



# Louisianans Speak Out on Medical and Health Research

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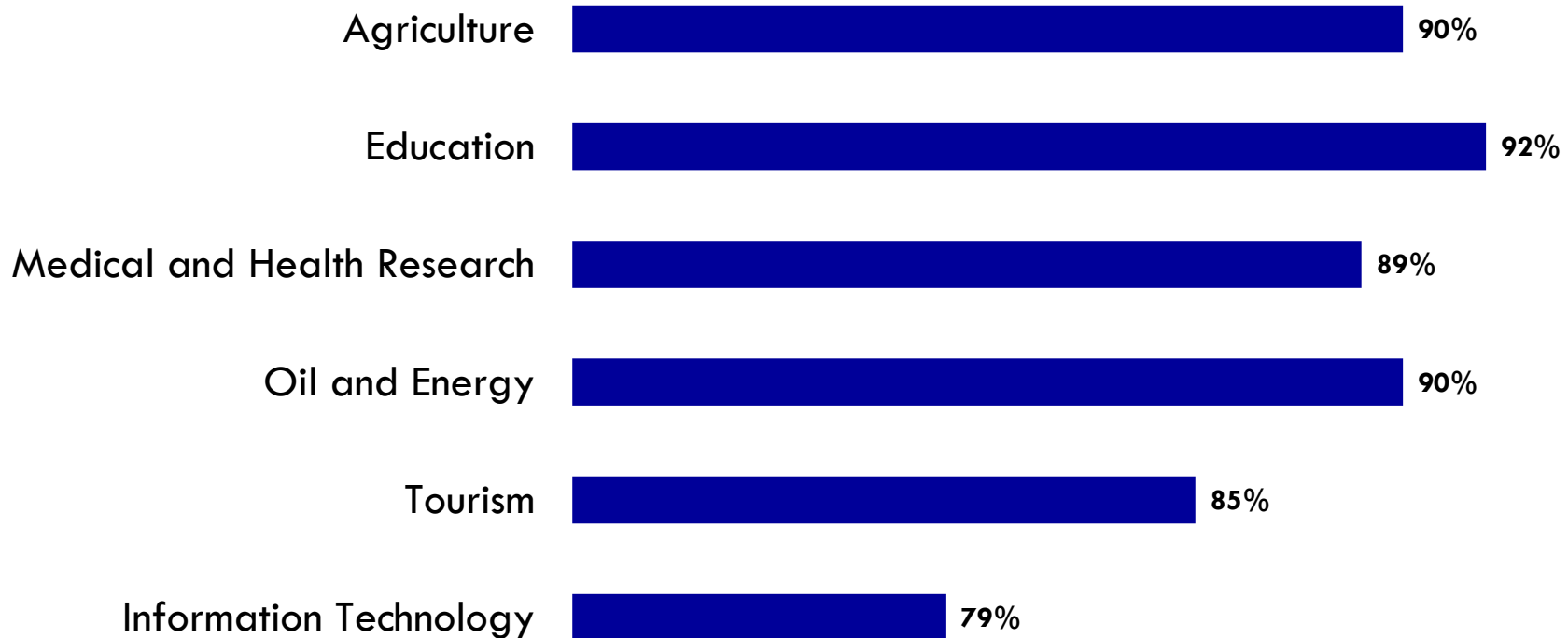
# Survey Methodology

This state online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in February 2016, among 800 adults ages 18+ in Louisiana. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.5 percentage points\*

