

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON YOUTH MENTORING

1/2 Over 50% of organizations reported that they suspended their mentoring program.

8/10 83% of organizations reported that some of their mentoring relationships ended prematurely because of the pandemic.

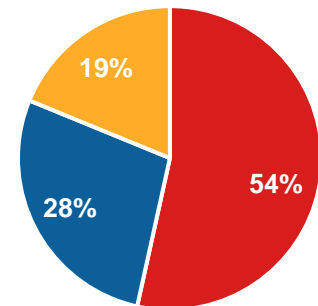
THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

54% Over half of organizations serve fewer mentees.

48% Nearly half of organizations have fewer mentors.

1/2 Close to half of organizations reported that they have more young people waiting for a mentor than before the pandemic.

Number of mentees compared to before the pandemic



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THE IMPACT ON PROGRAMS' SUSTAINABILITY

1/3 1 in 3 organizations reported a reduction in the number of staff members assigned to their mentoring programs.

1/3 Close to 1 in 3 organizations reported budget reductions for their mentoring programs.

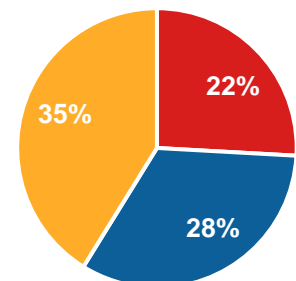
45% Nearly half of organizations received fewer donations for their mentoring programs since the start of the pandemic.

LOOKING FORWARD

1/3 Over 1 in 3 organizations expect to serve more mentees than they did before the pandemic over the next year.

22% Over 1 in 5 organizations still expect to serve fewer young people than before the pandemic over the next year.

Expected number of mentees for the next year compared to before the pandemic



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Mentoring programs' biggest challenges looking forward are:

- Recruiting mentors and mentees.
- Ensuring their financial sustainability through fundraising and grant writing.



MENTOR Canada is a coalition of organizations that provide youth mentoring. We are working together to build sector capacity and expand access to mentoring to empower every young person to reach their potential. Learn more about MENTOR Canada at [MentoringCanada.ca](https://www.mentoringcanada.ca).

MENTOR Canada conducted an online survey for organizations offering mentoring programs to children and youth between August and November 2021. Fifty-four organizations from across Canada responded to the survey. Participating organizations served young people from 6 to 30: 67% served children aged 6-11, 83% served teenagers aged 12-18, 39% served young adults aged 19-24, and 17% young adults aged 25-30.