

# ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION - May 2003

In your opinion how well do you believe public education is working in Alberta?

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - A/B - C/D/E

	Total	Gender		Age		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
		A	B	C	D	E
Base: All respondents	800	400	400	248	324	208
Weighted	800	396	404	283	306	191
Very well	84 11%	53 13% B	31 8%	37 13% D	21 7%	25 13% D
Fairly well	370 46%	191 48%	179 44%	133 47%	138 45%	92 48%
Not very well	213 27%	98 25%	115 29%	71 25%	91 30%	43 23%
Poorly	116 14%	45 11%	70 17% A	40 14%	48 16%	26 13%
Unsure	12 1%	5 1%	6 2%	2 1%	5 2%	5 2%
(DK/NS)	5 1%	3 1%	2 0	1 0	3 1%	1 1%
Top Box - Well	455 57%	245 62% B	210 52%	169 60%	159 52%	117 61% D
Low Box - Not well	329 41%	143 36%	185 46% A	111 39%	139 45% E	69 36%

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	Total	Region					
		Calgary	Edmonton	Northern Alberta	Central Alberta	Southern Alberta	Total Non-CMA
		A	B	C	D	E	F
Base: All respondents	800	260	265	95	90	90	275
Weighted	800	267	270	93*	85*	85*	264
Very well	84 11%	21 8%	30 11%	8 8%	12 14%	14 16% A	33 13%
Fairly well	370 46%	122 46%	126 47%	48 51%	40 47%	35 41%	122 46%
Not very well	213 27%	75 28%	75 28%	25 27%	15 18%	22 26%	63 24%
Poorly	116 14%	41 15%	35 13%	11 12%	17 20%	13 15%	40 15%
Unsure	12 1%	5 2%	3 1%	1 1%	2 2%	1 1%	3 1%
(DK/NS)	5 1%	3 1%	1 0	0 -	0 -	1 1%	1 0
Top Box - Well	455 57%	143 54%	156 58%	55 60%	52 60%	49 57%	156 59%
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Do you feel that the Alberta government is currently spending too much, the right amount or not enough on public education?

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Too much	21 3%	14 4%	6 2%	4 1%	6 2%	10 5% C
Right amount	156 20%	106 27% B	50 12%	41 15%	55 18%	56 29% CD
Not enough	610 76%	271 69%	338 84% A	237 84% E	241 79% E	119 62%
(DK/NS)	13 2%	5 1%	9 2%	1 0	4 1%	6 3% C

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Right amount	156 20%	49 18%	56 21%	18 20%	16 18%	17 20%	51 19%
Not enough	610 76%	209 78%	207 77%	68 73%	65 76%	61 72%	194 74%
(DK/NS)	13 2%	7 3% BB	1 0	0 -	3 4% B	2 2%	5 2%

## detailed tables

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*There is a debate across North America on the issue of class sizes in schools, that is, the appropriate number of students in a class with one teacher. Thinking about this, would you say that you personally strongly agree, moderately agree, moderately disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements related to class size? (OVERALL, CLASS SIZE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION DELIVERED AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS)*

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Strongly agree	554 69%	243 61%	310 77%	217 76%	219 72%	105 55%
Moderately agree	167 21%	103 26%	64 16%	55 19%	57 19%	53 28%
Moderately disagree	44 6%	29 7%	15 4%	10 4%	14 5%	18 10%
Strongly disagree	29 4%	16 4%	12 3%	2 1%	12 4%	12 7%
(DK/NS)	6 1%	4 1%	2 0	0 -	2 1%	2 1%
Top Box - Agree	721 90%	346 87%	375 93%	271 96%	277 91%	159 83%
Low Box - Disagree	73 9%	45 11%	28 7%	12 4%	27 9%	31 16%

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Moderately agree	167 21%	65 24%	58 21%	13 14%	15 17%	17 19%	44 17%
Moderately disagree	44 6%	11 4%	18 7%	8 8%	5 6%	3 3%	15 6%
Strongly disagree	29 4%	7 3%	11 4%	4 4%	3 4%	4 4%	11 4%
(DK/NS)	6 1%	2 1%	0 -	2 2%	2 2%	1 1%	4 2%
Top Box - Agree	721 90%	247 93%	241 89%	80 86%	75 88%	78 91%	233 88%
Low Box - Disagree	73 9%	18 7%	29 11%	11 12%	9 10%	6 7%	26 10%