

Californians and Education

April 2021

Time Trends – Likely Voters

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 and Spanish 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 April 2021 sampling error for the 1,104 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 4 percent. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as question wording, question order, and survey timing.

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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	58%	40%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	74%	26%	1%	1092
Apr 2019	54%	42%	4%	1032

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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	56%	43%	2%	1104
Apr 2020	67%	31%	2%	1092
Apr 2019	45%	52%	4%	1034
Apr 2018	34%	46%	20%	859
Apr 2017	35%	42%	23%	1023
Apr 2016	29%	51%	20%	990
Apr 2015	26%	54%	20%	1055
Apr 2014	22%	51%	27%	1069
Apr 2013	23%	60%	17%	1127
Apr 2012	10%	69%	21%	1198
Apr 2011	9%	69%	22%	1637
Apr 2010	8%	76%	16%	1540
Apr 2009	11%	70%	19%	1595
Apr 2008	14%	68%	18%	1514
Apr 2007	21%	54%	25%	1510
Apr 2006	16%	65%	20%	1265

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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	53%	45%	2%	1103
Apr 2020	60%	39%	2%	1093
Apr 2019	45%	52%	3%	1035

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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	18%	15%	23%	27%	11%	6%
Apr 2020	20%	17%	18%	25%	12%	7%
Apr 2019	18%	19%	18%	23%	13%	9%
Apr 2015	28%	18%	19%	16%	10%	4%
Apr 2013	30%	20%	17%	14%	12%	3%
Apr 2008	27%	21%	19%	15%	11%	2%
Apr 2007	24%	19%	16%	19%	13%	2%
Apr 2006	22%	15%	23%	17%	11%	3%

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

	All of the above (vol)	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	0%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	0%	0%	1094
Apr 2019	0%	0%	1035
Apr 2015	4%	2%	1057
Apr 2013	3%	2%	1129
Apr 2008	3%	2%	1517
Apr 2007	4%	2%	1510
Apr 2006	7%	2%	1266

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Q6. How much of a problem is the quality of education in 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	41%	51%	7%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	33%	54%	13%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	47%	47%	5%	1%	1035
Apr 2016	53%	33%	11%	3%	993
Apr 2015	60%	28%	9%	3%	1064
Apr 2014	61%	30%	6%	3%	1074
Apr 2013	64%	27%	7%	2%	1131
Apr 2012	67%	24%	6%	4%	1206
Apr 2011	67%	23%	7%	3%	1652
Apr 2010	60%	31%	7%	2%	1541
Apr 2009	59%	29%	8%	4%	1600
Apr 2008	62%	25%	9%	4%	1520
Apr 2007	63%	26%	7%	4%	1516
Apr 2006	70%	21%	6%	2%	1268
Apr 2005	60%	28%	8%	5%	1475
Oct 2002	54%	35%	8%	4%	1052
Dec 2001	59%	29%	9%	3%	949
Jan 2001	55%	31%	8%	5%	1093
Jan 2000	62%	27%	9%	2%	985
May 1998	57%	30%	9%	4%	949

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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	13%	48%	39%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	20%	40%	38%	1%	1094
Apr 2011	7%	62%	27%	4%	1654

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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)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	50%	35%	11%	4%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	43%	42%	11%	4%	0%	1093
Apr 2019	51%	34%	10%	3%	0%	1035
Apr 2016	56%	28%	6%	8%	2%	990
Apr 2015	57%	25%	7%	8%	3%	1062
Apr 2014	57%	26%	8%	7%	2%	1072
Apr 2013	50%	29%	10%	8%	3%	1125
Apr 2012	62%	22%	9%	6%	1%	1203
Apr 2011	62%	25%	6%	6%	1%	1641
Apr 2010	58%	28%	8%	5%	2%	1541
Apr 2008	51%	32%	10%	6%	2%	1517
Apr 2007	54%	31%	7%	6%	2%	1515
Apr 2006	54%	31%	6%	7%	2%	1264

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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	50%	36%	10%	4%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	43%	43%	9%	4%	0%	1094
Apr 2019	49%	36%	12%	3%	0%	1034
Apr 2016	58%	29%	6%	7%	0%	992
Apr 2015	60%	25%	7%	6%	1%	1066
Apr 2014	62%	23%	11%	4%	0%	1078
Apr 2013	56%	27%	9%	7%	1%	1126
Apr 2011	59%	28%	7%	5%	0%	1653
Apr 2010	59%	27%	7%	5%	1%	1542

