PPIC STATEWIDE SURVEY

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Californians and Education April 2024 Time Trends – Likely Voters

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,605 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 19 minutes. Interviewing took place from March 19-25, 2024.

These crosstabs are based on a subgroup of 1,089 likely voters. The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.9 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the unweighted sample of 1,089 likely voters. The sampling error for unweighted likely voter 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.

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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 (v	Unweighted rol) (vol) n
Apr 2024	50%	45%	4%	1085
Apr 2022	57%	41%	2%	1057
Nov 2021	61%	38%	1%	1539
Apr 2021	58%	40%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	73%	26%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	54%	42%	4%	1032

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 2024	47%	49%	4%	1087
Apr 2022	54%	44%	2%	1057
Apr 2021	56%	43%	2%	1104
Apr 2020	67%	31%	2%	1094
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

Q4. 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 (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	45%	51%	4%	1086
Apr 2022	52%	46%	2%	1055
Apr 2021	53%	45%	2%	1103
Apr 2020	60%	38%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	45%	52%	3%	1035

Q6. In your opinion, what is the most important goal of California's K-12 public schools? Preparing Preparing students for Teaching students the Teaching students life Preparing students for students to be good citizens Other college the workforce basics skills (Specify) Apr 2024 14% 15% 25% 29% 12% 5% 20% 13% 21% 25% 16% 6% Apr 2022 18% 15% 23% 27% 11% 6% Apr 2021 20% 17% 18% 25% 12% 7% Apr 2020 18% 19% 23% 13% 9% Apr 2019 18% Apr 2015 28% 18% 19% 16% 10% 4% Apr 2013 30% 20% 17% 14% 12% 3%

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19%

16%

23%

15%

19%

17%

11%

13%

11%

2%

2%

3%

Q6. In your opinion, what is the most important goal of California's K-12 public schools?

21%

19%

15%

27%

24%

22%

Apr 2008

Apr 2007

Apr 2006

	All of the above (vol)	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2024		0%	1087
Apr 2022		0%	1058
Apr 2021		0%	1102
Apr 2020		0%	1094
Apr 2019		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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Q7. How much of a problem is the quality of education in California's K-12 public schools today?

	- Camornia 3 14-12 public schools today:						
	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know (v	Unweighted ol) n		
Apr 2024	36%	51%	11%	2%	1088		
Jun 2023	45%	45%	9%	1%	1062		
Apr 2022	36%	54%	9%	1%	1058		
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		

Q8. 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 2024	11%	52%	34%	2%	1087
Jun 2023	5%	61%	32%	1%	1062
Apr 2022	10%	48%	40%	2%	1057
Apr 2021	13%	48%	39%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	20%	40%	38%	1%	1094
Apr 2011	7%	62%	27%	4%	1654

Q9. 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 (vo	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	50%	43%	6%	2%	1085
Apr 2020	49%	45%	6%	1%	1094
Apr 2010	65%	27%	4%	3%	1539
Apr 2009	64%	29%	4%	3%	1596
Apr 2008	67%	25%	5%	3%	1520
Apr 2007	65%	28%	4%	3%	1517

Q13. 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 (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	43%	39%	13%	4%	1%	1087
Apr 2022	55%	33%	10%	2%	1%	1059
Apr 2021	50%	35%	11%	4%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	43%	42%	11%	4%	0%	1094
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

Q14. 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 2024	39%	43%	13%	4%	1%	1086
Apr 2022	51%	36%	11%	2%	1%	1059
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

Q15. 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 2024	18%	50%	32%	0%	1088
Apr 2022	20%	48%	31%	0%	1059
Apr 2021	20%	43%	37%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	22%	50%	27%	0%	1094

Q16. How concerned are you about the issue of improving student outcomes for the English language learners in California today? Are you...

-	the English language learners in Camernia today: 7 to you						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2024	25%	45%	22%	6%	1%	1087	
Apr 2022	30%	50%	16%	4%	0%	1059	
Apr 2021	25%	49%	18%	7%	0%	1102	
Apr 2020	28%	47%	19%	5%	0%	1094	

Q17. 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 2024	12%	36%	37%	10%	4%	1%
Apr 2022	14%	43%	35%	6%	1%	1%
Apr 2021	13%	39%	36%	8%	3%	0%
Apr 2020	15%	38%	37%	6%	3%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	1085
Apr 2022	1058
Apr 2021	1102
Apr 2020	1094

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Q18. How important is improving student outcomes for English language learners for California'ss future economic wellbeing and quality of life?

