

A Survey of Presidents: Student Mental Health

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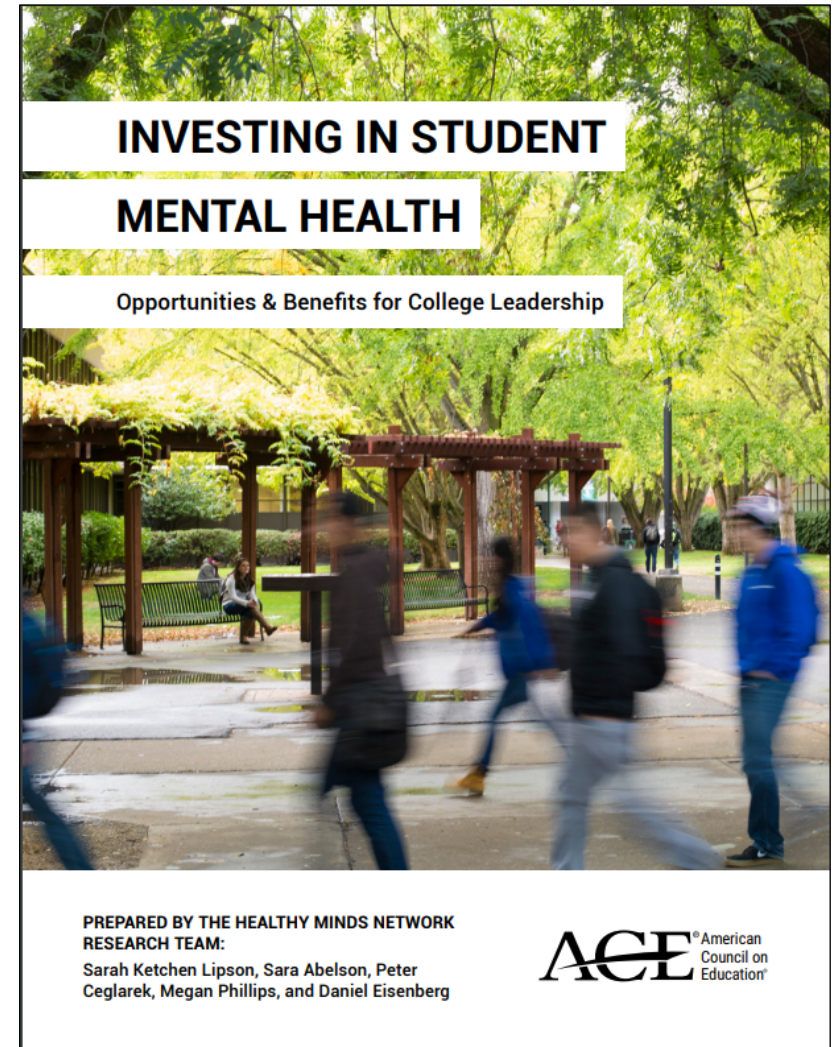
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Our members represent two out of every three students in all accredited, degree-granting institutions.

Background

- ACE Annual Meeting
- Mental Health Summit
- Briefs
- Blog Series
- Pulse Point Survey

