PPIC STATEWIDE SURVEY APRIL 2021

Californians and Education April 2021 Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for April 2021 are based on a survey of 1,602 California adult residents, conducted online using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted in English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified or traditional), Korean, and Vietnamese according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 18.6 minutes. Interviews were completed from April 1–14, 2021.

The sampling error for April 2021, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,602 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.4 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. It is ± 6.5 for the 397 parents, ± 7.1 for the 318 parents pf school-aged children, and ± 7.4 for the 295 public school parents. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as guestion wording, question order, and survey timing.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this survey, please contact surveys@ppic.org

Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the state's kindergarten through 12th grade public education system?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	57%	41%	3%	1594	
Apr 2020	73%	25%	2%	1626	
Apr 2019	53%	38%	9%	1503	

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the California Legislature is handling the state's kindergarten through 12th grade public education system?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	54%	43%	3%	1596	
Apr 2020	69%	29%	2%	1624	
Apr 2019	47%	46%	8%	1505	
Apr 2018	42%	38%	20%	1685	
Apr 2017	42%	35%	23%	1683	
Apr 2016	42%	39%	19%	1691	
Apr 2015	35%	44%	21%	1690	
Apr 2014	32%	45%	23%	1688	
Apr 2013	31%	50%	20%	1691	
Apr 2012	22%	56%	22%	1994	
Apr 2011	18%	60%	22%	2478	
Apr 2010	15%	67%	18%	2498	
Apr 2009	18%	63%	20%	2495	
Apr 2008	21%	61%	18%	2491	
Apr 2007	29%	46%	25%	2482	
Apr 2006	21%	55%	24%	2495	

Q3. Thinking about the kindergarten through 12th grade public education system overall in California today, do you think it is generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	54%	43%	3%	1597	
Apr 2020	62%	36%	2%	1627	
Apr 2019	46%	49%	5%	1507	

Q5. In your opinion, what is the most important goal of California's K-12 public schools?

-	Preparing students for college	Preparing students for the workforce	Teaching students the basics	Teaching students life skills	Preparing students to be good citizens	Other (Specify)
Apr 2021	24%	12%	20%	26%	12%	5%
Apr 2020	24%	16%	14%	26%	13%	6%
Apr 2019	24%	16%	14%	26%	13%	6%
Apr 2015	37%	15%	14%	17%	10%	3%
Apr 2013	35%	16%	16%	15%	12%	2%
Apr 2008	35%	17%	15%	15%	13%	2%
Apr 2007	32%	16%	13%	16%	15%	2%
Apr 2006	26%	14%	19%	17%	14%	3%

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Q5. In your opinion, what is the most important goal of California's K–12 public schools?

_	goal of Ca	lifornia's K–12 pub	olic schools?	
	All of the above (vol)	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	0%	0%	1630	
Apr 2020	0%	0%	1631	
Apr 2019	0%	1%	1510	
Apr 2015	3%	2%	1693	
Apr 2013	3%	2%	1697	
Apr 2008	3%	2%	2495	
Apr 2007	4%	2%	2490	
Apr 2006	6%	2%	2499	

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Q6. How much of a problem is the quality of education in California's K–12 public schools today?

	California's K–12 public schools today?							
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n			
Apr 2021	33%	54%	11%	2%	1600			
Apr 2020	27%	56%	16%	1%	1630			
Apr 2019	38%	53%	7%	3%	1511			
Apr 2016	40%	32%	24%	4%	1696			
Apr 2015	48%	31%	17%	4%	1697			
Apr 2014	50%	31%	15%	4%	1696			
Apr 2013	49%	34%	13%	4%	1701			
Apr 2012	58%	29%	9%	4%	2002			
Apr 2011	55%	30%	11%	4%	2496			
Apr 2010	53%	32%	11%	4%	2500			
Apr 2009	51%	32%	12%	5%	2496			
Apr 2008	53%	31%	12%	4%	2499			
Apr 2007	52%	28%	15%	5%	2497			
Apr 2006	58%	27%	11%	4%	2500			
Apr 2005	52%	30%	12%	6%	2499			
Oct 2002	48%	37%	10%	5%	1966			
Dec 2001	51%	32%	13%	4%	1971			
Jul 2001	49%	30%	12%	8%	1989			
Jan 2001	52%	32%	10%	6%	1979			
Jan 2000	53%	30%	13%	4%	1987			
May 1998	46%	33%	14%	7%	2000			

Q7. Over the past few years, do you think the quality of education in California's K–12 public schools has improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same?

-	Improved	Gotten worse	Stayed the same	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	12%	44%	42%	2%	1598	
Apr 2020	20%	35%	43%	1%	1630	
Apr 2011	11%	54%	29%	6%	2499	

Q23. How concerned are you that California's K-12 public schools in lower-income areas have a shortage of good teachers compared to schools in wealthier areas? Are you...

