

YouGov Survey: Back to School



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted August 16 - 19, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. When you were a child and summer ended, how did you usually feel about going back to school in the fall?

Very happy	15%
Somewhat happy	25%
Neither happy nor sad	19%
Somewhat sad	22%
Very sad	14%
I didn't attend school	2%
Not sure	3%

2. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children in grades K-12?

Yes	23%
No	77%

3. As a parent, how do you usually feel when summer ends and your children return to school in the fall?

Asked of parents of school-aged children

Very happy	24%
Somewhat happy	23%
Neither happy nor sad	26%
Somewhat sad	14%
Very sad	6%
My children don't attend school	4%
Not sure	5%

4. Do you think there is a shortage of K-12 teachers in your local area?

Yes	44%
No	20%
Not sure	35%

5. How big of a problem is the K-12 teacher shortage in your local area?

Asked of people who say there is a shortage of teachers in their local area

A very big problem	27%
Somewhat of a problem	50%
Not a very big problem	12%
Not a problem	3%
Not sure	8%

6. Below is a list of proposed solutions for places with shortages of K-12 teachers and funding. To what extent do you support or oppose...

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
Paying teachers more	48%	25%	18%	5%	5%
Paying teachers less	4%	6%	14%	15%	62%
Allowing people who did not graduate college to teach	8%	21%	24%	20%	27%
Recruiting uncertified veterans to teach	9%	17%	32%	18%	24%
Reducing the school week from five days to four days	16%	22%	23%	16%	24%
Increasing taxes on local residents to fund schools	8%	17%	28%	18%	30%

7. If you had to say, about how much do you think the average public elementary school teacher in your state is paid on an annual basis?

Less than \$30,000	11%
\$30,000	15%
\$40,000	24%
\$50,000	21%
\$60,000	11%
\$70,000	5%
\$80,000	3%
\$90,000	2%
\$100,000	1%
\$110,000	0%
\$120,000	0%
\$130,000	0%
\$140,000	0%
\$150,000	0%
\$160,000	0%
\$170,000	0%
\$180,000	0%
\$190,000	0%
\$200,000	0%
More than \$200,000	0%
Not sure	7%

8. In your opinion, about how much should the average public elementary school teacher in your state be paid on an annual basis?

Less than \$30,000	5%
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\$30,000	5%
\$40,000	11%
\$50,000	19%
\$60,000	20%
\$70,000	14%
\$80,000	9%
\$90,000	4%
\$100,000	4%
\$110,000	1%
\$120,000	1%
\$130,000	0%
\$140,000	0%
\$150,000	0%
\$160,000	0%
\$170,000	0%
\$180,000	0%
\$190,000	0%
\$200,000	1%
More than \$200,000	1%
Not sure	6%

9. If you had to say, about how much do you think the average public middle school teacher in your state is paid on an annual basis?

Less than \$30,000	6%
\$30,000	13%
\$40,000	23%
\$50,000	18%
\$60,000	16%
\$70,000	7%
\$80,000	5%
\$90,000	2%
\$100,000	2%
\$110,000	1%
\$120,000	0%
\$130,000	0%
\$140,000	0%
\$150,000	0%
\$160,000	0%
\$170,000	0%
\$180,000	0%
\$190,000	0%
\$200,000	0%

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More than \$200,000	0%
Not sure	7%

10. In your opinion, about how much should the average public middle school teacher in your state be paid on an annual basis?

Less than \$30,000	4%
\$30,000	4%
\$40,000	11%
\$50,000	16%
\$60,000	20%
\$70,000	14%
\$80,000	9%
\$90,000	5%
\$100,000	4%
\$110,000	1%
\$120,000	1%
\$130,000	1%
\$140,000	0%
\$150,000	0%
\$160,000	0%
\$170,000	0%
\$180,000	0%
\$190,000	0%
\$200,000	0%
More than \$200,000	1%
Not sure	7%

11. If you had to say, about how much do you think the average public high school teacher in your state is paid on an annual basis?

