

# STATE of PARENTING

*A Snapshot of Today's Families*

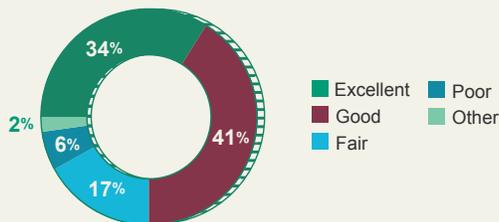
The “decline of the American family” is a narrative that has played out in magazines, newspapers and on our television sets for decades. However, the findings of this new NBC News State of Parenting Poll, sponsored by Pearson, show that parents are largely positive about the future and education, spending more time with their children than their parents did with them, and having family dinners together regularly.

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79% of parents say their family has dinner at home together most nights a week.  
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## ★ QUALITY OF EDUCATION ★

America's parents are quite happy with the quality of the education their children are getting.

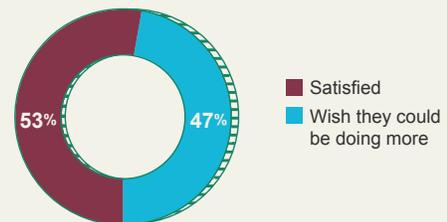
*Quality of Schools Overall*



## ★ PARENT INVOLVEMENT ★

51% of parents say they spend more time with their children than their parents did with them, and the majority are satisfied with their level of involvement in their child's education.

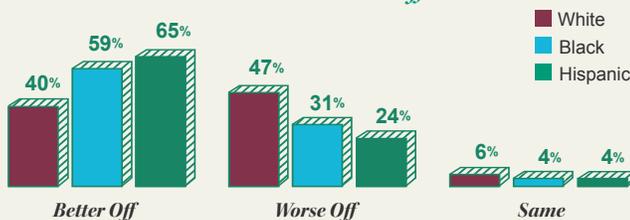
*Involvement in Child's Education*



## ★ OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE ★

63% of parents believe their children will face more problems growing up than they did, but when asked the historic question of whether today's children will be better or worse off than they are, parents are divided.

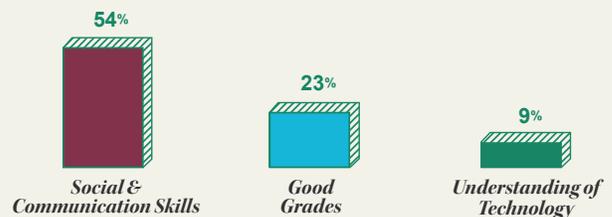
*Better or Worse Off?*



## ★ SUCCESS FOR CHILDREN ★

86% of parents say children need more than a high school degree to achieve the American Dream, but grades aren't the only thing parents think kids need to succeed.

*Skills for Success*



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*These are some of the findings from a new survey of American parents produced by NBC News and sponsored by Pearson. The survey is based on telephone interviews in English and Spanish with 803 parents, guardians, or primary caregivers of children ages 3-18 in the United States.*