-	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't Know (vol)	
Apr 2021	43%	40%	10%	6%	1%	
Apr 2020	37%	44%	14%	4%	1%	
Apr 2019	46%	39%	11%	4%	1%	
Apr 2016	53%	31%	8%	7%	1%	
Apr 2015	57%	27%	8%	6%	2%	
Apr 2014	57%	28%	8%	6%	1%	
Apr 2013	52%	30%	9%	7%	3%	
Apr 2012	64%	23%	8%	4%	1%	
Apr 2011	65%	24%	5%	5%	1%	
Apr 2010	60%	28%	6%	4%	2%	
Apr 2008	54%	31%	8%	5%	2%	
Apr 2007	54%	31%	7%	6%	2%	
Apr 2006	57%	29%	6%	5%	2%	

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1599
Apr 2020	1628
Apr 2019	1510
Apr 2016	1690
Apr 2015	1692
Apr 2014	1696
Apr 2013	1692
Apr 2012	2000
Apr 2011	2487
Apr 2010	2500
Apr 2008	2496
Apr 2007	2496
Apr 2006	2495

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Q24. How concerned are you that California's K-12 public school students in lower-income areas are less likely than other students to be ready for college when they finish high school? Are you...

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	43%	39%	11%	6%	1%	1598
Apr 2020	37%	43%	14%	5%	1%	1631
Apr 2019	43%	41%	12%	4%	1%	1510
Apr 2016	53%	33%	7%	6%	1%	1697
Apr 2015	59%	28%	7%	5%	1%	1699
Apr 2014	59%	27%	9%	5%	1%	1701
Apr 2013	56%	29%	9%	5%	1%	1696
Apr 2011	61%	28%	6%	4%	1%	2501
Apr 2010	61%	28%	6%	4%	1%	2501

_	Q25. Next, how much, if anything, have you heard about students who are English language learners in California?							
	Don't Know Unweighte A lot A little Nothing at all (vol) n							
Apr 2021	17%	42%	40%	0%	1600			
Apr 2020	19%	49%	32%	0%	1631			

Q26. How concerned are you about the issue of improving student outcomes for the English language learners in California today? Are you...

	language learners in California today? Are you						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't Know (vol)		
Apr 2021	21%	48%	22%	8%	1%		
Apr 2020	23%	47%	22%	7%	1%		

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1600
Apr 2020	1630

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Q27. In thinking about priorities for the kindergarten through 12th grade public education system in California, do you think that efforts to improve student outcomes for English language learners should be a...?

	Very high priority	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Very low priority	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	14%	38%	35%	9%	4%	1%
Apr 2020	15%	37%	38%	7%	3%	1%

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Unweighted n
1600
1630

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Q28. How important is improving student outcomes for English language learners for California's future economic wellbeing and quality of life?						
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	45%	42%	9%	3%	1%	1600
Apr 2020	43%	45%	9%	3%	1%	1629

Q29. If it means less funding for other school districts, do you think school districts that have more English language learners should or should not get more funding from the state?

	Should	Should not	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	59%	40%	2%	1600
Apr 2013	54%	41%	6%	1700
Apr 2012	51%	42%	7%	1992

Q32. Where do you think California currently ranks in per pupil spending for K-12 public schools? Compared to other states, is California's spending near the top, above average, average, below average, or near the bottom?

	Near the top	Above average	Average	Below average	Near the bottom	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	10%	19%	38%	23%	8%	2%	1601
Apr 2020	9%	21%	39%	25%	5%	1%	1629
Apr 2019	8%	15%	35%	29%	10%	2%	1508
Apr 2018	16%	17%	27%	19%	11%	10%	1702
Apr 2015	13%	13%	29%	22%	13%	9%	1698
Apr 2014	. 11%	15%	27%	26%	13%	9%	1697
Apr 2013	12%	13%	29%	21%	15%	11%	1701
Apr 2012	13%	14%	25%	20%	16%	12%	2002
Apr 2011	12%	13%	27%	22%	14%	11%	2501
Apr 2010	12%	14%	24%	22%	15%	14%	2497
Apr 2009	15%	13%	24%	21%	14%	12%	2490
Apr 2008	12%	14%	29%	20%	16%	9%	2499
Apr 2007	12%	13%	31%	19%	13%	12%	2497
Apr 2006	11%	13%	29%	20%	11%	15%	2495
Apr 2005	9%	10%	25%	26%	18%	13%	2500
Oct 2002	9%	11%	31%	23%	14%	13%	1967
Jan 2002	6%	9%	24%	28%	20%	13%	1952
Feb 2000	6%	10%	24%	29%	21%	9%	2026
Apr 1998	5%	9%	28%	27%	20%	11%	1981

Q33. Where do you think California currently ranks in student test scores for K-12 public schools? Compared to other states, are California's student test scores near the top, above average, average, below average, or near the bottom?

