

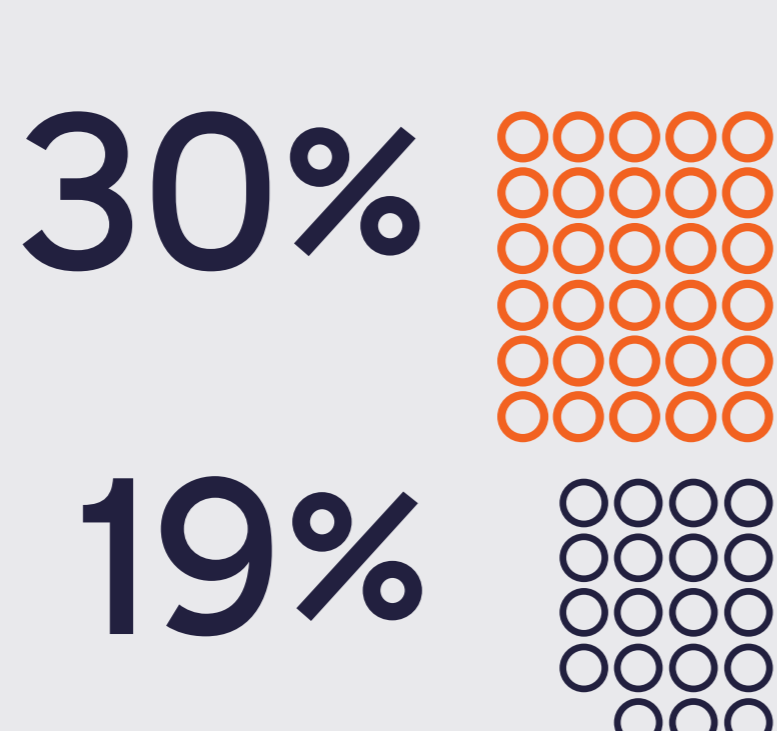
After a difficult year navigating **remote learning** and changing expectations of what college may look like amid the pandemic, a national survey from Discover® Student Loans revealed families' feelings about the college experience are now **returning to "normal."**

63% of parents surveyed agree their college plans have returned to what they were before the pandemic.

Of those who altered their college plans since the start of the pandemic, most say they will now attend a **school closer to home** (18%), an **online university** (10%) or **go to a less expensive school** than initially planned (10%).

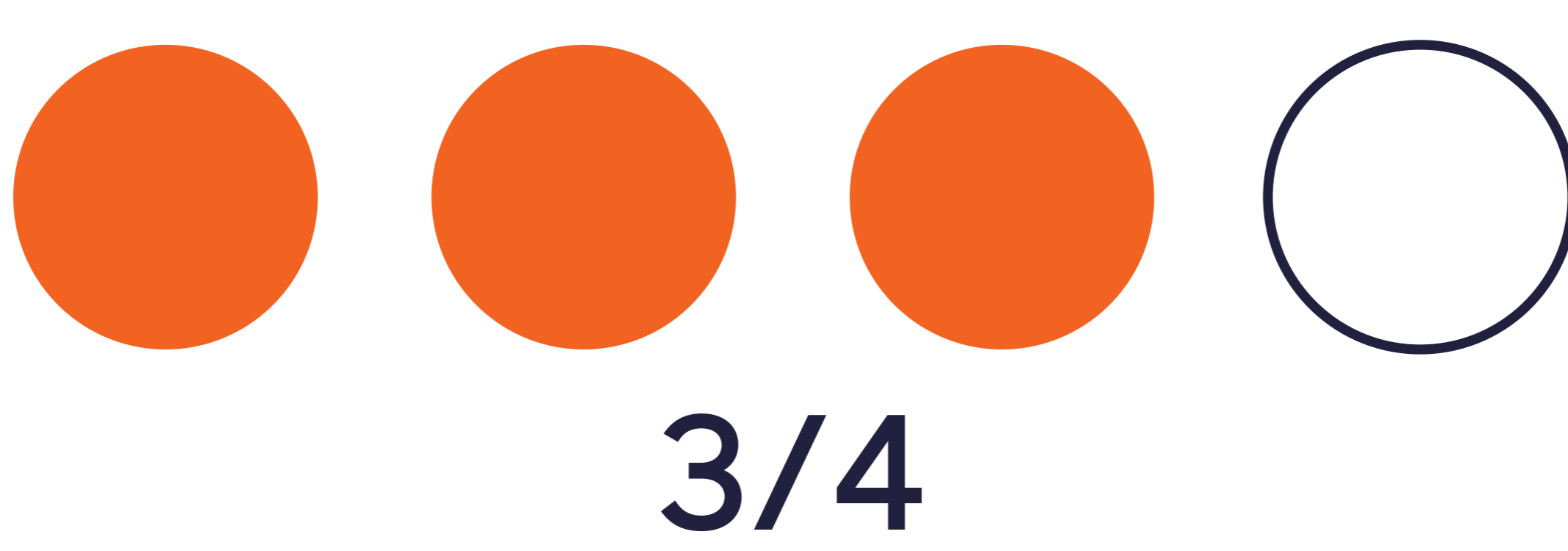


40%
of parents say their ability to help pay has improved since this time last year.