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	Very important□	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	42%	46%	9%	3%	1%	1087
Apr 2022	48%	42%	7%	1%	1%	1058
Apr 2021	48%	40%	9%	2%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	48%	42%	7%	3%	0%	1094

Q19. 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 (vo	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	49%	48%	2%	1083
Apr 2022	54%	44%	2%	1053
Apr 2021	57%	42%	1%	1103
Apr 2013	42%	52%	7%	1132
Apr 2012	40%	54%	6%	1198

Q20.To try to improve the academic performance of English language learners, would you favor or oppose providing extra assistance to these students, even if it means they receive more assistance than other students?

	Favor□	Oppose	Don't know (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	65%	34%	2%	1081
Apr 2022	70%	29%	1%	1053
Apr 2008	62%	35%	3%	1517
Apr 2007	67%	28%	5%	1514

Q21. 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 2024	12%	23%	33%	22%	6%	4%
Apr 2022	13%	24%	32%	23%	7%	2%
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%

	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	1084
Apr 2022	1059
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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Q22. 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 2024	2%	11%	39%	33%	13%	3%
Apr 2022	2%	14%	38%	33%	12%	2%
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%

	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	1085
Apr 2022	1059
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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Q23. 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?

_	you had to give your local public schools a grade, would it be A, B, C, D, or F?						
	Α	В	С	D	F	Don't know (vol	
Apr 2024	9%	40%	32%	13%	4%	3%	
Jun 2023	8%	32%	35%	16%	7%	2%	
Apr 2022	11%	39%	34%	11%	4%	1%	
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%	

	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	1087
Jun 2023	1060
Apr 2022	1059
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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Q24. 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 (v	Unweighted /ol) n
Apr 2024	8%	54%	30%	6%	3%	1085
Apr 2022	10%	54%	29%	5%	2%	1058
Apr 2021	8%	55%	28%	7%	2%	1102
Apr 2020	10%	53%	29%	6%	1%	1092
Apr 2019	7%	50%	33%	9%	2%	1034
Apr 2017	12%	41%	22%	16%	8%	1033
Apr 2016	12%	42%	30%	11%	6%	996
Apr 2015	12%	44%	26%	11%	7%	1063
Apr 2014	10%	41%	26%	14%	9%	1075
Apr 2013	10%	39%	30%	13%	8%	1131
Nov 2011	4%	28%	38%	25%	5%	1639
Apr 2011	3%	33%	37%	23%	4%	1645
Apr 2010	3%	35%	42%	17%	4%	1539
Apr 2009	3%	40%	38%	15%	5%	1600
Apr 2006	3%	32%	40%	21%	3%	1267

Q25. 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 (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	5%	47%	37%	7%	3%	1085
Apr 2022	6%	49%	36%	7%	2%	1057
Apr 2021	6%	48%	36%	8%	2%	1102
Apr 2020	7%	47%	37%	8%	2%	1093
Apr 2019	5%	40%	43%	10%	2%	1035
Apr 2017	8%	31%	31%	21%	10%	1036
Apr 2016	9%	35%	35%	15%	7%	996
Apr 2015	8%	36%	35%	13%	9%	1063
Apr 2014	4%	33%	37%	18%	7%	1076
Apr 2013	5%	34%	37%	17%	8%	1130
Apr 2011	2%	26%	40%	27%	5%	1644
Apr 2010	2%	23%	49%	22%	5%	1539
Apr 2009	1%	24%	49%	21%	4%	1598
Apr 2006	2%	22%	45%	26%	5%	1267

Q27. 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			Don't know (vol)	Unweighted w (vol) n	
Apr 2024	14%	36%	46%	4%	1084	
Jun 2023	14%	31%	53%	2%	1061	
Apr 2022	15%	34%	50%	2%	1058	
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	

Q28. 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 2024	53%	44%	2%	1087
Jun 2023	62%	37%	2%	1060
Apr 2022	56%	43%	1%	1057
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