\*Due to rounding, the total may not add up to 100 on some slides

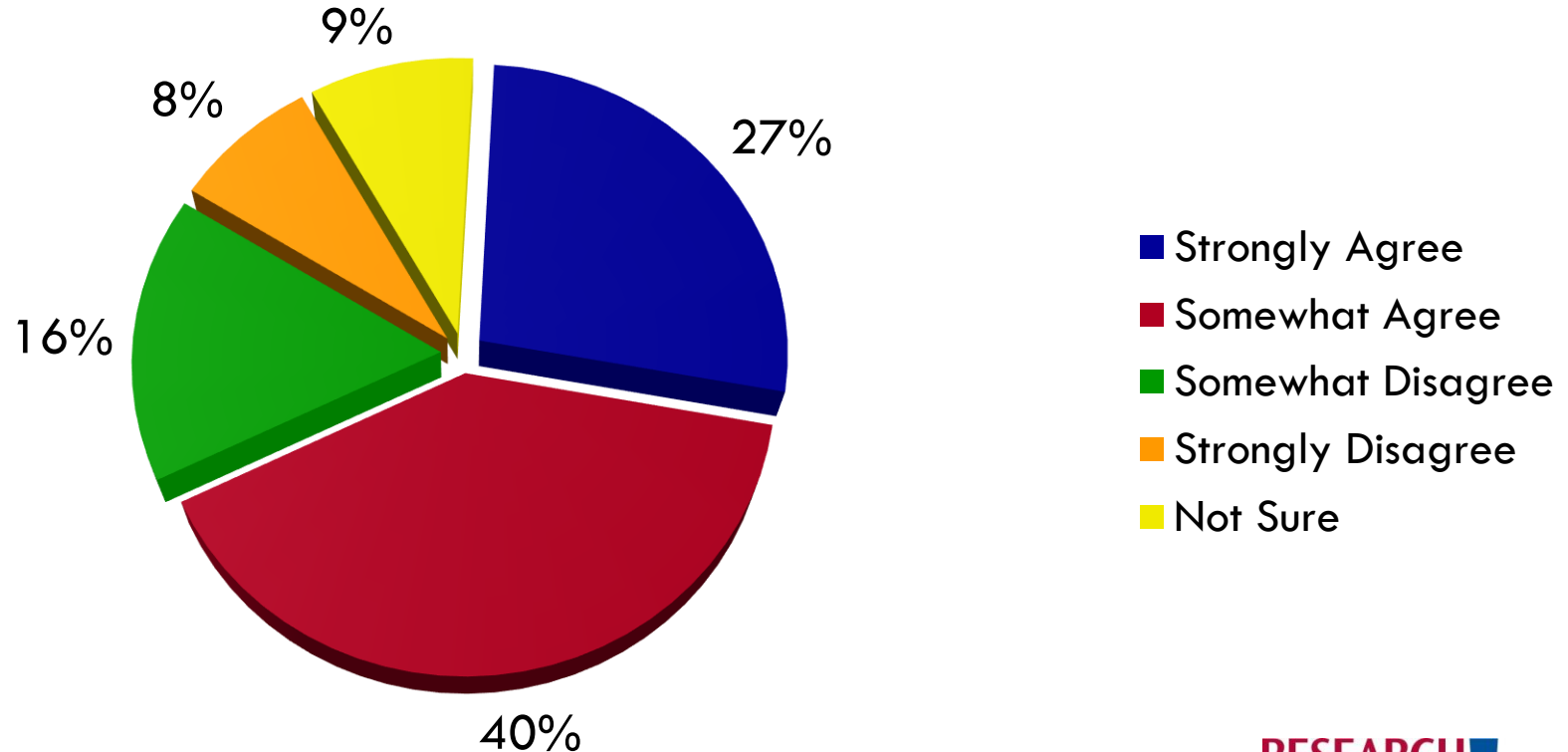
# Important for Louisiana to lead in Research and Technology

How important do you think it is for Louisiana to be a leader in the following categories? (% saying very and somewhat important)



