



## Newark, New Jersey

383 Parents of school-aged children

March 18-25, 2022

### D1. Are you:

40% Male

60 Female

### D2. In what year were you born?

35% 18 to 34

46 35 to 49

17 50 to 64

2 65 or older

### D3. In what ZIP code do you currently live?

50% Central (07103, 07106, 07108, 07112, 07003, 07013, 07193, 07306)

18 East (07102, 07105, 07114, 07201, 07192, 07203, 07088, 07109, 07490)

32 North (07104, 07107, 07004, 07014, 07204, 07017)

### D4. What is your race/ethnicity?

54% Black or African American

32 Hispanic or Latino/a

6 Other

5 White / Caucasian

2 American Indian or Alaska Native

1 Asian / Pacific Islander

### D5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

32% High school diploma or less

30 Some college, but no degree

15 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree

15 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree

8 Graduate degree

### D6. Are you registered to vote in Newark, New Jersey?

100% Yes

0 No

**D7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:**

28% Strong Democrat  
21 Weak Democrat  
8 Ind Democrats  
27 Independents  
5 Ind Republicans  
4 Weak Republican  
6 Strong Republican

**49% Democrat**

**10 Republican**

**41 Independent/Other**

**57% Strong + Weak + Indep Dems**

**27 Independents**

**15 Strong + Weak + Indep Repubs**

**Q1. Are you a parent of school-aged children?**

100% Yes

0 No

**Q2. What kind of school do you send your children to? Check all that apply.**

56% Traditional public school

47 Public charter school

2 Parochial school

9 Private school

**Q3. In your opinion, what is the top challenge facing Newark public schools today?**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 14% | Teachers/Teacher Engagement/Communication |
| 12  | Budget/Allocation of Resources            |
| 10  | Academic Quality                          |
| 7   | Safety/Security                           |
| 6   | Teacher Shortage                          |
| 4   | Bullying                                  |
| 4   | Overcrowding                              |
| 4   | School Lunch                              |
| 3   | Extracurriculars/After School             |
| 3   | COVID/Masks                               |
| 2   | Parents/Parental Involvement              |
| 2   | Transportation                            |
| 2   | Buildings                                 |
| 2   | Positive/Like Schools                     |
| 1   | Student Behavior                          |
| 1   | Special Needs Students                    |
| 1   | Everything                                |
| 1   | Lack of Technology                        |
| 10  | <i>Other</i>                              |
| 1   | <i>Nothing</i>                            |
| 3   | <i>Don't Know</i>                         |
| 8   | <i>No Response</i>                        |

**Q4. How would you rate each of the following in Newark?**

|   | Excel-<br>lent | Good | Not so<br>Good | Poor | Not<br>Sure | Total<br>Pos | Total<br>Neg |
|---|----------------|------|----------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| The job my child's school has done to support my child's learning during the pandemic                             | 25%            | 47   | 15             | 11   | 2           | <b>72%</b>   | <b>26</b>    |
| The job my child's school did managing in-person learning with the ups and downs of the pandemic this year        | 23%            | 44   | 18             | 11   | 4           | <b>67%</b>   | <b>29</b>    |
| The job my child's school has done to help my child catch up on learning time that was missed during the pandemic | 21%            | 42   | 22             | 10   | 4           | <b>64%</b>   | <b>32</b>    |
| The job my child's school has done to support my child's social wellbeing during the pandemic                     | 21%            | 40   | 20             | 15   | 4           | <b>61%</b>   | <b>34</b>    |
| Overall quality of life   | 12%            | 48   | 23             | 13   | 4           | <b>60%</b>   | <b>37</b>    |
| Ability of local schools to prepare young people for success after high school                                    | 12%            | 32   | 27             | 17   | 13          | <b>44%</b>   | <b>43</b>    |

**Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the following are doing?**

|                                  | <u>Approve</u> |      | <u>Disapprove</u> |        | Not Sure | Total Approve | Total Disapprove |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------|-------------------|--------|----------|---------------|------------------|
|                                  | Strong         | Smwt | Smwt              | Strong |          |               |                  |
| Public charter schools in Newark | 27%            | 28   | 12                | 11     | 23       | <b>55%</b>    | <b>23</b>        |
| Newark Public Schools            | 14%            | 40   | 18                | 18     | 11       | <b>54%</b>    | <b>36</b>        |

**Q6. How would you rate the quality of education each of the following types of schools provide to students in Newark?**

|                            | Excel-<br>lent | Good | Not so |      | Not Sure | Total Pos  | Total Neg |
|----------------------------|----------------|------|--------|------|----------|------------|-----------|
|                            |                |      | Good   | Poor |          |            |           |
| Public charter schools     | 22%            | 35   | 11     | 6    | 26       | <b>57%</b> | <b>17</b> |
| Private schools            | 17%            | 25   | 8      | 3    | 47       | <b>43%</b> | <b>11</b> |
| Traditional public schools | 8%             | 32   | 28     | 19   | 14       | <b>40%</b> | <b>47</b> |
| Parochial schools          | 9%             | 23   | 8      | 2    | 58       | <b>32%</b> | <b>10</b> |

**Q7. Thinking about the quality of education in local public schools, how much change would you say that public schools in Newark need?**

- 59% A great deal
- 30 A moderate amount
- 7 A little
- 1 None at all
- 3 Not sure

**Q8. How old is your child/children? Check all that apply.**

- 17% 0-4 years old
- 66 5-12 years old
- 47 13-18 years old

**Q9. What best describes your current attitude toward the pandemic?**

- 47% I'm ready to get back to normal
- 53 I'm still being cautious, and taking precautions like wearing a mask, avoiding crowded indoor spaces, and social distancing.

**Q10. What best describes your current mindset when it comes to how your children are learning?**

- 38% We should be doing whatever it takes to get things back to normal in schools, which means removing mask mandates

62 We need to remain cautious when it comes to kids in schools. We should keep school mask mandates and testing protocols in place.

**Q11. Has your child been vaccinated against COVID-19?**

42% Yes, they have  
14 No, they haven't yet, but I plan to vaccinate them  
26 No, they have not been vaccinated  
17 Prefer not to say

**Q12. Do you support or oppose requiring all students to wear masks while at school, even though Governor Murphy has rolled back the statewide mask mandate?**

42% Strongly support  
23 Somewhat support  
9 Somewhat oppose  
18 Strongly oppose  
8 Not sure

**65% Total Support**

**28 Total Oppose**

**Q13. Do you support or oppose requiring all teachers be vaccinated against COVID-19?**

35% Strongly support  
19 Somewhat support  
12 Somewhat oppose  
27 Strongly oppose  
8 Not sure

**54% Total Support**

**38 Total Oppose**

**Q14. Do you support or oppose requiring all eligible children be vaccinated against COVID-19?**

26% Strongly support  
16 Somewhat support  
12 Somewhat oppose

39 Strongly oppose  
6 Not sure

**43% Total Support**  
**51 Total Oppose**

**Q15. During the COVID-19 pandemic, would you say the mental health of school aged children in Newark has:**

5% Gotten much better  
11 Gotten somewhat better  
13 Stayed the same  
41 Gotten somewhat worse  
20 Gotten much worse  
11 Not sure

**16% Total Better**  
**60 Total Worse**

**Q16. How much of a priority should be placed on treating the mental health of school aged children in Newark?**

73% Top priority  
16 Priority, not top  
6 Somewhat of a priority  
1 Not a priority  
4 Not sure

**Q17. Households may have multiple family members needing to access the Internet for remote work or learning. Does your household have each of the following?**

| Yes | No |  |
|-----|----|--|
| 82% | 18 | Reliable internet access with sufficient broadband speed |
| 74% | 26 | Sufficient number of devices                             |

**Q17a. (If no reliable internet access) Is reliable, high-speed internet access available for where you live?**

74% Yes, but I can't afford it  
6 Yes, but I don't want it  
8 No  
12 Not sure

**Q18. How worried are you about each of the following?**

|   | Worried |      |         |        | Total Worried | Total Not |
|---|---------|------|---------|--------|---------------|-----------|
|   | Very    | Smwt | Not Too | At All |               |           |
| Your child's social and emotional well-being due to | 47%     | 28   | 18      | 8      | <b>75%</b>    | <b>25</b> |

## COVID-19

Your child being behind on their learning due to

|                                 |     |    |    |    |            |           |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|------------|-----------|
| COVID-19                        | 50% | 24 | 14 | 12 | <b>74%</b> | <b>26</b> |
| Your child contracting COVID-19 | 38% | 28 | 20 | 14 | <b>66%</b> | <b>34</b> |

**Q19. Which of the following best describes the adults in your household? Check all that apply.**

- 75% Employed full-time
- 14 Employed part-time
- 14 Unemployed
- 13 Full time student
- 10 Temporarily out of work
- 9 Full time homemaker
- 5 Retired

**Q20. How much of an impact has the pandemic had on your household's financial situation?**

- 34% Very negative impact
- 36 Somewhat negative impact
- 23 No difference
- 5 Somewhat positive impact
- 3 Very positive impact

**7% Total Positive**

**70 Total Negative**

**Q21. For statistical purposes, what is your household income?**

- 15% Less than \$20,000
- 22 \$20,000 to \$34,999
- 16 \$35,000 to \$49,999
- 14 \$50,000 to \$74,999
- 6 \$75,000 to \$99,999
- 12 \$100,000 to \$249,999
- 1 \$250,000 or more
- 14 Prefer not to say