

2023 PDK Poll: Topline data

1. Do you think public school teachers in your community are (overworked), (underworked) or have an appropriate workload?

	Overworked	Have an appropriate workload	Underworked	Skipped
6/25/23				
All	58	34	6	1
Child <18	57	36	7	1

2. Do you think salaries for teachers in your community are too high, too low, or just about right?

	Too high	Too low	About right	DK/skipped
6/25/23				
All	5	66	28	1
Child <18	4	71	25	1
5/21/18	6	66	27	1
5/2015^	5	58	23	14
6/18/03	6	59	33	2
5/22/90	5	50	31	14
5/26/85	6	33	43	18
5/27/84	7	37	41	15
5/22/83	8	35	31	26
5/17/81	10	29	41	20
2/20/69	2	33	43	22

^2015 and previous: PDK/Gallup poll

3. Do you feel that public school teachers are (undervalued), (overvalued) or valued appropriately in society today?

	Undervalued	Valued appropriately	Overvalued	Skipped
6/25/23				
All	73	19	7	1
Child ,18	75	17	7	1

4. As far as you are aware, how big a problem are teacher shortages in your community's public schools?

	More of a problem			Less or not a problem			Skipped
	NET	A crisis	A serious problem, not a crisis	NET	A problem, but not a serious one	Not a problem	
6/25/23							
All	51	16	35	47	31	16	2
Child <18	52	14	38	46	31	15	2

5. Would you support or oppose increasing teacher salaries in your community if it meant raising local property taxes?

	Support			Oppose			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Support	NET	Oppose	Strongly	
6/25/23							
All	67	24	43	31	20	11	1
Child <18	70	26	45	29	18	11	1

6. As a means of saving money, some states are considering a four-day school week consisting of longer school days. Would you favor or oppose such a plan in the public schools in your community?

	Favor	Oppose	Skipped
6/25/23			
All	53	45	2
Child <18	50	48	2
6/18/03^	25	74	1

^2003 PDK/Gallup poll; 1% DK

7. Some states and public school districts are considering expanding the school day or the school year as a way to try to improve student learning outcomes. Which of the following would you prefer for the public schools in your community?

	Longer school days only	Longer school year only	Both	Neither	Skipped
6/25/23					
All	19	26	17	36	2
Child <18	20	29	11	38	2

8. How much influence do you think each of the following groups should have in deciding what's taught in the public schools in your community?

Summary table: All

	More			Just some	Less			Skip
	NET	Great deal	Good amount		NET	Little	None	
6/25/23								
a. Public school teachers	66	34	32	21	12	8	4	1
b. The local school board	56	17	39	29	14	8	5	1
c. The governor and state legislature	33	10	23	32	35	17	18	1
d. Local residents	41	17	24	30	27	16	11	1

Summary table: Child <18

	More			Just some	Less			Skip
	NET	Great deal	Good amount		NET	Little	None	
6/25/23								
a. Public school teachers	61	30	31	24	13	9	4	2
b. The local school board	55	15	40	28	15	9	6	2
c. The governor and state legislature	32	11	22	31	35	18	17	2
d. Local residents	39	16	23	28	31	18	13	2

9. Do you think (public school teachers should be permitted to teach their subjects as they think best), or do you think (there should be state laws setting rules on what teachers can and cannot teach)?

	As teachers think best	State laws	Skipped
6/25/23			
All	47	51	2
Child <18	45	53	2

10. Thinking about students and mental health, which of these do you think the public schools in your community should do: Conduct mental health assessments of all students, conduct optional mental health assessments of students whose parents or guardians request it, or not conduct any mental health assessments of student?

	All students	When requested	No assessments	Skipped
6/25/23				
All	39	45	14	2
Child <18	42	23	14	2