

**2006 CGS Regional Poll
Citizens' Perceptions of
Illegal Immigration**

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Background

In the fall of 2006, the Auburn University Center for Governmental Services (CGS) conducted a survey among the residents of five southern states to explore citizens' viewpoints on the issue of illegal immigration. The purpose of this research was to assess:

- The extent to which southern residents are concerned about illegal immigration
- The perceived economic impact of illegal immigration
- The perceived impact of illegal immigration on the job market
- Personal experiences with job loss attributed to immigrant workers
- Perceived consequences of illegal immigration for citizens and illegal immigrants

CGS conducted 1,066 telephone interviews in September and October of 2006. The survey sample included a minimum of 200 interviews from each of the following five southern states:¹

- Alabama (226)
- Florida (200)
- Georgia (231)
- Louisiana (200)
- Mississippi (214)

The survey was approximately 15 minutes in length, and was part of a larger study dealing with related topics to be published in separate documents. The interviews were conducted on weekdays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on weekend afternoons. The following report discusses key findings of the study; a complete set of data tables are included in Appendices A and B.

¹ The estimated average margin of error for the total sample of 1,066 was $\pm 3\%$. The estimated average margin of error for each state sub-sample was $\pm 7\%$.

Summary of Findings

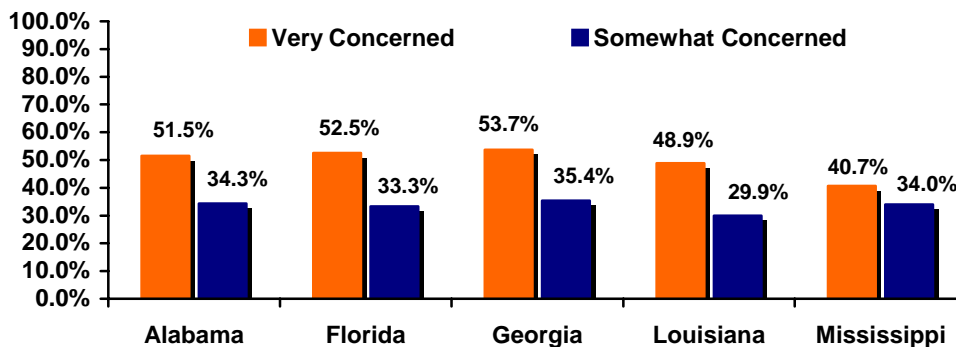
- A high percentage of southern residents appear to be at least somewhat concerned about illegal immigration, **and one-half are very concerned**. Even without considering the legal status of immigrant workers, many respondents felt that there are too many immigrant workers in the United States (61.5%) and in their local communities (47.7%).
- A large majority of respondents believed that illegal immigrants want to stay in the U.S. permanently, while sending their money out of the country.
- Southern residents were somewhat divided about the economic impact of illegal immigrants in their states. Slightly more than two-fifths claimed that illegal immigrants have hurt their state economies, 29.6% reported that illegal immigrants have had a positive impact, and 17.6% stated that they have had no impact. Illegal immigrants are believed to have hurt state economies by receiving government support, taking jobs away from citizens, and not paying taxes. Ways in which illegal immigrants are thought to have helped state economies include doing undesirable work (including agricultural jobs) and spending money.
- One half of respondents believe that illegal immigrants take jobs that no one else wants. However, the percentage of respondents who expressed this opinion decreased as educational level increased.
- When asked about their own personal experiences with job loss and illegal immigration, 6.5% claimed that they have lost jobs to illegal immigrants and 5.4% believe they have been denied new jobs because employers preferred to hire illegal immigrants.
- Many respondents agreed that illegal immigration results in a variety of negative consequences for both U.S. citizens and immigrants, and a majority strongly agreed that illegal immigration results in the following:
 - Providing services like schools and health care costs taxpayers too much (67.2%)
 - Too many people are coming into the country (60.1%)
 - It is dangerous for immigrants and many people have died trying to enter the U.S. (57.0%)
 - Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to discrimination (52.9%)

Detailed Findings

General Perceptions about Illegal Immigration and Its Economic Impact

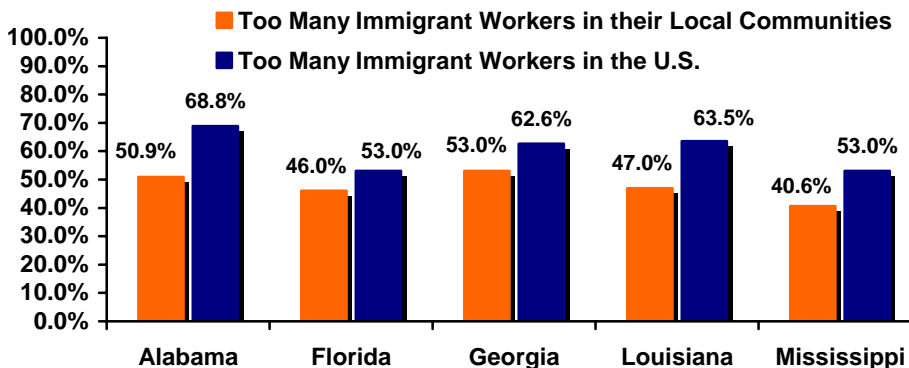
More than four-fifths of the survey respondents (83.0%) stated that they were at least *somewhat concerned* about illegal immigration (49.5% were *very concerned* and 33.5% were *somewhat concerned*)². The level of concern about illegal immigration was similar for the five southern states included in the survey, although concerns were somewhat lower in Mississippi. (See Figure 1.)