Q29. 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)	Jnweighted n
Apr 2024	50%	48%	2%	1086
Jun 2023	60%	39%	1%	1059
Apr 2022	54%	45%	2%	1059
Apr 2021	52%	47%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	50%	49%	1%	1094
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

Q30. 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 2024	42%	56%	2%	1086
Jun 2023	43%	56%	1%	1058
Apr 2022	42%	57%	1%	1059
Apr 2021	44%	54%	2%	1103
Apr 2020	42%	57%	1%	1094
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

Q32. 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 2024	14%	40%	42%	4%	1086
Apr 2022	13%	35%	51%	2%	1058
Apr 2021	12%	34%	53%	2%	1102
Apr 2020	11%	34%	53%	1%	1092
Apr 2019	13%	33%	53%	2%	1033
Apr 2017	13%	29%	50%	7%	1035

Q33. 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 2024	17%	47%	30%	5%	1085
Apr 2022	14%	46%	37%	3%	1058
Apr 2021	16%	46%	36%	2%	1103
Apr 2020	15%	43%	39%	2%	1092
Apr 2019	21%	38%	39%	2%	1035
Apr 2017	19%	36%	37%	8%	1034

Q34. 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 (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	33%	48%	17%	2%	1087
Apr 2022	31%	55%	14%	1%	1059
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

Q35. 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 2024	54%	34%	10%	2%	1087
Apr 2022	54%	37%	8%	1%	1059
Apr 2021	44%	41%	14%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	41%	44%	14%	1%	1093
Apr 2019	48%	40%	12%	1%	1034
Apr 2017	49%	30%	16%	5%	1036
Apr 2016	50%	30%	17%	3%	997

Q36. 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 2024	5%	62%	30%	3%	1086
Apr 2022	6%	60%	32%	2%	1059
Apr 2021	7%	61%	31%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	6%	63%	29%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	6%	62%	31%	1%	1035

Q38. 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 (Unweighted vol) n
Apr 2024	3%	14%	83%	1%	1087
Apr 2022	4%	16%	80%	1%	1058
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

Q39. 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 2024	67%	29%	3%	1086
Apr 2022	73%	25%	2%	1057
Apr 2021	71%	28%	2%	1099
Apr 2020	71%	27%	2%	1092
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

Q40. As the state implements the Local Control Funding Formula, do you think the academic achievement of [ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q49] [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	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	11%	48%	1%	37%	3%	1086
Apr 2022	9%	48%	13%	27%	3%	1054
Apr 2021	8%	45%	13%	32%	2%	1098
Apr 2020	11%	50%	0%	36%	3%	1092

Q41. 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 (ve	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	31%	66%	2%	117
Apr 2020	26%	72%	3%	138
Apr 2019	38%	61%	0%	154
Apr 2018	44%	50%	5%	151
Apr 2017	47%	50%	3%	178

Q42. On another topic, do you think that the state government should or should not fund voluntary preschool programs, such as transitional kindergarten, for all four-year-olds in California?

	Should	Should not	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	64%	33%	2%	1087
Apr 2022	68%	31%	2%	1057
Apr 2021	66%	34%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	61%	38%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	59%	39%	1%	1035
Apr 2017	71%	26%	3%	1036
Apr 2016	67%	31%	2%	997
Apr 2014	63%	32%	5%	1073

Q43. How important is attending preschool to a student's success in kindergarten through grade 12?

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	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know (v	Unweighted /ol) n
Apr 2024	45%	32%	15%	7%	1%	1088
Apr 2022	44%	33%	15%	7%	1%	1059
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

Q44. How much of a problem is the quality of preschool education in California today?

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	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2024	16%	48%	32%	5%	1084	
Apr 2022	16%	49%	32%	3%	1055	
Apr 2020	17%	47%	33%	3%	1093	
Apr 2019	21%	48%	29%	2%	1034	
Apr 2016	21%	37%	29%	13%	996	

Q44. How much of a problem is the quality of preschool education in California today?