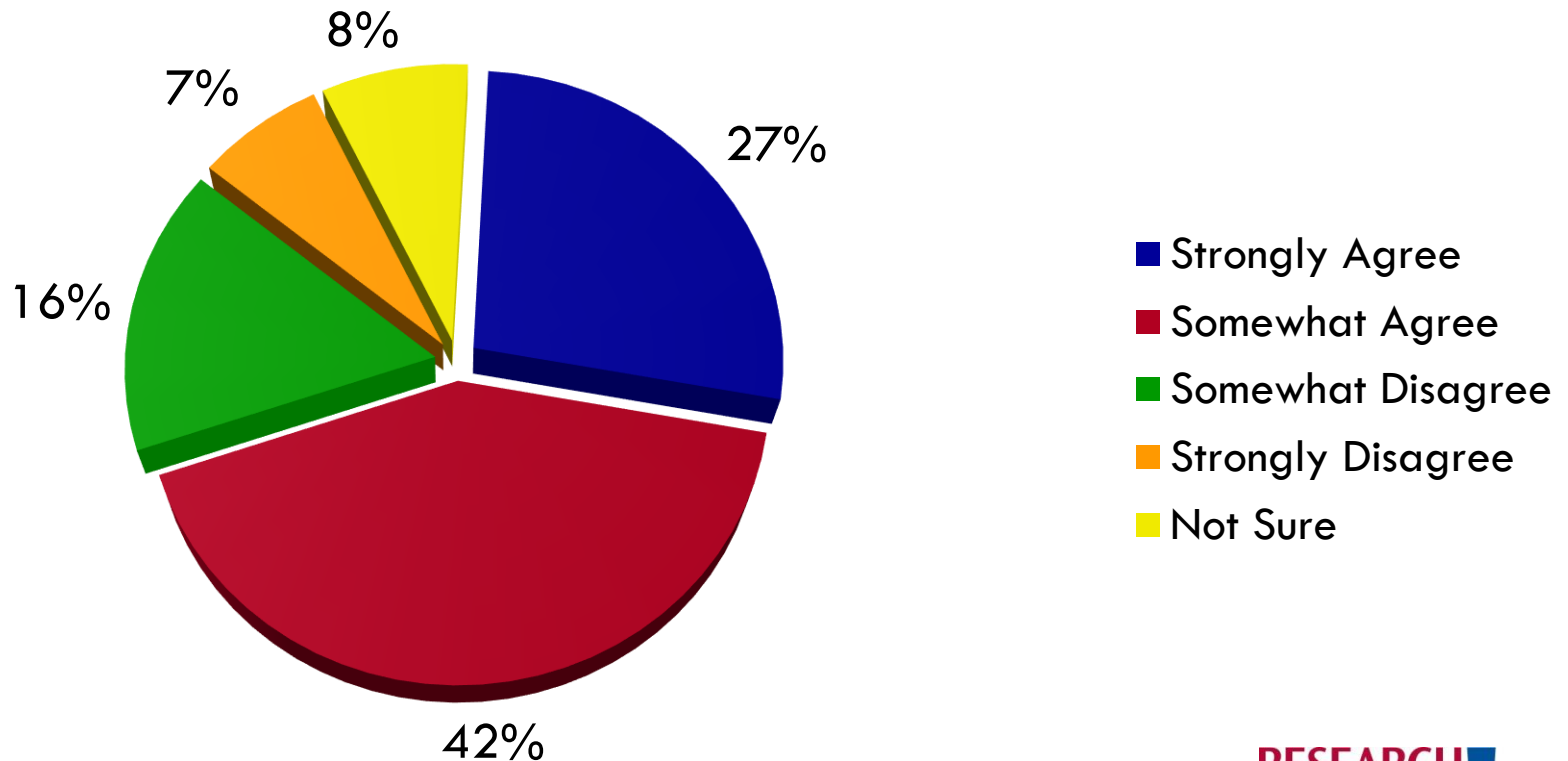
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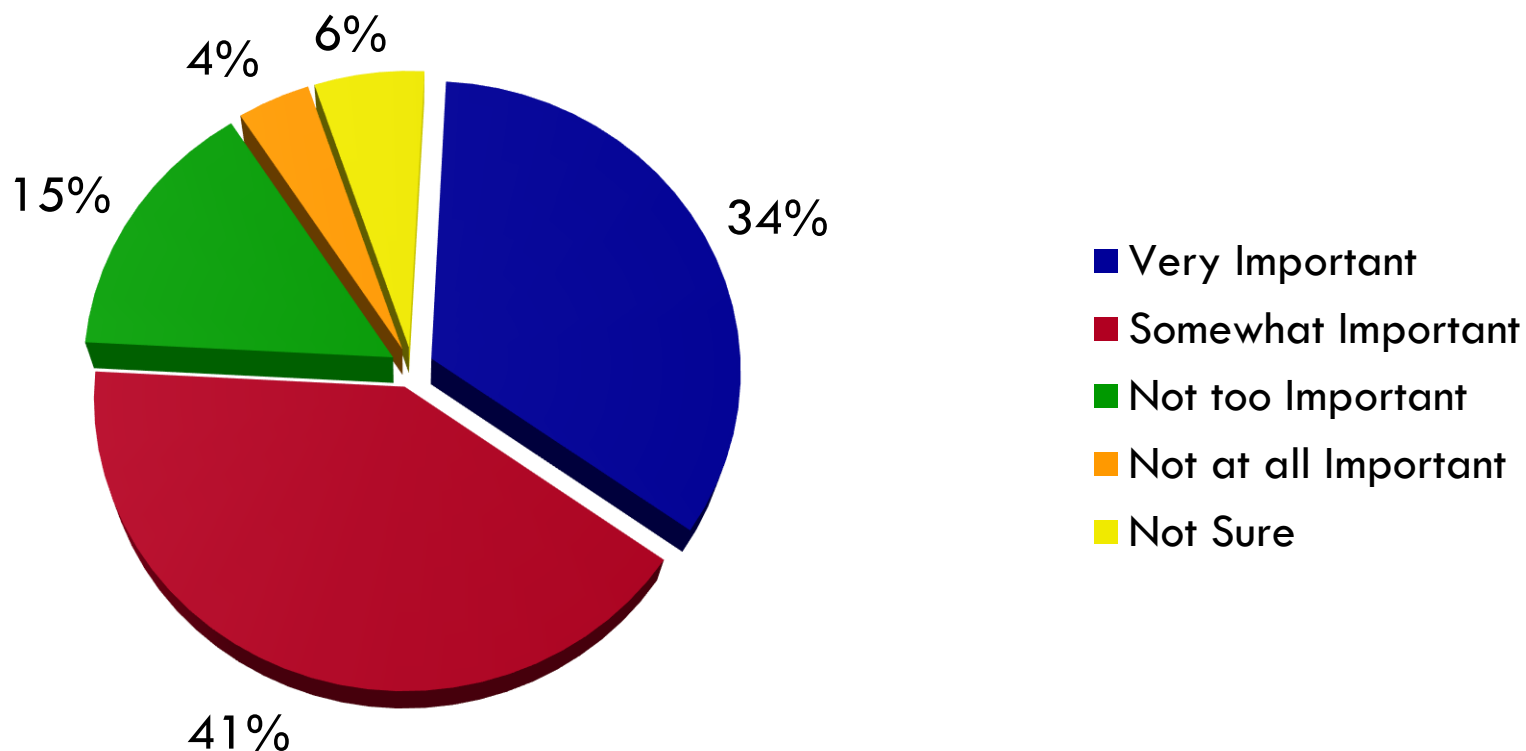
