

NAEP 2021 School Survey

Highlights from April 2021 Results

ABOUT THE STUDY

The NAEP 2021 School Survey is a pilot study to provide data for understanding learning opportunities offered by schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data have been collected monthly since February from nationally representative samples of schools with a grade 4 or a grade 8. The survey is scheduled to collect data through June 2021. Results are available at the Monthly School Survey Dashboard available at <https://ies.ed.gov/schoolsurvey/>.

OVERVIEW OF DATA COLLECTION FOR APRIL

- Between May 19 and June 2, NCES collected data from 2,100 schools with grade 4 and 2,000 schools with grade 8 about the status of schools reopening for April 2021.
 - Participation rates varied for each survey question, with national public school participation rates ranging from 62% to 76%. To view national participation rates per question, see page 12. Visit the dashboard website for state- and district-level participation rates in [grade 4](#) and [grade 8](#).
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SURVEY SCHEDULE

What are the data collection windows?	What months will the data represent?	When will the dashboard be updated?
February 22 – March 12	January*	March 24
March 17 – 30	February	April 7
April 14 – 27	March	May 6
May 19 – June 2	April	June 10
June 16 – 29	May	July 8

*Question one in the first data collection reflects February 22- March 12 due to wording of question.

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Trends in percentage of public schools in the nation by type of instruction offered: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Ninety-seven percent of public schools with a grade 4 were open for hybrid or full-time in-person learning in April – up nine percentage points since March.
- Almost two-thirds were open for full-time in-person instruction to all students.

Grade 4

Percentage of public schools with a grade 4	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
"Open" or Offering ANY In-Person	77 *	79 *	88 *	97
Full-Time Offered to ANY	51 *	55 *	62 *	66
Full-time to ALL	47 *	51 *	56 *	60
Hybrid Offered to ANY	38 *	37 *	44	46
Hybrid to ALL	33 *	32 *	38 *	41
Offering Full Remote ONLY	23 *	21 *	12 *	3
Full Remote Offered to ANY	89	90 *	89 *	86
Full Remote Offered to ALL	82 *	82 *	79	77

Findings:

- Ninety-three percent of public schools with a grade 8 were open for hybrid or full-time in-person learning in April – up four percentage points since March.
- Over half were open for full-time in-person instruction to all students.

Grade 8

Percentage of public schools with a grade 8	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
"Open" or Offering ANY In-Person	75 *	80 *	89 *	93
Full-Time Offered to ANY	51 *	53 *	60 *	66
Full-time to ALL	46 *	46 *	51 *	57
Hybrid Offered to ANY	43 *	44 *	49	50
Hybrid to ALL	35 *	38	43	43
Offering Full Remote ONLY	25 *	20 *	11 *	7
Full Remote Offered to ANY	85	88	87	85
Full Remote Offered to ALL	79 *	78	78	74

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Note: The first data collection (labeled as January) asked schools to indicate their current instructional offerings and took place from February 22 – March 12. All other questions asked respondents about January.

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Trends in percentage of public schools in the nation by type of instruction offered: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Ninety-six percent of public schools with a grade 4 or 8 were open for hybrid or full-time in-person learning in April – up seven percentage points since March.
- Nearly 60 percent were open for full-time in-person instruction to all students.

Percentage of public schools with a grade 4 or grade 8	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
"Open" or Offering ANY In-Person	77*	80*	88*	96
Full-Time Offered to ANY	51*	55*	61*	66
Full-time to ALL	46*	49*	54*	59
Hybrid Offered to ANY	40*	40*	46	47
Hybrid to ALL	34*	34*	39	42
Offering Full Remote ONLY	23*	20*	12*	4
Full Remote Offered to ANY	88	89*	89*	86
Full Remote Offered to ALL	81*	81*	79*	76

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Trends in percentage of public school students in the nation by enrollment: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Seventy-four percent of public school fourth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in April – up 10 percentage points since March.
- Fifty-one percent were enrolled full-time in-person.

Grade 4

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 4	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
In-person full-time or hybrid	55*	57*	65*	74
In-person full-time	38*	39*	44*	51
Hybrid	17*	18*	21	23
Not in person (remote-only)	43*	42*	34*	26

Findings:

- About two-thirds of public school eighth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in April – up nine percentage points since March.
- Forty-one percent were enrolled full-time in-person.

