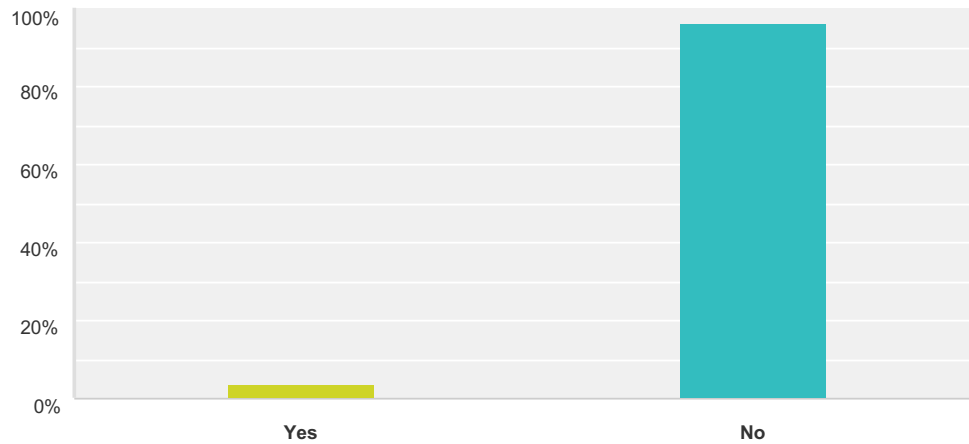


Q1 Every year, taxpayers throughout Wisconsin pay more than \$64 million to the operators of only 23 privately-run charter schools in southeast Wisconsin. Last year, taxpayers paid \$525,000 in Stevens Point; \$750,000 in Wausau; \$475,000 in Wisconsin Rapids; \$300,000 in Marshfield; \$85,000 in Amherst; and \$40,000 in Rosholt. Click [here](#) for the complete list by school district. Would you be willing to pay even higher local property taxes to expand privately-run charter schools statewide?

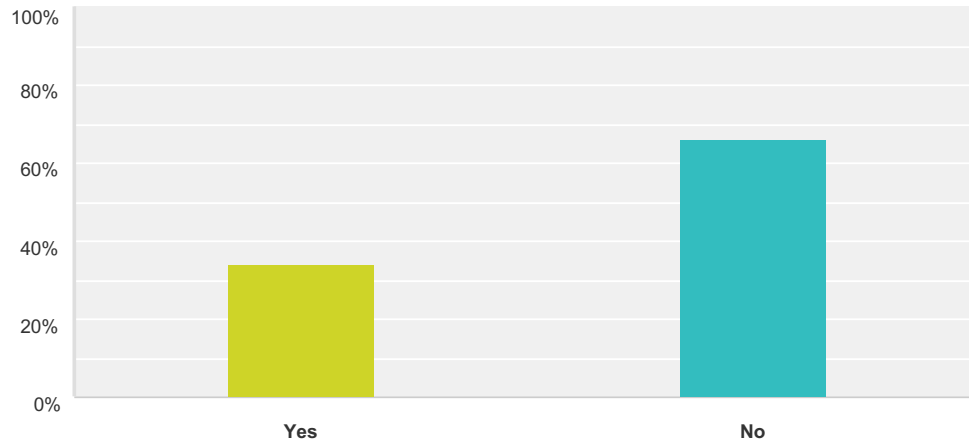
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	3.72% 155
No	96.28% 4,017
Total	4,172

Q2 State legislators are trying to create a statewide board of unelected officials with the authority to create privately-run charter schools anywhere in the state, paid for by our property taxes. Were you aware of this?

