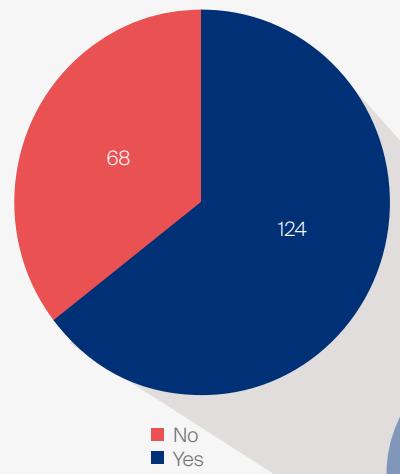


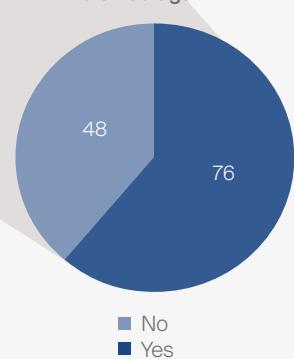
## Life on pause

Much research shut down by Covid-19 has yet to restart

Did you have to pause / stop your research because of the pandemic?



Has your research now started again?



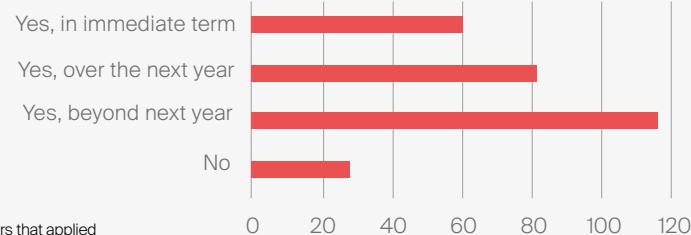
Total respondents: 192

## Funding fears

Serious concerns about the impact of the pandemic on research funding are spreading throughout the sector

Are you concerned about the impact of Covid-19 on your external sources of research funding?

Total respondents: 190  
Respondents ticked all answers that applied

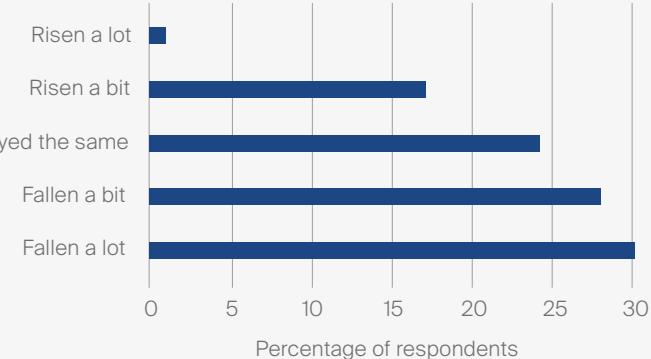


## Papers vs pandemic

For many researchers, the lockdown had a serious impact on their productivity

In terms of papers, how has the pandemic affected on your productivity?

