



2013 Speak Up Survey

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District: OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Results based on 467 survey(s).

Note: Survey responses are based upon the number of individuals that responded to the specific question.

1 Please select the grades of your child(ren) in school this year.

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Preschool	18	4%	6%	4%
Kindergarten - Grade 1 - Grade 2	174	38%	42%	31%
Grade 3 - Grade 4 - Grade 5	150	32%	38%	34%
Grade 6 - Grade 7 - Grade 8	153	33%	29%	34%
Grade 9 - Grade 10 - Grade 11 - Grade 12	161	35%	28%	36%
Other	2	0%	0%	1%

2 How would you describe your own technology skills?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
An advanced tech user – My skills are more advanced than most adults I know	174	38%	37%	36%
An average tech user – My skills are the same as most adults I know	273	59%	59%	59%
A beginner tech user -- I am still learning how to use most technology tools	15	3%	4%	5%

3 What types of mobile devices do you have access to for your own use?(check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Cell phone (without Internet access)	79	17%	19%	23%
Smartphone (with Internet access such as: Droid, iPhone, Windows Phone)	400	87%	87%	85%
Laptop	397	86%	85%	84%
Netbook	44	10%	9%	8%

Tablet computer (such as iPad)	314	68%	67%	64%
Digital reader (such as: Kindle, Nook)	199	43%	43%	41%
Music or video device (such as: MP3 player, iPod or iPod Touch)	266	58%	57%	60%
Other	10	2%	3%	4%

4 What kind of computer and Internet access do you have at home?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
A computer with no Internet access	3	1%	2%	2%
A computer with "dial-up" or slow Internet access	3	1%	1%	2%
A computer with fast Internet access (such as: DSL, Broadband, or cable)	433	94%	91%	89%
I access the Internet at home through a TV or Wii system	81	18%	18%	19%
I access the Internet through a wifi or 3G/4G mobile device like a smartphone or tablet computer.	223	48%	50%	48%
No computer at home. My primary access to technology is at public libraries, community centers, etc.	2	0%	1%	1%
No computer at home. My primary access to technology is where I work	1	0%	1%	1%

5 How important is the effective implementation of technology within instruction to your child(ren)'s success?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Extremely Important	230	50%	51%	53%
Important	159	34%	34%	34%
Somewhat Important	65	14%	13%	10%
Not Important	8	2%	1%	2%
No Opinion	0	0%	0%	0%

6 What concerns you most about the use of technology at your child's school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Class or school information on the website or portal is often out of date	75	21%	19%	22%
Concerns about the confidentiality of my child's school records or private information on the school network	88	24%	27%	30%
Commercial advertisements on digital content or tools used at school	75	21%	22%	21%
I cannot communicate with my child during the school day because of school policies	44	12%	11%	12%
Internet filters and firewalls block educational sites that my child needs for schoolwork	31	8%	10%	8%
My child cannot access the social media tools they are used to using at home during the school day	9	2%	4%	3%
My child cannot use his/her own mobile device (laptop, smartphone, tablet) within class to help with their schoolwork	26	7%	8%	11%

<i>My child is not learning how to use technology effectively, safely and responsibly</i>	57	16%	14%	15%
<i>Lack of administrative commitment to effective technology use schoolwide</i>	37	10%	9%	12%
<i>Lack of online courses for my child to take</i>	43	12%	12%	13%
<i>School does not have enough Internet bandwidth to support greater use of technology</i>	39	11%	10%	12%
<i>School Internet filters and firewalls are not effective enough in protecting my child when he/she is online</i>	30	8%	9%	8%
<i>Students are using technology to cheat and hurt each other without appropriate consequences</i>	46	13%	12%	14%
<i>Students rarely have access to technology in the classroom</i>	40	11%	12%	16%
<i>Teachers are not taking advantage of technology that is at the school</i>	39	11%	10%	13%
<i>Teachers are not taking advantage of technology to communicate more with me about my child</i>	63	17%	14%	19%
<i>Teachers are not trained in how to effectively use technology within instruction</i>	48	13%	14%	15%
<i>Technology use is very teacher dependent with a lot of variance between classes on usage</i>	127	35%	32%	32%
<i>The technology at the school is out of date or ineffective</i>	31	8%	7%	11%
<i>There are not enough computers for every student to use</i>	126	35%	31%	33%
<i>There are too many rules against using technology at school</i>	18	5%	5%	6%
<i>Other</i>	64	18%	18%	17%