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Q25. Next, how much, if anything, have you heard about students who are English language learners in California?					
	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	20%	43%	37%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	22%	50%	27%	0%	1094

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Q26. How concerned are you about the issue of improving student outcomes for the English language learners in California today? Are you...						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	25%	49%	18%	7%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	29%	47%	19%	5%	0%	1093

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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	13%	39%	36%	8%	3%	0%
Apr 2020	15%	38%	37%	6%	3%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1102
Apr 2020	1094

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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	48%	40%	9%	2%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	48%	42%	7%	3%	0%	1094

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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	57%	42%	1%	1103
Apr 2013	42%	52%	7%	1132
Apr 2012	40%	54%	6%	1198

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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)
Apr 2021	12%	18%	31%	27%	10%	1%
Apr 2020	12%	24%	31%	26%	7%	1%
Apr 2019	11%	16%	30%	30%	12%	1%
Apr 2018	17%	14%	24%	24%	12%	8%
Apr 2015	18%	14%	24%	24%	13%	8%
Apr 2014	14%	16%	25%	23%	13%	8%
Apr 2013	14%	11%	25%	24%	15%	10%
Apr 2012	17%	12%	20%	24%	15%	12%
Apr 2011	16%	13%	24%	22%	17%	8%
Apr 2010	13%	13%	20%	23%	18%	13%
Apr 2009	16%	14%	21%	23%	17%	9%
Apr 2008	13%	14%	24%	22%	19%	8%
Apr 2007	11%	16%	26%	22%	16%	10%
Apr 2006	14%	15%	23%	23%	14%	12%
Apr 2005	8%	10%	20%	28%	22%	12%
Oct 2002	10%	10%	28%	25%	17%	10%
Jan 2002	7%	8%	20%	30%	24%	10%
Feb 2000	7%	9%	22%	31%	25%	7%
Apr 1998	5%	11%	26%	27%	21%	10%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1103
Apr 2020	1093
Apr 2019	1035
Apr 2018	866
Apr 2015	1062
Apr 2014	1074
Apr 2013	1134
Apr 2012	1205
Apr 2011	1653
Apr 2010	1540
Apr 2009	1596
Apr 2008	1522
Apr 2007	1518
Apr 2006	1266
Apr 2005	1476
Oct 2002	1050
Jan 2002	975
Feb 2000	1013
Apr 1998	990

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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%	11%	37%	34%	15%	1%
Apr 2020	2%	12%	40%	36%	9%	1%
Apr 2019	1%	8%	35%	39%	14%	2%
Apr 2018	4%	13%	35%	30%	13%	6%
Apr 2015	1%	7%	30%	37%	19%	5%
Apr 2014	1%	7%	33%	39%	16%	4%
Apr 2013	2%	6%	29%	38%	20%	5%
Apr 2012	1%	5%	29%	36%	21%	8%
Apr 2011	1%	7%	28%	39%	21%	5%
Apr 2010	1%	5%	29%	40%	18%	8%
Apr 2009	2%	6%	30%	36%	21%	5%
Apr 2008	2%	5%	26%	40%	21%	5%
Apr 2007	1%	6%	27%	43%	18%	5%
Apr 2006	2%	6%	28%	41%	17%	6%
Apr 2005	2%	6%	28%	41%	17%	7%
Oct 2002	2%	6%	30%	43%	15%	4%
Jan 2002	1%	4%	26%	45%	18%	6%
Apr 1998	1%	6%	28%	45%	16%	4%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1103
Apr 2020	1094
Apr 2019	1034
Apr 2018	866
Apr 2015	1066
Apr 2014	1075
Apr 2013	1130
Apr 2012	1206
Apr 2011	1654
Apr 2010	1540
Apr 2009	1600
Apr 2008	1517
Apr 2007	1514
Apr 2006	1268
Apr 2005	1476
Oct 2002	1049
Jan 2002	976
Apr 1998	993

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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?

