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## Under Siege: The Outlook of AFT Members

Interviews with 2,379 AFT members, including 1,341 PK-12 members, conducted June 17 to 21, 2022.

## Profile of Membership



## Sharp Rise in Dissatisfaction on the Job

How satisfied are you with your overall conditions?
$■$ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat dissatisfied ■ Very dissatisfied


## Dissatisfaction among teachers has grown in recent years.



## Lowest Job Satisfaction Ratings for PSRPs Ever Recorded

How satisfied are you with your overall conditions? (PSRPs)
$\rightarrow$ Total satisfied $\rightarrow$ Total dissatisfied


May-June 2018
June 2020
March 2022
June 2022

## PK-12 members say conditions have deteriorated over the past five years.



In what ways have conditions changed for the worse?

All PK-12
Members (\%)
Workload, more responsibilities,
unrealistic expectations
Student attitude, apathy, discipline,
behavioral issues, truancy
Pay, lack of compensation,
not keeping up with inflation
29

No support, recognition from the 19 administration

Lack of parental support, uncooperative, demanding parents 16

## End of Year Verdict: One of the Worst Years for PK-12 Teachers and Staff

How would you describe the 2021-2022 academic year?


## How PK-12 Members Describe Their Jobs: "Stressful," "Frustrating," "Challenging"

Words that describe current job, PK-12.

|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Men } \\ (\%) \end{gathered}$ | Women (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stressful |  |  | 57\% | 46 | 60 |
| Frustrating |  | 50\% |  | 52 | 50 |
| Challenging |  | 46\% |  | 51 | 45 |
| Overwhelming |  | 44\% |  | 31 | 49 |
| Rewarding |  | 37\% |  | 43 | 36 |
| Depressing | 15\% |  |  | 17 | 14 |
| Satisfying | 15\% |  |  | 22 | 13 |
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## Many members may leave their job in the next two years.

How likely it is that you will leave your current job in the next one to two years?


## Many PK-12 teachers and staff may leave their job in the next two years.

How likely it is that you will leave your current job in the next one to two years?


## Teachers Would Not Recommend Their Profession

Would you recommend the profession to a prospective new teacher?


## Top Problems Facing PK-12 Members



## Politicization of PK-12 Schools



## Perceived Time Devoted on Instruction on Race and Gender Issues

When it comes to teaching children about racial issues and the role of race in America, do public schools give this topic...?



## By a two-to-one ratio, members give their local union a positive job rating.

On a scale from 1 to 5 , how well do you feel you are represented by your local union?*


## Members say national affiliation for their union is important.

How important is it that your local union is part of the larger national union?
$\square$ Very important $\quad$ Fairly important $\quad$ Not sure $\quad$ Somewhat important $\quad$ Not important


## The Threat of Gun Violence

## Almost half of members worry about a mass shooting in their workplace.

How worried are you about the possibility of a mass shooting where you work?


## A large majority of educators say the threat of gun violence affects the environment in their school.

How much does the threat of gun violence and mass shootings affect the environment in your school or building?
$\square$ A great deal

PK-12

70\%


Higher Education


## Three in four educators say the Uvalde shooting affected faculty and staff at their institution.

How did the recent mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas affect you and your coworkers?


## Schools are not prepared for a mass shooter event.

How adequately prepared is your school to deal with a mass shooter situation?

$71 \%$ of PK-12 members, and 28\% of Higher Education members, report their school conducts training for students and staff to prepare for the possibility of a mass shooter event.

## Members say that leaders have failed to address the problem of gun violence.

How good a job has $\qquad$ done in terms of addressing the problem of gun violence?


## Three-fourths of AFT members demand that Congress take action.

How high a priority should it be for Congress to pass legislation dealing with the problem of gun violence?


High Priority (\%)

| Men | 67 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Women | 79 |
| Under 40 | 70 |
| 40 to 54 | 73 |
| 55/older | 81 |
| White | 73 |
| Black | 94 |
| Hispanic | 76 |

## Broad and Strong Support for Increasing Gun Regulations

Favorability of policies that address the problem of gun violence and mass shootings.


## PK-12 members strongly oppose arming teachers and staff as a solution to mass shooter events.

How do you feel about arming teachers and staff in public schools?
$■$ Strongly favor $\quad$ Somewhat favor $\quad$ Somewhat oppose $\quad$ Strongly oppose

| $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

24\% favor
76\% oppose

|  | Favor \% | Oppose \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teachers | 22 | 78 |
| PSRPs | 41 | 59 |
| Men | 29 | 71 |
| Women | 21 | 79 |
| Under 40 | 21 | 79 |
| 40 to 54 | 26 | 74 |
| 55/older | 23 | 77 |
| City | 19 | 81 |
| Suburb | 27 | 73 |
| Small town/ Rural | 33 | 67 |

## PK-12 members say arming teachers and staff would make schools less safe and would not reduce risk of mass shootings.

If more teachers and school staff carried guns on the job, how would that make you feel?


If more teachers and school staff carried guns on the job, do you think it would reduce the risk of mass shootings?


## PK-12 members favor both armed and unarmed security in their building.

How do you feel about having more $\qquad$ in public schools?

- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Somewhat oppose

■ Strongly oppose

| Armed security guards/police |  |  | 25\% | 17\% | 12\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 71\% favor |  |  | 29\% oppose |  |
| Unarmed school resource officers | 35\% |  | 35\% | 15\% | 15\% |
|  |  | 70\% favor |  | 30\% oppose |  |
|  |  | Favor armed officers \% | Favor unarmed security \% |  |  |
|  | Teachers | 70 | 71 |  |  |
|  | PSRPs | 83 | 65 |  |  |
|  | Under 40 | 63 | 65 |  |  |
|  | 40 to 54 | 75 | 70 |  |  |
|  | 55/older | 72 | 75 |  |  |
|  | White | 70 | 71 |  |  |
|  | Black | 70 | 71 |  |  |
| HART RESEARCH | Hispanic | 79 | 68 |  | d |

