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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 3-24, 2026, with a random sample of –1,200—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –600—national adults in Form A and the sample of –600— national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –507—adults who are employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –233—parents with children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 8 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Next, we have some questions on the subject of education. First,

27. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of education students receive in kindergarten through grade twelve in the U.S. today -- would you say you are completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?

	<u>Completely satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Completely dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	8	24	36	31	3	32
2025 Aug 1-20	7	28	38	24	3	35
2024 Aug 1-20	9	34	34	21	2	43
2023 Aug 1-23	8	28	38	25	1	36
2022 Aug 1-23	9	33	32	23	2	42
2021 Aug 2-17	10	36	32	22	1	46
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	11	39	31	17	2	50
2019 Aug 1-14	10	41	32	15	2	51
2018 Aug 1-12	10	33	34	21	2	43
2017 Aug 2-6	9	38	32	20	1	47
2016 Aug 3-7	9	34	35	20	1	43
2015 Aug 5-9	8	37	37	17	2	45
2014 Aug 7-10	9	39	33	16	2	48
2013 Aug 7-11	9	36	33	20	3	45
2012 Aug 9-12	8	36	37	16	3	44
2011 Aug 11-14	8	37	32	22	1	45
2010 Aug 5-8	9	34	37	17	2	43
2009 Aug 6-9	8	37	35	17	3	45
2008 Aug 7-10	7	37	38	15	3	44
2007 Aug 13-16	7	39	35	16	3	46
2006 Aug 7-10	8	37	33	19	3	45
2005 Aug 8-11	9	37	35	16	3	46
2004 Aug 9-11	10	43	32	13	2	53
2003 Aug 4-6	8	40	34	16	2	48
2002 Aug 5-8	7	40	32	18	3	47
2001 Aug 16-19	10	38	32	17	3	48
2000 Aug 24-27	7	29	40	21	3	36
1999 Aug 24-26	8	39	38	13	2	47

30. *(Asked of parents with children in grades kindergarten through 12)* How satisfied are you with the quality of education your oldest child is receiving? Would you say you are completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?

BASED ON –233- K-12 PARENTS

	<u>Completely satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Completely dissatisfied</u>	<u>Just starting school (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	31	35	21	11	1	1
2025 Aug 1-20	32	42	17	6	2	2
2024 Aug 1-20	31	39	20	9	1	1
2023 Aug 1-23	35	41	12	9	2	*
2022 Aug 1-23	32	48	14	6	--	--
2021 Aug 2-17	28	45	19	7	1	--
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	32	40	15	11	2	--
2019 Aug 1-14	41	41	12	6	1	*
2018 Aug 1-12	32	39	18	10	*	--
2017 Aug 2-6	35	44	14	7	*	--
2016 Aug 3-7	36	40	15	8	1	--
2015 Aug 5-9	31	45	13	5	4	1
2014 Aug 7-10	35	40	18	4	3	--
2013 Aug 7-11	29	38	21	9	3	*
2012 Aug 9-12	34	41	17	4	2	1
2011 Aug 11-14	36	42	12	9	1	*
2010 Aug 5-8	35	45	12	7	2	1
2009 Aug 6-9	39	37	14	7	2	1
2008 Aug 7-10	35	42	17	3	2	1
2007 Aug 13-16	25	53	13	6	1	2
2006 Aug 7-10	35	42	12	7	3	1
2005 Aug 8-11	33	45	13	7	2	*
2004 Aug 9-11	32	47	15	4	2	*
2003 Aug 4-6	38	39	13	8	2	*
2002 Aug 5-8	29	39	20	7	4	1
2001 Aug 16-19	35	37	14	9	3	2
2000 Aug 24-27	31	47	12	6	4	*
1999 Aug 24-26	37	46	12	2	2	1

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QN27: Satisfaction: U.S. Education BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education		HS Grad or Less	Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College		Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Completely satisfied	8%	6%	10%	4%	14%	11%	8%	6%	4%	6%	13%	8%	8%	6%	14%	6%	2%
Somewhat satisfied	24%	24%	24%	24%	23%	26%	22%	23%	26%	20%	24%	17%	24%	29%	23%	25%	22%
Somewhat dissatisfied	36%	35%	38%	39%	29%	32%	35%	39%	41%	38%	28%	33%	33%	43%	29%	37%	42%
Completely dissatisfied	31%	33%	26%	31%	30%	30%	33%	29%	26%	35%	30%	37%	32%	21%	29%	31%	32%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	4%	3%	1%	5%	1%	1%

