

**2022 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
SURVEY OF AMERICAN PARENTS
WAVE 115 SEPTEMBER 2022
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 2, 2022
TOTAL N=3,757¹**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Adult parents (18+) of children under age 18	3,757	+/- 2.2 percentage points
Parents with children in K-12 schools	3,251	+/- 2.3 percentage points
<i>Fathers with children in K-12 schools</i>	1,282	+/- 3.8 percentage points
<i>Mothers with children in K-12 schools</i>	1,938	+/- 2.9 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

CURRICULUM How much influence would you say each of the following have when it comes to what public K-12 schools in your area are teaching? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, ALWAYS KEEPING 3 AND 4 LAST]**

BASED ON PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:

a. The local school board

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
22	Too much influence	24	21
13	Not enough influence	12	13
37	About the right amount of influence	40	36
26	Not sure	23	29
1	No answer	1	1

b. Your state government

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
34	Too much influence	35	33
11	Not enough influence	12	11
29	About the right amount of influence	31	27
25	Not sure	22	28
1	No answer	*	1

¹ The Wave 115 survey includes an oversample of 770 responses from Hispanic, Asian and Black parents who are members of Ipsos' KnowledgePanel. See [Methodology](#) for more details.

CURRICULUM CONTINUED ...

c. The federal government

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
34	Too much influence	38	31
12	Not enough influence	11	13
26	About the right amount of influence	27	25
27	Not sure	23	30
1	No answer	*	1

d. Teachers

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
12	Too much influence	16	10
30	Not enough influence	27	32
42	About the right amount of influence	44	40
15	Not sure	13	17
1	No answer	*	1

e. Principals

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
12	Too much influence	14	10
18	Not enough influence	15	21
46	About the right amount of influence	47	44
24	Not sure	23	25
1	No answer	1	1

f. Parents

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
14	Too much influence	16	12
32	Not enough influence	33	32
36	About the right amount of influence	36	36
17	Not sure	15	19
1	No answer	1	1

g. Students

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
16	Too much influence	16	16
28	Not enough influence	25	29
35	About the right amount of influence	40	31
21	Not sure	19	22
1	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

SCHLPRAYER Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS BUT NEVER HAVE OPTION 3 IN THE MIDDLE]

BASED ON PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
27	Teachers in public schools should be allowed to lead students in Christian prayers, but only if prayers from other religions are ALSO offered	23	29
19	Teachers in public schools should be allowed to lead students in Christian prayers even if prayers from other religions are NOT offered	20	17
52	Teachers in public schools should not be allowed to lead students in any type of prayers	54	50
3	No answer	2	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:**

K12GRP How many children do you have in each of the following?

[Enter number of children in each category, or 0 if none. Please enter a number between 0 and 9. Enter 0 if none and 9 if you have 9 or more children in any of the age groups]

<u>Total</u>	
51	Elementary school
33	One
14	Two
4	Three+
29	Middle school
25	One
4	Two
1	Three+
37	High school
29	One
7	Two
1	Three+
15	No answer/No children in K-12 schools

Soft prompt if blank: "Please enter a number between 0 and 9 in each box. If you would like to skip, click Next."

PROGRAMMING NOTE: PROGRAM A NUMERIC-ONLY ENTRY BOX TO THE LEFT OF EACH GROUP WITH A RANGE OF 0-9

A note about the remainder of the survey:

For questions SCHOOLTYPE through SCHLTCH4, parents with more than one child in K-12 schools were asked to think of one specific child, randomly assigned as either their youngest or oldest child in K-12 schools (see programming note below).

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: CREATE DATA-ONLY VARIABLE CALLED K12TOTAL WHERE
K12TOTAL=K12GRP_1 + K12GRP_2 + K12GRP_3
(TREAT ANY BLANKS IN K12GRP_1 OR K12GRP_2 OR K12GRP_3 AS ZERO)**

CREATE DOV_WHICHCHILD RANDOMLY WHERE 1="YOUNGEST" and 2="OLDEST"

IF K12TOTAL>1 AND DOV_WHICHCHILD=1 DISPLAY TEXT:

The rest of our questions are about your YOUNGEST child who is in elementary, middle or high school. When answering, please think specifically about that child and choose the answers that apply to them.