Of those parents who are worried about paying for college, just 19% say they lost money because of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 – down from 30% who said they lost money in 2020.

Nearly **three-in-four parents** (73%) say they will **pay for half or more** of their child's education.



43%

of parents say they will not limit their child's college choices **based on price**, up 10 percentage points from 2018.



63%
of parents say they are still **worried about having enough money** to help pay for their child's education.

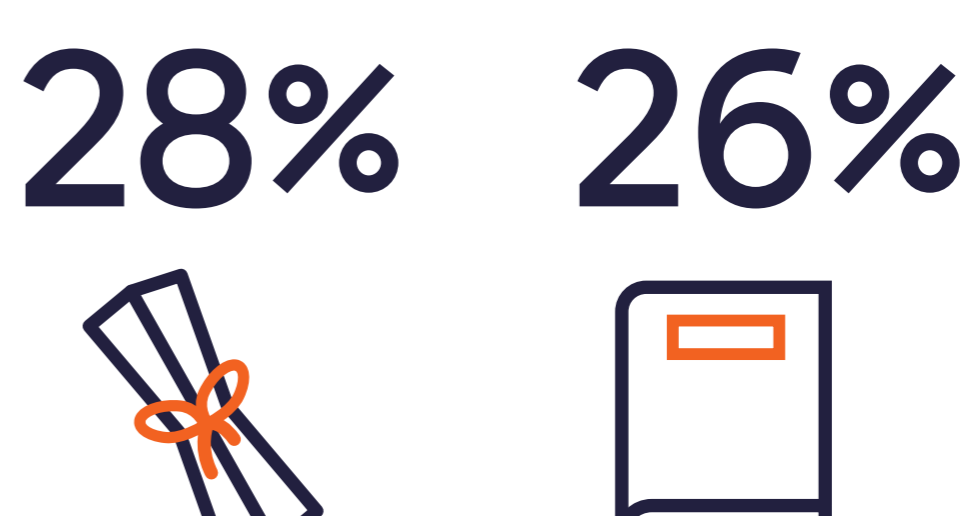
Most parents are worried their child is **not receiving enough in financial aid** (55%) or **scholarships** (49%).



38%

of parents say **paying for college** is the child's top concern about attending college, followed by **applying for scholarships and aid** (30%).

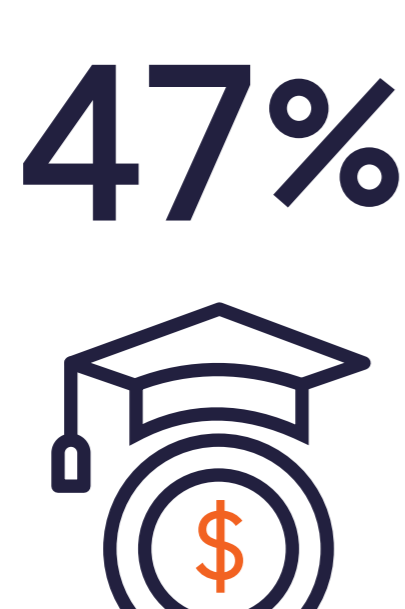
These concerns with financing college outranked **choosing a major** (28%) and **facing more difficult classes** (26%).



Over half (59%) of parents say the pandemic caused them and their student to have more **candid conversations** about how their family **will pay for college**.

While 41% of parents **don't feel like they started saving early enough**, up from 37% in 2019, most are planning to leverage **a mix of resources to finance college**.

Scholarships/grants (47%), **savings** (45%) and **student loans** (37%) continue to be the most popular financing options among parents.



While families are returning to their pre-pandemic college plans, a large percentage of parents and students worry about having enough funds to pay for school and receiving enough in financial aid and scholarships. Discover Student Loans is here to help, with a scholarship tool to search more than \$3 million in scholarships, calculators to help you plan your college finances, and student loan options to help cover college costs with zero fees.