

Californians and Education

April 2026

Time Trends—All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,604 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 21 minutes. Interviewing took place from March 26—April 3, 2026.

The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.2 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,604. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.2 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. The sampling error for unweighted subgroups is larger. 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.

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

Note:

For questions related to the 2026 elections and the initiative process (Q6–Q13), please refer to the Public Time Trends—Likely Voters document.

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

	approve	disapprove	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	54%	40%	6%	1587
Apr 2025	50%	46%	4%	1576
Apr 2024	51%	44%	5%	1590
Apr 2022	60%	36%	4%	1581
Nov 2021	60%	38%	2%	2281
Apr 2021	57%	41%	3%	1594
Apr 2020	73%	25%	2%	1630
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 transitional kindergarten through 12th
 grade public education system?

	approve	disapprove	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	50%	44%	6%	1591
Apr 2025	48%	48%	5%	1581
Apr 2024	48%	47%	5%	1596
Apr 2022	56%	40%	4%	1580
Apr 2021	54%	43%	3%	1596
Apr 2020	69%	29%	2%	1629
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. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that California
Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, is
handling the state's TK-12 public education system?

	approve	disapprove	have not heard enough about him to have an opinion (vol)	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	47%	45%	5%	4%	1592
Apr 2025	47%	47%	4%	3%	1581
Apr 2024	48%	45%	3%	4%	1596

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Q14. Thinking about the transitional 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	47%	47%	6%	1595
Apr 2025	45%	51%	4%	1581
Apr 2024	47%	49%	5%	1597
Apr 2022	57%	39%	4%	1579
Apr 2021	54%	43%	3%	1597
Apr 2020	62%	35%	2%	1629
Apr 2019	46%	49%	5%	1507

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Q16. In your opinion, what is the most important goal of California's TK–12 public schools?

	preparing students for college	preparing students for the workforce	teaching students the basics including math, reading, and writing	teaching students life skills	preparing students to be engaged citizens	other (Specify)
Apr 2026	14%	10%	37%	22%	12%	3%
Apr 2025	16%	8%	40%	21%	11%	4%

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Q16. In your opinion, what is the most important goal of California's TK–12 public schools?

	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	2%	1597
Apr 2025	1%	1581

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Q17. How much of a priority do you think each of the following should be for California's TK–12 public schools? Preparing students to be engaged citizens.

	very high priority	high priority	medium priority	low priority	very low priority	don't know
Apr 2026	19%	41%	30%	6%	2%	2%
Apr 2025	32%	35%	26%	6%	2%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	1596
Apr 2025	1586

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Q18. How much of a problem is the quality of education in California's TK-12 public schools today?					
	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	37%	50%	11%	3%	1595
Apr 2025	35%	49%	13%	3%	1587
Apr 2024	32%	53%	13%	2%	1600
Jun 2023	39%	47%	12%	2%	1572
Apr 2022	32%	52%	14%	1%	1586
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

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Q19. Over the past few years, do you think the quality of education in California's TK-12 public schools has improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same?

	improved	gotten worse	stayed the same	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	8%	51%	37%	4%	1592
Apr 2025	10%	49%	37%	3%	1588
Apr 2024	13%	47%	36%	4%	1601
Jun 2023	7%	57%	35%	2%	1570
Apr 2022	13%	42%	42%	3%	1585
Apr 2021	12%	44%	42%	2%	1598
Apr 2020	20%	35%	43%	1%	1631
Apr 2011	11%	54%	29%	6%	2499

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Q20. Overall, do you think the TK–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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	53%	36%	8%	4%	1594
Apr 2025	50%	40%	7%	3%	1586
Apr 2024	50%	40%	8%	3%	1597
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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Q21. How concerned are you that California's TK–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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	39%	41%	12%	6%	2%	1594
Apr 2025	44%	38%	12%	4%	2%	1585
Apr 2024	39%	42%	14%	3%	2%	1597
Apr 2022	49%	36%	10%	3%	1%	1587
Apr 2021	43%	40%	10%	6%	1%	1599
Apr 2020	37%	44%	14%	4%	1%	1630
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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Q22. How concerned are you that California's TK–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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	37%	42%	13%	7%	2%	1595
Apr 2025	39%	42%	13%	5%	2%	1587
Apr 2024	34%	45%	15%	4%	2%	1597
Apr 2022	45%	40%	12%	3%	1%	1587
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

