

VCU Commonwealth Education Poll
April 17-24, 2001

	Public schools in Virginia--would you say they provide an excellent, good, fair, or poor education?						Number of cases
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total							
.....	11%	47%	26%	4%	9%	2%	814
Male.....	10%	48%	28%	4%	8%	2%	309
Female.....	13%	46%	24%	4%	10%	2%	505
White.....	11%	48%	25%	4%	10%	2%	601
Black.....	9%	46%	33%	1%	7%	2%	130
Northwest.....	7%	46%	37%	3%	6%	1%	112
Northern VA.....	13%	52%	20%	3%	12%	1%	212
West.....	12%	47%	30%	8%	3%	1%	161
South Central...	10%	52%	24%	3%	9%	2%	132
Tidewater.....	13%	39%	27%	3%	14%	4%	197
Have Children in Public School?							
Yes.....	15%	54%	24%	3%	3%	0%	266
School Employee in Household							
Yes.....	21%	45%	26%	1%	4%	3%	100
Family Income							
Under 35,000....	11%	41%	31%	5%	8%	3%	218
35,000-49,999...	6%	57%	24%	4%	8%	0%	138
50,000-69,999...	11%	57%	22%	4%	5%	1%	122
70,000 and above	13%	47%	23%	4%	9%	3%	211
Education							
H.S. or less....	12%	44%	28%	6%	9%	1%	274
Some college....	10%	45%	32%	3%	8%	2%	227
College grad & up	12%	52%	19%	2%	11%	3%	308
Age							
18-29.....	8%	47%	28%	2%	11%	4%	156
30-44.....	14%	51%	21%	5%	8%	1%	297
45-64.....	13%	47%	30%	5%	4%	1%	240
65 and older....	10%	39%	26%	3%	18%	4%	91
Place where live							
Urban.....	13%	44%	26%	5%	11%	1%	144
Suburban.....	11%	49%	25%	2%	10%	3%	290
Rural/Small Town	9%	48%	28%	5%	8%	1%	344
Party Identification							
Democrat.....	16%	50%	25%	1%	7%	2%	225
Republican.....	10%	48%	27%	4%	9%	1%	236
Independent.....	9%	44%	27%	5%	11%	4%	257

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	Better	Worse	Same	Don't Know	No Answer	
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Too Much	Too Little	About Right	Don't Know	No Answer		
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How confident are you that the test scores on the SOL's are an accurate indicator of a student's progress and school achievement?							Number of cases
	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	Don't Know	No Answer	
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	Smaller class sizes-- Improve Student Achievement?						Number of cases
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Total	82%	12%	1%	2%	2%	0%	814
Male.....	80%	15%	2%	3%	1%	0%	309
Female.....	84%	9%	1%	2%	3%	0%	505
White.....	84%	10%	2%	1%	2%	0%	601
Black.....	76%	18%	1%	4%	2%	0%	130
Northwest.....	83%	11%	3%	2%	1%	1%	112
Northern VA.....	87%	9%	1%	0%	3%	0%	212
West.....	83%	9%	2%	3%	2%	0%	161
South Central.....	79%	15%	0%	4%	2%	0%	132
Tidewater.....	78%	14%	2%	3%	4%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?							
Yes.....	86%	9%	1%	3%	0%	0%	266
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	More hours of instruction for students-- Improve Student Achievement?						Number of cases
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Rural/Small Town..	50%	24%	8%	11%	6%	1%	344
Party Identification							
Democrat.....	59%	22%	9%	6%	3%	1%	225
Republican.....	54%	27%	7%	9%	3%	1%	236
Independent.....	44%	31%	8%	11%	5%	1%	257