Grade 8

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 8	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
In-person full-time or hybrid	48*	53*	58*	67
In-person full-time	28*	29*	33*	41
Hybrid	20*	24	25	26
Not in person (remote-only)	48*	45*	40*	33

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Trends in percentage of public school students in the nation by enrollment: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Seventy-one percent of public school fourth- and eighth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in April – up about 10 percentage points since March.
- Forty-six percent were enrolled full-time in-person.

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 4 and grade 8	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
In-person full-time or hybrid	51*	55*	61*	71
In-person full-time	33*	34*	38*	46
Hybrid	19*	21*	23	25
Not in person (remote-only)	46*	44*	37*	29

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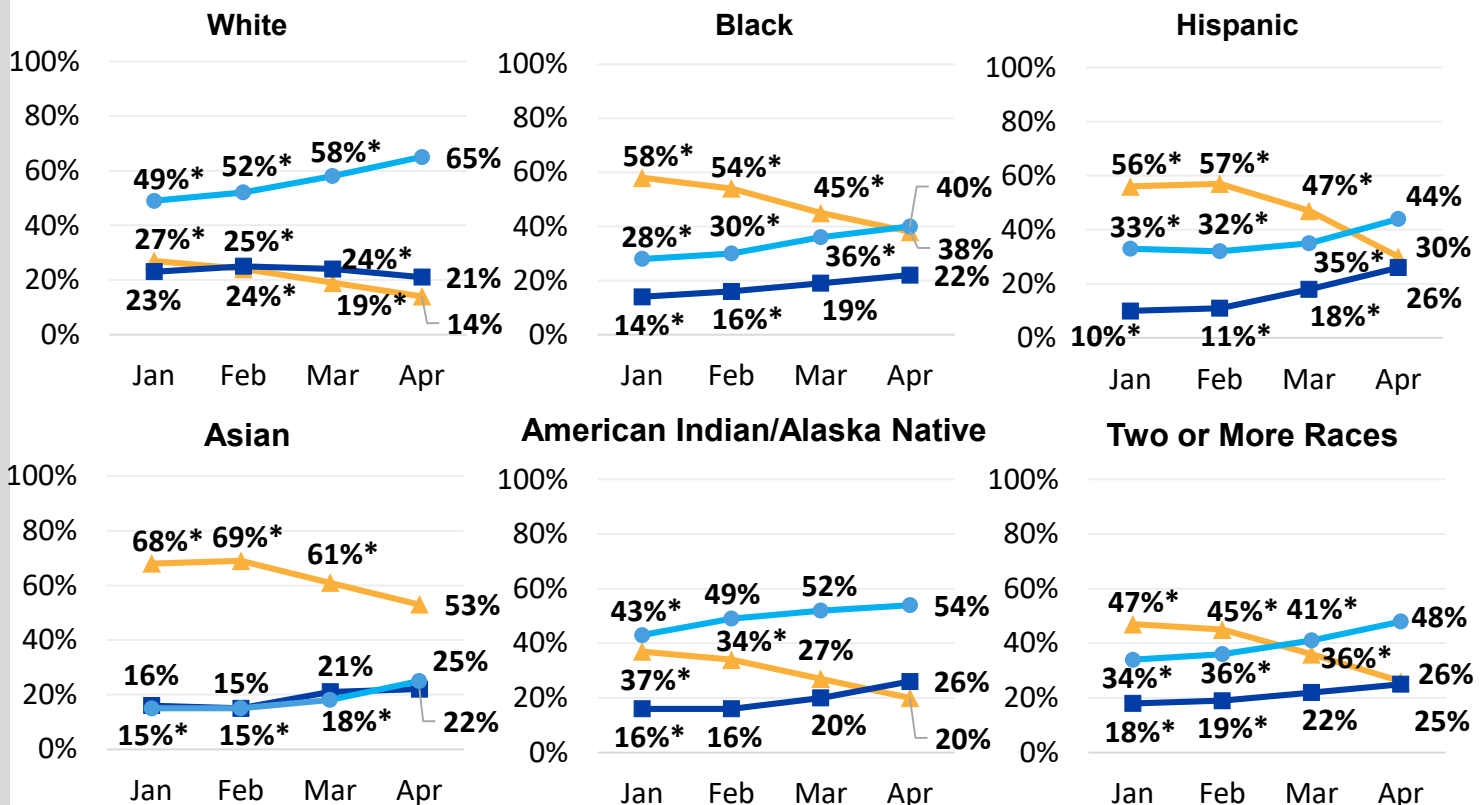
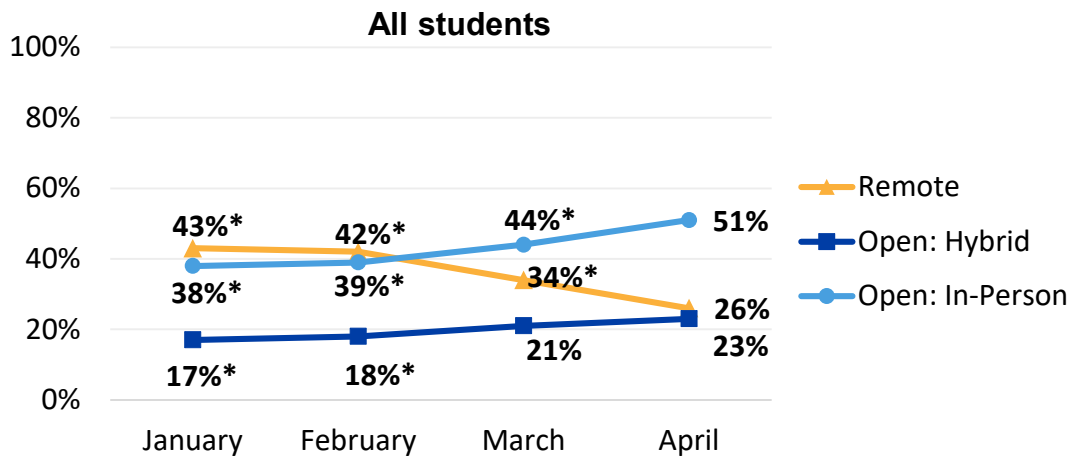
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Trends in percentage of fourth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by race/ethnicity: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Seventy-four percent of public school fourth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in April – up 10 percentage points since March.
- Fifty-one percent of public school fourth-graders enrolled for in-person learning in April, up eight percentage points since March.
- Most student groups had increases in the percentage of students enrolled in full-time in-person instruction; however, a larger proportion of White students continued to be enrolled full-time in-person than their Black, Hispanic, and Asian peers.