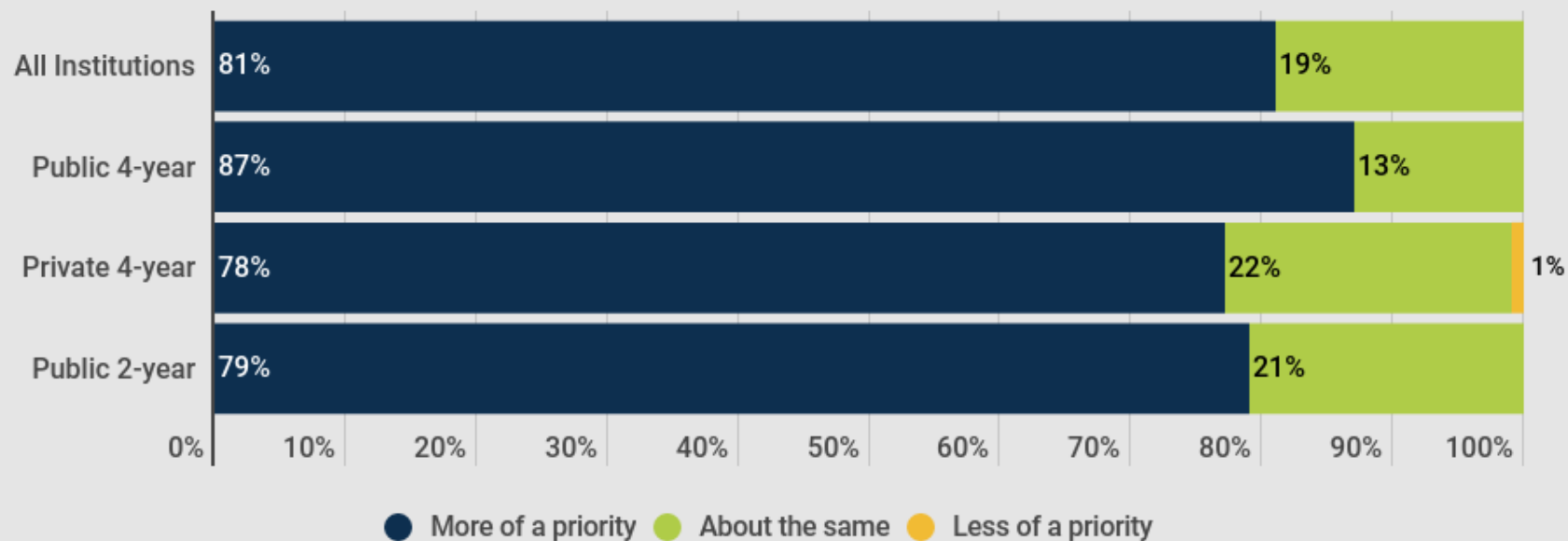


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Pulse Point

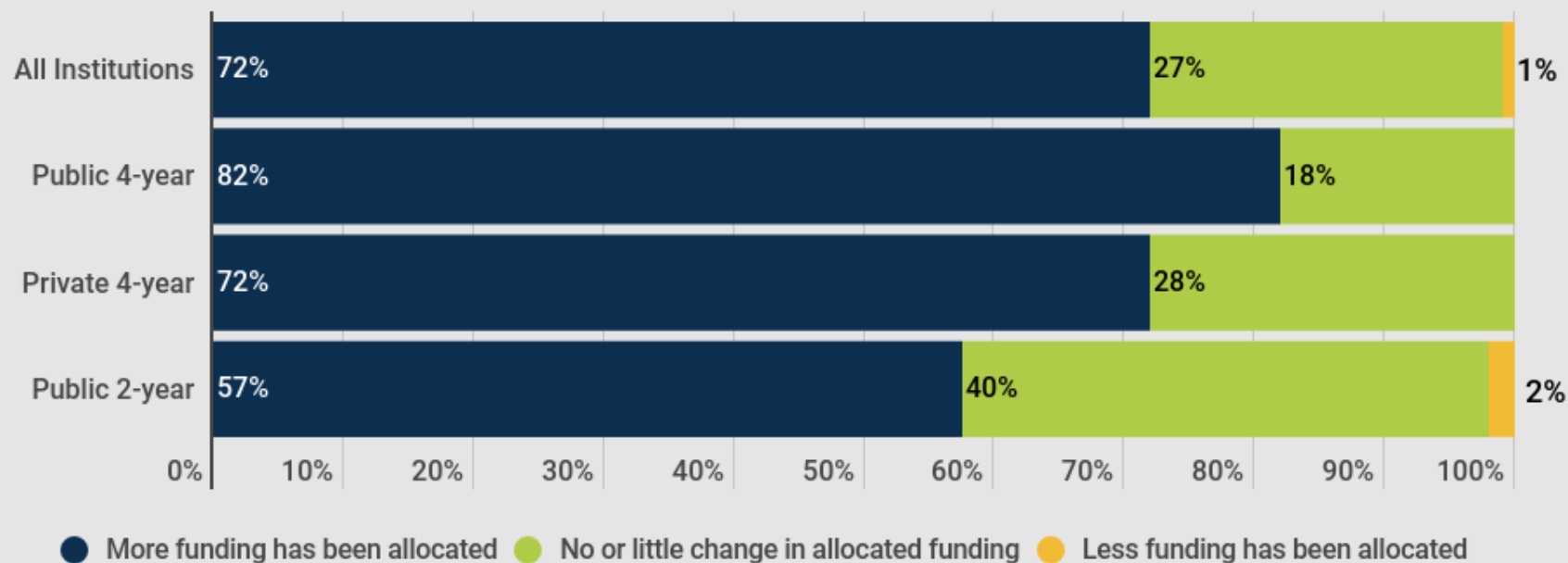
- Open from late April to early May
- Over 400 presidents responded
 - 78% were from four year institutions
 - 32% public
 - 44% private non-profit
 - 2% for-profit
 - 22% from two-year colleges
 - 21% public
 - 1% private
- Descriptive results are categorized by:
 - All presidents
 - Four-year public
 - Four-year private nonprofit
 - Two-year public

Compared to three years ago, has student mental health on your campus(es) become more of a priority, about the same, or less of a priority than in the past?