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	Special training for teachers beyond a college degree--Improve Student Achievement?						Number of cases
	A Lot	A Little	Not Much	Not At All	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total							
.....	60%	28%	4%	3%	3%	2%	814
Male.....	58%	29%	4%	4%	3%	2%	309
Female.....	61%	27%	4%	3%	3%	1%	505
White.....	59%	28%	4%	4%	3%	2%	601
Black.....	64%	27%	3%	2%	2%	1%	130
Northwest.....	69%	25%	4%	2%	1%	0%	112
Northern VA.....	61%	26%	5%	3%	5%	0%	212
West.....	50%	35%	7%	3%	2%	3%	161
South Central.....	61%	25%	3%	4%	3%	3%	132
Tidewater.....	60%	28%	3%	5%	3%	2%	197
Have Children in Public School?							
Yes.....	60%	27%	6%	4%	2%	2%	266
School Employee in Household							
Yes.....	57%	30%	5%	5%	2%	2%	100
Family Income							
Under 35,000.....	66%	23%	2%	3%	3%	3%	218
35,000-49,999.....	57%	36%	5%	1%	0%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	59%	26%	7%	4%	1%	2%	122
70,000 and above..	60%	27%	6%	5%	2%	0%	211
Education							
H.S. or less.....	62%	24%	4%	4%	4%	2%	274
Some college.....	57%	32%	5%	2%	2%	2%	227
College grad & up	59%	29%	4%	4%	4%	0%	308
Age							
18-29.....	65%	27%	2%	3%	2%	1%	156
30-44.....	60%	29%	6%	3%	2%	0%	297
45-64.....	58%	29%	4%	3%	4%	3%	240
65 and older.....	55%	23%	6%	5%	8%	3%	91
Place where live							
Urban.....	58%	30%	3%	4%	2%	3%	144
Suburban.....	61%	26%	5%	3%	4%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town..	58%	28%	5%	4%	3%	2%	344
Party Identification							
Democrat.....	62%	26%	5%	2%	3%	2%	225
Republican.....	58%	31%	4%	4%	3%	0%	236
Independent.....	56%	31%	5%	4%	2%	1%	257

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Which of these provides the most funding for public schools in Virginia?						Number of cases
	Federal	State	Local city and County	Don't Know	No Answer	
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Total	13%	37%	30%	20%	1%	814
Male.....	15%	39%	30%	16%	0%	309
Female.....	11%	35%	29%	23%	2%	505
White.....	11%	38%	31%	19%	1%	601
Black.....	19%	36%	24%	21%	1%	130
Northwest.....	12%	33%	37%	17%	0%	112
Northern VA.....	11%	31%	38%	19%	1%	212
West.....	14%	41%	21%	24%	1%	161
South Central.....	9%	47%	29%	13%	2%	132
Tidewater.....	16%	35%	24%	23%	1%	197
 Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	17%	35%	27%	21%	1%	266
 School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	12%	38%	34%	15%	1%	100
 Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	13%	45%	19%	21%	2%	218
35,000-49,999.....	13%	36%	29%	21%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	17%	34%	32%	18%	0%	122
70,000 and above....	9%	37%	39%	15%	0%	211
 Education						
H.S. or less.....	13%	38%	24%	24%	1%	274
Some college.....	16%	37%	24%	21%	2%	227
College grad and up.	9%	36%	40%	15%	0%	308
 Age						
18-29.....	12%	44%	21%	22%	1%	156
30-44.....	15%	37%	26%	21%	1%	297
45-64.....	15%	31%	38%	15%	1%	240
65 and older.....	4%	35%	37%	23%	0%	91
 Place where live						
Urban.....	20%	35%	28%	17%	0%	144
Suburban.....	9%	38%	37%	15%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	14%	38%	25%	23%	1%	344
 Party Identification						
Democrat.....	16%	37%	28%	19%	1%	225
Republican.....	9%	45%	29%	17%	1%	236
Independent.....	11%	36%	33%	19%	0%	257

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	Do you think the funding for public schools in Virginia is:				Number of cases
	Enough	Not Enough	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	21%	70%	9%	1%	814
Male.....	28%	62%	9%	1%	309
Female.....	14%	76%	9%	1%	505
White.....	20%	70%	9%	1%	601
Black.....	19%	75%	6%	0%	130
Northwest.....	22%	71%	6%	2%	112
Northern VA.....	26%	64%	9%	1%	212
West.....	24%	67%	9%	0%	161
South Central.....	19%	76%	4%	1%	132
Tidewater.....	13%	73%	14%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	20%	73%	6%	0%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	20%	79%	1%	0%	100
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	19%	72%	8%	1%	218
35,000-49,999.....	17%	77%	6%	0%	138
50,000-69,999.....	22%	70%	7%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	23%	67%	10%	0%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	24%	66%	9%	1%	274
Some college.....	21%	72%	6%	1%	227
College grad and up.	16%	72%	11%	1%	308
Age					
18-29.....	19%	68%	12%	1%	156
30-44.....	21%	71%	7%	0%	297
45-64.....	17%	76%	6%	1%	240
65 and older.....	25%	59%	14%	1%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	18%	73%	9%	0%	144
Suburban.....	20%	68%	11%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	22%	70%	7%	1%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	21%	73%	6%	0%	225
Republican.....	21%	71%	8%	0%	236
Independent.....	20%	67%	12%	1%	257