	Near the top	Above average	Average	Below average	Near the bottom	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	2%	12%	42%	31%	11%	2%
Apr 2020	3%	15%	45%	29%	7%	1%
Apr 2019	2%	10%	42%	32%	11%	3%
Apr 2018	8%	15%	36%	24%	9%	7%
Apr 2015	2%	9%	38%	31%	15%	5%
Apr 2014	2%	8%	39%	32%	14%	5%
Apr 2013	3%	9%	34%	31%	16%	6%
Apr 2012	2%	10%	31%	30%	19%	8%
Apr 2011	2%	9%	33%	32%	17%	8%
Apr 2010	3%	8%	31%	33%	16%	9%
Apr 2009	2%	8%	34%	32%	17%	7%
Apr 2008	2%	8%	32%	33%	18%	6%
Apr 2007	2%	8%	34%	34%	15%	7%
Apr 2006	3%	8%	32%	33%	13%	10%
Apr 2005	3%	8%	31%	35%	14%	9%
Oct 2002	3%	8%	33%	36%	13%	7%
Jan 2002	2%	6%	29%	39%	15%	8%
Apr 1998	2%	8%	32%	39%	14%	5%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1600
Apr 2020	1631
Apr 2019	1510
Apr 2018	1701
Apr 2015	1702
Apr 2014	1698
Apr 2013	1700
Apr 2012	2003
Apr 2011	2502
Apr 2010	2497
Apr 2009	2495
Apr 2008	2496
Apr 2007	2495
Apr 2006	2497
Apr 2005	2497
Oct 2002	1967
Jan 2002	1953
Apr 1998	1983

Q34. Next, overall, how would you rate the quality of public schools in your neighborhood today? If you had to give your local public schools a grade, would it be A, B, C, D, or F?

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	Α	В	С	D	F	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	9%	32%	39%	12%	6%	2%
Apr 2020	11%	34%	39%	10%	5%	1%
Apr 2019	8%	30%	39%	14%	6%	3%
Apr 2018	20%	34%	24%	12%	5%	5%
Apr 2017	22%	32%	24%	11%	7%	5%
Apr 2016	20%	37%	27%	9%	4%	3%
Apr 2015	15%	38%	28%	10%	4%	4%
Apr 2014	14%	38%	30%	10%	5%	4%
Apr 2013	16%	39%	27%	9%	5%	5%
Apr 2012	17%	35%	27%	12%	4%	5%
Apr 2011	17%	34%	31%	11%	4%	3%
Apr 2010	19%	35%	26%	10%	4%	6%
Apr 2009	19%	34%	28%	9%	4%	5%
Apr 2008	18%	36%	27%	10%	4%	5%
Apr 2007	16%	36%	28%	9%	4%	6%
Apr 2006	19%	36%	27%	7%	4%	7%
Apr 2005	17%	34%	27%	9%	4%	8%
Oct 2002	14%	35%	31%	10%	4%	6%
Aug 2000	12%	30%	30%	13%	8%	8%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1601
Apr 2020	1630
Apr 2019	1510
Apr 2018	1698
Apr 2017	1701
Apr 2016	1698
Apr 2015	1702
Apr 2014	1699
Apr 2013	1703
Apr 2012	1999
Apr 2011	2497
Apr 2010	2502
Apr 2009	2495
Apr 2008	2501
Apr 2007	2497
Apr 2006	2500
Apr 2005	2500
Oct 2002	1967
Aug 2000	1974

Q35. Are your local public schools doing an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job in preparing students for college?

_	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	Other (specify)	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	7%	55%	29%	6%	0%	3%
Apr 2020	9%	55%	29%	5%	0%	1%
Apr 2019	7%	48%	35%	7%	0%	3%
Apr 2017	14%	44%	20%	15%	0%	8%
Apr 2016	13%	48%	25%	9%	0%	5%
Apr 2015	11%	47%	25%	10%	0%	7%
Apr 2014	10%	43%	28%	12%	0%	7%
Apr 2013	12%	42%	28%	11%	0%	7%
Nov 2011	8%	36%	33%	18%	0%	5%
Apr 2011	5%	38%	35%	17%	0%	5%
Apr 2010	4%	37%	39%	14%	0%	5%
Apr 2009	4%	42%	36%	12%	0%	5%
Apr 2006	6%	35%	36%	17%	1%	5%

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	Q35. Are your local public schools doing an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job in preparing students for college?	
	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	1599	
Apr 2020	1626	
Apr 2019	1508	
Apr 2017	1700	
Apr 2016	1700	
Apr 2015	1699	
Apr 2014	1695	
Apr 2013	1700	
Nov 2011	2501	
Apr 2011	2491	
Apr 2010	2500	
Apr 2009	2495	
Apr 2006	2500	

Q36. Are your local public schools doing an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job in preparing students for jobs and the workforce?

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	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	Other (specify)	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	6%	48%	36%	7%	0%	3%
Apr 2020	7%	50%	35%	7%	0%	2%
Apr 2019	5%	43%	41%	8%	0%	3%
Apr 2017	10%	36%	28%	18%	0%	8%
Apr 2016	10%	42%	29%	13%	0%	6%
Apr 2015	7%	41%	32%	12%	0%	7%
Apr 2014	6%	35%	35%	17%	0%	8%
Apr 2013	7%	37%	35%	14%	0%	8%
Apr 2011	4%	32%	38%	20%	0%	6%
Apr 2010	3%	28%	45%	19%	0%	6%
Apr 2009	3%	31%	43%	18%	0%	5%
Apr 2006	4%	29%	40%	20%	0%	6%

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Q36. Are
your local
public
schools
doing an
excellent,
good, not so
good, or poor
job in
preparing
students for
jobs and the
workforce?

