Table 24.-Public opinion on the difference in education quality and funding within states: 1993 and 2001

| Question | 1993 |  |  |  |  |  | 2001 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great deal and quite a lot |  |  | Not too much | Not at all | Do <br> not know | Great deal and quite a lot |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { too } \\ \text { murch } \end{gathered}$ | Not at all | $\begin{gathered} \text { Do } \\ \text { not } \\ \text { know } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Total | A great deal | Quite a lot |  |  |  | Total | A great deal | Quite a lot |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| How much would you say the quality of the education provided by the public schools in your your state differs from school district to school district? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National totals | 62 | 33 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 7 | 59 | 33 | 26 | 33 | 2 | 6 |
| No children in school ........................................................ | 61 | 31 | 30 | 30 | 1 | 8 | 56 | 31 | 25 | 35 | 2 | 7 |
| Public school parents ....................................................... | 62 | 35 | 27 | 33 | 1 | 4 | 65 | 38 | 27 | 29 | 2 | 4 |
| How much would you say the amount of money spent on the public schools in your state differs from school district to school district? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National totals ................................................................... | 54 | 28 | 26 | 33 | 3 | 10 | 57 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 3 | 12 |
| No children in school ........................................................ | 52 | 28 | 24 | 34 | 3 | 11 | 56 | 27 | 29 | 28 | 3 | 13 |
| Public school parents ....................................................... | 58 | 26 | 32 | 32 | 3 | 7 | 60 | 31 | 29 | 28 | 3 | 9 |
| How much does the amount of money spent on a public school student's education affect the quality of his or her education? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National totals ..................................................................... | 68 | 38 | 30 | 25 | 5 | 2 | 68 | 38 | 30 | 25 | 5 | 2 |
| No children in school ....................................................... | 67 | 37 | 30 | 25 | 6 | 2 | 65 | 34 | 31 | 27 | 6 | 2 |
| Public school parents ........................................................ | 70 | 40 | 30 | 25 | 2 | 3 | 73 | 44 | 29 | 23 | 3 | 1 |

SOURCE: Phi Delta Kappa, "The Annual Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools," various years. (This table was prepared January 2002.)