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	Would you be willing or not willing to pay higher taxes so that school funding could be increased?				Number of cases
	Willing	Not Willing	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	57%	36%	4%	3%	814
Male.....	54%	40%	3%	3%	309
Female.....	60%	33%	4%	3%	505
White.....	57%	37%	4%	3%	601
Black.....	59%	36%	3%	2%	130
Northwest.....	52%	39%	4%	5%	112
Northern VA.....	58%	37%	3%	2%	212
West.....	47%	42%	6%	4%	161
South Central.....	60%	37%	2%	2%	132
Tidewater.....	64%	30%	4%	2%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	63%	35%	2%	1%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	60%	32%	6%	2%	100
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	50%	41%	6%	4%	218
35,000-49,999.....	59%	38%	2%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	68%	29%	2%	2%	122
70,000 and above....	61%	36%	2%	2%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	53%	40%	5%	3%	274
Some college.....	54%	39%	4%	3%	227
College grad and up.	64%	30%	3%	3%	308
Age					
18-29.....	63%	30%	3%	3%	156
30-44.....	59%	38%	2%	2%	297
45-64.....	58%	36%	3%	3%	240
65 and older.....	45%	42%	10%	4%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	61%	31%	5%	3%	144
Suburban.....	59%	37%	3%	2%	290
Rural/Small Town....	54%	38%	5%	3%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	65%	29%	3%	3%	225
Republican.....	54%	41%	3%	2%	236
Independent.....	56%	36%	5%	2%	257

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IF WILLING TO PAY MORE							Number of cases
What kind of tax increase do you think would be best?							
	Sales Tax	Income Tax	Real Estate	Personal Property	Don't Know	No Answer	
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Total	47%	16%	16%	13%	8%	1%	471
Male.....	43%	19%	19%	15%	5%	0%	168
Female.....	50%	13%	14%	11%	10%	2%	303
White.....	47%	17%	15%	12%	8%	1%	344
Black.....	43%	7%	26%	16%	7%	1%	80
Northwest.....	41%	19%	19%	9%	8%	4%	63
Northern VA.....	45%	15%	20%	12%	8%	0%	132
West.....	52%	13%	17%	9%	7%	2%	75
South Central...	52%	12%	14%	14%	7%	1%	76
Tidewater.....	44%	18%	12%	16%	8%	1%	125
 Have Children in Public School?							
Yes.....	52%	16%	14%	11%	6%	0%	176
 School Employee in Household							
Yes.....	46%	12%	18%	9%	12%	3%	64
 Family Income							
Under 35,000....	41%	13%	16%	18%	10%	3%	110
35,000-49,999...	53%	14%	20%	8%	4%	2%	85
50,000-69,999...	53%	12%	9%	20%	7%	0%	86
70,000 and above	44%	23%	17%	7%	8%	0%	135
 Education							
H.S. or less....	43%	14%	17%	15%	9%	2%	139
Some college....	53%	15%	10%	13%	7%	2%	128
College grad & up	46%	17%	19%	11%	7%	0%	202
 Age							
18-29.....	37%	19%	20%	16%	8%	0%	100
30-44.....	53%	16%	15%	9%	7%	0%	177
45-64.....	48%	13%	16%	12%	9%	1%	140
65 and older....	41%	15%	10%	22%	7%	6%	39
 Place where live							
Urban.....	45%	19%	15%	11%	11%	0%	92
Suburban.....	47%	16%	18%	12%	6%	1%	177
Rural/Small Town	49%	13%	14%	15%	6%	2%	182
 Party Identification							
Democrat.....	37%	16%	23%	13%	9%	1%	154
Republican.....	42%	21%	19%	13%	5%	1%	123
Independent.....	55%	12%	9%	14%	8%	1%	147