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	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n	
Apr 2024	16%	48%	32%	5%	1084	
Apr 2022	16%	49%	32%	3%	1055	
Apr 2020	17%	47%	33%	3%	1093	
Apr 2019	21%	48%	29%	2%	1034	
Apr 2016	21%	37%	29%	13%	996	

Q46. 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 (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	26%	43%	22%	8%	1%	1084
Apr 2022	28%	46%	17%	8%	1%	1056
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

Q47. 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 (vo	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	21%	41%	26%	11%	1%	1086
Apr 2022	22%	47%	21%	9%	1%	1057
Apr 2021	22%	44%	24%	9%	0%	1102
Apr 2020	25%	38%	25%	12%	1%	1094

Q48. How important to you is it that your local public schools include career technical or vocational education as part of the curriculum?

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	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	63%	29%	5%	2%	1%	1088
Apr 2022	63%	30%	4%	1%	1%	1057
Apr 2021	63%	31%	4%	2%	0%	1103
Apr 2020	61%	33%	4%	1%	1%	1094
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

Q49. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	21%	78%	0%	1%	1081
Apr 2022	24%	63%	13%	1%	1057

Q50. In general, how well do you think your local public schools prepare someone for a well-paying job in today's economy?

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	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	Don't know (vol)	Jnweighted n
Apr 2024	4%	34%	47%	12%	3%	1086
Apr 2022	5%	37%	44%	12%	1%	1059
Apr 2021	7%	34%	45%	13%	1%	1102
Apr 2020	7%	35%	42%	14%	1%	1094

Q59. 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 2024	2%	7%	17%	31%	41%	1%
Jun 2023	1%	4%	12%	39%	45%	0%
Apr 2022	2%	3%	11%	34%	50%	0%
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%

	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	160
Jun 2023	198
Apr 2022	223
Apr 2021	218
Apr 2020	196
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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Q60. How worried are you about being able to afford a college education for your youngest child?

			youngest child?			
	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	30%	34%	26%	10%	0%	160
Apr 2022	31%	37%	19%	11%	1%	224
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

Q61. How concerned are you about the threat of a mass shooting in your local schools? Are you...

_	schools? Are you							
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (vol)	Unweighted n		
Apr 2024	37%	31%	25%	6%	0%	1087		
Apr 2020	32%	34%	25%	10%	0%	1094		
Apr 2019	31%	33%	26%	9%	1%	1035		
Apr 2018	40%	27%	19%	12%	2%	864		

	Q62. How concerned are your about students and their families in our local schools experiencing homelessness? Are you						
	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know (vol	Unweighted) n	
Apr 2024	30%	40%	22%	7%	1%	1086	
Apr 2020	34%	38%	20%	7%	0%	1094	

Q67a. Proposition 14 is the 2010 ballot measure passed by voters that changed California's state primary elections from a partially closed system to a top-two primary system in which voters now cast primary election ballots for any candidate-regardless of party-and the two candidates receiving the most votes-regardless of party-advance to the general election. Overall, do you feel that passing Proposition 14 turned out to be mostly a good thing for California or mostly a bad thing?

	Mostly good thing	Mostly bad thing	Mixed (vol)	Don't know (vol	Unweighted) n
Apr 2024	68%	27%		5%	1083
May 2022	62%	25%	1%	12%	1167
Dec 2017	60%	26%	3%	10%	1064
Dec 2012	59%	26%	2%	13%	1438

Q68. In general, would you say you are satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of candidates in the election for US Senate on November 5th?

	Satisfied	Not satisfied	Don't know (vol	Unweighted I) n
Apr 2024	62%	35%	3%	1082
Feb 2024	62%	36%	2%	1075
Dec 2023	59%	38%	3%	1108

Q69. If the 2024 presidential election were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

-	Neither/would Donald Don't know (vol) not vote for someone Unweighted							
	Joe Biden	Trump	,	President	else (specify)	n		
Apr 2024	54%	31%	2%	1%	11%	1082		
Feb 2024	55%	32%	2%	1%	10%	1066		
Dec 2023	54%	30%	4%	3%	9%	1110		
Nov 2023	58%	28%	0%	1%	9%	1395		
Sep 2023	57%	26%	3%	2%	12%	1140		
Jul 2023	57%	31%	0%	0%	11%	1089		
Jun 2023	58%	25%	1%	0%	16%	1059		

Q71. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2024 presidential election?

