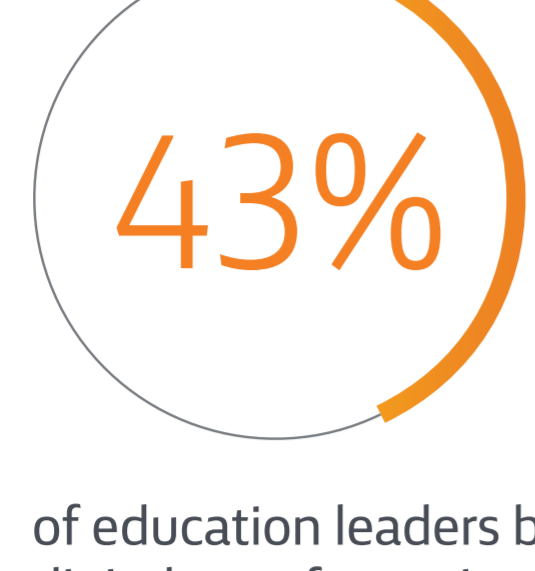


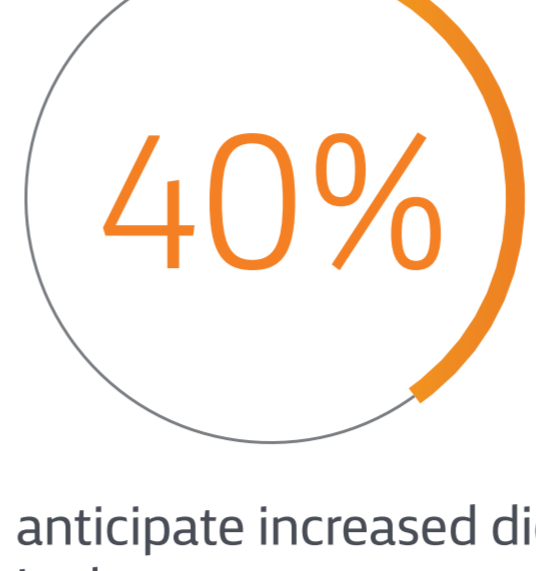
5 of the Most Urgent Digital Transformation Initiatives in Higher Education



Higher education leaders are rallying around the digital journey:



of education leaders believe that digital transformation initiatives are crucial for their institution's success in the coming year.



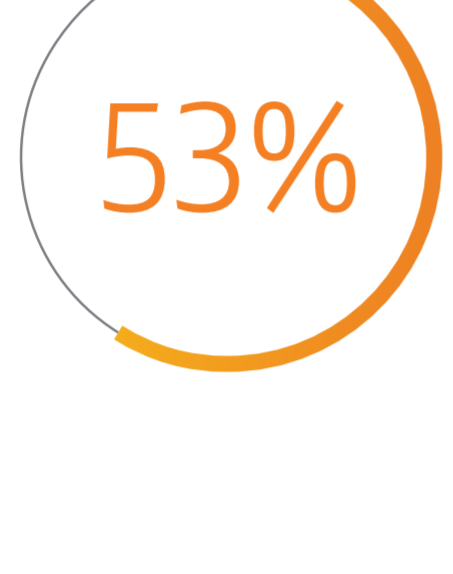
anticipate increased digital budgets in the next two years.

Leaders believe falling short of their goals will have a far-reaching impact:

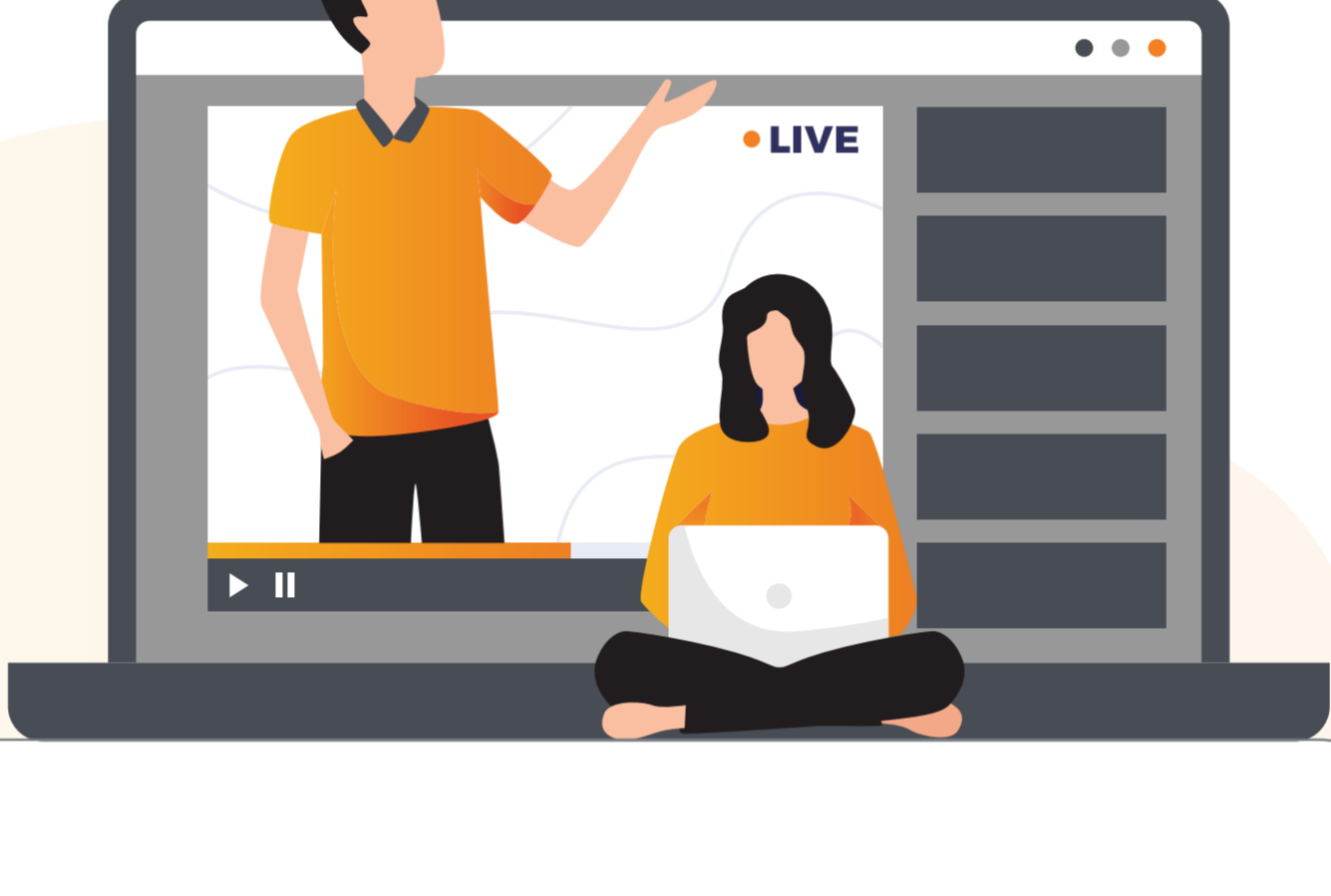
- Strained budgets
- Non-compliance
- Quality issues
- Legal risks
- Cyber risks
- Slow growth
- Low satisfaction

Decision-makers for public and private universities, colleges and technical schools want:

1 Digital tool adoption

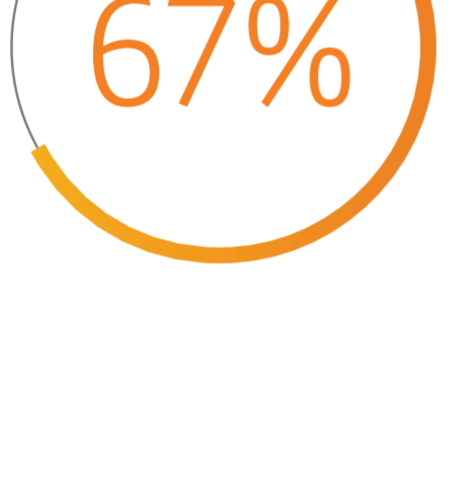


Advancing education technology and e-learning platforms aim to improve and personalize learning.



2 Interoperability

The adoption of digital tools requires improved compatibility and secure data sharing.

