



# National Benchmarking of 200+ Institutional Responses to COVID-19

# Rapid National Snapshot Of COVID-19 & Higher Education Response



Purposive National Sample of 218 Institutions Reviewed



2 Data Sources

- IPEDS data
- Publicly available data via the web



3-Person data science & coding team



7 key questions:

1. Where are the known HE cases of COVID-19?
2. Are classes online?
3. Are dorms open?
4. Are employees mandatory working from home?
5. Are employees offered a COVID-19 emergency leave benefit?
6. Are classes being taught pass fail?
7. Is commencement cancelled?

***How are  
Colleges & Universities  
Responding to COVID-19?***



# National Snapshot Overview of Institutions

Private – 27% (n=56)

Public – 65% (n=138)

Community Colleges – 8% (n=16)

# Snapshot of Framing Insights



- Most, if not all, institutions have a dedicated coronavirus website
- Information about commencement was usually found separately
- Most COVID-19 pages were linked to the university health pages and provided information about supporting mental health
- Very few institutions had a specialist disaster or emergency committee leading; information tended to come from the provost or equivalent
  - Exception: UCSF had a Global Disaster Assistance Committee leading on efforts
- Very few links to diversity and inclusion bias reporting or statements
  - Exceptions in the case studies below: Delaware and Yale
- It was not always easy to find whether a member of the community had been infected
- Very tricky finding staff information; focus on students
- Few resources/information aimed at broader community/family
  - E.g., worried parents, greater community surrounding campus



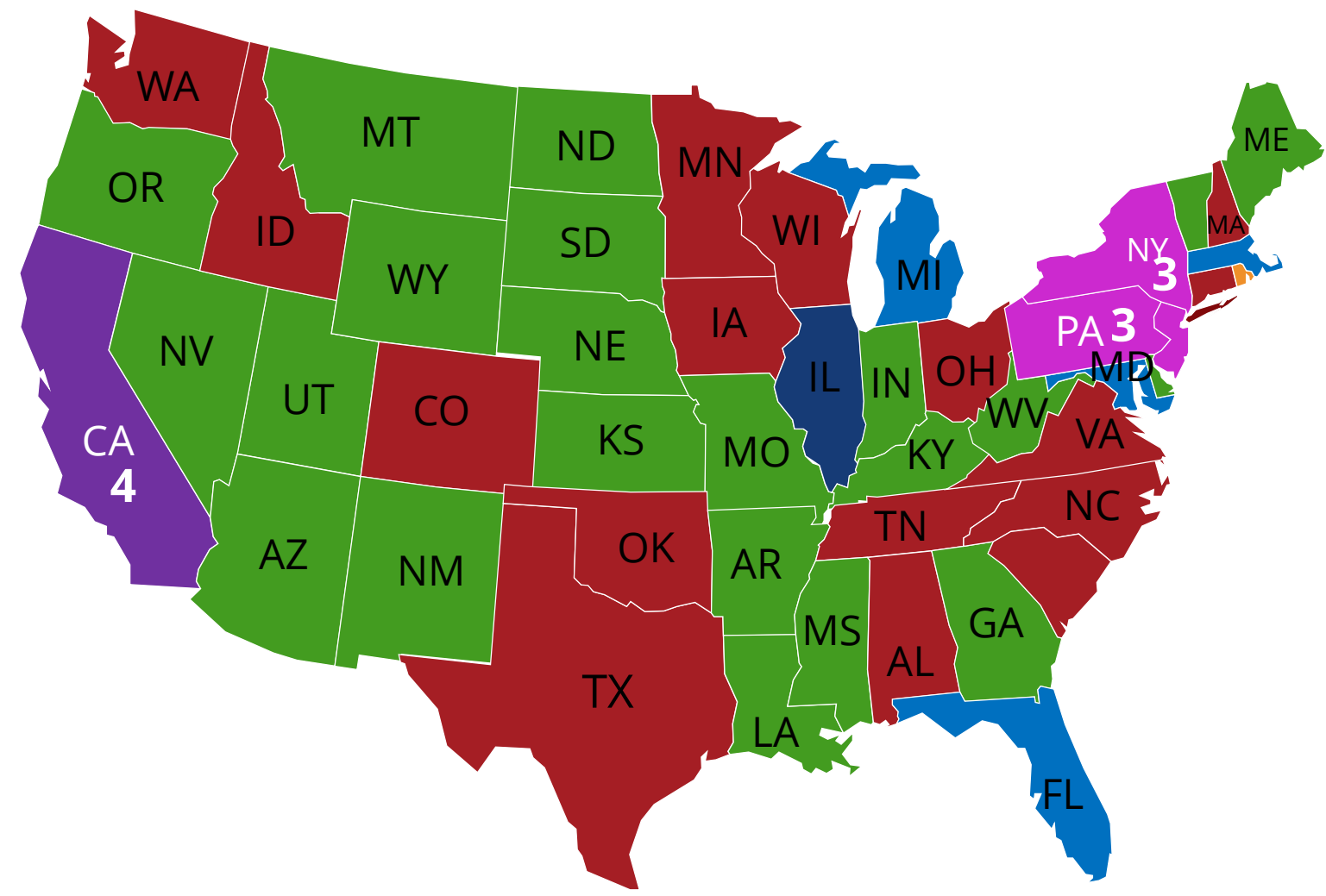
**20% of Institutions  
Reported a  
COVID-19 Positive in  
Their Community  
(n=42)**



