

OCEA
Statewide Survey 2009
Survey of Oklahoma Adults
2007-2008-2009
Comparison

Survey Methodology

- **500 completed interviews with adults, 19+ years of age**
- **Conducted Jan. 20 - Feb.17, 2009**
- **All Oklahoma counties represented**
- **Margin of error +/- 4.5% at the 95% confidence level**

Level of confidence in public education system; pre-K through grade 12, career technology, colleges and universities

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
A great deal	22.8	23.7	22.2
Quite a lot	32.2	33.7	34.6
Some	32.0	29.3	32.4
Very little	11.2	12.2	9.6
No response	1.8	1.2	1.2

Public schools grade

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
A	20.8	20.3	19.2
B	34.6	42.6	44.4
C	27.2	24.1	24.2
D	9.8	7.0	6.0
F	3.2	2.0	1.6
No response	4.4	4.0	4.6
A-B	<u>55.4</u>	<u>62.9</u>	<u>63.6</u>

Seriousness of problems facing public schools - 2009

	very/fairly serious	not serious	DK NR
Financial support	66.8	27.8	5.4
Discipline in classroom	44.6	37.6	17.8
Use of drugs	45.6	34.2	20.2
Students bullying others	43.2	37.4	19.4
High school drop-out rate	40.4	39.0	20.6
Difficulty recruiting good teachers/quality teachers	57.0	39.0	4.0
Building safety/cleanliness	15.4	79.8	4.8

Seriousness of problems facing public schools - 2009

	very/fairly serious	not serious	DK NR
<u>Kids in home</u>			
Financial support	72.9	24.5	2.6
Students bullying others	50.9	43.2	5.8
High school drop-out rate	47.8	33.6	18.7
Building safety/cleanliness	25.1	73.5	1.3
	very/fairly serious	not serious	DK NR
<u>No kids in home</u>			
Financial support	64.1	29.3	6.7
Students bullying others	39.7	34.8	25.5
High school drop-out rate	37.1	41.4	21.4
Building safety/cleanliness	11.0	82.6	6.4

Seriousness of problems in public schools

<u>Very/fairly serious</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Financial support	66.2	60.4	66.8
Discipline	64.4	53.8	44.6
Drug use	63.2	51.6	45.6
Bullying	61.4	52.4	43.2
Getting good teachers	63.4	60.6	57.0
Building safety	21.6	22.7	17.4

Does legislature provide adequate funding for education?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
YES	35.4	30.9	32.2
NO	61.0	60.6	56.8
DK/NR	3.6	8.6	11.0

Do you favor or oppose vouchers?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	36.0	34.5	32.6
Oppose	57.2	57.4	55.2
DK/NR	6.8	8.2	12.2

Do you favor or oppose vouchers?

	<u>Kids</u>	<u>No kids</u>
Favor	38.7	29.9
Oppose	51.0	57.1
DK/NR	10.3	13.0

Should schools be ranked by their test scores?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Agree	50.8	51.8	47.6
Disagree	40.8	36.3	34.4
DK/NR	8.4	12.0	18.0

Should a school be labeled as failing if majority pass proficiency test?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Agree	17.2	15.5	12.6
Disagree	65.8	64.7	57.8
DKNR	17.0	19.7	29.6

Should state funding for education be capped?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Strongly/somewhat favor	37.6	35.3	33.2
Somewhat/not at all favor	58.2	60.8	62.8
Don't know/NR	4.2	4.0	4.0

Do you favor or oppose consolidation of some school districts?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	43.6	42.4	47.4
Oppose	50.4	48.4	37.8
DKNR	6.0	9.2	14.8

Consolidation of schools-2009

	<u>Kids</u>	<u>No kids</u>
Favor	41.9	49.9

	<u>OKC</u>	<u>Tulsa</u>	<u>Rural</u>
Favor	61.3	52.4	40.4

Consolidation of schools-2009

Should yours merge?

	<u>Kids</u>	<u>No kids</u>
Favor	30.3	32.5

	<u>OKC</u>	<u>Tulsa</u>	<u>Rural</u>
Favor	42.0	31.0	27.9

How much would these proposals help public schools?

2008	A lot	Some	Little/
Increases salaries	60.4	28.9	10.0
Reduce class size	56.2	29.1	13.8
Repair buildings	42.2	35.9	20.9
Update supplies	62.0	26.5	10.6
Expand at-risk programs	61.0	25.1	11.4
More computers	62.5	24.7	12.2
Extend year by 5 days	23.1	16.9	56.8
Extend day by 1 hour	16.5	16.7	64.4

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More computers	68.8	17.0	12.2
Extend year by 5 days	32.8	15.0	48.0
Extend day by 1 hour	23.0	12.6	61.0

School extension by day or hour

<u>Kids in home</u>	<u>A lot /some</u>	<u>Little/not</u>
Extend year by 5 days	51.6	47.1
Extend day by 1 hour	41.3	58.1
<u>No kids in home</u>	<u>A lot/some</u>	<u>Little/not</u>
Extend year by 5 days	46.1	48.4
Extend day by 1 hour	33.0	62.3

Do you favor or oppose these ways to fund education?

2008	Favor	Oppose	DK/NR
Reduce state spending for education.....	7.6	89.6	2.8
Keep present funding level and cut other gov't areas	73.5	17.1	9.4
Cut or reduce extra curricular activities.....	26.5	67.9	5.6

Do you favor or oppose these ways to fund education?

2009	Favor	Oppose	DK/NR
Reduce state spending for education.....	9.8	83.2	7.0
Keep present funding level and cut other gov't areas	73.8	15.0	11.2
Cut or reduce extra curricular activities.....	33.0	60.2	6.8

Should bond issues pass with a simple majority vote?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	44.0	47.2	56.4
Oppose	41.0	40.6	35.2
Not sure	15.0	12.2	8.4

2009 OKC Tulsa Rural

Favor **58.0** **58.3** **55.2**

Should state pay health benefits or insurance for kids of teachers?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Favor</u>	67.0	66.3	59.2
Oppose	26.2	25.1	28.4
Not sure	6.8	8.6	12.4

Should legislature provide more funding for remediation?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	82.4	80.1	74.6
Oppose	15.0	14.1	16.4
Not sure	2.6	5.8	9.0

Should teacher retirement be at same level as other pension plans?

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Favor	82.6	82.5	80.2
Oppose	11.6	10.0	11.0
Not sure	5.8	7.6	8.8

How much of a factor should these be in determining a teacher raise?

<u>2008</u>	<u>very</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>minor/not</u>
Improvements on tests & grades	33.9	39.4	25.5
Professional development	43.6	42.2	12.8
Earn Master's or PhD	47.0	34.9	18.0
Teach in troubled school	53.0	33.5	11.6
Number of years teaching	39.8	32.1	26.7
Student's scores on state test	21.1	29.1	47.8

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Earn National Certification	60.0	20.6	15.0
Teach in troubled school	72.6	16.2	8.4
Number of years teaching	46.4	25.0	26.2
Student's scores on state test	27.2	26.6	42.6

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<u>Kids in home</u>	<u>very/some</u>	<u>minor/not</u>
Student's scores on state test	60.6	38.1
<u>No kids in home</u>	<u>very/some</u>	<u>minor/not</u>
Student's scores on state test	50.7	44.7

Demographics

Education	2007	2008	2009
_Some high school	4.6	4.8	8.6
High school graduate	25.8	22.1	23.6
Some college/associate	27.4	28.7	26.8
4 year/college graduate	21.0	21.5	21.2
Post graduate degree	18.0	18.9	17.2
Other training	2.6	2.8	1.0

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2009 Survey and comparison

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