Grade 4



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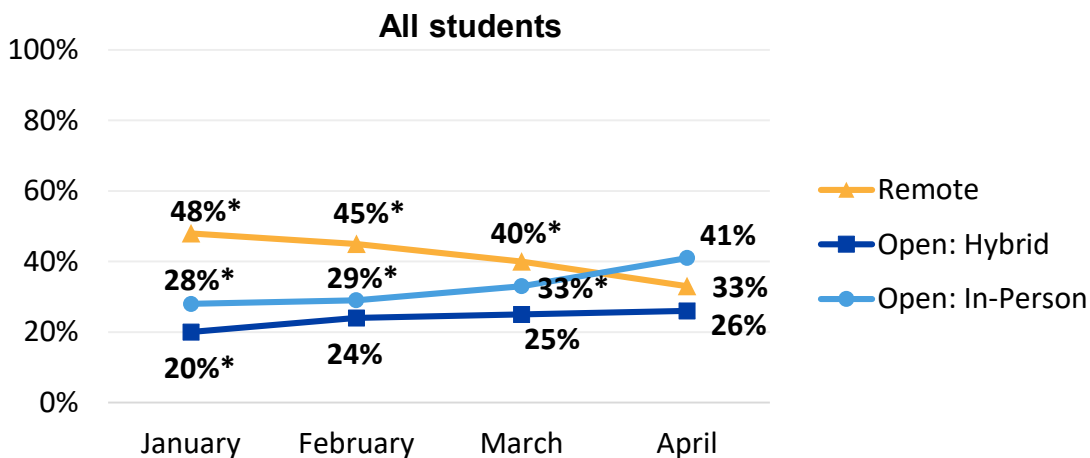
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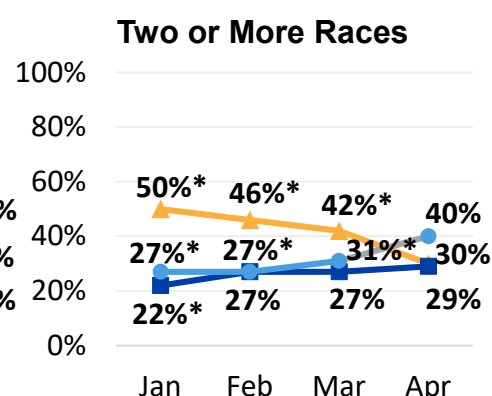
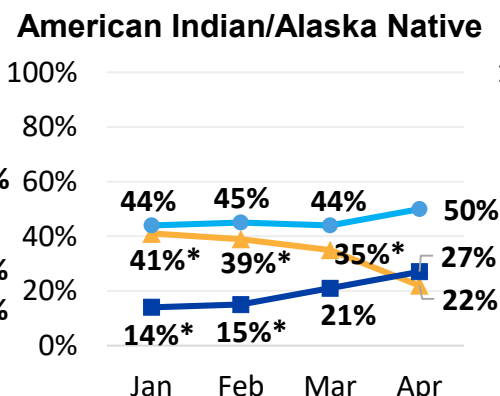
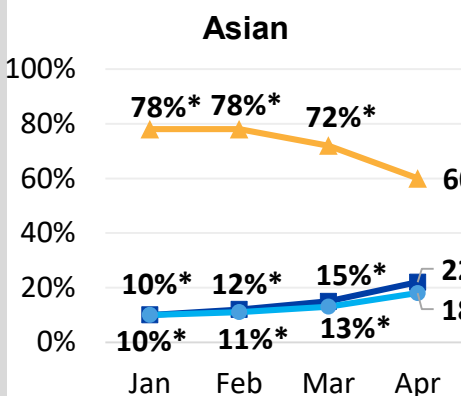
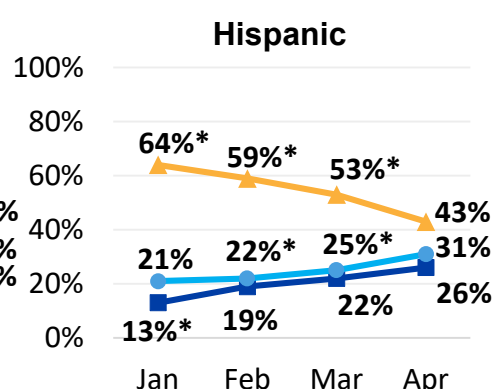
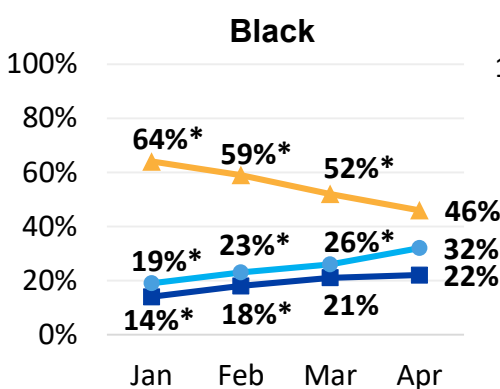
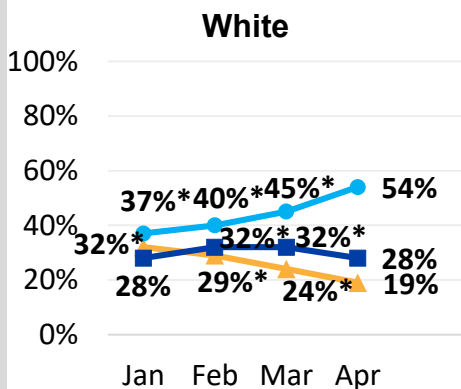
Trends in percentage of eighth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by race/ethnicity: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Sixty-seven percent of public school eighth-graders were enrolled in full-time in-person or hybrid instruction in April – up nine percentage points since March.
- Forty-one percent of public school eighth-graders enrolled in full-time in-person learning in April, up eight percentage points since March
- Most student groups had increases in the percentage of students enrolled in full-time in-person instruction; however, a larger proportion of White students continued to be enrolled full-time in-person than their Black, Hispanic, and Asian peers.



