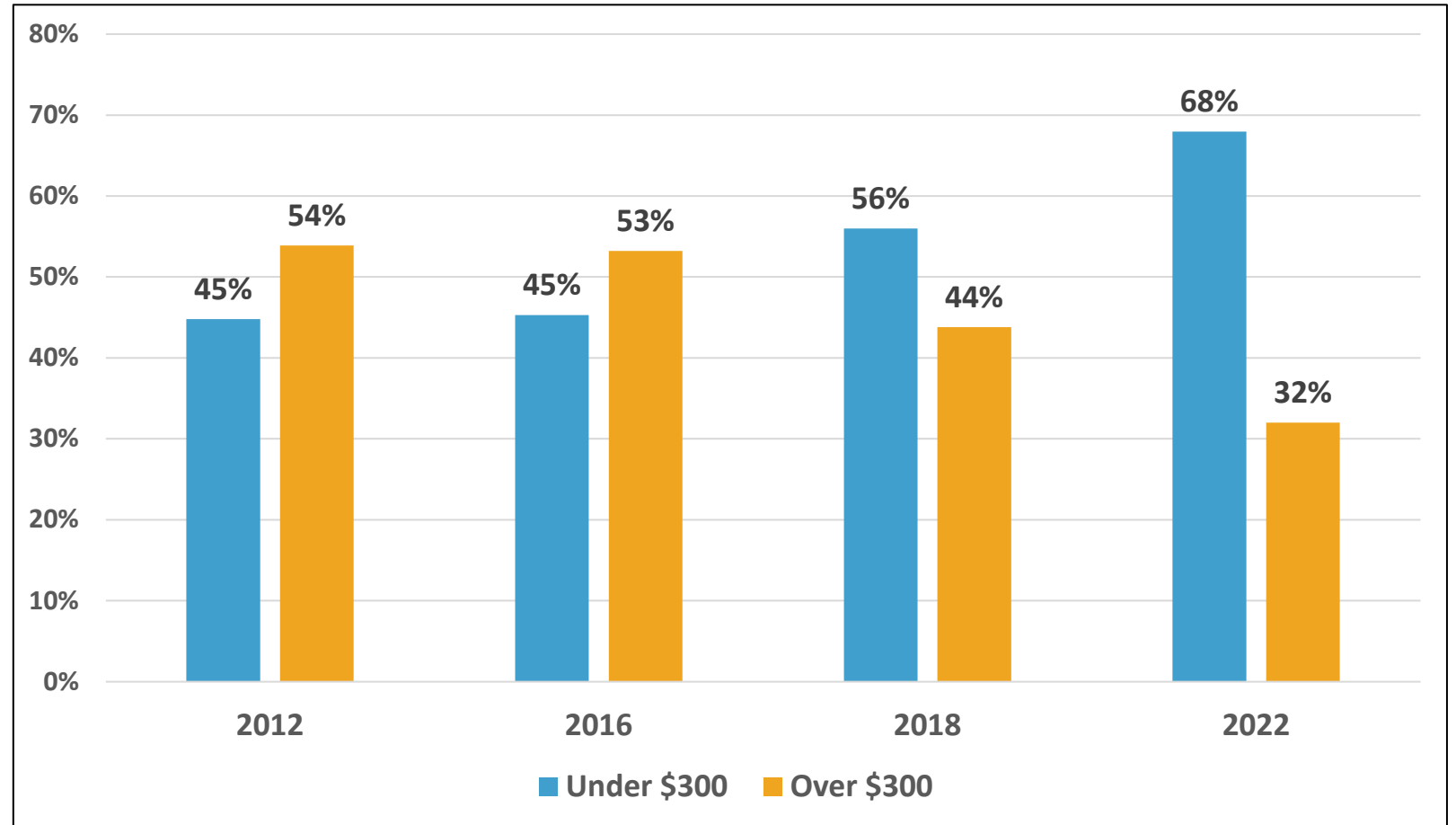


2022 Textbook Affordability Survey

Textbook Costs and Their Impacts

Students are spending less on textbooks, but costs are still a substantial problem.

- The number of students spending \$300 or less rose.