Figure 1. Respondents Who Are Very Concerned or Somewhat Concerned about Illegal Immigration



Respondents were asked whether there are too many, too few, or about the right number of immigrant workers in the United States and their local communities today, without considering the legal status of these workers. A majority of respondents in all five states felt that there are too many immigrant workers in the United States (61.5%), and this opinion was most prevalent in Alabama (68.8%). Slightly less than one-half believe that there are too many immigrant workers in their own communities (47.7% among the total sample of respondents). (See Figure 2.)

Figure 2. Respondents Who Believe There Are Too Many Immigrant Workers in the U.S. and their Local Communities



² Respondents rated their concern about the issue of illegal immigration using a five-point scale: *very concerned*, *somewhat concerned*, *not too concerned*, or *not at all concerned*.

Major Points:

More than four-fifths of the survey respondents were at least somewhat concerned about illegal immigration:

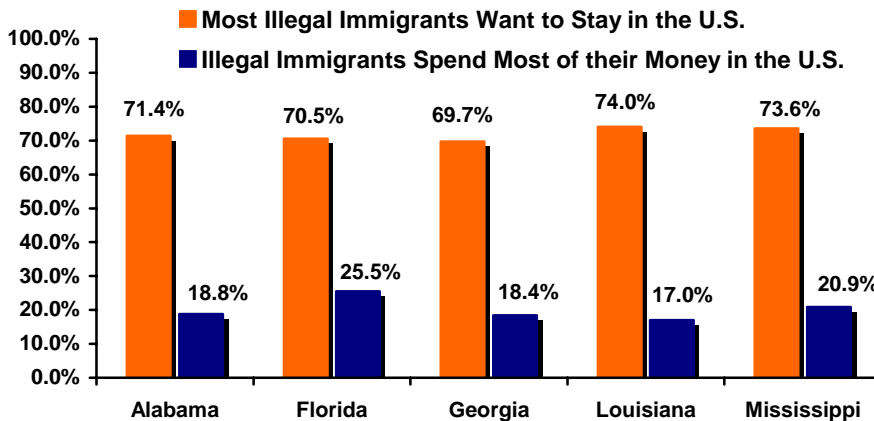
- 49.5% were very concerned
- 33.5% were somewhat concerned

61.5% believe that there are too many immigrant workers in the U.S.

47.7% believe there are too many immigrant workers in their local communities.

A large majority of respondents believe that most illegal immigrants want to stay in the United States permanently (71.8%). However, less than one-fourth (20.1%) stated that illegal immigrants spend most of their money in this country, indicating the belief that immigrant workers are working in the United States to support family members in their home countries. (See Figure 3.)

Figure 3. Respondents Who Believe that Illegal Immigrants Want to Stay in the U.S. and Respondents Who Believe that Illegal Immigrants Spend Most of their Money in the U.S.



When asked whether illegal immigrants have helped, hurt, or had no impact upon their state economies, responses were somewhat divided, particularly in Mississippi and Florida (see Table 1). Respondents in Alabama (50.7%) and Georgia (49.6%) were more likely than residents from other states to report that illegal immigrants have hurt their state economies.

Table 1. Percentage of Respondents Who Believe that Illegal Immigrants Have Helped, Hurt, or Had No Impact on the Economies of their States

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Helped	53	79	62	61	59	314
	23.8%	39.5%	27.2%	30.5%	28.0%	29.6%
Hurt	113	78	113	84	67	455
	50.7%	39.0%	49.6%	42.0%	31.8%	42.8%
No impact	32	26	32	35	62	187
	14.3%	13.0%	14.0%	17.5%	29.4%	17.6%
Don't know	25	17	21	20	23	106
	11.2%	8.5%	9.2%	10.0%	10.9%	10.0%
Total	223	200	228	200	211	1062
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Major Points:

A large majority of respondents believe that illegal immigrants want to stay in the U.S. permanently, while sending their money out of the country.

Respondents were divided about the economic impact of illegal immigrants in their states:

- 42.8% claimed that illegal immigrants have hurt their state economies
- 29.6% reported that illegal immigrants have had a positive impact
- 17.6% stated that they have had no impact

Respondents were asked to explain why they believed that illegal immigrants had hurt or helped their state economies. Among those who stated that illegal immigrants had hurt their state economies, the most frequent explanations were that illegal immigrants:

- Receive government support (37.5%)
- Take jobs away (29.5%)
- Do not pay taxes (21.3%)

Among respondents who believed that illegal immigrants had helped their state economies, the most frequent explanations were that illegal immigrants:

- Do unwanted work (29.3%)
- Spend money (17.8%)
- Provide labor (15.9%)
- Will work for low wages (15.0%)
- Have helped agriculture (14.3%)

Major Points:

Illegal immigrants are believed to have hurt state economies by receiving government support, taking jobs away from citizens, and not paying taxes.

Ways in which illegal immigrants are thought to have helped state economies include doing undesirable work (including agricultural jobs) and spending money.

Perceived Impact of Illegal Immigrants on the U.S. Job Market

About one-half of the respondents (48.7%) believe that illegal immigrants take jobs that no one else wants (Figure 4). However, responses differed among respondents with different educational levels. As shown in Figure 5, as educational level increased the percentage of respondents who claimed that illegal immigrants take jobs away from American citizens decreased. The one exception was that this perception increased somewhat among respondents with graduate degrees.

Major Points:

48.7% believe that illegal immigrants take jobs that no one else wants. However, the percentage of respondents who expressed this opinion decreased as educational level increased.

Figure 4. Percentage of Respondents Who Believe that Illegal Immigrants Take Jobs Away from U.S. Citizens versus Taking Jobs that Citizens Do Not Want (Total Sample)

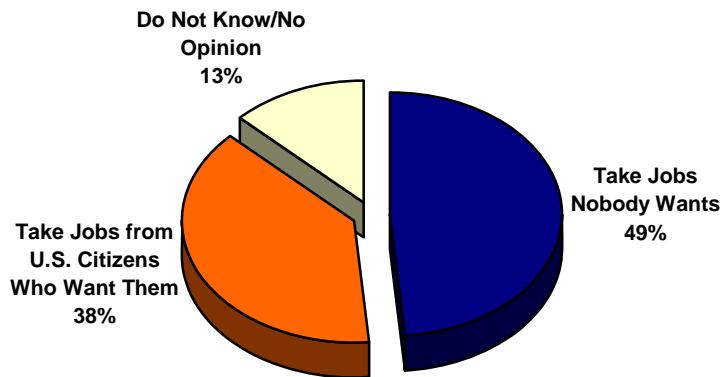
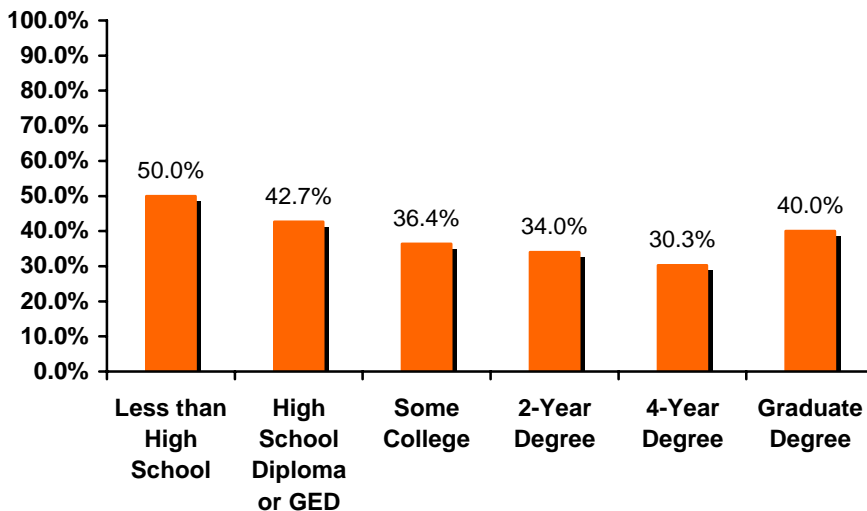


Figure 5. Percentage of Respondents Who Believe that Illegal Immigrants Take Jobs Away from American Citizens Who Want Them (by Educational Level)



When asked whether they or a family member had ever lost a job because a company hired immigrant workers instead, 6.5% of respondents said “yes.” Almost the same percentage (5.4%) indicated that they or a family member had been refused a potential job because a company was hiring immigrant workers. When asked to describe circumstances surrounding their loss of a job or denial of a new job, the most frequent response was that they had been replaced by immigrants who would work for cheaper wages (54.2% of respondents who have lost jobs to immigrant workers).

The comments listed below are representative of the experiences described by survey respondents who believe that their employment (or a family member’s employment) was impacted by immigrant workers:

- *They were downsizing the company and went with the lower paid employees.*
- *An immigrant worker was hired for less money, and a family member lost home and could not pay the bills.*
- *Employees were told that the company was doing cut backs. Immigrants did not get cut and the immigrants were paid less.*
- *Went to apply for a job and was asked what amount of money they were willing take. She said she would accept the minimum wage, but immigrant workers would take less money.*
- *My husband is Hispanic and he is here legal and he wasn’t going to work for little pay so they gave the illegal immigrant the job because they will work for less pay.*
- *Many people who were supposed to help rebuild New Orleans were not hired because they hired Mexicans instead.*
- *They told my brother in-law that they did not need his services. The company hired an immigrant worker the next day on a concrete bridge building job.*

Major Points:

When asked about their own personal experiences with job loss and illegal immigration, 6.5% claimed that they have lost jobs to illegal immigrants and 5.4% believe they have been denied new jobs because employers preferred to hire illegal immigrants.

Negative Consequences Associated with Illegal Immigration

Interviewers presented respondents with a list of 11 statements describing potential consequences associated with illegal immigration. Respondents rated their agreement with each statement by using the following scale: *strongly agree*, *somewhat agree*, *somewhat disagree*, *strongly disagree*, or *no opinion*. The 11 statements are presented in Table 2 and are ranked ordered by the percentage of respondents who either strongly or somewhat agreed with each. Statements that are *italicized* describe negative consequence for immigrants, while non-italicized statements describe negative consequences for U.S. citizens.

Table 2. Negative Consequences Associated with Illegal Immigration

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Either Strongly or Somewhat Agree
Providing services like schools and health care to illegal immigrants costs taxpayers too much.	67.2%	16.4%	83.6%
Because of illegal immigration, too many people are coming into our country.	60.1%	22.1%	82.2%
<i>Illegal immigration has become very dangerous for the immigrants and many people have died trying to enter the U.S. illegally.</i>	57.0%	25.1%	82.1%
<i>Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to discrimination.</i>	52.9%	25.1%	78.0%
Because of illegal immigration, the wrong kinds of people are coming into our country.	45.6%	31.5%	77.1%
<i>Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to employer abuses.</i>	44.5%	27.4%	71.9%
The current rate of illegal immigration indicates that the United States is not adequately protecting citizens from the threat of terrorism.	41.7%	28.5%	70.2%
Illegal immigration increases the likelihood of terrorism.	43.5%	25.3%	68.8%
Illegal immigration causes crime.	36.1%	29.4%	65.5%
Illegal immigrants take jobs away from Americans.	32.1%	29.3%	61.3%
<i>Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to abuses from law enforcement.</i>	27.2%	31.8%	59.0%

Major Points:

Many respondents strongly agreed that illegal immigration results in a variety of negative consequences for both U.S. citizens and immigrants.

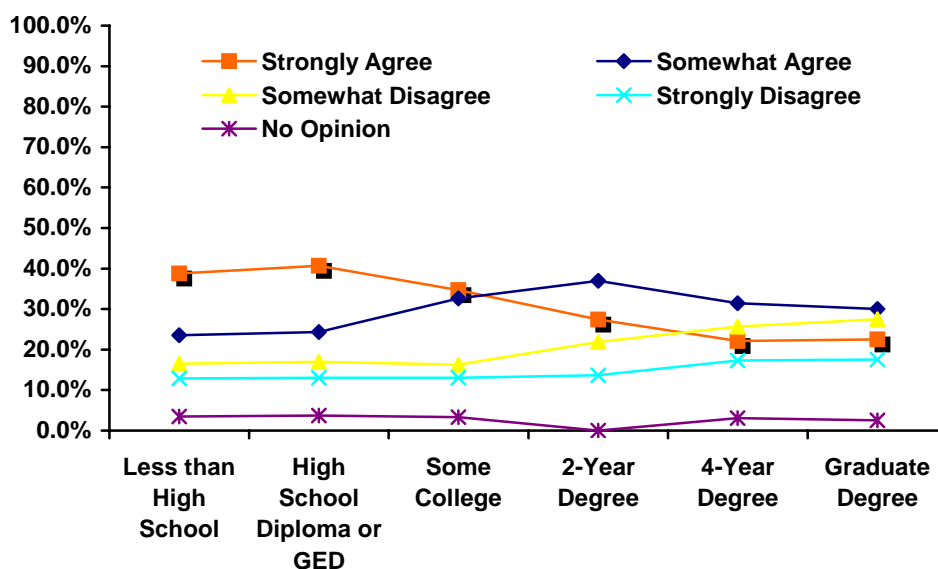
The consequence of illegal immigration that received the highest percentage of strong agreement was that *providing services like schools and health care to illegal immigrants costs taxpayers too much* (67.2%). A majority also *strongly agreed* that:

- Because of illegal immigration, too many people are coming into our country (60.1%)
- Illegal immigration has become very dangerous for the immigrants, and many people have died trying to enter the U.S. (57.0%)
- Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to discrimination (52.9%).

Slightly less than one-half of the respondents link illegal immigration with terrorism, strongly agreeing that illegal immigration increases the likelihood of terrorism (43.5%), and that the current rate of illegal immigration indicates that the U.S. is not adequately protecting citizens from the threat of terrorism (41.7%).

Out of the 11 statements listed in Table 2, the loss of jobs for American citizens ranked tenth in the percentage of respondents who agreed that this is a negative consequence of illegal immigration (32.1% strongly agreed). Once again, perceptions of job loss resulting from illegal immigration differed by the educational levels of respondents. The highest percentage of strong agreement came from respondents with a high school diploma or less (40.3%), and was lowest among respondents with a college degree (22.1% among those with a 4-year degree and 22.5% among those with a graduate degree). However, agreement about the impact of illegal immigrants on job availability was somewhat divided, especially among respondents with college degrees (see Figure 6).

Figure 6. Percentage Who Agree That Illegal Immigrants Take Jobs Away from Americans (by Educational Level)



Major Points:

The consequences of illegal immigration that received the highest levels of agreement were:

- Providing services like schools and health care costs taxpayers too much (67.2%)
- Too many people are coming into the country (60.1%)
- It is dangerous for immigrants and many people have died trying to enter the U.S. (57.0%)
- Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to discrimination (52.9%).

Appendices

Appendix A: Respondent Characteristics

What is the highest level of education that you have achieved?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Less than high school	24 10.7%	4 2.0%	19 8.3%	17 8.5%	25 11.8%	89 8.3%
High school diploma/GED	66 29.5%	50 25.0%	55 23.9%	69 34.5%	66 31.1%	306 28.7%
Some college	50 22.3%	58 29.0%	51 22.2%	37 18.5%	48 22.6%	244 22.9%
Associate/technical degree	20 8.9%	12 6.0%	24 10.4%	10 5.0%	10 4.7%	76 7.1%
Bachelor's degree	32 14.3%	56 28.0%	58 25.2%	43 21.5%	38 17.9%	227 21.3%
Graduate/professional degree	31 13.8%	20 10.0%	23 10.0%	23 11.5%	25 11.8%	122 11.4%
No response/refusal	1 .4%	0 .0%	0 .0%	1 .5%	0 .0%	2 .2%
Total	224 100.0%	200 100.0%	230 100.0%	200 100.0%	212 100.0%	1066 100.0%

Are you employed full time?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Yes	108 49.8%	101 52.1%	132 60.0%	109 57.1%	106 51.5%	556 54.1%
No	107 49.3%	92 47.4%	86 39.1%	81 42.4%	100 48.5%	466 45.3%
Don't know/no answer	2 .9%	1 .5%	2 .9%	1 .5%	0 .0%	6 .6%
Total	217 100.0%	194 100.0%	220 100.0%	191 100.0%	206 100.0%	1028 100.0%

Which category best describes your annual household income?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Under \$25,000	38	23	26	34	53	174
	17.5%	11.9%	11.8%	17.9%	25.7%	17.0%
\$25,000 to \$34,000	31	22	22	16	25	116
	14.3%	11.4%	10.0%	8.4%	12.1%	11.3%
\$35,000 to \$49,000	23	32	33	28	26	142
	10.6%	16.6%	15.0%	14.7%	12.6%	13.8%
\$50,000 to 74,000	37	33	34	34	37	175
	17.1%	17.1%	15.5%	17.9%	18.0%	17.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,000	26	21	41	18	23	129
	12.0%	10.9%	18.6%	9.5%	11.2%	12.6%
\$100,000 or more	17	23	38	29	13	120
	7.8%	11.9%	17.3%	15.3%	6.3%	11.7%
No Answer	45	39	26	31	29	170
	20.7%	20.2%	11.8%	16.3%	14.1%	16.6%
Total	217	193	220	190	206	1026
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

What race do you identify with?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
African-American	34	19	45	35	68	201
	15.7%	9.8%	20.5%	18.4%	33.0%	19.6%
Asian	2	1	0	2	2	7
	.9%	.5%	.0%	1.1%	1.0%	.7%
Hispanic	3	11	9	3	0	26
	1.4%	5.7%	4.1%	1.6%	.0%	2.5%
Native-American	5	1	2	6	1	15
	2.3%	.5%	.9%	3.2%	.5%	1.5%
White	165	152	156	134	128	735
	76.0%	78.8%	70.9%	70.5%	62.1%	71.6%
Other	7	6	2	3	3	21
	3.2%	3.1%	.9%	1.6%	1.5%	2.0%
No response/refusal	1	3	6	7	4	21
	.5%	1.6%	2.7%	3.7%	1.9%	2.0%
Total	217	193	220	190	206	1026
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Political party affiliation:

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strong Democrat	45 20.7%	42 21.8%	39 17.7%	44 23.2%	52 25.4%	222 21.7%
Weak Democrat	18 8.3%	21 10.9%	23 10.5%	18 9.5%	19 9.3%	99 9.7%
Independent	51 23.5%	37 19.2%	42 19.1%	41 21.6%	40 19.5%	211 20.6%
Weak Republican	27 12.4%	27 14.0%	35 15.9%	23 12.1%	23 11.2%	135 13.2%
Strong Republican	43 19.8%	37 19.2%	47 21.4%	41 21.6%	35 17.1%	203 19.8%
Other	23 10.6%	18 9.3%	20 9.1%	15 7.9%	24 11.7%	100 9.8%
Don't know/no opinion	8 3.7%	6 3.1%	9 4.1%	4 2.1%	5 2.4%	32 3.1%
No response/refusal	2 .9%	5 2.6%	5 2.3%	4 2.1%	7 3.4%	23 2.2%
Total	217 100.0%	193 100.0%	220 100.0%	190 100.0%	205 100.0%	1025 100.0%

Political Ideology:

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Very conservative	37 17.1%	28 14.5%	28 12.7%	30 15.9%	39 19.0%	162 15.8%
Conservative	82 37.8%	68 35.2%	78 35.5%	59 31.2%	75 36.6%	362 35.4%
Moderate	63 29.0%	49 25.4%	64 29.1%	73 38.6%	60 29.3%	309 30.2%
Liberal	16 7.4%	27 14.0%	24 10.9%	13 6.9%	14 6.8%	94 9.2%
Very Liberal	5 2.3%	10 5.2%	10 4.5%	3 1.6%	7 3.4%	35 3.4%
None of the above	8 3.7%	6 3.1%	8 3.6%	3 1.6%	3 1.5%	28 2.7%
Don't know/no opinion	4 1.8%	2 1.0%	4 1.8%	5 2.6%	2 1.0%	17 1.7%
No response/refusal	2 .9%	3 1.6%	4 1.8%	3 1.6%	5 2.4%	17 1.7%
Total	217 100.0%	193 100.0%	220 100.0%	189 100.0%	205 100.0%	1024 100.0%

Are you currently registered to vote in your state?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Yes	198 91.2%	179 92.7%	195 89.0%	174 92.1%	187 91.2%	933 91.2%
No	17 7.8%	14 7.3%	24 11.0%	13 6.9%	17 8.3%	85 8.3%
No response/refusal	2 .9%	0 .0%	0 .0%	2 1.1%	1 .5%	5 .5%
Total	217 100.0%	193 100.0%	219 100.0%	189 100.0%	205 100.0%	1023 100.0%

Appendix B: Survey Responses (For Total Sample and by State)

Without considering legal status, do you think there are too many immigrant workers in your local community today, too few, or about the right number?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Too many	114 50.9%	92 46.0%	122 53.0%	94 47.0%	86 40.6%	508 47.7%
Too few	13 5.8%	10 5.0%	10 4.3%	15 7.5%	18 8.5%	66 6.2%
About the right number	78 34.8%	87 43.5%	79 34.3%	78 39.0%	96 45.3%	418 39.2%
No opinion/no answer	19 8.5%	11 5.5%	19 8.3%	13 6.5%	12 5.7%	74 6.9%
Total	224 100.0%	200 100.0%	230 100.0%	200 100.0%	212 100.0%	1066 100.0%

Without considering legal status, do you think there are too many immigrant workers in the U.S. today, too few, or about the right number?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Too many	154 68.8%	106 53.0%	144 62.6%	127 63.5%	125 59.0%	656 61.5%
Too few	6 2.7%	13 6.5%	7 3.0%	10 5.0%	14 6.6%	50 4.7%
About the right number	51 22.8%	73 36.5%	60 26.1%	53 26.5%	53 25.0%	290 27.2%
No opinion/no answer	13 5.8%	8 4.0%	19 8.3%	10 5.0%	20 9.4%	70 6.6%
Total	224 100.0%	200 100.0%	230 100.0%	200 100.0%	212 100.0%	1066 100.0%

Do you think most illegal immigrants want to stay in the U.S. permanently, or do you think they want to move back to the country they came from some day?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Stay in the U.S.	160	141	159	148	156	764
	71.4%	70.5%	69.7%	74.0%	73.6%	71.8%
Move back to other country	44	46	58	41	40	229
	19.6%	23.0%	25.4%	20.5%	18.9%	21.5%
Don't know	14	6	7	6	10	43
	6.3%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	4.7%	4.0%
No opinion/no answer	6	7	4	5	6	28
	2.7%	3.5%	1.8%	2.5%	2.8%	2.6%
Total	224	200	228	200	212	1064
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you think that illegal immigrants spend most of their money in the United States or send most of their money out of the country?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Most spend within the United States	42	51	42	34	44	213
	18.8%	25.5%	18.4%	17.0%	20.9%	20.1%
Most send outside of the United States	159	127	175	148	147	756
	71.3%	63.5%	76.8%	74.0%	69.7%	71.2%
Don't know	14	15	4	14	17	64
	6.3%	7.5%	1.8%	7.0%	8.1%	6.0%
No opinion/no answer	8	7	7	4	3	29
	3.6%	3.5%	3.1%	2.0%	1.4%	2.7%
Total	223	200	228	200	211	1062
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Overall, do you think that illegal immigrants in your state have helped the state's economy, hurt the state's economy, or had no impact?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Helped	53	79	62	61	59	314
	23.8%	39.5%	27.2%	30.5%	28.0%	29.6%
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Total	223	200	228	200	211	1062
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you think illegal immigrants mostly take jobs that nobody wants or do they mostly take jobs away from American citizens who want them?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Take jobs nobody wants	87 51.2%	49 40.8%	82 49.7%	75 54.3%	69 45.7%	362 48.7%
Take jobs away from American citizens who want them	64 37.6%	53 44.2%	65 39.4%	45 32.6%	59 39.1%	286 38.4%
Don't know	7 4.1%	5 4.2%	12 7.3%	12 8.7%	14 9.3%	50 6.7%
No opinion/no answer	12 7.1%	13 10.8%	6 3.6%	6 4.3%	9 6.0%	46 6.2%
Total	170 100.0%	120 100.0%	165 100.0%	138 100.0%	151 100.0%	744 100.0%

Have you or a family member lost a job because a company hired immigrant workers instead?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Yes	11 6.5%	9 7.5%	12 7.3%	11 8.0%	5 3.3%	48 6.5%
No	156 91.8%	106 88.3%	149 90.9%	123 89.1%	142 94.7%	676 91.1%
Don't know/no answer	3 1.8%	5 4.2%	3 1.8%	4 2.9%	3 2.0%	18 2.4%
Total	170 100.0%	120 100.0%	164 100.0%	138 100.0%	150 100.0%	742 100.0%

Have you or a family member not been offered a job because a company hired immigrant workers instead?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Yes	8 4.7%	10 8.3%	8 4.9%	4 2.9%	10 6.7%	40 5.4%
No	157 92.4%	104 86.7%	150 91.5%	127 92.7%	136 90.7%	674 91.0%
Don't know/no answer	5 2.9%	6 5.0%	6 3.7%	6 4.4%	4 2.7%	27 3.6%
Total	170 100.0%	120 100.0%	164 100.0%	137 100.0%	150 100.0%	741 100.0%

How concerned are you about the issue of illegal immigration overall?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Very concerned	87 51.5%	63 52.5%	88 53.7%	67 48.9%	61 40.7%	366 49.5%
Somewhat concerned	58 34.3%	40 33.3%	58 35.4%	41 29.9%	51 34.0%	248 33.5%
Not too concerned	16 9.5%	6 5.0%	11 6.7%	22 16.1%	18 12.0%	73 9.9%
Not at all concerned	7 4.1%	9 7.5%	7 4.3%	6 4.4%	15 10.0%	44 5.9%
Neutral/no opinion	1 .6%	1 .8%	0 .0%	0 .0%	3 2.0%	5 .7%
No answer	0 .0%	1 .8%	0 .0%	1 .7%	2 1.3%	4 .5%
Total	169 100.0%	120 100.0%	164 100.0%	137 100.0%	150 100.0%	740 100.0%

Level of agreement: Because of illegal immigration, the wrong kinds of people are coming into our country.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	79 46.7%	53 44.5%	80 49.7%	65 47.8%	58 38.9%	335 45.6%
Somewhat agree	64 37.9%	34 28.6%	44 27.3%	42 30.9%	47 31.5%	231 31.5%
Somewhat disagree	17 10.1%	18 15.1%	17 10.6%	15 11.0%	19 12.8%	86 11.7%
Strongly disagree	5 3.0%	8 6.7%	11 6.8%	9 6.6%	14 9.4%	47 6.4%
Neutral/no opinion	4 2.4%	4 3.4%	9 5.6%	3 2.2%	5 3.4%	25 3.4%
No answer	0 .0%	2 1.7%	0 .0%	2 1.5%	6 4.0%	10 1.4%
Total	169 100.0%	119 100.0%	161 100.0%	136 100.0%	149 100.0%	734 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigrants take jobs away from Americans.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	73 33.0%	50 25.5%	75 33.6%	73 37.2%	63 30.3%	334 32.0%
Somewhat agree	82 37.1%	50 25.5%	58 26.0%	52 26.5%	64 30.8%	306 29.3%
Somewhat disagree	38 17.2%	47 24.0%	42 18.8%	44 22.4%	41 19.7%	212 20.3%
Strongly disagree	18 8.1%	41 20.9%	39 17.5%	21 10.7%	32 15.4%	151 14.5%
Neutral/no opinion	9 4.1%	6 3.1%	8 3.6%	5 2.6%	4 1.9%	32 3.1%
No answer	1 .5%	2 1.0%	1 .4%	1 .5%	4 1.9%	9 .9%
Total	221 100.0%	196 100.0%	223 100.0%	196 100.0%	208 100.0%	1044 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigration has become very dangerous for the immigrants and many people have died trying to enter the U.S. illegally.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	121 54.8%	108 55.1%	130 58.3%	117 59.7%	119 57.2%	595 57.0%
Somewhat agree	59 26.7%	58 29.6%	50 22.4%	44 22.4%	51 24.5%	262 25.1%
Somewhat disagree	14 6.3%	12 6.1%	15 6.7%	15 7.7%	18 8.7%	74 7.1%
Strongly disagree	9 4.1%	7 3.6%	11 4.9%	12 6.1%	5 2.4%	44 4.2%
Neutral/no opinion	10 4.5%	9 4.6%	9 4.0%	6 3.1%	9 4.3%	43 4.1%
No answer	8 3.6%	2 1.0%	8 3.6%	2 1.0%	6 2.9%	26 2.5%
Total	221 100.0%	196 100.0%	223 100.0%	196 100.0%	208 100.0%	1044 100.0%

Level of agreement: Because of illegal immigration, too many people are coming into our country.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	141 63.8%	104 53.1%	142 63.7%	118 60.5%	121 58.5%	626 60.1%
Somewhat agree	48 21.7%	42 21.4%	52 23.3%	47 24.1%	41 19.8%	230 22.1%
Somewhat disagree	11 5.0%	22 11.2%	12 5.4%	12 6.2%	21 10.1%	78 7.5%
Strongly disagree	7 3.2%	21 10.7%	13 5.8%	14 7.2%	13 6.3%	68 6.5%
Neutral/no opinion	10 4.5%	5 2.6%	3 1.3%	2 1.0%	5 2.4%	25 2.4%
No answer	4 1.8%	2 1.0%	1 .4%	2 1.0%	6 2.9%	15 1.4%
Total	221 100.0%	196 100.0%	223 100.0%	195 100.0%	207 100.0%	1042 100.0%

