

1. Reason for low standardized test scores

Why do you think American students do not score as high on standardized tests as students from other advanced, industrialized nations? (Select up to three.)

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Teachers unions	17%	22%	13%	8%	9%	22%	36%	5%	18%	34%
American youth are lazy	30%	35%	26%	37%	38%	24%	20%	30%	30%	31%
American youth don't care about standardized tests	16%	17%	16%	13%	20%	17%	13%	16%	17%	13%
Schools are too easy and don't push students	29%	30%	28%	25%	24%	33%	34%	22%	29%	37%
Schools are too hard and they burn out	4%	3%	5%	6%	6%	3%	1%	7%	4%	1%
Too much homework	5%	5%	5%	8%	5%	4%	2%	4%	5%	4%
American parents don't help their children with schoolwork enough	30%	29%	31%	21%	29%	33%	41%	31%	28%	34%
Schools are poorly funded	27%	25%	29%	31%	29%	25%	23%	44%	23%	12%
Class sizes are too large	24%	19%	28%	22%	22%	28%	21%	31%	23%	15%
Bad teachers	21%	24%	17%	23%	22%	18%	22%	12%	24%	25%
School administrators	10%	14%	7%	11%	6%	11%	14%	7%	12%	12%
Too many standardized tests	19%	14%	24%	23%	18%	20%	15%	22%	17%	19%
American students are not as smart	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Other	12%	12%	12%	9%	7%	16%	17%	7%	14%	15%
None of the above	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	12%	9%	6%	8%	10%	10%	4%

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	Gender		Age				Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Totals	(1,000)	(477)	(523)	(159)	(251)	(392)	(198)	(346)	(420)	(234)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Teachers unions	17%	20%	6%	13%	13%	16%	21%	33%	18%	23%	14%	18%
American youth are lazy	30%	28%	30%	41%	30%	32%	35%	33%	30%	29%	32%	28%
American youth don't care about standardized tests	16%	15%	21%	18%	15%	14%	20%	19%	15%	16%	19%	12%
Schools are too easy and don't push students	29%	32%	27%	13%	24%	31%	31%	39%	30%	30%	30%	25%
Schools are too hard and they burn out	4%	3%	10%	5%	8%	4%	1%	—	4%	4%	5%	3%
Too much homework	5%	5%	2%	5%	7%	5%	—	2%	5%	4%	6%	4%
American parents don't help their children with schoolwork												
enough	30%	33%	28%	19%	28%	37%	27%	32%	25%	30%	32%	32%
Schools are poorly funded	27%	26%	32%	27%	28%	31%	23%	23%	21%	22%	29%	34%
Class sizes are too large	24%	26%	14%	20%	26%	28%	25%	20%	27%	20%	21%	31%
Bad teachers	21%	21%	14%	25%	21%	22%	12%	13%	16%	22%	23%	19%
School administrators	10%	11%	9%	7%	8%	11%	12%	17%	15%	11%	8%	10%
Too many standardized tests	19%	20%	17%	16%	17%	20%	23%	23%	26%	12%	22%	16%
American students are not as smart	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%	—	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%
Other	12%	13%	6%	13%	8%	10%	28%	15%	9%	13%	11%	15%
None of the above	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	—	—	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	9%	7%	12%	16%	11%	4%	7%	3%	9%	11%	6%	9%
Totals	(1,000)	(796)	(109)	(95)	(341)	(311)	(72)	(120)	(162)	(203)	(364)	(271)

2. Quality of American education

Do American children receive a better education, about the same level of education, or a worse education than children from other advanced, industrialized countries?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Better education	10%	13%	8%	13%	8%	11%	10%	10%	8%	16%
About the same level of education	22%	25%	19%	25%	21%	21%	20%	29%	15%	26%
Worse education	49%	48%	50%	33%	50%	53%	61%	46%	52%	46%
Not sure	19%	14%	23%	29%	21%	15%	9%	15%	24%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (477)	100% (522)	100% (158)	100% (251)	100% (392)	100% (198)	100% (345)	100% (420)	100% (234)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Better education	10%	9%	19%	10%	15%	7%	3%	8%	12%	7%	14%	6%
About the same level of education	22%	22%	25%	17%	24%	21%	21%	28%	23%	25%	24%	16%
Worse education	49%	51%	48%	39%	41%	58%	51%	52%	42%	54%	46%	54%
Not sure	19%	17%	9%	34%	20%	14%	24%	12%	23%	15%	16%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (795)	100% (109)	100% (95)	100% (341)	100% (311)	100% (72)	100% (120)	100% (162)	100% (203)	100% (364)	100% (270)

