

Alabama Issues 2002 Preliminary Results

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2002 Alabama Population Survey of Issues Facing Alabama

Overview

The Survey Research Laboratory at the Center for Governmental Services has recently concluded its quadrennial survey of Alabama Issues. The telephone survey of a random sample of Alabamians was conducted from March 7 thru 14, 2002. A total of 562 adult Alabamians responded. The margin of error is plus/minus four percentage points. This means that we are confident that the sample results reported are within four percentage points, plus or minus, of the total population.

The purpose of the survey is to provide information regarding the attitudes and perspectives of Alabamians prior to the 2002 election. The survey results will be included in the forthcoming publication of ***Alabama Issues 2002***. This publication is distributed to the electronic and print media, candidates for State office, and selected Alabama community leaders.

These results are preliminary and should not be widely distributed without approval by CGS. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Survey Research Laboratory or me.

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2002 AL Issues Survey

1. How would you rate the overall quality of life in Alabama?
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
 - Very Poor
 - Don't know

For the following issues affecting Alabama, please indicate they are Very Important, Important, Slightly Important, or Unimportant.

2. The issue of K-12 education.
 - Very Important
 - Important
 - Slightly Important
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know
3. The issue of jobs.
 - Very Important
 - Important
 - Slightly Important
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know
4. Drug abuse.
 - Very Important
 - Important
 - Slightly Important
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know
5. Crime and public safety.
 - Very Important
 - Important
 - Slightly Important
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know

6. Leadership in government.

- Very Important
- Important
- Slightly Important
- Unimportant
- Don't know

7. Unemployment.

- Very Important
- Important
- Slightly Important
- Unimportant
- Don't know

8. Racism.

- Very Important
- Important
- Slightly Important
- Unimportant
- Don't know

9. Taxes and governmental spending.

- Very Important
- Important
- Slightly Important
- Unimportant
- Don't know

10. Environmental protection.

- Very Important
- Important
- Slightly Important
- Unimportant
- Don't know

11. Of the previous issues, which do you think is the most critical problem currently facing the State of Alabama?

- Education/schools
- Job development
- Drug abuse
- Crime/police/public safety
- Leadership/government
- Unemployment
- Racism
- Taxes and spending
- Environmental protection
- Other (*fill in blank*)

In Alabama, there are a number of issues that have generated considerable discussion. For the following issues, please indicate whether you Strongly Support, Support, Oppose, or Strongly Oppose the issue.

12. Displaying the Ten Commandments in Governmental Buildings.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

13. Public schools should have a moment of silence for prayer or reflection at the beginning of each day.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

14. Appointing Alabama's trial judges rather than electing them.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

15. Rewriting the Alabama constitution by a constitutional convention.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

16. Creating more state paid health insurance programs for children from lower-income families.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

17. Allowing counties to raise or lower taxes without getting approval from the state legislature.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

18. Legalizing adult arcades and casino-type gambling, with the tax revenues applied to improve education.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

19. Eliminating the state sales tax on food purchases.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

- Don't know

20. Paying for improvements in education, roads, prisons, and other government programs by borrowing money through bonds.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

21. Allowing new businesses that locate in Alabama to not pay taxes for the first ten years of operation.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

22. Are you in favor of the death penalty? *(If no, skip to 24)*

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

23. Do you believe that the death penalty should be imposed for certain violent acts of terrorism?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

24. Which of the following methods of execution should be permitted in Alabama?

- Electric chair
- Lethal injection
- Gas chamber
- Firing squad
- Hanging
- Other
- Don't know

25. Are you in favor of any additional controls on the sale or possession of firearms in Alabama? *(If no, skip to 26)*

- Yes

- No
- No opinion

26. Which of the following would you support?

- Increased controls over gun show sales
- Restrictions on the sale of assault-type weapons
- Parental liability for minors using guns to commit crimes
- Other
- Don't know

27. Should convicted felons who have served their sentences be allowed to vote?

- Yes, immediately
- Yes, after a set period of time
- Only on a case by case basis
- No, never
- Don't know

28. Currently, Alabama allocates funding for K-12 schools on a per student basis.

Do you believe that Alabama should keep its current system, or change to a system that distributes additional funds to poorer districts?

- Keep current system
- Change to a need-based system
- Don't know

29. How would you say Alabama's colleges and universities compare with those in other southern states?

- Much Better
- Better
- About the Same
- Worse
- Much Worse
- Don't know

30. How important to you is the availability of quality higher education in Alabama?

- Very Important
- Important
- Somewhat Important
- Unimportant
- Don't know

31. Would you describe the current economic situation in Alabama as?

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

32. From your perception, how has the economic performance of Alabama changed over the last few years?

- Improved Significantly
- Improved
- Stayed the Same
- Declined
- Declined Significantly
- Don't know

33. Over the next few years, do you think the number of jobs in Alabama will...?

- Increase Significantly
- Increase
- Stay the Same
- Decline
- Decline Significantly
- Don't know

34. Compared to four years ago, is your personal economic situation...?

- Much Better
- Better
- About the Same
- Worse
- Much Worse
- Don't know

For the following governmental groups, please indicate whether you believe corruption in Alabama occurs Very Often, Often, Sometimes, Rarely, or Very Rarely.

35. Corruption among local elected officials occurs...?

- Very Often
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Very Rarely
- Don't know

36. State elected officials.

- Very Often
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Very Rarely
- Don't know

37. Police officers.

- Very Often
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Very Rarely
- Don't know

38. Judicial officials.

- Very Often
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Very Rarely
- Don't know

For the following activities, please indicate whether you believe Alabama's state and local governments are currently doing a Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor, or Very Poor job.

39. Preschool needs.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

40. Kindergarten through high school education.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

41. College and university education.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

42. Public health care.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

43. Public transportation.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor

- Don't know

44. Services for the elderly.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

45. Mental health care.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

46. Law enforcement.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

47. Fire Protection.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

48. Emergency medical care.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

49. Overall handling and allocation of funds.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Don't know

Would you Strongly Support, Support, Oppose or Strongly Oppose a tax increase to improve the following in Alabama?

50. Kindergarten through high school education.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

51. College and university education

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

52. Public healthcare in Alabama.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

53. The prison system.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Indifferent
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't know

54. Police protection.
- Strongly Support
 - Support
 - Indifferent
 - Oppose
 - Strongly Oppose
 - Don't know

55. Fire protection.
- Strongly Support
 - Support
 - Indifferent
 - Oppose
 - Strongly Oppose
 - Don't know

56. Alabama's highways, roads, and bridges.
- Strongly Support
 - Support
 - Indifferent
 - Oppose
 - Strongly Oppose
 - Don't know

For the following statements please respond whether you Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree.

57. Property taxes in Alabama are too high.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
 - Don't know

58. Sales taxes in Alabama are too high.
- Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
 - Don't know

Demographics

59. In what county do you live?

- *County list should follow*

60. How would you classify the area in which you live? Would you say that it is...?

- City (above 50,000)
- Small city (25,000-50,000)
- Large town (5,000-25,000)
- Small town (less than 5,000)
- Small unincorporated community
- Rural area
- No answer

61. Are you currently employed...?

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Homemaker
- Retired
- Unemployed
- Other (e.g. student, disabled, etc)
- No answer

62. How would you classify your current or pre-retirement occupation?

- Laborer
- Clerical
- Technical
- Professional
- Sales
- Service
- Homemaker
- Other
- No answer

63. Including yourself and children, how many people live in your household?

64. How many children under 18 years of age currently live in your household?

65. In which age group would you include yourself?

- 71 +
- 61 - 70
- 51 - 60
- 41 - 50
- 31 - 40
- 18 – 30
- No answer

66. What is your highest educational level?

- Graduate\Professional
- Bachelor's
- Associate\Technical
- Some college
- High school diploma/GED
- Less than high school
- No answer

67. Which category best describes your annual household income?

- \$100,000 and over
- \$75 – 75,000
- \$40 - 74,000
- \$20 - 39,000
- Less than \$20,000
- No answer

68. What race do you identify with?

- African-American
- Asian-American
- Hispanic
- Native-American
- White
- Other
- No answer

69. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- No answer

How is the quality of life in Alabama

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	7	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Very Poor	8	1.4	1.4	2.7
	Poor	31	5.5	5.5	8.2
	Fair	155	27.6	27.6	35.8
	Good	253	45.0	45.0	80.8
	Very Good	108	19.2	19.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of K-12 education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	9	1.6	1.6	1.6
	Unimportant	6	1.1	1.1	2.7
	Slightly Important	9	1.6	1.6	4.3
	Important	128	22.8	22.8	27.0
	Very Important	410	73.0	73.0	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of jobs