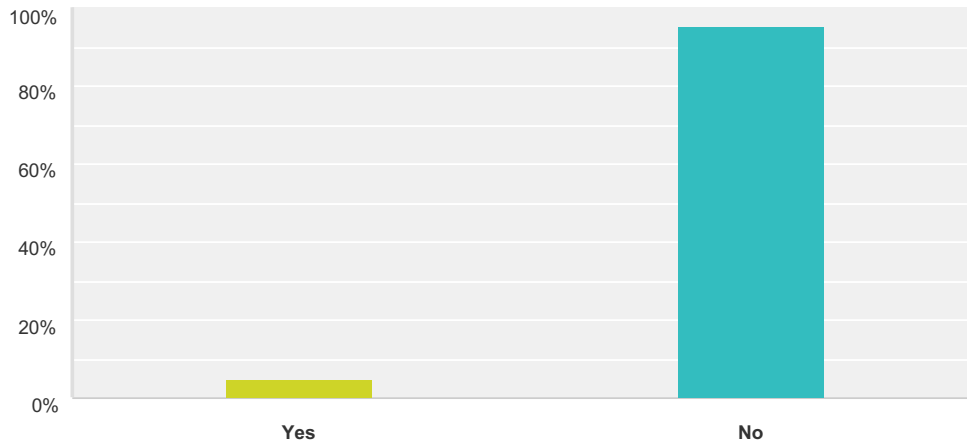
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	34.04%	1,424
No	65.96%	2,759
Total		4,183

Q3 Wisconsin’s statewide voucher program currently pays for the private religious education of 1,000 students. This voucher program costs taxpayers more than \$7 million each year, and funds 43 vouchers in Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools, 48 vouchers in Wausau Newman Catholic Schools, 55 vouchers in Wisconsin Rapids Assumption Catholic Schools, 26 vouchers in Wisconsin Rapids Immanuel Lutheran School, and 54 vouchers in Marshfield Columbus Catholic Schools (click here for the complete list). Since this program began, 80% of the students receiving vouchers did not attend public school the previous year. Do you support public tax dollars being used to fund private religious education?

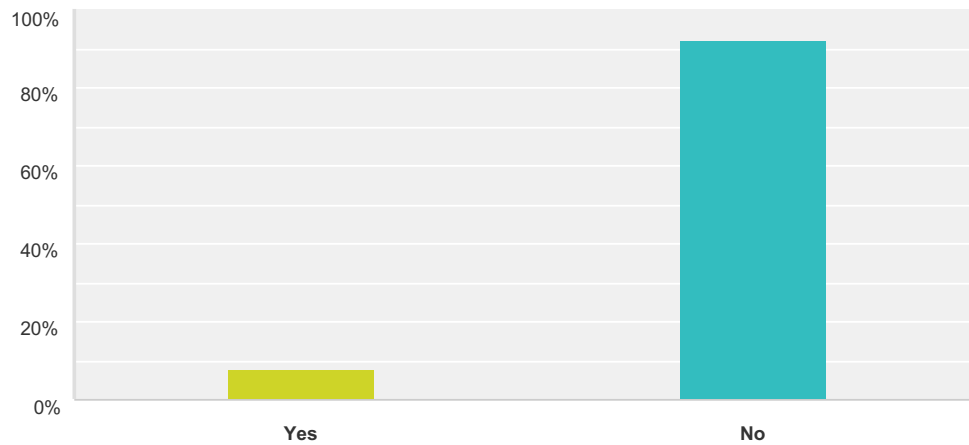
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	4.44%	183
No	95.56%	3,938
Total		4,121

Q4 In 2014, Wisconsin began giving income tax deductions to parents of private school students. There is no income ceiling imposed on the parents. They can deduct up to \$4,000 for elementary school tuition for each child and up to \$10,000 for high school tuition for each child. The deduction will cost Wisconsin up to \$30 million in 2014. Do you support the continuation of this income tax deduction?

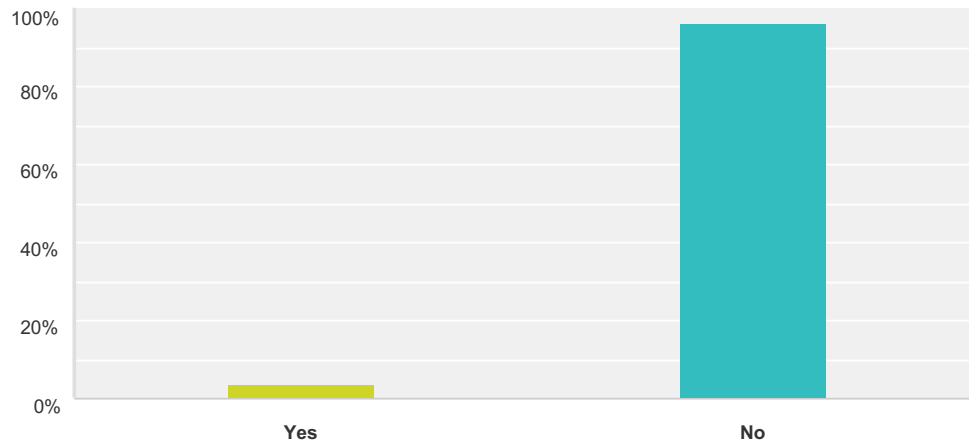
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	7.73% 310
No	92.27% 3,699
Total	4,009

Q5 State legislators and pro-voucher lobbyists have begun talking about assigning a "universal voucher" to every Wisconsin child and then having those dollars follow the child to whatever public or private school he/she attends. There are currently 93,000 students in private schools in Wisconsin; therefore, providing a "universal voucher" to these students would cost taxpayers an additional \$1 billion. Do you support the idea of "universal vouchers"?

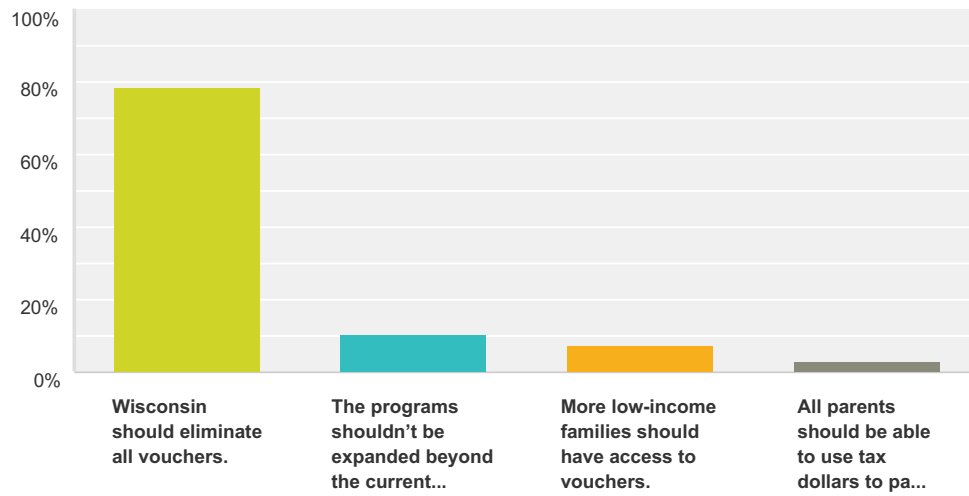
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	3.92%	157
No	96.08%	3,851
Total		4,008

Q6 What should Wisconsin do with its voucher programs in the future?

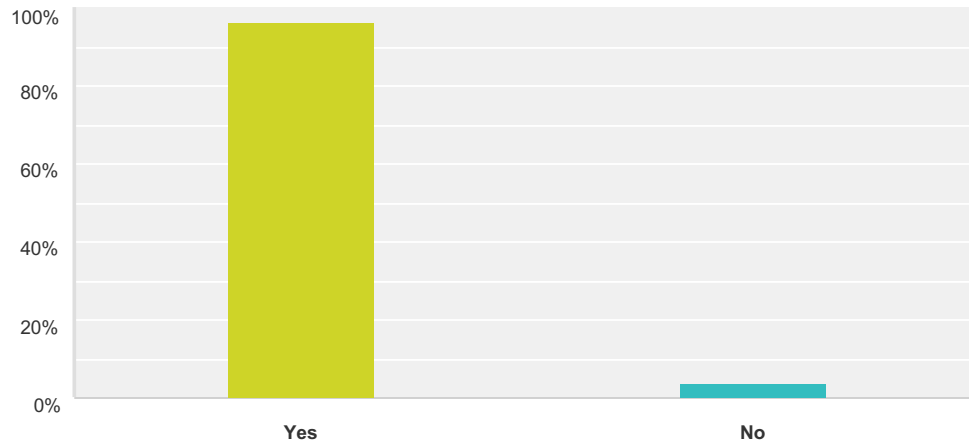
Answered: 3,997 Skipped: 222



Answer Choices	Responses	
Wisconsin should eliminate all vouchers.	78.66%	3,144
The programs shouldn't be expanded beyond the current caps.	10.51%	420
More low-income families should have access to vouchers.	7.71%	308
All parents should be able to use tax dollars to pay private school tuition.	3.13%	125
Total		3,997

Q7 Taxpayer-funded private schools in Wisconsin are not required to follow the federal law that guides and protects the education of students with disabilities in public schools nationwide. Should taxpayer-funded private schools have to follow the same laws for students with disabilities as our public schools?