	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	1599	
Apr 2020	1629	
Apr 2019	1511	
Apr 2017	1700	
Apr 2016	1698	
Apr 2015	1698	
Apr 2014	1697	
Apr 2013	1699	
Apr 2011	2490	
Apr 2010	2498	
Apr 2009	2492	
Apr 2006	2499	

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Q37. Do you think the current level of state funding for your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough?

-	more than enough, just enough, or not enough?							
	More than enough	Just enough	Not enough	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n			
Apr 2021	10%	38%	49%	3%	1600			
Apr 2020	11%	37%	50%	2%	1630			
Apr 2019	8%	32%	56%	3%	1510			
Apr 2018	10%	23%	59%	9%	1701			
Apr 2017	9%	21%	64%	6%	1701			
Apr 2016	9%	26%	61%	4%	1701			
Apr 2015	9%	25%	60%	5%	1703			
Apr 2014	14%	29%	53%	4%	1699			
Apr 2013	9%	24%	63%	5%	1703			
Apr 2012	7%	26%	63%	4%	2004			
Apr 2011	7%	31%	56%	6%	2499			
Apr 2010	6%	26%	62%	6%	2503			
Apr 2009	11%	32%	50%	7%	2498			
Apr 2008	9%	33%	51%	6%	2499			
Apr 2007	11%	33%	48%	8%	2495			
Apr 2006	10%	32%	49%	9%	2498			
Apr 2005	7%	32%	51%	10%	2498			
Jan 2004	10%	22%	61%	6%	1524			
Oct 2002	8%	21%	64%	7%	1960			
Aug 2000	8%	23%	63%	6%	1971			
Sep 1999	7%	20%	68%	5%	1999			
Sep 1998	8%	20%	66%	7%	1994			

Q38. If the state ballot had a bond measure to pay for school construction projects, would you vote yes or no?

_	construction projects, would you vote yes of no:					
	Yes	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	59%	39%	2%	1592		
Apr 2020	59%	39%	2%	1626		
Apr 2019	62%	35%	3%	1502		
Oct 2016	74%	21%	6%	1698		
Sep 2016	74%	21%	5%	1696		
Apr 2016	76%	21%	3%	1697		
Apr 2015	66%	30%	4%	1699		

Q39. If your local school district had a bond measure on the ballot to pay for school construction projects, would you vote yes or no?

_	Yes	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	58%	40%	2%	1591	
Apr 2020	55%	43%	2%	1621	
Apr 2019	60%	36%	5%	1503	
Apr 2018	70%	22%	8%	1696	
Apr 2017	68%	26%	6%	1701	
Apr 2016	74%	24%	2%	1698	
Apr 2015	65%	31%	3%	1697	
Apr 2014	65%	29%	5%	1695	
Apr 2013	65%	32%	3%	1701	
Apr 2012	62%	32%	6%	2001	
Apr 2011	60%	35%	6%	2500	
Apr 2010	63%	33%	5%	2500	
Apr 2009	60%	34%	5%	2494	
Apr 2008	65%	30%	5%	2496	
Apr 2007	66%	28%	6%	2495	
Apr 2005	71%	23%	5%	2498	
Jun 2004	72%	23%	5%	2498	
Feb 2004	62%	28%	10%	1439	
Oct 2002	74%	20%	6%	1962	
Oct 2000	67%	23%	10%	1981	
Feb 2000	70%	24%	6%	2026	
Dec 1999	77%	18%	6%	1986	

Q40. What if there was a measure on your local ballot to increase local parcel taxes to provide more funds for the local public schools? Would you vote yes or no?

	Yes	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	45%	53%	3%	1590	
Apr 2020	42%	57%	1%	1624	
Apr 2019	46%	51%	3%	1504	
Apr 2018	61%	34%	6%	1697	
Apr 2017	59%	38%	4%	1699	
Apr 2016	62%	33%	5%	1701	
Apr 2015	57%	39%	4%	1700	
Apr 2014	57%	39%	3%	1696	
Apr 2013	60%	37%	3%	1701	
Apr 2012	60%	34%	6%	2002	
Apr 2011	59%	36%	4%	2499	
Apr 2010	57%	38%	5%	2493	
Apr 2009	54%	41%	5%	2489	

Q41. Do you think the current level of resources for lower-income students in your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough?

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	More than enough	Just enough	Not enough	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n			
Apr 2021	9%	37%	51%	3%	1599			
Apr 2020	9%	41%	49%	1%	1625			
Apr 2019	10%	37%	49%	3%	1506			
Apr 2017	11%	30%	52%	7%	1703			

Q42. Do you think the current level of resources for English language learners in your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough?