	A	B	C	D	F	Don't Know (vol)
Apr 2021	9%	34%	38%	12%	5%	2%
Apr 2020	10%	37%	37%	11%	4%	1%
Apr 2019	9%	31%	37%	17%	4%	1%
Apr 2018	16%	35%	26%	12%	5%	6%
Apr 2017	17%	35%	27%	11%	7%	4%
Apr 2016	18%	36%	28%	11%	4%	3%
Apr 2015	15%	34%	32%	11%	4%	4%
Apr 2014	12%	37%	33%	9%	4%	5%
Apr 2013	17%	35%	31%	9%	5%	3%
Apr 2012	15%	34%	28%	12%	4%	6%
Apr 2011	16%	31%	32%	13%	4%	4%
Apr 2010	20%	32%	27%	11%	4%	5%
Apr 2009	18%	34%	29%	9%	4%	5%
Apr 2008	18%	35%	27%	10%	4%	5%
Apr 2007	14%	34%	30%	10%	5%	7%
Apr 2006	19%	36%	27%	8%	4%	5%
Apr 2005	17%	34%	29%	9%	3%	8%
Oct 2002	14%	33%	32%	11%	4%	5%
Aug 2000	10%	29%	30%	14%	7%	8%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1103
Apr 2020	1093
Apr 2019	1033
Apr 2018	864
Apr 2017	1035
Apr 2016	997
Apr 2015	1066
Apr 2014	1077
Apr 2013	1133
Apr 2012	1202
Apr 2011	1649
Apr 2010	1543
Apr 2009	1598
Apr 2008	1523
Apr 2007	1516
Apr 2006	1268
Apr 2005	1476
Oct 2002	1051
Aug 2000	1014

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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?

	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	Other (specify)	Don't know (vol)
Apr 2021	8%	55%	28%	7%	0%	2%
Apr 2020	10%	53%	29%	6%	0%	1%
Apr 2019	7%	50%	33%	9%	0%	2%
Apr 2017	12%	41%	22%	16%	0%	8%
Apr 2016	12%	42%	30%	11%	0%	6%
Apr 2015	12%	44%	26%	11%	0%	7%
Apr 2014	10%	41%	26%	14%	0%	9%
Apr 2013	10%	39%	30%	13%	0%	8%
Nov 2011	4%	28%	38%	25%	0%	5%
Apr 2011	3%	33%	37%	23%	0%	4%
Apr 2010	3%	35%	42%	17%	0%	4%
Apr 2009	3%	40%	38%	15%	0%	5%
Apr 2006	3%	32%	40%	21%	1%	3%

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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	1102
Apr 2020	1090
Apr 2019	1034
Apr 2017	1033
Apr 2016	996
Apr 2015	1063
Apr 2014	1075
Apr 2013	1131
Nov 2011	1639
Apr 2011	1645
Apr 2010	1539
Apr 2009	1600
Apr 2006	1267

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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?

	Excellent	Good	Not so good	Poor	Other (specify)	Don't know (vol)
Apr 2021	6%	48%	36%	8%	0%	2%
Apr 2020	7%	47%	37%	8%	0%	2%
Apr 2019	5%	40%	43%	10%	0%	2%
Apr 2017	8%	31%	31%	21%	0%	10%
Apr 2016	9%	35%	35%	15%	0%	7%
Apr 2015	8%	36%	35%	13%	0%	9%
Apr 2014	4%	33%	37%	18%	0%	7%
Apr 2013	5%	34%	37%	17%	0%	8%
Apr 2011	2%	26%	40%	27%	0%	5%
Apr 2010	2%	23%	49%	22%	0%	5%
Apr 2009	1%	24%	49%	21%	0%	4%
Apr 2006	2%	22%	45%	26%	0%	5%

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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	1102
Apr 2020	1092
Apr 2019	1035
Apr 2017	1036
Apr 2016	996
Apr 2015	1063
Apr 2014	1076
Apr 2013	1130
Apr 2011	1644
Apr 2010	1539
Apr 2009	1598
Apr 2006	1267

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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	Not enough	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	15%	31%	53%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	14%	29%	55%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	13%	27%	59%	2%	1035
Apr 2018	13%	19%	60%	8%	865
Apr 2017	10%	20%	66%	4%	1035
Apr 2016	13%	22%	60%	5%	997
Apr 2015	14%	27%	54%	5%	1069
Apr 2014	18%	27%	49%	6%	1077
Apr 2013	12%	26%	58%	3%	1133
Apr 2012	12%	26%	59%	3%	1207
Apr 2011	12%	30%	52%	6%	1650
Apr 2010	8%	26%	59%	6%	1543
Apr 2009	14%	32%	49%	6%	1601
Apr 2008	12%	32%	49%	7%	1520
Apr 2007	13%	33%	46%	8%	1515
Apr 2006	13%	34%	46%	7%	1267
Apr 2005	8%	33%	48%	10%	1474
Jan 2004	12%	23%	60%	5%	981
Oct 2002	10%	21%	63%	6%	1049
Aug 2000	10%	23%	62%	5%	1012
Sep 1999	11%	20%	65%	4%	913
Sep 1998	10%	21%	63%	6%	1042