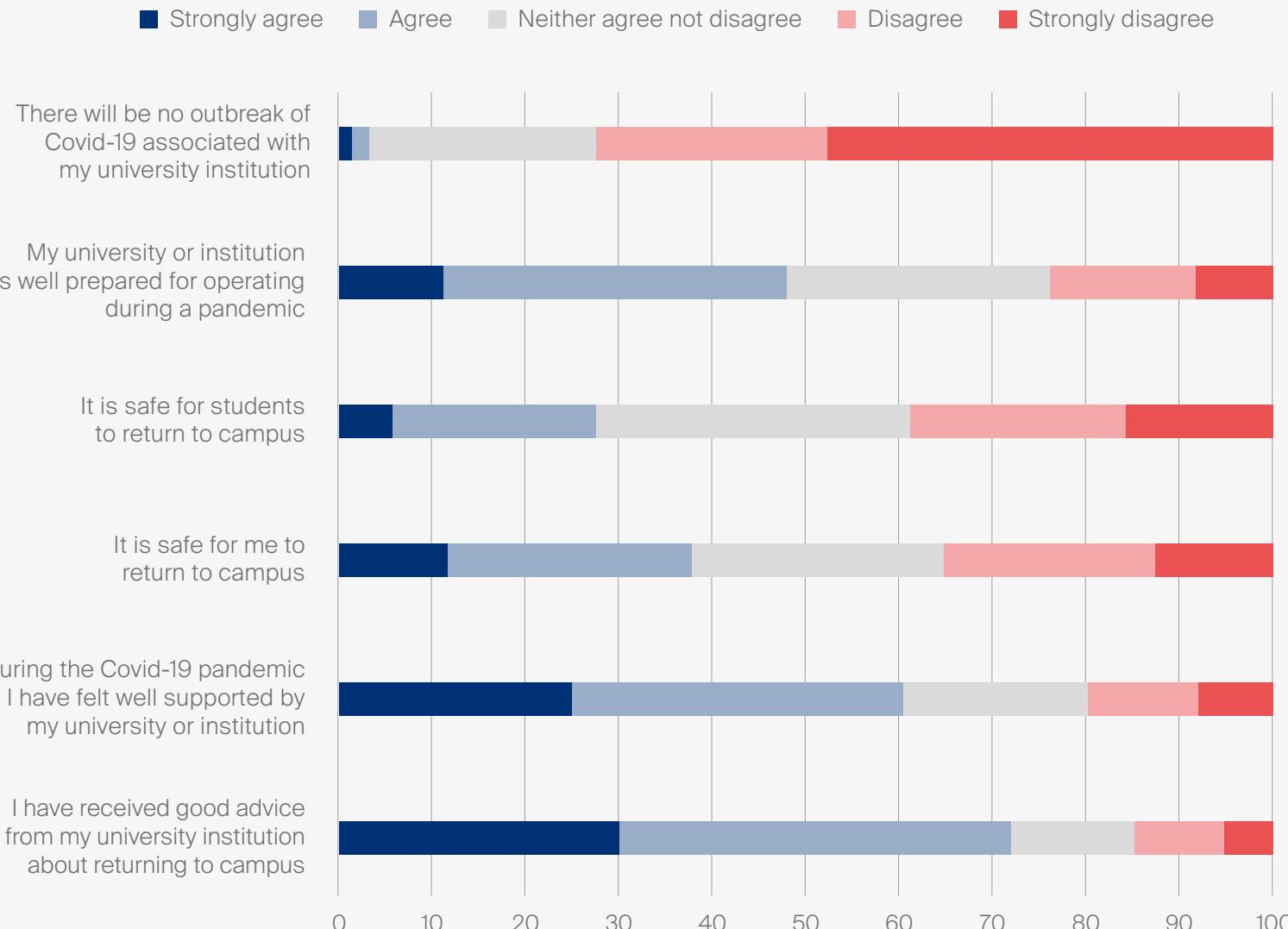
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Percentage of respondents

## Pandemic perceptions

Out of hundreds of university staff surveyed by Research Professional News, only 10 thought there would be no Covid-19 outbreak at their institution



Respondents: Between 305 and 310 people responded to each question

## Voices from the frontlines

University workers across the UK and Europe gave Research Professional News their views on how their institutions are handling the Covid-19 pandemic.

*"We should have gone fully virtual for this academic year"*

Academic at a Russell Group university

Researcher at a Scottish university

*"The stress on staff is unbearable—many breaking—no holidays, working 'till early hours of morning every day...It's going to break! REF a huge load on top of all of this. It's just crazy"*

*"Expecting a paycut and possibly redundancies or restructuring as a result of Covid"*

English university staff member

*"As in most universities, there are concerns about jobs, especially early career and temporary positions, and worries of overload for remaining staff as retirees may not be replaced for some time"*

Russell Group university academic

*"The impact on research has been severe and we are struggling to prioritise this given the urgency of meeting student needs on a weekly basis. Fieldwork and international work has become extremely challenging, if not impossible"*

Scottish university-based researcher

*"Money diverted to dealing with this pandemic has already had an impact on recruitment—job freezes etc—are lessening the ability of admin support to do their jobs"*

Staff member at a Russell Group university

*"If any criticism can be made it is that we were slow in facilitating safe return to campus and research support seems to have taken a bit of a back seat"*

Academic at a Midlands university

*"Too slow getting research staff back and too keen to get students back, and minimal support for staff working from home. Lots of nice words as usual, but little actual help"*

Academic at a Russell Group university