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LOOMING BUDGET DEFICIT FAILS TO CAPTURE ATTENTION OF NH PUBLIC

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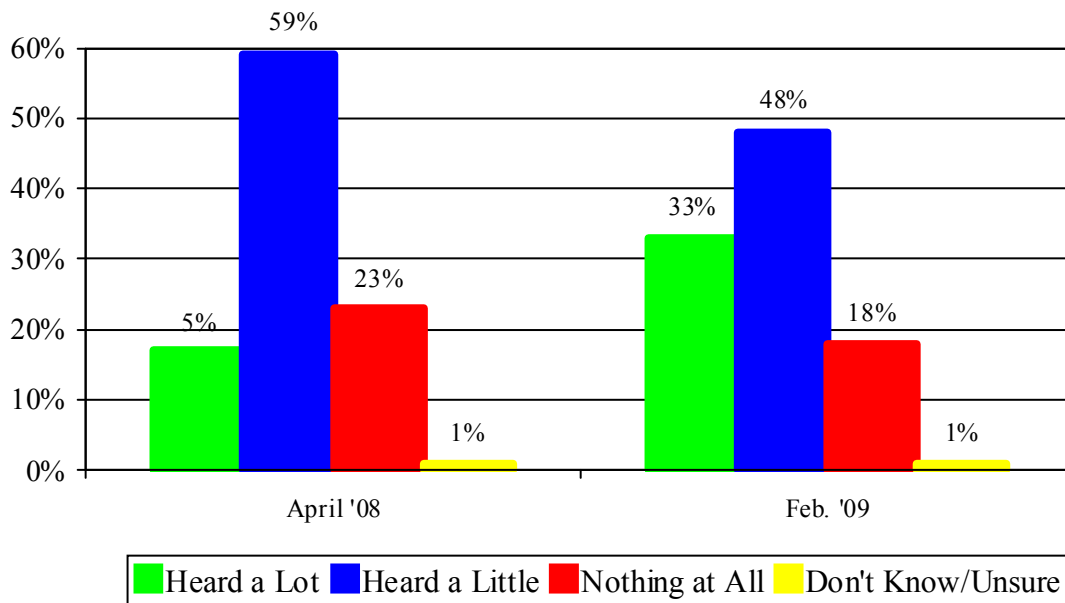
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DURHAM, NH – Despite an expected budget shortfall of at least \$100 million, a high percentage of New Hampshire residents are largely unaware of the state’s budget situation. Legalized gambling remains the least unpopular of a series of unpopular revenue options.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Poll**,* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Six hundred nineteen (619) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by telephone between February 5 and February 9, 2009. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/-3.9 percent.

Awareness of NH Budget Realities

In recent months, there has been a spate of newspaper articles, television news stories, and think tank reports showing that New Hampshire is facing the largest budget deficit in the state’s history. However, many New Hampshire residents are not following the fiscal woes of the state. In the latest Granite State Poll, 33% say they have heard or read a lot about the state’s budget difficulties, 48% say they have heard a little, 18% say they have heard nothing at all and 1% are unsure. In April 2008, only 17% said they had heard a lot about the state’s budget difficulties and 59% say they had heard a little. “Although the media have extensively covered New Hampshire’s budget deficit, it has not reached state residents,” said Andrew Smith, Director of the UNH Survey Center. “Most people in New Hampshire are not affected directly by the state budget crisis so they tend to tune out news about it.”

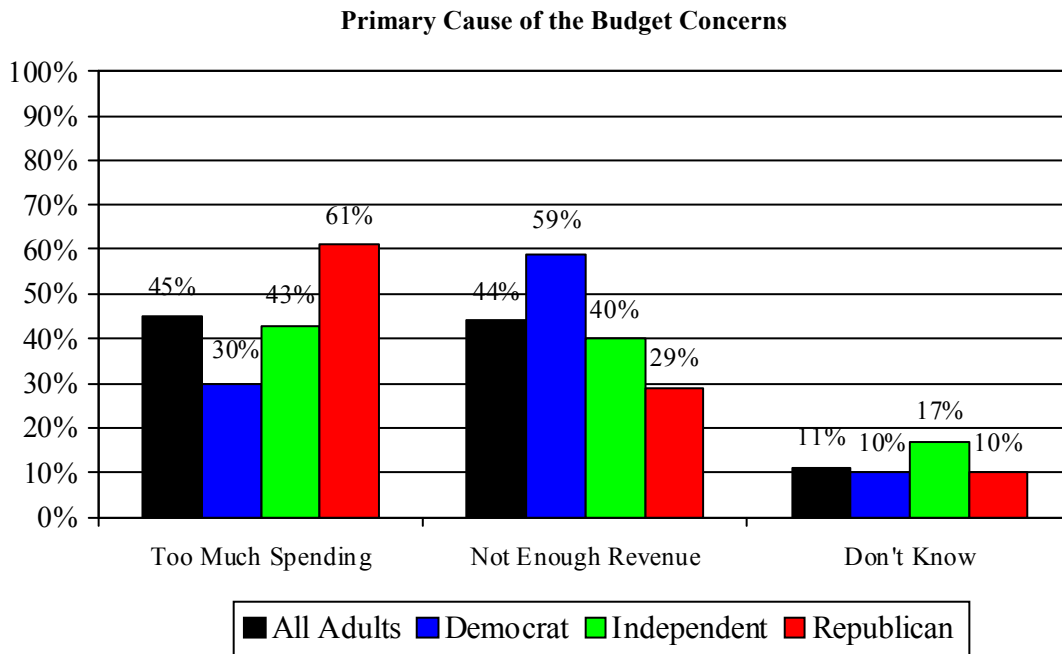


But while Granite Staters may not be paying much attention, but they are aware of the seriousness of the state’s budget problems – 40% think that New Hampshire’s budget problems are very serious, 46% think they are somewhat serious, only 4% think they are not very, or not serious at all, and 10% are unsure.

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But there is little agreement about the cause of the current deficit – 45% say the deficit is the result of too much spending and 44% think it is because of a lack of revenues. The disagreement over the cause of the deficit will make it more difficult for lawmakers to craft a budget to close the gap.

Partisanship plays an important part in peoples perceptions of the cause of the budget deficit. A majority of Republicans (61%) say that too much spending is the cause of the states budget problems while 59% of Democrats say that the problems are due to a lack of revenues.



Political Realities

New Hampshire is one of only two states that have neither a state income tax nor a sales tax, state revenues come primarily from a combination of business taxes, room and meals taxes, revenues from the sales of alcohol, lottery tickets, and a state wide property tax for primary and secondary education. There has been debate for decades about implementing a “broad base” tax in New Hampshire, either an income tax or a sales tax, but proponents of these changes have not had the political support either in Concord or from the voters of New Hampshire to get one passed.

And while it is clear that most New Hampshire residents are not at all happy with property taxes as a long term funding solution, they also do not want either an income tax or a sales tax and would be more likely to vote against candidates who favor either of these revenue options. When asked if they would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who favored increasing property taxes as a long term funding solution for the state, only 6% of New Hampshire adults say they would be more likely to vote for a State Senate candidate who favored this position, 87% said they would be more likely to vote against, 6% said it would make no difference in their vote, and 1% sat they don’t know.

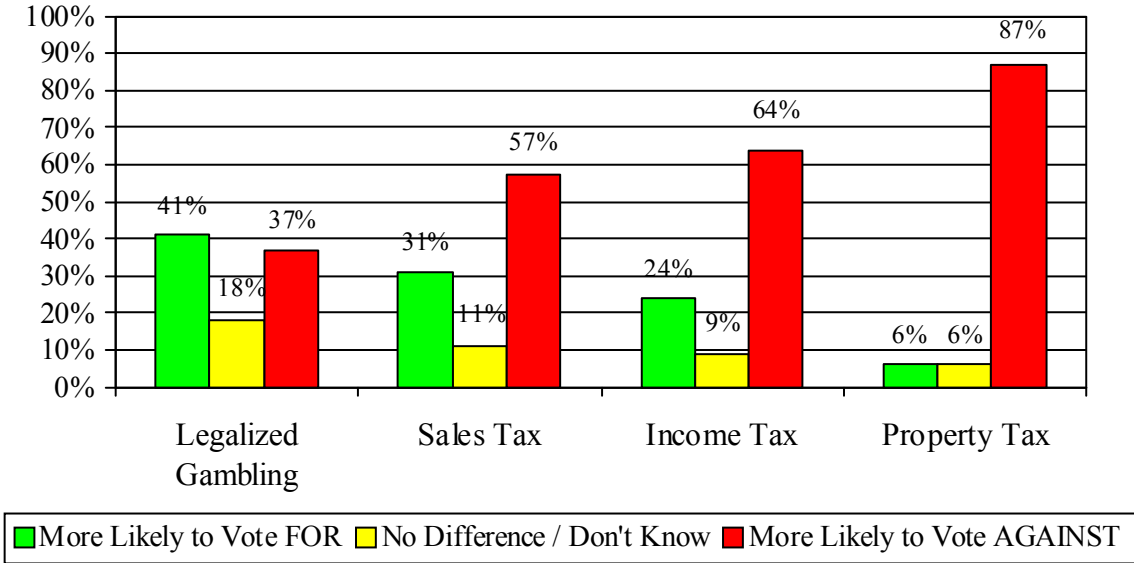
While not as unpopular as increasing property taxes, only 24% of New Hampshire adults say they would be more likely to vote for a State Senate candidate who favored an income tax, 64% said they would be more likely to vote against, 9% said it would make no difference in their vote, and 3% said they don’t know.

A sales tax is also not a popular option – only 31% of state residents say they would be more likely to vote for a State Senate candidate who favored a sales tax, 57% say they would be more likely to vote against, 11% say it would make little difference in their vote, and 2% don’t know.

The only revenue option that is somewhat politically popular is expanding legal gambling – 41% say they would be more likely to vote for a State Senate candidate who favored legalized gambling, 37% said they would be more likely to vote against, 18% said it would make little difference in their vote, and 4% don’t know.

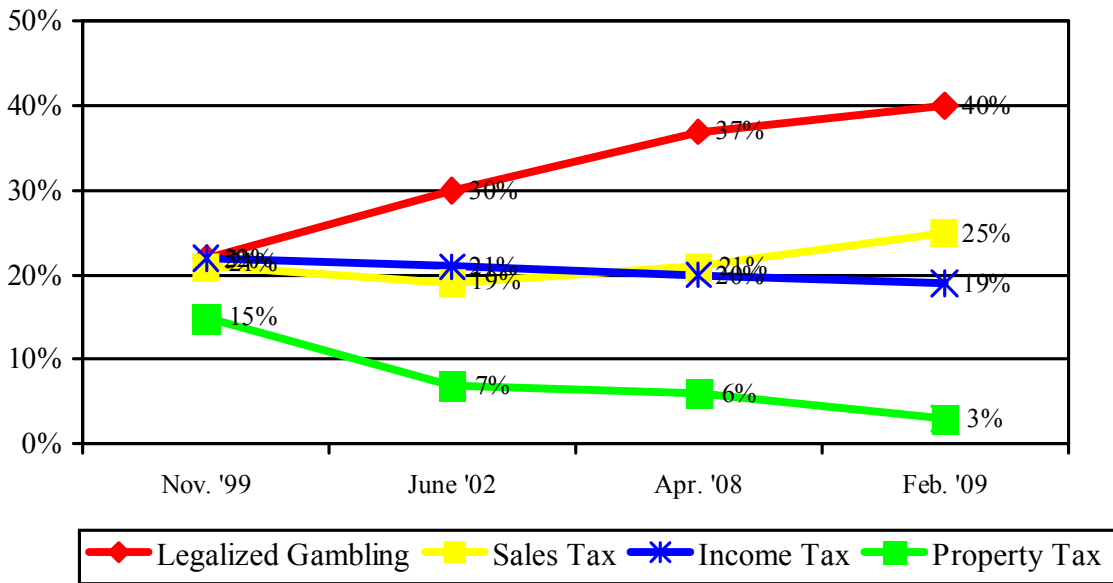
There has been little change in how New Hampshire adults feel about these issues over the past 10 years. The biggest difference is the percentage who said any of these revenue options would make no difference on their vote has declined, an indication that people have thought more about their options during the current crisis.

More Likely to Vote For/Against State Senator who Favored ...?



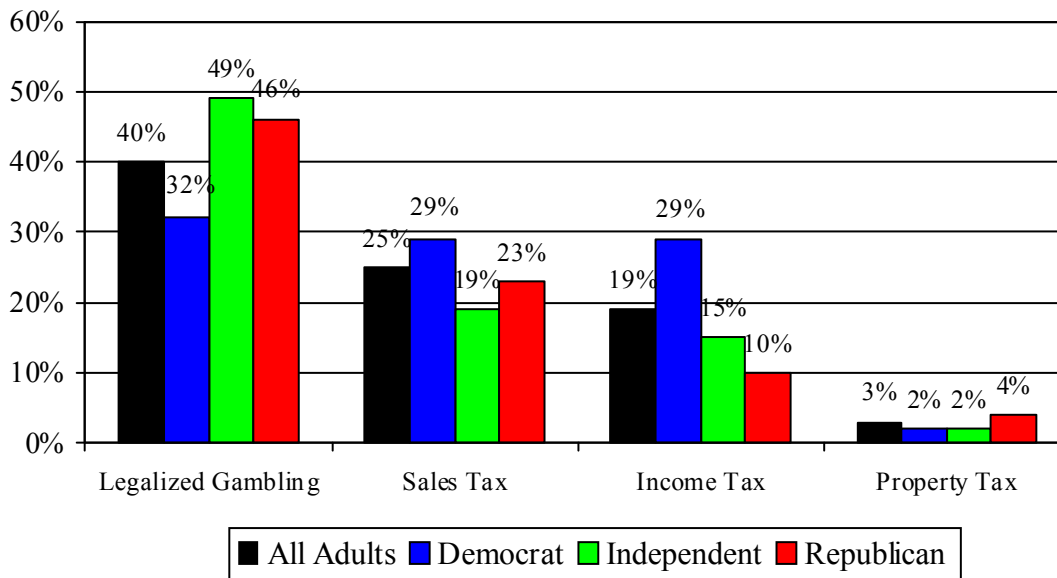
When asked to choose which of these revenue sources was closest to their own position, a small plurality (40%) chose legalized gambling, 25% said a sales tax, 19% said an income tax, 3% favored increasing the property tax, 6% favored cutting state spending, 1% preferred some combination of these, and 6% said they were unsure. The percentage of New Hampshire adults who favor legalized gambling as a revenue option has increased steadily since November 1999 while support for an income or sales tax has remained relatively flat and support for increased property taxes has dropped.

Funding Option Closest to Your Position



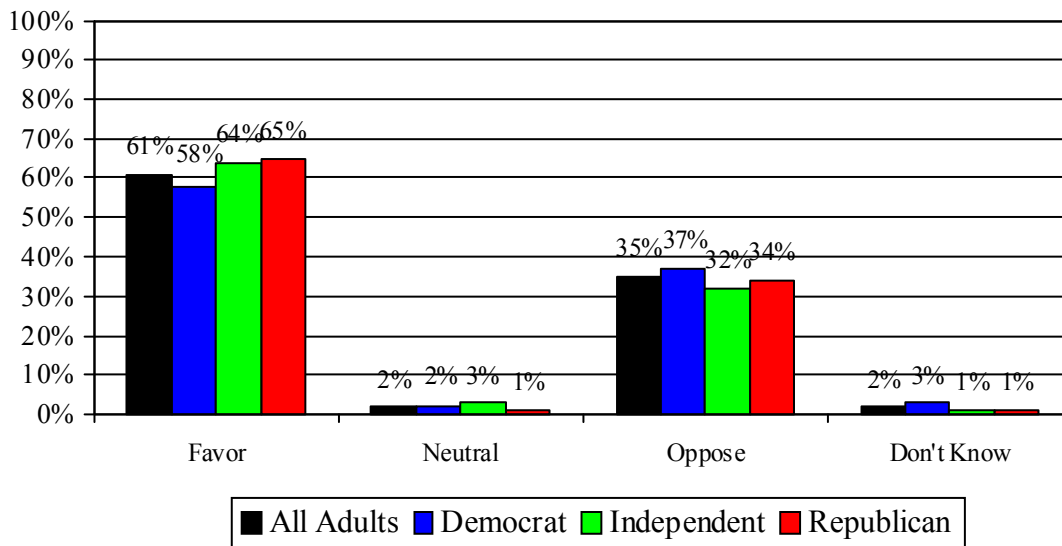
There are significant political differences in support for different funding options. Democrats are more likely than Republicans or Independents to favor an income tax while Independents and Republicans most likely to favor legalized gambling.

Funding Option Closest to Your Position



Governor Lynch has stated that he will veto a income or sales tax proposal if one should pass the legislature. In light of the governor’s opposition, respondents were asked if they would favor or oppose legalized gambling as a revenue option. In this circumstance, 61% of voters say they would favor legalizing gambling (37% strongly and 24% somewhat), 35% still oppose legalizing gambling (27% strongly and 8% somewhat), 2 percent are neutral and 2% are unsure. There are no partisan differences in whether people favor or oppose legalized gambling if an income tax or sales tax is not an option.

Favor or Oppose Legalized Gambling if no Sales or Income Tax



Granite State Poll Methodology

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The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, and region of the state. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

“Let’s talk for a minute and talk about the state budget situation. How much would you say you have heard or read about New Hampshire’s projected budget shortfall ... a lot ... a little ... or nothing at all?”

	<u>Apr. ‘08</u>	<u>Feb. ‘09</u>
HEARD A LOT	17%	33%
HEARD A LITTLE	59%	48%
NOTHING AT ALL	23%	18%
DK / UNSURE	1%	1%
	(N=498)	(N=618)

“Based on what you have heard or read, how serious is the budget deficit faced by the state of New Hampshire ... very serious ... somewhat serious ... not very serious ... or not serious at all?”

	<u>Feb. ‘09</u>
VERY SERIOUS	40%
SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	46%
NOT VERY SERIOUS	3%
NOT SERIOUS AT ALL	1%
DK / UNSURE	10%
	(N=614)

“Many people think that the New Hampshire state budget concerns are due to the amount of spending by state government, that is, the state spends more than it needs to ... and many people believe the state budget concerns are due to a lack of revenue, that is, the state does not bring in enough money to meet its needs. What about you ... what do you believe is the cause of New Hampshire’s budget concerns, would you say there is too much spending or would you say there is not enough revenue?”

	<u>Feb. ‘09</u>
TOO MUCH SPENDING	45%
NOT ENOUGH REVENUE	44%
DK / UNSURE	11%
	(N=611)

“Many people think that in the long run, a different means of funding the state government will have to be found. There have been several proposals made by state legislators to fund the state and these proposals rely on different sources of revenue. As I read each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for your state Senator if they favored that position, or if it would make little difference in your vote. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for your state Senator if they favored ... (INCOME TAX, SALES TAX, LEGALIZING GAMBLING, PROPERTY TAX) to fund the state, or would that make little difference in your vote?” ROTATE QUESTIONS

Vote for or Against State Senator who Favored ...

	More Likely to Vote For				No Difference Don't Know				More Likely to Vote Against			
	<u>11/99</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/08</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>11/99</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/08</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>11/99</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/08</u>	<u>2/09</u>
Revenue from Gambling	36%	40%	41%	41%	20%	21%	28%	22%	44%	39%	31%	37%
Sales Tax	35%	32%	25%	31%	18%	15%	20%	13%	47%	52%	55%	57%
Income Tax	32%	32%	23%	24%	17%	14%	18%	12%	50%	54%	59%	64%
State-wide Property Tax	19%	16%	9%	6%	24%	25%	18%	7%	56%	58%	73%	87%

“Which of these options is closest to your opinion of what should be done about funding the state of New Hampshire ... an income tax ... a sales tax ... a state-wide property tax ... or revenues from legalized gambling?” ROTATE RESPONSES

	<u>Nov. 1999</u>	<u>June 2002</u>	<u>April 2008</u>	<u>Feb. 2009</u>
Revenue from Gambling	22%	30%	37%	40%
Sales Tax	21%	19%	21%	25%
Income Tax	22%	21%	20%	19%
Cut Spending	16%	15%	10%	6%
State-wide Property Tax/Current Law	15%	7%	6%	3%
Combination	1%	4%	1%	1%
Don't Know	3%	5%	3%	6%
	(N=686)	(N=619)	(N=490)	(N=612)

“Governor Lynch has recently said that he would veto an income tax or a sales tax proposal if it were passed by the State legislature. Assuming that these two taxes are not options for new revenue sources, do you favor or oppose legalizing gambling and using those revenues to reduce the states budget deficit?”

	<u>Feb. '09</u>
STRONGLY FAVOR	37%
FAVOR SOMEWHAT	24%
NEUTRAL	2%
OPPOSE SOMEWHAT	8%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	27%
DON'T KNOW	2%
	(N=486)