_	your local p	your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough:						
	More than enough	Just enough	Not enough	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n			
Apr 2021	13%	48%	36%	3%	1599			
Apr 2020	12%	49%	36%	2%	1627			
Apr 2019	15%	43%	38%	3%	1508			
Apr 2017	16%	39%	37%	8%	1702			

Q43. Please answer if you think it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem. How about teacher quality?

	a problem, or not rouny a problem. From about toderior quality.						
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not really a problem	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	28%	52%	17%	2%	1600		
Apr 2020	26%	53%	19%	1%	1631		
Apr 2019	31%	53%	14%	2%	1509		
Apr 2017	25%	37%	33%	5%	1700		
Apr 2016	30%	45%	22%	2%	1701		
Apr 2013	28%	43%	25%	4%	1700		
Apr 2011	44%	34%	19%	3%	2498		
Apr 2010	36%	41%	21%	3%	2501		
Apr 2009	29%	41%	25%	4%	2494		
Apr 2008	28%	41%	26%	4%	2499		
Apr 2007	28%	41%	26%	5%	2498		
Apr 2006	27%	41%	26%	5%	2498		

Q44. Please answer if you think it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem. How about a shortage of teachers?

_	really a problem. Flow about a shortage of teachers:						
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not really a problem	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	42%	42%	14%	3%	1600		
Apr 2020	39%	46%	14%	1%	1628		
Apr 2019	48%	38%	11%	2%	1508		
Apr 2017	50%	27%	19%	4%	1703		
Apr 2016	53%	28%	16%	3%	1703		

Q45. Do you think salaries for teachers in your community are too high, too low, or just about right?

			just about right:			
	Too high	Too low	Just about right	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	7%	61%	29%	3%	1599	
Apr 2020	6%	61%	31%	2%	1630	
Apr 2019	6%	61%	30%	4%	1509	

Q46. Should local schools in lower-income areas pay higher salaries to attract and retain teachers, even if it costs the state more money?

	Yes	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	65%	33%	2%	1598	
Apr 2020	63%	35%	2%	1627	
Apr 2010	51%	44%	5%	2495	
Apr 2007	67%	29%	4%	2496	
Apr 2006	66%	31%	4%	2499	

Q47. Should local schools in lower-income areas provide additional training and professional development to teachers, even if it costs the state more money?

	Yes	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	74%	24%	2%	1599	
Apr 2020	72%	27%	1%	1629	
Apr 2008	72%	25%	3%	2496	
Apr 2007	76%	22%	3%	2499	
Apr 2006	76%	21%	3%	2498	

Q48. How much, if anything, have you heard about the Local Control Funding Formula, a policy enacted in recent years that changes the way K-12 public school districts are funded in California?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	3%	15%	81%	1%	1601	
Apr 2020	4%	21%	74%	1%	1630	
Apr 2019	5%	22%	71%	1%	1506	
Apr 2018	5%	24%	70%	1%	1702	
Apr 2017	4%	24%	71%	1%	1705	
Apr 2016	3%	27%	69%	0%	1702	
Apr 2015	2%	22%	75%	1%	1705	
Apr 2014	3%	24%	72%	1%	1702	

Q49. The Local Control Funding Formula provides additional funding to school districts that have more [ROTATE] [English language learners] [AND] [lower-income students] and gives local school districts more flexibility over how state funding is spent. In general, do you favor or oppose this policy?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	68%	29%	3%	1590	
Apr 2020	71%	26%	3%	1622	
Apr 2019	67%	28%	5%	1506	
Apr 2018	71%	19%	10%	1687	
Apr 2017	65%	25%	10%	1696	
Apr 2016	76%	19%	6%	1692	
Apr 2015	70%	21%	10%	1697	
Apr 2014	70%	23%	7%	1693	

Q50. As the state implements the Local Control Funding Formula, do you think the academic achievement of [English language learners] [AND] [lower-income students] will or will not improve?

	Improve a lot	Improve somewhat	Improve but not sure how much	Will NOT improve	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	8%	43%	13%	32%	4%	1589
Apr 2020	17%	45%	_	35%	3%	1623
Apr 2019	11%	63%	_	21%	4%	1507
Apr 2018	24%	47%	_	20%	8%	1697
Apr 2017	21%	47%	_	24%	8%	1701
Apr 2016	28%	48%	_	18%	7%	1695
Apr 2015	19%	49%	_	25%	7%	1697
Apr 2014	16%	50%	_	25%	9%	1697

Q51. On another topic, do you think that the state government should or should not fund voluntary preschool programs for all four-year-olds in California?

	Should	Should not	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	68%	30%	2%	1598	
Apr 2020	65%	33%	2%	1628	
Apr 2019	63%	33%	4%	1508	
Apr 2017	75%	21%	4%	1703	
Apr 2016	76%	22%	2%	1698	
Apr 2014	73%	24%	3%	1696	

Q52. How important is attending preschool to a student's success in kindergarten through grade 12?