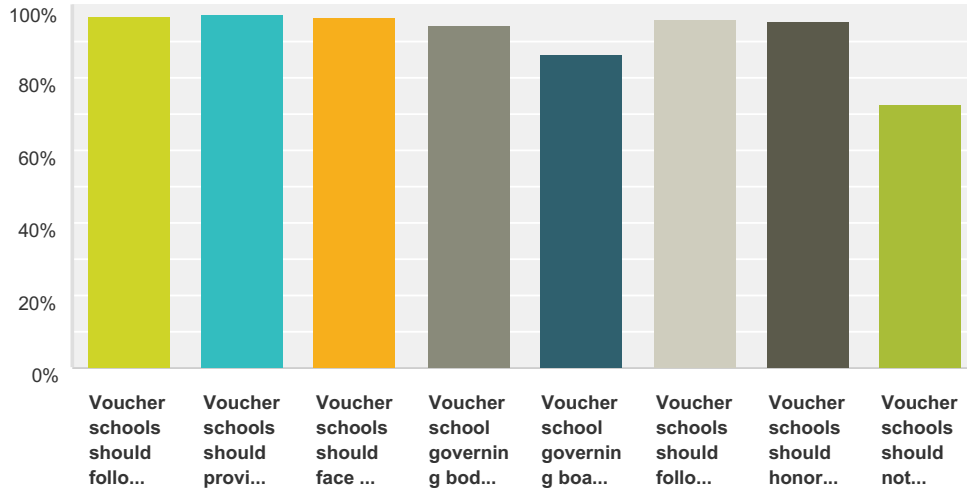
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	96.37% 3,872
No	3.63% 146
Total	4,018

Q8 Voucher schools receive taxpayer dollars, but operate under different rules than public schools. Do you agree with any of the following statements (check those that you agree with)?

Answered: 3,918 Skipped: 301



Answer Choices	Responses
Voucher schools should follow the state's open meetings and records laws.	96.94% 3,798
Voucher schools should provide information upon request to the public regarding finances, staff qualifications, and student suspension/expulsion/graduation rates.	97.37% 3,815
Voucher schools should face the same consequences as public schools when students "opt out" of state testing requirements.	96.53% 3,782
Voucher school governing body meetings should be open to the public.	94.26% 3,693
Voucher school governing boards should be elected and accountable to the public.	86.60% 3,393
Voucher schools should follow the same federally-mandated education guidelines as public schools.	95.84% 3,755
Voucher schools should honor constitutional rights of due process when students are suspended or expelled.	95.35% 3,736
Voucher schools should not provide religion-based education.	72.28% 2,832
Total Respondents: 3,918	

Q9 Please share your thoughts on using taxpayer money to fund private schools and/or how you think your public school district is coping after recent state budget cuts to public education (i.e. have you seen reduced staffing/programming, the introduction of referenda to fund your district, etc.).

Answered: 2,039 Skipped: 2,180

Q10 To help us gauge the reach of this survey, and to communicate more effectively with legislators, please tell us your zip code:

Answered: 3,623 Skipped: 596

Q11 It is expected that the state legislature will take up bills related to the following topics shortly after the new session begins in January: Establishment of an unelected statewide authorizing board for privately-run charter schools Voucher expansion Special needs vouchers Accountability for all schools receiving taxpayer dollars

Would you like to be kept informed of developments in our state's Capitol and ways you can express your opinions regarding legislation that will affect our public schools? If so, please provide your email address (check it carefully!) and we will update you as the new state budget and education-related bills are introduced. You can opt-out of emails at any time, and we will not share your email address with anyone.

Answered: 1,475 Skipped: 2,744