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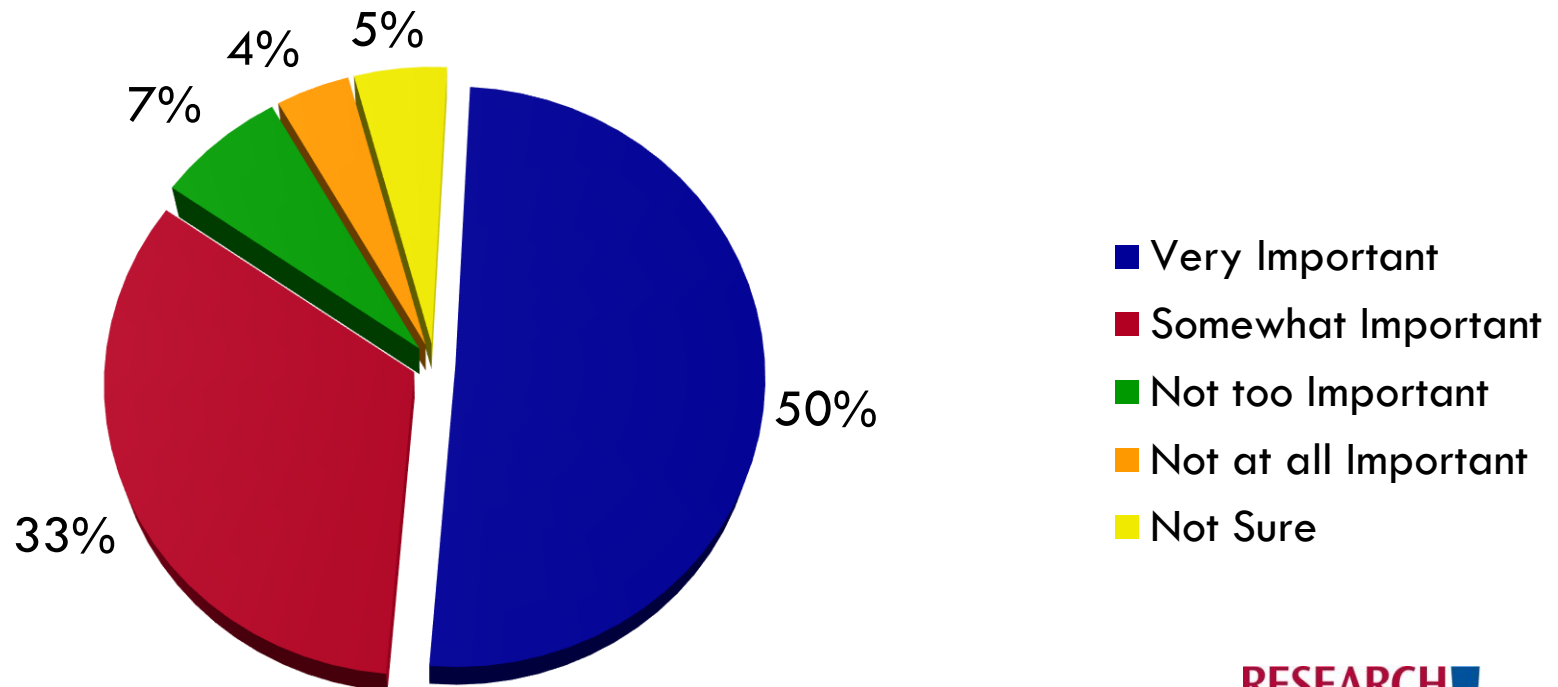
# Investments in Medical Research Important to Louisiana Economy