IF K12TOTAL>1 AND DOV_WHICHCHILD=2 DISPLAY TEXT:

The rest of our questions are about your OLDEST child who is in elementary, middle or high school. When answering, please think specifically about that child and choose the answers that apply to them.

IF K12TOTAL=1 DISPLAY TEXT:

The rest of our questions are about your child who is in elementary, middle or high school.

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL

(K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:

SCHOOLTYPE Is this child...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
80	In a public school	81	79
9	In a private school	8	9
5	In a charter school	4	5
6	Homeschooled	6	7
1	No answer	1	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL

(K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:

CHGENDER Is this child...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
53	A boy	54	53
45	A girl	45	45
1	Nonbinary	1	1
1	Other: [text box]	*	1
1	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (K12TOTAL>1) [n=930]:

K12THIS/K12GRP Is this child in elementary school, middle school or high school?²

BASED ON ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
47	Elementary school	48	47
20	Middle school	21	19
32	High school	30	33
*	No answer	*	*

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

RATESCHOOL How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the education this child is receiving at school? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS WORRYKIDS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
15	Extremely satisfied	13	16
42	Very satisfied	42	43
34	Somewhat satisfied	37	31
7	Not too satisfied	7	6
2	Not at all satisfied	1	3
*	No answer	*	*

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SAYHAVE In general, how satisfied are you with the amount of input that you have in what this child learns in school? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS WORRYKIDS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
9	Extremely satisfied	7	10
32	Very satisfied	32	32
40	Somewhat satisfied	41	39
15	Not too satisfied	16	15
4	Not at all satisfied	3	4
1	No answer	1	1

² K12THIS was asked only of those with more than one child in K-12 schools. The responses for those with one child in K-12 schools were back-coded from the earlier question K12GRP to create a combined total in this table that reflects the entire sample.

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SCLVALUES For the most part, would you say the teachers and administrators at this child's school have values that are... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
14	Very similar to yours	13	15
38	Somewhat similar to yours	39	39
32	Neither similar nor different than yours	33	32
11	Somewhat different than yours	12	10
4	Very different than yours	3	4
1	No answer	*	1

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

CORESUBJ Thinking about all of the different things this child learns in school, how do you feel about the amount of time their school spends on core academic subjects like reading, math, science and social studies? Do you think the school spends... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
7	Too much time on core academic subjects	6	7
20	Not enough time on core academic subjects	24	17
73	About the right amount of time on core academic subjects	70	75
1	No answer	*	1

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SOCEMOTION How important is it to you that this child's school teaches them to develop social and emotional skills? [**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS WORRYKIDS**]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
25	Extremely important	20	28
41	Very important	43	41
27	Somewhat important	27	27
5	Not too important	8	3
1	Not at all important	2	1
*	No answer	0	*

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCHLTCH1 – SCHLTCH4]

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SCHLTCH1 Which of the following would you prefer that this child learn in school, even if neither is exactly right? [**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST**]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
31	That whether someone is a boy or a girl is determined by the sex they were assigned at birth	38	26
31	That someone can be a boy or a girl even if that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth	28	33
37	Child should not learn about this in school	33	39
2	No answer	2	2

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SCHLTCH2 Which of the following would you prefer that this child learn in school, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
49	That the legacy of slavery still affects the position of Black people in American society today	45	51
42	That slavery is part of American history but does not affect the position of Black people in American society today	46	40
8	Child should not learn about this in school	8	7
1	No answer	1	2

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SCHLTCH3 Which of the following would you prefer that this child learn in school, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
22	That not having sex (abstinence) is the only safe and effective way to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)	23	21
59	That there are methods of contraception that are safe and effective ways to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)	59	59
18	Child should not learn about this in school	17	18
1	No answer	1	2

DISPLAY IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3):

Still thinking about that same child...

ASK IF CHILD IN K-12 SCHOOLS AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (K12TOTAL>=1 AND SCHOOLTYPE=1,2,3) [n=3,039]:

SCHLTCH4 Which of the following would you prefer that this child learn in school, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
18	That the United States stands above all other countries in the world	24	13
66	That there are other countries that are as good as or better than the United States	62	68
14	Child should not learn about this in school	12	16
2	No answer	1	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=1,368]:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...³**BASED ON PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (K12TOTAL>=1) [n=3,251]:**

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
26	30	28	14	2	17	21

³ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.