

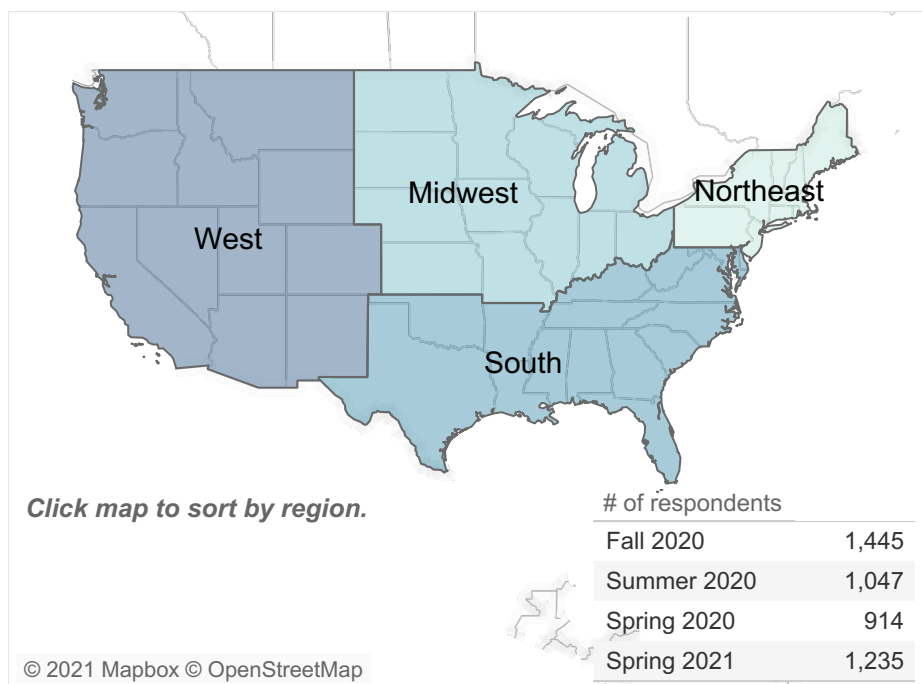
AN ONGOING LOOK AT AFTERSCHOOL IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Roughly one year after the COVID-19 pandemic began, afterschool programs are continuing to do their part to help children, families, and their communities push through these difficult times. Providers have been there every step of the way, responding to the needs of families by transitioning to provide virtual services, serving as meal sites, and staying open for children of essential workers. As virtual schooling remains in place, programs continue to extend their hours and provide necessary services and supports such as academic help, physical activity opportunities, and access to technology and healthy meals. For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, program providers are expressing much more optimism about their futures; however, the pandemic and its lasting effects are far from over, and programs are still concerned and express worry about funding, their students, and other challenges in the future.

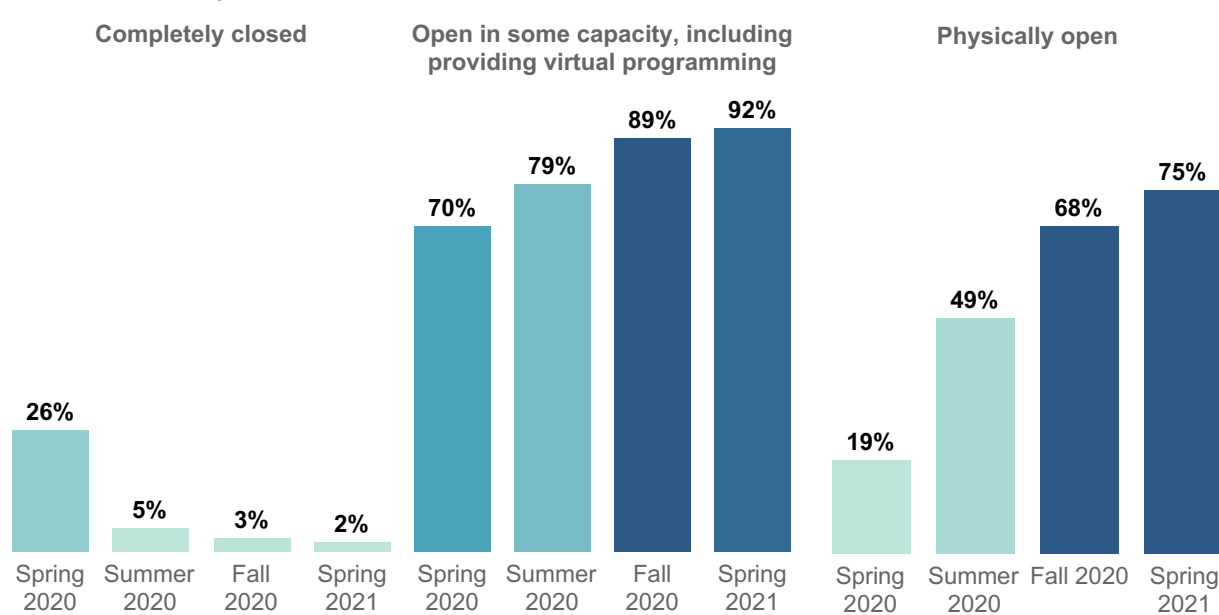
The following questions and responses summarize a sample of findings from all four waves of the *Afterschool in the Time of COVID-19* survey, showing where we are today, providers' plans for the summer, and how programs' situations, concerns, and challenges have changed or shifted over the last year. Wave 1 of the survey was conducted from May 28 to June 30, 2020 with 914 program providers; Wave 2 was conducted from July 20 to August 31, 2020 with 1,047 program providers; Wave 3 was conducted from September 28 to October 27, 2020 with 1,445 program providers; and Wave 4 was co..