In terms of jobs and incomes, how important do you think spending money on medical research is to Louisiana's economy?



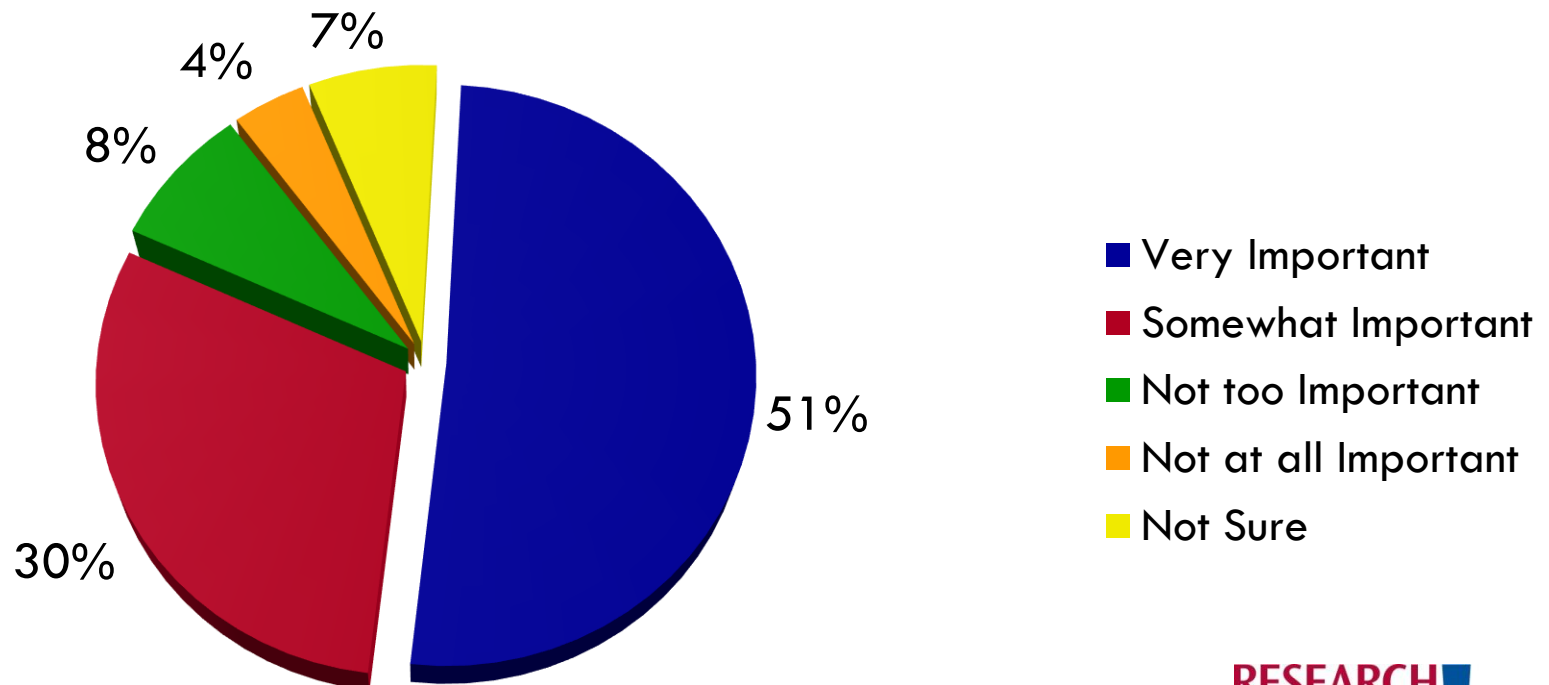
# Important to Conduct Research to Eliminate Health Disparities

