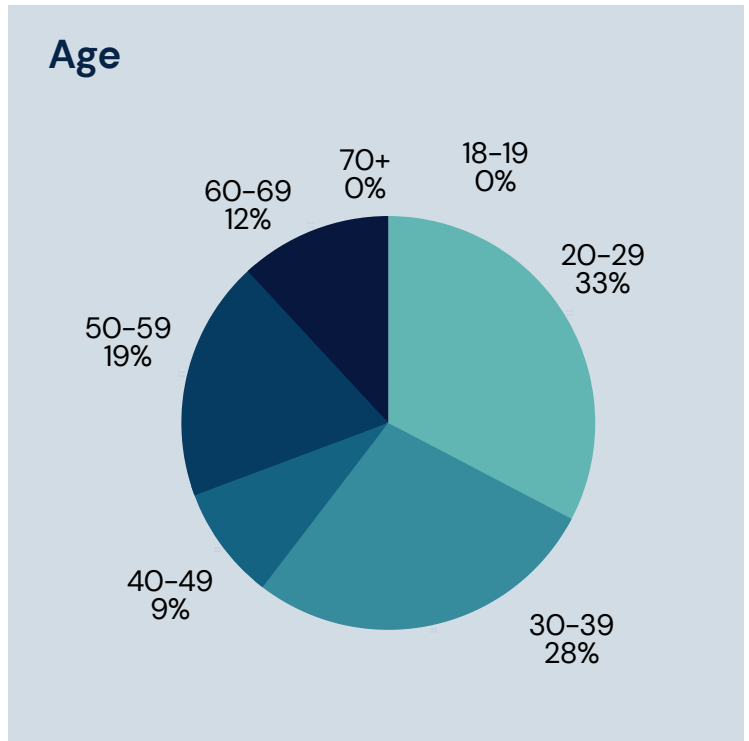
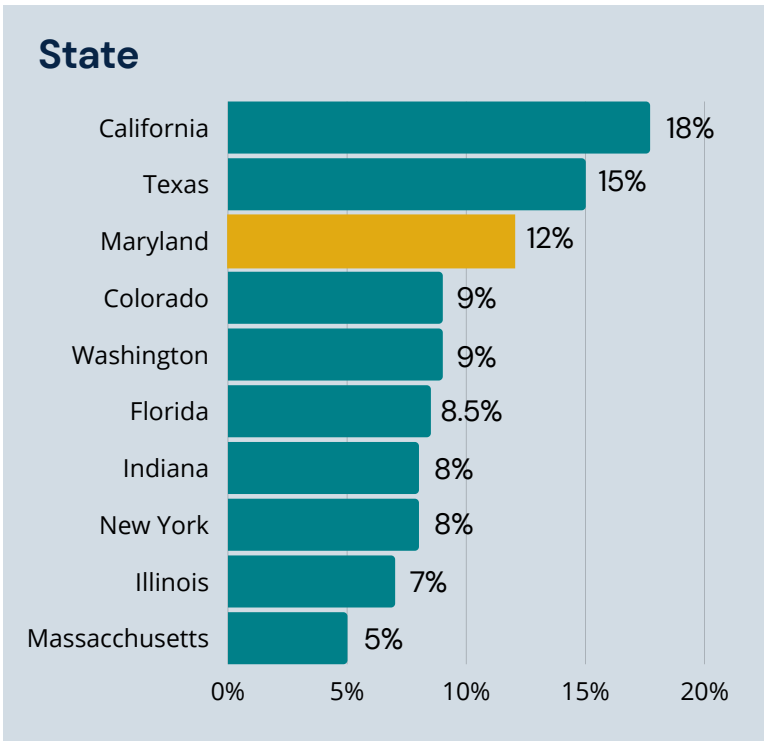
I don't know  
38%