STEPPING UP TO SERVE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

More afterschool program providers are opening their doors to students and families as the pandemic continues.

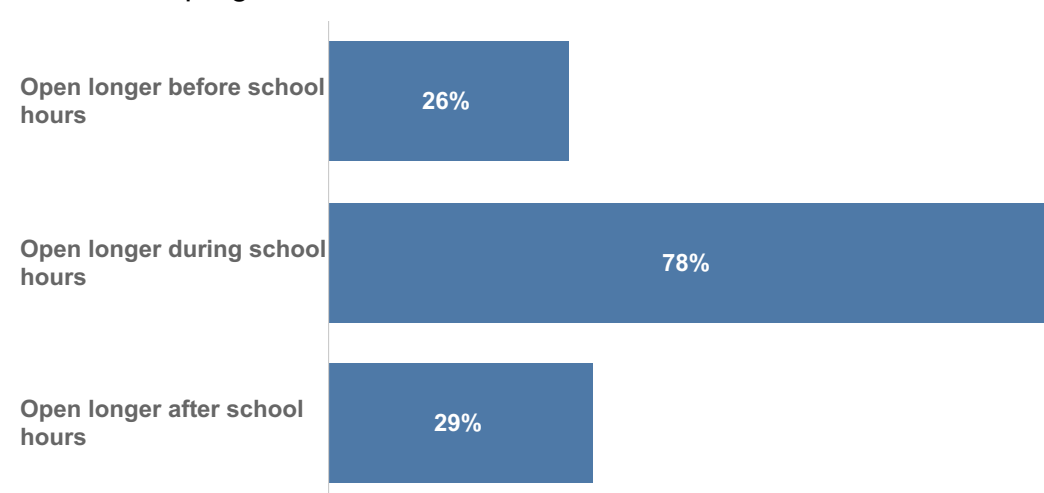


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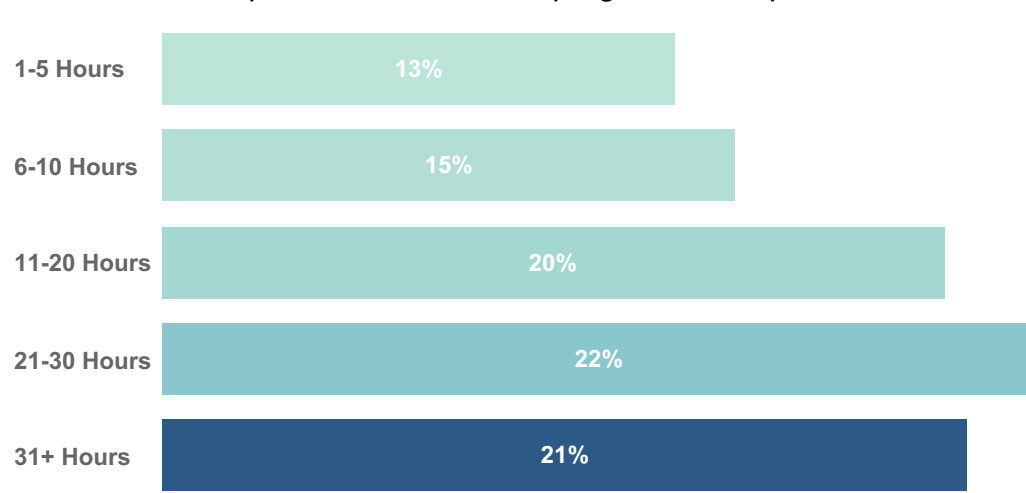