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Q23. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	28%	43%	19%	8%	2%	1595
Apr 2025	23%	47%	21%	7%	2%	1586
Apr 2024	20%	47%	25%	6%	1%	1598
Apr 2022	26%	47%	20%	6%	1%	1586
Apr 2021	21%	48%	22%	8%	1%	1600
Apr 2020	23%	47%	22%	7%	1%	1631

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Q24. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	45%	37%	10%	6%	2%	1597
Apr 2025	42%	43%	10%	3%	1%	1585
Apr 2024	40%	45%	10%	3%	2%	1597
Apr 2022	47%	42%	8%	2%	1%	1584
Apr 2021	45%	42%	9%	3%	1%	1600
Apr 2020	43%	45%	9%	3%	1%	1629

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Q25. 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
Apr 2026	16%	26%	29%	19%	7%	4%
Apr 2025	14%	24%	36%	18%	5%	3%
Apr 2024	10%	20%	39%	21%	5%	4%
Apr 2022	11%	22%	39%	19%	7%	3%
Apr 2021	10%	19%	38%	23%	8%	2%
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 2026	1597
Apr 2025	1583
Apr 2024	1595
Apr 2022	1585
Apr 2021	1601
Apr 2020	1630
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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Q26. 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
Apr 2026	5%	14%	37%	27%	13%	4%
Apr 2025	3%	16%	39%	28%	10%	3%
Apr 2024	3%	11%	42%	31%	9%	3%
Apr 2022	3%	14%	44%	27%	9%	3%
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 2026	1597
Apr 2025	1586
Apr 2024	1596
Apr 2022	1585
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

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Q27. 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
Apr 2026	11%	32%	35%	11%	7%	4%
Apr 2025	12%	36%	33%	11%	6%	3%
Apr 2024	9%	34%	38%	11%	5%	3%
Jun 2023	8%	30%	37%	14%	7%	3%
Apr 2022	12%	38%	34%	11%	3%	2%
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 2026	1595
Apr 2025	1587
Apr 2024	1599
Jun 2023	1567
Apr 2022	1587
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

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Q28. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	10%	47%	31%	7%	4%	1595
Apr 2025	9%	56%	27%	5%	3%	1584
Apr 2024	7%	53%	31%	6%	3%	1597
Apr 2022	10%	54%	28%	5%	3%	1586
Apr 2021	7%	55%	29%	6%	3%	1599
Apr 2020	9%	55%	29%	5%	1%	1628
Apr 2019	7%	48%	35%	7%	3%	1508
Apr 2017	14%	44%	20%	15%	8%	1700
Apr 2016	13%	48%	25%	9%	5%	1700
Apr 2015	11%	47%	25%	10%	7%	1699
Apr 2014	10%	43%	28%	12%	7%	1695
Apr 2013	12%	42%	28%	11%	7%	1700
Nov 2011	8%	36%	33%	18%	5%	2501
Apr 2011	5%	38%	35%	17%	5%	2491
Apr 2010	4%	37%	39%	14%	5%	2500
Apr 2009	4%	42%	36%	12%	5%	2495
Apr 2006	6%	35%	36%	17%	5%	2500