Less than \$30,000	6%
\$30,000	9%
\$40,000	18%
\$50,000	19%
\$60,000	16%
\$70,000	9%
\$80,000	6%
\$90,000	4%
\$100,000	3%
\$110,000	1%
\$120,000	0%
\$130,000	0%

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\$140,000	0%
\$150,000	0%
\$160,000	0%
\$170,000	0%
\$180,000	0%
\$190,000	0%
\$200,000	0%
More than \$200,000	1%
Not sure	7%

12. In your opinion, about how much should the average public high school teacher in your state be paid on an annual basis?

Less than \$30,000	3%
\$30,000	4%
\$40,000	7%
\$50,000	14%
\$60,000	17%
\$70,000	15%
\$80,000	13%
\$90,000	7%
\$100,000	6%
\$110,000	2%
\$120,000	1%
\$130,000	1%
\$140,000	1%
\$150,000	1%
\$160,000	0%
\$170,000	0%
\$180,000	0%
\$190,000	0%
\$200,000	1%
More than \$200,000	0%
Not sure	7%

13. Do you know anyone who is or was a K-12 public school teacher? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	29%
Yes, a close friend	28%
None of the above	46%

14. How concerned are you about the following issues in public schools in your local area?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all
Teacher shortages	38%	40%	14%	8%
Funding shortages	35%	38%	17%	10%
Students not meeting learning objectives	44%	38%	12%	6%
A lack of parent involvement	35%	40%	17%	8%
A lack of access to classroom technology	24%	39%	26%	12%
Depression and anxiety among students	43%	38%	13%	6%
Bullying	50%	31%	14%	6%
Sexual abuse	40%	30%	22%	8%
Students being indoctrinated with liberal ideas	37%	21%	19%	23%
Students being indoctrinated with conservative ideas	22%	27%	22%	29%
The spread of COVID-19	27%	28%	25%	20%
COVID-19 restrictions	26%	29%	27%	18%
Learning loss due to COVID-19	39%	34%	18%	8%
Too much parent involvement	12%	21%	32%	35%
Too much access to classroom technology	11%	21%	38%	30%
The banning of books	45%	28%	17%	10%
The availability of inappropriate books	25%	21%	28%	26%

15. Do you think public schools should provide the following to ...

	All students	Low-income students only	No students	Not sure
Free breakfast	55%	32%	7%	7%
Free lunch	52%	34%	6%	7%
Free dinner	31%	31%	22%	16%

16. Have you ever attended a party hosted by a college fraternity?

Yes	25%
No	70%
Not sure	5%

17. Have you ever attended a party hosted by a college sorority?

Yes	18%
No	76%
Not sure	5%

18. Hazing is a ritual that involves risk, pain, or harm, as part of initiation into a group. How big of a problem do you think hazing is in American college fraternities?

A big problem	50%
A small problem	26%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	17%

19. How big of a problem do you think hazing is in American college sororities?

A big problem	40%
A small problem	30%
Not a problem	8%
Not sure	22%

20. If a college fraternity or sorority is caught hazing its members, should it be suspended from the campus?

Yes, permanently	40%
Yes, temporarily	39%
No	8%
Not sure	14%

21. Should college fraternities be allowed to remain men-only, or should they be required to include both women and men?

They should be allowed to remain men-only	52%
They should be required to include both women and men	20%
Not sure	28%

22. When you were in college, were you a member of...?

Asked of people who attended at least some college

A fraternity	7%
A sorority	7%
None of the above	83%

23. As a member of a fraternity or sorority, did you ever personally experience hazing?

Asked of people who were in fraternities or sororities

Yes, severe hazing	10%
Yes, minor hazing	43%
No	45%
Not sure	2%

24. As a member of a fraternity or sorority, did you ever witness other people being hazed?

Asked of people who were in fraternities or sororities

Yes, severe hazing	10%
Yes, minor hazing	46%
No	38%
Not sure	6%

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Interviewing Dates	August 16 - 19, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.298 to 3.478, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.399.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.