



The MassINC Polling Group
The Education Trust
2026 Spring K-12 Parent Tracking Survey
 Topline Results

Field dates	Interview Count
June 4 – June 19, 2020	1,502
October 16 – November 1, 2020	1,549
February 8 – March 2, 2021	1,528
April 23 – May 14, 2021	1,619
October 18 – November 2, 2021	1,479
March 17 – April 11, 2022	1,469
November 17 – December 4, 2022	1,519
April 10 – April 30, 2023	1,539
September 14 – October 1, 2023 <i>*Grades 6-12 parent survey</i>	1,018
April 8 – May 2, 2024	1,559
November 15 – December 2, 2024	1,545
April 7 – April 21, 2025	1,126
April 1 – April 14, 2026	1,069

Note: Any past waves where the survey language has been modified, question wording changes are noted below each question with an Asterix. If not specified, the question has remained the same.*

Thinking about your **GRADE LEVEL** child's mental and emotional health this year, would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

	Feb 21	Nov 21	Mar 22	Nov 22	Apr 23	Oct 23	Apr 25	Apr 26
Very concerned	19%	17%	13%	15%	15%	12%	17%	13%
Somewhat concerned	41%	32%	34%	29%	31%	27%	28%	29%
Not too concerned	24%	24%	29%	28%	26%	31%	25%	28%
Not at all concerned	14%	25%	21%	28%	28%	30%	29%	30%
Don't know / refused	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

***Note:** October 2023 poll only asked of parents in grades 6-12

When your **GRADE LEVEL** child is at school, how safe would you say they are from **READ FIRST**? How about **READ NEXT**? **READ ITEMS.**

ROTATE ORDER	Dates	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Not too safe	Not at all safe	DK / refused
Bullying	Nov 22	33%	45%	13%	6%	4%
	Apr 23	32%	45%	14%	6%	3%
	Apr 25	37%	40%	14%	6%	3%
	Apr 26	35%	44%	11%	6%	4%
Violence	Nov 22	49%	37%	8%	3%	3%
	Apr 23	48%	37%	10%	3%	3%
	Apr 25	55%	30%	8%	4%	3%
	Apr 26	53%	34%	7%	3%	3%
Discrimination based on race and ethnicity	Nov 22	51%	32%	7%	3%	7%
	Apr 23	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Apr 25	60%	24%	7%	3%	5%
	Apr 26	56%	30%	6%	3%	4%
Discrimination based on other personal factors	Nov 22	48%	34%	8%	4%	6%
	Apr 23	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Apr 25	50%	31%	11%	3%	5%
	Apr 26	48%	36%	7%	4%	5%

Some families have different experiences with school attendance. Which factors, if any, have affected your **GRADE LEVEL** child's attendance this school year? **SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. ROTATE ORDER**

Concerns about safety near school or bus stops	8%
Immigration enforcement activity near school	5%
Transportation challenges	9%
Family stress or instability	10%
Mental health or anxiety	17%
Bullying	10%
Your child's caregiving responsibilities	5%
Work schedule conflicts	12%
Physical health or illness	28%
Regular attendance is not an issue for my child	34%
Something else	6%
Don't know / refused	10%

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Age

18 to 34 years old	12%
35 to 39 years old	18%
40 to 44 years old	23%
45 to 49 years old	22%
50+	25%

Gender

Men	45%
Women	54%
Non-binary	1%
Some other way	0%
Don't know / refused	1%

Race

White	63%
Black / African-American	7%
Hispanic / Latino	15%
AAPI	9%
All other	6%
Don't know / refused	1%

Education

High school or less	27%
Some college, no degree	22%
College degree	26%
Advanced degree	25%
Don't know / refused	<1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 1,069 parents of K-12 students in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews and online interviewing were conducted in English and Spanish April 1 – April 14, 2026. Telephone respondents were reached by both landline and cell phone. Oversamples of Black, Latino, and Asian respondents were obtained to bring the total interview count up to at least 170 for each group for the base sample. Results within race and ethnicity were weighted to age, gender, geography, and education level for each group. Groups were then combined and weighted to the population parameters by race for the state as a whole. The credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.7 percentage points for the entire sample, including the design effect. The poll was sponsored by The Education Trust.