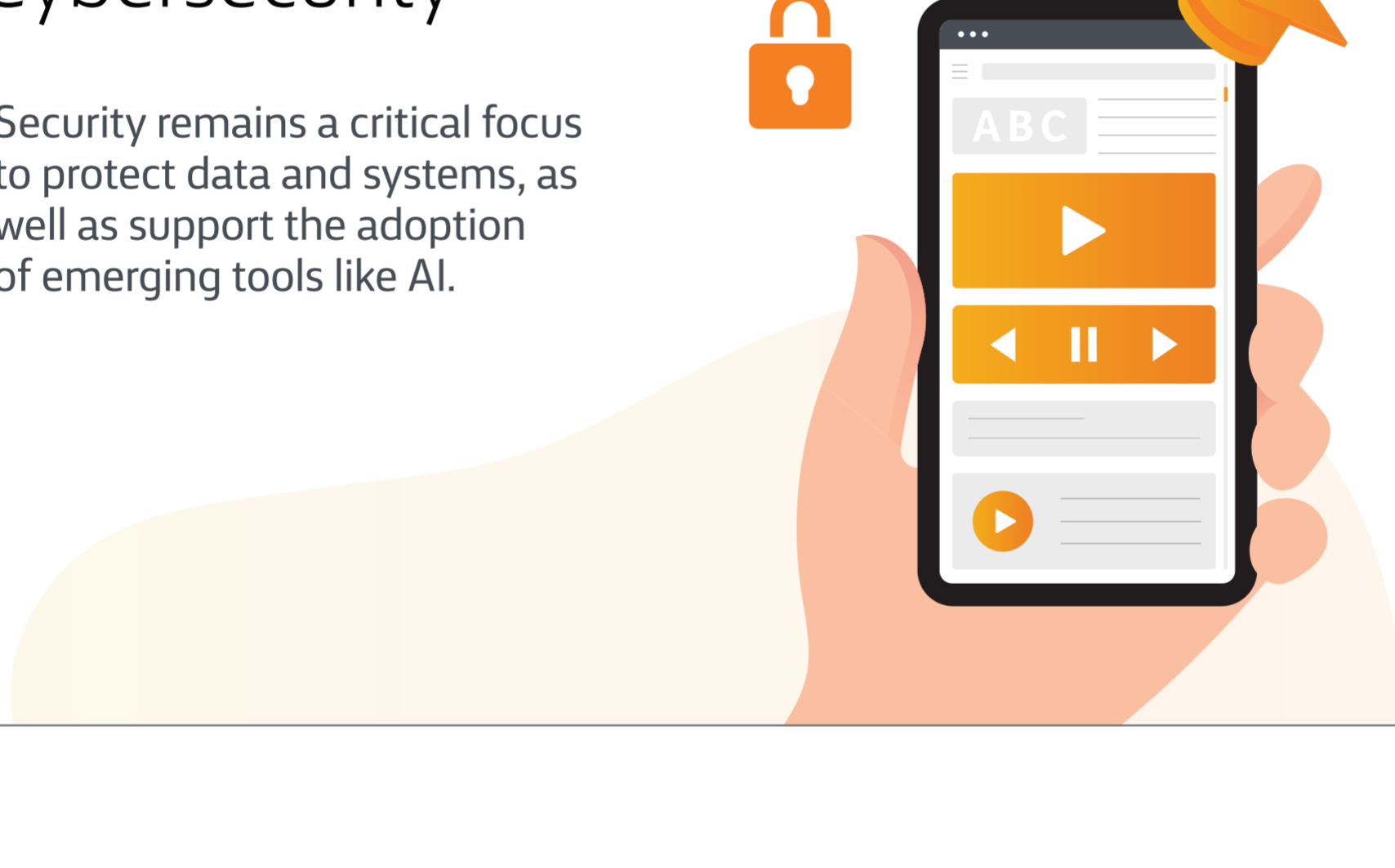


Overcoming fragmented systems is key—over half say their team needs 5+ applications for a complete view of operations.



