

Pennsylvania Statewide Survey

N=800 Registered Voters

Online | Credibility Interval = +/- 3.46%

March 21-24, 2024

* denotes result less than 0.5%.

NOTE: Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

1. In which state do you live?

100% Pennsylvania

2. In which county in Pennsylvania do you live?

DMA SHOWN

21% Pittsburgh

12% Wilkes Barre-Scranton-Hazleton

16% Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York

41% Philadelphia

10% Balance (Erie, Youngstown, Buffalo, Johnstown-Altoona-State College, Washington, DC, Elmira, New York)

3. Are you registered to vote in Pennsylvania?

100% Yes

4. Thinking about the 2024 general election for President, Congress, and various state and local offices in November, do you plan to vote in this election? **[ROTATED]**

85% TOTAL PLAN TO VOTE

8% TOTAL PLAN NOT TO VOTE

78% Definitely plan to vote

7% Probably plan to vote

6% It's fifty-fifty

2% Probably plan not to vote

6% Definitely plan not to vote

1% Don't know

5. In which age range do you fall?

- 8% 18-24
- 16% 25-34
- 15% 35-44
- 15% 45-54
- 17% 55-64
- 29% 65 or older

6. What do you consider to be your gender? **[ROTATED]**

- 48% Male
- 52% Female
- * Other

7. Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic identity? *Select all that apply.*
[RANDOMIZED]

- 80% White or Caucasian
- 13% Black or African American
- 10% Hispanic or Latino
- 3% Asian or Asian American
- 1% Native American or Alaska Native
- * Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- 1% Other

- * Prefer not to say

Now, thinking about Pennsylvania...

The following are a few names of people and organizations in Pennsylvania. For each one, please indicate if you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of that person or organization. **[RANDOMIZED]**

	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Never heard of	Don't know
8. Josh Shapiro	61%	29%	30%	31%	17%	12%	2%	8%
9. Pennsylvania General Assembly	50%	28%	8%	42%	21%	7%	5%	17%

10. In the last few years, has K-12 public education in Pennsylvania gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same? **[ROTATED]**

- 13% Gotten better
- 44% Gotten worse
- 32% Stayed about the same

- 11% Don't know

11. Thinking about ways to improve Pennsylvania's K-12 public education system, which of the following options do you think would be the best approach to take? **[ROTATED]**

- 66% TOTAL CHANGE**
- 25% TOTAL STAY THE SAME**

- 9% Everything should change
- 19% Most things should change
- 37% More things should change than stay the same
- 16% More things should stay the same than change
- 7% Most things should stay the same
- 2% Everything should stay the same

- 9% Don't know

12. Which of the following statements is closer to your personal view, even if neither is exactly right? **[ROTATED]**

- 62% We should be focused on rethinking how we educate students, coming up with new ways to teach children moving forward.
- 33% We should be focused on trying to get schools back to the way things were before COVID-19.

- 5% Don't know

13. Who among the following should decide the school a child attends? **[RANDOMIZED]**

- 69% Parent or guardian
- 13% School and district administrators
- 9% Education experts
- 3% Government officials
- 1% Elected lawmakers
- 2% Someone else (please specify: _____)

- 4% Don't know

14. Do you agree or disagree all Pennsylvania students should have access to the best public schools regardless of race, income, or home address? **[ROTATED]**

92% TOTAL AGREE
6% TOTAL DISAGREE

75% Strongly agree
17% Somewhat agree
3% Somewhat disagree
3% Strongly disagree

2% Don't know

15. Do you support or oppose giving every child in Pennsylvania the ability to attend the public school in the state that best meets their needs? **[ROTATED]**

87% TOTAL SUPPORT
9% TOTAL OPPOSE

60% Strongly support
27% Somewhat support
6% Somewhat oppose
3% Strongly oppose

5% Don't know

16. As you may know, children in Pennsylvania are assigned to a public school based on their home address. Would you support or oppose the state assembly passing a law that would allow children in Pennsylvania to attend any public school in the state regardless of where they live? **[ROTATED]**

66% TOTAL SUPPORT
27% TOTAL OPPOSE

33% Strongly support
33% Somewhat support
18% Somewhat oppose
9% Strongly oppose

7% Don't know

17. If children in Pennsylvania were allowed to attend any public school in the state regardless of where they live, do you think this would improve or weaken Pennsylvania's public education system? **[ROTATED]**

46% **TOTAL IMPROVE**

30% **TOTAL WEAKEN**

18% Strongly improve

28% Somewhat improve

13% Have no impact

21% Somewhat weaken

9% Strongly weaken

11% Don't know

[HALF SAMPLE A, N=401]

18. The following are two points of view about allowing children in Pennsylvania to attend any public school in the state regardless of where they live. Please select which one you agree with more, even if neither is exactly what you believe. **[ROTATED]**

47% (Some/Other) people say that every child in Pennsylvania should have access to any public school so that every child has an equal opportunity to succeed.
...while...

46% (Some/Other) people say that allowing children in Pennsylvania to attend any public school isn't practical and realistic because there simply would not be enough capacity at some schools to accommodate the demand.

7% Don't know

[HALF SAMPLE B, N=399]

19. The following are two points of view about allowing children in Pennsylvania to attend any public school in the state regardless of where they live. Please select which one you agree with more, even if neither is exactly what you believe. **[ROTATED]**

50% (Some/Other) people say that every child in Pennsylvania should have access to any public school so that every child has an equal opportunity to succeed.
...while...

41% (Some/Other) people say that Pennsylvania should keep children assigned to their neighborhood schools and invest more money in any public school that isn't performing as well as nearby schools.

9% Don't know

20. As you may know, Pennsylvania already allows students to transfer to different public schools. However, each school district is allowed to voluntarily choose if they want to participate, meaning not all students are able to attend the school that they think is best for them. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the state assembly passing a law that would allow students to attend any school in any district? **[ROTATED]**

62% TOTAL SUPPORT
28% TOTAL OPPOSE

27% Strongly support
35% Somewhat support
19% Somewhat oppose
9% Strongly oppose

10% Don't know

21. The following are two points of view about allowing students to attend any school in any district. Please select which one you agree with more, even if neither is exactly what you believe. **[ROTATED]**

48% (Some/Other) people say that school districts who choose not to participate have questionable motives and are unfairly blocking students who would benefit from attending a school better suited for them.
...while...

39% (Some/Other) people say that public school districts should have the right to restrict access to only those students who live within their respective district.

13% Don't know

Thinking more about education, please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. **[RANDOMIZED]**

	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
22. A student should not be prevented from attending the public school that works best for them just because of the neighborhood they live in or how much money their family makes.	79%	18%	45%	34%	13%	4%	4%
23. Every child should have access to the best public school that works for them – regardless of race, gender, income, or home address.	86%	12%	54%	32%	8%	4%	2%
24. States have district boundaries that traditionally leave underprivileged children behind. Those kids should have access to the best public schools, just like the kids of wealthy families.	79%	16%	46%	33%	12%	4%	5%
25. Children should not be forced to stay in a public school if they or their families believe another school better meets their needs.	81%	14%	44%	37%	10%	4%	5%
26. Parents should have the right to choose the school that is best for their child, rather than being forced to attend failing or unsafe schools based solely on where they live.	81%	16%	48%	33%	11%	5%	4%

27. Would you be more or less likely to vote for your legislator if they supported passing a law that would allow all children in Pennsylvania to attend any public school in the state regardless of where they live? **[ROTATED]**

55% TOTAL MORE LIKELY
20% TOTAL LESS LIKELY

27% Much more likely
 28% Somewhat more likely
 11% Somewhat less likely
 8% Much less likely
 19% No difference in likelihood

6% Don't know

Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes only...

28. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 2% No high school diploma
- 27% High school diploma or equivalent
- 20% Some college but no degree
- 10% Associate's degree
- 26% Bachelor's degree
- 15% Advanced degree (such as Master's, Professional, or Doctorate)

- * Prefer not to say

29. What is your household's total annual income before taxes?

- 11% Under \$25,000
- 26% \$25,000 - \$49,999
- 21% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 14% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 10% \$100,000 - \$124,999
- 5% \$125,000 - \$149,999
- 9% \$150,000 or more

- 3% Prefer not to say

30. Are you the parent or legal guardian of a child in your household under the age of eighteen?
[ROTATED]

- 28% Yes
- 72% No

- * Don't know

31. How would you describe the area in which you live? **[ROTATED]**

- 20% Urban
- 52% Suburban
- 28% Rural

- * Don't know

32. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or something else?
[ROTATED]

37%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
41%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
22%	Strong Republican
16%	Not very strong Republican
18%	Independent
16%	Not very strong Democrat
25%	Strong Democrat
3%	Other/Something else
1%	Don't know

33. Overall, would you describe your views as...? **[ROTATED]**

35%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
27%	TOTAL LIBERAL
13%	Very conservative
23%	Somewhat conservative
33%	Moderate
16%	Somewhat liberal
12%	Very liberal
1%	Other/Something else
2%	Don't know

34. Thinking back to the presidential election in November 2020, regardless of how you feel today, for whom did you vote? **[ROTATED]**

48%	Joe Biden, the Democrat
41%	Donald Trump, the Republican
3%	Someone else
6%	Did not vote
2%	Prefer not to say