

Stockton Polling Institute
Education Poll Full Results
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Q1 - Overall, please rate your satisfaction with the quality of education students receive in kindergarten through grade 12 in New Jersey:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very satisfied	22%	132
2	Somewhat satisfied	38%	228
3	Somewhat dissatisfied	17%	101
4	Very dissatisfied	13%	80
5	Not sure	9%	52
6	Refuse	1%	6
	Total	100%	600

Q2 - In general, please rate your level of trust in New Jersey school teachers:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	A lot of trust	37%	224
2	Some trust	48%	286
3	No trust	10%	61
4	Not sure	4%	27
5	Refuse	0%	2
	Total	100%	600

**Q3 - In your opinion, if you had to choose one, what is the biggest issue in K-12 education today?
[OPEN-ENDED; RECODED INTO CATEGORIES]**

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Curriculum concerns	24%	146
2	Other (please specify)	11%	68
3	Bullying, violence, school safety	9%	56
4	Falling behind in core subjects	8%	51
5	Refuse	7%	43
6	School funding; equitable funding	7%	41
7	Not sure	6%	37
8	Teacher pay	3%	20
9	Equity concerns	3%	19
10	Dissatisfied with teaching staff	3%	18
11	Class size	3%	17
12	Teacher shortage	2%	15
13	Student mental health	2%	14
14	Political interference	2%	12
15	Lack of personalized learning, individual students' needs not being met	2%	12
16	Behavior issues	2%	11
17	Parental involvement/rights	1%	9
18	Disagree with standardized testing/assessments	1%	8
19	Book banning/censorship	1%	5
	Total	100%	600

Q4 - Do you have any dependents who are currently enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in New Jersey?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	33%	200
2	No	66%	397
3	Refuse	1%	3
	Total	100%	600

Q5 - When it comes to deciding what children learn in school, do you think parents should be more involved than they are today, less involved, or parental involvement should remain about the same?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	More involved	66%	394
2	Less involved	5%	29
3	Same involvement	26%	153
4	Not sure	3%	15
5	Refuse	1%	8
	Total	100%	600

Q6_K-12 Parents - For the most part, does your child's school do a good job of keeping parents informed about what is being taught, including potentially controversial topics?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	62%	124
2	No	28%	57
3	Not sure	9%	18
4	Refuse	1%	1
	Total	100%	200

Q7_K-12 Parents - For the most part, does your child's school give parents the option to opt-out of potentially controversial lessons?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	44%	87
2	No	29%	59
3	Not sure	27%	54
4	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	200

Q6_Not K-12 Parents - Should schools keep parents informed about what is being taught, including potentially controversial topics?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	71%	281
2	No	21%	85
3	Not sure	7%	27
4	Refuse	1%	6
	Total	100%	400

Q8 - Do you support or oppose banning or restricting certain books from classrooms or school libraries?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Support	28%	170
2	Oppose	61%	366
3	Not sure	9%	55
4	Refuse	1%	10
	Total	100%	600

Q9 - How concerned are you about book censorship, if at all? Are you:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very concerned	40%	242
2	Somewhat concerned	33%	196
3	Not very concerned	10%	60
4	Not at all concerned	12%	70
5	Not sure	5%	28
6	Refuse	0%	5
	Total	100%	600

Q10 - When it comes to reading and writing, is your child ahead of where they should be, more or less on track, or behind where they should be?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Ahead	37%	74
2	On track	46%	92
3	Behind	14%	28
4	Not sure	3%	6
5	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	200

Q11 - When it comes to math and science, is your child ahead of where they should be, more or less on track, or behind where they should be?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Ahead	34%	68
2	On track	47%	94
3	Behind	14%	29
4	Not sure	5%	9
5	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	200

Q12 - When it comes to social and communication skills, is your child ahead of where they should be, more or less on track, or behind where they should be?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Ahead	33%	66
2	On track	48%	97
3	Behind	16%	31
4	Not sure	3%	6
5	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	200

Assuming the topics are being introduced and taught at an age-appropriate level, please rate how important it is to incorporate the following topics into the school curriculum:

Q13 – For example, for the first one: How important is it to incorporate media literacy into the school curriculum?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	54%	322
2	Somewhat important	31%	183
3	Not very important	6%	34
4	Not at all important	4%	24
5	Not sure	5%	29
6	Refuse	1%	7
	Total	100%	600

Q14 - Financial literacy

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	82%	491
2	Somewhat important	15%	89
3	Not very important	1%	5

4	Not at all important	1%	5
5	Not sure	1%	6
6	Refuse	0%	4
	Total	100%	600

Q15 - Gender identity and sexuality

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	30%	176
2	Somewhat important	29%	174
3	Not very important	11%	64
4	Not at all important	27%	158
5	Not sure	3%	16
6	Refuse	1%	9
	Total	100%	597

