



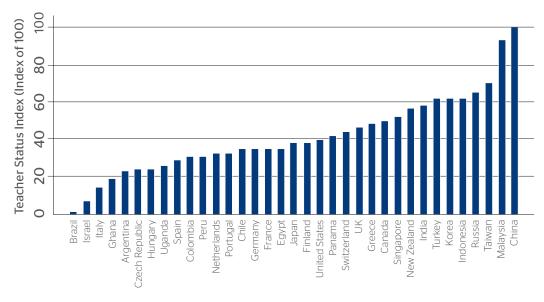
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# NEARLY NINE IN 10 CANADIANS SEE TEACHERS AS CARING — THE SECOND HIGHEST OF ANY COUNTRY POLLED IN NEW GLOBAL SURVEY

#### **KEY FINDINGS - CANADA:**

- Eighty-six percent of people in Canada instinctively see teachers as caring, more than any other country surveyed apart from Finland (89%).
- ➤ Belief in the Canadian education system is strong among the public polled there, with respondents rating it 6.7 out of 10 the 10th highest of all the countries surveyed, ahead of the US in 11th place and the UK in 12th place. By comparison, Finland ranked its education system higher than any other country surveyed at 8 out of 10, while Egypt ranked it the lowest at 3.8 out of 10.
- > Just over a third (36%) of Canadians polled would encourage their child to become a teacher, the ninth highest of all the countries surveyed, though some way behind India, where over half (54%) of people would encourage their child to

The Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Status Index 2018 (GTSI 2018)



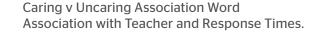
35 survey countries indexed on a relative scale 1-100



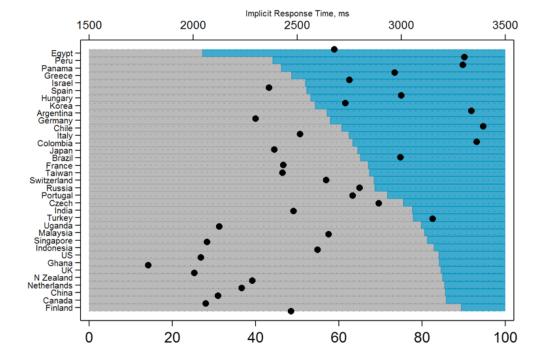


CANADA RANKS 11TH OUT OF 35 COUNTRIES IN THE GLOBAL TEACHER STATUS INDEX 2018 become a teacher, more than any other country surveyed, and China where 50% would encourage their child. However it is considerably more than in Russia, where only 6% of people would encourage their child to become a teacher – the lowest of all the countries polled.

- Canada ranks 11th out of 35 countries in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018. By contrast, China was the highest ranked country and Brazil the lowest.
- Canadian people believe teachers should be paid \$4,000 more. While the annual salary for a starting secondary school teacher is around \$44,000 (USD adjusted for purchasing power parity), Canadians polled say a fair wage for the job would be around \$48,000. Teachers polled say a fair wage would be around \$56,000. The public underestimated how much teachers are actually paid, believing starting secondary teachers receive over \$45,000.
- > Just over a quarter of Canadian respondents (28%) said the most comparable profession to teachers are social workers, while a further 28% said librarians, and 15% said nurses. This puts Canada in line with the majority of countries surveyed 18 of which said teachers were most









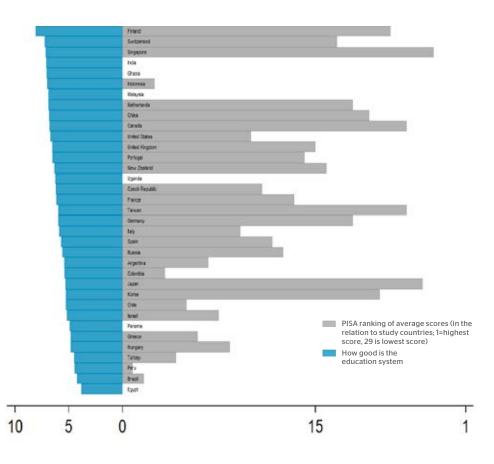


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similar to social workers. By comparison, only three countries – China, Russia and Malaysia – said teachers were most like doctors. Only 3% of Canadian people surveyed said teachers are most similar to doctors.

- > Forty-eight percent of Canadians polled believe their nation's pupils respect their teachers, while just 22% do not, compared to first-placed China where 81% of respondents believe pupils respect their teachers.
- > Support for performance related pay for teachers in Canada is not strong, with 35% of those polled being in favour of the notion that teachers should be rewarded in pay according to their pupils' results the 11th lowest of all the countries surveyed. By stark contrast, 79% of people in Egypt support performance related pay, more than in any other country surveyed.
- Canadian teachers say they are working slightly fewer hours per week (41.5) than estimated by members of the public taking part in the poll, who put the figure at 43.9 hours a week.

Public Perceptions of How Good their Own Education System is Across Countries Related to PISA 2015 Score.



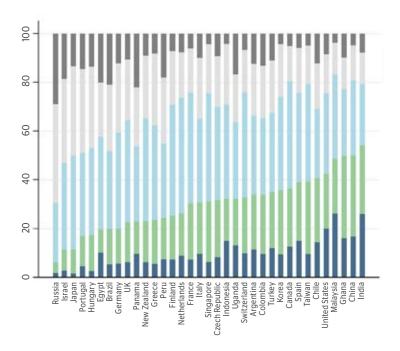




JUST OVER A THIRD (36%) OF CANADIANS POLLED WOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILD TO BECOME A TEACHER, THE NINTH HIGHEST OF ALL THE COUNTRIES SURVEYED

Teachers in Canada hold themselves in marginally lower regard than the Canadian public do. When only polling teachers, the Canadian status score falls from 60 out of 100 to 58.5 out of 100. This makes Canada one of only 13 countries in which teachers saw their status as being lower than the general public do.

Would You Encourage Your Child to Become a Teacher by Country (2018).



- Definitely not encourage
- Probably not encourage
- Maybe encourage
- Probably encourage
- Definitely encourage





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