A Survey of Voter Attitudes in Pennsylvania

August 18-20, 2014

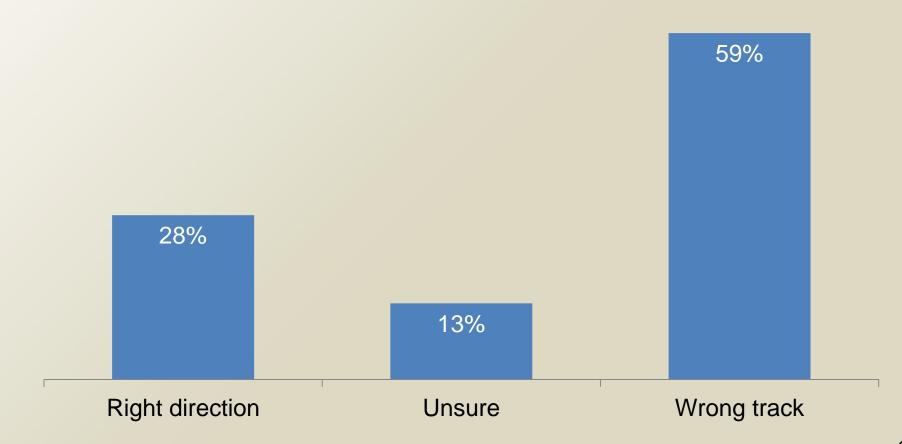


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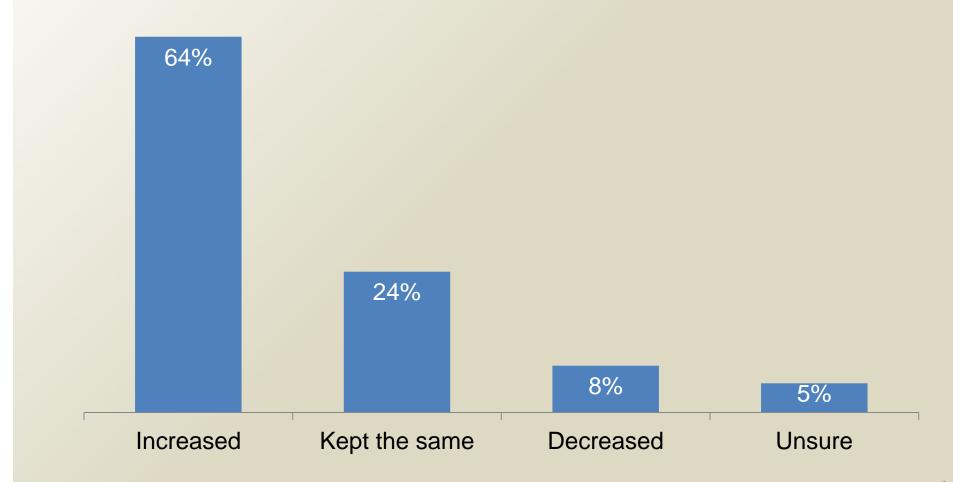
Do you feel things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?





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Do you think that state spending on K-12 public education in Pennsylvania should be... increased, kept about the same, or decreased?





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In thousands of dollars, how much do you think Pennsylvania spends per K-12 public school student?

	\$ per K-12 public school student
Median	\$10,000

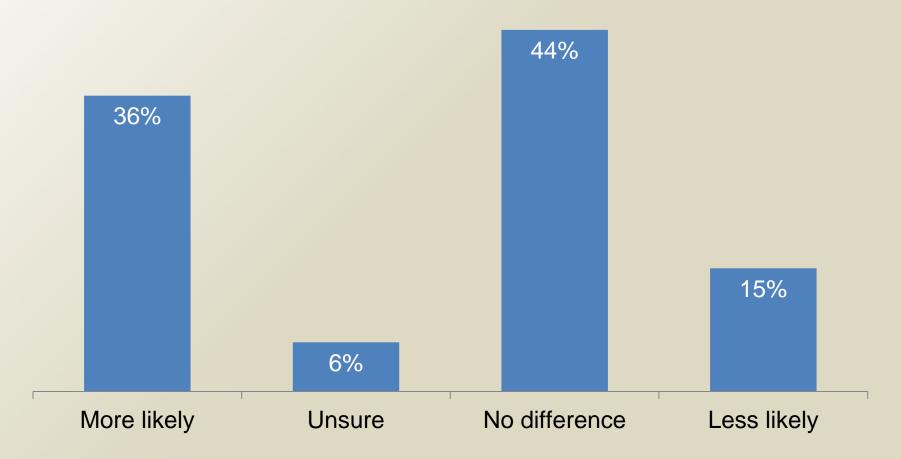
Among those voters who provided a number, 73% of voters estimate \$14,000 or less



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The actual state spending per K-12 public school student is about \$14,600.

