

# Perceptions of Public Education

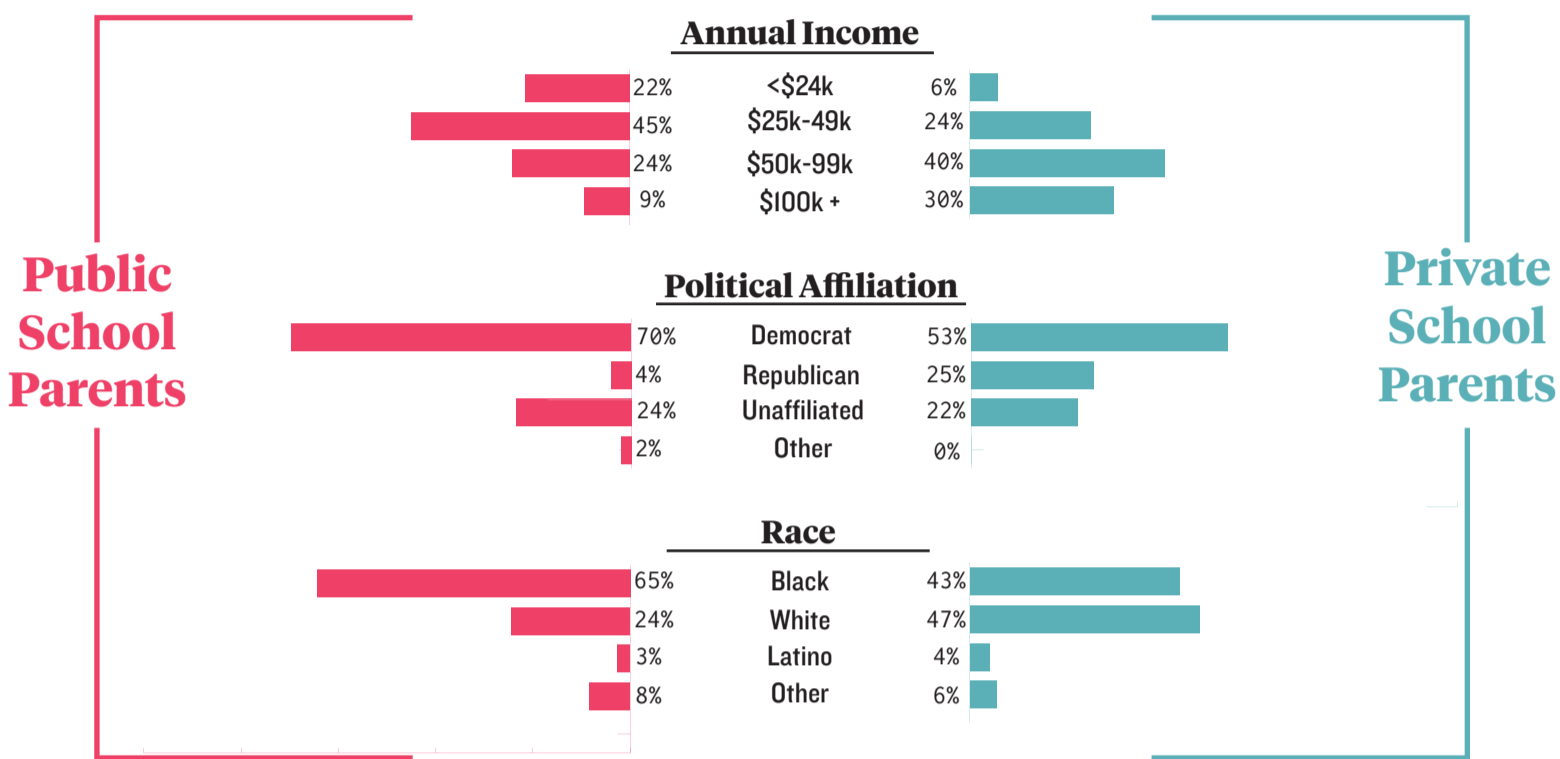
## A Closer Look at Poll Data: August 2017

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Cowen QuickTake

In May 2017, the Cowen Institute released its annual report on local residents' perceptions of public education in New Orleans. Afterwards, we met with many stakeholders to discuss our findings, including OPSB members, educators, researchers, and teachers. During these discussions, stakeholders requested more detailed information on some of our questions, broken down by sub-categories. This Cowen QuickTake offers a deeper assessment of those sections of our 2017 polling data. For the full report and methodology, refer to our original report here: <http://www.coweninstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Poll-2017-Cowen-Institute-Final.pdf>

### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA



### PRIVATE SCHOOL PARENTS: A CLOSER LOOK

**Under what circumstances would you send your kid(s) to public school in N.O.?**

- 55% Better schools
- 26% Couldn't afford private
- 13% Better teachers

**62%** are LESS likely to send their students to public school than before Katrina.

**28%** have applied to public schools in New Orleans.

### THOUGHTS ON TOPS

We asked respondents about Louisiana's state-wide college scholarship program, TOPS. In 2016, funding for TOPS was cut due to budgetary constraints. We wondered how people thought the remaining funding should be dispersed among eligible high school graduates. Respondents could choose from three options:

- 1) Make academic requirements more difficult;
- 2) Make the program income-based, ensuring funding for economically disadvantaged students;
- 3) All students receive the same reduced amount.