Grade 8



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Trends in percentage of fourth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by region: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Every reportable region made gains in the percentage of public school fourth-graders enrolled full-time in-person in April.

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 4		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Northeast	In-person full-time or hybrid	59*	59*	62*	66
	In-person full-time	23*	19*	26*	40
	Hybrid	36*	40*	37*	27
	Not in person (remote-only)	41*	40*	36	34
South	In-person full-time or hybrid	61*	66*	72*	77
	In-person full-time	46*	52*	55*	59
	Hybrid	15	14	17	17
	Not in person (remote-only)	37*	33*	27*	23
Midwest	In-person full-time or hybrid	65*	72*	74*	78
	In-person full-time	49*	53*	58*	62
	Hybrid	16	19	17	16
	Not in person (remote-only)	32*	27*	24*	22
West	In-person full-time or hybrid	‡	24	41	‡
	In-person full-time	‡	14	18	‡
	Hybrid	‡	10	23	‡
	Not in person (remote-only)	‡	75	59	‡

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Trends in percentage of eighth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by region: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- Every reportable region saw increases in full-time enrollment for full-time in-person learning at grade 8 in April.

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 8		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Northeast	In-person full-time or hybrid	42 *	50 *	58 *	64
	In-person full-time	10 *	10 *	13 *	26
	Hybrid	32 *	40	44 *	38
	Not in person (remote-only)	54 *	50 *	40 *	36
South	In-person full-time or hybrid	54 *	61 *	65	67
	In-person full-time	38 *	42 *	45 *	50
	Hybrid	16	19	19	17
	Not in person (remote-only)	42 *	38 *	33	32
Midwest	In-person full-time or hybrid	61 *	69 *	72 *	76
	In-person full-time	35 *	37 *	44 *	52
	Hybrid	26	32 *	29 *	24
	Not in person (remote-only)	33 *	29 *	25	24
West	In-person full-time or hybrid	23	23	33	‡
	In-person full-time	9	8	12	‡
	Hybrid	13	15	21	‡
	Not in person (remote-only)	75	72	65	‡

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Trends in percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade students enrolled in full-time in-school, hybrid, and full-time remote instruction by region: January – April, 2021

Findings:

- When combining fourth- and eighth-graders, every reportable region saw increases in full-time in-person enrollment in April.

Percentage of students enrolled in public schools in grade 4 and grade 8		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Northeast	In-person full-time or hybrid	50*	54*	60*	65
	In-person full-time	16*	14*	19*	33
	Hybrid	34	40*	41*	33
	Not in person (remote-only)	48*	45*	38*	35
South	In-person full-time or hybrid	58*	63*	68*	72
	In-person full-time	42*	47*	50*	55
	Hybrid	15	17	18	17
	Not in person (remote-only)	39*	35*	30*	28
Midwest	In-person full-time or hybrid	63*	70*	73*	77
	In-person full-time	42*	44*	50*	57
	Hybrid	21	26*	23*	20
	Not in person (remote-only)	33*	28*	24	23
West	In-person full-time or hybrid	‡	23	37	‡
	In-person full-time	‡	11	15	‡
	Hybrid	‡	13	22	‡
	Not in person (remote-only)	‡	74	62	‡

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Percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade public school students, by enrollment mode and state: March – April, 2021

