

Q1. All things considered, how satisfied are you with the overall state of the public education system today?

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Base: All respondents												
Weighted	1000	372	346	276	309	359	329	484	516	174	358	392
Unweighted	1000	260	461	269	308	353	336	500	500	158	351	415
Very satisfied	7%	5%	8%	10%	7%	7%	8%	9%	6%	8%	6%	7%
Somewhat satisfied	36%	36%	36%	36%	34%	40%	33%	37%	35%	28%	37%	39%
Not very satisfied	32%	36%	29%	30%	33%	29%	34%	30%	34%	34%	31%	32%
Not at all satisfied	22%	23%	25%	18%	22%	22%	23%	21%	23%	28%	23%	19%
(DK/NS)	3%	1%	2%	6%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Very/Somewhat satisfied	43%	41%	44%	45%	41%	47%	41%	45%	41%	36%	43%	46%
Not very/Not at all satisfied	54%	58%	54%	48%	54%	51%	57%	52%	56%	62%	54%	51%

Q2. Overall, do you think children in public schools today are getting a better education than they would have 25 years ago, a worse education, or about the same education as they would have 25 years ago?

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Better	26%	26%	25%	29%	23%	27%	29%	28%	25%	22%	28%	28%
Worse	45%	41%	48%	45%	51%	46%	39%	43%	47%	45%	45%	44%
The same	25%	30%	22%	22%	23%	24%	29%	24%	26%	29%	24%	25%
(DK/NS)	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%

Q3. Now I'm going to read you some different statements about education in Ontario's public schools. For each one, I would like you to tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

a) High schools do a good job of preparing students for today's workforce

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Strongly agree	6%	4%	7%	9%	9%	5%	5%	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%
Somewhat agree	32%	31%	34%	29%	31%	27%	36%	31%	33%	34%	29%	34%
Somewhat disagree	30%	33%	28%	28%	26%	30%	33%	33%	27%	22%	30%	33%
Strongly disagree	30%	30%	29%	32%	31%	35%	23%	28%	32%	32%	33%	27%
(DK/NS)	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
Agree	38%	35%	41%	38%	40%	33%	41%	37%	39%	42%	36%	38%
Disagree	60%	63%	57%	60%	57%	65%	57%	61%	59%	54%	63%	60%

b) Today's high school graduates have solid reading and writing skills.

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Somewhat agree	26%	32%	26%	20%	24%	27%	29%	31%	22%	24%	25%	30%
Somewhat disagree	29%	31%	27%	27%	25%	31%	29%	28%	29%	27%	30%	30%
Strongly disagree	32%	22%	34%	42%	36%	31%	29%	28%	36%	33%	33%	31%
(DK/NS)	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Agree	37%	45%	35%	28%	36%	35%	39%	41%	33%	39%	36%	37%
Disagree	61%	53%	62%	70%	61%	63%	59%	56%	65%	59%	62%	61%

c) Teachers are not adequately trained to carry out the job which is required of them.

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Somewhat agree	30%	30%	29%	32%	36%	30%	26%	31%	30%	31%	29%	31%
Somewhat disagree	30%	33%	30%	27%	24%	32%	34%	30%	30%	26%	34%	29%
Strongly disagree	24%	22%	25%	24%	20%	20%	31%	23%	25%	24%	21%	25%
(DK/NS)	3%	2%	4%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%
Agree	44%	44%	41%	46%	51%	46%	33%	43%	44%	48%	42%	42%
Disagree	54%	55%	55%	51%	44%	52%	65%	53%	54%	51%	55%	55%

d) Students in private schools receive a much better education than students in public schools..

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Somewhat agree	33%	37%	30%	33%	33%	34%	34%	33%	34%	25%	34%	37%
Somewhat disagree	17%	19%	14%	15%	13%	18%	19%	16%	17%	17%	17%	16%
Strongly disagree	10%	10%	10%	10%	8%	7%	14%	9%	11%	8%	8%	11%
(DK/NS)	7%	5%	8%	9%	8%	10%	4%	9%	6%	11%	6%	6%
Agree	66%	65%	67%	66%	70%	65%	63%	66%	66%	64%	69%	67%
Disagree	27%	29%	25%	25%	21%	25%	33%	24%	28%	25%	25%	27%

Q4. Thinking specifically about public schools - that is, grades 1 to 13 - all things considered, do you think that government funding for public schools in your province ... ?

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Should be increased from current levels	59%	68%	59%	49%	56%	56%	66%	57%	62%	56%	63%	60%
Should be maintained at current levels	37%	30%	37%	48%	40%	41%	31%	39%	35%	39%	35%	37%
Should be cut back from current levels	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0	0