Does hearing this make you more likely or less likely to support increased state spending on education? Or does this information make no difference to you?





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What do you think is the average salary for a public school teacher in Pennsylvania?

	Average salary for a public school teacher in Pennsylvania
Median	\$50,000

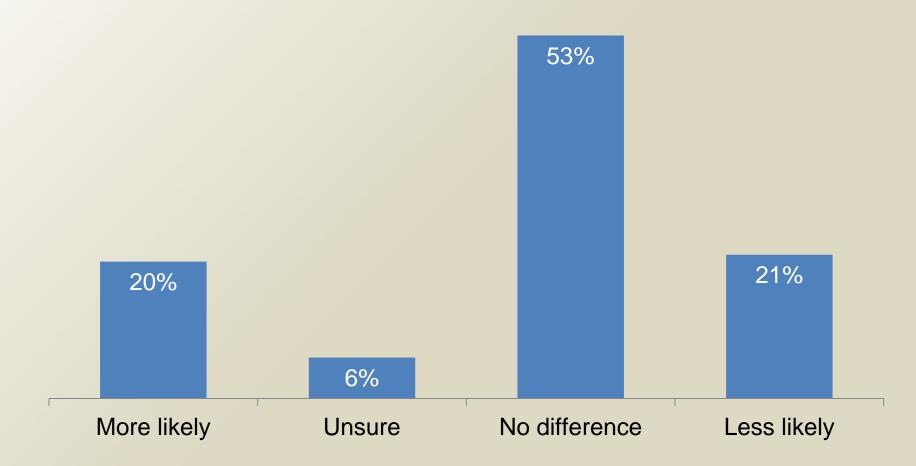
Among those voters who provided a number, 82% of voters estimate \$62,000 or less



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The average salary for a public school teacher in Pennsylvania is more than \$63,000 per year.

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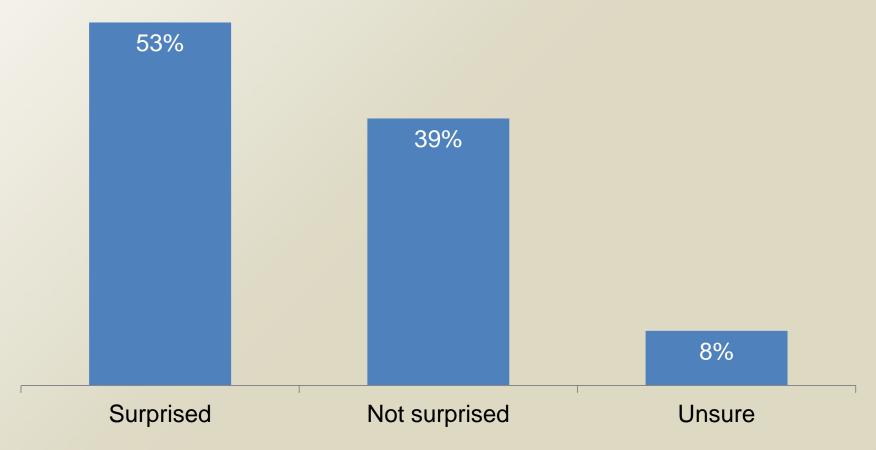




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Currently, the state spends five times more on K-12 education than it does on prisons.

Do you think most voters would be surprised or not surprised if they were told that the state spends five times more on K-12 education than it does on prisons?

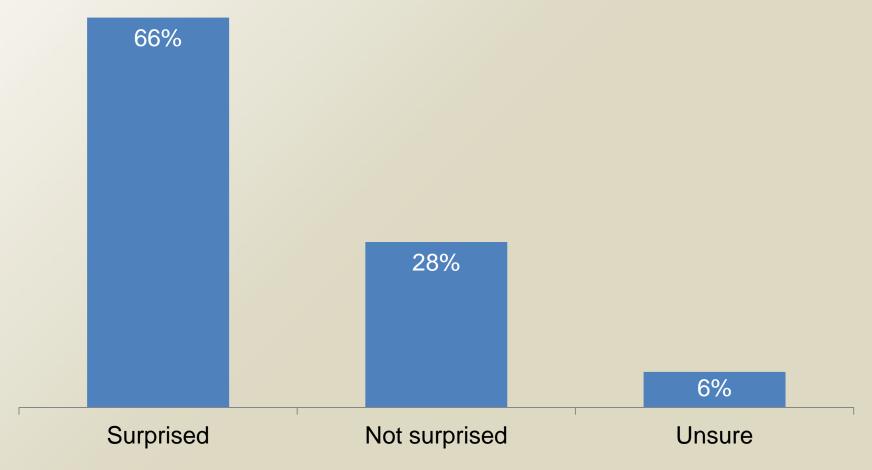




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Pennsylvania currently spends \$2,900 more per student than the national average spending per student.