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	4	.7	.7	.7
	Unimportant	6	1.1	1.1	1.8
	Slightly Important	8	1.4	1.4	3.2
	Important	126	22.4	22.4	25.6
	Very Important	418	74.4	74.4	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of drug abuse

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	7	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Unimportant	10	1.8	1.8	3.0
	Slightly Important	18	3.2	3.2	6.2
	Important	149	26.5	26.5	32.7
	Very Important	378	67.3	67.3	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of crime and public safety

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	3	.5	.5	.5
	Unimportant	4	.7	.7	1.2
	Slightly Important	15	2.7	2.7	3.9
	Important	161	28.6	28.6	32.6
	Very Important	379	67.4	67.4	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of leadership in government

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	7	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Unimportant	8	1.4	1.4	2.7
	Slightly Important	32	5.7	5.7	8.4
	Important	174	31.0	31.0	39.3
	Very Important	341	60.7	60.7	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of unemployment

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	8	1.4	1.4	1.4
	Unimportant	9	1.6	1.6	3.0
	Slightly Important	33	5.9	5.9	8.9
	Important	204	36.3	36.3	45.2
	Very Important	308	54.8	54.8	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of racism

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	15	2.7	2.7	2.7
	Unimportant	20	3.6	3.6	6.2
	Slightly Important	58	10.3	10.3	16.5
	Important	204	36.3	36.3	52.8
	Very Important	265	47.2	47.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of taxes and govt. spending

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	7	1.2	1.2	1.2
Unimportant	5	.9	.9	2.1
Slightly Important	32	5.7	5.7	7.8
Important	226	40.2	40.2	48.0
Very Important	292	52.0	52.0	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of environmental protection

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	6	1.1	1.1	1.1
Unimportant	9	1.6	1.6	2.7
Slightly Important	55	9.8	9.8	12.5
Important	241	42.9	42.9	55.3
Very Important	251	44.7	44.7	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Most critical issue facing Alabama

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid K-12 education	237	42.2	42.2	42.2
Jobs	52	9.3	9.3	51.4
Drug abuse	59	10.5	10.5	61.9
Crime and public safety	31	5.5	5.5	67.4
Leadership/govt.	55	9.8	9.8	77.2
Unemployment	53	9.4	9.4	86.7
Racism	21	3.7	3.7	90.4
Taxes/govt. spending	33	5.9	5.9	96.3
Envir. protection	8	1.4	1.4	97.7
Other (fill in blank)	13	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support showing Ten Commandments

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	15	2.7	2.7	2.7
Strongly Oppose	17	3.0	3.0	5.7
Oppose	59	10.5	10.5	16.2
Indifferent	47	8.4	8.4	24.6
Support	267	47.5	47.5	72.1
Strongly Support	157	27.9	27.9	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support prayer in public schools

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	2	.4	.4	.4
Strongly Oppose	9	1.6	1.6	2.0
Oppose	27	4.8	4.8	6.8
Indifferent	24	4.3	4.3	11.0
Support	278	49.5	49.5	60.5
Strongly Support	222	39.5	39.5	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support appointing trial judges

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	41	7.3	7.3	7.3
Strongly Oppose	59	10.5	10.5	17.8
Oppose	253	45.0	45.0	62.8
Indifferent	51	9.1	9.1	71.9
Support	124	22.1	22.1	94.0
Strongly Support	34	6.0	6.0	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support rewriting the constitution

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	70	12.5	12.5	12.5
Strongly Oppose	24	4.3	4.3	16.7
Oppose	142	25.3	25.3	42.0
Indifferent	76	13.5	13.5	55.5
Support	188	33.5	33.5	89.0
Strongly Support	62	11.0	11.0	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support more children health insurance

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	17	3.0	3.0	3.0
Strongly Oppose	10	1.8	1.8	4.8
Oppose	67	11.9	11.9	16.7
Indifferent	31	5.5	5.5	22.2
Support	302	53.7	53.7	76.0
Strongly Support	135	24.0	24.0	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support county home rule

