U.S. Adults Report Graduating Students are Unprepared for College and the Workplace

How prepared do you believe most high school graduates are to be successful in college?

- **VERY PREPARED**: 3%
- **PREPARED**: 22%
- **SOMewhat PREPARED**: 56%
- **NOT AT ALL PREPARED**: 17%

Younger U.S. adults are most likely to believe graduates are unprepared. Twenty-two percent of adults aged 15-24 believe grads are not at all prepared, compared with 15% of those aged 50 and over.

In your opinion, which of the following types of support would be MOST helpful in improving student preparedness for college? Please select up to two.

- **FINANCIAL PLANNING**: 37%
- **SOCIAL AND LIFE SKILLS**: 37%
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**: 30%
- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**: 28%
- **MENTORING**: 24%
- **COLLEGE PREPARATION**: 21%
U.S. adults with higher levels of education are more likely to believe grads are not at all prepared for success in the workplace. Nearly a quarter of those with a four-year degree (24%) or higher (25%) believe grads are not at all prepared, compared with 12% who have a high school degree only.

In your opinion, which of the following types of support would be MOST helpful in improving student preparedness for the workplace? Please select up to two.

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 12-18, 2018, via the U.S. Gallup Poll, with a random sample of 1,506 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting. The sample includes a minimum quota of 70% cellphone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cellular telephone numbers are selected using random-digit-dial methods.