Strada Student Viewpoint

Interview Dates: Sept. 10-25, 2020

Audience: National online survey of college students currently enrolled at bachelor’s degree-granting institutions. Quotas based on the U.S. Census were used to ensure results that are nationally representative by age, gender, and race/ethnicity. Sample size n=4,007.

1. How would you rate your college or university’s support for helping students connect their education to a meaningful career?
   
   a. Excellent 7%
   b. Very good 28%
   c. Fair 48%
   d. Not very good 13%
   e. Poor 4%

2. How, if at all, has COVID-19 impacted your opportunities for career exploration? Would you say your opportunities are now …
   
   a. Much worse 21%
   b. Slightly worse 45%
   c. No change 24%
   d. Slightly greater 7%
   e. Much greater 3%

3. How, if at all, has COVID-19 impacted the availability of faculty and staff for providing advice and mentoring about your academic and professional development?
   
   a. Much less available 13%
   b. Somewhat less available 42%
   c. No change 31%
   d. Somewhat more available 11%
   e. Much more available 3%
4. Overall, how comfortable are you asking a professor for career advice or connections to a job or internship?
   a. Very comfortable 11%
   b. Somewhat comfortable 26%
   c. Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable 21%
   d. Somewhat uncomfortable 29%
   e. Very uncomfortable 13%

5. How have your opportunities for work and internships been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? (Select all that apply.)
   a. I was planning on finding a job or internship but decided not to 32%
   b. I had a job or internship canceled 26%
   c. I was never planning to have a job or internship 19%
   d. I have had an in-person job or internship 17%
   e. I had a job or internship changed to be virtual rather than in-person 13%
   f. I had a virtual job or internship 10%

6. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: My education will be worth the cost.
   a. Strongly agree 16%
   b. Agree 34%
   c. Neither agree nor disagree 23%
   d. Disagree 19%
   e. Strongly disagree 8%