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Don't Know	18	3.2	3.2	3.2
Strongly Oppose	53	9.4	9.4	12.6
Oppose	264	47.0	47.0	59.6
Indifferent	28	5.0	5.0	64.6
Support	159	28.3	28.3	92.9
Strongly Support	40	7.1	7.1	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support legalizing gambling machines

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	10	1.8	1.8	1.8
	Strongly Oppose	92	16.4	16.4	18.1
	Oppose	156	27.8	27.8	45.9
	Indifferent	20	3.6	3.6	49.5
	Support	223	39.7	39.7	89.1
	Strongly Support	61	10.9	10.9	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support eliminating sales tax for food

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	16	2.8	2.8	2.8
	Strongly Oppose	14	2.5	2.5	5.3
	Oppose	108	19.2	19.2	24.6
	Indifferent	35	6.2	6.2	30.8
	Support	286	50.9	50.9	81.7
	Strongly Support	103	18.3	18.3	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support using bonds to fund govt. improvements

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	47	8.4	8.4	8.4
	Strongly Oppose	16	2.8	2.8	11.2
	Oppose	171	30.4	30.4	41.6
	Indifferent	61	10.9	10.9	52.5
	Support	235	41.8	41.8	94.3
	Strongly Support	32	5.7	5.7	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Support deferring taxes for new businesses

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	13	2.3	2.3	2.3
	Strongly Oppose	99	17.6	17.6	19.9
	Oppose	293	52.1	52.1	72.1
	Indifferent	24	4.3	4.3	76.3
	Support	117	20.8	20.8	97.2
	Strongly Support	16	2.8	2.8	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Favor the death penalty

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No opinion	44	7.8	7.8	7.8
	No	171	30.4	30.4	38.3
	Yes	347	61.7	61.7	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Favor DP should be used for acts of terrorism

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No opinion	4	.7	1.2	1.2
	No	12	2.1	3.5	4.6
	Yes	331	58.9	95.4	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and support using electric chair

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	213	37.9	61.4	61.4
	Yes	134	23.8	38.6	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and support using lethal injection

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	73	13.0	21.0	21.0
	Yes	274	48.8	79.0	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and support using gas chamber

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	265	47.2	76.4	76.4
	Yes	82	14.6	23.6	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and support using firing squad

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	288	51.2	83.0	83.0
	Yes	59	10.5	17.0	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and support using hanging

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	292	52.0	84.1	84.1
	Yes	55	9.8	15.9	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and support using other

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	339	60.3	97.7	97.7
	Yes	8	1.4	2.3	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor DP and unsure of execution method

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	332	59.1	95.7	95.7
	Yes	15	2.7	4.3	100.0
	Total	347	61.7	100.0	
Missing	System	215	38.3		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor gun controls

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No opinion	29	5.2	5.2	5.2
	No	339	60.3	60.3	65.5
	Yes	194	34.5	34.5	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Favor and support controlling sales at gun shows

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	72	12.8	37.1	37.1
	Yes	122	21.7	62.9	100.0
	Total	194	34.5	100.0	
Missing	System	368	65.5		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor and support restricting assault rifles

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	50	8.9	25.8	25.8
	Yes	144	25.6	74.2	100.0
	Total	194	34.5	100.0	
Missing	System	368	65.5		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor and support parental liability

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	77	13.7	39.7	39.7
	Yes	117	20.8	60.3	100.0
	Total	194	34.5	100.0	
Missing	System	368	65.5		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor and support other

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	186	33.1	95.9	95.9
	Yes	8	1.4	4.1	100.0
	Total	194	34.5	100.0	
Missing	System	368	65.5		
Total		562	100.0		

Favor and unsure of restrictions

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	181	32.2	93.3	93.3
	Yes	13	2.3	6.7	100.0
	Total	194	34.5	100.0	
Missing	System	368	65.5		
Total		562	100.0		

Should felons regain voting rights

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	16	2.8	2.8	2.8
	No, never	166	29.5	29.5	32.4
	Yes, case by case	102	18.1	18.1	50.5
	Yes, after a period	158	28.1	28.1	78.6
	Yes, immediately	120	21.4	21.4	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Should education funding system change

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	53	9.4	9.4	9.4
	Change system	312	55.5	55.5	64.9
	Keep current system	197	35.1	35.1	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Alabama's universities compared to other states

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	73	13.0	13.0	13.0
	Much Worse	9	1.6	1.6	14.6
	Worse	55	9.8	9.8	24.4
	About the same	323	57.5	57.5	81.9
	Better	74	13.2	13.2	95.0
	Much Better	28	5.0	5.0	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Importance of quality higher education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	14	2.5	2.5	2.5
	Unimportant	10	1.8	1.8	4.3
	Slightly Important	21	3.7	3.7	8.0
	Important	101	18.0	18.0	26.0
	Very Important	416	74.0	74.0	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Alabama's current economic situation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	14	2.5	2.5	2.5
	Very Poor	27	4.8	4.8	7.3
	Poor	123	21.9	21.9	29.2
	Fair	239	42.5	42.5	71.7
	Good	136	24.2	24.2	95.9
	Very Good	23	4.1	4.1	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Economic performance over last few years

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	36	6.4	6.4	6.4
	Dec. Significantly	21	3.7	3.7	10.1
	Declined	139	24.7	24.7	34.9
	Stayed the same	166	29.5	29.5	64.4
	Improved	184	32.7	32.7	97.2
	Impr. Significantly	16	2.8	2.8	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Future of Alabama jobs

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	35	6.2	6.2	6.2
	Dec. Significantly	9	1.6	1.6	7.8
	Decline	111	19.8	19.8	27.6
	Stay the same	124	22.1	22.1	49.6
	Increase	269	47.9	47.9	97.5
	Incr. Significantly	14	2.5	2.5	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Personal economic situation compared to past

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	11	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Much Worse	21	3.7	3.7	5.7
	Worse	84	14.9	14.9	20.6
	About the same	213	37.9	37.9	58.5
	Better	170	30.2	30.2	88.8
	Much Better	63	11.2	11.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Corruption by local elected officials

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	36	6.4	6.4	6.4
	Very Rarely	13	2.3	2.3	8.7
	Rarely	60	10.7	10.7	19.4
	Sometimes	168	29.9	29.9	49.3
	Often	177	31.5	31.5	80.8
	Very Often	108	19.2	19.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Corruption by state elected officials

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	50	8.9	8.9	8.9
	Very Rarely	2	.4	.4	9.3
	Rarely	57	10.1	10.1	19.4
	Sometimes	161	28.6	28.6	48.0
	Often	196	34.9	34.9	82.9
	Very Often	96	17.1	17.1	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Corruption by police officials

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	33	5.9	5.9	5.9
	Very Rarely	21	3.7	3.7	9.6
	Rarely	72	12.8	12.8	22.4
	Sometimes	203	36.1	36.1	58.5
	Often	153	27.2	27.2	85.8
	Very Often	80	14.2	14.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Corruption by judicial officials

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	59	10.5	10.5	10.5
	Very Rarely	20	3.6	3.6	14.1
	Rarely	105	18.7	18.7	32.7
	Sometimes	177	31.5	31.5	64.2
	Often	142	25.3	25.3	89.5
	Very Often	59	10.5	10.5	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in handling of preschool needs

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	48	8.5	8.5	8.5
	Very Poor	21	3.7	3.7	12.3
	Poor	103	18.3	18.3	30.6
	Fair	195	34.7	34.7	65.3
	Good	167	29.7	29.7	95.0
	Very Good	28	5.0	5.0	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in K-12 education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	28	5.0	5.0	5.0
	Very Poor	24	4.3	4.3	9.3
	Poor	129	23.0	23.0	32.2
	Fair	201	35.8	35.8	68.0
	Good	151	26.9	26.9	94.8
	Very Good	29	5.2	5.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in higher education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	65	11.6	11.6	11.6
	Very Poor	9	1.6	1.6	13.2
	Poor	60	10.7	10.7	23.8
	Fair	158	28.1	28.1	52.0
	Good	223	39.7	39.7	91.6
	Very Good	47	8.4	8.4	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in public health care

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	41	7.3	7.3	7.3
	Very Poor	29	5.2	5.2	12.5
	Poor	124	22.1	22.1	34.5
	Fair	216	38.4	38.4	73.0
	Good	133	23.7	23.7	96.6
	Very Good	19	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in public transportation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	53	9.4	9.4	9.4
	Very Poor	56	10.0	10.0	19.4
	Poor	150	26.7	26.7	46.1
	Fair	164	29.2	29.2	75.3
	Good	124	22.1	22.1	97.3
	Very Good	15	2.7	2.7	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in services for the elderly