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	Building construction and maintenance funding?				Number of cases
	Enough	Not Enough	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	32%	51%	15%	2%	814
Male.....	35%	48%	16%	1%	309
Female.....	29%	55%	14%	2%	505
White.....	32%	51%	15%	2%	601
Black.....	28%	59%	13%	0%	130
Northwest.....	29%	56%	12%	2%	112
Northern VA.....	33%	50%	16%	1%	212
West.....	39%	45%	14%	2%	161
South Central.....	34%	48%	14%	4%	132
Tidewater.....	24%	58%	17%	1%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	34%	52%	14%	1%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	32%	54%	11%	3%	100
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	32%	49%	16%	2%	218
35,000-49,999.....	34%	52%	12%	2%	138
50,000-69,999.....	36%	56%	6%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	29%	55%	15%	1%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	37%	47%	14%	2%	274
Some college.....	35%	54%	10%	1%	227
College grad and up.	23%	55%	20%	2%	308
Age					
18-29.....	39%	50%	11%	0%	156
30-44.....	33%	51%	14%	1%	297
45-64.....	30%	57%	11%	2%	240
65 and older.....	22%	47%	28%	3%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	32%	53%	14%	1%	144
Suburban.....	31%	50%	18%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	31%	54%	13%	2%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	22%	62%	15%	1%	225
Republican.....	35%	50%	13%	2%	236
Independent.....	35%	49%	15%	1%	257

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	Operating costs to keep the schools running funding?				Number of cases
	Enough	Not Enough	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	43%	42%	14%	1%	814
Male.....	50%	37%	13%	1%	309
Female.....	37%	47%	15%	2%	505
White.....	46%	40%	13%	1%	601
Black.....	28%	57%	13%	1%	130
Northwest.....	47%	45%	5%	2%	112
Northern VA.....	45%	39%	15%	1%	212
West.....	45%	39%	15%	1%	161
South Central.....	35%	49%	14%	1%	132
Tidewater.....	42%	40%	16%	2%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	43%	43%	14%	0%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	50%	41%	7%	2%	100
No.....	42%	42%	15%	1%	713
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	38%	48%	11%	2%	218
35,000-49,999.....	40%	46%	11%	2%	138
50,000-69,999.....	46%	48%	5%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	49%	34%	17%	0%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	43%	44%	12%	1%	274
Some college.....	45%	44%	10%	2%	227
College grad and up.	41%	39%	19%	1%	308
Age					
18-29.....	54%	33%	13%	0%	156
30-44.....	44%	41%	14%	2%	297
45-64.....	38%	49%	12%	1%	240
65 and older.....	34%	43%	20%	3%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	48%	39%	11%	1%	144
Suburban.....	42%	42%	16%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	41%	44%	14%	1%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	33%	55%	12%	1%	225
Republican.....	50%	36%	13%	1%	236
Independent.....	43%	39%	16%	2%	257

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	Teacher Salaries funding?				Number of cases
	Enough	Not Enough	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	22%	67%	10%	1%	814
Male.....	28%	61%	10%	1%	309
Female.....	16%	73%	10%	2%	505
White.....	22%	67%	10%	2%	601
Black.....	17%	75%	8%	0%	130
Northwest.....	24%	64%	8%	4%	112
Northern VA.....	24%	62%	13%	1%	212
West.....	26%	64%	9%	2%	161
South Central.....	19%	72%	9%	0%	132
Tidewater.....	16%	74%	10%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	17%	71%	10%	1%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	17%	81%	1%	2%	100
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	21%	70%	8%	1%	218
35,000-49,999.....	13%	80%	7%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	26%	67%	6%	2%	122
70,000 and above....	22%	66%	12%	0%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	27%	61%	10%	2%	274
Some college.....	20%	73%	6%	1%	227
College grad and up.	17%	69%	13%	1%	308
Age					
18-29.....	19%	73%	9%	0%	156
30-44.....	20%	68%	11%	2%	297
45-64.....	23%	67%	7%	3%	240
65 and older.....	25%	60%	15%	0%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	15%	78%	8%	0%	144
Suburban.....	20%	67%	12%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	26%	63%	9%	2%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	16%	75%	9%	0%	225
Republican.....	20%	68%	11%	1%	236
Independent.....	25%	65%	7%	3%	257