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know (v	Unweighted
Apr 2024	31%	43%	22%	3%	0%	1088
Feb 2024	33%	41%	20%	6%	0%	1075
Dec 2023	20%	43%	29%	8%	0%	1112
Nov 2023	25%	37%	31%	7%	0%	1395
Nov 2022	14%	40%	36%	10%	0%	1342
Oct 2022	25%	35%	25%	15%	0%	1109
Sep 2022	17%	33%	35%	15%	0%	1060
Sep 2021	40%	41%	12%	7%	0%	1079
May 2021	21%	41%	27%	11%	0%	1072
Mar 2021	20%	43%	25%	11%	1%	1171
Oct 2020	58%	34%	6%	2%	0%	1184
Sep 2020	53%	34%	9%	3%	0%	1167
Jul 2020	35%	43%	20%	2%	0%	1032
Jun 2020	44%	36%	14%	5%	0%	1048
Apr 2020	40%	43%	15%	3%	0%	1094
Feb 2020	44%	39%	12%	4%	0%	1049
Jan 2020	38%	44%	13%	4%	0%	972
Nov 2019	40%	39%	16%	5%	0%	1015
Sep 2019	38%	39%	15%	8%	0%	1029
Jul 2019	37%	33%	20%	10%	0%	1085
May 2019	28%	41%	22%	9%	0%	1120
Oct 2018	28%	40%	21%	10%	1%	988
Sep 2018	21%	41%	27%	11%	0%	962
Jul 2018	17%	42%	28%	13%	0%	1019
May 2018	19%	39%	30%	11%	1%	900
Apr 2018	18%	36%	32%	13%	1%	862
Mar 2018	14%	34%	35%	16%	0%	931
Jan 2018	7%	23%	39%	30%	0%	1041
Dec 2017	7%	18%	45%	29%	1%	1070
Oct 2016	60%	32%	6%	1%	0%	1024
Sep 2016	61%	33%	5%	1%	0%	1053
Jul 2016	53%	38%	7%	2%	0%	1055
May 2016	55%	34%	9%	3%	0%	990
Apr 2016	57%	35%	6%	1%	0%	997
Mar 2016	52%	37%	9%	2%	1%	1039
Jan 2016	45%	37%	14%	3%	0%	1043
Oct 2014	18%	34%	34%	13%	1%	974
Sep 2014	12%	40%	28%	19%	0%	915
Jul 2014	11%	42%	31%	15%	1%	983
May 2014	8%	31%	41%	19%	1%	1037
Apr 2014	9%	23%	40%	27%	1%	1077
Mar 2014	7%	23%	39%	29%	2%	1089
Jan 2014	7%	21%	50%	21%	0%	1151

Q71. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2024 presidential election?

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know (\	Unweighted
Dec 2013	5%	17%	40%	37%	1%	1080
Oct 2012	58%	35%	6%	1%	0%	1335
Sep 2012	53%	37%	9%	1%	0%	1331
Aug 2012	40%	44%	12%	3%	0%	1568
May 2012	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%	1255
Apr 2012	43%	42%	12%	3%	0%	1206
Mar 2012	41%	42%	14%	2%	0%	1167
Jan 2012	36%	49%	13%	3%	0%	1305
Dec 2011	40%	42%	14%	3%	0%	1298
Oct 2010	39%	50%	9%	2%	0%	1238
Sep 2010	30%	51%	16%	2%	0%	1219
Jul 2010	22%	48%	23%	7%	0%	1466
May 2010	21%	46%	27%	6%	0%	1251
Mar 2010	17%	46%	28%	8%	0%	1238
Jan 2010	11%	34%	42%	12%	1%	1302
Dec 2009	10%	33%	36%	20%	1%	1078
Nov 2008	62%	30%	5%	2%	1%	1640
Oct 2008	54%	37%	7%	2%	0%	1282
Sep 2008	52%	39%	7%	1%	0%	1283
Aug 2008	39%	49%	10%	2%	1%	1184
Jul 2008	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%	1456
May 2008	47%	43%	7%	2%	0%	1229
Mar 2008	50%	42%	7%	1%	0%	1222
Jan 2008	44%	44%	10%	2%	0%	1233
Dec 2007	26%	52%	19%	3%	0%	1153
Sep 2007	29%	54%	14%	3%	0%	1164
Jul 2007	30%	49%	17%	4%	0%	1416
Jun 2007	21%	52%	23%	4%	0%	1115
May 2007	30%	48%	17%	5%	0%	1130
Mar 2007	25%	44%	25%	6%	0%	1239
Oct 2006	19%	55%	20%	5%	0%	1191
Sep 2006	17%	57%	20%	6%	0%	1213
Aug 2006	15%	49%	28%	8%	1%	1106
Jul 2006	19%	49%	24%	7%	0%	1353
May 2006	18%	50%	24%	6%	1%	1093
Apr 2006	16%	44%	29%	11%	0%	1267
Mar 2006	13%	39%	34%	14%	0%	1008
Oct 2004	61%	34%	4%	1%	1%	1217
Sep 2004	51%	39%	8%	3%	0%	1217
	48%	41%	9%	2%	0%	1188
Aug 2004	33%	41%	14%	6%	0%	1015
Feb 2004 Jan 2004	22%	47%	25%	13%	0%	982
Sep 2003	49%	43%	25% 6%	13%	0%	1149