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Q29. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	6%	42%	37%	10%	5%	1595
Apr 2025	6%	48%	34%	8%	3%	1585
Apr 2024	5%	46%	38%	8%	3%	1598
Apr 2022	6%	49%	34%	8%	3%	1584
Apr 2021	6%	48%	36%	7%	3%	1599
Apr 2020	7%	50%	35%	7%	2%	1630
Apr 2019	5%	43%	41%	8%	3%	1511
Apr 2017	10%	36%	28%	18%	8%	1700
Apr 2016	10%	42%	29%	13%	6%	1698
Apr 2015	7%	41%	32%	12%	7%	1698
Apr 2014	6%	35%	35%	17%	8%	1697
Apr 2013	7%	37%	35%	14%	8%	1699
Apr 2011	4%	32%	38%	20%	6%	2490
Apr 2010	3%	28%	45%	19%	6%	2498
Apr 2009	3%	31%	43%	18%	5%	2492
Apr 2006	4%	29%	40%	20%	6%	2499

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Q30. Are your local public schools doing an excellent, good, not so good, or poor job in preparing students to be engaged citizens?

	excellent	good	not so good	poor	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	6%	44%	36%	8%	6%	1594
Apr 2025	6%	49%	35%	6%	3%	1582

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Q31. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	14%	35%	47%	4%	1595
Apr 2025	13%	34%	48%	4%	1586
Apr 2024	11%	40%	46%	4%	1596
Jun 2023	11%	34%	51%	3%	1570
Apr 2022	11%	37%	49%	3%	1584
Apr 2021	10%	38%	49%	3%	1600
Apr 2020	11%	37%	50%	2%	1631
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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Q32. If the state ballot had a bond measure to pay for construction projects in California's public higher education system, would you vote yes or no?

	yes	no	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	50%	45%	5%	1589
Nov 2018	66%	28%	7%	1698
Nov 2017	57%	37%	5%	1698
Dec 2016	65%	29%	6%	1705
Dec 2014	54%	42%	4%	1699
Nov 2011	58%	34%	8%	2492
Nov 2009	53%	40%	7%	2496
Oct 2007	64%	28%	8%	2493

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Q33. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	50%	45%	5%	1593
Apr 2025	57%	40%	3%	1580
Apr 2024	55%	42%	3%	1591
Jun 2023	62%	35%	4%	1565
Apr 2022	61%	37%	3%	1583
Apr 2021	58%	40%	2%	1591
Apr 2020	55%	43%	2%	1631
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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Q34. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	41%	56%	4%	1589
Apr 2025	45%	52%	2%	1576
Apr 2024	44%	54%	3%	1592
Jun 2023	42%	54%	4%	1560
Apr 2022	44%	54%	2%	1581
Apr 2021	45%	53%	3%	1590
Apr 2020	42%	56%	1%	1632
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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Q35. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	13%	35%	47%	6%	1592
Apr 2025	12%	39%	44%	4%	1582
Apr 2024	11%	40%	45%	4%	1601
Apr 2022	10%	37%	50%	3%	1584
Apr 2021	9%	37%	51%	3%	1599
Apr 2020	9%	41%	49%	1%	1628
Apr 2019	10%	37%	49%	3%	1506
Apr 2017	11%	30%	52%	7%	1703

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Q36. 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	98	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	16%	45%	33%	6%	0%	1593
Apr 2025	14%	50%	31%	5%	0%	1584
Apr 2024	13%	50%	32%	5%	0%	1596
Apr 2022	12%	49%	35%	4%	0%	1583
Apr 2021	13%	48%	36%	3%	0%	1599
Apr 2020	12%	49%	36%	2%	0%	1628
Apr 2019	15%	43%	38%	3%	0%	1508
Apr 2017	16%	39%	37%	8%	0%	1702

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Q37. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	32%	49%	17%	2%	1589
Apr 2025	33%	46%	20%	2%	1583
Apr 2024	33%	49%	15%	2%	1599
Apr 2022	28%	54%	16%	2%	1586
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

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Q38. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	49%	38%	11%	2%	1592
Apr 2025	50%	37%	11%	2%	1583
Apr 2024	52%	39%	8%	2%	1599
Apr 2022	52%	39%	7%	1%	1586
Apr 2021	42%	42%	14%	3%	1600
Apr 2020	39%	46%	14%	1%	1630
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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Q39. Please answer if you think it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem. How about teachers' salaries compared to the cost of living in California?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not really a problem	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	49%	36%	13%	2%	1590
Apr 2025	48%	38%	13%	2%	1581