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	Do you favor or oppose giving parents education tax credits, or vouchers to pay for their child's tuition...?				Number of cases
	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	50%	40%	7%	3%	814
Male.....	54%	38%	5%	2%	309
Female.....	47%	42%	8%	3%	505
White.....	49%	42%	6%	3%	601
Black.....	57%	32%	9%	2%	130
Northwest.....	52%	42%	4%	2%	112
Northern VA.....	55%	36%	7%	2%	212
West.....	49%	43%	6%	2%	161
South Central.....	48%	43%	6%	3%	132
Tidewater.....	47%	41%	10%	3%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	48%	43%	7%	1%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	38%	52%	4%	5%	100
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	49%	38%	10%	3%	218
35,000-49,999.....	55%	39%	4%	2%	138
50,000-69,999.....	51%	43%	5%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	51%	44%	2%	4%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	51%	37%	10%	3%	274
Some college.....	54%	39%	6%	1%	227
College grad and up.	47%	45%	5%	3%	308
Age					
18-29.....	70%	24%	5%	2%	156
30-44.....	54%	37%	6%	3%	297
45-64.....	39%	53%	6%	2%	240
65 and older.....	32%	50%	13%	5%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	53%	38%	6%	3%	144
Suburban.....	52%	41%	4%	3%	290
Rural/Small Town....	47%	42%	9%	2%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	41%	49%	8%	2%	225
Republican.....	60%	30%	7%	3%	236
Independent.....	49%	43%	5%	2%	257

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	Buildings that are unsafe or unhealthy- for public schools in your community?					Number of cases
	Major Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total						
.....	16%	41%	35%	7%	1%	814
Male.....	19%	41%	35%	5%	0%	309
Female.....	14%	42%	35%	9%	1%	505
White.....	13%	42%	37%	7%	1%	601
Black.....	26%	37%	31%	5%	1%	130
Northwest.....	13%	41%	39%	6%	1%	112
Northern VA.....	16%	36%	38%	9%	0%	212
West.....	11%	53%	31%	4%	1%	161
South Central.....	13%	44%	34%	8%	1%	132
Tidewater.....	23%	36%	34%	7%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	14%	40%	45%	1%	0%	266
School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	12%	48%	36%	3%	0%	100
Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	23%	41%	28%	7%	1%	218
35,000-49,999.....	15%	48%	31%	5%	0%	138
50,000-69,999.....	9%	48%	37%	6%	0%	122
70,000 and above....	11%	40%	43%	5%	1%	211
Education						
H.S. or less.....	17%	40%	36%	6%	0%	274
Some college.....	17%	43%	31%	9%	1%	227
College grad and up.	14%	42%	37%	7%	1%	308
Age						
18-29.....	23%	41%	29%	7%	0%	156
30-44.....	14%	43%	38%	5%	0%	297
45-64.....	11%	43%	40%	5%	0%	240
65 and older.....	22%	35%	26%	15%	2%	91
Place where live						
Urban.....	23%	36%	34%	7%	1%	144
Suburban.....	14%	41%	36%	8%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	14%	44%	35%	7%	0%	344
Party Identification						
Democrat.....	22%	43%	31%	3%	1%	225
Republican.....	10%	44%	36%	9%	0%	236
Independent.....	17%	39%	38%	6%	0%	257

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	Violence in the schools-- for public schools in your community?					Number of cases
	Major Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total						
.....	30%	48%	15%	6%	1%	814
Male.....	31%	48%	17%	4%	1%	309
Female.....	30%	48%	14%	7%	1%	505
White.....	28%	49%	15%	6%	1%	601
Black.....	37%	43%	18%	1%	1%	130
Northwest.....	21%	57%	17%	5%	0%	112
Northern VA.....	31%	44%	17%	7%	1%	212
West.....	29%	49%	17%	3%	2%	161
South Central.....	30%	49%	14%	5%	1%	132
Tidewater.....	36%	46%	12%	6%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	26%	47%	25%	1%	0%	266
School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	24%	58%	17%	2%	0%	100
Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	38%	44%	12%	6%	0%	218
35,000-49,999.....	33%	50%	13%	3%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	23%	61%	12%	2%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	25%	51%	20%	4%	0%	211
Education						
H.S. or less.....	35%	43%	17%	5%	1%	274
Some college.....	31%	53%	12%	3%	1%	227
College grad and up.	25%	49%	16%	8%	1%	308
Age						
18-29.....	39%	44%	12%	5%	0%	156
30-44.....	31%	46%	19%	4%	0%	297
45-64.....	24%	53%	17%	4%	1%	240
65 and older.....	29%	49%	9%	11%	2%	91
Place where live						
Urban.....	37%	43%	14%	5%	0%	144
Suburban.....	26%	51%	13%	8%	2%	290
Rural/Small Town....	31%	48%	17%	4%	0%	344
Party Identification						
Democrat.....	34%	50%	13%	2%	1%	225
Republican.....	29%	47%	16%	7%	1%	236
Independent.....	28%	51%	15%	6%	2%	257