# COVID-19 Positive Cases at Colleges and Universities

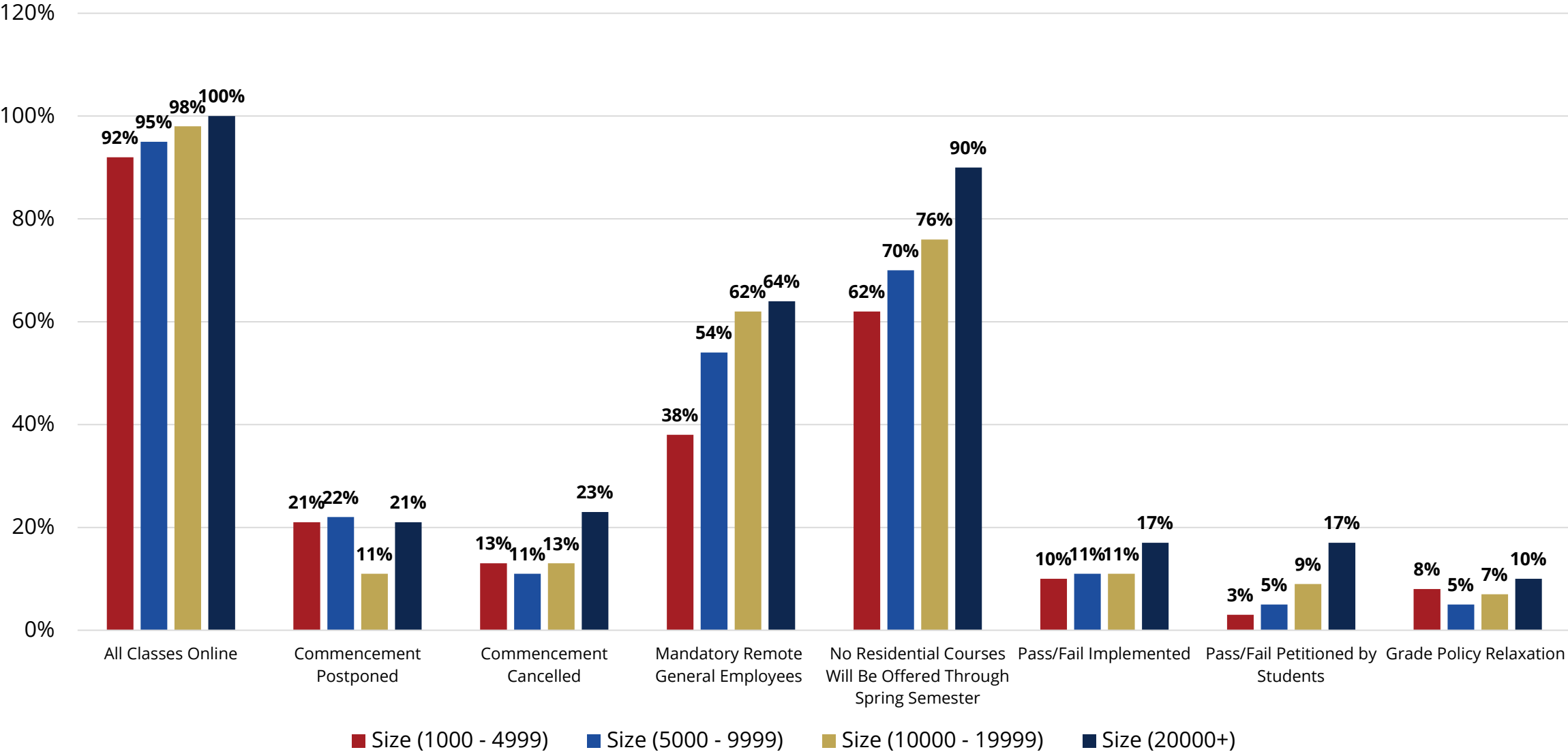
N=212 Institution Review

We could confirm 42 Institutions that confirmed COVID-19 cases



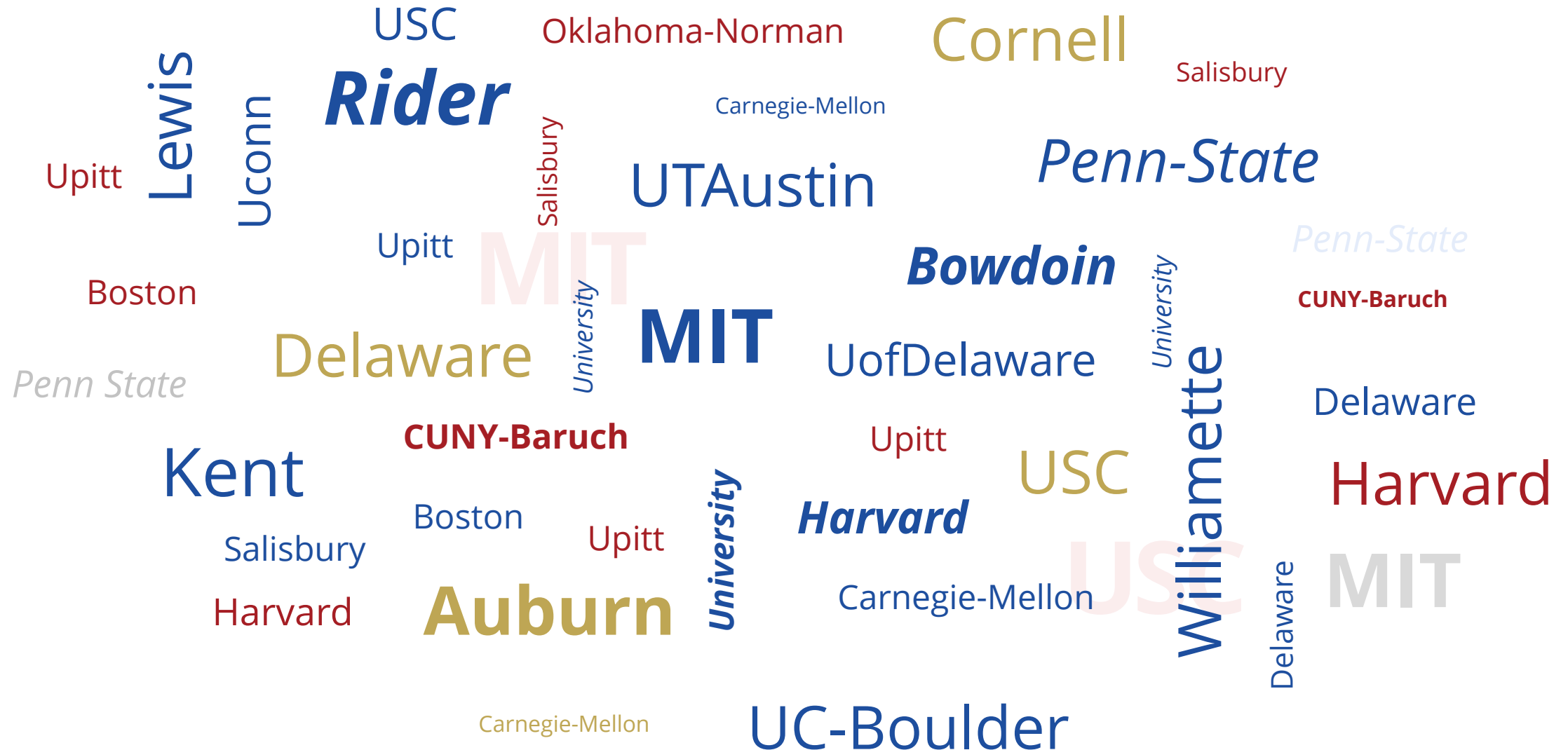
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# COVID-19 Strategic Response by Institutional Size





# Institutions that Implemented P/F







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