

# National Education Survey

N=1,000 Registered Voters | MoE = +/- 3.1% | Online

# Florida Education Survey

N=500 Registered Voters | MoE = +/- 4.4% | Online

September 22-24, 2025

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## Survey Data

\* denotes result less than 0.5%, while -- denotes no response.

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

Half Sample A = 501 voters nationally, 251 voters Florida; Half Sample B = 499 voters nationally, 249 voters Florida.

### 1. In which state do you live? **[4-PT REGION SHOWN]**

#### **NATL**

18%	Northeast
23%	Midwest
37%	South
22%	West

### **[FLORIDA]**

### 2. In which county in Florida do you live? **[DMA SHOWN]**

#### **FL**

7%	Ft. Myers-Naples
2%	Gainesville
10%	Jacksonville
20%	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale
3%	Mobile-Pensacola (Ft. Walton Beach)
22%	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne
2%	Panama City
2%	Tallahassee-Thomasville
23%	Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota)
9%	West Palm Beach-Ft. Pierce

### 3. Are you registered to vote in [state from Q1]?

#### **NATL**   **FL**

100%	100%	Yes
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### 4. In which age range do you fall?

#### **NATL**   **FL**

8%	8%	18-24
18%	14%	25-34
15%	15%	35-44
14%	14%	45-54
20%	18%	55-64
25%	31%	65 or older

5. What do you consider to be your gender?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
52%	52%	Female
48%	48%	Male
*	--	Other

6. Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic identity? *Select all that apply.*

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
72%	69%	White
14%	15%	Black or African American
13%	21%	Hispanic or Latino
4%	3%	Asian
3%	2%	Native American or Alaska Native
1%	1%	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
*	1%	Middle Eastern or North African
1%	2%	Other
*	*	Prefer not to say

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

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
1%	1%	Some high school or less
21%	22%	High school diploma or equivalent
21%	19%	Some college but no degree
4%	6%	Vocational training/school
13%	16%	Associate's degree or 2-year college degree
24%	23%	Bachelor's degree or 4-year college degree
16%	14%	Advanced degree, such as Master's, Professional, or Doctorate
--	--	Prefer not to say

8. Are you the parent or legal guardian of a child in your household in a K-12 school or under the age of 18?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
33%	27%	Yes
67%	73%	No
*	--	Don't know

Moving on...

**[HALF SAMPLE A]**

9. As you know, taxes are payments collected by local, state, and national governments to pay for the services and goods they provide. Even if neither statement below is exactly how you feel, which one comes closer to what you believe?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
76%	79%	The taxes I pay are my money, and I should have more say in how they are used.
19%	16%	The taxes I pay are the government's money, and they can spend it as they deem necessary.
5%	5%	Don't know

**[HALF SAMPLE B]**

10. As you know, taxes are payments collected by local, state, and national governments to pay for the services and goods they provide. Even if neither statement below is exactly how you feel, which one comes closer to what you believe?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
79%	79%	Taxes belong to taxpayers, and they should have more say in how government spends their money.
15%	15%	Taxes belong to the government, and taxpayers should let elected officials decide how best to spend the money.
6%	6%	Don't know

Thinking of another topic...

11. Do you believe K-12 education in the country is heading in the right direction or wrong direction?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
29%	26%	Right direction
57%	56%	Wrong direction
14%	17%	Don't know

12. And, do you believe K-12 education in your community is heading in the right direction or wrong direction?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
38%	35%	Right direction
46%	45%	Wrong direction
16%	21%	Don't know

13. Regardless of how you usually vote, which party do you trust more to do a better job handling K-12 education in America?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
42%	47%	Republican Party
44%	40%	Democratic Party
14%	13%	Don't know

14. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose a K-12 education system that provides more options for families and fewer restrictions, such as making it easier to change schools or blend educational experiences (e.g., part time at a public school and part time doing home schooling), or to use designated education funding on other courses and interests?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>74%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>
<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>
38%	34%	Strongly support
36%	38%	Somewhat support
12%	10%	Somewhat oppose
5%	6%	Strongly oppose
9%	12%	Don't know

**[K-12 PARENT: N=329 NATL, N=137 FL]**

- 15.** If K-12 education was more flexible and families could spend education funding for other courses, curriculum, tutoring, interests, etc., how much confidence do you have in yourself to make the right education decisions for your children?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL GREAT DEAL/FAIR AMOUNT</i></b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL NOT THAT MUCH/NONE AT ALL</i></b>
54%	51%	A great deal
37%	39%	A fair amount
6%	8%	Not that much
1%	--	None at all
2%	2%	Don't know

**[K-12 PARENT: N=329 NATL, N=137 FL]**

- 16.** And, similarly, if K-12 education was more flexible and families could spend education funding for other courses, curriculum, tutoring, interests, etc., how much confidence do you have in other parents to make the right education decisions for their children?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>77%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL GREAT DEAL/FAIR AMOUNT</i></b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL NOT THAT MUCH/NONE AT ALL</i></b>
35%	40%	A great deal
43%	42%	A fair amount
17%	14%	Not that much
2%	3%	None at all
4%	2%	Don't know

**[NON K-12 PARENT: N=670 NATL, N=363 FL]**

- 17.** If K-12 education was more flexible and families could spend education funding for other courses, curriculum, tutoring, interests, etc., how much confidence do you have in parents to make the right education decisions for their children?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>65%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL GREAT DEAL/FAIR AMOUNT</i></b>
<b>29%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL NOT THAT MUCH/NONE AT ALL</i></b>
22%	19%	A great deal
42%	44%	A fair amount
24%	22%	Not that much
5%	5%	None at all
7%	10%	Don't know

- 18.** Who should be responsible for a child's education?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
49%	49%	Parents
12%	11%	State education departments
11%	10%	Teachers
10%	11%	School districts
6%	6%	State government
3%	3%	Communities
3%	2%	Local government
2%	3%	Individual schools
4%	4%	Don't know

- 19.** Do you believe parents today are taking enough responsibility for their children's educations?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
27%	24%	Yes
62%	62%	No
11%	14%	Don't know

- 20.** Should parents take more responsibility today for their children's educations?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
93%	92%	Yes
3%	4%	No
4%	4%	Don't know

**21.** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*Education begins in the home. Parents have the primary responsibility for their children's learning, and schools exist to support families in that role.*

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
92%	90%	<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>
7%	8%	<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>
64%	66%	Strongly agree
28%	25%	Somewhat agree
5%	6%	Somewhat disagree
2%	3%	Strongly disagree
1%	2%	Don't know

**22.** Public schools are usually funded based on the number of students enrolled. If a family decides to have a child attend a different school, should the funding for that child follow the child to the new school or stay with the school the child leaves?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
63%	63%	Follow the child to the new school
25%	24%	Stay with the school the child leaves
11%	13%	Don't know

**23.** The following are two different views about how education should be funded. Even if neither is exactly how you feel, which one comes closer to what you believe?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
53%	51%	Funding should follow students. Schools should not get money for students they are no longer educating.
40%	41%	Schools should keep their same levels of funding when students leave. This helps them plan their budgets and prevent sudden cuts or closings.
7%	8%	Don't know



24. Which of the following statements best describes the value schools provide to kids in your community?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
18%	19%	The value schools provide surpasses the value of our property taxes.
32%	29%	The value schools provide equals the value of our property taxes.
35%	34%	The value schools provide fall shorts of the value of our property taxes.
15%	19%	Don't know

25. As you may know, more than 90% of public school funding comes from local taxpayers. How much more, if at all, would you be willing to pay to adequately fund public schools?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>31%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>TOTAL WILLING TO PAY MORE</b>
12%	12%	\$1-\$100
9%	7%	\$101-\$500
4%	2%	\$501-\$1,000
5%	5%	\$1,001+
\$2259	\$2274	MEAN
\$200	\$200	MEDIAN
47%	51%	I would not be willing to pay more
22%	24%	Don't know

26. Do you agree or disagree that every student today receive the same amount of education funding?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>62%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>
<b>30%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>
35%	32%	Strongly agree
27%	27%	Somewhat agree
17%	19%	Somewhat disagree
13%	14%	Strongly disagree
9%	9%	Don't know

- 27.** Should children in families with higher incomes receive more, less, or the same amount of education funding as children in families with lower incomes?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
14%	16%	More education funding
15%	11%	Less education funding
64%	65%	The same amount of education funding
6%	8%	Don't know

- 28.** Should children in families who pay more in property taxes receive more, less, or the same amount of education funding as children in families who pay less?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
19%	19%	More education funding
5%	4%	Less education funding
69%	67%	The same amount of education funding
8%	10%	Don't know

- 29.** Now, some people are advocating for eliminating property taxes in their respective states. Regardless of whether you support or oppose eliminating property taxes, this could provide an opportunity to fund public education differently. If a state eliminated property taxes, which do you believe is a better method for funding schools instead?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
53%	50%	Fund schools based entirely on the number of students enrolled—more students means more funding, fewer students means less funding.
36%	37%	Keep schools funded at today's levels through state general tax dollars, regardless of changes in enrollment.
11%	13%	Don't know

**[K-12 PARENT: N=329 NATL, N=137 FL]**

- 30.** Public schools today, for better or worse, are very rigid and controlled, giving individual parents very little ability to change how their child is educated, while on the other end of the spectrum, families who homeschool have tremendous autonomy and flexibility. If you had the option to choose the right educational approach for your child, which of the following would you prefer for your child?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
30%	29%	A student is allotted \$15,000 per year to attend public school. The money goes straight to the public school and all the current restrictions remain in place.
36%	36%	A student is allotted \$10,000 per year to attend a private school or to learn at home. Families can use the money for educational expenses, but there are some restrictions in place limiting their options.
26%	26%	A student is allotted \$5,000 per year and there are no specific restrictions on how the family can spend the money, as long as it's spent on educating each student.
8%	9%	Don't know

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

**[K-12 PARENT: N=329 NATL, N=137 FL]**

- 31.** What type of school does your child/children in K-12 attend? *Select an answer for each K-12 child.*

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
43%	39%	Traditional public school in assigned zone
13%	11%	Traditional public school outside assigned zone
12%	18%	Public charter school
11%	12%	Private, religious school
11%	8%	Private, non-religious school
9%	9%	Public, magnet school
5%	6%	Full-time online school
5%	6%	Homeschool or homeschool co-op
3%	4%	Hybrid/blended approach across multiple schools
1%	1%	Microschool
2%	--	Something else (Please specify: ____)
6%	7%	Child is too young to be in K-12 yet
1%	--	Don't know

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

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
11%	11%	Under \$25,000
24%	23%	\$25,000 - \$49,999
22%	20%	\$50,000 - \$74,999
14%	18%	\$75,000 - \$99,999
9%	11%	\$100,000 - \$124,999
8%	7%	\$125,000 - \$149,999
12%	8%	\$150,000 or more
1%	3%	Prefer not to say

**33.** How would you describe the area where you live?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
33%	32%	An urban area or city
42%	51%	A suburban area
9%	7%	A small town
16%	10%	A rural area
*	1%	Don't know

**34.** Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, independent, or something else?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
<b>42%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
<b>43%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
25%	27%	Strong Republican
11%	10%	Not-so-strong Republican
7%	10%	Independent but lean slightly Republican
11%	11%	Strictly Independent
8%	11%	Independent but lean slightly Democrat
10%	10%	Not-so-strong Democrat
25%	18%	Strong Democrat
3%	2%	Something else/Other
1%	1%	Don't know

[REPUBLICAN: N=418 NATL, N=237 FL]

35. Would you say you are more a supporter of the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement or Republican Party?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
39%	44%	Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement
57%	53%	Republican Party
4%	4%	Don't know

36. Overall, how would you describe your views on most issues?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
37%	43%	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>
27%	23%	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>
19%	18%	Very conservative
18%	24%	Somewhat conservative
33%	32%	Moderate
15%	11%	Somewhat liberal
12%	11%	Very liberal
1%	1%	Something else/Other
2%	1%	Don't know

37. Thinking back to the presidential election in November 2024, regardless of how you feel today, for whom did you vote?

<u>NATL</u>	<u>FL</u>	
46%	50%	Donald Trump
43%	38%	Kamala Harris
4%	3%	Someone else/Other
6%	8%	Did not vote
1%	1%	Don't know