Heard of NH Budget Shortfall

	Heard <u>A Lot</u>	Heard <u>A Little</u>	Nothing <u>At All</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>	(N=)
STATEWIDE - 5/08	17%	59%	23%	1%	498
STATEWIDE - 2/09	33%	48%	18%	1%	618
Registered Democrat	42%	48%	10%	0%	182
Undeclared	30%	46%	23%	1%	225
Registered Republican	33%	52%	15%	1%	166
Not registered	16%	48%	31%	4%	40
Democrat	38%	47%	15%	0%	261
Independent	30%	44%	24%	2%	123
Republican	30%	52%	17%	1%	223
Liberal	38%	46%	15%	0%	117
Moderate	34%	48%	17%	1%	287
Conservative	31%	51%	18%	0%	170
Male	36%	47%	15%	1%	305
Female	30%	49%	20%	0%	312
18 to 34	16%	40%	44%	0%	71
35 to 49	34%	49%	17%	0%	174
50 to 64	37%	49%	14%	0%	219
65 and over	35%	51%	11%	3%	139
High school or less	25%	49%	23%	3%	140
Some college	33%	44%	23%	1%	140
College graduate	36%	47%	16%	0%	211
Post-graduate	37%	54%	9%	0%	125
Married	34%	50%	15%	1%	421
Divorced/separated	32%	51%	15%	1%	117
Never married	33%	33%	34%	1%	75
Protestant	34%	53%	12%	1%	219
Catholic	32%	48%	19%	1%	203
Other	34%	42%	23%	0%	169
10 years or less in NH	21%	51%	27%	2%	99
11 to 20 years	31%	48%	21%	0%	110
More than 20 years	37%	48%	14%	1%	402
Born in New Hampshire	37%	47%	15%	1%	167
Born in Massachusetts	30%	53%	16%	1%	184
Other New England	32%	45%	21%	2%	85
Mid-Atlantic	36%	46%	18%	1%	70
Other state	33%	45%	22%	0%	112
North Country	37%	45%	18%	0%	58
Central/Lakes	47%	42%	10%	1%	106
Connecticut Valley	40%	44%	16%	1%	85
Mass Border	21%	56%	23%	1%	168
Seacoast	34%	47%	17%	2%	107
Manchester Area	31%	49%	20%	0%	94
1st E.C. District	40%	43%	16%	1%	125
2nd E.C. District	45%	43%	11%	1%	134
3rd E.C. District	26%	53%	19%	2%	125
4th E.C. District	31%	48%	21%	0%	105
5th E.C. District	23%	55%	21%	1%	128

Seriousness of NH Budget Shortfall

	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Not Very Serious	Not Serious At All	Don't Know	(N=)
STATEWIDE	40%	46%	3%	1%	10%	614
Registered Democrat	46%	47%	2%	0%	5%	182
Undeclared	40%	44%	1%	1%	13%	221
Registered Republican	39%	49%	4%	0%	8%	166
Not registered	23%	48%	3%	3%	23%	40
Democrat	45%	45%	2%	1%	7%	261
Independent	37%	47%	2%	0%	15%	121
Republican	37%	48%	4%	1%	11%	221
Liberal	44%	45%	1%	2%	7%	117
Moderate	37%	50%	3%	1%	10%	286
Conservative	41%	46%	4%	0%	9%	168
Male	38%	49%	4%	0%	9%	302
Female	42%	44%	1%	1%	11%	312
18 to 34	25%	48%	5%	0%	22%	70
35 to 49	39%	49%	1%	1%	9%	172
50 to 64	45%	43%	2%	1%	10%	219
65 and over	42%	48%	4%	1%	5%	139
High school or less	36%	45%	2%	1%	15%	140
Some college	36%	48%	3%	0%	12%	139
College graduate	38%	48%	3%	2%	9%	211
Post-graduate	53%	44%	1%	0%	3%	123
Married	41%	48%	2%	1%	8%	418
Divorced/separated	40%	44%	4%	0%	12%	117
Never married	37%	40%	5%	0%	18%	75
Protestant	43%	46%	2%	0%	8%	219
Catholic	40%	47%	3%	1%	10%	201
Other	36%	47%	2%	1%	13%	168
10 years or less in NH	30%	47%	5%	2%	16%	96
11 to 20 years	43%	41%	2%	1%	13%	110
More than 20 years	42%	48%	2%	0%	7%	402
Born in New Hampshire	40%	51%	3%	0%	6%	167
Born in Massachusetts	39%	50%	1%	1%	9%	182
Other New England	40%	41%	2%	0%	17%	85
Mid-Atlantic	46%	41%	1%	1%	12%	70
Other state	40%	41%	5%	2%	12%	110
North Country	35%	49%	6%	3%	6%	56
Central/Lakes	51%	41%	1%	0%	7%	106
Connecticut Valley	50%	38%	1%	1%	10%	85
Mass Border	35%	50%	2%	1%	12%	166
Seacoast	34%	54%	2%	1%	10%	107
Manchester Area	39%	43%	5%	1%	12%	94
1st E.C. District	45%	43%	3%	2%	7%	124
2nd E.C. District	46%	45%	1%	0%	8%	134
3rd E.C. District	35%	53%	3%	1%	8%	125
4th E.C. District	39%	40%	3%	1%	17%	105
5th E.C. District	35%	51%	3%	0%	12%	126
Heard a lot about budget shortfall	64%	34%	2%	1%	0%	205
Heard a little	35%	60%	3%	0%	3%	297
Nothing at all	12%	33%	3%	4%	49%	106

Primary Cause of Budget Concerns

	<u>Too Much Spending</u> 45%	<u>Not Enough Revenue</u> 44%	<u>Don't Know</u> 11%	<u>(N=)</u> 611
STATEWIDE				
Registered Democrat	27%	66%	7%	179
Undeclared	47%	40%	13%	224
Registered Republican	62%	29%	9%	164
Not registered	44%	32%	24%	38
Democrat	30%	59%	10%	259
Independent	43%	40%	17%	120
Republican	61%	29%	10%	221
Liberal	24%	67%	9%	116
Moderate	40%	49%	12%	284
Conservative	69%	21%	10%	167
Male	49%	42%	9%	301
Female	40%	46%	14%	310
18 to 34	54%	33%	13%	71
35 to 49	46%	46%	7%	170
50 to 64	43%	46%	12%	217
65 and over	41%	44%	15%	138
High school or less	48%	39%	13%	137
Some college	54%	38%	8%	139
College graduate	41%	48%	12%	210
Post-graduate	37%	50%	13%	123
Married	45%	44%	10%	417
Divorced/separated	45%	40%	15%	117
Never married	42%	48%	10%	73
Protestant	44%	46%	9%	215
Catholic	47%	39%	14%	201
Other	41%	49%	10%	169
10 years or less in NH	46%	38%	16%	99
11 to 20 years	46%	48%	7%	109
More than 20 years	44%	45%	11%	398
Born in New Hampshire	51%	36%	14%	165
Born in Massachusetts	44%	47%	9%	184
Other New England	39%	46%	16%	83
Mid-Atlantic	41%	45%	14%	69
Other state	43%	50%	7%	109
North Country	55%	40%	6%	58
Central/Lakes	38%	47%	15%	104
Connecticut Valley	30%	58%	12%	83
Mass Border	52%	40%	7%	166
Seacoast	36%	49%	15%	106
Manchester Area	54%	33%	13%	94
1st E.C. District	47%	44%	9%	124
2nd E.C. District	37%	46%	17%	131
3rd E.C. District	35%	54%	11%	122
4th E.C. District	55%	36%	10%	105
5th E.C. District	51%	40%	9%	128

Vote For / Against State Senator if Favored Income Tax

	More Likely Vote For 24%	No Difference 9%	More Likely Against 64%	Don't Know 3%	(N=) 616
STATEWIDE					
Registered Democrat	41%	11%	45%	4%	183
Undeclared	22%	7%	68%	3%	225
Registered Republican	12%	7%	78%	3%	166
Not registered	17%	15%	68%	0%	38
Democrat	36%	12%	49%	4%	261
Independent	20%	5%	72%	3%	123
Republican	14%	6%	76%	3%	223
Liberal	53%	10%	34%	3%	118
Moderate	25%	10%	63%	2%	287
Conservative	8%	6%	81%	5%	170
Male	23%	8%	66%	2%	304
Female	26%	9%	61%	4%	312
18 to 34	13%	11%	75%	1%	71
35 to 49	25%	9%	63%	4%	171
50 to 64	28%	6%	62%	4%	219
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College graduate	28%	9%	61%	2%	211
Post-graduate	31%	12%	54%	3%	125
Married	26%	9%	63%	3%	422
Divorced/separated	21%	8%	67%	3%	117
Never married	22%	8%	64%	5%	74
Protestant	23%	10%	64%	3%	218
Catholic	23%	7%	68%	2%	203
Other	27%	8%	61%	4%	169
10 years or less in NH	21%	8%	66%	4%	101
11 to 20 years	25%	10%	62%	2%	109
More than 20 years	25%	8%	63%	3%	401
Born in New Hampshire	15%	10%	72%	3%	165
Born in Massachusetts	30%	9%	59%	2%	185
Other New England	28%	10%	60%	3%	84
Mid-Atlantic	27%	9%	60%	4%	70
Other state	25%	6%	65%	5%	113
North Country	21%	11%	68%	0%	58
Central/Lakes	22%	12%	65%	1%	106
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Mass Border	22%	7%	68%	3%	167
Seacoast	30%	10%	55%	6%	108
Manchester Area	18%	4%	75%	3%	92
1st E.C. District	23%	11%	64%	2%	125
2nd E.C. District	22%	12%	63%	3%	135
3rd E.C. District	34%	6%	55%	5%	125
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3rd E.C. District	33%	11%	53%	3%	125
4th E.C. District	31%	10%	59%	0%	103
5th E.C. District	19%	13%	65%	3%	128