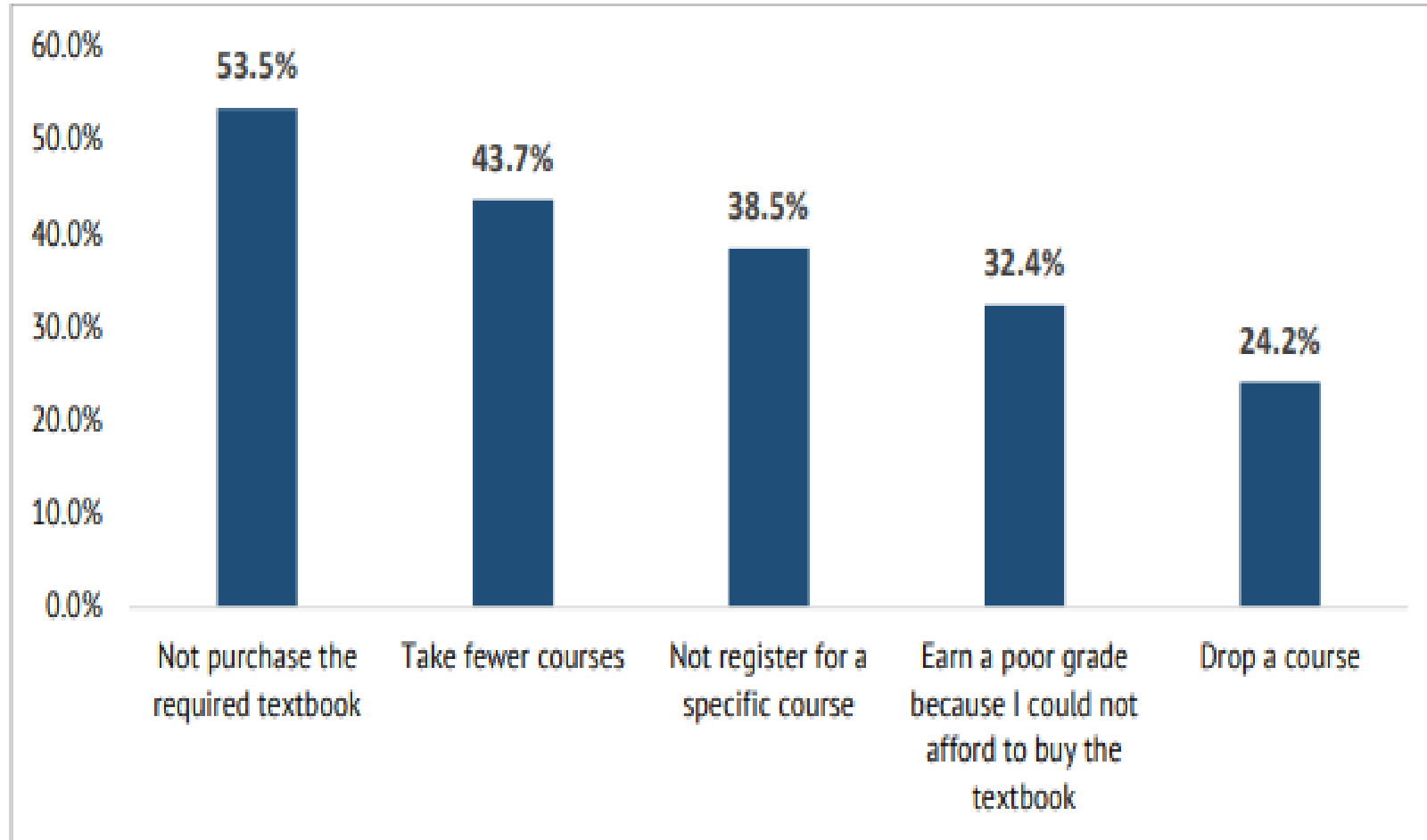


Note: 2012 and 2016 had an option for "other" so do not total to 100%

The Impact of Textbook Costs for Students

A significant percentage of students continues to be adversely impacted by high textbook costs

- There is some improvement over previous years
- Progress towards degree completion can be adversely impacted



How Are Students Reducing Textbook Costs?

Students are using more digital products:

Just over half (50.5%) of respondents are renting digital textbooks, up compared to last two surveys.

| | 2022 | 2018 | 2016 |
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| Buy books from a source other than the campus bookstore | 50.6% | 66.0% | 63.8% |
| Rent digital textbooks | 50.5% | 41.4% | 29.6% |
| Buy used copies from the campus bookstore | 40.4% | 53.0% | 48.8% |
| Rent printed textbooks | 29.1% | 47.8% | 47.0% |
| Sell used books | 19.0% | 37.4% | 39.0% |
| Share books with classmates | 17.0% | 27.1% | 23.7% |
| I do not attempt to reduce textbook costs | 12.2% | 4.4% | 3.2% |
| Other (please specify below) | 9.2% | 10.0% | 95.0% |
| Rent only the digital textbook chapters needed for the course | 8.6% | 7.7% | 5.4% |
| Buy lifetime access to a digital version of a textbook | 6.9% | 5.6% | 3.1% |
| Use a reserve copy from the campus library | 6.4% | 11.7% | 10.4% |

How Are Students Reducing Textbook Costs?

82% would like the option to purchase a low-cost paper copy of their textbook

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Strategies that went ***down*** compared to the last two surveys:

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- Buying used copies from the campus bookstore
- Renting printed books
- Selling used books
- Sharing books with classmates

Efforts to Reduce Costs

Inclusive Access Programs

- 45.7% of all SUS students were not sure if such a program existed at their institution.
- 59.7% of those participating did not feel it reduced their overall textbook costs.

Open Educational Resources

- The use of OERs is making progress, but there is more that can be done.
- 44.4% **did** have at least one or more course(s) that provided OER textbooks or instructional materials to them at no cost.