	· - ·							
_	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	47%	31%	16%	6%	1%	1601		
Apr 2020	46%	32%	15%	7%	0%	1629		
Apr 2019	46%	32%	14%	7%	1%	1509		
Apr 2017	69%	20%	5%	5%	1%	1704		
Apr 2016	68%	21%	6%	3%	1%	1702		
Apr 2014	66%	22%	7%	4%	1%	1700		
May 2006	60%	23%	8%	7%	2%	1528		
Mar 2006	62%	23%	8%	6%	2%	1481		

Q53. How much of a problem is the quality of preschool education in California today?

	prescribor education in Camornia today:							
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n			
Apr 2021	17%	49%	30%	4%	1597			
Apr 2020	16%	50%	32%	3%	1629			
Apr 2019	20%	49%	27%	5%	1506			
Apr 2016	20%	36%	34%	9%	1701			

	Q54. How r	Q54. How much of a problem is the affordability of preschool education in California today?							
·	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n				
Apr 2021	37%	46%	14%	3%	1599				
Apr 2020	35%	46%	18%	2%	1629				
Apr 2019	33%	47%	16%	3%	1506				
Apr 2016	42%	32%	20%	6%	1698				

Q55. How concerned are you that children in lower-income areas are less likely than other children to be ready for kindergarten? Are you...

_	<u> </u>						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	26%	44%	22%	7%	1%	1596	
Apr 2020	27%	44%	19%	9%	1%	1628	
Apr 2019	30%	40%	18%	10%	2%	1509	
Apr 2016	50%	31%	11%	8%	1%	1700	

Q56. How concerned are you that students who speak English as a second language are less likely than other children to be ready for kindergarten? Are you...

_	than other official to be ready for kindergarten. The year						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	21%	44%	24%	10%	1%	1597	
Apr 2020	20%	43%	24%	12%	1%	1629	

Q57. How important to you is it that your local public schools include career technical or vocational education as part of the curriculum?

•	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	55%	36%	6%	2%	1%	1600
Apr 2020	54%	36%	7%	3%	1%	1630
Apr 2014	73%	21%	5%	0%	0%	1701
Apr 2013	74%	21%	5%	0%	0%	1703
Apr 2009	71%	23%	4%	0%	1%	2497
Apr 2007	67%	26%	6%	0%	1%	2500

Q58. In general, how well do you think your local public schools prepare someone for a well-paying job in today's economy?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	7%	38%	41%	12%	2%	1597
Apr 2020	10%	37%	39%	13%	1%	1630

Q59. Imagine you could send your youngest child to any one of these four kinds of schools and cost and location were not an issue. All things equal, which would you pick?

	Public school	Charter school	Religious school	Private school	Other (vol)	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	31%	14%	13%	42%	0%	1%
Apr 2019	37%	11%	15%	35%	2%	0%
Apr 2018	35%	13%	18%	31%	1%	2%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	397
Apr 2019	393
Apr 2018	521

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Q60. Next, what do you hope will be the highest grade level that your youngest child will achieve?

	Some high school	High school graduate	Two-year community college graduate or career technical training	Four-year college graduate	A graduate degree after college	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	5%	6%	10%	37%	41%	1%
Apr 2020	1%	10%	14%	37%	38%	0%
Apr 2019	4%	8%	8%	33%	46%	0%
Apr 2018	0%	5%	8%	35%	48%	3%
Apr 2017	0%	4%	7%	34%	51%	3%
Apr 2016	0%	4%	11%	29%	51%	5%
Apr 2015	0%	6%	5%	36%	50%	3%
Apr 2014	0%	7%	7%	37%	46%	2%
Apr 2013	1%	9%	5%	37%	46%	2%
Dec 2012	2%	2%	6%	36%	51%	2%
Nov 2011	0%	3%	10%	38%	45%	3%
Nov 2010	0%	5%	5%	42%	46%	1%
Apr 2010	1%	5%	4%	41%	47%	3%
Nov 2009	0%	4%	3%	44%	45%	3%
Apr 2009	1%	6%	4%	43%	43%	3%
Nov 2008	1%	6%	4%	41%	46%	1%
Oct 2007	1%	4%	4%	43%	46%	2%
Apr 2005	1%	6%	4%	47%	41%	2%

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Q60. Next, what do you hope will be the highest grade level that your youngest child will achieve?

_	youngest child will achieve?	
	Unweighted	
	n	
Apr 2021	397	
Apr 2020	376	
Apr 2019	391	
Apr 2018	523	
Apr 2017	528	
Apr 2016	507	
Apr 2015	499	
Apr 2014	505	
Apr 2013	535	
Dec 2012	587	
Nov 2011	857	
Nov 2010	883	
Apr 2010	976	
Nov 2009	910	
Apr 2009	967	
Nov 2008	984	
Oct 2007	1027	
Apr 2005	982	

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Q61. How worried are you about being able to afford a college education for your youngest child?

		youngest office:								
	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n				
Apr 2021	35%	43%	16%	6%	1%	397				
Apr 2020	43%	36%	14%	7%	0%	377				
Apr 2019	45%	34%	14%	6%	1%	393				
Nov 2011	52%	29%	10%	9%	0%	856				
Nov 2010	57%	25%	9%	8%	1%	889				
Nov 2009	51%	27%	12%	11%	0%	908				
Nov 2008	46%	26%	15%	12%	0%	983				
Oct 2007	43%	32%	12%	13%	0%	1025				

Q63. How confident are you that standardized tests are an accurate indicator of a student's progress and abilities? Are you...