Q16 - Gender issues and norms, e.g., sexism and gender stereotyping

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	35%	212
2	Somewhat important	26%	156
3	Not very important	11%	65
4	Not at all important	23%	139
5	Not sure	2%	13
6	Refuse	3%	16
	Total	100%	600

Q17 - Sex-education

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	57%	342
2	Somewhat important	27%	163

3	Not very important	6%	35
4	Not at all important	7%	40
5	Not sure	2%	13
6	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	597

Q18 - Race, racism, and its impact

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	66%	395
2	Somewhat important	19%	111
3	Not very important	4%	23
4	Not at all important	9%	55
5	Not sure	2%	10
6	Refuse	1%	3
	Total	100%	596

Q19 - Social and emotional wellbeing

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Very important	71%	422
2	Somewhat important	20%	118
3	Not very important	3%	21
4	Not at all important	3%	20
5	Not sure	2%	11
6	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	596

Assuming they are addressed in an age-appropriate way, please identify in what grade level each of the following topics should be introduced, if at all:

Q20 - Gender identity and sexuality

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary (grades K-4)	12%	72
2	Middle school (grades 5-8)	33%	198
3	High School (grades 9-12)	29%	173
4	Never	21%	125
5	Not sure	4%	21
6	Refuse	1%	8
	Total	100%	597

Q21 - Gender issues and norms, e.g., sexism and gender stereotyping

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary (grades K-4)	20%	118
2	Middle school (grades 5-8)	33%	197
3	High School (grades 9-12)	23%	139
4	Never	19%	115
5	Not sure	3%	19
6	Refuse	1%	8
	Total	100%	597

Q22 - Sex-education

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary (grades K-4)	11%	64
2	Middle school (grades 5-8)	55%	328
3	High School (grades 9-12)	25%	150

4	Never	5%	33
5	Not sure	3%	16
6	Refuse	1%	5
	Total	100%	597

Q23 - Race, racism, and its impact

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary (grades K-4)	44%	265
2	Middle school (grades 5-8)	32%	192
3	High School (grades 9-12)	12%	71
4	Never	9%	51
5	Not sure	2%	10
6	Refuse	1%	8
	Total	100%	597

Q24 - Social and emotional wellbeing:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Elementary (grades K-4)	51%	265
2	Middle school (grades 5-8)	31%	163
3	High school (grades 9-12)	9%	48
4	Never	4%	20
5	Not sure	3%	18
6	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	517

Q25 - Would you support or oppose offering more mental health resources in schools?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Support	90%	536
2	Oppose	5%	30
3	Not sure	4%	26
4	Refuse	1%	5
	Total	100%	597

Demographics:

QAGE:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	18-29	16%	99
2	30-49	31%	184
3	50-64	28%	168
4	65 and older	24%	145
5	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	600

PHONE_TYPE - Phone type

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Landline	8%	50
2	Cell phone	92%	550
	Total	100%	600

D1 - Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes, Hispanic or Latino	18%	108
2	No	78%	466
3	Refuse	4%	26
	Total	100%	600

D2 - Which of the following best describes your race:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	White (non-Hispanic)	57%	340
2	Black or African American	15%	92

3	Asian or Pacific Islander	5%	28
4	Native American	1%	4
5	Some other race alone	8%	45
6	More than one race	8%	47
7	Refuse	7%	43
	Total	100%	600

D3 - Which of the following best describes your highest level of education:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than a four-year degree	53%	319
2	A four-year college degree or more	44%	263
3	Refuse	3%	18
	Total	100%	600

D4 - Which of the following general categories best represents your household income last year before taxes:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than \$50,000	20%	121
2	\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	25%	152
3	\$100,000 or more	38%	230
4	Refuse	16%	97
	Total	100%	600

D5 - Do you consider yourself to be a:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Democrat	26%	156
2	Republican	17%	101
3	Independent	31%	188
4	Something else	14%	84

5	Not sure	4%	26
6	Refuse	7%	44
	Total	100%	600

D6 - Lastly, what is your gender?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Man	48%	287
2	Woman	48%	286
3	Identify another way	1%	5
4	Refuse	4%	21
	Total	100%	600

COUNTY - Select your New Jersey county:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	North	53%	317
2	Central	32%	191
3	South	15%	89
4	Refuse	1%	3
	Total	100%	600

Methodology

The poll of New Jersey adult residents was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy from Feb. 24-Mar. 10, 2023. Stockton University students texted cell phones with invitations to take the survey online and Opinion Services supplemented the dialing portion of the fieldwork, which consisted of cell and landline telephone calls. Overall, 92% of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 8% on landline phones. In terms of mode, 75% were reached via dialing and 25% were reached via text-to-web. A total of 600 New Jersey adult residents were interviewed. Both cell and landline samples consisted of random digit dialing (RDD) sample from MSG. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data for New Jersey on variables of age, race, ethnicity, education level, sex, and region. The poll's margin of error is +/- 4 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets.