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### **General Information:**

The Georgia Budget and Policy Institute Poll was conducted February 16-21, 2024 and included a total of 1,821 (unweighted) Georgia registrants. The survey was administered by the School of Public and International Affairs Survey Research Center at the University of Georgia and relied on a panel from Dynata Corporation. Respondents were sent an electronic invitation allowing them to voluntarily opt-in and participate in the online survey. Respondents who reported they did not currently live in Georgia or who were not registered to vote were screened out. Interviews were conducted in English. The survey results were weighted using iterative proportional raking in order to ensure the sample was representative of the voting age population in terms of race, sex, age, and education. The calculated margin of error for the total sample is +/-2.3 points at the 95% confidence level. This would mean that if 50% of respondents indicate a topline view on an issue, we can be 95% confident that the population's view on that issue is somewhere between 52.3% and 47.7%. The margin of error including design effects is +/-2.6 points at the 95% confidence level. The survey design effect was calculated using the standard formula reported by the AAPOR.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>This is one method suggested by APPOR for reporting uncertainty when dealing with nonprobability samples ([https://www.aapor.org/getattachment/Education-Resources/For-Researchers/AAPOR\\_Guidance\\_Nonprob\\_Precision\\_042216.pdf.aspx](https://www.aapor.org/getattachment/Education-Resources/For-Researchers/AAPOR_Guidance_Nonprob_Precision_042216.pdf.aspx)).

Q1. Which action below do you think would best support students in underperforming schools?

- A. Give parents \$6,500 to pay for tuition at a private school
- B. Provide these public schools with additional state support
- C. Increase choice options, such as charter schools or dual enrollment, for public schools

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
A	14.8	16.8	13.1	13.3	18.0	13.3	17.2	17.4	11.8	12.3	14.9	14.4	14.8
B	43.7	39.3	47.5	43.0	45.9	39.9	45.9	42.5	45.5	39.5	39.9	45.0	45.7
C	29.4	32.6	26.6	31.6	24.0	34.8	26.0	28.4	28.2	37.4	30.0	28.5	31.8
None of the above	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.6	2.9	1.3	3.2	2.8	4.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.1
Don't know	8.3	7.5	9.1	7.5	9.2	10.8	7.7	8.9	9.9	6.9	11.3	8.4	4.5

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
A	13.7	14.8	15.7	16.7	13.8	12.0	13.8	15.2	16.7	11.7	16.7	14.1	14.1
B	55.9	44.6	32.9	35.1	54.3	38.6	44.9	45.1	40.3	41.8	46.4	36.4	45.3
C	24.5	24.8	37.8	35.2	23.7	27.5	27.5	31.6	32.7	32.9	26.4	36.1	27.5
None of the above	1.5	4.4	4.9	4.5	2.0	6.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	4.1	3.0	4.3	4.6
Don't know	4.3	11.4	8.7	8.4	6.3	15.0	10.2	4.6	7.0	9.5	7.5	9.2	8.5

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q2. Now thinking about your own family, which policy would be most helpful for your child or children?

[Asked of respondents who indicated they had one or more school-aged children]

- A. Give parents \$6,500 to pay for tuition at a private school
- B. Provide these public schools with additional state support
- C. Increase choice options, such as charter schools or dual enrollment, for public schools

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
A	22.6	20.5	24.2	20.4	27.0	18.3	21.2	25.4	15.3	36.8	19.4	22.5	27.9
B	39.8	37.4	42.0	40.6	38.1	40.0	30.1	39.6	49.5	36.8	38.2	42.9	37.1
C	31.0	37.1	25.5	32.1	28.4	33.3	42.5	30.0	24.3	26.3	35.1	27.7	30.7
None of the above	4.2	3.6	4.8	5.7	1.9	6.7	5.3	3.2	7.2	0.0	5.8	4.2	2.9
Don't know	2.4	1.4	3.5	1.3	4.7	1.7	0.9	1.8	3.6	0.0	1.6	2.6	1.4

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
A	24.7	19.2	24.1	25.0	19.9	23.8	21.5	19.8	30.5	23.1	25.2	21.9	18.2
B	43.5	44.8	31.0	37.0	45.4	28.6	41.0	43.2	31.4	34.3	41.7	38.5	41.2
C	28.5	28.6	35.5	30.1	29.9	39.7	30.7	32.3	31.4	34.3	26.4	33.3	34.5
None of the above	1.6	3.9	6.9	5.8	2.8	3.2	4.4	3.6	5.1	4.6	4.5	3.1	4.1
Don't know	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.2	2.0	4.8	2.4	1.0	1.7	3.7	2.1	3.1	2.0

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q3. Do you support the use of taxpayer money to help pay for a private education if it reduces funding for public schools?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Yes	34.9	41.6	28.9	31.6	38.8	42.4	46.4	39.3	25.5	28.4	36.0	30.7	39.2
No	54.5	49.2	59.2	56.4	52.1	50.6	47.7	49.5	61.4	59.3	49.5	59.6	53.8
Don't know	10.6	9.2	11.8	12.0	9.1	7.0	5.8	11.3	13.0	12.3	14.5	9.7	7.0

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
Yes	38.2	31.2	35.8	39.5	31.5	29.7	33.7	34.2	38.8	28.7	35.6	34.0	39.2
No	56.7	57.3	50.2	47.2	62.0	56.0	54.0	56.6	52.5	58.0	55.8	52.9	50.4
Don't know	5.1	11.5	14.0	13.3	6.5	14.2	12.3	9.2	8.7	13.2	8.6	13.1	10.5

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q4. Georgia is one of six states that does not provide additional money to K-12 public schools that serve students from families with low incomes. Do you support or oppose providing additional funding for K-12 schools tied to the number of students they serve from families at or near the poverty level?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly support	34.9	31.1	38.2	30.5	41.8	39.2	35.9	38.2	33.3	27.6	32.4	33.4	36.5
Support	41.2	44.7	38.1	43.7	38.5	34.2	36.7	42.1	40.5	48.3	40.7	43.1	41.8
Oppose	8.5	9.0	8.1	9.0	7.4	9.5	9.8	7.8	9.2	7.9	8.0	9.2	8.7
Strongly oppose	4.5	5.2	3.9	5.4	3.5	1.9	4.3	4.8	5.8	3.3	5.0	4.2	4.5
Don't know	10.9	10.0	11.6	11.4	8.7	15.2	13.3	7.2	11.3	12.8	13.9	10.0	8.5

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
Strongly support	50.0	34.7	22.7	25.5	46.8	28.9	35.5	33.6	33.4	31.9	36.4	29.3	38.8
Support	36.8	40.5	45.3	44.0	39.9	35.8	41.7	44.1	39.8	45.1	40.7	40.8	39.5
Oppose	4.9	7.6	12.5	12.7	4.6	6.9	8.1	8.1	10.0	8.2	8.1	10.5	8.0
Strongly oppose	2.8	3.5	6.9	6.0	2.2	6.5	3.4	4.8	6.7	6.0	3.4	6.3	3.9
Don't know	5.5	13.7	12.7	11.8	6.5	22.0	11.3	9.4	10.0	8.8	11.3	13.2	9.8

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q5. Georgia currently has a budget surplus of about \$16 billion. About a third of school buses in the state have been in service for 15 or more years. Do you support or oppose the state using surplus funds to replace these buses at a cost of about \$850 million.

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly support	26.9	27.1	26.7	25.3	30.9	22.8	23.4	26.7	26.4	30.8	23.6	28.6	28.5
Support	46.9	46.7	47.0	49.4	42.4	46.2	41.0	47.3	48.8	52.6	45.1	46.1	52.6
Oppose	11.3	11.9	10.9	10.8	12.8	10.1	14.9	10.6	11.8	7.4	12.5	11.5	8.8
Strongly oppose	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.7	2.5	6.3	5.3	4.8	2.6	1.5	4.5	3.1	3.1
Don't know	11.3	10.6	11.9	10.8	11.4	14.6	15.4	10.6	10.3	7.7	14.4	10.7	7.0

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
Strongly support	38.8	23.1	21.0	21.3	34.3	22.3	27.1	26.8	28.5	24.4	26.8	25.5	30.2
Support	43.5	46.1	50.5	50.9	45.9	35.6	45.9	48.5	50.0	49.7	46.5	51.3	42.1
Oppose	9.2	11.4	13.1	12.6	8.7	15.9	11.4	11.2	9.4	10.1	12.5	10.8	10.5
Strongly oppose	1.5	4.6	4.1	4.4	2.2	5.2	4.1	3.7	2.3	5.4	3.2	3.3	3.2
Don't know	7.0	14.8	11.3	10.9	8.8	21.0	11.5	9.7	9.7	10.4	11.1	9.2	14.1

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q6. Another proposal would use \$7.5 billion in surplus funds to create a self-sustaining Childcare Trust Fund. The purpose of the trust fund would be to provide access to childcare for ages 0-3 through subsidies for parents and support for providers. Do you support or oppose using surplus funds for this purpose?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly support	22.6	22.4	22.7	19.4	27.6	24.5	24.9	28.9	18.6	14.4	20.5	22.7	22.4
Support	42.8	42.1	43.4	40.3	47.4	41.5	41.1	45.6	40.2	41.8	42.8	40.8	43.7
Oppose	15.5	16.3	14.6	18.3	10.1	17.0	17.0	9.3	18.8	20.3	15.4	18.1	14.1
Strongly oppose	5.1	6.2	4.2	7.1	2.5	1.9	3.2	5.0	6.3	7.2	5.0	4.8	7.0
Don't know	14.1	12.9	15.1	14.9	12.4	15.1	13.8	11.3	16.1	16.4	16.3	13.5	12.8

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
Strongly support	36.1	20.7	13.4	16.8	29.8	19.0	23.3	19.1	25.2	20.8	23.3	19.0	25.3
Support	42.1	46.5	39.6	40.2	46.3	39.7	39.9	47.4	39.6	38.8	43.1	43.0	44.8
Oppose	11.3	11.2	23.0	20.7	11.7	9.5	16.7	14.7	17.4	19.9	13.9	19.0	12.4
Strongly oppose	1.9	3.9	8.8	7.7	2.1	6.0	4.6	5.5	7.4	6.3	5.2	2.6	6.1
Don't know	8.6	17.7	15.1	14.5	10.1	25.9	15.5	13.2	10.4	14.2	14.4	16.4	11.4

Note: Entries are column percentages.



Q7. Georgia lawmakers are considering a statewide law that would cap the amount local school districts could generate in property taxes, in part by freezing taxes at a level that corresponds to the purchase price of the property. This would result in less funding available to school districts over time and may require increasing other taxes or cuts to PreK-12 education. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly support	12.9	14.9	11.1	12.4	13.9	11.9	14.6	16.1	8.9	12.0	12.1	12.5	14.6
Support	24.5	29.9	19.7	25.4	22.9	23.9	22.8	26.0	25.0	24.6	24.4	22.8	27.6
Oppose	29.8	28.1	31.2	30.8	29.2	24.5	24.9	26.0	32.2	35.8	27.4	32.2	29.1
Strongly oppose	14.7	11.2	17.8	13.1	16.8	18.2	17.8	15.8	14.9	8.7	13.7	16.2	12.8
Don't know	18.2	15.9	20.2	18.3	17.1	21.4	19.9	16.1	19.0	18.9	22.4	16.3	15.9

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
Strongly support	16.9	9.1	13.3	13.6	12.6	11.2	11.3	14.0	15.7	12.0	14.1	12.7	11.5
Support	24.7	20.3	28.2	28.9	21.8	17.7	20.8	27.8	29.4	21.5	25.0	26.8	23.9
Oppose	29.4	30.1	29.7	28.5	33.4	22.0	29.9	30.0	28.8	29.7	31.6	27.8	27.6
Strongly oppose	15.1	18.5	10.8	11.9	17.3	15.9	17.1	12.5	12.0	17.0	12.4	15.4	17.1
Don't know	13.9	21.9	18.0	17.1	14.8	33.2	20.9	15.8	14.0	19.9	16.9	17.3	20.0

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The State of Georgia should be doing more to improve access to health care for its residents?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Strongly agree	44.2	38.2	49.6	40.6	49.7	47.8	41.2	50.0	46.7	35.6	43.1	44.9	43.3
Agree	37.5	40.7	34.6	38.2	37.8	31.4	39.1	33.5	37.8	40.0	39.3	36.0	37.0
Disagree	7.9	10.2	5.8	9.6	4.9	8.2	6.4	8.9	6.5	11.5	5.9	8.9	10.8
Strongly disagree	2.7	2.9	2.4	3.3	1.5	3.1	4.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.1
Don't know	7.8	7.9	7.6	8.3	6.2	9.4	9.3	5.0	6.3	10.8	9.3	7.4	5.8