Adapting to the school and work schedules created by the pandemic, afterschool programs operating in school districts that have all online instruction or a mix of in-person and virtual classes are extending their hours of operation.

Afterschool programs that are*:

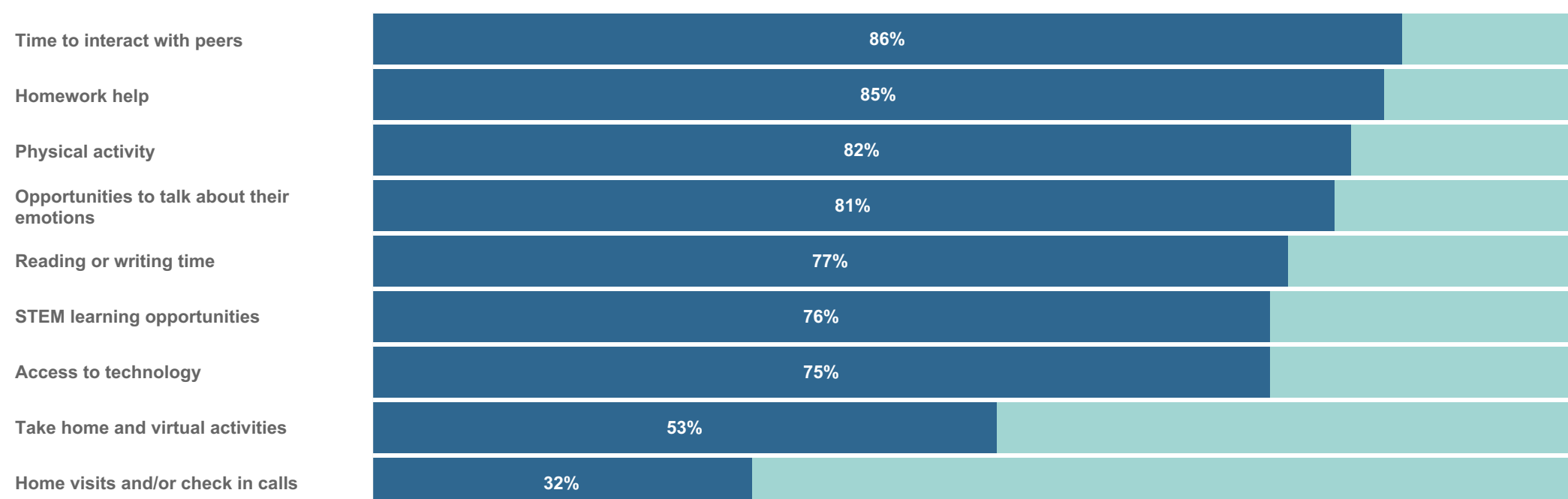


Additional hours per week afterschool programs are open*

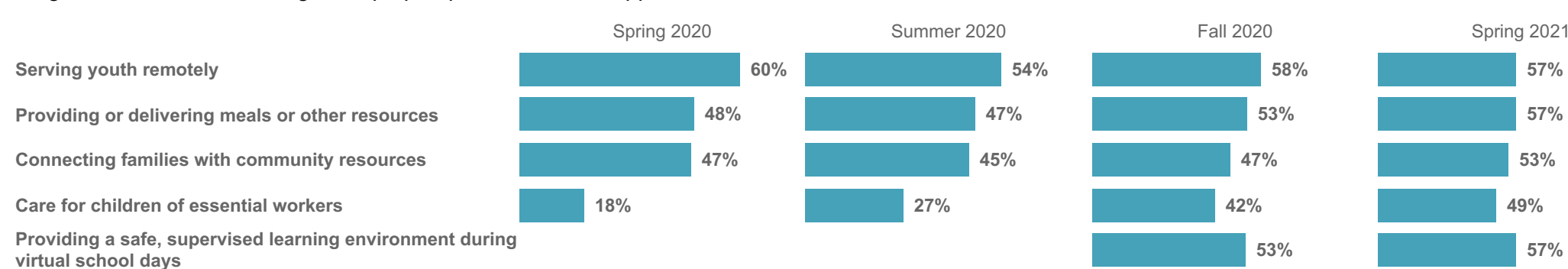


AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS PROVIDE COMPEHENSIVE SUPPORTS

