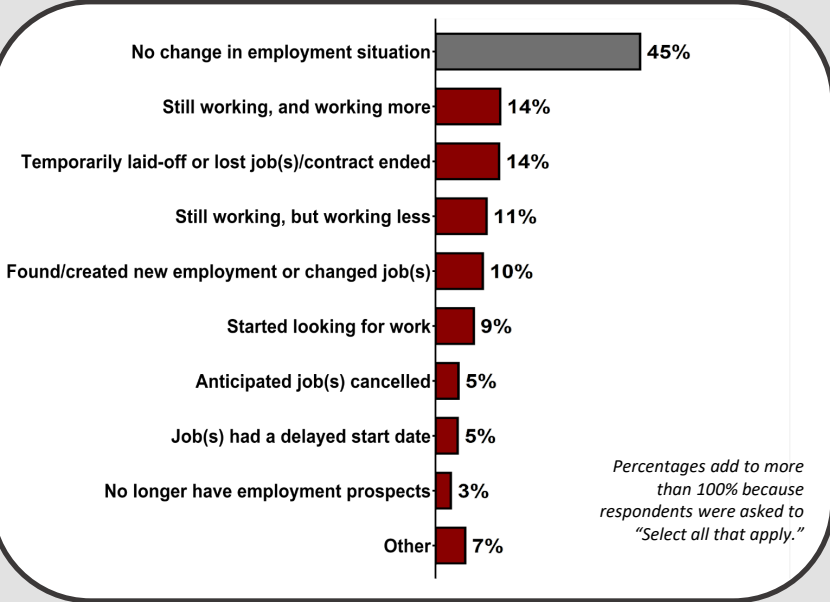


How were recent Maritime university graduates impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?

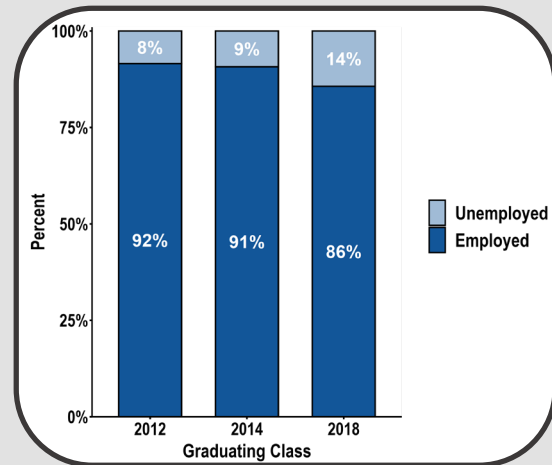


We asked the Class of 2018 bachelor's graduates to report how they have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is what they reported:

55% of graduates reported a change in their EMPLOYMENT situation.

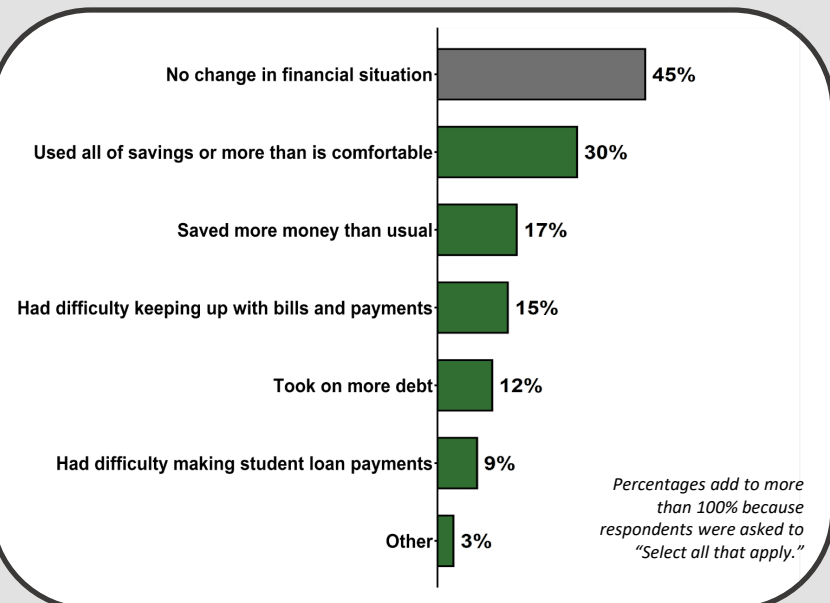


% unemployed was *higher* two years after graduation for the Class of 2018 compared with two recent graduating classes.

