

Californians and Education

April 2020

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for April 2020 are based on a survey of 1,633 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 18.5 minutes. Interviews were conducted from April 1–9, 2020.

The sampling error for April 2020, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.3 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,633 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.3 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. It is ± 6.7 for the 377 parents and is ± 7.8 for the 272 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 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	73%	25%	2%	1626
Apr 2019	53%	38%	9%	1503

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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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	62%	36%	2%	1627
Apr 2019	46%	49%	5%	1507

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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 2020	24%	15%	16%	27%	13%	5%
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?

	(VOL) All of the above	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	-	0%	1630
Apr 2019	-	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?					
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	20%	35%	43%	1%	1630
Apr 2011	11%	54%	29%	6%	2499

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Q8. Overall, do you think the K-12 public education system in California is in need of major changes, minor changes, or that it is basically fine the way it is?

	Major changes	Minor changes	Fine the way it is	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	46%	44%	9%	1%	1631
Apr 2010	62%	28%	7%	3%	2497
Apr 2009	58%	31%	7%	4%	2492
Apr 2008	59%	30%	8%	3%	2497
Apr 2007	57%	30%	9%	4%	2498

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Q9. 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?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	37%	44%	14%	4%	1%	1628
Apr 2019	46%	39%	11%	4%	1%	1510
Apr 2016	53%	31%	8%	7%	1%	1690
Apr 2015	57%	27%	8%	6%	2%	1692
Apr 2014	57%	28%	8%	6%	1%	1696
Apr 2013	52%	30%	9%	7%	3%	1692
Apr 2012	64%	23%	8%	4%	1%	2000
Apr 2011	65%	24%	5%	5%	1%	2487
Apr 2010	60%	28%	6%	4%	2%	2500
Apr 2008	54%	31%	8%	5%	2%	2496
Apr 2007	54%	31%	7%	6%	2%	2496
Apr 2006	57%	29%	6%	5%	2%	2495

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Q10. 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?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q15. 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 (volunteered)
Apr 2020	9%	21%	39%	25%	5%	1%
Apr 2019	8%	15%	35%	29%	10%	2%
Apr 2018	16%	17%	27%	19%	11%	10%
Apr 2015	13%	13%	29%	22%	13%	9%
Apr 2014	11%	15%	27%	26%	13%	9%
Apr 2013	12%	13%	29%	21%	15%	11%
Apr 2012	13%	14%	25%	20%	16%	12%
Apr 2011	12%	13%	27%	22%	14%	11%
Apr 2010	12%	14%	24%	22%	15%	14%
Apr 2009	15%	13%	24%	21%	14%	12%
Apr 2008	12%	14%	29%	20%	16%	9%
Apr 2007	12%	13%	31%	19%	13%	12%
Apr 2006	11%	13%	29%	20%	11%	15%
Apr 2005	9%	10%	25%	26%	18%	13%
Oct 2002	9%	11%	31%	23%	14%	13%
Jan 2002	6%	9%	24%	28%	20%	13%
Feb 2000	6%	10%	24%	29%	21%	9%
Apr 1998	5%	9%	28%	27%	20%	11%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	1629
Apr 2019	1508
Apr 2018	1702
Apr 2015	1698
Apr 2014	1697
Apr 2013	1701
Apr 2012	2002
Apr 2011	2501
Apr 2010	2497
Apr 2009	2490
Apr 2008	2499
Apr 2007	2497
Apr 2006	2495
Apr 2005	2500
Oct 2002	1967
Jan 2002	1952
Feb 2000	2026
Apr 1998	1981

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Q16. 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 (volunteered)
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 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

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Q17. 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 (volunteered)
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 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

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Q18. 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	Don't know (volunteered)
Apr 2020	9%	55%	29%	5%	1%
Apr 2019	7%	48%	35%	7%	3%
Apr 2017	14%	44%	20%	15%	8%
Apr 2016	13%	48%	25%	9%	5%
Apr 2015	11%	47%	25%	10%	7%
Apr 2014	10%	43%	28%	12%	7%
Apr 2013	12%	42%	28%	11%	7%
Nov 2011	8%	36%	33%	18%	5%
Apr 2011	5%	38%	35%	17%	5%
Apr 2010	4%	37%	39%	14%	5%
Apr 2009	4%	42%	36%	12%	5%
Apr 2006	6%	35%	36%	17%	5%

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	Unweighted n
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

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Q19. 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	Don't know (volunteered)
Apr 2020	7%	50%	35%	7%	2%
Apr 2019	5%	43%	41%	8%	3%
Apr 2017	10%	36%	28%	18%	8%
Apr 2016	10%	42%	29%	13%	6%
Apr 2015	7%	41%	32%	12%	7%
Apr 2014	6%	35%	35%	17%	8%
Apr 2013	7%	37%	35%	14%	8%
Apr 2011	4%	32%	38%	20%	6%
Apr 2010	3%	28%	45%	19%	6%
Apr 2009	3%	31%	43%	18%	5%
Apr 2006	4%	29%	40%	20%	6%

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	Unweighted n
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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Q20. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	9%	41%	49%	1%	1625
Apr 2019	10%	37%	49%	3%	1506
Apr 2017	11%	30%	52%	7%	1703

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Q21. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	12%	49%	36%	2%	1627
Apr 2019	15%	43%	38%	3%	1508
Apr 2017	16%	39%	37%	8%	1702

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Q22. Do you think the current level of resources for special education in your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough?