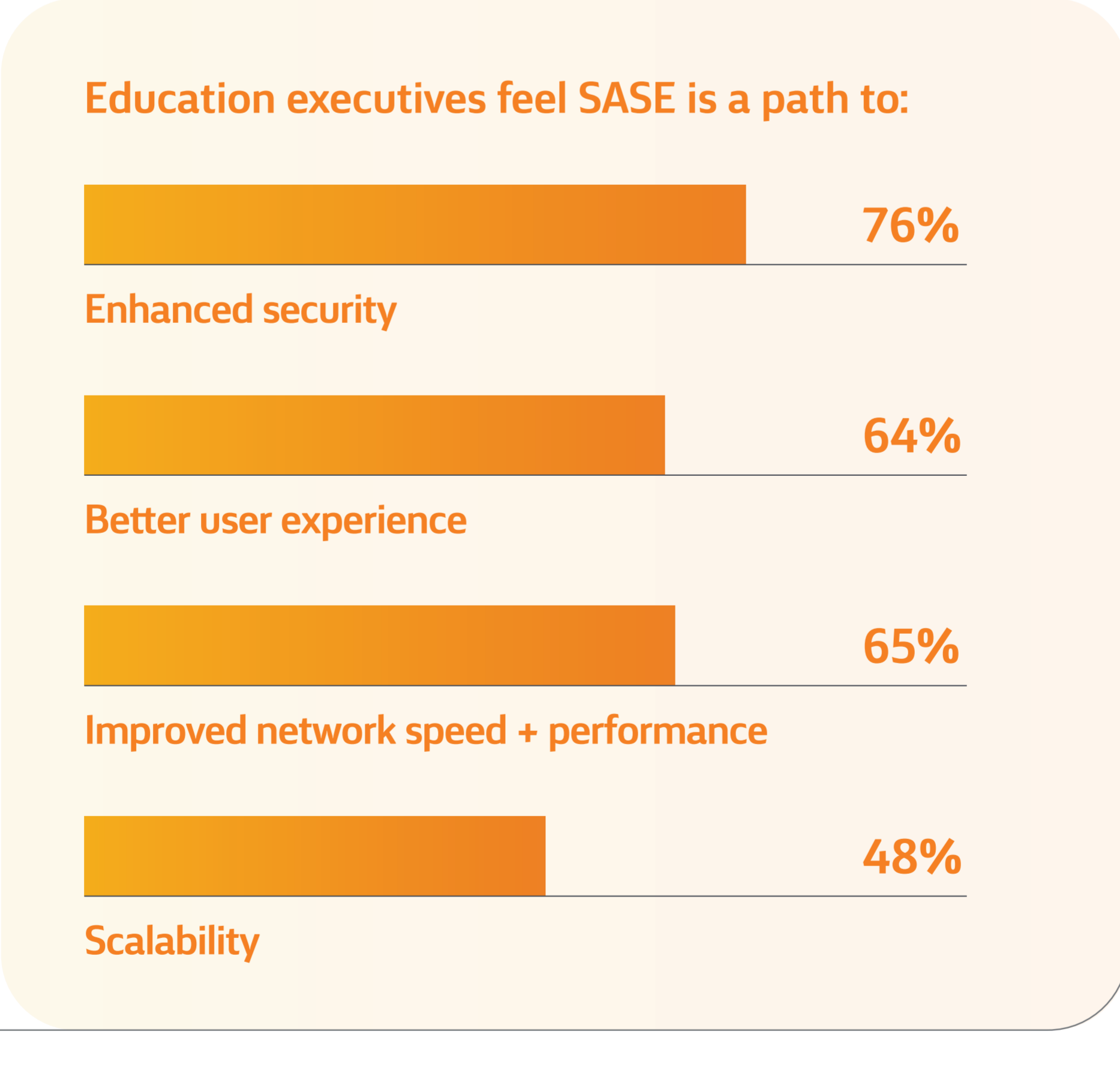
3 Cybersecurity

Security remains a critical focus to protect data and systems, as well as support the adoption of emerging tools like AI.



4 Connected network

Back-end systems get a boost across communications and networking with Secure Access Service Edge (SASE). It's all about delivering secure access and reliability while scaling to support the growing number of users, devices and applications.



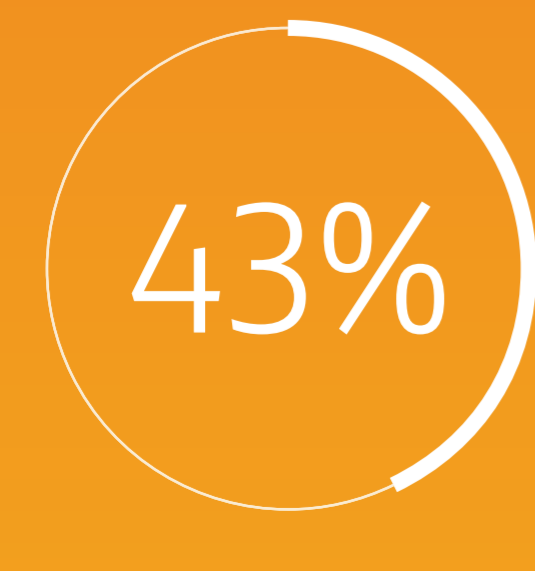
5 Unified IT strategy

Greater collaboration—internally and from outside experts—can keep momentum in motion, even as leadership roles shift.

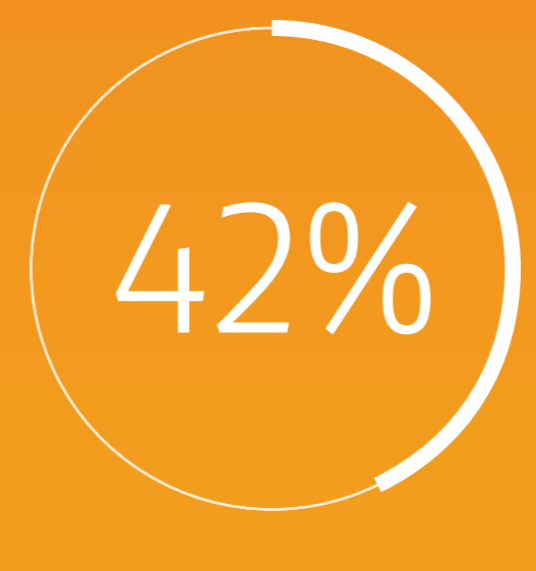
Bridging the gap

Technology cost is not a significant concern among education leaders. Upfront investment is ranked among the lowest concerns.

What do they care about? They want proven vendors with exceptional levels of support.



of higher education organizations manage IT with internal resources, but some still struggle to meet technology demands.



of respondents have already adopted managed services, showing its value in achieving business goals and driving value.