

## Georgia Results

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Q.1. In your community, how many parents do you think have access to good preschool programs programs that they can afford for their three- and four-year-old children--would you say that almost all parents have access to these programs, most parents, about half of parents, or fewer than half of parents have access to these programs for their young children?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Almost all parents	25	24	25	24	25
Most parents	16	17	16	16	16
About half of parents	23	25	22	26	20
Fewer than half of parents	27	26	27	28	24
Not sure	9	8	10	6	15
Total Almost All/Most	41	41	41	40	41
Total Half Or Fewer	50	51	49	54	44

Q.2. And which one or two of the following do you think are the biggest obstacles facing parents in finding preschool programs programs for their three- and four-year-old children? (m) \*

\* Asked only of respondents who say most parents" or fewer (Q.1)."

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	243	117	126	156	84
Many of these programs are too expensive	42	45	39	44	39
There are not enough good programs to serve	23	16	29	27	16
The structure and schedule of many of these p	15	15	16	18	9
There is not enough information available to p	20	19	20	18	22
Many parents cannot find programs that are c	20	19	21	17	26
All (VOL)	9	10	9	8	13
None/other (VOL)	3	4	2	2	4

Not sure	4	5	3	4	4
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Q.3. Overall, do you think that state government is doing too much, about the right amount, or too little to make sure that all parents have access to affordable preschool programs for their young children?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Doing too much	5	7	4	4	6
Doing about the right amount	27	22	31	25	29
Doing too little	56	60	52	59	51
Not sure	12	11	13	12	14

Q.4. I'd like to read you a list of things that sta

Please tell me whether you support or oppose state government getting involved in that specific area.

PROPORTIONS WHO SAY THAT THEY STRONGLY SUPPORT STATE GOVERNMENT GETTING INVOLVED IN SELECTED AREAS

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112

Ensuring the safety of preschool programs by establishing and enforcing licensing and inspection standards

	73	70	76	76	71
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Providing funding and financial support for preschool programs so that all parents who want to can afford to enroll their children

	70	65	74	75	62
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Ensuring the quality of preschool programs by setting standards for learning and for teacher training and education

	70	68	73	73	69
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Working with parents and local school systems to operate preschool programs similar to the way local school systems now run kindergarten through twelfth grade school programs

	52	49	56	53	54
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Holding preschool programs accountable for the learning progress and skill development of young children by establishing evaluation standards

	49	49	49	49	51
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Q.5a. Now I'm going to describe an approach that some people have suggested for expanding opportunities for three- and four-year-old children to participate in

preschool programs and then get your reaction.

State government would provide funding and financial support so that all parents in the state who want to send their children to a high-quality preschool program can afford to do so. Parents would be able to choose which program to send their child to depending on their needs and preferences--for example, parents could select a public or a private program, and parents could select a program that is part-time or one that is full-time, as long as the program meets state standards for teacher qualifications, class size, and safety.

How do you feel about this approach--do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, feel neutral, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with this approach?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Strongly agree	50	46	53	53	45
Somewhat agree	23	24	23	24	23
Feel neutral	10	11	9	9	8
Somewhat disagree	7	7	7	5	10
Strongly disagree	8	9	7	7	11
Not sure	2	3	1	2	3
Total Agree	73	70	76	78	69
Total Disagree	15	16	14	11	21

Q.5b. Why do you feel that way about this approach to expanding opportunities for three- and four-year-old children to participate in preschool programs ?

(PROBE:) What do you think are the most positive aspects of this approach?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Net Positive Aspects	68	69	67	72	63
Gives them an early start on their education,	12	11	13	13	12
Equal opportunity, for all children/incomes, le	12	9	14	11	13
Gives parents choices/options	11	8	14	14	7
Makes it affordable, it's expensive, most can'	9	8	10	9	10
Good for kids, prepares them for school/kind	6	6	6	6	7
Good flexibility, choice of hours/days, part/fu	5	4	6	5	5