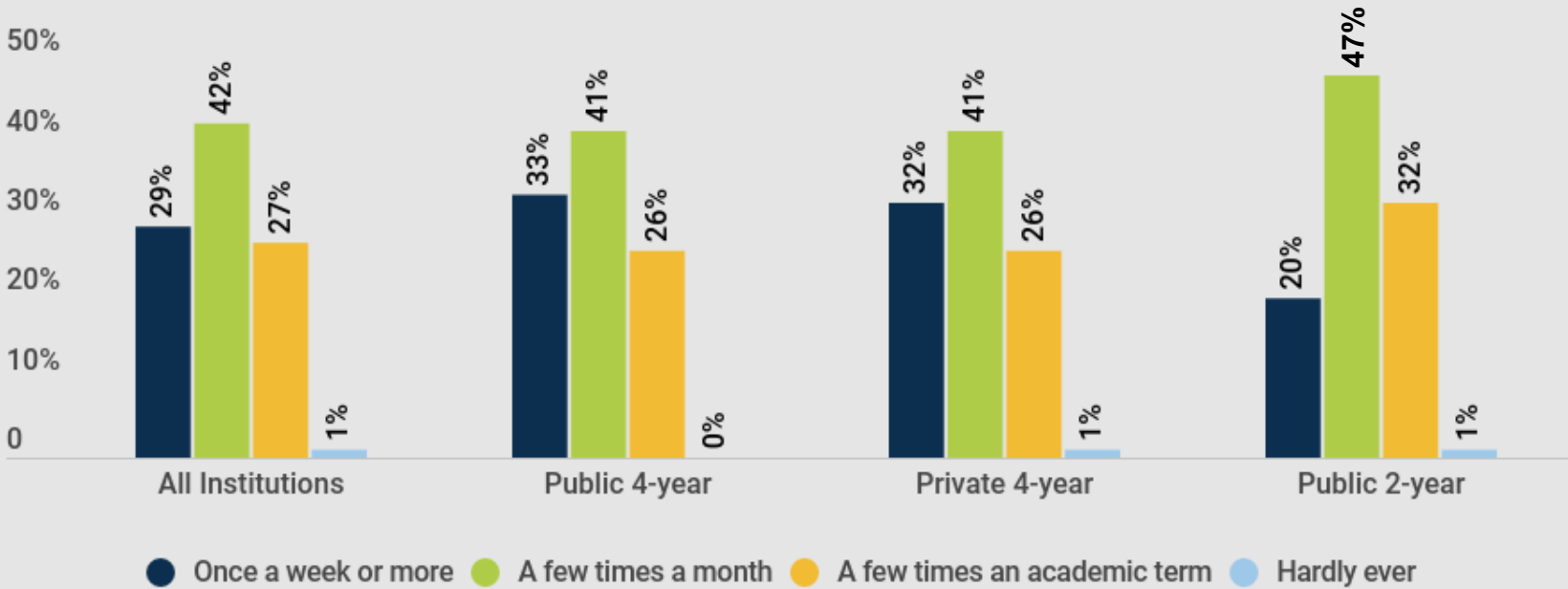
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Compared to three years ago, have you reallocated or identified additional funding to address student mental health on your campus(es)?



