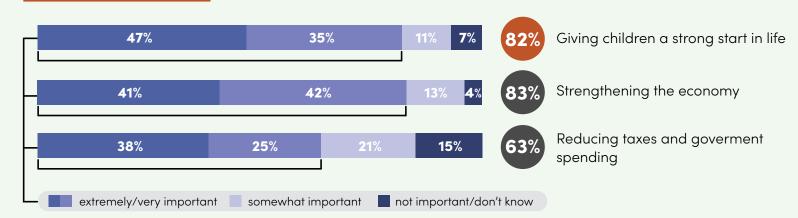
Voters Will Tax Themselves for Kids



More than 80% of voters believe that creating equitable opportunities for children to get a strong start in life should be one of the highest priorities for government—and they are willing to raise their own local taxes to make those opportunities possible. This finding, and others about voters' attitudes toward funding for children and youth services, comes from a new national poll of U.S. voters who participated in the 2020 election, commissioned by Children's Funding Accelerator and conducted by FM3 Research in August 2021.

Voters say giving children a strong start in life is as important to them as strengthening the economy.



Most voters believe that the additional funding needed for early childhood opportunities in their communities should come from a mix of sources.



Fewer than 1 in 10

voters are "very confident" that federal funding alone will meet *all* the needs of children and youth in their local community.



60%

of voters think there will be a need for additional local funding for early childhood opportunities.

Voters are willing to provide this local funding by increasing their own taxes.



70% of voters are willing to pay \$25 more and 64% of voters are willing to pay \$150 more in taxes per year for "programs and services to support the development of children of all ages."

Funding for youth mental health and maternal/infant health opportunities are top priorities for voters.

Percentage of voters who rank each opportunity as a high/very high priority.

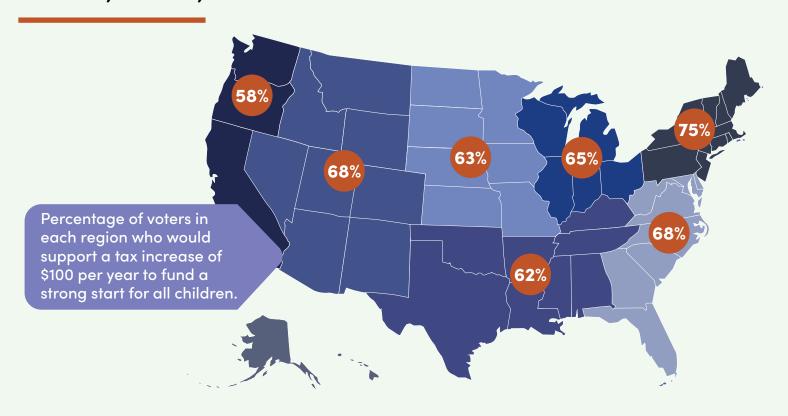








The majority of voters in every region of the country want to see their tax dollars used to give all children a strong start in life, regardless of a child's family income, education, skin color, or where a child lives.



Voters prefer to raise funding for child development opportunities via taxes that don't add to the burden of low-income households and small businesses.

A majority of voters found it acceptable to tax the following:



Sales of commercial property worth over \$1 million



Corporate profits



Digital advertising sales



High-income earners



Sales of personal data collected online

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