

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
2023 SURVEY OF TEACHERS
FINAL TOPLINE
OCTOBER 17-NOVEMBER 14, 2023
TOTAL N=2,531**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Public K-12 teachers	2,531	+/- 2.4 percentage points

ASK ALL:

TCHYEAR How long have you been a public K-12 school teacher?

Oct 17-Nov 14, <u>2023</u>	
*	Less than 1 year
16	1-5 years
25	6-10 years
59	More than 10 years
*	No answer

ASK ALL:TCHADVISE Would you advise a young person starting out today to become a teacher? [**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE**]

Oct 17-Nov 14, <u>2023</u>	
48	Yes
52	No
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**TCHLEAVE How likely is it that you will look for a new job in the 2023-24 school year? [**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST**]

Oct 17-Nov 14, <u>2023</u>	
6	Extremely likely
5	Very likely
18	Somewhat likely
25	Not too likely
44	Not at all likely
2	Will likely retire/stop working [anchor]
*	No answer

ASK IF AT LEAST SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO LOOK FOR A NEW JOB (TCHLEAVE=1-3) [n=710]:

TCHPLAN What type of new job are you most likely to look for?

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

18	A teaching job at another public K-12 school
2	A teaching job at a private school
29	A non-teaching job in education
40	A new job NOT in education
10	Other: Please specify ____ [OPEN END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN]
*	No answer

ASK ALL:TCHCHANGE Compared with five years ago, do you think the overall state of public K-12 education has gotten... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

*	A lot better
4	Somewhat better
11	Neither better nor worse
42	Somewhat worse
40	A lot worse
1	Not sure [anchor]
*	No answer

ASK IF SAID THE STATE OF PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION IS WORSE THAN IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO (TCHCHANGE=4-5) [n=2,079]:TCHWORSE How much is each of the following a reason why, in your opinion, the state of public K-12 education has gotten worse compared with five years ago? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE FOR RANDOM ½ OF THE SAMPLE]**

		Major <u>reason</u>	Minor <u>reason</u>	Not a <u>reason</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	The current political climate Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	60	33	6	*
b.	The lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	57	37	6	*
c.	Changes in the availability of funding and resources Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	46	41	14	*

ASK ALL:

TCHOUTLOOK Five years from now, do you expect the state of public K-12 education to be... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TCHCHANGE]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

2	A lot better than it is now
18	Somewhat better than it is now
16	Neither better nor worse than it is now
32	Somewhat worse than it is now
22	A lot worse than it is now
11	Not sure [anchor]
*	No answer

DISPLAY FOR ALL:

Now, thinking about your own experiences at work...

ASK ALL:

JOBSATIS1 Overall, how satisfied are you with your job? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

6	Extremely satisfied
27	Very satisfied
48	Somewhat satisfied
15	Not too satisfied
4	Not at all satisfied
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

JOBSATIS2 And thinking about some specific aspects of your job...

Overall, how satisfied are you with each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS JOBSATIS1]**

		Extremely <u>satisfied</u>	Very <u>satisfied</u>	Somewhat <u>satisfied</u>	Not too <u>satisfied</u>	Not at all <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	How much you are paid Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	2	13	34	29	22	*
b.	The benefits your employer provides Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	8	27	41	18	6	*
c.	Your access to the resources you need to do your job Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	7	29	41	16	7	*

QUESTION JOBSATIS2 CONTINUED ...

d.	How much freedom you have in implementing the curriculum Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	15	31	32	14	8	*
e.	Your relationship with other teachers at your school Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	23	48	25	3	1	*
f.	Your relationship with the administrators at your school Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	20	33	31	10	6	*
g.	Your relationship with your students' parents Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	8	36	42	11	2	*
h.	Your opportunities for training or ways to develop new skills Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	8	28	38	19	7	1

ASK ALL:

TCHFEEL

How often do you find your job to be... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF THE SAMPLE]**