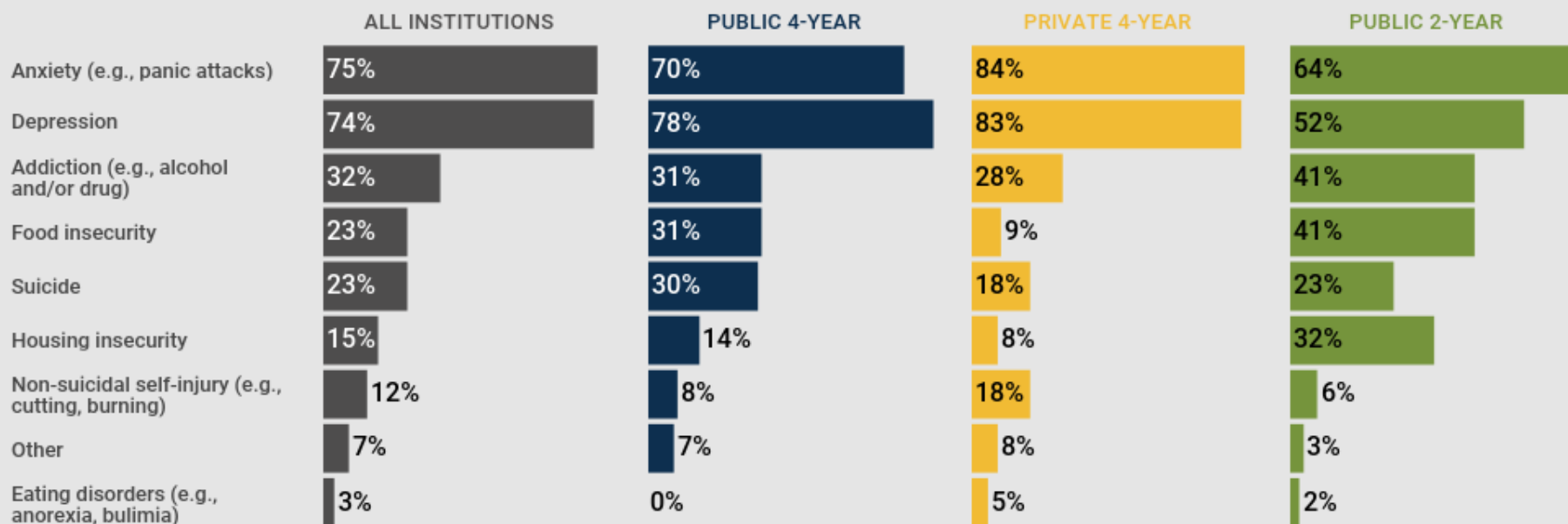
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How frequently are you hearing about students with mental health issues on your campus?



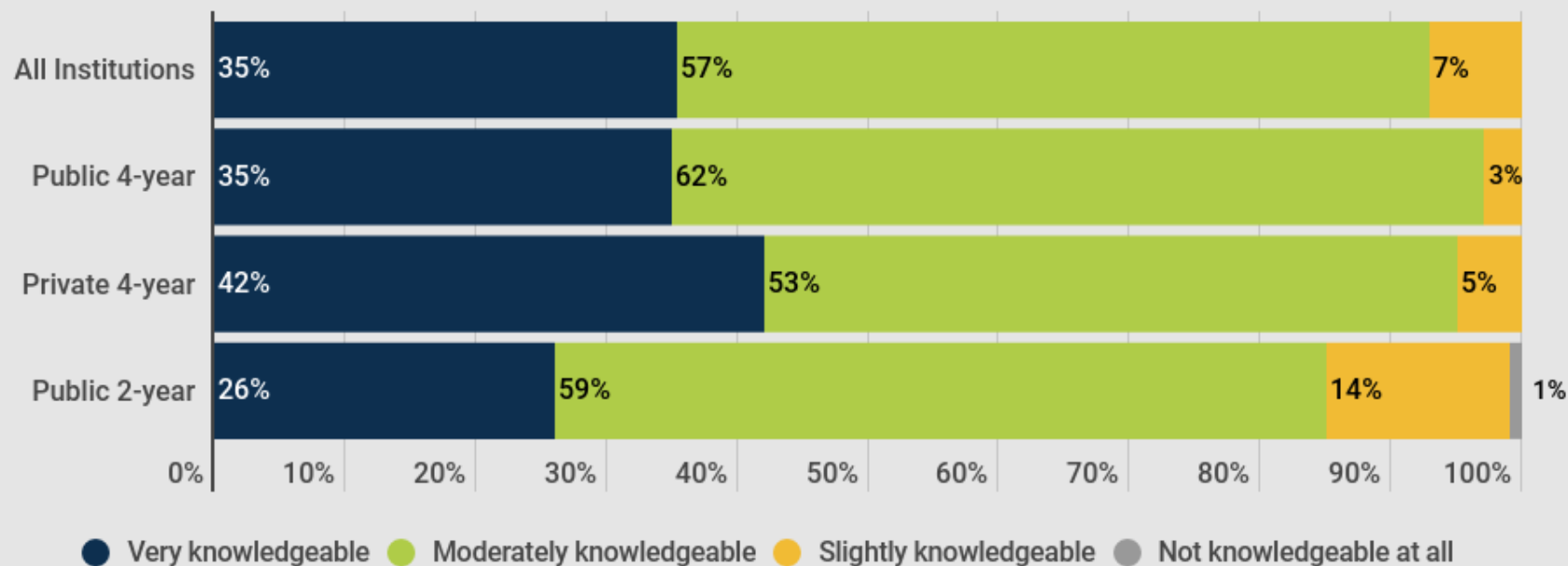
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When I do hear of students with mental health or well-being issues on my campus, the most frequently escalated issues are the following: (top three issues)