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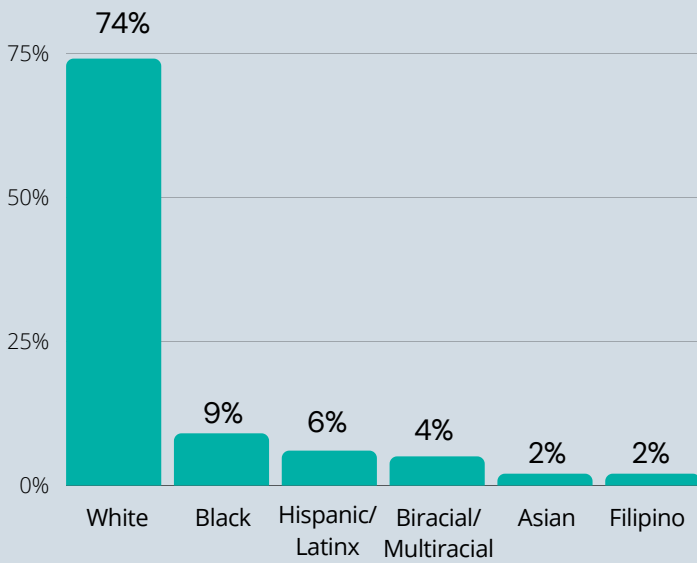
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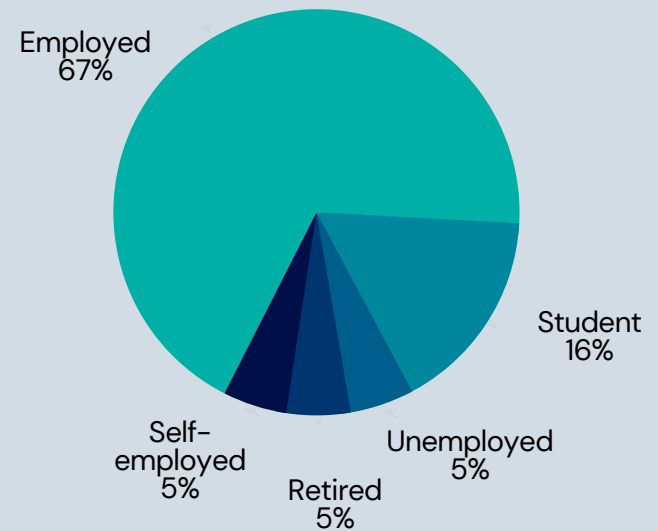
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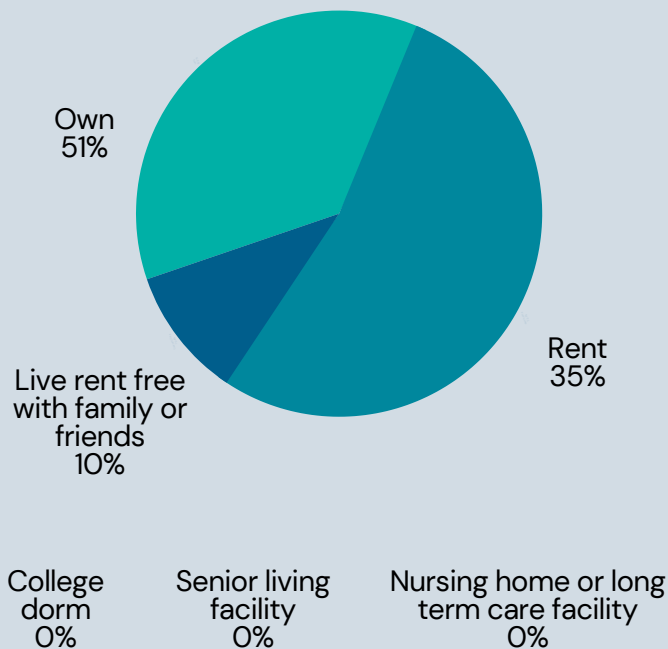
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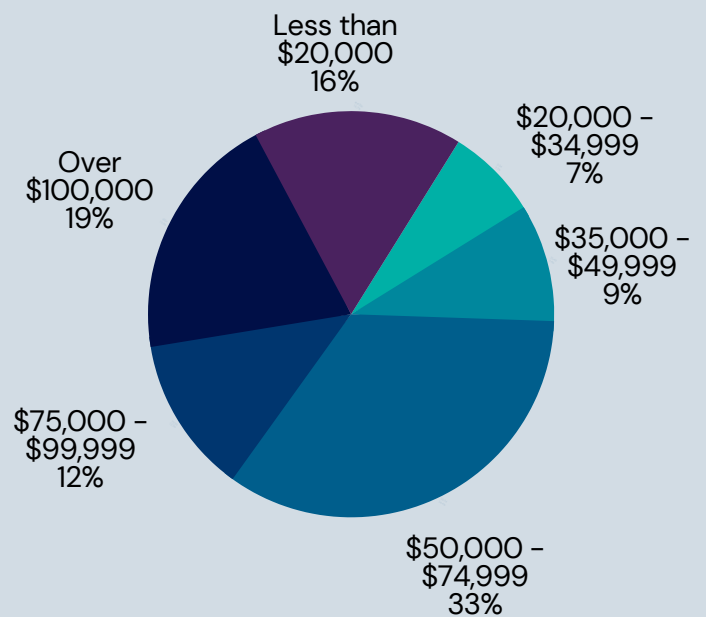
### What is your occupation?



### Do you currently...



### What is your household income?



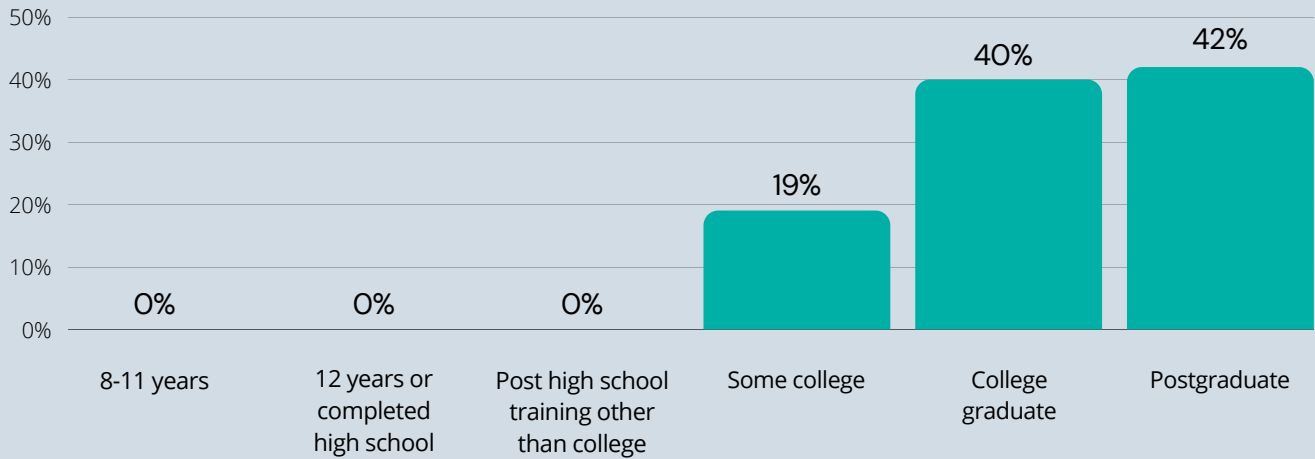
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What is the highest grade or level of schooling you completed?



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