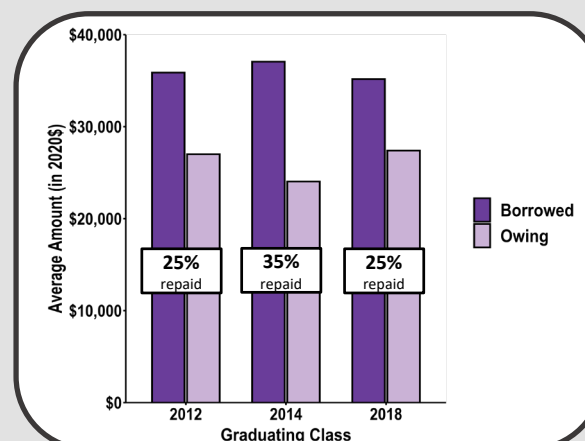


60% of unemployed 2018 graduates said their job situation was not pandemic related.

55% of graduates reported a change in their FINANCIAL situation.

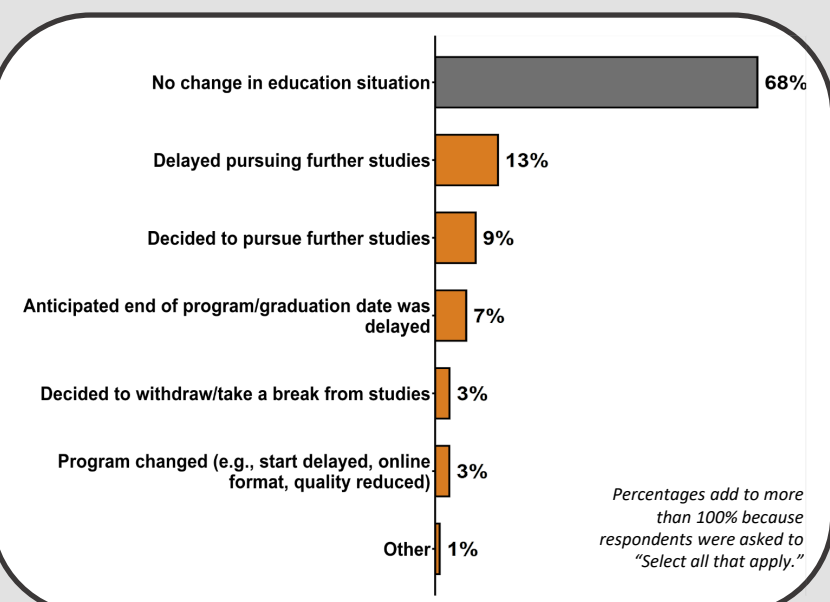


Two years after graduation, the Class of 2018 had **repaid 25%** of what they borrowed to finance their education*. Their borrowing and owing profile was similar to those of recent classes.

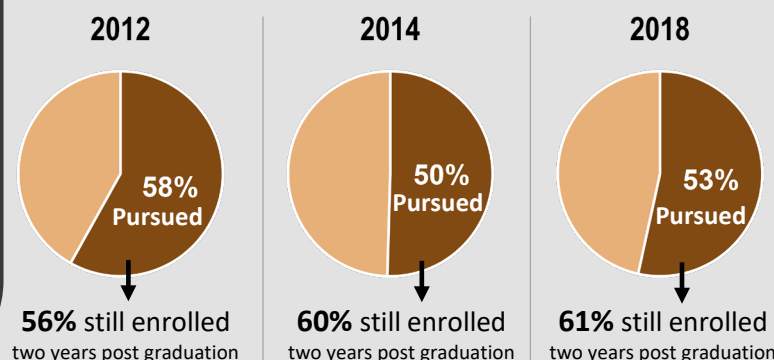


* from all sources for the first degree and/or further education.

32% of graduates reported a change in their plans for further EDUCATION.



Similar to recent classes, **53%** of the Class of 2018 graduates pursued further education and, of those who pursued, most were still enrolled two years after graduation.



Between September and December 2020, Prairie Research Associates, on behalf of the MPHEC, surveyed the Class of 2018 bachelor's graduates from universities in the Maritimes. 3,339 graduates responded, representing 31.8% of the class. This analysis includes the 2,437 first-degree holders (i.e., those who enrolled in their 2018 degree without a prior post-secondary credential). The margin of error for these results is ± 2.0 pp.