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# Federal and Louisiana Lawmakers Should Prioritize STEM Education

Do you agree or disagree the federal government should assign a higher priority to improving education focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and careers in those fields?

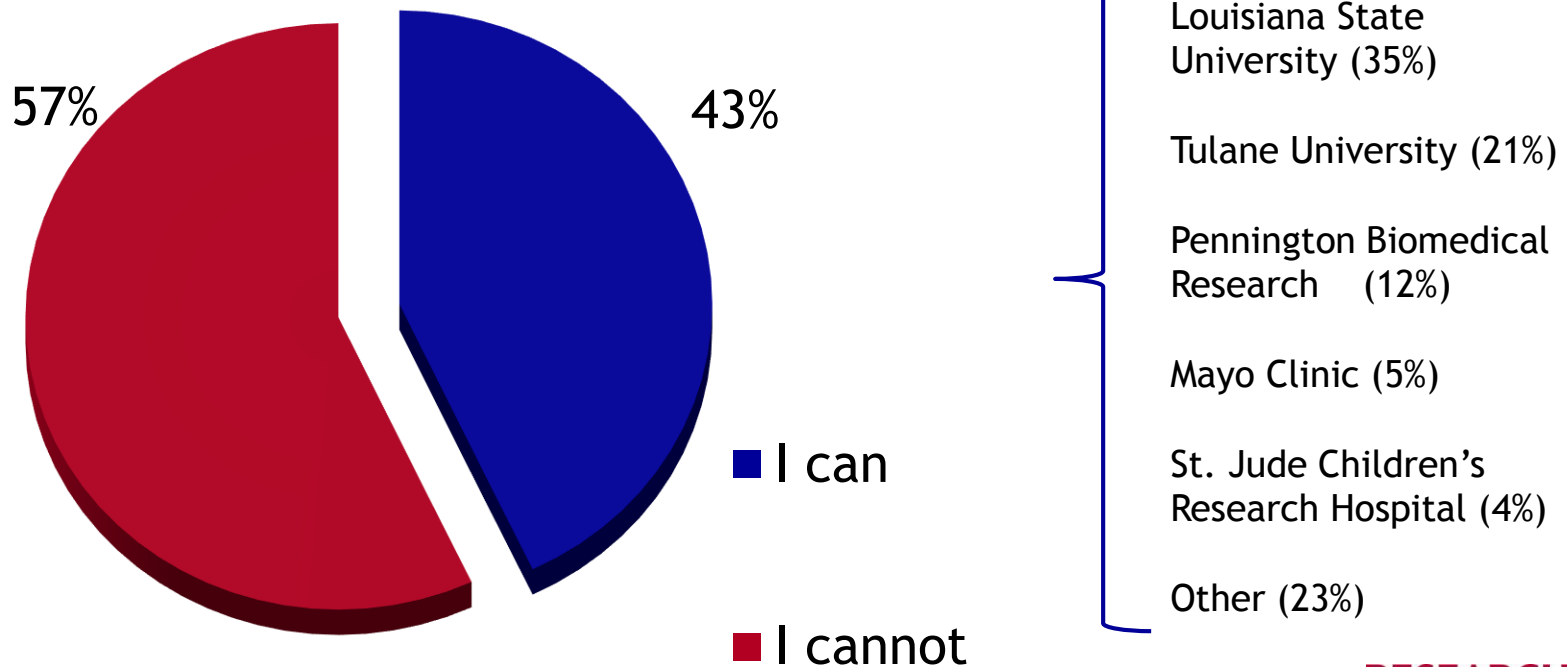
Do you agree or disagree the Louisiana state legislature should assign a higher priority to improving education focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and careers in those fields?