	More than enough	Just enough	Not enough	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	9%	47%	42%	2%	1628
Apr 2019	10%	44%	41%	5%	1509
Apr 2017	8%	29%	52%	11%	1699

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Q23. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q24. As you may know, under Proposition 13 passed by the California voters in 1978, residential and commercial property taxes are both strictly limited. What if there was a state ballot measure to have commercial properties taxed according to their current market value and direct some of this new tax revenue to state funding for K-12 public schools? Would you vote yes or no?

	Yes	No	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	53%	46%	2%	1622
Nov 2019	55%	37%	8%	1702
Sep 2019	57%	34%	9%	1694
Apr 2019	56%	42%	2%	1505
Apr 2018	61%	33%	6%	1698

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Q25. What if there was a state ballot measure to replace the two-thirds vote requirement with a 55 percent majority vote for voters to pass local parcel taxes for their local public schools? Would you vote yes or no?

	Yes	No	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	42%	55%	3%	1624
Apr 2019	44%	53%	3%	1504
Apr 2018	57%	34%	9%	1693

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Q26. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q30. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q31. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q33. How about teacher quality? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem for California's K-12 public schools today?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not really a problem	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q34. How about a shortage of teachers? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem for California's K-12 public schools today?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not really a problem	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q35. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	6%	61%	31%	2%	1630
Apr 2019	6%	61%	30%	4%	1509

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Q36. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	63%	35%	2%	1627
Apr 2010	51%	44%	5%	2495
Apr 2007	67%	29%	4%	2496
Apr 2006	66%	31%	4%	2499

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Q37. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	72%	27%	1%	1629
Apr 2008	72%	25%	3%	2496
Apr 2007	76%	22%	3%	2499
Apr 2006	76%	21%	3%	2498

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Q38. How much, if anything, have you heard about California's
 charter schools, publicly funded schools typically run by
 organizations under a contract?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	15%	52%	32%	0%	1631
Apr 2019	16%	51%	32%	2%	1510

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Q39. The state created charter schools to offer parents an alternative to traditional public schools. These schools are expected to meet basic state requirements, but are exempt from many state laws and regulations. Do you favor or oppose charter schools?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	54%	43%	3%	1626
Apr 2019	49%	46%	5%	1506

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Q40. How important is it for parents in lower-income areas to have the choice of sending their children to charter schools instead of traditional local public schools?						
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	30%	37%	20%	9%	3%	1628
Apr 2019	36%	39%	19%	6%	0%	1479

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Q41. How concerned are you about charter schools taking away state funding that is available for traditional local public schools?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	24%	34%	28%	12%	1%	1630
Apr 2019	28%	36%	23%	10%	3%	1508

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Q42. How much, if anything, have you heard about the Common Core State Standards, a new set of English and math standards that the state began implementing in recent years?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	20%	46%	33%	1%	1630
Apr 2019	19%	45%	35%	1%	1509
Apr 2017	24%	41%	34%	1%	1704
Apr 2016	25%	41%	33%	1%	1701
Apr 2015	20%	38%	41%	1%	1706
Apr 2014	19%	37%	43%	1%	1700

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Q43. The Common Core State Standards are a single set of K-12 English language arts and math standards that most states, including California, have voluntarily adopted. Do you favor or oppose the Common Core education standards?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	56%	41%	4%	1623
Apr 2019	51%	41%	8%	1504
Apr 2017	43%	35%	22%	1694
Apr 2016	43%	39%	18%	1695
Apr 2015	47%	31%	23%	1687

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Q44. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q45. The Local Control Funding Formula provides additional funding to school districts that have more [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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q46. As the state implements the Local Control Funding Formula, how confident are you that local school districts which receive additional funding will spend that money on programs and support for [English language learners] [AND] [lower-income students]? Are you...