		Extremely <u>often</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Enjoyable Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	9	44	40	6	*	1
b.	Fulfilling Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	14	42	36	7	*	1
c.	Stressful Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	36	42	20	2	*	1
d.	Overwhelming Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	31	36	26	6	*	1

ASK ALL:

TCHBALANCE

How easy or difficult is it for you to balance work and your personal life? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF THE SAMPLE]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,
2023

6	Very easy
20	Somewhat easy
20	Neither easy nor difficult
37	Somewhat difficult
16	Very difficult
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

TCHTIME

For the most part, would you say you have enough time during your regular (contracted) work hours to do tasks like grading, lesson planning, paperwork or answering work emails?

Oct 17-Nov 14,
2023

16	Yes
84	No
1	No answer

ASK IF SAID NOT ENOUGH TIME DURING REGULAR WORK HOURS (TCHTIME=2) [n=2,131]:

TCHEXTRA

How much is each of the following a reason why you do not have enough time during your regular work hours to do tasks like grading, lesson planning, paperwork or answering work emails? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TCHWORSE]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. I often have to cover for another teacher's class when they are not available Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	16	35	49	*
b. I often have to perform non-teaching duties, such as hallway or lunch duty Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	24	42	34	*
c. I often spend time helping students outside of class time Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	22	50	28	1
d. I just have too much work Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	81	17	2	*

ASK ALL:

TCHSTAFF

When it comes to the level of staffing (including both teaching and non-teaching staff) at your school, would you say your school is... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF THE SAMPLE]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,
2023

15	Very understaffed
55	Somewhat understaffed
27	Neither understaffed nor overstaffed
2	Somewhat overstaffed
*	Very overstaffed
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

ACADPERF

For the most part, would you describe the academic performance of most students at your school as... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

3	Excellent
14	Very good
33	Good
33	Fair
15	Poor
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

STUBEHAV

For the most part, would you describe the behavior of most students at your school as... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS ACADPERF]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

2	Excellent
11	Very good
35	Good
34	Fair
15	Poor
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

STUISSUE

How much do you think each of the following is a problem among students who attend your school? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF THE SAMPLE]**

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Anxiety and depression Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	48	47	4	1
b. Bullying Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	20	67	12	1
c. Drug use Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	14	36	49	1
d. Alcohol use Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	4	33	61	1
e. Poverty Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	53	38	8	1

QUESTION STUISSUE CONTINUED ...

		<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No answer</u>
f.	Gangs Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	3	24	72	1
g.	School fights Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	12	47	40	1
h.	Chronic absenteeism Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	49	42	7	1

ASK ALL:

CLASSISSUE How much do you think each of the following is a problem in your classroom?
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS
STUISSUE]**

		<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Students showing little to no interest in learning Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	47	42	9	1
b.	Students being disrespectful toward you Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	21	46	31	1
c.	Students getting up and walking around when they are not supposed to Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	21	45	33	1
d.	Students being distracted by their cellphones Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	33	20	46	1

ASK ALL:
TCHDUTY

How often do you have to do each of the following at work? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF THE SAMPLE]**

	<u>Every day</u>	<u>A few times a week</u>	<u>A few times a month</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Address students' behavioral issues Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	58	22	12	6	*	1
b. Help students with mental health challenges Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	28	29	24	16	2	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK IF TEACHING MORE THAN A YEAR (TCHYEAR=2-4) [n=2,529]:**

COVIDIMP How would you describe the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF THE SAMPLE, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

	<u>Very positive</u>	<u>Somewhat positive</u>	<u>Neither positive nor negative</u>	<u>Somewhat negative</u>	<u>Very negative</u>	<u>There is no lasting impact</u> [anchor]	<u>No answer</u>
a. Students' academic performance Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	5	10	48	33	1	1
b. Students' behavior Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	4	10	46	36	2	1
c. Students' emotional well-being Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	5	13	46	31	2	1
d. The way parents interact with teachers Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	2	10	28	37	18	3	1

ASK ALL:
STUDISCI

Thinking about current discipline practices at your school, do you think they are...