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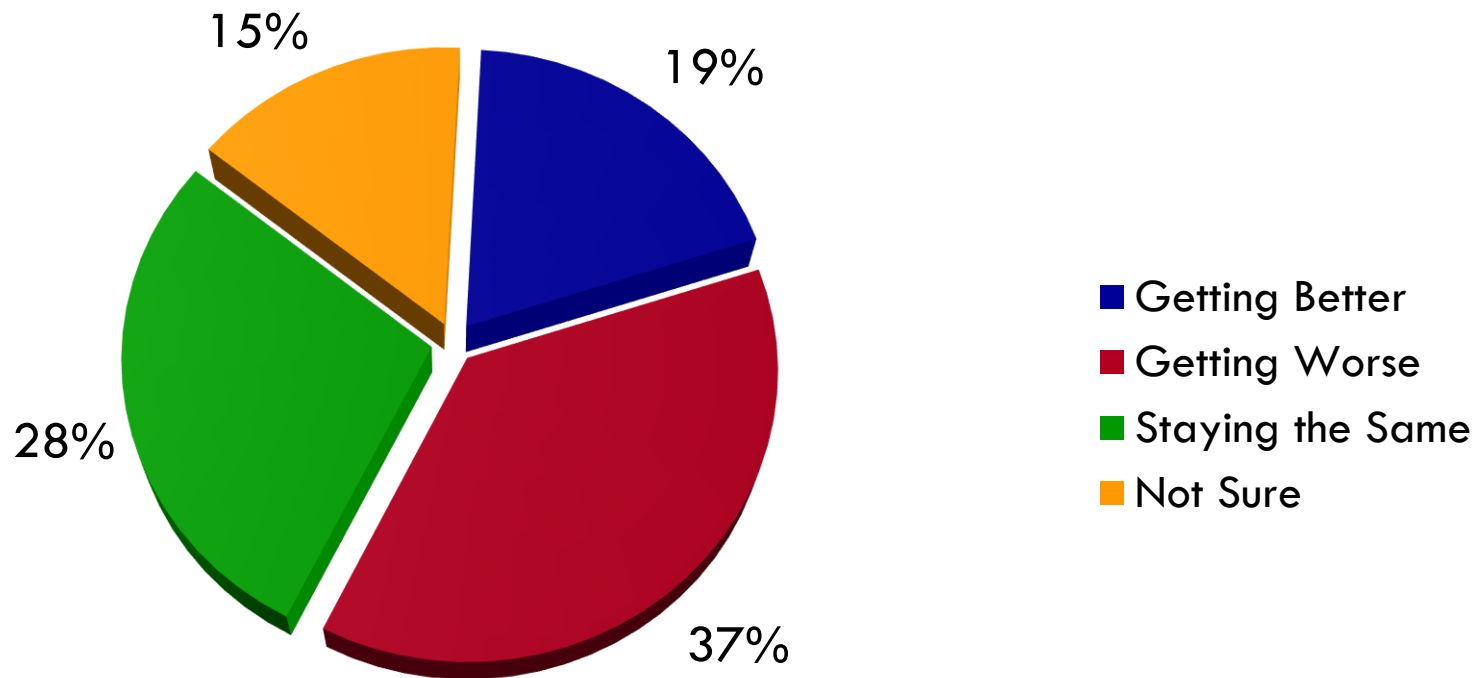
Can you name any institution, company or organization where medical or health research is conducted? For those who answer yes: please provide one or two examples.