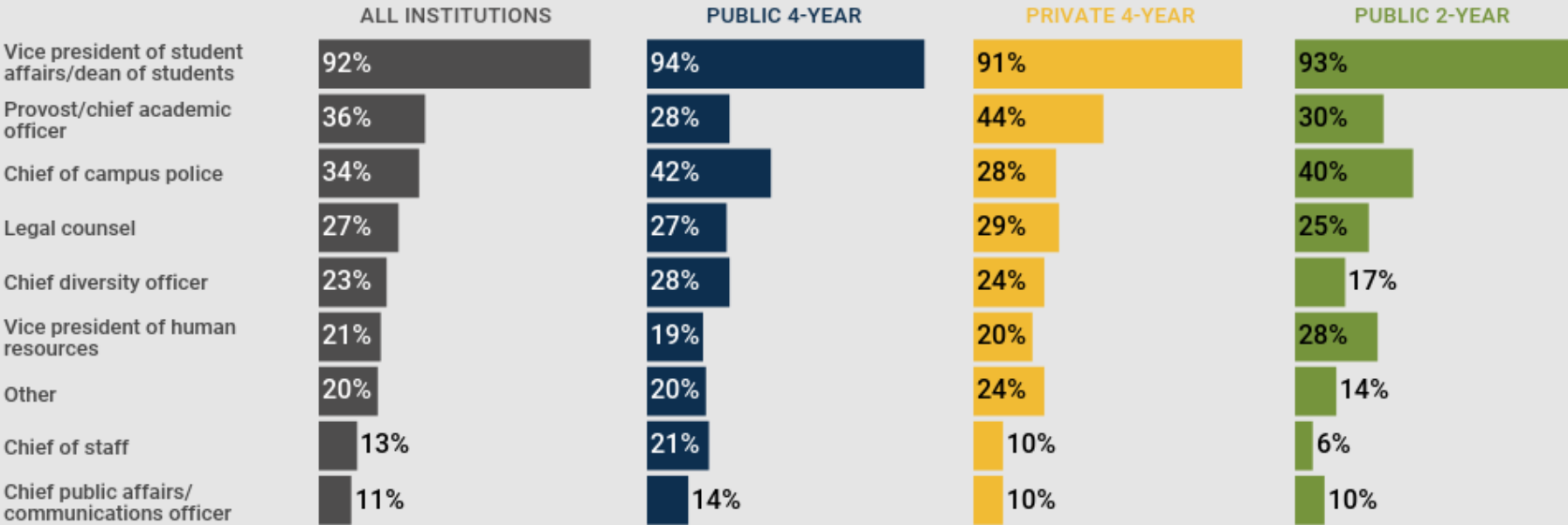
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How knowledgeable do you feel you are regarding college student mental health issues?



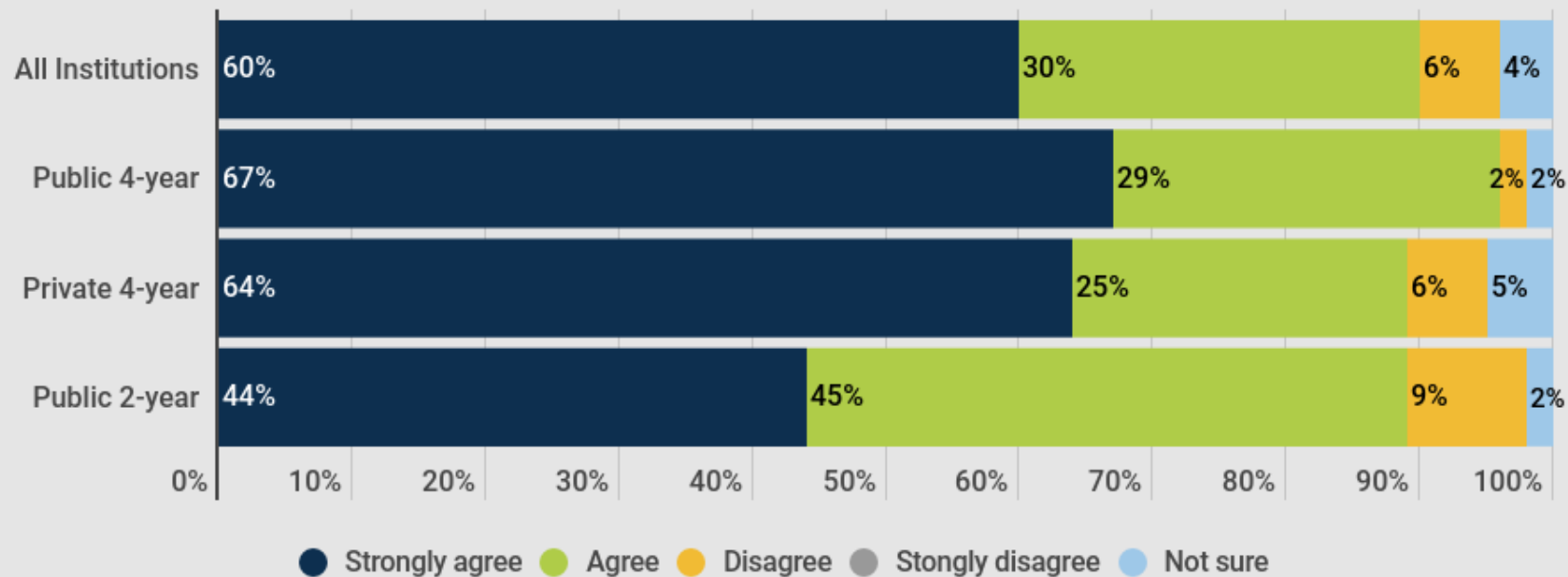
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Who among your senior staff do you rely on when addressing issues related to college student mental health? (Please check all that apply.)