Government should be involved/provide fund	5	5	4	7	1
Gives them a chance to learn, will learn better	5	4	5	3	7
Good age , able to learn, kids nowadays are	5	4	5	3	7
Gives them the best start, makes a more pro	5	6	3	5	4
Gets parents involved, aware of their child's i	4	4	5	4	5
It's important, need to do more for education,	3	3	4	3	4
Important to interact with others, spend time	3	2	4	2	5
Benefits working/single parents, is convenient	3	4	2	3	3
Develop good habits, learn discipline/respect	3	3	2	4	1
It's needed, some kids come from bad home	2	4	1	3	1
Teaches social/communication skills, builds q	2	2	2	2	1
Good for competition/quality, kids deserve qu	2	1	2	1	4
Agree with it, it's a good idea, like the propos	2	2	2	2	2
Supports both public and private, should be e	1	2	-	1	1
More access, more programs available for ki	1	1	1	1	-
Parents choose based on needs of their own	1	-	2	1	1
It works, have seen the results, research sup	-	1	-	-	1
All other positive aspects of this approach	2	2	2	2	2

Q.5b. Why do you feel that way about this approach to expanding opportunities for three- and four-year-old children to participate in preschool programs ?

(PROBE:) And what concerns do you have about this approach?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Net Concerns	48	52	45	48	48
Where will money/funding come from, taxes	7	9	6	6	9
Against government involvement	7	7	7	8	7
Teachers need to be certified/qualified/caring	7	6	7	7	6
Parents should educate/take care of young c	4	4	5	3	7
Ensure standards/safety, needs to monitor/re	4	4	4	5	1
Too costly, too expensive	3	5	2	4	2
Should be based on need, parents should pa	3	2	5	2	4
Too young, not ready, need to be home, not	3	2	3	2	4
Will be taken advantage of, abused, too muc	2	2	2	3	2
Not fair, not equitable for all, favors certain g	2	3	1	2	3
Shouldn't pay for private education with taxp	2	3	1	2	3
Don't have children, not fair for those with no	2	2	3	1	3
The schools/other programs will suffer, takes	2	2	2	2	3
Every child has different needs, can't be all tl	2	3	1	3	-
Against evaluating/qualifying children that yo	2	2	1	2	-
Should be voluntary, not forced upon parents	1	1	2	1	2

Used as babysitting/day care instead of early	1	1	2	1	2
Not needed, not necessary, enough program	1	1	1	-	2
Most parents will choose private, can be divi	1	1	1	1	1
Should be for public only, not private	1	1	1	1	1
Against vouchers, sounds like a voucher sys	1	1	1	1	1
Disagree with it, bad idea, disagree with prop	1	1	-	-	1
Concerns about quality of education, what/hc	-	-	-	-	-
Local government/communities should have	-	-	-	-	-
All other concerns about this approach	5	6	4	7	3
Don't know enough, would like more informati	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know, no response	7	7	7	7	6

Q.6a. Now I'd like to read you two statements about how preschool programs could be made available. Please listen to each statement and then tell me which one best represents your own feelings.

Statement A: These programs should be free to all children, regardless of their family's income, OR

Statement B: These programs should be free ONLY to children from poor and low-income families, with the parents of other children paying based on the family's income and ability to pay.

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Statement A/These programs should be free t	60	61	60	62	59
Statement B/These programs should be free C	33	31	34	31	34
Neither/other (VOL)	5	6	4	4	6
Not sure	2	2	2	3	1

Q.6b. And now I'd like to read you three statements about paying for preschool programs. Please listen to each statement and then tell me which one best represents your own feelings.

Statement A: I believe that these programs are a top priority and I would be willing to pay additional state taxes to pay for them

Statement B: I support these programs, but only if they can be funded within the existing state budget and without raising state taxes

Statement C: I do not believe that these programs are an important priority given all the other issues that state government needs to address

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
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Total	322	155	167	204	112
Statement A: I believe that these programs are	37	42	32	41	32
Statement B: I support these programs if they	50	47	54	51	50
Statement C: I do not believe these programs	8	8	9	5	14
Federal government should pay for programs:	2	3	1	2	1
None/other (VOL)	1	-	1	-	1
Not sure	2	-	3	1	2

Q. 7 I'd like to list reasons that some people have given for why it is important to have preschool programs available for three- and four-year-old children.

For each statement, please tell me whether you think it is extremely convincing, very convincing, fairly convincing, just somewhat convincing, or not really convincing.