[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

*	Very harsh
2	Somewhat harsh
31	Neither harsh nor mild
39	Somewhat mild
27	Very mild
1	No answer

ASK ALL:
DISCINFLHow much influence would you say each of the following have when it comes to determining discipline practices at your school? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

	Too much influence	Not enough influence	About the right amount of influence [anchor]	No answer
a. The local school board Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	32	18	47	2
b. Your state government Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	38	16	44	2
c. Teachers Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	2	67	29	2
d. School administrators Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	22	31	45	2
e. Parents Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	42	23	33	2

ASK ALL:
CELLPOLICY

Does your school or district have any policies regarding students' use of cell phones in the classroom?

Oct 17-Nov 14,

2023

82	Yes
17	No
2	No answer

ASK IF SAID YES IN CELLPOLICY (CELLPOLICY=1) [n=2,081]:

CELLENFORC How easy or difficult is it for you to enforce policies regarding students' use of cell phones in the classroom? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TCHBALANCE]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,
2023

35	Very easy
22	Somewhat easy
14	Neither easy nor difficult
18	Somewhat difficult
11	Very difficult
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**DISPLAY FOR ALL:**

Now, a few questions about your relationship with your students' parents (by parents, we mean both parents and guardians)...

ASK ALL:

PARINV1 Thinking about your interactions with your students' parents, how often does each of the following happen? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TCHFEEL]**

	Extremely <u>often</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Parents contact you to express <u>disagreement</u> with what you are teaching or things discussed in class Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	4	19	38	36	2
b. Parents contact you to express <u>support</u> for what you are teaching or things discussed in class Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	2	8	27	34	27	2
c. Parents communicate with you in a disrespectful way Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	2	8	30	44	14	2
d. Parents show appreciation for your efforts Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	5	20	41	27	6	2

ASK ALL:

PARINV2

How much do you think your students' parents do when it comes to each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

		<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	About the right amount [anchor]	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Holding their children accountable if they misbehave in school Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	79	18	2
b.	Ensuring their children's attendance in school Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	63	34	2
c.	Helping their children with their schoolwork Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	4	68	26	2

ASK ALL:

TCHTRUST1

Overall, how much do you think each of the following trust you to do your job well? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE]**

		<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Your students' parents Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	30	44	19	4	1	2
b.	Your students Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	52	35	9	2	*	2
c.	Other teachers at your school Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	58	31	8	1	*	2
d.	Your school administrators Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	53	29	11	4	2	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**DISPLAY FOR ALL:**

On a different topic...

ASK ALL:

VERBABUSE

Have you ever experienced verbal abuse, such as being yelled at or verbally threatened, from your students? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TCHDUTY]**

Oct 17-Nov 14,
2023

3	Yes, happens every day
8	Yes, happens a few times a week
10	Yes, happens a few times a month
47	Yes, happens less often than a few times a month
30	No, has never happened
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

WORRYVIO

Have you ever experienced each of the following at work? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TCHDUTY]**

	Yes, happens every <u>day</u>	Yes, happens a few times a <u>week</u>	Yes, happens a few times a <u>month</u>	Yes, happens less often than a few times a <u>month</u>	No, has never <u>happened</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. A student being physically violent toward you Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	1	3	5	31	58	2
b. A student's parent being physically violent toward you Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	*	*	*	6	91	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:
K12PARTY

Which political party do you trust to do a better job when it comes to each of the following aspects of public K-12 education? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

	The Republican <u>Party</u>	The Democratic <u>Party</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>sure</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>
a. Ensuring all students have equal access to high quality K-12 education Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	9	34	31	7	17	2
b. Shaping the school curriculum Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	11	25	42	4	16	2
c. Ensuring teachers have adequate pay and benefits Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	9	35	35	4	15	2
d. Ensuring adequate funding for schools Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	8	35	33	4	17	3
e. Making schools safer Oct 17-Nov 14, 2023	16	25	35	5	16	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [n=1,067]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u> <u>else</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
20	36	26	14	3	14	22