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	Over \$100,000	North Georgia	Atlanta Metro	Middle Georgia	South Georgia
Strongly agree	58.2	49.8	27.6	32.8	55.8	46.6	48.7	41.7	38.7	36.6	46.8	39.0	48.9
Agree	33.5	34.8	43.3	42.0	34.7	30.2	37.0	35.2	42.0	43.2	35.5	41.3	33.8
Disagree	3.2	5.1	14.3	12.7	3.9	3.9	4.5	12.7	10.3	12.9	7.6	6.9	5.1
Strongly disagree	0.9	1.9	4.9	3.7	1.2	4.3	3.0	2.0	3.3	2.8	2.0	3.9	2.9
Don't know	4.1	8.5	9.9	8.9	4.4	15.1	6.8	8.4	5.7	4.4	8.0	8.9	9.2

Note: Entries are column percentages.

## DEMOGRAPHIC TOPLINES

	Percentage
<b>Sex:</b>	
Male	46.7
Female	53.3
<b>Race:</b>	
White	58.6
Black	32.7
Other	8.7
<b>Age:</b>	
18-29	22.9
30-44	28.0
45-64	25.3
65+	23.7
<b>Education:</b>	
High school or less	31.7
Some college	34.0
BA/Graduate	34.3
<b>Ideology:</b>	
Liberal	29.2
Moderate	34.8
Conservative	36.0
<b>Income:</b>	
Under \$50,000	47.2
\$50,000-\$99,000	34.1
Over \$100,000	18.7
<b>Political Party:</b>	
Republican	45.0
Democrat	42.2
Independent	12.8
<b>Parent of School Aged Child(ren):</b>	
Yes	32.5
No	67.5

**State Regions:**

<b>North Georgia</b>	<b>Atlanta Metro</b>	<b>Middle Georgia</b>	<b>South Georgia</b>	<b>South Georgia</b>
Banks	Cherokee	Baldwin	Appling	Lowndes
Barrow	Clayton	Bibb	Atkinson	Macon
Bartow	Cobb	Burke	Bacon	Marion
Catoosa	DeKalb	Butts	Baker	McIntosh
Chattooga	Douglas	Carroll	Ben Hill	Miller
Clarke	Fayette	Columbia	Berrien	Mitchell
Dade	Forsyth	Coweta	Bleckley	Montgomery
Dawson	Fulton	Crawford	Brantley	Muscogee
Elbert	Gwinnett	Emanuel	Brooks	Pierce
Fannin	Henry	Glascok	Bryan	Pulaski
Floyd	Rockdale	Hancock	Bulloch	Quitman
Franklin		Harris	Calhoun	Randolph
Gilmer		Heard	Camden	Schley
Gordon		Houston	Candler	Screven
Greene		Jasper	Charlton	Seminole
Habersham		Jefferson	Chatham	Stewart
Hall		Jenkins	Chattahoochee	Sumter
Haralson		Johnson	Clay	Talbot
Hart		Jones	Clinch	Tattall
Jackson		Lamar	Coffee	Taylor
Lumpkin		Lincoln	Colquitt	Telfair
Madison		McDuffie	Cook	Terrell
Morgan		Meriwether	Crisp	Thomas
Murray		Monroe	Decatur	Tift
Oconee		Newton	Dodge	Toombs
Oglethorpe		Peach	Dooly	Treutlen
Paulding		Pike	Dougherty	Turner
Pickens		Putnam	Early	Ware
Polk		Richmond	Echols	Wayne
Rabun		Spalding	Effingham	Webster
Stephens		Taliaferro	Evans	Wheeler
Towns		Troup	Glynn	Wilcox
Union		Twiggs	Grady	Worth
Walker		Upson	Irwin	
Walton		Warren	Jeff Davis	
White		Washington	Lanier	
Whitfield		Wilkes	Laurens	
		Wilkinson	Lee	
			Liberty	
			Long	