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	49	8.7	8.7	8.7
	Very Poor	31	5.5	5.5	14.2
	Poor	164	29.2	29.2	43.4
	Fair	188	33.5	33.5	76.9
	Good	114	20.3	20.3	97.2
	Very Good	16	2.8	2.8	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in mental health care

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	105	18.7	18.7	18.7
	Very Poor	35	6.2	6.2	24.9
	Poor	119	21.2	21.2	46.1
	Fair	168	29.9	29.9	76.0
	Good	121	21.5	21.5	97.5
	Very Good	14	2.5	2.5	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in law enforcement

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	19	3.4	3.4	3.4
	Very Poor	13	2.3	2.3	5.7
	Poor	73	13.0	13.0	18.7
	Fair	229	40.7	40.7	59.4
	Good	204	36.3	36.3	95.7
	Very Good	24	4.3	4.3	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in fire protection

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	18	3.2	3.2	3.2
	Very Poor	6	1.1	1.1	4.3
	Poor	45	8.0	8.0	12.3
	Fair	163	29.0	29.0	41.3
	Good	281	50.0	50.0	91.3
	Very Good	49	8.7	8.7	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in emergency medical care

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	22	3.9	3.9	3.9
	Very Poor	9	1.6	1.6	5.5
	Poor	43	7.7	7.7	13.2
	Fair	159	28.3	28.3	41.5
	Good	277	49.3	49.3	90.7
	Very Good	52	9.3	9.3	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in allocation of funds

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	53	9.4	9.4	9.4
	Very Poor	61	10.9	10.9	20.3
	Poor	175	31.1	31.1	51.4
	Fair	191	34.0	34.0	85.4
	Good	73	13.0	13.0	98.4
	Very Good	9	1.6	1.6	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Job AL is doing in building and maintaining roads

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	21	3.7	3.7	3.7
	Very Poor	42	7.5	7.5	11.2
	Poor	137	24.4	24.4	35.6
	Fair	208	37.0	37.0	72.6
	Good	125	22.2	22.2	94.8
	Very Good	29	5.2	5.2	100.0
	Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Tax to improve K-12 education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	13	2.3	2.3	2.3
	Strongly Oppose	25	4.4	4.5	6.8
	Oppose	134	23.8	23.9	30.7
	Indifferent	16	2.8	2.9	33.5
	Support	306	54.4	54.5	88.1
	Strongly Support	67	11.9	11.9	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Tax to improve higher education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	18	3.2	3.2	3.2
	Strongly Oppose	24	4.3	4.3	7.5
	Oppose	183	32.6	32.6	40.1
	Indifferent	16	2.8	2.9	43.0
	Support	271	48.2	48.3	91.3
	Strongly Support	49	8.7	8.7	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Tax to improve public healthcare

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	16	2.8	2.9	2.9
	Strongly Oppose	18	3.2	3.2	6.1
	Oppose	127	22.6	22.6	28.7
	Indifferent	27	4.8	4.8	33.5
	Support	326	58.0	58.1	91.6
	Strongly Support	47	8.4	8.4	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Tax to improve prison system

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	30	5.3	5.3	5.3
	Strongly Oppose	54	9.6	9.6	15.0
	Oppose	223	39.7	39.8	54.7
	Indifferent	38	6.8	6.8	61.5
	Support	197	35.1	35.1	96.6
	Strongly Support	19	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Tax to improve police protection

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	11	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Strongly Oppose	18	3.2	3.2	5.2
	Oppose	138	24.6	24.6	29.8
	Indifferent	28	5.0	5.0	34.8
	Support	319	56.8	56.9	91.6
	Strongly Support	47	8.4	8.4	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Tax to improve fire protection

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	11	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Strongly Oppose	14	2.5	2.5	4.5
	Oppose	109	19.4	19.4	23.9
	Indifferent	24	4.3	4.3	28.2
	Support	353	62.8	62.9	91.1
	Strongly Support	50	8.9	8.9	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Tax to improve Alabama roads