Level of agreement: Providing services like schools and health care to illegal immigrants costs taxpayers too much.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	157 71.0%	116 59.2%	168 75.3%	135 69.2%	124 59.9%	700 67.2%
Somewhat agree	40 18.1%	45 23.0%	30 13.5%	24 12.3%	32 15.5%	171 16.4%
Somewhat disagree	11 5.0%	11 5.6%	8 3.6%	14 7.2%	17 8.2%	61 5.9%
Strongly disagree	7 3.2%	17 8.7%	13 5.8%	11 5.6%	17 8.2%	65 6.2%
Neutral/no opinion	4 1.8%	5 2.6%	3 1.3%	8 4.1%	10 4.8%	30 2.9%
No answer	2 .9%	2 1.0%	1 .4%	3 1.5%	7 3.4%	15 1.4%
Total	221 100.0%	196 100.0%	223 100.0%	195 100.0%	207 100.0%	1042 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to discrimination.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	116 52.5%	111 56.6%	123 55.2%	102 52.3%	99 47.8%	551 52.9%
Somewhat agree	59 26.7%	52 26.5%	53 23.8%	45 23.1%	53 25.6%	262 25.1%
Somewhat disagree	16 7.2%	15 7.7%	20 9.0%	21 10.8%	19 9.2%	91 8.7%
Strongly disagree	21 9.5%	13 6.6%	22 9.9%	23 11.8%	24 11.6%	103 9.9%
Neutral/no opinion	7 3.2%	3 1.5%	4 1.8%	3 1.5%	6 2.9%	23 2.2%
No answer	2 .9%	2 1.0%	1 .4%	1 .5%	6 2.9%	12 1.2%
Total	221 100.0%	196 100.0%	223 100.0%	195 100.0%	207 100.0%	1042 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to employer abuses.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	93 42.1%	97 49.5%	94 42.2%	93 47.7%	87 42.0%	464 44.5%
Somewhat agree	66 29.9%	52 26.5%	66 29.6%	49 25.1%	53 25.6%	286 27.4%
Somewhat disagree	18 8.1%	16 8.2%	19 8.5%	16 8.2%	26 12.6%	95 9.1%
Strongly disagree	24 10.9%	18 9.2%	26 11.7%	20 10.3%	18 8.7%	106 10.2%
Neutral/no opinion	16 7.2%	9 4.6%	14 6.3%	14 7.2%	16 7.7%	69 6.6%
No answer	4 1.8%	4 2.0%	4 1.8%	3 1.5%	7 3.4%	22 2.1%
Total	221 100.0%	196 100.0%	223 100.0%	195 100.0%	207 100.0%	1042 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigrants are vulnerable to abuses from law enforcement.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	55 24.9%	51 26.2%	63 28.3%	57 29.4%	57 27.5%	283 27.2%
Somewhat agree	70 31.7%	64 32.8%	72 32.3%	61 31.4%	64 30.9%	331 31.8%
Somewhat disagree	32 14.5%	25 12.8%	30 13.5%	28 14.4%	34 16.4%	149 14.3%
Strongly disagree	41 18.6%	38 19.5%	48 21.5%	38 19.6%	26 12.6%	191 18.4%
Neutral/no opinion	18 8.1%	14 7.2%	8 3.6%	8 4.1%	15 7.2%	63 6.1%
No answer	5 2.3%	3 1.5%	2 .9%	2 1.0%	11 5.3%	23 2.2%
Total	221 100.0%	195 100.0%	223 100.0%	194 100.0%	207 100.0%	1040 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigration increases crime.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	85 38.6%	65 33.3%	81 36.3%	76 39.2%	68 32.9%	375 36.1%
Somewhat agree	64 29.1%	73 37.4%	71 31.8%	43 22.2%	54 26.1%	305 29.4%
Somewhat disagree	31 14.1%	21 10.8%	40 17.9%	28 14.4%	42 20.3%	162 15.6%
Strongly disagree	21 9.5%	26 13.3%	17 7.6%	31 16.0%	22 10.6%	117 11.3%
Neutral/no opinion	13 5.9%	8 4.1%	10 4.5%	14 7.2%	14 6.8%	59 5.7%
No answer	6 2.7%	2 1.0%	4 1.8%	2 1.0%	7 3.4%	21 2.0%
Total	220 100.0%	195 100.0%	223 100.0%	194 100.0%	207 100.0%	1039 100.0%

Level of agreement: Illegal immigration increases the likelihood of terrorism.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	91 41.4%	77 39.5%	103 46.2%	96 49.7%	85 41.1%	452 43.5%
Somewhat agree	77 35.0%	51 26.2%	53 23.8%	28 14.5%	54 26.1%	263 25.3%
Somewhat disagree	21 9.5%	25 12.8%	28 12.6%	23 11.9%	22 10.6%	119 11.5%
Strongly disagree	18 8.2%	37 19.0%	29 13.0%	34 17.6%	32 15.5%	150 14.5%
Neutral/no opinion	12 5.5%	3 1.5%	7 3.1%	11 5.7%	8 3.9%	41 3.9%
No answer	1 .5%	2 1.0%	3 1.3%	1 .5%	6 2.9%	13 1.3%
Total	220 100.0%	195 100.0%	223 100.0%	193 100.0%	207 100.0%	1038 100.0%

Level of agreement: The current rate of illegal immigration indicates that the United States is not adequately protecting citizens from the threat of terrorism.

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Strongly agree	94 42.9%	72 36.9%	91 41.2%	84 43.8%	90 43.7%	431 41.7%
Somewhat agree	68 31.1%	62 31.8%	62 28.1%	54 28.1%	48 23.3%	294 28.5%
Somewhat disagree	25 11.4%	27 13.8%	32 14.5%	18 9.4%	29 14.1%	131 12.7%
Strongly disagree	22 10.0%	25 12.8%	30 13.6%	28 14.6%	19 9.2%	124 12.0%
Neutral/no opinion	8 3.7%	6 3.1%	4 1.8%	5 2.6%	12 5.8%	35 3.4%
No answer	2 .9%	3 1.5%	2 .9%	3 1.6%	8 3.9%	18 1.7%
Total	219 100.0%	195 100.0%	221 100.0%	192 100.0%	206 100.0%	1033 100.0%

What is your citizenship status?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Born in the United States	210	180	213	189	202	994
	95.9%	92.8%	96.4%	98.4%	98.1%	96.3%
Born outside the United States as a United States citizen	2	5	3	0	1	11
	.9%	2.6%	1.4%	.0%	.5%	1.1%
Born outside the United States and have since become a citizen	2	8	3	0	1	14
	.9%	4.1%	1.4%	.0%	.5%	1.4%
Not a United States citizen	3	1	2	1	1	8
	1.4%	.5%	.9%	.5%	.5%	.8%
No answer	2	0	0	2	1	5
	.9%	.0%	.0%	1.0%	.5%	.5%
Total	219	194	221	192	206	1032
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you wish to become a United States Citizen?

	State of Residence					Total
	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	
Yes	2	1	0	1	0	4
	66.7%	100.0%	.0%	100.0%	.0%	50.0%
No	1	0	2	0	1	4
	33.3%	.0%	100.0%	.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Total	3	1	2	1	1	8
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%