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# Q3 2022 :: Mergers and Acquisitions Trend Report

## **Q3 2022 KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- The largest transaction in Q3 2022 and year-to-date was Roper Technologies' announced acquisition of Frontline Education for \$3.4 billion. Frontline's cloud-based software provides a connected platform of administrative solutions for K-12 education.
- Financial sponsors accounted for 32 percent of total volume and 46 percent of total value in the 1st 3 Quarters of 2022.

### **Q3 2022 KEY TRENDS**

- Total transaction volume in Q3 2022 improved by eight percent over Q2 2022, from 103 to 111.
- Total transaction value in Q3 2022 more than doubled over Q2 2022, from \$2.3 billion to \$4.9 billion.
- The segment with the largest rise in volume in Q3 2022 over Q2 2022 was Higher-Ed Media and Tech with a 75 percent increase, from 12 to 21 transactions.

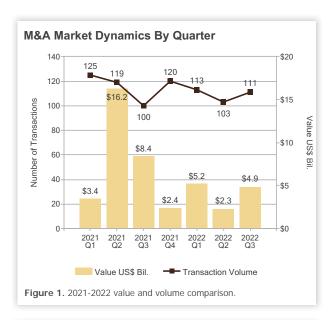
#### **MULTIPLES & VALUE TRENDS**

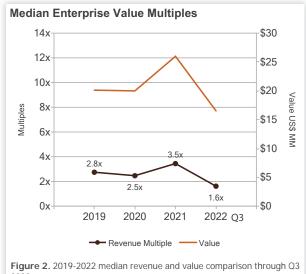
- The median revenue multiple from 2021 through the 1st 3 Quarters of 2022 fell 54 percent, from 3.5x to 1.6x.
- Disclosed median enterprise value multiples from 2021 through the 1st 3 Quarters of 2022 were 2.6x revenue and 9.6x EBITDA.

### Top Ten Notable Transactions - 1st 3 Quarters 2022

Deal Date	Target Name	Buyer	Value MM US\$
08/30/22	Frontline Education	Roper Technologies, Inc.	\$3,375
02/23/22	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Veritas Capital	\$2,671
01/04/22	EverFi, Inc.	Blackbaud, Inc.	\$750
01/24/22	Becker Professional Education	Colibri Group	\$500
05/04/22	Only About Children	Bright Horizons Family Solutions	\$320
06/08/22	International Medical University	The Rise Fund	\$307
06/08/22	K12 learning content business from Pearson plc	Sanoma Oyj	\$204
06/13/22	SumTotal Systems, Inc.	Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc.	\$200
01/31/22	InfoSec Institute Inc.	Cengage Learning	\$191
09/28/22	Equus Workforce Solutions	Advanced Personnel Management	\$154
2022 Aggregate Transaction Value			\$12,343
Top 10 Aggregate Transaction Value			\$8,670
Top 10 Aggregate Value as a Percentage of All Transactions			70 %

**Figure 3.** Lists the top ten transactions for the 1st 3 Quarters of 2022 and calculates their aggregate transaction value as a percentage of the total aggregate transaction value. **Note:** Transaction data based on **announced date.** 





## **TOP TEN DEALS THROUGH Q3 2022**

The top ten deals by value have seen two new additions since our half year report: the previously mentioned Frontline Education acquisition; and Advanced Personnel Management's announced acquisition of Equus Workforce Solutions, a provider of workforce development services, for \$ 154 million.

Of note, six of the top ten deals year-to-date were backed by private equity firms. These six deals, with an aggregate value of \$4 billion, represented almost one-third of transaction value in the 1st 3 Quarters of 2022.

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