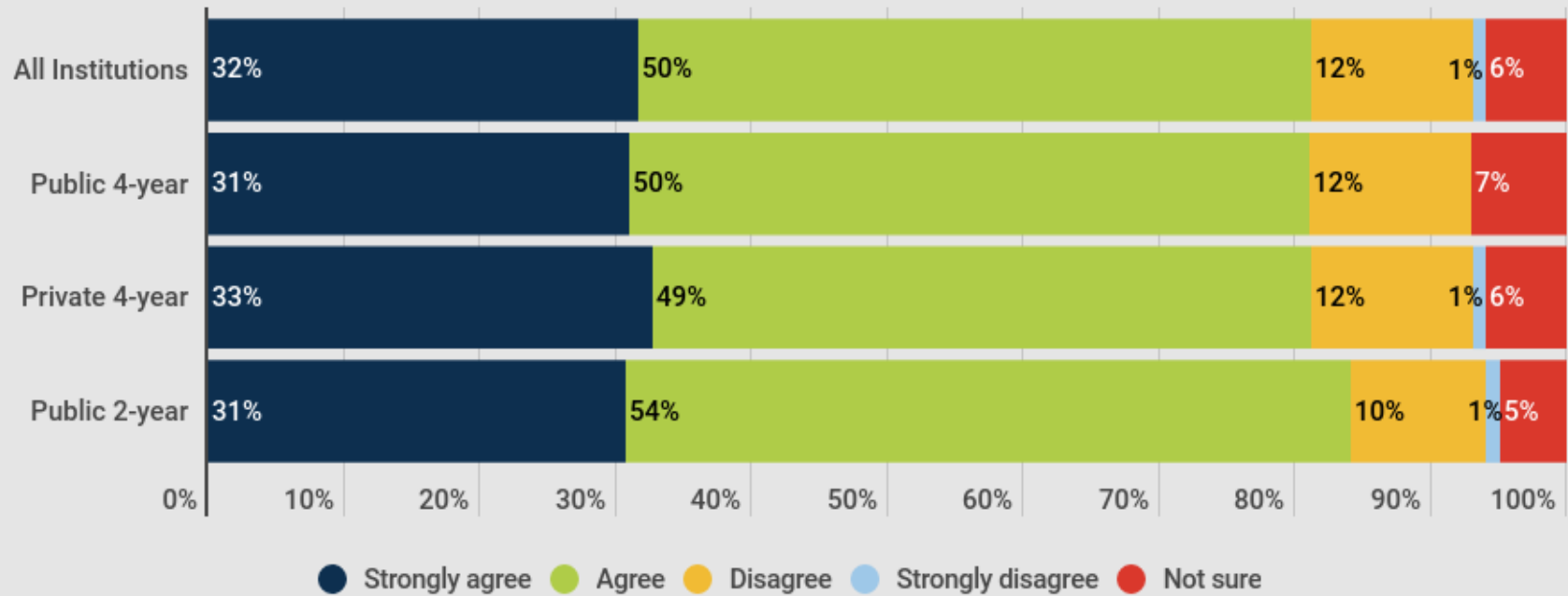
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The staff on my campus spend more time addressing student mental health concerns today than three years ago.



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The faculty on my campus spend more time addressing student mental health concerns today than three years ago.