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QN30: Satisfaction: Child's Education BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education		HS Grad or Less	Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College		Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Completely satisfied	31%	30%	32%	26%	38%	30%	30%	35%	36%	21%	33%	30%	28%	35%	38%	25%	30%
Somewhat satisfied	35%	30%	41%	41%	27%	42%	34%	32%	37%	31%	38%	32%	43%	28%	35%	37%	39%
Somewhat dissatisfied	21%	24%	17%	20%	24%	22%	22%	17%	17%	30%	17%	18%	16%	31%	11%	30%	19%
Completely dissatisfied	11%	14%	7%	13%	10%	6%	12%	13%	6%	16%	11%	16%	11%	7%	12%	8%	12%
Doesn't apply/just starting school (VOL)	1% -		1% -		2% -		1% -		3% -		-	3% -	-		2% -		-
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%	1%	1%	1% -	-		1%	4% -		1%	2%	1%	2% -		2% -		-

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GALLUP PANEL

Results for this Gallup poll are based on self-administered web surveys conducted August 3-17, 2026, with a stratified random sample of 2,143 adults, aged 18 and older, who are members of the Gallup Panel. Gallup uses probability-based, random sampling methods to recruit its Panel members.

For results based on the sample of U.S. adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of 530 parents of children in grades K-12, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Gallup weighted the obtained sample to make it representative of the U.S. adult population on gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, political party affiliation and region. Demographic weighting targets were based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Party affiliation weighting targets are based on an average of the three most recent Gallup telephone polls. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Q14a. Please indicate some of the reasons why you are satisfied with the quality of K-12 education in the U.S. today.

	2026	2025
	%	%
Have access to education/quality education is attainable	31	24
Good/hard-working teachers	17	17
Critical/Negative comment	11	n/a
Offer wide range of subjects/programs offered	9	5
Learning a lot/quality education	8	8
Good schools	5	8
Resources available to schools	5	4
Free public school	3	2
Prepares students for the future	3	2
They learn the basics	3	5
Positive school climates	2	3
Offers curriculum activities/social services	2	3
College prep classes	1	2
Inclusive environments	1	2
High standards	--	1
OTHER (list)	8	12
NOTHING	3	14
No response/DK	2	4

14B. Please indicate some of the reasons why you are dissatisfied with the quality of K-12 education in the U.S. today.

	2026	2025
	%	%
Lack of teaching basic subjects	25	16
Poor quality of education/Better in other countries	17	17
Lack of funding, resources	11	11
Methodology/Way teachers teach/on computers too much	10	2
Too much government interference	10	6
Not learning life skills	9	11
History not being taught	9	5
Too much emphasis on standardized tests/grades	8	8
Curriculum taught indoctrination	8	19
Not enough quality teachers/Undereducated	7	8
Student under educated/complete education not provided	6	10
Teacher pay/Underpaid	6	6
Students not taught to think critically	6	6
Lack of care/empathy/attention for students	5	2
No Child Left Behind agenda	4	5
Sex education/Transgender, gender issues	4	4
Little discipline of students/Low accountability	4	4
Schools are overcrowded/Large class sizes/Teachers overworked	3	4
Need more involvement, input from parents	3	1
AI implemented and used	3	3
Lack of teachers/Understaffed/Too much turnover	3	1
Teachers not allowed to teach/Not supported	3	3
Not taught basic civics	2	1
Too divided based on class and race	2	2
Lack of career/workforce preparedness	2	4
Outdated curriculum	1	1
Schools are not safe/Violence/Bullying	1	1
Political agendas being taught	1	6
Cell phones allowed in school	1	1
Unequal access/opportunities for low income students	1	1
DEI doesn't belong in school	1	1
Students not challenged/pushed	1	1
Poor response to COVID situation/Home schooling/Lack of teaching	1	1
Department of Education dismantled	1	1
Need to teach more science	1	1
Critical race theory agenda	0	0
Other	3	9
None/Nothing	--	1
No response	--	0

119. How well do you think K-12 schools in the U.S. are doing at each of the following?

Q119A Preparing students for the current world of work

	2026	2025
	%	%
1 Excellent	3	2
2 Good	18	19
3 Fair	40	39
4 Poor	38	39
9 No answer	1	1

Q119B Preparing students for college

	2026	2025
	%	%
1 Excellent	5	4
2 Good	27	29
3 Fair	41	42
4 Poor	26	24
9 No answer	1	1

Q119C Preparing students to effectively use artificial intelligence (AI) tools

	2026
	%
1 Excellent	5
2 Good	25
3 Fair	42
4 Poor	25
9 No answer	2

Q119D Preparing students to think critically and solve problems

	2026
	%
1 Excellent	4
2 Good	16
3 Fair	32
4 Poor	47
9 No answer	1

Q119E Preparing students to work effectively with others

	2026
	%
1 Excellent	5
2 Good	24
3 Fair	38
4 Poor	32
9 No answer	1

Q119F Preparing students to adapt to new technologies

	2026
	%
1 Excellent	8
2 Good	36
3 Fair	38
4 Poor	17
9 No answer	2

Q131 How good of a job do you think your oldest child's school is doing in adapting its curriculum, scheduling and instructional formats to prepare students for the future?

	2026
	%
1 Excellent	22
2 Good	46
3 Fair	23
4 Poor	7
9 No answer	2