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	Poor quality teachers-- for public schools in your community?					Number of cases
	Major Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total						
.....	26%	41%	24%	9%	1%	814
Male.....	26%	41%	25%	8%	0%	309
Female.....	25%	41%	23%	10%	1%	505
White.....	22%	43%	24%	10%	1%	601
Black.....	36%	39%	21%	4%	1%	130
Northwest.....	20%	46%	22%	11%	1%	112
Northern VA.....	30%	36%	23%	10%	1%	212
West.....	29%	39%	25%	7%	0%	161
South Central.....	22%	43%	29%	5%	1%	132
Tidewater.....	24%	43%	22%	11%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	28%	39%	30%	2%	0%	266
School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	24%	44%	27%	5%	0%	100
Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	30%	41%	18%	10%	1%	218
35,000-49,999.....	27%	44%	23%	5%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	23%	48%	25%	5%	0%	122
70,000 and above....	24%	42%	26%	8%	0%	211
Education						
H.S. or less.....	27%	38%	25%	9%	0%	274
Some college.....	29%	41%	24%	5%	1%	227
College grad and up.	21%	43%	23%	12%	1%	308
Age						
18-29.....	32%	42%	17%	8%	0%	156
30-44.....	24%	40%	29%	7%	0%	297
45-64.....	22%	42%	28%	7%	0%	240
65 and older.....	23%	42%	16%	17%	1%	91
Place where live						
Urban.....	28%	46%	19%	7%	1%	144
Suburban.....	23%	42%	24%	10%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	28%	39%	25%	8%	0%	344
Party Identification						
Democrat.....	30%	43%	18%	8%	0%	225
Republican.....	25%	42%	26%	8%	0%	236
Independent.....	25%	41%	28%	6%	0%	257

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	Overcrowded classrooms-- for public schools in your community?					Number of cases
	Major Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total						
.....	51%	30%	11%	8%	0%	814
Male.....	49%	33%	10%	7%	0%	309
Female.....	53%	27%	12%	9%	1%	505
White.....	51%	29%	10%	9%	0%	601
Black.....	54%	28%	13%	5%	0%	130
Northwest.....	46%	35%	12%	7%	1%	112
Northern VA.....	53%	31%	8%	9%	0%	212
West.....	48%	28%	16%	6%	1%	161
South Central.....	46%	28%	15%	10%	1%	132
Tidewater.....	58%	28%	7%	7%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	53%	29%	17%	1%	0%	266
School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	49%	34%	15%	2%	0%	100
Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	56%	26%	10%	8%	0%	218
35,000-49,999.....	54%	29%	12%	4%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	48%	35%	13%	4%	0%	122
70,000 and above....	51%	32%	11%	5%	0%	211
Education						
H.S. or less.....	53%	27%	11%	8%	0%	274
Some college.....	55%	29%	11%	5%	0%	227
College grad and up.	46%	32%	10%	10%	1%	308
Age						
18-29.....	56%	26%	10%	8%	0%	156
30-44.....	51%	28%	14%	6%	1%	297
45-64.....	50%	33%	11%	5%	0%	240
65 and older.....	48%	30%	4%	17%	1%	91
Place where live						
Urban.....	57%	31%	6%	6%	0%	144
Suburban.....	49%	34%	7%	9%	0%	290
Rural/Small Town....	50%	26%	15%	8%	0%	344
Party Identification						
Democrat.....	57%	29%	8%	6%	0%	225
Republican.....	55%	28%	9%	8%	0%	236
Independent.....	44%	34%	13%	9%	0%	257