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

	Yes	No	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	55%	44%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	53%	45%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	57%	41%	2%	1034
Oct 2016	59%	34%	7%	1021
Sep 2016	61%	33%	6%	1052
Apr 2016	63%	32%	4%	994
Apr 2015	55%	40%	5%	1066

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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	52%	47%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	50%	49%	1%	1093
Apr 2019	56%	42%	2%	1034
Apr 2018	60%	32%	9%	863
Apr 2017	58%	35%	7%	1034
Apr 2016	62%	34%	4%	994
Apr 2015	53%	42%	4%	1067
Apr 2014	55%	38%	8%	1076
Apr 2013	56%	42%	3%	1131
Apr 2012	53%	40%	6%	1204
Apr 2011	53%	43%	4%	1651
Apr 2010	54%	41%	5%	1543
Apr 2009	54%	41%	5%	1599
Apr 2008	58%	38%	5%	1520
Apr 2007	58%	37%	5%	1516
Apr 2005	68%	27%	5%	1475
Jun 2004	68%	28%	3%	1348
Feb 2004	59%	31%	10%	1009
Oct 2002	70%	25%	6%	1049
Oct 2000	63%	27%	10%	1090
Feb 2000	63%	30%	7%	1012
Dec 1999	72%	22%	6%	908

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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	44%	54%	2%	1103
Apr 2020	42%	57%	1%	1093
Apr 2019	44%	56%	1%	1035
Apr 2018	48%	45%	7%	864
Apr 2017	52%	44%	4%	1031
Apr 2016	52%	43%	5%	996
Apr 2015	49%	46%	5%	1067
Apr 2014	48%	48%	3%	1076
Apr 2013	51%	47%	3%	1131
Apr 2012	51%	44%	6%	1206
Apr 2011	54%	42%	4%	1653
Apr 2010	52%	44%	4%	1539
Apr 2009	49%	47%	5%	1596

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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?

	More than enough	Just enough	Not enough	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	12%	34%	53%	2%	1102
Apr 2020	11%	34%	53%	1%	1090
Apr 2019	13%	33%	53%	2%	1033
Apr 2017	13%	29%	50%	7%	1035

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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?

	More than enough	Just enough	Not enough	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	16%	46%	36%	2%	1103
Apr 2020	15%	43%	39%	2%	1091
Apr 2019	21%	38%	39%	2%	1035
Apr 2017	19%	36%	37%	8%	1034

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

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not really a problem	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	31%	53%	15%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	27%	53%	19%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	34%	52%	13%	1%	1035
Apr 2017	26%	43%	26%	5%	1035
Apr 2016	30%	49%	19%	2%	996
Apr 2013	29%	45%	23%	3%	1130
Apr 2011	46%	37%	16%	2%	1650
Apr 2010	37%	42%	18%	2%	1542
Apr 2009	30%	42%	23%	4%	1601
Apr 2008	30%	43%	23%	4%	1520
Apr 2007	31%	43%	22%	4%	1517
Apr 2006	28%	42%	26%	4%	1265

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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?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not really a problem	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	44%	41%	14%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	41%	44%	14%	1%	1092
Apr 2019	48%	40%	12%	1%	1034
Apr 2017	49%	30%	16%	5%	1036
Apr 2016	50%	30%	17%	3%	997

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Q45. Do you think salaries for teachers in your community are too high, too low, or just about right?					
	Too high	Too low	Just about right	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	7%	61%	31%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	6%	63%	29%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	6%	62%	31%	1%	1035

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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	66%	32%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	66%	33%	1%	1092
Apr 2010	50%	45%	5%	1539
Apr 2007	64%	32%	4%	1517
Apr 2006	64%	33%	3%	1266

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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	75%	25%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	73%	26%	1%	1093
Apr 2008	65%	32%	3%	1517
Apr 2007	71%	27%	2%	1517
Apr 2006	69%	27%	3%	1265

