

Ask Alabama Spring 2005: State Taxes

How would you rate the job that our State government does in handling money?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Excellent	12	2.0	2.0	2.0
Good	61	10.1	10.1	12.1
Fair	228	37.8	37.8	49.9
Poor	164	27.2	27.2	77.1
Very Poor	110	18.2	18.2	95.4
Don't know/No opinion	28	4.6	4.6	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

To what extent do you agree that budget cuts enacted by the Alabama Government in the last year created a more efficient and streamlined government?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly agree	20	3.3	3.3	3.3
Agree	211	35.0	35.0	38.3
Disagree	210	34.8	34.8	73.1
Strongly disagree	65	10.8	10.8	83.9
Don't know/No opinion	97	16.1	16.1	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

And overall, do you think that taxes in Alabama today are too high, about right, or too low?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Too high	239	39.6	39.6	39.6
About right	255	42.3	42.3	81.9
Too low	91	15.1	15.1	97.0
No opinion	18	3.0	3.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Do you believe that Alabama's tax structure overall is generally fair to all of Alabama's citizens?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	213	35.3	35.3	35.3
No	347	57.5	57.5	92.9
Don't know	43	7.1	7.1	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

To what extent are you concerned about finding a solution to Alabama's continuing budget shortfalls?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Very concerned	264	43.8	43.8	43.8
Concerned	289	47.9	47.9	91.7
Unconcerned	31	5.1	5.1	96.8
Don't know/No opinion	19	3.2	3.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Increasing cigarette and tobacco taxes.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	191	31.7	31.7	31.7
Support	187	31.0	31.0	62.7
Oppose	126	20.9	20.9	83.6
Strongly oppose	77	12.8	12.8	96.4
Don't know/No opinion	22	3.6	3.6	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Increasing the State sales tax rate.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	22	3.6	3.6	3.6
Support	119	19.7	19.7	23.4
Oppose	284	47.1	47.1	70.5
Strongly oppose	168	27.9	27.9	98.3
Don't know/No opinion	10	1.7	1.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Increasing the rate on State income tax for everyone.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	36	6.0	6.0	6.0
Support	155	25.7	25.7	31.7
Oppose	266	44.1	44.1	75.8
Strongly oppose	121	20.1	20.1	95.9
Don't know/No opinion	25	4.1	4.1	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Increasing State income tax rate on individuals earning more than \$75,000.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	107	17.7	17.7	17.7
Support	237	39.3	39.3	57.0
Oppose	165	27.4	27.4	84.4
Strongly oppose	63	10.4	10.4	94.9
Don't know/No opinion	31	5.1	5.1	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Adopting a lottery to fund education

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	208	34.5	34.5	34.5
Support	189	31.3	31.3	65.8
Oppose	97	16.1	16.1	81.9
Strongly oppose	93	15.4	15.4	97.3
Don't know/No opinion	16	2.7	2.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Permitting and taxing video gambling to fund education.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	153	25.4	25.4	25.4
Support	213	35.3	35.3	60.7
Oppose	128	21.2	21.2	81.9
Strongly oppose	86	14.3	14.3	96.2
Don't know/No opinion	23	3.8	3.8	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Increasing taxes on beer, wine, and alcohol.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	183	30.3	30.3	30.3
Support	266	44.1	44.1	74.5
Oppose	94	15.6	15.6	90.0
Strongly oppose	46	7.6	7.6	97.7
Don't know/No opinion	14	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Measures to increase revenue: Increasing property taxes overall.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	57	9.5	9.5	9.5
Support	134	22.2	22.2	31.7
Oppose	250	41.5	41.5	73.1
Strongly oppose	143	23.7	23.7	96.8
Don't know/No opinion	19	3.2	3.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	