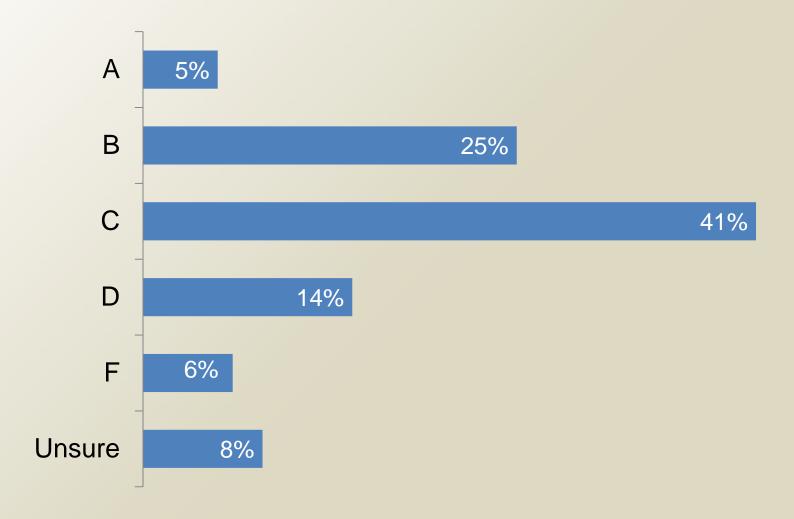
Do you think most voters would be surprised or not surprised if they were told that Pennsylvania spends \$2,900 more per student than the national average?





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If you had to assign a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F to K-12 public schools in Pennsylvania, what grade would you give them?

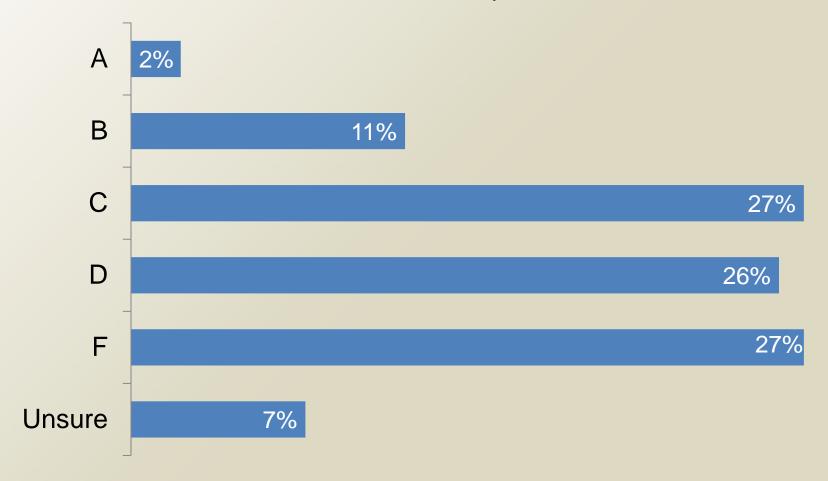




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In the most recent testing, the US Department of Education found that 60% of 8th graders in Pennsylvania public schools were not able to read at grade level or do math at grade level.

With this in mind, what letter grade... A, B, C, D, or F would you give to K-12 public schools in Pennsylvania?

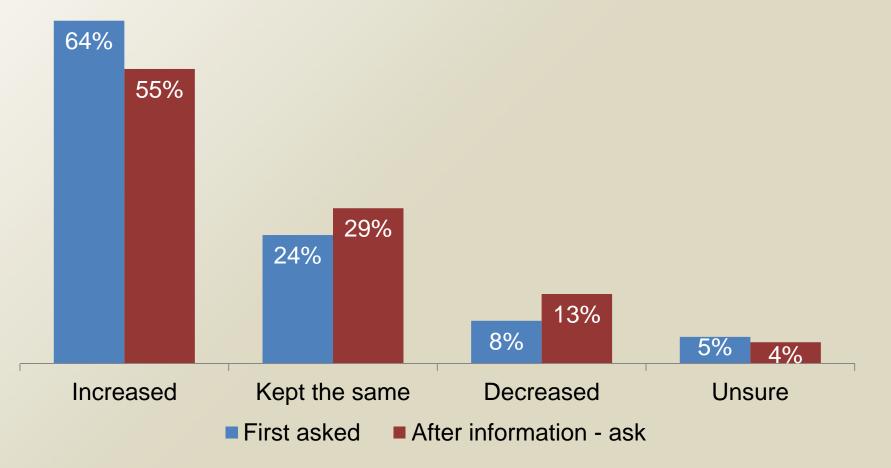




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And, no matter how you feel about the current level of state spending on K-12 education...

Would you personally be willing to pay higher taxes to fund increased spending on K-12 education?

