

AN OVERVIEW OF COLLEGE STUDENT HOMESICKNESS

CONCEPT SEPARATION

A person must be separated from something – a location, family, a culture, or something familiar

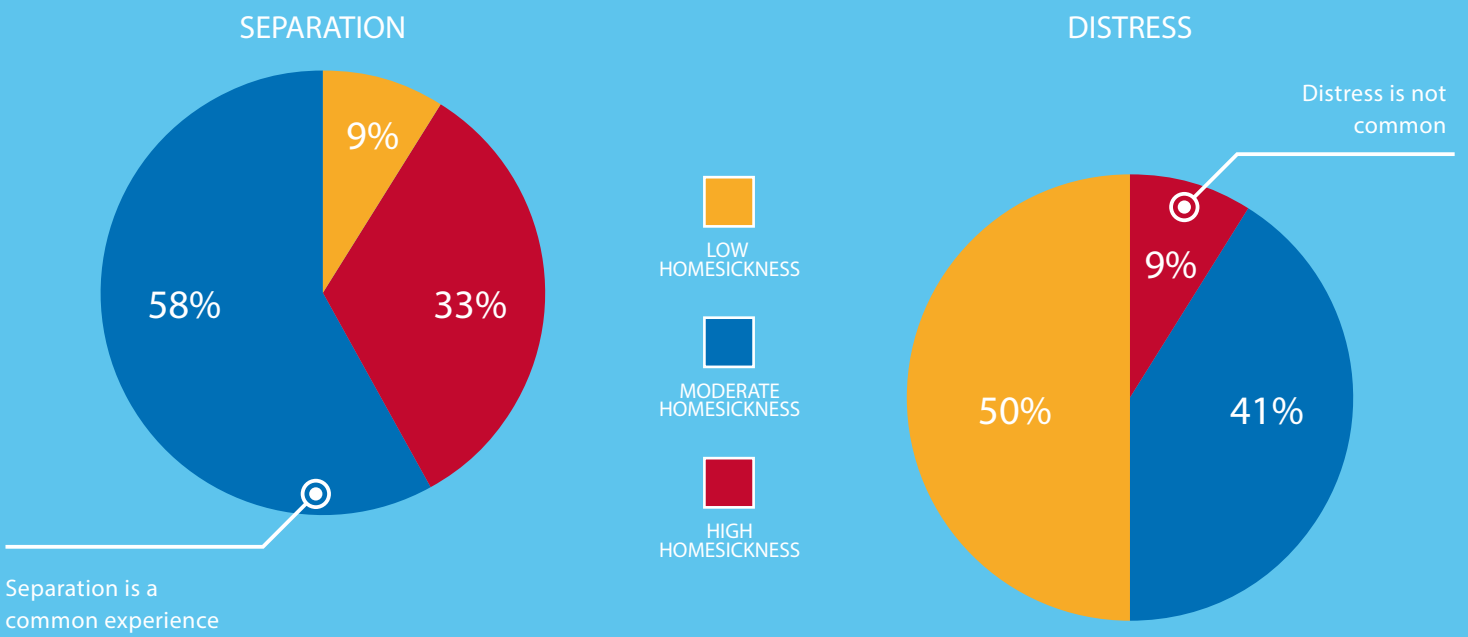


CONCEPT DISTRESS

A person must also have negative feelings or distress related to that separation

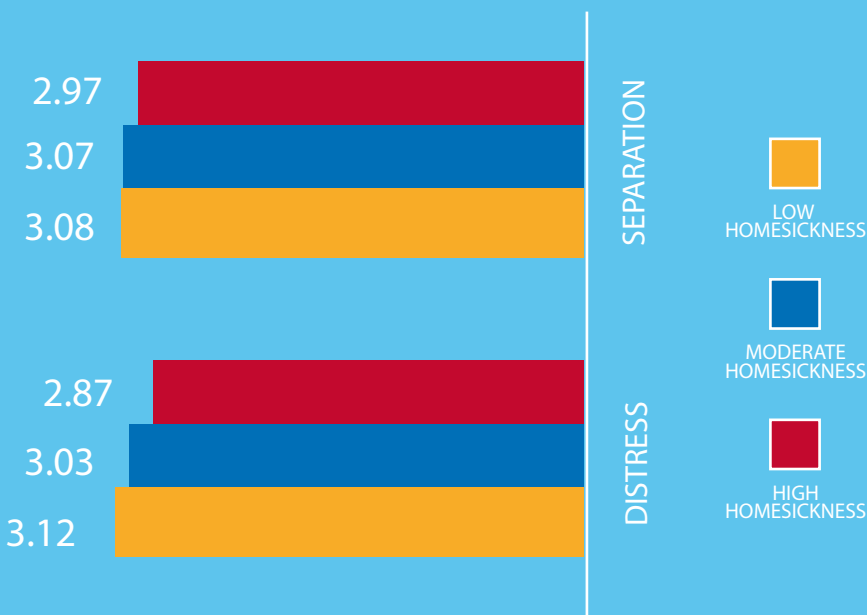
FOR SOMEONE TO BE HOMESICK, BOTH OF THESE CONCEPTS MUST BE PRESENT.

HOW PREVALENT IS HOMESICKNESS IN FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS?



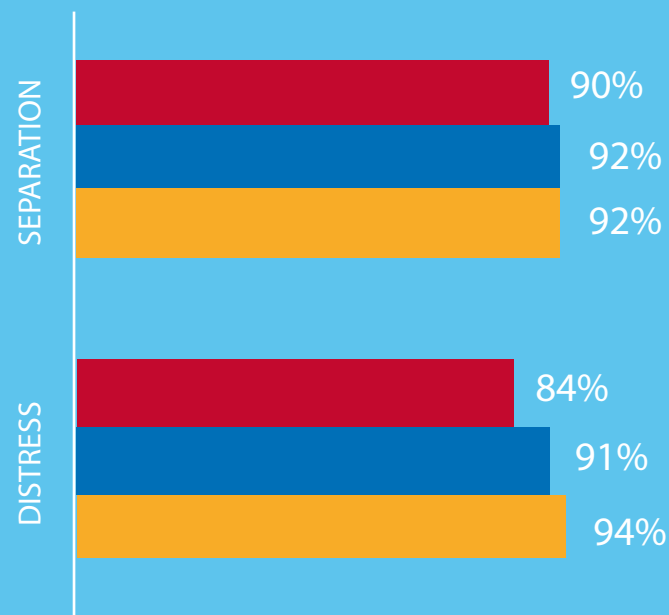
HOW ARE OUTCOMES FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS RELATED TO HOMESICKNESS?

HOMESICKNESS AND FALL-TERM GPA



Distress is related to term GPA; Separation is not.

HOMESICKNESS AND FALL-TO-SPRING RETENTION



Both measures are related to retention, but more prevalent for distress.