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Q41. In general, do you support or oppose
 public school teachers striking for higher pay?

	support	oppose	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	61%	36%	2%	1590
Apr 2019	61%	36%	3%	1500

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Q42. Do you approve or disapprove of teachers' unions?				
	approve	disapprove	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	66%	32%	3%	1591
Apr 2025	66%	30%	4%	1579
Apr 2024	68%	29%	3%	1593

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Q47. [Parents of Children Younger than 18 Only] Thinking about four school types... [ROTATE] One is [1] traditional public schools. Another is [2] charter schools, which are publicly funded but run outside of the public school system. The third is [3] religious or parochial schools. And the fourth is [4] private schools. 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	don't know
Apr 2026	33%	18%	13%	35%	0%	1%
Apr 2025	40%	10%	14%	36%	0%	0%
Jun 2023	40%	13%	14%	32%	0%	1%
Apr 2022	34%	18%	18%	30%	0%	0%
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 2026	408
Apr 2025	352
Jun 2023	391
Apr 2022	422
Apr 2021	397
Apr 2019	393
Apr 2018	521

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Q48. 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. In general, do you favor or oppose charter schools?

	favor	oppose	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	55%	41%	4%	1594
Apr 2025	55%	41%	4%	1576
Apr 2020	54%	42%	3%	1630
Apr 2019	49%	46%	5%	1506

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Q50. Do you favor or oppose providing parents with tax-funded vouchers to send their children to any public, private, or parochial school they choose?

	favor	oppose	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	45%	52%	3%	1592
Apr 2025	50%	47%	3%	1579
Apr 2017	60%	37%	4%	1702
May 1998	58%	36%	5%	2003

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Q51. The Local Control Funding Formula provides additional funding to school districts that have more [ROTATE] [1] [English language learners] [AND] [2] [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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	67%	28%	5%	1588
Apr 2025	66%	30%	4%	1581
Apr 2024	66%	30%	4%	1595
Apr 2022	75%	22%	3%	1579
Apr 2021	68%	29%	3%	1590
Apr 2020	70%	26%	3%	1629
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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Q52. [Public School Parents Only] 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	44%	54%	3%	315
Apr 2025	35%	64%	1%	277
Apr 2024	32%	66%	2%	250
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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Q57. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	25%	44%	20%	9%	2%	1594
Apr 2025	22%	47%	19%	10%	2%	1581
Apr 2024	24%	44%	23%	9%	2%	1595
Apr 2022	25%	48%	18%	8%	1%	1581
Apr 2021	26%	44%	22%	7%	1%	1596
Apr 2020	27%	44%	19%	9%	1%	1630
Apr 2019	30%	40%	18%	10%	2%	1509
Apr 2016	50%	31%	11%	8%	1%	1700

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Q58. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	20%	41%	25%	12%	2%	1596
Apr 2025	18%	42%	26%	12%	2%	1580
Apr 2024	19%	41%	27%	11%	2%	1596
Apr 2022	20%	48%	22%	9%	1%	1583
Apr 2021	21%	44%	24%	10%	1%	1597
Apr 2020	20%	43%	24%	12%	1%	1631

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Q59. Next, if you had to choose, which do you think is more important for young people to succeed today -- [ROTATE] (1) earning a college degree from a well-respected university [OR] (2) obtaining the knowledge or skills needed to do a specific job?

	earning a college degree	obtaining knowledge or skills	neither	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	24%	74%	1%	2%	1594
Apr 2025	23%	75%	1%	1%	1582
Apr 2024	24%	75%	0%	1%	1593
Apr 2022	26%	61%	12%	1%	1583