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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	2%	15%	83%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	5%	17%	78%	0%	1094
Apr 2019	6%	20%	73%	0%	1035
Apr 2018	6%	25%	69%	1%	866
Apr 2017	4%	24%	71%	1%	1036
Apr 2016	4%	27%	69%	0%	997
Apr 2015	3%	21%	75%	1%	1068
Apr 2014	4%	23%	73%	0%	1078

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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	71%	28%	2%	1099
Apr 2020	71%	27%	2%	1091
Apr 2019	70%	28%	2%	1033
Apr 2018	67%	22%	10%	860
Apr 2017	63%	29%	8%	1029
Apr 2016	75%	20%	5%	990
Apr 2015	69%	22%	9%	1064
Apr 2014	67%	24%	8%	1073

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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%	45%	13%	32%	2%	1098
Apr 2020	11%	50%	—	36%	3%	1091
Apr 2019	9%	65%	—	24%	2%	1033
Apr 2018	16%	46%	—	27%	11%	863
Apr 2017	14%	45%	—	30%	11%	1034
Apr 2016	18%	52%	—	23%	8%	992
Apr 2015	10%	50%	—	31%	8%	1064
Apr 2014	10%	44%	—	33%	13%	1076

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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	66%	34%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	61%	38%	2%	1093
Apr 2019	59%	39%	1%	1035
Apr 2017	71%	26%	3%	1036
Apr 2016	67%	31%	2%	997
Apr 2014	63%	32%	5%	1073

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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	48%	33%	14%	5%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	48%	29%	16%	7%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	49%	30%	12%	9%	0%	1035
Apr 2017	66%	22%	6%	5%	1%	1035
Apr 2016	62%	24%	10%	4%	1%	997
Apr 2014	61%	22%	10%	6%	2%	1077
May 2006	57%	25%	9%	7%	2%	1093
Mar 2006	58%	24%	8%	7%	2%	1007

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Q53. How much of a problem is the quality 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	17%	50%	31%	2%	1101
Apr 2020	17%	47%	33%	3%	1093
Apr 2019	21%	48%	29%	2%	1034
Apr 2016	21%	37%	29%	13%	996

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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	40%	44%	14%	2%	1102
Apr 2020	40%	41%	17%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	39%	42%	17%	2%	1033
Apr 2016	41%	30%	19%	9%	995

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Q55. How concerned are you that children in lower-income areas are less likely than other children to be ready for kindergarten? Are you...						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	29%	42%	21%	7%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	31%	42%	18%	7%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	32%	37%	18%	12%	0%	1035
Apr 2016	50%	28%	11%	11%	1%	996

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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...						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	22%	44%	24%	9%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	25%	38%	25%	12%	1%	1093

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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	63%	31%	4%	2%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	62%	33%	4%	1%	1%	1093
Apr 2014	78%	18%	4%	0%	0%	1078
Apr 2013	73%	22%	5%	0%	0%	1132
Apr 2009	74%	22%	4%	0%	1%	1601
Apr 2007	66%	26%	8%	0%	0%	1518

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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%	34%	45%	13%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	7%	36%	42%	14%	1%	1093

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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	28%	17%	17%	37%	0%	0%
Apr 2019	28%	13%	21%	38%	0%	0%
Apr 2018	29%	17%	22%	32%	1%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	218
Apr 2019	217
Apr 2018	212

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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	1%	5%	13%	39%	41%	1%
Apr 2020	1%	7%	7%	38%	47%	0%
Apr 2019	1%	5%	6%	35%	53%	0%
Apr 2018	0%	2%	10%	33%	54%	1%
Apr 2017	0%	2%	8%	33%	54%	2%
Apr 2016	0%	1%	7%	27%	64%	1%
Apr 2015	0%	2%	5%	34%	58%	1%
Apr 2014	0%	4%	7%	39%	49%	1%
Apr 2013	0%	5%	2%	33%	60%	0%
Dec 2012	0%	0%	6%	38%	55%	0%
Nov 2011	0%	1%	3%	36%	59%	2%
Nov 2010	0%	5%	4%	35%	55%	1%
Apr 2010	0%	2%	3%	37%	58%	1%
Nov 2009	1%	4%	2%	39%	54%	1%
Apr 2009	0%	2%	4%	40%	53%	1%
Nov 2008	1%	3%	2%	38%	56%	1%
Oct 2007	0%	2%	3%	41%	52%	1%
Apr 2005	0%	3%	4%	44%	48%	1%

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

	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	218
Apr 2020	195
Apr 2019	216
Apr 2018	213
Apr 2017	250
Apr 2016	249
Apr 2015	248
Apr 2014	272
Apr 2013	313
Dec 2012	361
Nov 2011	474
Nov 2010	501
Apr 2010	494
Nov 2009	483
Apr 2009	539
Nov 2008	550
Oct 2007	554
Apr 2005	508

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

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	32%	39%	18%	10%	1%	218
Apr 2020	37%	39%	14%	10%	0%	196
Apr 2019	43%	35%	16%	6%	1%	217
Nov 2011	41%	34%	11%	14%	0%	473
Nov 2010	47%	29%	12%	11%	1%	502
Nov 2009	43%	30%	13%	14%	0%	482
Nov 2008	36%	29%	19%	15%	0%	549
Oct 2007	35%	34%	16%	15%	0%	554

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Q63. How confident are you that standardized tests are an accurate indicator of a 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	9%	40%	35%	16%	1%	1103
Apr 2015	9%	34%	27%	29%	2%	1066
Apr 2013	10%	36%	32%	21%	1%	1133
Apr 2006	11%	48%	22%	16%	3%	647

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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	25%	32%	22%	11%	10%	0%
Apr 2018	29%	29%	21%	8%	11%	2%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	1102
Apr 2018	864

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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	61%	23%	10%	6%	0%	1103
Dec 2020	56%	26%	11%	7%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	61%	22%	12%	5%	0%	1032

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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	3%	30%	4%	62%	0%	1071
Jul 2020	5%	38%	–	57%	0%	1020

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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	65%	34%	1%	1101
Jul 2020	65%	35%	0%	1030

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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	39%	25%	11%	25%	0%	1101
Jul 2020	38%	29%	11%	22%	0%	1029

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	59%	40%	1%	1103
Dec 2020	59%	40%	1%	1551
May 2020	57%	35%	8%	1041

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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
Apr 2021	55%	43%	2%	1102
Dec 2020	30%	69%	1%	1551
Jul 2020	17%	83%	0%	1031
Apr 2020	21%	78%	1%	1094
Jan 2020	50%	42%	8%	962
Sep 2019	37%	54%	10%	1022
May 2019	42%	48%	10%	1114
Jan 2019	45%	45%	10%	1148
Dec 2018	46%	44%	10%	1080
Oct 2018	47%	39%	14%	983
Sep 2018	55%	38%	7%	953
May 2018	50%	40%	10%	897
Jan 2018	56%	34%	10%	1036
Sep 2017	51%	42%	7%	1099
Mar 2017	50%	41%	10%	1060
Jan 2017	51%	34%	15%	1100
Oct 2016	46%	40%	14%	1019
Sep 2016	47%	42%	11%	1048
May 2016	45%	43%	12%	983
Mar 2016	46%	45%	9%	1030
Jan 2016	44%	46%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	47%	43%	10%	1106
Sep 2015	46%	44%	10%	1060
Jun 2015	44%	44%	11%	1041
Mar 2015	49%	39%	12%	1055
Jan 2015	54%	36%	10%	1001
Dec 2014	51%	40%	9%	1047
Oct 2014	42%	47%	11%	970
Sep 2014	44%	46%	10%	906
May 2014	44%	46%	10%	1033
Mar 2014	42%	48%	10%	1084
Jan 2014	46%	47%	8%	1139
Dec 2013	38%	52%	10%	1076
Sep 2013	44%	46%	10%	1095
Jun 2013	46%	44%	10%	1431
May 2013	45%	46%	9%	1117
Mar 2013	41%	52%	8%	1131
Jan 2013	44%	44%	11%	1110
Dec 2012	37%	55%	8%	1428
Oct 2012	34%	53%	12%	1329
Sep 2012	29%	63%	9%	1321
May 2012	27%	65%	9%	1242
Mar 2012	28%	62%	11%	1165
Jan 2012	27%	65%	8%	1294
Dec 2011	22%	68%	10%	1288
Sep 2011	19%	74%	7%	1357
Jun 2011	20%	70%	10%	1483
Jun 2011	29%	63%	8%	1401
Mar 2011	26%	65%	8%	1362
Feb 2011	31%	57%	12%	1558
Jan 2011	28%	63%	9%	1392
Oct 2010	20%	65%	14%	1220
Sep 2010	24%	62%	13%	1206
Jul 2010	19%	74%	7%	1461

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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
May 2010	22%	71%	7%	1243
Mar 2010	21%	72%	7%	1230
Jan 2010	17%	76%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	20%	73%	6%	1078
Nov 2009	17%	75%	7%	1627
Sep 2009	22%	71%	7%	1337
Jul 2009	13%	81%	6%	1568
Jun 2009	18%	77%	5%	1502
May 2009	19%	75%	6%	1217
Mar 2009	15%	79%	6%	1136
Feb 2009	13%	83%	4%	1565
Jan 2009	13%	82%	5%	1389
Nov 2008	17%	75%	9%	1636
Oct 2008	15%	77%	8%	1277
Sep 2008	17%	72%	11%	1281
Aug 2008	17%	75%	8%	1182
Jul 2008	14%	80%	7%	1454
Jun 2008	12%	82%	6%	1422
May 2008	16%	75%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	12%	80%	8%	1221
Jan 2008	18%	74%	9%	1227
Dec 2007	23%	68%	9%	1150
Sep 2007	29%	62%	9%	1157
Jun 2007	43%	47%	10%	1106
May 2007	41%	47%	12%	1122
Mar 2007	41%	49%	11%	1233
Jan 2007	52%	37%	11%	1274
Oct 2006	52%	35%	13%	1186
Sep 2006	48%	40%	12%	1209
Aug 2006	45%	43%	12%	1100
Jul 2006	42%	43%	15%	1351
May 2006	39%	48%	12%	1093
Mar 2006	50%	38%	12%	1000
Feb 2006	46%	42%	12%	1232
Jan 2006	49%	40%	11%	1252
Jan 2006	43%	45%	12%	1446
Oct 2005	35%	54%	11%	1159
Sep 2005	33%	57%	10%	1110
Aug 2005	42%	47%	12%	1054
Jul 2005	45%	39%	16%	1459
May 2005	44%	45%	11%	1241
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	1470
Jan 2005	47%	38%	15%	1227
Oct 2004	45%	40%	15%	1209
Sep 2004	48%	39%	14%	1195
Aug 2004	46%	40%	14%	1181
Jul 2004	50%	39%	12%	1445
Jun 2004	42%	45%	12%	1336
May 2004	43%	43%	14%	1099
Feb 2004	42%	45%	13%	1007
Jan 2004	51%	34%	15%	979
Nov 2003	40%	45%	15%	1183
Oct 2003	34%	44%	22%	1119
Sep 2003	31%	51%	18%	1133

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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
Aug 2003	27%	56%	17%	1057
July 2003	29%	62%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	25%	66%	9%	1025
Feb 2003	15%	76%	9%	1075
Nov 2002	45%	46%	9%	913
Oct 2002	35%	53%	12%	1046
Sep 2002	40%	50%	10%	1036
Aug 2002	35%	53%	12%	969
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	950
Jan 2002	46%	48%	6%	971
Dec 2001	35%	59%	6%	947
Jan 2001	52%	36%	12%	1090
Aug 2000	78%	16%	7%	1013
Feb 2000	81%	11%	8%	1012
Dec 1999	79%	15%	6%	910
Sep 1999	76%	19%	5%	914

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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	35%	41%	20%	5%	0%	1104
Dec 2020	43%	39%	15%	3%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	49%	36%	13%	2%	0%	1032
Apr 2020	52%	36%	10%	2%	0%	1094

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

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	27%	32%	29%	12%	0%	1104
Dec 2020	31%	42%	19%	8%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	40%	37%	17%	6%	0%	1031
Apr 2020	39%	41%	16%	3%	0%	1094

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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...

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	19%	29%	35%	17%	0%	1104
Dec 2020	25%	39%	26%	11%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	30%	37%	24%	9%	0%	1032
Apr 2020	40%	34%	21%	5%	0%	1094

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Q74. Do you feel that worry or stress related to coronavirus has had a negative impact on your mental health, or not?						
	Yes, major impact	Yes, minor impact	Yes, don't know	No	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2021	15%	28%	3%	54%	0%	1096
Dec 2020	21%	33%	–	45%	0%	1551
Jul 2020	18%	33%	–	49%	0%	1011
Apr 2020	25%	24%	–	50%	0%	1092

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