PROPORTIONS WHO SAY THAT SELECTED REASONS ARE IMPORTANT TO HAVE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN OR VERY CONVINCING

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Many children who participate in preschool programs do better when they enter elementary school and score higher on basic skills tests	69	72	66	71	67
Many children who participate in preschool programs are more self-confident, better adjusted, and less likely to be disruptive and cause problems that affect other children in the classroom when they enter elementary school *	60	56	64	60	62
Good preschool programs help motivate young children to become problem-solvers who are more successful in school, work, and in their communities	65	60	70	65	69
Having children participate in preschool programs strengthens families by giving parents the resources and support they need to help their children get a good start	64	64	65	67	61
Good preschool programs cost a lot more than most working families can afford, leaving many parents with few alternatives	57	54	59	59	54
Children who participate in preschool programs are less likely to get involved with things like gangs and drugs as they get older and more likely to grow up and become productive, contributing members of the community *	44	42	46	46	43
Good preschool programs benefit the economy and save taxpayers two dollars for every dollar invested, because these programs prevent school failure and crime and produce a better educated, more productive workforce **	46	48	45	49	40

Children who do NOT participate in preschool programs are less self-confident, less adjusted, and more likely to be disruptive and cause problems that affect other children in the classroom when they enter elementary school \*\*

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 Good preschool programs benefit the economy and save taxpayers two dollars for every dollar invested \*

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 Children who do NOT participate in preschool programs are more likely to have problems in school and to get involved with things like gangs and drugs as they get older \*\*

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Q.7a. I'd like to list reasons that some people have given for why it is important to have preschool programs available for three- and four-year-old children. For each statement, please tell me whether you think it is extremely convincing, very convincing, fairly convincing, just somewhat convincing, or not really convincing.

Many children who participate in preschool programs do better when they enter elementary school and score higher on basic skills tests

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Extremely convincing	36	35	36	38	34
Very convincing	33	37	29	33	33
Fairly convincing	13	12	14	10	15
Just somewhat convincing	6	6	7	8	4
Not really convincing	10	9	11	10	11
Not sure	2	1	3	1	3

## FACTUALS

Q.F1. How old are you?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
18-24	5	4	6	8	-
25-29	12	11	12	19	-

30-34	12	11	12	18	-
35-39	10	14	6	16	-
40-44	14	14	13	21	-
45-49	11	12	10	18	-
50-54	12	9	14	-	33
55-59	7	5	10	-	21
60-64	4	4	5	-	12
65-69	3	5	2	-	10
70-74	4	3	5	-	12
75 and over	4	6	3	-	12
Refused	2	2	2	-	-

Q.F2. What type of work do you do?

	All Georgia Voters	Men	Women	18-49	50 and over
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Total	322	155	167	204	112
Professional, manor	22	23	21	27	12
White-collar worker	17	18	17	19	15
Blue-collar worker	20	27	14	26	10
Farmer, rancher	1	1	-	1	1
Student	1	-	2	2	-
Homemaker	8	2	14	10	6
Retired	18	18	18	1	49
Unemployed, looking for work	4	5	3	5	-
Other	5	3	6	5	4
Not sure	4	3	5	4	3

Q.F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

	All Georgia Voters	Men	Women	18-49	50 and over
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Total	322	155	167	204	112
Grade school	2	2	2	2	2
Some high school	8	10	7	7	11
High school graduate	24	22	26	23	27
Some college, no degree	19	20	18	19	17
Vocational training/2-year college	11	10	11	9	15

4-year college/bachelor's degree	21	19	23	24	16
Some postgraduate work, no degree	4	5	3	5	4
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degr	9	10	9	10	7
Doctoral/law degree	1	1	-	1	1
Not sure/refused	1	1	1	-	-

Q.F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or as something else?

(IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT, ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

(IF NOT REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT, ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or closer to the Democratic Party?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Strong Republican	16	14	18	16	15
Weak Republican	13	18	9	15	11
Independent/lean Republican	8	11	6	7	10
Strictly independent	14	16	12	12	16
Independent/lean Democrat	8	8	7	9	6
Weak Democrat	13	9	18	15	11
Strong Democrat	25	22	28	24	28
Not sure/refused	2	2	3	2	3
Total Republicans	37	43	32	38	36
Total Democrats	46	39	53	47	45

Q.F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Liberal	21	19	23	24	17
Moderate	41	41	42	42	39
Conservative	33	36	29	30	37
Not sure	5	4	6	4	7

Q.F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Single	18	20	16	23	8
Married	65	64	66	66	65
Separated	3	4	2	3	3
Widowed	7	3	10	-	17
Divorced	6	8	4	6	7
Other (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-
Not sure/refused	1	1	2	1	-

Q.F7a. Do you have any children under 18 currently living in your household?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Yes, kids under 18 in household	43	43	43	59	15
No, no kids under 18 in household	56	57	56	41	84
Not sure	1	-	1	-	1

Q.F7b. How many children do you have in each of the following categories?

Zero to five \*

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	138	67	71	119	17
One	28	30	25	30	10
Two	11	8	14	13	-
Three	3	2	5	4	-

Four	-	-	-	-	-	
Five or more	-	-	-	-	-	
None	58	60	56	53		90
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	

Q.F7b. How many children do you have in each of the following categories?

Six to nine \*

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----	
Total	138	67	71	119		17
One	29	31	27	30		18
Two	7	3	10	7		6
Three	-	1	-	1	-	
Four	-	-	-	-	-	
Five or more	-	-	-	-	-	
None	64	65	63	62		76
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	

Q.F7b. How many children do you have in each of the following categories?

Ten to fourteen \*

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----	
Total	138	67	71	119		17
One	37	47	28	35		52
Two	6	4	7	7	-	
Three	1	-	3	2	-	
Four	-	-	-	-	-	
Five or more	-	-	-	-	-	
None	56	49	62	56		48
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	

Q.F7b. How many children do you have in each of the following categories?

Fifteen to eighteen \*

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	138	67	71	119	17
One	26	27	26	24	37
Two	6	6	6	5	13
Three	-	-	-	-	-
Four	-	-	-	-	-
Five or more	-	-	-	-	-
None	68	67	68	71	50
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-

Q.F7c. Have you yourself ever had a child under five enrolled in a preschool programs program?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Yes, child is currently enrolled in a preschool program	10	9	11	15	2
Yes, child was enrolled in a preschool program	31	29	34	31	33
Yes, child enrolled in a preschool program in	3	2	4	3	4
No, never had a child under 5 in a preschool	49	53	44	45	55
Not sure/refused	7	7	7	6	6
Total Have/Have Had Child In Program	45	40	49	48	39

Q.F7d. Have you ever had a child under five in a child care arrangement outside the home--including with friends or relatives?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112

Yes, child is currently in a child care arrangement	12	12	12	16	5
Yes, child was in child care arrangement in the past	29	24	34	25	37
Yes, child was in child care arrangement in the past 5 years	3	5	2	4	4
No, never had a child under 5 in a child care arrangement	48	52	44	48	46
Not sure/refused	8	7	8	7	8
Total Have/Have Had Child In Child Care	44	41	48	45	46

Q.F7e. Do you have any grandchildren under twelve? \*

\* Asked only of respondents who say that they

	All Georgia Voters	Men	Women	18-49	50 and over
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Total	322	155	167	204	112
Yes, have grandchildren under 12	24	24	25	10	50
No, do not have grandchildren under 12	33	32	34	26	45
Not sure	4	4	5	3	5

Q.F8a. In what religion were you brought up?

	All Georgia Voters	Men	Women	18-49	50 and over
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Total	322	155	167	204	112
Protestant	39	39	38	36	43
Catholic	15	14	17	17	14
Jewish	1	1	1	-	1
Other	32	35	30	32	35
None	5	4	6	5	5
Not sure/refused	8	7	8	10	2

Q.F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? \*

\* Asked only of Protestants (Q.F8a).

	All Georgia Voters	Men	Women	18-49	50 and over
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Total	322	155	167	204	112
Fundamentalist/evangelical	13	10	15	9	18
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	19	22	17	20	18
Not sure	7	7	6	7	7
Non-Protestants (Q.F8a)	61	61	62	64	57

Q.F9. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Less than \$10,000	4	1	6	2	8
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	9	6	12	9	8
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	13	14	13	15	11
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	13	13	13	14	12
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	12	6	10	7
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	14	16	12	16	11
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	8	11	5	8	8
More than \$100,000	12	10	13	12	11
Not sure/refused	18	17	20	14	24

Q.F10. What is your race?

	All Georgia Voters -----	Men -----	Women -----	18-49 -----	50 and over -----
Total	322	155	167	204	112
Hispanic	3	2	4	5	-
White	64	68	60	63	66
Black	27	26	28	26	28
Asian	1	-	2	1	2

Other	3	2	4	4	1
Not sure/refused	2	2	2	1	3