

Organizations representing education interests, youth camps, and other interested stakeholders prefer that summer break ends in early August.

These organizations prefer a summer break schedule that begins in late May and ends in early August. This schedule allows LEAs to offer high school exams before winter break and to align their school calendar with the community college calendar. In addition, this schedule allows summer camps to more easily employ college students as counselors. As discussed earlier in this report, a summer break that includes most of August does not allow LEAs or summer camps to accomplish their goals, which is why they continue to be dissatisfied with the school calendar law and request that the law be changed or eliminated.

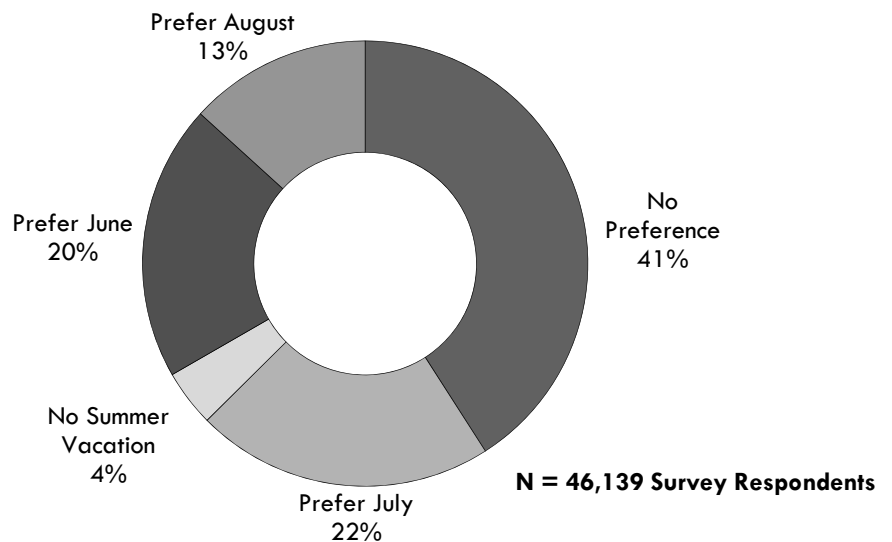
Results from a survey of parents and school personnel show July is the most preferred summer month for taking a vacation and 41% of survey respondents had no preference. The Program Evaluation Division’s survey of parents and school personnel asked them to indicate when their family prefers to take a summer vacation. The survey offered the following choices:

- My family prefers to take a vacation in June.
- My family prefers to take a vacation in July.
- My family prefers to take a vacation in August.
- My family takes a summer vacation but does not have a preference for which month it is in.
- My family does not take a summer vacation.

As shown in Exhibit 21, July was the most preferred month and August was the least preferred month for taking a summer vacation among the survey respondents who indicated a preference.

Exhibit 21

July is the Most Preferred Month for Taking a Summer Vacation; 41% of Respondents Had No Preference



Source: Program Evaluation Division based on data from a survey of parents and school personnel.