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	Student use of alcohol or illegal drugs-- for public schools in your community?					Number of cases
	Major Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total						
.....	42%	35%	10%	13%	1%	814
Male.....	45%	34%	11%	10%	0%	309
Female.....	39%	35%	9%	15%	1%	505
White.....	40%	37%	9%	13%	1%	601
Black.....	47%	31%	10%	11%	2%	130
Northwest.....	38%	39%	11%	10%	2%	112
Northern VA.....	45%	35%	8%	12%	0%	212
West.....	46%	32%	12%	10%	0%	161
South Central.....	39%	35%	11%	12%	3%	132
Tidewater.....	39%	35%	9%	17%	0%	197
Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	33%	39%	18%	9%	1%	266
School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	28%	48%	15%	8%	2%	100
Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	48%	30%	10%	11%	2%	218
35,000-49,999.....	38%	40%	10%	10%	2%	138
50,000-69,999.....	41%	42%	10%	6%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	39%	39%	11%	11%	0%	211
Education						
H.S. or less.....	49%	24%	13%	13%	1%	274
Some college.....	42%	38%	9%	10%	1%	227
College grad and up.	34%	43%	8%	14%	0%	308
Age						
18-29.....	54%	25%	13%	9%	0%	156
30-44.....	39%	37%	12%	12%	1%	297
45-64.....	41%	40%	6%	12%	1%	240
65 and older.....	38%	32%	7%	20%	2%	91
Place where live						
Urban.....	43%	35%	8%	12%	1%	144
Suburban.....	41%	39%	6%	13%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	42%	31%	13%	13%	1%	344
Party Identification						
Democrat.....	46%	33%	11%	10%	1%	225
Republican.....	42%	38%	10%	10%	0%	236
Independent.....	37%	40%	8%	14%	0%	257

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	Lack of parent involvement-- for public schools in your community?					Number of cases
	Major Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	56%	27%	10%	7%	0%	814
Male.....	56%	27%	10%	8%	0%	309
Female.....	56%	26%	10%	7%	1%	505
White.....	55%	27%	9%	9%	0%	601
Black.....	62%	26%	10%	2%	1%	130
Northwest.....	53%	30%	10%	6%	1%	112
Northern VA.....	54%	26%	10%	9%	0%	212
West.....	55%	25%	13%	7%	0%	161
South Central.....	51%	30%	13%	6%	0%	132
Tidewater.....	62%	24%	5%	8%	1%	197
Have Children in Public School?						
Yes.....	47%	30%	18%	5%	0%	266
School Employee in Household						
Yes.....	61%	29%	7%	4%	0%	100
Family Income						
Under 35,000.....	55%	29%	10%	6%	0%	218
35,000-49,999.....	62%	27%	5%	5%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	55%	30%	10%	5%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	52%	27%	12%	8%	1%	211
Education						
H.S. or less.....	53%	25%	15%	7%	0%	274
Some college.....	60%	27%	7%	5%	1%	227
College grad and up.	55%	28%	7%	10%	1%	308
Age						
18-29.....	52%	28%	12%	7%	0%	156
30-44.....	56%	25%	12%	6%	0%	297
45-64.....	55%	31%	9%	5%	1%	240
65 and older.....	62%	20%	5%	13%	0%	91
Place where live						
Urban.....	56%	33%	6%	4%	0%	144
Suburban.....	54%	26%	11%	8%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	58%	25%	9%	8%	0%	344
Party Identification						
Democrat.....	57%	26%	11%	6%	0%	225
Republican.....	60%	23%	10%	7%	0%	236
Independent.....	53%	31%	10%	6%	0%	257

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	How important do you think it is for the public schools to teach students character and values?						Number of cases
	Very	Somewhat	Not Very	Not at all	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total	72%	22%	3%	2%	1%	1%	814
Male.....	67%	24%	3%	4%	1%	2%	309
Female.....	76%	20%	2%	1%	1%	0%	505
White.....	72%	21%	3%	2%	1%	1%	601
Black.....	73%	21%	2%	3%	0%	0%	130
Northwest.....	77%	21%	1%	1%	1%	0%	112
Northern VA.....	70%	19%	4%	6%	1%	1%	212
West.....	74%	24%	1%	0%	0%	2%	161
South Central.....	69%	26%	3%	1%	0%	2%	132
Tidewater.....	73%	20%	3%	2%	2%	1%	197
Have Children in Public School?							
Yes.....	75%	15%	5%	3%	0%	1%	266
School Employee in Household							
Yes.....	71%	20%	3%	5%	0%	1%	100
Family Income							
Under 35,000.....	80%	18%	1%	0%	0%	0%	218
35,000-49,999.....	62%	31%	3%	2%	1%	1%	138
50,000-69,999.....	69%	26%	2%	1%	0%	2%	122
70,000 and above....	71%	20%	4%	4%	0%	2%	211
Education							
H.S. or less.....	81%	15%	3%	1%	0%	0%	274
Some college.....	71%	25%	0%	2%	0%	1%	227
College grad and up.	63%	26%	4%	4%	2%	2%	308
Age							
18-29.....	67%	31%	1%	1%	1%	0%	156
30-44.....	68%	21%	5%	4%	0%	2%	297
45-64.....	77%	21%	1%	1%	0%	0%	240
65 and older.....	79%	12%	1%	3%	3%	2%	91
Place where live							
Urban.....	72%	23%	2%	3%	0%	0%	144
Suburban.....	65%	24%	4%	3%	1%	2%	290
Rural/Small Town....	77%	19%	1%	2%	0%	1%	344
Party Identification							
Democrat.....	72%	22%	3%	2%	1%	0%	225
Republican.....	77%	18%	0%	2%	1%	1%	236
Independent.....	66%	26%	3%	3%	0%	2%	257

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	Who should be responsible for teaching character and values?				Number of cases
	Mostly Parents	Mostly Schools	Both Equally	No Answer	
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Total					
.....	53%	1%	46%	0%	814
Male.....	59%	2%	39%	0%	309
Female.....	47%	0%	53%	0%	505
White.....	55%	1%	44%	0%	601
Black.....	50%	0%	50%	0%	130
Northwest.....	51%	0%	49%	0%	112
Northern VA.....	53%	2%	45%	0%	212
West.....	53%	0%	47%	0%	161
South Central.....	55%	2%	43%	0%	132
Tidewater.....	51%	0%	48%	0%	197
 Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	53%	1%	46%	0%	266
 School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	51%	2%	47%	0%	100
 Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	36%	0%	64%	0%	218
35,000-49,999.....	57%	2%	41%	0%	138
50,000-69,999.....	59%	0%	41%	0%	122
70,000 and above....	62%	2%	36%	0%	211
 Education					
H.S. or less.....	44%	0%	55%	0%	274
Some college.....	51%	1%	48%	0%	227
College grad and up.	63%	1%	36%	0%	308
 Age					
18-29.....	46%	2%	52%	0%	156
30-44.....	58%	1%	41%	0%	297
45-64.....	56%	0%	44%	0%	240
65 and older.....	48%	0%	52%	0%	91
 Place where live					
Urban.....	49%	0%	50%	0%	144
Suburban.....	59%	1%	40%	0%	290
Rural/Small Town....	50%	1%	49%	0%	344
 Party Identification					
Democrat.....	48%	1%	51%	0%	225
Republican.....	60%	0%	40%	0%	236
Independent.....	52%	1%	47%	0%	257

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	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of teaching as a job or profession?				Number of cases
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't Know	No Answer	
Total					
.....	76%	18%	5%	2%	814
Male.....	74%	19%	5%	2%	309
Female.....	77%	16%	5%	2%	505
White.....	77%	18%	4%	1%	601
Black.....	73%	19%	6%	2%	130
Northwest.....	78%	18%	2%	3%	112
Northern VA.....	80%	13%	7%	0%	212
West.....	71%	20%	6%	3%	161
South Central.....	78%	18%	3%	2%	132
Tidewater.....	73%	20%	5%	2%	197
Have Children in Public School?					
Yes.....	79%	17%	3%	1%	266
School Employee in Household					
Yes.....	79%	19%	2%	0%	100
Family Income					
Under 35,000.....	71%	21%	5%	3%	218
35,000-49,999.....	74%	21%	4%	2%	138
50,000-69,999.....	79%	19%	2%	1%	122
70,000 and above....	83%	14%	3%	0%	211
Education					
H.S. or less.....	71%	20%	8%	1%	274
Some college.....	73%	21%	2%	3%	227
College grad and up.	83%	13%	4%	1%	308
Age					
18-29.....	71%	25%	2%	2%	156
30-44.....	75%	18%	5%	2%	297
45-64.....	82%	12%	5%	1%	240
65 and older.....	77%	14%	6%	2%	91
Place where live					
Urban.....	81%	14%	3%	2%	144
Suburban.....	78%	16%	5%	1%	290
Rural/Small Town....	72%	21%	5%	2%	344
Party Identification					
Democrat.....	83%	12%	4%	1%	225
Republican.....	75%	19%	4%	2%	236
Independent.....	72%	22%	6%	1%	257