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How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: As a result of how technology is used in my child's school, I believe that he/she is being well prepared to use digital tools and resources in college or in a future job. (select one)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Strongly agree</i>	55	14%	23%	19%
<i>Somewhat agree</i>	235	58%	51%	49%
<i>Somewhat disagree</i>	60	15%	13%	15%
<i>Strongly disagree</i>	21	5%	5%	8%
<i>No opinion</i>	19	5%	5%	4%
<i>Unsure</i>	12	3%	3%	5%

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Many schools are exploring how to leverage mobile devices (such as laptops, tablets, netbooks, digital readers or smartphones) to improve student achievement. What do you think would be the primary benefits of incorporating such devices into the classroom instruction? (check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Access to online textbooks</i>	246	62%	65%	62%
<i>Improves teacher-parent-student communications</i>	213	53%	55%	52%
<i>Increases student engagement in school and learning</i>	230	58%	59%	55%
<i>Increases teacher productivity</i>	113	28%	31%	29%
<i>Provides a way for instruction to be personalized for each student</i>	193	48%	48%	49%

<i>Provides a way for students to review classroom material after school</i>	256	64%	63%	63%
<i>Provide a way for the teacher to create a learning center environment</i>	131	33%	34%	35%
<i>Provides a way to help students who are struggling</i>	154	39%	39%	41%
<i>Students develop collaboration and teamwork skills</i>	106	27%	28%	27%
<i>Students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills</i>	118	30%	32%	32%
<i>Students develop stronger communications skills</i>	65	16%	19%	22%
<i>These devices help to extend learning beyond the school day</i>	198	50%	50%	49%
<i>Use of these devices will help improve the teacher's technology skills</i>	81	20%	21%	23%
<i>I don't think these devices will positively impact learning</i>	36	9%	7%	7%
<i>No significant benefit</i>	20	5%	5%	5%
<i>Other</i>	32	8%	7%	7%

9 *If your child's school allowed the use of mobile devices for educational purposes, how likely would you be to purchase one for your child to use at school?*

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Very likely</i>	164	41%	45%	39%
<i>Somewhat likely</i>	95	24%	23%	25%
<i>Somewhat unlikely</i>	33	8%	7%	6%
<i>Very unlikely</i>	34	8%	7%	9%
<i>No opinion</i>	12	3%	3%	2%
<i>Unsure</i>	17	4%	4%	6%
<i>I think it is the responsibility of the school to provide technology for my child to use for educational purposes.</i>	46	11%	11%	13%

10 *Imagine there are two comparable classes at your child's school. In one class, your child could use their own mobile device in the class. In the other class, that was not allowed. How likely is that you would want your child to be in the class where he/she could use their own mobile device?*

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Very likely</i>	160	40%	41%	38%
<i>Somewhat likely</i>	97	24%	25%	23%
<i>Somewhat unlikely</i>	22	6%	6%	6%
<i>Very unlikely</i>	45	11%	10%	11%
<i>Would not make a difference to me</i>	43	11%	10%	11%
<i>Not sure</i>	29	7%	8%	8%
<i>No opinion</i>	3	1%	1%	2%

11 *Many schools are now providing online classes for their students where the instruction and content is delivered primarily over the Internet. Based upon what you know about online classes, what would be the most important benefits to your child of taking an online class as part of their education? (check all that apply)*

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Ability to review the material as many times as he/she wanted</i>	222	59%	60%	58%

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Ability to work at his/her pace	219	58%	59%	60%
Better fit for how my child wants to learn	75	20%	21%	21%
Get college credit for an advance class	141	37%	37%	40%
Get more individualized attention from the teacher	55	15%	16%	19%
Increase my child's motivation or engagement in the course material	91	24%	28%	28%
Keep my child in school and on track to graduate	34	9%	13%	14%
Make class scheduling easier	75	20%	19%	20%
Take a class not offered at his/her school	201	53%	49%	50%
This would not be good for my child	51	13%	12%	14%
No opinion	19	5%	4%	4%
Other	32	8%	8%	7%

12 Have you ever taken a fully online or virtual course for your own purposes?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Yes - through my work or job	181	48%	49%	46%
Yes - on my own to learn new skills	94	25%	25%	24%
Yes - to explore a personal interest or hobby	46	12%	12%	14%
Yes - as part of college or an academic program	118	31%	31%	29%
Yes - for compliance such as online traffic school	12	3%	3%	7%
No - but I would be interested in taking an online course if it was an option for me	67	18%	18%	21%
No - and I don't think I would be interested in taking an online course	37	10%	11%	10%

13 This year there has been new interest in making sure that every student has access to high speed Internet as part of their education. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: I would be willing to pay up to 50 cents more each month (or \$6 annually) on my phone bill if those extra funds were used specifically to increase school access to the Internet for student learning purposes.

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Strongly agree	134	35%	38%	40%
Somewhat agree	96	25%	27%	26%
Somewhat disagree	36	9%	8%	7%
Strongly disagree	76	20%	17%	16%
No opinion	13	3%	4%	4%
Unsure	26	7%	6%	6%

14 Besides having strong subject area knowledge (such as in English, math, science, history) which of these college and workplace skills do you think are most important for your child to learn to be successful in the future?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Ability to communicate in more than one language	184	48%	51%	50%
Ability to learn new skills independently	249	66%	65%	67%
Ability to work with a diverse group of people	265	70%	70%	71%

<i>Appreciation of the arts</i>	111	29%	32%	32%
<i>Awareness of global issues</i>	162	43%	44%	49%
<i>Being creative and "thinking outside of the box"</i>	278	73%	73%	72%
<i>Critical thinking and problem solving skills</i>	339	89%	86%	85%
<i>Effective communications through public speaking</i>	218	57%	57%	60%
<i>Effective communications through writing</i>	251	66%	64%	68%
<i>Financial literacy - understanding personal finances</i>	256	67%	64%	66%
<i>Information and media literacy skills</i>	143	38%	38%	39%
<i>Leadership skills</i>	251	66%	67%	65%
<i>Research skills</i>	200	53%	55%	57%
<i>Teamwork and collaboration skills</i>	264	69%	67%	69%
<i>Technology skills</i>	249	66%	68%	69%
<i>Understanding of civics and community responsibilities</i>	154	41%	42%	41%
<i>Other</i>	13	3%	3%	4%

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Based upon your response to question 14, what do you think is the best way for your child to acquire these skills?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Attending local government meetings</i>	56	15%	13%	12%
<i>Being on a sports or academic team</i>	217	57%	56%	50%
<i>Doing scientific experiments or conducting research projects</i>	170	45%	46%	47%
<i>Debating current issues, within a club structure or informally</i>	144	38%	37%	38%
<i>Keeping updated on global current affairs through news media sites</i>	136	36%	37%	38%
<i>Learning a second language</i>	183	48%	49%	47%
<i>Participating in after school or summer academic programs</i>	160	42%	42%	41%
<i>Participating in school leadership opportunities</i>	236	62%	62%	59%
<i>Public speaking opportunities through clubs or volunteer activities</i>	172	46%	45%	43%
<i>Pursuing artistic and/or performance interests</i>	110	29%	29%	32%
<i>Study abroad or participating in a student exchange program</i>	108	29%	27%	27%
<i>Taking a special course to improve technology skills</i>	156	41%	43%	45%
<i>Taking a variety of electives at school</i>	206	54%	55%	56%
<i>Taking pre-professional or vocational classes</i>	123	33%	31%	30%
<i>Using technology within his/her classes</i>	214	57%	56%	60%
<i>Volunteering or completing an internship</i>	202	53%	49%	48%
<i>Working on group projects in class</i>	190	50%	50%	50%
<i>Other</i>	14	4%	3%	5%

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Communicating effectively through writing is an important college and workplace skill. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: My child(ren) is a better writer because of their ability to use technology in school and at home.

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Strongly agree</i>	65	17%	22%	20%
<i>Somewhat agree</i>	104	28%	28%	31%
<i>Somewhat disagree</i>	88	24%	19%	21%
<i>Strongly disagree</i>	70	19%	17%	16%
<i>No opinion</i>	28	8%	8%	7%
<i>Unsure</i>	18	5%	5%	5%

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How do you want your child's teacher, school or district to communicate information to you? (check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Automated phone messages about my child's academic performance</i>	48	13%	17%	20%
<i>Automated phone messages about my child's attendance</i>	72	19%	20%	25%
<i>Broadcast or announcement messages to my home phone</i>	52	14%	12%	18%
<i>Class blogs</i>	118	32%	28%	21%
<i>Face-to-face meetings</i>	208	56%	59%	58%
<i>Hard copy flyers or newsletters that are sent home with my child or mailed to us</i>	78	21%	24%	21%
<i>Listserv messages or newsletters</i>	79	21%	17%	13%
<i>Local newspaper or public TV announcements</i>	7	2%	2%	3%
<i>Mobile app</i>	81	22%	25%	25%
<i>Parent association meetings or school board meetings</i>	51	14%	15%	14%
<i>Personal emails</i>	337	91%	87%	88%
<i>Personal phone calls</i>	155	42%	43%	47%
<i>School blog postings</i>	60	16%	13%	11%
<i>School or district Facebook account</i>	49	13%	13%	14%
<i>School or district informational web site</i>	109	29%	27%	33%
<i>School portal that includes information on grades and assignments</i>	170	46%	43%	45%
<i>Skype or ichat for teacher-parent meetings</i>	23	6%	5%	9%
<i>Text message to my mobile device</i>	167	45%	45%	41%
<i>Use Twitter to send updates</i>	15	4%	4%	3%
<i>Other</i>	7	2%	3%	3%

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Which of these social media tools or applications do you use for your own personal interests? (check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Communicate with others through discussion boards, social networking sites, chat or online communities</i>	210	57%	55%	52%
<i>Communicate with others through text message</i>	335	91%	89%	88%
<i>Create videos to post and share with others (such as: YouTube, Facebook video)</i>	75	20%	21%	18%
<i>Download and view videos from the Internet</i>	167	45%	43%	40%
<i>Follow blogs that interest me</i>	142	38%	35%	33%

<i>Participate in an online community around a topic that I am interested in</i>	90	24%	22%	21%
<i>Participate in massively multiplayer online games (MMOG) or other virtual reality worlds (such as: World of Warcraft)</i>	15	4%	4%	3%
<i>Participate in online/mobile app games (such as: Words With Friends, Facebook games)</i>	88	24%	25%	28%
<i>Social media apps (such as: Instagram, Snapchat, Vine)</i>	103	28%	27%	26%
<i>Stream TV shows/movies from the internet (such as: Hulu, Netflix)</i>	159	43%	42%	39%
<i>Take online classes</i>	105	28%	29%	31%
<i>Talk to others over the Internet (such as: Skype, Facetime or iChat)</i>	160	43%	42%	45%
<i>Update my social networking profile (Facebook or LinkedIn)</i>	215	58%	57%	57%
<i>Use educational mobile apps (such as:</i>				
<i>graphing calculator, vocabulary lists, language translators)</i>	108	29%	29%	30%
<i>Use Twitter to communicate or follow others</i>	71	19%	19%	16%
<i>Use web tools/mobile apps to create a list of resources I want to share or remember (such as: Evernote, Pinterest)</i>	110	30%	29%	27%
<i>Write collaboratively with others (such as: GOOGLE docs)</i>	109	30%	26%	22%
<i>Write or contribute to a blog (my own or someone else's)</i>	47	13%	10%	9%
<i>None of the above</i>	10	3%	3%	3%
<i>Other</i>	9	2%	2%	2%

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What concerns you the most about your child(ren)'s Internet use at school or home? (check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
<i>Advertising and spam</i>	183	49%	52%	51%
<i>Cheating on tests by using mobile devices to look up information</i>	77	21%	23%	25%
<i>Copyright issues/illegal file sharing</i>	59	16%	15%	20%
<i>Cyberbullying</i>	219	59%	59%	62%
<i>Difficulty evaluating the credibility of an online resource</i>	154	41%	40%	43%
<i>Ineffective Internet filters and firewalls</i>	125	34%	34%	34%
<i>Meeting strangers online</i>	206	55%	58%	62%
<i>Online predators</i>	242	65%	65%	66%
<i>Plagiarism by copying and pasting online content</i>	100	27%	27%	29%
<i>Privacy of my child's records and information on the school network</i>	115	31%	33%	36%
<i>Sharing too much personal information online</i>	239	64%	64%	66%
<i>Too much time spent looking at a computer screen</i>	218	59%	57%	61%
<i>Violent or inappropriate video or online games</i>	155	42%	45%	44%
<i>Web sites that are inappropriate for my child's age</i>	225	60%	62%	60%

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I don't have any concerns	11	3%	3%	3%
Other	19	5%	5%	5%

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If you were on a technology committee for a new school, which of these would you recommend as a good investment to enhance student achievement? (check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Ability for students to use their own mobile devices at school (such as smartphones and tablets)	162	44%	46%	39%
Ability to access the Internet anywhere at school	175	48%	48%	46%
Adaptive learning software which adjusts levels of difficulty and content to address student needs	227	62%	62%	63%
Chat rooms for students to discuss topics while in class	40	11%	11%	14%
Digital content (such as: databases, electronic books, animations, videos etc)	178	49%	46%	47%
Digital media creation tools (video, audio)	148	41%	37%	41%
Digital reader (such as: Kindle, Nook)	166	45%	45%	42%
Educational mobile apps (such as: graphing calculator, vocabulary lists, language translators)	196	54%	53%	54%
Electronic portfolios for students	93	25%	24%	28%
Games or virtual simulations	47	13%	13%	12%
Handheld student response systems	76	21%	19%	17%
High speed color printer	56	15%	18%	21%
Interactive whiteboards (such as: Smartboard, Polyvision)	216	59%	55%	49%
Keyboards for mobile devices	55	15%	17%	17%
Laptop for every student to use at school	135	37%	36%	42%
Learning management systems (such as: Blackboard)	72	20%	19%	28%
Online classes	111	30%	32%	35%
Online tests and assessments	139	38%	37%	38%
Online textbooks	191	52%	54%	53%
Online tutors	151	41%	39%	43%
School portal or website	173	47%	49%	48%
Simulations	57	16%	15%	17%
Social media tools for collaboration and communications (blogs, wikis, social networking sites)	40	11%	10%	12%
Tablet computer (such as iPad) for every student to use at school	136	37%	36%	39%
Text messaging	49	13%	13%	13%
Tools that help my child(ren) organize their work (such as: organize my assignments, take notes, organize my ideas)	190	52%	50%	51%
Video conferences and webinars	65	18%	17%	21%
Virtual reality games or environments	19	5%	6%	6%
Other	11	3%	3%	4%

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21 *Many US states are implementing new curriculum standards called the "Common Core State Standards." On a scale of 0 to 3 what is your level of familiarity with these new education standards?*

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
0 = never heard of this before	74	20%	21%	26%
1 = minimum level of familiarity	75	21%	21%	27%
2 = moderate level of familiarity	127	35%	34%	28%
3 = high level of familiarity	89	24%	24%	18%

22 *If you are familiar with the Common Core State Standards, how did you learn about them? (Check all that apply)*

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Blogs	24	7%	6%	5%
Business clubs	1	0%	0%	1%
Child's teacher	106	33%	36%	24%
Church groups	6	2%	1%	1%
District web site	52	16%	14%	14%
Employer or work related sources	55	17%	17%	17%
Fraternal organizations or social clubs	2	1%	1%	1%
My children	32	10%	10%	9%
Neighbors/friends/relatives	54	17%	17%	15%
Newspapers/magazines	62	19%	18%	19%
Online news	82	25%	23%	22%
Personal social media channels	24	7%	7%	6%
Politicians or elected officials	18	6%	5%	4%
PTA / PTO / Parent support group	51	16%	15%	11%
Radio news	29	9%	8%	6%
School or district social media channels	27	8%	8%	7%
School principal	43	13%	13%	13%
School web site	57	18%	18%	12%
TV news	31	10%	10%	10%
Have not heard anything about this	42	13%	14%	18%
Other	35	11%	9%	9%

Are you a..

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Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Mom	256	71%	71%	78%
Dad	98	27%	26%	20%
Grandparent	5	1%	2%	1%
Other relative or guardian	2	1%	0%	1%

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Gender

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
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Female	255	71%	72%	79%
Male	106	29%	28%	21%

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Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Under 29	8	2%	3%	2%
30-39	99	27%	30%	28%
40-49	206	56%	53%	52%
50-59	50	14%	11%	16%
60-69	3	1%	1%	1%
70 +	2	1%	1%	0%

27 Race or Cultural Identity

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	1%	1%	2%
Asian	9	2%	7%	6%
Black/African-American	4	1%	2%	4%
Caucasian/White (non-Hispanic)	317	87%	82%	75%
Hispanic/Latino	10	3%	4%	6%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0%	0%	2%
Decline to state	19	5%	4%	6%
Other	5	1%	1%	2%

Highest level of educational attainment

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Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Less than high school diploma	2	1%	1%	1%
High school diploma	13	4%	5%	6%
Some College	73	20%	19%	22%
Bachelor's degree	121	33%	36%	35%
Graduate Education	158	43%	39%	35%

29 Household Income

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Less than \$15,000	7	2%	2%	2%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	12	3%	5%	3%
\$25,000-\$49,999	23	7%	10%	10%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	45	13%	13%	14%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	66	19%	17%	16%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	106	31%	28%	26%
\$150,000-\$200,000	51	15%	14%	14%

Over \$200,000

34

10%

10%

14%

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