This spring, afterschool programs are providing supports that youth need most after a year of the pandemic*:



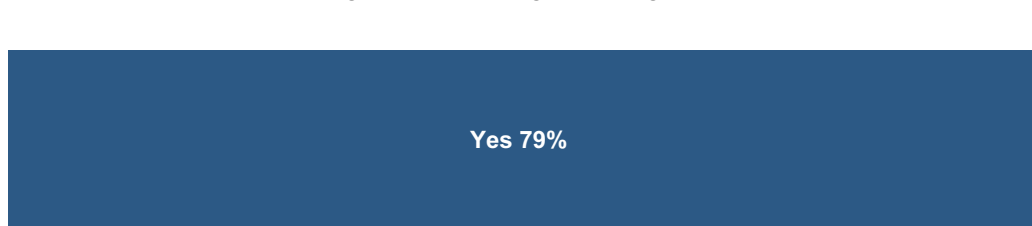
Programs are also continuing to step up to provide critical supports in their communities.



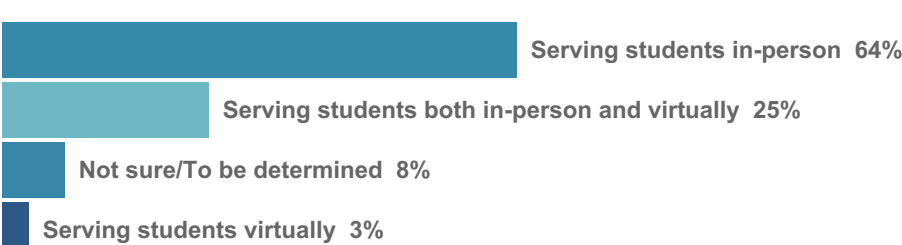
PROVIDERS ARE OPENING THEIR DOORS THIS SUMMER

This summer, a majority of programs will be offering summer programming, and most plan on opening their doors to serve youth in person.

Providers that are offering summer programming*:

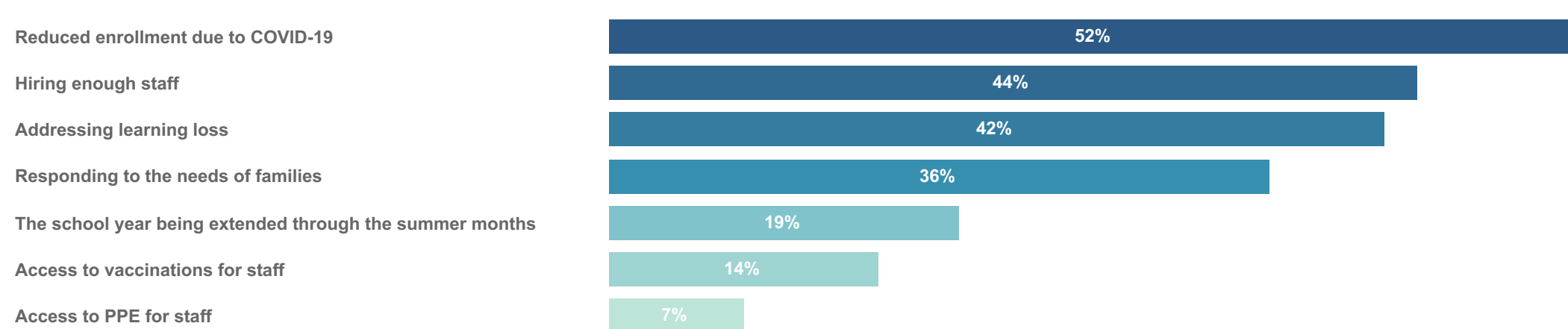


What will be included*:



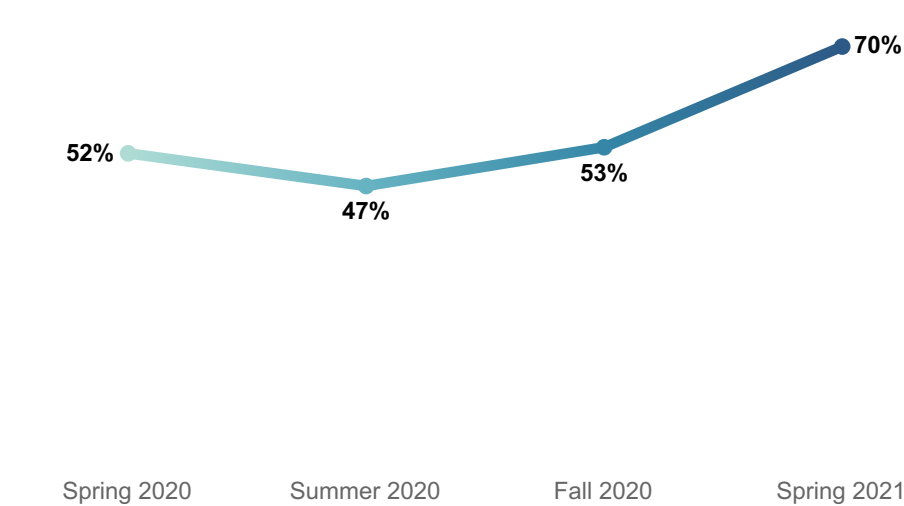
However, with the pandemic not yet behind us, programs express concerns as they plan for the summer.

Program providers that are offering programming or still unsure are concerned this summer about*:

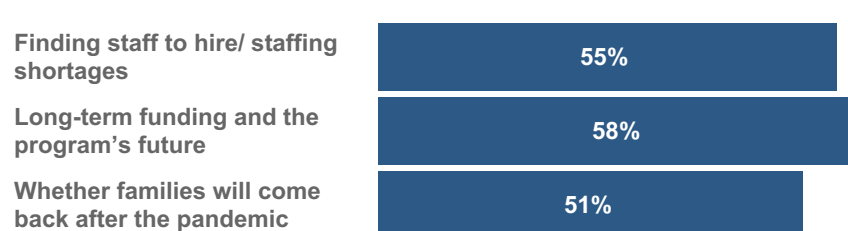


LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Programs report being optimistic about their futures:



Program providers are concerned about*:



Afterschool programs are concerned about their students on issues such as*:

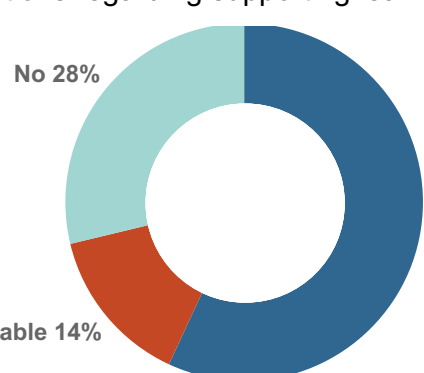


Programs report needing to raise parent fees or find new sources of revenue in 2021 if they do not receive additional financial support:

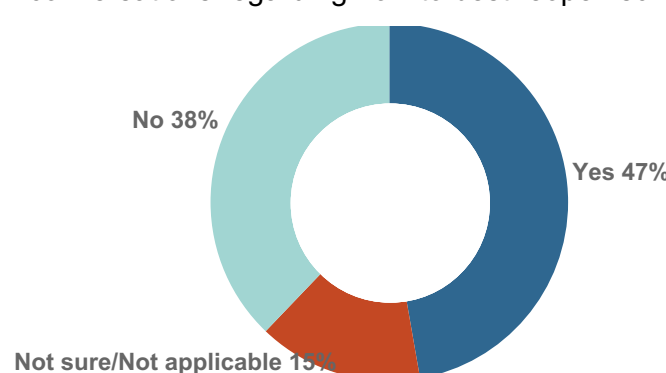


Moving forward, program providers report being involved in conversations with their school or school districts.

Programs in conversations regarding supporting learning this summer: *



Programs in conversations regarding how to best reopen schools*:



*-Data from Spring 2021