_	student's progress and abilities? Are you							
	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	10%	43%	31%	14%	2%	1599		
Apr 2015	12%	39%	26%	20%	3%	1700		
Apr 2013	11%	42%	27%	17%	2%	1704		
Apr 2006	14%	49%	20%	13%	4%	1242		

Q64. How important is it to you that the public schools in your community have a mix of students from different racial and ethnic backgrounds? Is this...

-	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not so important	Not at all important	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	26%	29%	23%	10%	11%	1%
Apr 2018	27%	34%	19%	7%	11%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1598
Apr 2018	1697

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		Q66. How big of a problem is racism in the U.S. today? Is it a					
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	58%	26%	9%	6%	0%	1600	
Dec 2020	53%	30%	11%	7%	0%	2321	
Jul 2020	60%	25%	10%	5%	0%	1552	

Q67. Thinking about your own experience, have you ever experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your race or ethnicity?						
	Yes, regularly	Yes, from time to time	Yes, don't know	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	4%	29%	4%	63%	0%	1553
Jul 2020	5%	35%	_	59%	0%	1533

Q68. In general, do you think the criminal justice system in the United States is biased against African Americans, or do you think the criminal justice system treats people equally regardless of race?

	Criminal justice system is biased against African Americans	Criminal justice system treats people equally regardless of race	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	62%	37%	2%	1592
Jul 2020	64%	35%	1%	1546

	Q69. From what you've read and heard, how do you feel about the Black Lives Matter movement?						
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	31%	33%	14%	20%	2%	1587	
Jul 2020	31%	37%	13%	18%	1%	1538	

Q70. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the issue of jobs and the economy?

	INCWSU	Newson is nanding the issue of jobs and the economy?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n			
Apr 2021	56%	41%	4%	1592			
Dec 2020	58%	40%	1%	2306			
May 2020	59%	32%	9%	1691			

Q70a. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

_	illiancially of bad times?				
	Good times	Bad times	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2021	54%	44%	2%	1597	
Dec 2020	31%	68%	1%	2321	
Jul 2020	19%	80%	1%	1558	
Apr 2020	19%	79%	1%	1631	
Jan 2020	49%	43%	8%	1694	
Sep 2019	41%	50%	10%	1694	
May 2019	44%	47%	9%	1702	
Jan 2019	49%	42%	9%	1697	
Dec 2018	46%	45%	9%	1687	
Oct 2018	48%	39%	12%	1693	
Sep 2018	53%	37%	10%	1689	
May 2018	51%	39%	10%	1694	
Jan 2018	56%	35%	10%	1695	
Sep 2017	51%	40%	9%	1728	
Mar 2017	51%	40%	9%	1696	
Jan 2017	53%	35%	12%	1691	
Oct 2016	47%	38%	15%	1696	
Sep 2016	48%	40%	12%	1693	
May 2016	50%	39%	11%	1691	
Mar 2016	51%	40%	9%	1695	
Jan 2016	49%	43%	8%	1693	
Dec 2015	48%	41%	11%	1689	
Sep 2015	48%	42%	9%	1700	
Jun 2015	48%	42%	10%	1695	
Mar 2015	52%	38%	10%	1686	
Jan 2015	58%	34%	8%	1691	
Dec 2014	52%	39%	9%	1684	
Oct 2014	45%	44%	11%	1694	
Sep 2014	44%	45%	10%	1687	
May 2014	44%	47%	9%	1689	
Mar 2014	46%	45%	10%	1693	
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1692	
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1692	
Sep 2013	46%	44%	10%	1694	
Jun 2013	46%	42%	12%	2468	
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1685	
Mar 2013	44%	49%	8%	1691	
Jan 2013	49%	40%	11%	1695	
Dec 2012	41%	50%	9%	1987	
Oct 2012	37%	53%	11%	1995	
Sep 2012	33%	57%	10%	1983	
May 2012	31%	61%	8%	1986	
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1994	
Jan 2012	35%	56%	9%	1988	
Dec 2011	31%	60%	9%	1986	
Sep 2011	25%	67%	9% 8%	1993	
Jun 2011	26%	63%	11%	2479	
Jun 2011	34%	58%	8%	1995	
				1987	
Mar 2011 Feb 2011	30% 34%	61% 54%	8% 11%		
Feb 2011	34%	54%	11%	2481	
Jan 2011	36%	56%	7%	1989	
Oct 2010	25%	62%	13%	1971	
Sep 2010	29%	59%	12%	1984	
Jul 2010	25%	67%	7%	2487	