3. Validity of standardized tests

In your opinion, how well do standardized tests measure student achievement?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very good	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%
Good	21%	26%	16%	24%	21%	17%	22%	21%	20%	24%
Barely acceptable	33%	33%	33%	30%	27%	36%	42%	35%	31%	34%
Poor	14%	15%	14%	16%	16%	13%	12%	15%	14%	15%
Very poor	12%	9%	14%	10%	13%	12%	12%	11%	12%	12%
Not sure	16%	13%	18%	13%	20%	17%	10%	12%	20%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (477)	100% (522)	100% (158)	100% (251)	100% (392)	100% (198)	100% (346)	100% (419)	100% (234)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very good	4%	4%	5%	7%	5%	4%	5%	5%	8%	3%	4%	2%
Good	21%	21%	21%	21%	24%	20%	25%	22%	18%	20%	23%	20%
Barely acceptable	33%	32%	42%	32%	32%	38%	29%	28%	32%	40%	29%	32%
Poor	14%	16%	10%	10%	12%	17%	17%	14%	17%	12%	13%	17%
Very poor	12%	12%	12%	10%	7%	12%	9%	20%	8%	13%	14%	11%
Not sure	16%	16%	10%	20%	20%	9%	16%	11%	16%	12%	17%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (796)	100% (109)	100% (94)	100% (340)	100% (311)	100% (72)	100% (120)	100% (162)	100% (203)	100% (364)	100% (270)

4. Standardized tests affect teacher pay

Should students' standardized test results affect teacher pay?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	28%	32%	25%	23%	28%	29%	34%	21%	30%	36%
No	48%	47%	48%	50%	45%	50%	44%	53%	46%	43%
Not sure	24%	22%	26%	27%	27%	21%	21%	26%	24%	21%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (476)	100% (523)	100% (159)	100% (250)	100% (392)	100% (198)	100% (346)	100% (420)	100% (233)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	28%	28%	30%	30%	31%	23%	21%	30%	28%	36%	26%	23%
No	48%	49%	48%	40%	43%	55%	50%	49%	52%	38%	47%	55%
Not sure	24%	23%	22%	31%	26%	22%	29%	21%	20%	25%	26%	22%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (795)	100% (109)	100% (95)	100% (341)	100% (310)	100% (72)	100% (120)	100% (162)	100% (203)	100% (364)	100% (270)

5. How much standardized tests affect teacher pay

How much should students' standardized test results affect teacher pay?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
A lot	12%	14%	10%	12%	11%	9%	19%	7%	15%	15%
Some	20%	22%	17%	13%	25%	21%	19%	18%	19%	24%
Not too much	5%	4%	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	4%	6%
Not at all	48%	47%	49%	50%	45%	50%	44%	53%	46%	43%
Not sure	15%	13%	18%	18%	15%	15%	13%	16%	17%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (476)	100% (522)	100% (159)	100% (249)	100% (392)	100% (198)	100% (346)	100% (419)	100% (233)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	12%	13%	11%	11%	12%	11%	13%	8%	11%	23%	10%	6%
Some	20%	18%	21%	25%	22%	19%	14%	25%	14%	15%	22%	25%
Not too much	5%	5%	6%	2%	6%	4%	4%	6%	6%	8%	4%	3%
Not at all	48%	49%	48%	40%	44%	55%	50%	49%	52%	38%	47%	55%
Not sure	15%	14%	13%	23%	16%	11%	19%	11%	17%	16%	16%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (794)	100% (109)	100% (95)	100% (340)	100% (310)	100% (72)	100% (120)	100% (162)	100% (203)	100% (363)	100% (270)