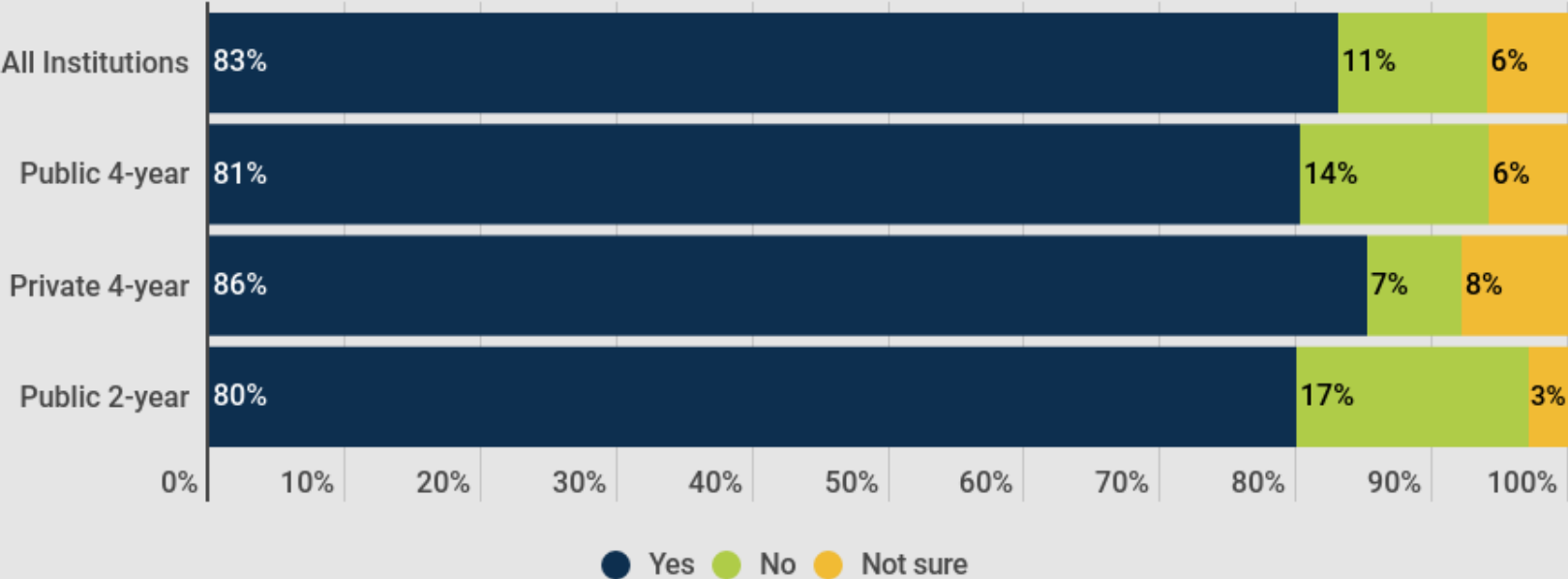


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If Presidents Had Unlimited Resources

- 58% hire additional staff
- 20% more enhanced resources or programs
- 11% professional development
- 11% other
 - Improving or establishing facilities
 - Strategic planning
 - Programs/services for students of color or veterans

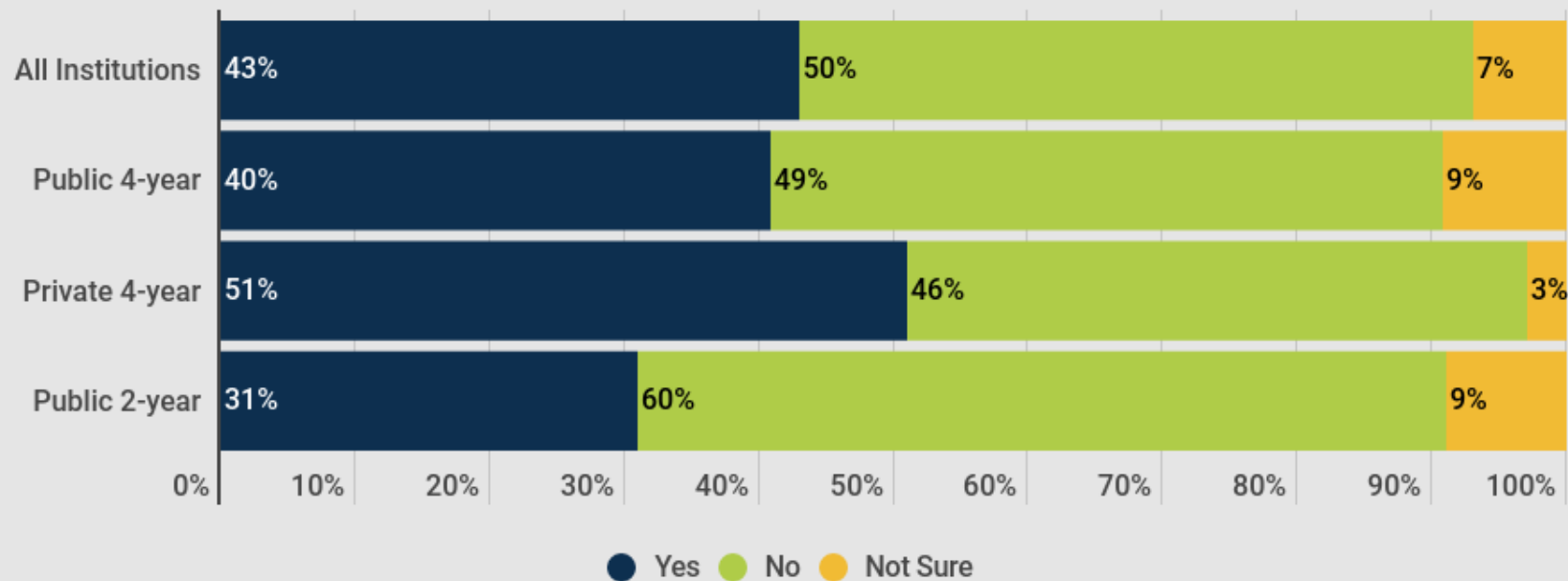
College student well-being is part of my institution's strategic plan.