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	7%	43%	35%	14%	2%	1624
Apr 2019	6%	41%	36%	13%	4%	1507
Apr 2018	13%	45%	23%	16%	3%	1696
Apr 2017	11%	42%	29%	16%	2%	1701
Apr 2016	15%	50%	22%	10%	3%	1701
Apr 2015	10%	46%	27%	15%	2%	1699

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Q47. 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	Will NOT improve	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q48. The Local Control Funding Formula requires school districts to seek input from parents in developing and revising their accountability plans for how to allocate resources. Has your child's school or school district provided you with information about how to become involved, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	37%	61%	1%	272
Apr 2019	50%	49%	2%	283
Apr 2018	54%	41%	5%	389
Apr 2017	46%	49%	5%	410

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Q49. And how likely are you to participate in the process of revising and updating your local school district's accountability plan?						
	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	11%	45%	32%	12%	1%	272
Apr 2019	14%	46%	29%	11%	0%	284
Apr 2018	28%	46%	13%	12%	1%	390
Apr 2017	25%	47%	18%	9%	1%	411

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Q50. Do you feel you can easily find information about the quality of your child's school?

	Yes	No	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	68%	32%	0%	271
Apr 2019	69%	31%	1%	283
Apr 2018	83%	15%	2%	390

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Q51. How much, if anything, have you heard about the California School Dashboard, a new online tool which uses multiple measures to evaluate how the state's K-12 schools are performing?

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	8%	44%	48%	0%	272
Apr 2019	12%	41%	47%	0%	284
Apr 2018	10%	34%	56%	0%	391

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Q52. How concerned are you about the impacts of increased federal immigration enforcement efforts on undocumented students and their families in your local public schools?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	27%	33%	22%	18%	1%	1627
Apr 2019	30%	31%	19%	17%	2%	1508
Apr 2018	43%	27%	13%	16%	2%	1695
Apr 2017	46%	24%	12%	16%	1%	1698

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Q53. How concerned are you about the threat of a mass shooting in your local schools?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	34%	32%	26%	8%	0%	1631
Apr 2019	37%	33%	21%	8%	1%	1509
Apr 2018	49%	24%	14%	12%	1%	1698

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Q55. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q56. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q57. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	16%	50%	32%	3%	1629
Apr 2019	20%	49%	27%	5%	1506
Apr 2016	20%	36%	34%	9%	1701

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Q58. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	35%	46%	18%	2%	1629
Apr 2019	33%	47%	16%	3%	1506
Apr 2016	42%	32%	20%	6%	1698

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Q59. How concerned are you that children in lower-income areas are less likely than other children to be ready for kindergarten?						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	27%	44%	19%	9%	1%	1628
Apr 2019	30%	40%	18%	10%	2%	1509
Apr 2016	50%	31%	11%	8%	1%	1700

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Q61. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q63. 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
Apr 2020	1%	10%	14%	37%	38%
Apr 2019	4%	8%	8%	33%	46%
Apr 2018	0%	5%	8%	35%	48%
Apr 2017	0%	4%	7%	34%	51%
Apr 2016	0%	4%	11%	29%	51%
Apr 2015	0%	6%	5%	36%	50%
Apr 2014	0%	7%	7%	37%	46%
Apr 2013	1%	9%	5%	37%	46%
Dec 2012	2%	2%	6%	36%	51%
Nov 2011	0%	3%	10%	38%	45%
Nov 2010	0%	5%	5%	42%	46%
Apr 2010	1%	5%	4%	41%	47%
Nov 2009	0%	4%	3%	44%	45%
Apr 2009	1%	6%	4%	43%	43%
Nov 2008	1%	6%	4%	41%	46%
Oct 2007	1%	4%	4%	43%	46%
Apr 2005	1%	6%	4%	47%	41%

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	Q63. Next, what do you hope will be the highest grade level that your youngest child will achieve?	
	Don't know (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	0%	376
Apr 2019	0%	391
Apr 2018	3%	523
Apr 2017	3%	528
Apr 2016	5%	507
Apr 2015	3%	499
Apr 2014	2%	505
Apr 2013	2%	535
Dec 2012	2%	587
Nov 2011	3%	857
Nov 2010	1%	883
Apr 2010	3%	976
Nov 2009	3%	910
Apr 2009	3%	967
Nov 2008	1%	984
Oct 2007	2%	1027
Apr 2005	2%	982

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Q64. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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

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Q72. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Apr 2020	19%	80%	1%	1629
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

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Q72. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
Dec 2011	31%	60%	9%	1986
Sep 2011	25%	67%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	26%	63%	11%	2479
Jun 2011	34%	58%	8%	1995
Mar 2011	30%	61%	8%	1987
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
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%	72%	9%	1991
Dec 2007	25%	65%	10%	1993
Sep 2007	33%	59%	8%	1992
Jun 2007	40%	49%	10%	1987
May 2007	38%	50%	12%	1990
Mar 2007	40%	51%	9%	1989
Jan 2007	50%	39%	11%	2009
Oct 2006	50%	37%	13%	1994
Sep 2006	45%	43%	12%	1999
Aug 2006	43%	46%	12%	1993
Jul 2006	39%	46%	15%	2494
May 2006	37%	52%	12%	1994

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Q72. 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 (volunteered)	Unweighted n
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	34%	55%	10%	1977
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

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