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Q70a. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

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	Good times	Bad times	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2010	28%	65%	8%	1990
Mar 2010	27%	65%	8%	1991
Jan 2010	25%	67%	8%	1990
Dec 2009	28%	66%	6%	1995
Nov 2009	23%	69%	8%	2487
Sep 2009	26%	67%	7%	1996
Jul 2009	18%	75%	7%	2493
Jun 2009	24%	69%	7%	2498
May 2009	25%	67%	8%	1998
Mar 2009	22%	71%	6%	1999
Feb 2009	22%	73%	6%	2496
Jan 2009	18%	77%	5%	1998
Nov 2008	20%	71%	10%	2489
Oct 2008	18%	74%	8%	1995
Sep 2008	20%	68%	11%	1996
Aug 2008	21%	71%	8%	1995
Jul 2008	15%	78%	6%	2498
Jun 2008	15%	78%	7%	2495
May 2008	17%	73%	10%	1988
Mar 2008	16%	76%	9%	1998
Jan 2008	20%	70% 72%	9%	1991
	25%	65%	10%	1993
Dec 2007	33%	59%	8%	1992
Sep 2007 Jun 2007			10%	
	40% 38%	49% 50%	12%	1987 1990
May 2007 Mar 2007	40%	50% 51%	9%	1989
	50%	39%	9% 11%	
Jan 2007 Oct 2006	50%	39% 37%	13%	2009 1994
	45%	43%	12%	1999
Sep 2006	43%	45% 46%	12%	1993
Aug 2006 Jul 2006	39%	46%	15%	2494
	37%	52%	12%	1994
May 2006				
Mar 2006	45%	43%	12%	1989
Feb 2006	42%	45%	13%	1995
Jan 2006	48%	42%	11%	1997
Jan 2006	41%	46%	13%	2487
Oct 2005	34%	56%	10%	1990
Sep 2005	32%	58%	10%	1993
Aug 2005	38%	51%	11%	1994
Jul 2005	42%	43%	15%	2489
May 2005	39%	49%	12%	1990
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	2492
Jan 2005	47%	39%	13%	1992
Oct 2004	42%	43%	14%	2007
Sep 2004	46%	40%	14%	1990
Aug 2004	45%	40%	15%	1989
Jul 2004	48%	40%	12%	2488
Jun 2004	41%	46%	13%	2479
May 2004	42%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	43%	44%	13%	1974
Jan 2004	49%	36%	15%	1983
Nov 2003	39%	47%	14%	1985
Oct 2003	36%	43%	22%	1965
Sep 2003	32%	50%	18%	1959
Aug 2003	30%	53%	17%	1967

Jul 2003		55%		
	34%		10%	1977

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Q70a. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

_	Good times	Bad times	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jun 2003	32%	58%	10%	1972
Feb 2003	20%	71%	10%	1978
Nov 2002	44%	46%	10%	1964
Oct 2002	38%	51%	12%	1960
Sep 2002	43%	46%	10%	1976
Aug 2002	39%	51%	10%	1976
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	2021
Jan 2002	48%	46%	6%	1950
Dec 2001	37%	56%	7%	1969
Nov 2001	33%	59%	9%	1970
Jul 2001	41%	50%	9%	1983
May 2001	38%	56%	6%	1984
Jan 2001	51%	38%	11%	1975
Aug 2000	72%	21%	7%	1970
Feb 2000	78%	15%	7%	2028
Dec 1999	76%	19%	6%	1992
Sep 1999	72%	23%	5%	1997

	Q7	Q71. How much, if at all, has your life been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak?						
	A lot	Some	Just a little	Not at all	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	31%	41%	22%	6%	0%	1602		
Dec 2020	39%	39%	17%	5%	0%	2323		
Jul 2020	46%	37%	15%	3%	0%	1557		
Apr 2020	48%	36%	12%	4%	0%	1632		

Q72. How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will get sick from the coronavirus? Are you...

	Colonavirus: Ale you					
	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	27%	35%	27%	10%	0%	1602
Dec 2020	31%	41%	19%	9%	0%	2322
Jul 2020	41%	36%	17%	6%	0%	1557
Apr 2020	41%	36%	17%	5%	0%	1632

Q73. How worried, if it all, are you that the coronavirus will have a negative impact on the personal finances of you and your family? Are you...

	- <u></u>							
	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	20%	33%	31%	15%	0%	1602		
Dec 2020	27%	38%	24%	11%	0%	2322		
Jul 2020	35%	36%	20%	8%	0%	1556		
Apr 2020	41%	34%	19%	6%	0%	1631		

Q74. Do you feel that worry or stress related to coronavirus has had a negative impact on your mental health, or not?

_	mental health, of not:							
	Yes, major impact	Yes, minor impact	Yes, don't know	No	Don't Know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2021	15%	26%	3%	55%	0%	1590		
Dec 2020	19%	32%	_	49%	0%	2325		
Jul 2020	21%	30%	_	49%	0%	1521		
Apr 2020	27%	23%	_	50%	0%	1626		