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Q60. 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	5%	36%	41%	13%	4%	1597
Apr 2025	5%	38%	41%	13%	3%	1586
Apr 2024	7%	33%	46%	11%	3%	1600
Apr 2022	7%	37%	41%	12%	2%	1586
Apr 2021	7%	38%	41%	12%	2%	1597
Apr 2020	10%	37%	39%	13%	1%	1631

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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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	53%	39%	5%	2%	1%	1596
Apr 2025	56%	34%	7%	2%	1%	1584
Apr 2024	55%	34%	8%	2%	1%	1602
Apr 2022	56%	33%	7%	3%	1%	1584
Apr 2021	55%	36%	6%	2%	1%	1600
Apr 2020	53%	36%	7%	3%	1%	1631
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. How important do you think it should be for students in your local public schools to learn about the US Constitution?						
	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	71%	23%	4%	1%	1%	1590
Apr 2025	67%	25%	5%	2%	0%	1582

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Q65. How important do you think it should be for students in your local public schools to learn about the California Constitution?						
	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	47%	40%	9%	3%	1%	1592
Apr 2025	47%	37%	13%	3%	1%	1581

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Q66. How important do you think it should be for students in your local public schools to learn about how California elections and the voter registration system work?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	58%	31%	8%	2%	1%	1591
Apr 2025	53%	34%	9%	3%	1%	1583

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Q67. How important do you think it should be for students in your local public schools to learn about how to evaluate and discuss the pros and cons of different political viewpoints?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	55%	33%	8%	4%	1%	1592
Apr 2025	49%	33%	11%	5%	1%	1584

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q69. How concerned are you about the impacts of increased federal immigration enforcement efforts on undocumented students and their families in your local public schools? Are you...

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	44%	23%	14%	17%	1%	1591
Apr 2025	40%	26%	17%	16%	1%	1580
Apr 2020	27%	33%	22%	18%	1%	1632
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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Q70. Do you favor or oppose your public school district designating itself as a sanctuary "safe zone" to indicate it will protect its undocumented students and their families from federal immigration enforcement efforts?

	favor	oppose	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	67%	31%	2%	1590
Apr 2025	63%	35%	2%	1574
Apr 2019	57%	41%	3%	1505
Apr 2018	65%	30%	5%	1693
Apr 2017	65%	31%	4%	1693

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q71. Do you favor or oppose your local public schools requiring staff to keep information about the immigration status of students and their family members completely confidential?

	favor	oppose	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	70%	28%	2%	1588
Apr 2025	69%	30%	2%	1575
Apr 2017	73%	24%	3%	1697

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Q72. [Parents of Children Younger than 18 Only] 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
Apr 2026	2%	11%	12%	33%	41%	1%
Apr 2025	1%	7%	22%	32%	38%	0%
Apr 2024	1%	12%	20%	29%	38%	0%
Jun 2023	3%	6%	12%	35%	44%	0%
Apr 2022	3%	7%	17%	29%	44%	0%
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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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	408
Apr 2025	353
Apr 2024	337
Jun 2023	391
Apr 2022	421
Apr 2021	397
Apr 2020	377
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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Q73. [Parents of Children Younger than 18 Only] 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	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	34%	35%	19%	11%	1%	408
Apr 2025	35%	33%	23%	9%	0%	353
Apr 2024	37%	33%	22%	8%	0%	337
Apr 2022	38%	35%	18%	8%	1%	423
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

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q74. According to the California department of Education, a 'chronic absentee' is defined as a student who is absent on 10% or more of the total schooldays in the school year. How concerned are you about chronic absenteeism in your local public schools? Are you...

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	20%	40%	25%	11%	4%	1594
Apr 2025	19%	36%	30%	13%	2%	1582
Apr 2024	22%	41%	28%	9%	1%	1590

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q75. How concerned are you about declining school enrollment affecting funding for your local public schools?						
	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know	Unweighted n
Apr 2026	23%	41%	23%	11%	3%	1594
Apr 2025	22%	39%	25%	12%	2%	1581

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding