

1. College worth high debt

Is getting a college education worth taking on high levels of student loan debt?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	24%	22%	25%	27%	21%	22%	27%	31%	19%	22%
No	43%	47%	40%	43%	43%	44%	42%	32%	51%	43%
Not sure	33%	31%	35%	29%	36%	34%	31%	38%	29%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(472)	(524)	(183)	(269)	(379)	(165)	(332)	(424)	(240)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	24%	20%	40%	31%	21%	24%	24%	27%	23%	18%	27%	24%
No	43%	46%	30%	41%	45%	40%	49%	47%	42%	41%	44%	46%
Not sure	33%	34%	31%	28%	34%	36%	27%	26%	35%	41%	29%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(762)	(116)	(118)	(357)	(298)	(58)	(136)	(182)	(201)	(361)	(252)

	Education				
	Total	HS	SC	CG	PG
Yes	24%	22%	23%	24%	35%
No	43%	43%	46%	38%	44%
Not sure	33%	35%	31%	39%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(384)	(332)	(178)	(102)

2. How serious a problem

How serious a problem is student loan debt in the United States?

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very serious problem	58%	59%	58%	59%	55%	57%	64%	62%	57%	55%
Somewhat serious problem	29%	28%	29%	28%	28%	27%	32%	27%	29%	31%
Not too serious problem	6%	8%	5%	8%	8%	6%	2%	6%	7%	7%
Not a problem	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	—	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	4%	7%	3%	8%	8%	2%	4%	7%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (472)	100% (521)	100% (182)	100% (270)	100% (377)	100% (164)	100% (332)	100% (422)	100% (239)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious problem	58%	59%	60%	52%	61%	56%	51%	65%	55%	57%	62%	56%
Somewhat serious problem	29%	29%	22%	34%	25%	28%	44%	23%	29%	32%	27%	28%
Not too serious problem	6%	6%	5%	9%	5%	9%	4%	7%	5%	7%	5%	10%
Not a problem	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	—	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	5%	12%	4%	8%	6%	1%	4%	10%	3%	6%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (761)	100% (115)	100% (117)	100% (356)	100% (298)	100% (57)	100% (136)	100% (182)	100% (201)	100% (359)	100% (251)

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		HS	SC	CG	PG
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Somewhat serious problem	29%	29%	27%	33%	25%
Not too serious problem	6%	6%	7%	10%	3%
Not a problem	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	10%	5%	1%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (384)	100% (330)	100% (177)	100% (102)

3. Income based repayment or set amount

When repaying student loans, should people pay a flat dollar amount each month regardless of their income, or should they pay a set percentage of their income each month until the loan is paid off?

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Flat amount	20%	24%	17%	17%	24%	22%	15%	13%	23%	25%
Percentage of their income	57%	55%	59%	55%	52%	56%	70%	66%	52%	55%
Not sure	23%	21%	24%	27%	25%	22%	14%	21%	25%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(994)	(471)	(523)	(183)	(268)	(379)	(164)	(331)	(423)	(240)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Flat amount	20%	20%	19%	21%	20%	20%	25%	19%	21%	13%	22%	24%
Percentage of their income	57%	59%	45%	60%	55%	63%	59%	61%	53%	67%	58%	50%
Not sure	23%	21%	36%	19%	25%	17%	16%	20%	26%	20%	20%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(994)	(761)	(116)	(117)	(355)	(298)	(58)	(136)	(181)	(200)	(361)	(252)

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		HS	SC	CG	PG
Flat amount	20%	18%	22%	21%	20%
Percentage of their income	57%	55%	56%	63%	60%
Not sure	23%	27%	21%	16%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(994)	(382)	(332)	(178)	(102)