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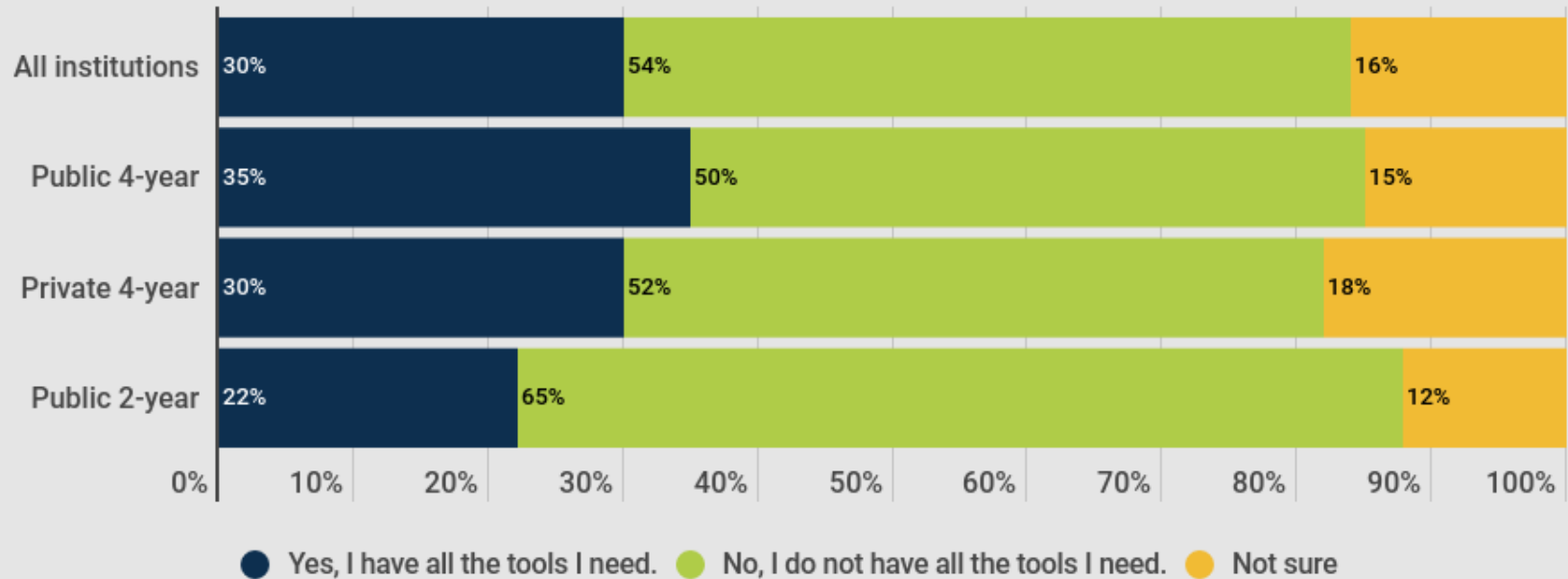
Is college student mental health specifically mentioned in your strategic plan?

(includes responses of only presidents who indicated that student well-being was part of their strategic plan)



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Do you feel like you have the tools you need, as a leader, to address college student mental health concerns?



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Tools Presidents Need

- 26% general professional development and training
- 26% assessment and student development tools
- 20% training for campus groups (faculty, staff and/or students)
- 14% need more staff
- 14% need more funding

Summary

- More of a priority for presidents
- Hearing about students more frequently
- Would hire additional staff
- Need more tools and resources

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QUESTIONS?

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