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	16	2.8	2.9	2.9
	Strongly Oppose	20	3.6	3.6	6.4
	Oppose	140	24.9	25.0	31.4
	Indifferent	38	6.8	6.8	38.1
	Support	305	54.3	54.4	92.5
	Strongly Support	42	7.5	7.5	100.0
	Total	561	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		562	100.0		

Property taxes are too high

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	33	5.9	5.9	5.9
	Strongly Disagree	29	5.2	5.2	11.1
	Disagree	275	48.9	49.1	60.2
	Agree	155	27.6	27.7	87.9
	Strongly Agree	68	12.1	12.1	100.0
	Total	560	99.6	100.0	
Missing	System	2	.4		
Total		562	100.0		

Sales taxes are too high

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't Know	19	3.4	3.4	3.4
	Strongly Disagree	2	.4	.4	3.8
	Disagree	175	31.1	31.3	35.1
	Agree	275	48.9	49.2	84.3
	Strongly Agree	88	15.7	15.7	100.0
	Total	559	99.5	100.0	
Missing	System	3	.5		
Total		562	100.0		

Area classification

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	4	.7	.7	.7
	Rural area	116	20.6	20.8	21.5
	Small unincorporated community	41	7.3	7.3	28.9
	Small town	145	25.8	26.0	54.8
	Large town	40	7.1	7.2	62.0
	Small city	102	18.1	18.3	80.3
	City	110	19.6	19.7	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Employment status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	4	.7	.7	.7
	Unemployed	35	6.2	6.3	7.0
	Retired	121	21.5	21.7	28.7
	Homemaker	28	5.0	5.0	33.7
	Part-time	36	6.4	6.5	40.1
	Full-time	302	53.7	54.1	94.3
	Other	32	5.7	5.7	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Occupation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	34	6.0	6.1	6.1
	Homemaker	55	9.8	9.9	15.9
	Service	49	8.7	8.8	24.7
	Sales	44	7.8	7.9	32.6
	Professional	150	26.7	26.9	59.5
	Technical	35	6.2	6.3	65.8
	Clerical	55	9.8	9.9	75.6
	Laborer	70	12.5	12.5	88.2
	Other	66	11.7	11.8	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Number in household

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	5	.9	.9	.9
0	5	.9	.9	1.8
1	95	16.9	16.9	18.7
2	194	34.5	34.5	53.2
23	1	.2	.2	53.4
3	122	21.7	21.7	75.1
4	82	14.6	14.6	89.7
5	42	7.5	7.5	97.2
6	10	1.8	1.8	98.9
7	1	.2	.2	99.1
8	5	.9	.9	100.0
Total	562	100.0	100.0	

Age group

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	5	.9	.9	.9
	18 - 30	86	15.3	15.4	16.3
	31 - 40	95	16.9	17.0	33.3
	41 - 50	136	24.2	24.4	57.7
	51 - 60	100	17.8	17.9	75.6
	61 - 70	72	12.8	12.9	88.5
	71 +	64	11.4	11.5	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Education level

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	4	.7	.7	.7
	Less than HS	61	10.9	10.9	11.6
	High school\GED	189	33.6	33.9	45.5
	Some college	117	20.8	21.0	66.5
	Assoc.\Technical	41	7.3	7.3	73.8
	Bachelor's	89	15.8	15.9	89.8
	Graduate\Professional	57	10.1	10.2	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Household income

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	87	15.5	15.6	15.6
	Less than \$20,000	109	19.4	19.5	35.1
	\$20 - 39,000	126	22.4	22.6	57.7
	\$40 - 74,000	147	26.2	26.3	84.1
	\$75 - 99,000	55	9.8	9.9	93.9
	\$100,000 and over	34	6.0	6.1	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No Answer	7	1.2	1.3	1.3
	White	422	75.1	75.6	76.9
	Native-American	11	2.0	2.0	78.9
	Hispanic	3	.5	.5	79.4
	Asian-American	6	1.1	1.1	80.5
	African-American	99	17.6	17.7	98.2
	Other	10	1.8	1.8	100.0
	Total	558	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		562	100.0		

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	337	60.0	60.5	60.5
	Male	220	39.1	39.5	100.0
	Total	557	99.1	100.0	
Missing	System	5	.9		
Total		562	100.0		