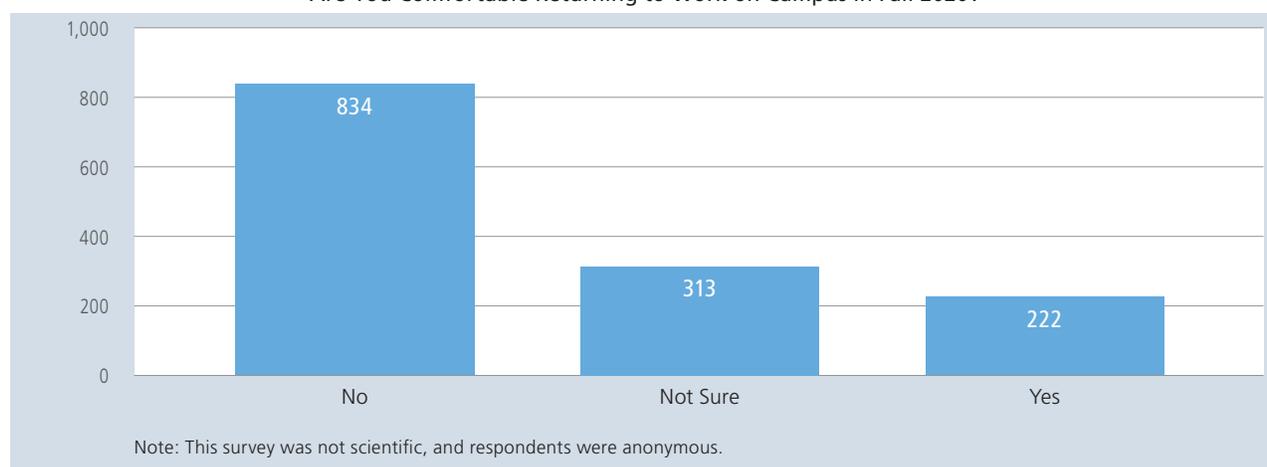


COVID-19 AND HIGHER EDUCATION: THOUGHTS ON RETURNING TO CAMPUS IN FALL 2020

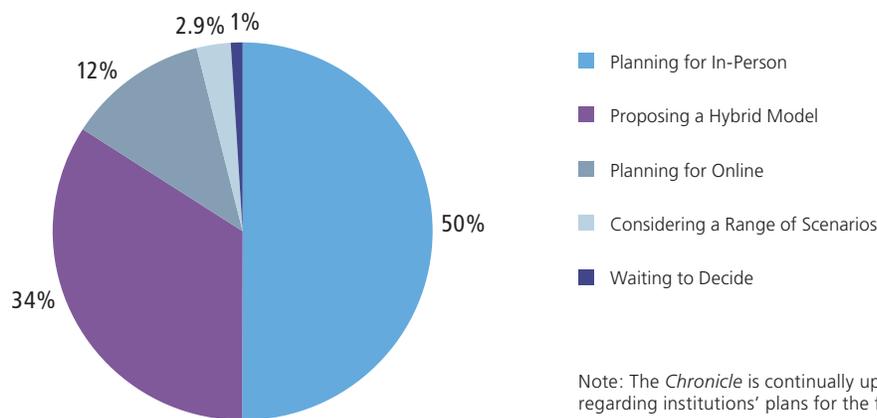
In June 2020, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported on survey data exploring its readers' views on returning to campus in the fall of 2020 amidst concerns regarding COVID-19. Survey results suggest that faculty are uneasy about returning to in-person instruction in the new academic year. Of the 1,369 *Chronicle* readers who responded to the survey, 834 indicated that they were not comfortable returning to campus in the fall. Many respondents expressed concerns about their institution's ability to provide a safe work environment and were fearful that a return to in-person instruction would exacerbate the spread of the virus.

Are You Comfortable Returning to Work on Campus in Fall 2020?



The *Chronicle* is also tracking college and university plans for Fall 2020 instruction as the new academic year approaches. As of July 23, 2020, *Chronicle* data indicate that 50 percent of the 1,250-plus institutions included in its sample plan to reconvene in-person in the fall. However, this figure is subject to change; the number of institutions planning to return to face-to-face instruction has decreased by approximately 15 percent since early June.

College and University Plans for Fall 2020 Instruction, as of July 23, 2020



Source: "My Gut Response is Fear and Dread": Thoughts on Returning to Campus this Fall," and "Here's a List of Colleges' Plans for Reopening in the Fall," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The full articles can be found here: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/My-Gut-Response-Is-Fear-and/248758> and <https://www.chronicle.com/article/Here-s-a-List-of-Colleges-/248626>.