

Californians and Education

April 2025

Time Trends—Likely Voters

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,591 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 27—April 4, 2025.

These crosstabs are based on a subgroup of 1,094 likely voters. The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.6 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the unweighted sample of 1,094 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	51%	45%	4%	1091
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

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

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	48%	48%	4%	1093
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

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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 K-12 public education system?

	approve	disapprove	have not heard enough about him to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	47%	46%	4%	2%	1093
Apr 2024	47%	46%	4%	3%	1087

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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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	46%	51%	3%	1093
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

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Q12. How much of a problem is the quality of education in
 California's K-12 public schools today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	38%	49%	11%	2%	1094
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

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Q13. 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 2025	9%	52%	37%	2%	1094
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

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Q14. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	51%	42%	5%	2%	1093
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

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Q17. 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 2025	24%	49%	27%	0%	1094
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

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Q18. How concerned are you about the issue of improving student outcomes for the English language learners in California today? Are you...						
	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	26%	48%	19%	6%	1%	1093
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

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Q19. 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 2025	14%	39%	34%	9%	3%	1%
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 2025	1093
Apr 2024	1085
Apr 2022	1058
Apr 2021	1102
Apr 2020	1094

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Q20. How important is improving student outcomes for English language learners for California's future economic wellbeing and quality of life?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	45%	42%	9%	3%	1%	1093
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

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Q21. If it means less funding for other school districts, do you think school districts that have more English language learners should or should not get more funding from the state?

	should	should not	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	49%	50%	2%	1088
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

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Q22. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	66%	33%	1%	1087
Apr 2024	65%	34%	2%	1081
Apr 2022	70%	29%	1%	1053
Apr 2008	62%	35%	3%	1517
Apr 2007	67%	28%	5%	1514

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Q23. 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 2025	16%	27%	32%	17%	5%	2%
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%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	1092
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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Q24. 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 2025	2%	15%	36%	31%	14%	2%
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%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	1094
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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Q25. Next, overall, how would you rate the quality of public schools in your neighborhood today? If you had to give your local public schools a grade, would it be A, B, C, D, or F?

	A	B	C	D	F	don't know (vol)
Apr 2025	10%	38%	35%	10%	5%	2%
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%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	1094
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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Q27. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	10%	55%	27%	5%	3%	1091
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

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Q28. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	5%	50%	35%	7%	3%	1092
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

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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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	4%	15%	81%	0%	1094
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

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Q30. Do you think the current level of state funding for your local public schools is more than enough, just enough, or not enough?					
	more than enough	just enough	not enough	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	16%	33%	47%	4%	1093
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

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Q31. 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 2025	55%	43%	2%	1091
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

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Q32. If your local school district had a bond
 measure on the ballot to pay for school
 construction projects, would you vote yes or
 no?

	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	52%	46%	2%	1091
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

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Q33. 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 2025	45%	53%	2%	1092
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

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Q34. 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 2025	15%	39%	42%	5%	1091
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

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Q35. 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 2025	17%	48%	29%	6%	1092
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

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Q36. Please answer if you think it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem. How about teacher quality?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not really a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	33%	46%	20%	2%	1093
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

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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 a shortage of teachers?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not really a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	51%	38%	10%	1%	1092
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

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Q39. Do you approve or disapprove of teachers' unions?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	67%	31%	2%	1091
Apr 2024	66%	32%	2%	1083

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Q41. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	53%	45%	3%	1090
Apr 2020	52%	46%	2%	1093
Apr 2019	48%	50%	2%	1034

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Q43. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	44%	54%	2%	1091
Apr 2017	50%	46%	5%	1035
May 1998	56%	39%	4%	949

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Q45. 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)	98	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	68%	29%	3%	0%	1092
Apr 2024	67%	29%	3%	0%	1086
Apr 2022	73%	25%	2%	0%	1057
Apr 2021	71%	28%	2%	0%	1099
Apr 2020	71%	27%	2%	0%	1092
Apr 2019	70%	28%	2%	0%	1033
Apr 2018	67%	22%	10%	0%	860
Apr 2017	63%	29%	8%	0%	1029
Apr 2016	75%	20%	5%	0%	990
Apr 2015	69%	22%	9%	0%	1064
Apr 2014	67%	24%	8%	0%	1073

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Q46/Q46a. 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? (comb)

	Improve a lot	Improve somewhat	Improve but not sure how much	Will NOT improve	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	12%	50%	0%	33%	4%	1090
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

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Q47. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	35%	65%	0%	143
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

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Q48. 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 2025	69%	29%	2%	1091
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

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Q49. How important is attending preschool to a student's success in kindergarten through grade 12?						
	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	47%	33%	14%	5%	1%	1093
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

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Q50. How much of a problem is the quality of preschool education in California today?					
	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	15%	49%	31%	5%	1092
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

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Q51. How much of a problem is the affordability of preschool education in California today?					
	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	44%	40%	12%	3%	1092
Apr 2024	44%	40%	13%	3%	1085
Apr 2022	42%	42%	13%	3%	1056
Apr 2021	40%	44%	14%	2%	1102
Apr 2020	40%	41%	17%	2%	1094
Apr 2019	39%	42%	17%	2%	1033
Apr 2016	41%	30%	19%	9%	995

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Q52. How concerned are you that children in lower-income areas are less likely than other children to be ready for kindergarten? Are you...						
	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	26%	46%	19%	9%	1%	1092
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

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Q53. How concerned are you that students who speak English as a second language are less likely than other children to be ready for kindergarten? Are you...

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	21%	42%	25%	11%	1%	1092
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

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Q54. 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 (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	20%	78%	1%	1%	1091
Apr 2024	21%	78%	0%	1%	1081
Apr 2022	24%	63%	13%	1%	1057

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Q55. In general, how well do you think your local public schools prepare someone for a well-paying job in today's economy?

	very well	somewhat well	not too well	not at all well	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	4%	38%	44%	11%	3%	1093
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

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Q56. How important to you is it that your local public schools include career technical or vocational education as part of the curriculum?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	62%	32%	5%	1%	1%	1093
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

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Q64. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	42%	22%	17%	17%	1%	1094
Apr 2020	31%	28%	21%	20%	0%	1094
Apr 2019	32%	28%	19%	21%	1%	1035
Apr 2018	45%	24%	14%	16%	1%	863
Apr 2017	45%	19%	14%	21%	1%	1029

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Q65. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	62%	36%	1%	1085
Apr 2019	54%	44%	2%	1033
Apr 2018	59%	38%	3%	862
Apr 2017	56%	40%	4%	1028

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Q66. 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 (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	67%	32%	1%	1087
Apr 2017	69%	27%	3%	1031

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Q69. How concerned are you about the threat of a mass shooting in your local schools? Are you...						
	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	33%	39%	21%	7%	1%	1093
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

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Q72. 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 2025	2%	4%	18%	35%	41%	0%
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%

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	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	193
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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Q73. How worried are you about being able to afford a college education for your youngest child?

	very worried	somewhat worried	not too worried	not at all worried	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Apr 2025	36%	32%	20%	11%	0%	193
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

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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 2025	19%	35%	31%	13%	2%	1092
Apr 2024	23%	40%	24%	11%	2%	1086

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding