

1) How often would you say you **vote in state elections**...

Always.....	72%
Nearly always.....	28%
Less often.....	ended survey

**Fiscal Policy & Taxation**

2) Would you support or oppose introducing a **state personal income tax**? ...and would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose) this?

Strongly support .....	14%	} 28%
Somewhat support .....	14%	
Somewhat oppose .....	13%	} 65%
Strongly oppose .....	52%	
Unsure .....	7%	

3) If in the future a statewide sales or personal income tax is proposed by the legislature, would you support or oppose **requiring the tax be approved by a vote of the people** before it could take effect? ...and would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose) this?

Strongly support .....	56%	} 69%
Somewhat support .....	13%	
Somewhat oppose .....	9%	} 27%
Strongly oppose .....	18%	
Unsure .....	4%	

4) Would you support or oppose a policy requiring the state legislature to **review and approve any new state agency regulation** costing \$1 million or more? ...and would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose) this?

Strongly support .....	42%	} 66%
Somewhat support .....	24%	
Somewhat oppose .....	9%	} 20%
Strongly oppose .....	11%	
Unsure .....	14%	

## Education

- 5) The population of school age children in Alaska is decreasing and some schools are currently operating at as low as one-half of the capacity they were intended for. Do you think the state [randomized statements] should **look to consolidate school buildings** that are undercapacity when the transportation impact on students is minimal, or do you think the state should continue funding to keep all undercapacity school buildings open?

Consolidate .....62%  
 Fund to keep all open .....26%  
 Unsure .....12%

- 6) Would you support or oppose paying a state personal **income tax if the revenue was dedicated to providing more funds to school districts?** ...and would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose) that?

Strongly support .....21% }  
 Somewhat support .....15% } 36%  
 Somewhat oppose .....11% }  
 Strongly oppose .....47% } 58%  
 Unsure .....6%

## Retirement System

- 7) When it comes to **attracting and retaining qualified state and local government employees** in Alaska, please rank the following factors in terms of what you believe is most important: [randomized]

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Row Total
Competitive salary .....	48%	18%	16%	9%	6%	3%	100%
Health insurance benefits.....	15%	27%	26%	20%	6%	6%	100%
Retirement benefits.....	13%	25%	25%	14%	15%	8%	100%
Work-life balance.....	10%	12%	10%	20%	26%	22%	100%
Opportunities for career advancement.....	7%	10%	13%	25%	26%	19%	100%
Geographic location of jobs.....	7%	9%	9%	13%	20%	42%	100%

- 8) Do you think **state and local government employees** in Alaska receive better, worse, or the same in **retirement benefits** than employees with similar jobs in the private sector in Alaska?

Better .....37%  
 Worse.....28%  
 Same .....15%  
 Unsure .....20%

- 9) What type of **retirement plan do you personally have?**

401(k)-style plan .....33%  
 Mix but including a pension.....26%  
 Social Security only .....13%  
 Defined benefit pension .....12%  
 IRA.....8%  
 None .....7%  
 Unsure .....1%

10) When it comes to the idea of **shifting state and local government employees** from 401(k) style accounts to defined benefits pensions, which of the following statements do you agree with more: [statements randomized]

This is a bad idea because it is more costly to the state and taxpayers, employees would lose the ability to control their own investments and lose the flexibility to take their plan with them from job to job. ....46%

OR

This is a good idea because benefits would be guaranteed and would not depend on how well the employees and governments saved and how the market performs. ....39%

Unsure .....15%

11) If Alaska chooses to reinstate defined benefits pensions as an option for state and local government employees, **which type account do you think should be the default** for new employees when hired? [randomized]

401(k)-style account .....44%

Defined benefits pensions .....41%

Unsure .....15%

12) If Alaska chooses to reinstate defined benefits pensions, how confident are you that the state could **manage it correctly to avoid creating unfunded liabilities** in the future?

Very confident .....	7%	} 33%
Somewhat confident .....	26%	
Not too confident .....	24%	} 62%
Not at all confident.....	38%	
Unsure .....	6%	

Often, state and local governments find they do not have enough money to fully fund obligations made in the past for government employee retirement benefits, including pensions. In this difficult situation, please say whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following options **to help fund these retirement benefits**. [randomized]

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Net Support	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure
13) Increasing taxes for businesses operating in Alaska .....	43%	51%	-8%	16%	27%	18%	33%	6%
14) Introducing a state sales tax .....	41%	55%	-14%	14%	27%	12%	43%	4%
15) Decreasing the Permanent Fund Dividend amount .....	40%	55%	-15%	20%	20%	12%	43%	5%
16) Introducing a state personal income tax.....	28%	68%	-40%	14%	14%	15%	53%	4%

## Judiciary

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**17) Do you think Alaskans (rotated) should **vote directly on the selection of judges, or should judges continue to be selected using the current State process?****

Alaskans should vote on judges.....	47%
Continue using current process.....	41%
Unsure .....	12%

## Demographics

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**18) Could you please tell me in which of the following age groups you fall into?**  
[asked at beginning for quotas]

18-34 yrs old .....	19%
35-44 yrs old .....	20%
45-54 yrs old .....	19%
55-64 yrs old .....	17%
65+ yrs old .....	25%

**19) Gender [asked at beginning for quotas]**

Male .....	50%
Female .....	50%

**20) How closely would you say you follow local news and politics in Alaska...**

Very closely .....	31%
Somewhat closely .....	54%
Not closely .....	15%

**21) Are you registered to vote as a Democrat, Republican, Non-Partisan, Undeclared or something else?**

Democrat .....	15%
Republican .....	30%
Non-Partisan .....	16%
Undeclared .....	36%
Other party .....	3%

**22) Do you consider yourself...**

Very conservative .....	13%
Somewhat conservative .....	22%
Moderate .....	31%
Somewhat liberal.....	17%
Very liberal.....	7%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

**23) Regarding your employment status, are you currently...**

Employed full-time .....	57%
Retired .....	29%
Other.....	11%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

**24) And which of the following best describes where you work (previously worked)?**  
[Asked if employed or retired]

Private company .....	45%
Non-profit org .....	11%
Federal govt .....	11%
State govt .....	16%
Local govt .....	9%
Prefer not to say .....	8%

**25) What was the last grade of schooling you completed?**

High school graduate/GED or less .....	14%
Some college or technical school .....	22%
College graduate .....	37%
Post-graduate school .....	26%
Prefer not to say .....	1%

**26) Which of the following ranges does your annual household income fall into?**

<\$60K .....	18%
\$60-99K .....	17%
\$100-199K .....	38%
\$200K+ .....	17%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

**27) Could you please tell me the zip code in the area where you live?**

Anchorage .....	41%
Southcentral .....	27%
Interior .....	13%
Southeast .....	13%
Rural .....	6%