

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From August 4 to 6, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,344 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,344 unless otherwise specified.

[1] As you may know, payments on federal student loans have been paused since March of 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The pause was initially set to end on May 1st, 2022, but has been extended to August 31st by the Biden administration.

Do you support or oppose extending the pause on federal student loan payments for an additional period of time?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Strongly support	34	54	32	15	44	29
Somewhat support	24	24	24	23	22	25
Somewhat oppose	15	10	15	20	12	16
Strongly oppose	22	8	22	37	14	26
Don't know	5	4	8	5	8	4
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	58	78	56	38	66	54
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	37	18	37	57	26	42
SUPPORT (NET)	+21	+60	+19	-19	+40	+12
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889

[2] Asked only of those who support further extending student loan payments:

How long do you think payments on federal student loans should continue to be paused for? (N=773)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Through the end of 2022	21	15	23	32	14	26
Through March 2023	10	10	11	10	11	9
Through August 2023	17	16	13	24	16	17
Indefinitely/permanently	44	52	42	28	51	39
Don't know	8	8	11	6	7	9
Weighted N	773	390	189	194	296	477

[3] 43 million Americans currently hold federal student loan debt.

When thinking about what actions the federal government should take on student loan debt for every borrower, which of the following is closest to your view, even if none of these are exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Cancel none of it	34	12	35	55	17	43
Cancel \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for every borrower	13	14	13	13	16	12
Cancel \$25,000 in federal student loan debt for every borrower	13	17	12	9	12	13
Cancel \$50,000 in federal student loan debt for every borrower	12	18	10	8	15	11
Cancel all federal student loan debt for every borrower	20	33	20	9	31	15
Don't know	7	6	9	7	9	6
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889

[4] When thinking about what actions the federal government should take on student loan debt for **low-income and middle-income borrowers**, which of the following is closest to your view, even if none of these are exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Cancel none of it	31	11	29	52	15	39
Cancel \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for every borrower	13	11	16	12	15	12
Cancel \$25,000 in federal student loan debt for every borrower	12	13	11	11	12	12
Cancel \$50,000 in federal student loan debt for every borrower	11	16	12	6	12	11
Cancel all federal student loan debt for every borrower	27	44	24	11	37	22
Don't know	6	5	8	7	8	6
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889

[5] Would you be more or less likely to vote in November's elections if the Biden administration canceled some amount of student loan debt, or would it make no difference?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Much more likely to vote	20	27	17	15	26	17
Somewhat more likely to vote	11	17	10	6	18	7
Somewhat less likely to vote	3	2	4	3	4	2
Much less likely to vote	4	2	4	7	4	5
Would make no difference on whether or not I vote	62	52	66	68	48	69
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889

[6] Would you be more or less likely to vote for Democrats in November's elections if the Biden administration canceled some amount of student loan debt, or would it make no difference?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Much more likely to vote for Democrats	17	34	11	3	25	12
Somewhat more likely to vote for Democrats	9	14	11	3	16	6
Somewhat less likely to vote for Democrats	4	4	6	3	7	2
Much less likely to vote for Democrats	17	2	17	33	11	21
Would make no difference on whether or not I vote for Democrats	53	47	55	58	41	59
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889

[7] When thinking about the cost of getting a public college education, which of the following actions do you think we should take, even if none exactly match your view?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
We should make public college tuition-free	35	53	34	18	43	31
We should lower public college tuition but not make it free	49	40	48	57	42	52
We should not lower public college tuition or make it free	12	3	13	20	8	14
Don't know	5	4	6	4	7	3
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889

[8] The amount of federal student loan debt held by Americans has increased by 66% over the past decade as the cost of higher education has increased. This increase in college debt is higher than it is in other developed countries, many of which offer free public college tuition.

When thinking about the cost of getting a public college education, which of the following actions do you think we should take, even if none exactly match your view?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
We should make public college tuition-free	37	58	36	18	45	33
We should lower public college tuition but not make it free	47	35	47	60	39	52
We should not lower public college tuition or make it free	11	4	12	17	9	13
Don't know	4	3	5	5	7	3
Weighted N	1,344	500	338	506	455	889