*A higher percentage of Louisianans (43%) than the general U.S. population (34%) can name a place where research is conducted.*



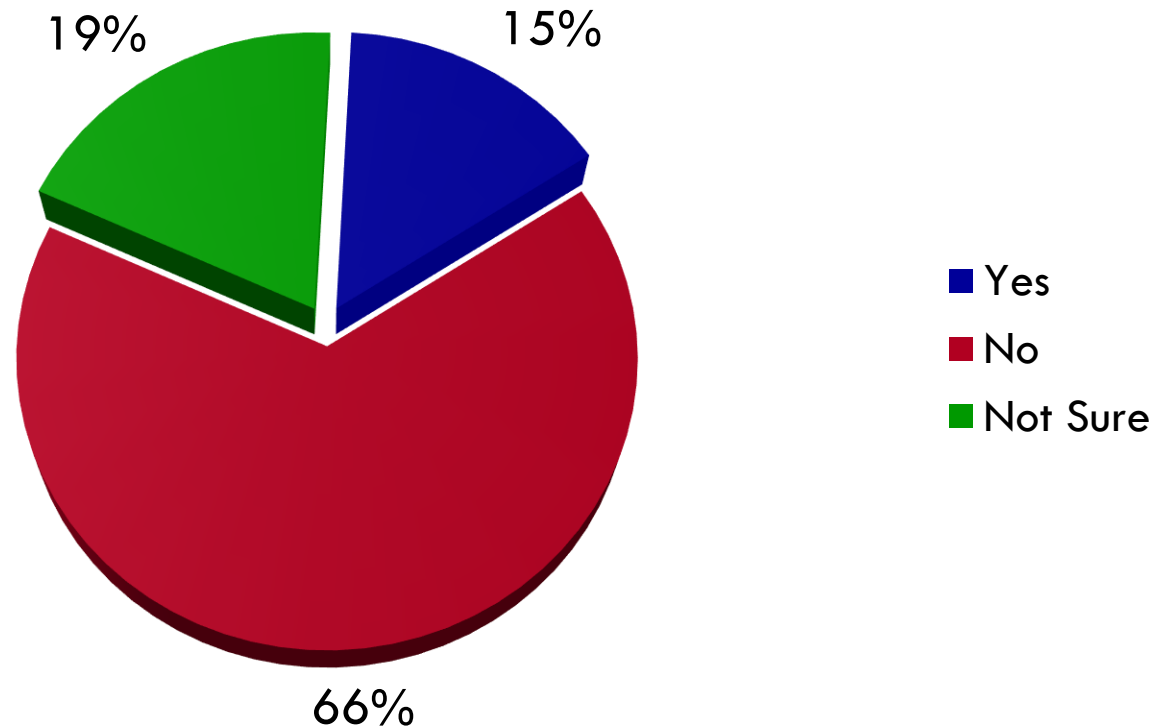
# Access to Mental Health Services is Getting Worse

Do you think access to mental health services, such as counseling, is getting better, getting worse, or staying the same in Louisiana?



# Majority say Mental Health and Physical Health are Treated Differently

Do you think our health care system treats mental health and physical health the same?



# Physical Health Treated with More Importance than Mental Health

Which one do you think is treated with greater importance (in our health care system)?

*A higher percentage of Louisianans (75%) now say physical health is treated as more important than mental health, in comparison to 56% in 2008.*