Jurisdiction	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS BY ENROLLMENT IN INSTRUCTIONAL MODE																	
	Grade 4						Grade 8											
	In-person		Hybrid		Remote		In-person		Hybrid		Remote							
	March	April		March	April		March	April		March	April		March	April				
Nation (Public)	44	51		21	23		34	26		33	41		25	26		40	33	
Alabama	50	61	*	24	25		17	14		60	69		16	16		21	15	
Alaska	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Arizona	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Arkansas	58	63		26	23		14	14		69	69		14	12		17	19	
California	5	‡		23	‡		72	‡		1	‡		17	‡		80	‡	
Colorado	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Connecticut	35	51	*	50	35	*	15	14		20	36	*	55	41	*	23	24	
Delaware	5	8		56	53		39	39		4	2	*	48	51		48	47	
District of Columbia	#	#		13	25	*	87	75	*	#	#		7	10		93	90	
Florida	77	78	*	#	#		23	22	*	67	69	*	2	2		31	29	*
Georgia	‡	60		‡	14		‡	26		51	56		13	15		36	29	
Hawaii	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Idaho	86	90		7	5		5	5		76	67		20	28		4	5	
Illinois	28	39	*	33	23	*	39	38		15	‡		40	‡		40	‡	
Indiana	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Iowa	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Kansas	83	77		2	11		15	12		53	76	*	26	8	*	22	16	
Kentucky	38	45		40	35		23	20	*	20	30	*	39	46	*	41	24	*
Louisiana	87	86		4	5		10	9		71	71		11	12		16	17	
Maine	31	38	*	56	50	*	13	12		26	35	*	56	50	*	15	14	
Maryland	6	8		22	59	*	72	33	*	5	6	*	25	47	*	67	47	*
Massachusetts	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		9	‡		54	‡		34	‡	
Michigan	52	51		11	18		35	31		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Minnesota	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Mississippi	63	70		18	16		17	14		63	‡		16	‡		21	‡	
Missouri	76	78		11	7		13	14		‡	72		‡	10		‡	18	
Montana	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Nebraska	93	93		#	#		7	7		87	88		2	1		11	11	
Nevada	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
New Hampshire	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
New Jersey	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	16		‡	37		‡	47	
New Mexico	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
New York	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
North Carolina	21	36	*	50	40	*	27	24		7	30	*	60	41	*	33	29	*
North Dakota	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Ohio	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Oklahoma	79	82		11	9		9	9		54	‡		21	‡		16	‡	
Oregon	10	19		35	60	*	55	21	*	5	19	*	36	52		59	28	*
Pennsylvania	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	28		‡	40		‡	31	
Puerto Rico	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Rhode Island	55	67	*	17	11		22	23		27	‡		34	‡		32	‡	
South Carolina	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
South Dakota	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Tennessee	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
Texas	67	70	*	7	7		27	23	*	54	54		10	7		30	39	
Utah	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Vermont	47	57		41	34		9	9		17	22		70	66		14	12	*
Virginia	7	7		52	52		41	40		8	11		40	34		53	55	
Washington	‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡		‡	‡	
West Virginia	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—	
Wisconsin	63	‡		7	‡		31	‡		47	51		30	31		23	18	*
Wyoming	90	95		2	2		4	3		88	94	*	5	#		7	6	

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Rounds to zero.

– Declined to participate.

‡ Insufficient data or standards not met.

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NAEP monthly school survey participation rates for public schools nationally, by question: April, 2021

Survey Questions	Grade 4	Grade 8
Q1. To what degree did schools offer remote only, hybrid, or full-time in-person instruction at the time of data collection in April?	76	75
Q2. What was the proportion of students overall and by various student groups enrolled in each instructional mode in April? (by race/ethnicity)	73	72
Q3. What was the proportion of students overall and by various student groups enrolled in each instructional mode in April? (by special population)	73	72
Q4. What type of hybrid model was offered in April?	72	72
Q5. On average, how many days were students offered in-person instruction under the hybrid instructional mode in April?	72	72
Q6. How many hours of synchronous (i.e., live) instruction did students receive on average daily under the remote learning mode in April?	72	72
Q7. Which student groups received priority for in-person instruction in April?	72	71
Q8. What was the attendance rate for each subpopulation enrolled in each mode of instruction for grade [4 or 8 as appropriate] students in April? (by race/ethnicity)	66	63
Q9. What was the attendance rate for each subpopulation enrolled in each mode of instruction for grade [4 or 8 as appropriate] students in April? (by special population)	65	62
Q10. As of April, approximately what percentage of teachers in your school had received at least one shot of a COVID-19 vaccine?	73	72