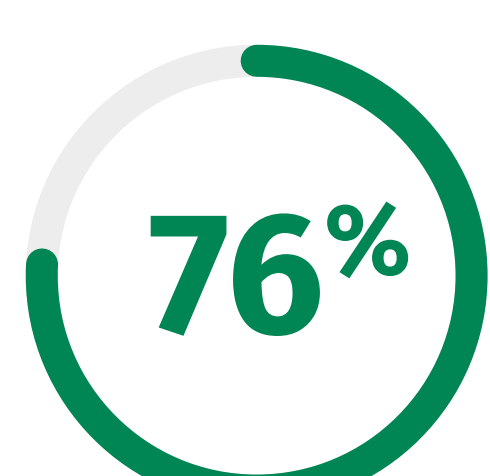


# The future of work in the eyes of today's teens.

A highlight of Junior Achievement and Citizens 2023 Survey of high school students on their economic and college concerns, career aspirations, and overall financial preparedness.



## High school students today have a different perspective on their future education and the concerns that come with it.



More than three-fourths of teens agree that a **two-year or technical certification is enough to get a good job**



Less than half of teens agree that one **must have a four-year degree to have a good job**



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## Top concerns of attending college.



of respondents cited that the **cost of post-high school education** was their biggest concern (vs. 49% in 2022)

**50%** taking on **student debt**

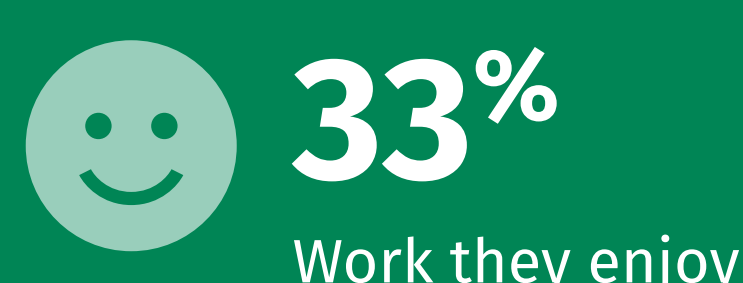
**36%** uncertainty about **career goals**

**33%** moving and **living away from home**

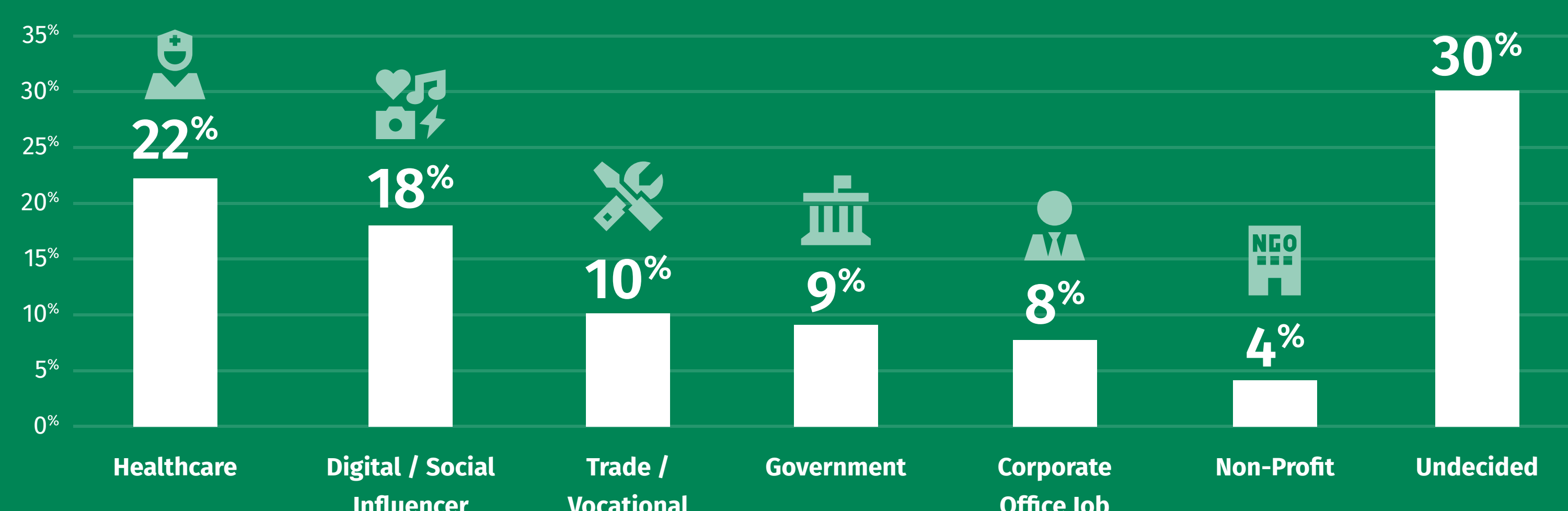
**24%** not knowing if post high school education is **worth the time and money**

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## What students deem important in their career.



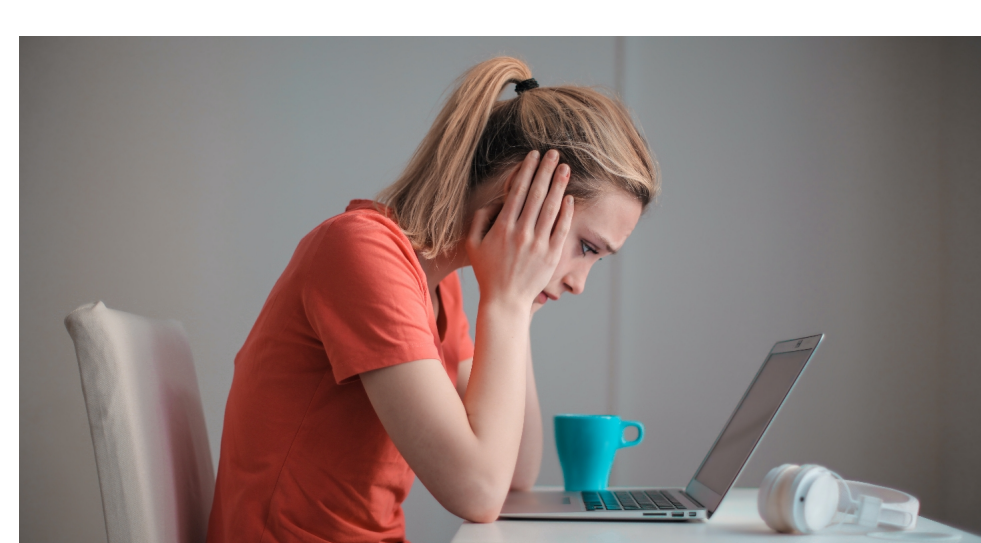
## Top types of careers teens are interested in.



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Overall **61% of students would rather start their own business** than have a traditional job



In 2023, **70% of teens** (vs. 61% in 2022) **have financial concerns about pursuing higher education.**



**47% of teens currently feel prepared to pay for college or begin a career**

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## Top worries students see for the future.



**Inflation**



**State of the Economy**



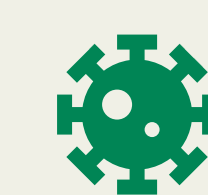
**Rising Home Prices**



**Greater Awareness of Mental Health Issues**



**Government Efforts to Address Student Loan Debt**



**Impacts of COVID on Their Education**



**Global Tensions and Conflict**



**Shift to Remote/Hybrid Work**

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