Q71. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2024 presidential election?

_	presidential election?							
	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know (Unweighted vol) n		
Aug 2003	45%	44%	8%	2%	0%	1068		
Oct 2002	22%	53%	20%	4%	0%	1051		
Sep 2002	28%	52%	16%	4%	0%	1036		
Aug 2002	22%	54%	19%	4%	0%	974		
Feb 2002	13%	43%	35%	9%	0%	958		
Jan 2002	12%	39%	33%	15%	1%	976		
Jan 2001	72%	21%	5%	2%	0%	1095		
Oct 2000	56%	34%	8%	2%	0%	1090		
Sep 2000	48%	39%	10%	3%	0%	1095		
Aug 2000	41%	44%	11%	4%	0%	1014		
Feb 2000	21%	55%	20%	4%	0%	1014		
Jan 2000	14%	51%	29%	6%	0%	985		
Dec 1999	16%	52%	26%	5%	0%	910		
Sep 1999	20%	57%	20%	3%	0%	914		
Jan 1999	19%	59%	19%	3%	0%	1054		
Oct 1998	13%	50%	30%	7%	0%	1111		
Sep 1998	9%	45%	35%	11%	1%	1046		
May 1998	13%	49%	32%	7%	0%	952		
Apr 1998	9%	43%	39%	9%	0%	993		

Q72. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for President this year, extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	Extremely enthusiastic	Very enthusiastic	Somewhat enthusiastic	Not too enthusiastic	Not at all enthusiastic	Don't know (vol)
Apr 2024	25%	14%	19%	22%	21%	0%
Feb 2024	23%	14%	19%	21%	22%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	1086
Feb 2024	1075

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Q73. If the 2024 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] [1] the Republican candidate [OR] [2] the Democratic candidate] in your district?

	Republican candidate	Democratic candidate	Other (specify)	Don't know (v	Unweighted ol) n
Apr 2024	38%	60%		3%	1080
Feb 2024	36%	61%		3%	1069
Dec 2023	37%	62%		2%	1105
Oct 2022	39%	56%		5%	1097
Sep 2022	34%	60%		7%	1046
May 2022	35%	55%		10%	1162
Mar 2022	42%	51%		7%	1191
Oct 2020	37%	58%		5%	1169
Sep 2020	33%	60%		7%	1152
Jun 2020	34%	59%		8%	1028
Oct 2018	37%	55%		8%	973
Sep 2018	37%	54%		9%	949
May 2018	38%	52%		10%	891
Mar 2018	39%	53%		8%	917
Oct 2014	41%	48%		11%	954
Oct 2006	36%	48%	5%	11%	1184
Oct 2000	41%	47%	2%	11%	1089
Sep 2000	41%	47%	2%	10%	1091

Q74. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year, extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	Extremely enthusiastic	Very enthusiastic	Somewhat enthusiastic	Not too enthusiastic	Not at all enthusiastic	Don't know (vol)
Apr 2024	16%	14%	30%	24%	16%	0%
Feb 2024	15%	13%	27%	28%	16%	0%
Oct 2022	18%	33%	29%	14%	5%	1%
May 2022	17%	21%	34%	15%	12%	1%
Oct 2018	25%	28%	28%	10%	8%	1%
May 2018	20%	26%	32%	14%	6%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2024	1086
Feb 2024	1075
Oct 2022	1106
May 2022	1178
Oct 2018	986
May 2018	899

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