

The Vanderbilt Child Health poll surveyed 1,026 Tennessee parents with children under 18 years old from October 19 —November 28, 2021. All reported percentages have survey weights applied, so their interpretation can be broadened to all parents in Tennessee. For example, “9.8% of Tennessee parents are homeschooling their child.”

All summaries are listed as weighted proportions of Tennessee Parents ± Standard Error, unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOLING

How is your child currently attending school? (Asked to parents of school-aged children or adolescents)

| | N | In person at their physical school building | Enrolled in a virtual school | A combination | Homeschool | p-value |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------|
| Overall | 843 | 79.1% ± 1.9 | 5.3% ± 1.0 | 5.7% ± 1.1 | 9.8% ± 1.3 | |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | | 0.72 |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 663 | 78.1% ± 2.2 | 4.8% ± 1.1 | 6.4% ± 1.3 | 10.7% ± 1.6 | |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 94 | 83.0% ± 4.7 | 6.7% ± 2.5 | 3.3% ± 1.6 | 7.0% ± 3.9 | |
| Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic | 86 | 80.5% ± 5.5 | 7.1% ± 4.5 | 4.8% ± 2.1 | 7.5% ± 2.9 | |
| TN Region | | | | | | 0.38 |
| West | 176 | 82.7% ± 3.9 | 7.6% ± 2.6 | 3.3% ± 1.2 | 6.5% ± 2.8 | |
| Middle | 307 | 78.1% ± 3.1 | 5.4% ± 1.6 | 7.3% ± 2.2 | 9.2% ± 2.0 | |
| East | 359 | 78.4% ± 2.9 | 4.0% ± 1.6 | 5.3% ± 1.3 | 12.3% ± 2.3 | |

* $p < 0.05$ by Rao-Scott corrected Chi-Square test

** $p < 0.001$ by Rao-Scott corrected Chi-Square test

SCHOOL SAFETY PERCEPTIONS

“Parents should have the option to choose remote learning through their child’s school this school year.”

| | N | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | p-value |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Overall | 1024 | 7.6% ± 1.3 | 21.8% ± 1.9 | 70.6% ± 2.1 | |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | 0.38 |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 789 | 8.6% ± 1.6 | 22.5% ± 2.3 | 69.0% ± 2.5 | |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 116 | 2.6% ± 1.3 | 19.6% ± 4.7 | 77.8% ± 4.8 | |
| Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic | 119 | 8.9% ± 4.5 | 20.2% ± 5.7 | 70.9% ± 6.5 | |
| TN Region | | | | | 0.71 |
| West | 213 | 9.4% ± 3.4 | 17.8% ± 3.7 | 72.8% ± 4.6 | |
| Middle | 368 | 7.2% ± 2.2 | 24.7% ± 3.4 | 68.1% ± 3.7 | |
| East | 442 | 7.1% ± 1.7 | 21.0% ± 2.9 | 71.9% ± 3.1 | |

Note: N’s are unweighted; row-wise percentages presented (e.g. “77.8% of Black, Non-Hispanic parents agree that parents should have the option to choose remote learning for their child this school year, compared to 69.0% of White, Non-Hispanic parents”)

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** $p < 0.001$ by Rao-Scott corrected Chi-Square test

SCHOOL DAYS MISSED

How many days of school has your child missed so far this school year (Fall 2021) due to the following reasons?

(Asked to parents whose children are attending school in person or partially in person)

| Average Days Missed (weighted mean ± SE) | N | Quarantining | Illness | Loss of caregiver support | School closure | Total |
|--|----------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Overall | 681 | 4.2 ± 0.4 | 1.9 ± 0.2 | 0.3 ± 0.1 | 2.2 ± 0.3 | 7.9 ± 0.6 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | * | | ** | ** |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 536 | 4.5 ± 0.5 | 2.0 ± 0.2 | 0.3 ± 0.1 | 2.6 ± 0.4 | 8.4 ± 0.7 |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 79 | 2.6 ± 0.8 | 1.1 ± 0.2 | 0.2 ± 0.1 | 0.6 ± 0.2 | 4.5 ± 0.8 |
| Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic | 66 | 5.1 ± 1.1 | 2.2 ± 0.9 | 0.2 ± 0.1 | 2.2 ± 0.6 | 9.8 ± 2.1 |
| TN Region | | | * | * | | |
| West | 143 | 4.1 ± 0.9 | 1.3 ± 0.2 | 0.07 ± 0.03 | 1.4 ± 0.4 | 6.6 ± 1.1 |
| Middle | 245 | 3.8 ± 0.6 | 1.9 ± 0.4 | 0.4 ± 0.1 | 2.4 ± 0.5 | 7.7 ± 0.9 |
| East | 292 | 4.7 ± 0.6 | 2.1 ± 0.3 | 0.3 ± 0.1 | 2.5 ± 0.5 | 8.9 ± 0.9 |
| * <i>p</i> <0.05 by Wald test; ** <i>p</i> <0.001 by Wald test | | | | | | |
| % who missed at least 1 school week (5 days) | N | Quarantining | Illness | Loss of caregiver support | School closure | Total |
| Overall | 681 | 25.5% | 8.3% | 1.0% | 9.6% | 38.1% |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| White, Non-Hispanic | 536 | 25.3% | 9.3% | 1.1% | 10.4% | 39.1% |
| Black, Non-Hispanic | 79 | 17.2% | 3.9% | 0.5% | 2.3% | 28.2% |
| Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic | 66 | 40.6% | 7.8% | 0.7% | 15.7% | 46.4% |
| TN Region | | | | | | |
| West | 143 | 22.4% | 5.6% | 0.0% | 6.0% | 33.7% |
| Middle | 245 | 24.3% | 6.8% | 1.6% | 11.0% | 37.0% |
| East | 292 | 28.5% | 11.4% | 0.9% | 10.2% | 41.7% |