Vote For / Against State Senator if Favored Increasing State Property Tax

	More Likely Vote For 6%	No Difference 6%	More Likely Against 87%	Don't Know 1%	(N=) 616
STATEWIDE					
Registered Democrat	8%	7%	84%	1%	183
Undeclared	4%	6%	88%	1%	224
Registered Republican	6%	6%	87%	1%	166
Not registered	7%	4%	87%	1%	38
Democrat	7%	7%	84%	1%	261
Independent	4%	4%	90%	2%	122
Republican	5%	5%	88%	1%	223
Liberal	12%	7%	80%	1%	118
Moderate	5%	7%	87%	1%	287
Conservative	4%	4%	90%	2%	170
Male	6%	7%	86%	1%	304
Female	6%	6%	87%	2%	312
18 to 34	8%	7%	86%	0%	71
35 to 49	7%	6%	87%	0%	171
50 to 64	5%	3%	91%	1%	219
65 and over	6%	11%	80%	3%	140
High school or less	6%	7%	86%	1%	138
Some college	5%	4%	90%	2%	140
College graduate	4%	8%	87%	2%	211
Post-graduate	9%	5%	85%	0%	125
Married	5%	7%	87%	1%	421
Divorced/separated	3%	5%	89%	3%	117
Never married	12%	5%	81%	2%	74
Protestant	7%	9%	83%	1%	217
Catholic	4%	6%	88%	2%	203
Other	7%	4%	88%	1%	169
10 years or less in NH	7%	5%	87%	1%	101
11 to 20 years	8%	6%	84%	2%	109
More than 20 years	5%	7%	87%	1%	400
Born in New Hampshire	5%	7%	86%	2%	165
Born in Massachusetts	6%	4%	88%	2%	185
Other New England	6%	10%	84%	0%	84
Mid-Atlantic	14%	8%	77%	2%	70
Other state	3%	5%	92%	0%	113
North Country	3%	6%	91%	0%	58
Central/Lakes	6%	6%	88%	0%	106
Connecticut Valley	10%	6%	83%	1%	85
Mass Border	5%	8%	85%	2%	167
Seacoast	8%	4%	86%	2%	108
Manchester Area	4%	6%	88%	2%	92
1st E.C. District	6%	7%	87%	0%	125
2nd E.C. District	7%	5%	87%	1%	135
3rd E.C. District	6%	7%	86%	1%	125
4th E.C. District	4%	8%	86%	2%	103
5th E.C. District	6%	5%	87%	2%	127

Vote For / Against State Senator if Favored Legalized Gambling

	More Likely Vote For 41%	No Difference 18%	More Likely Against 37%	Don't Know 4%	(N=) 616
STATEWIDE					
Registered Democrat	35%	17%	44%	4%	183
Undeclared	40%	23%	34%	3%	225
Registered Republican	44%	15%	35%	6%	166
Not registered	59%	10%	30%	1%	38
Democrat	37%	18%	42%	3%	261
Independent	43%	20%	33%	3%	123
Republican	45%	17%	33%	5%	223
Liberal	36%	14%	45%	5%	118
Moderate	42%	19%	36%	3%	287
Conservative	42%	18%	34%	6%	170
Male	46%	17%	34%	3%	304
Female	35%	20%	40%	5%	312
18 to 34	47%	25%	28%	1%	71
35 to 49	40%	22%	33%	4%	171
50 to 64	43%	14%	40%	3%	219
65 and over	37%	17%	40%	7%	140
High school or less	47%	20%	30%	3%	138
Some college	46%	13%	37%	4%	140
College graduate	41%	20%	36%	3%	211
Post-graduate	28%	19%	47%	6%	125
Married	37%	19%	39%	5%	422
Divorced/separated	42%	17%	38%	3%	117
Never married	58%	18%	23%	1%	74
Protestant	34%	21%	41%	5%	218
Catholic	43%	16%	35%	5%	203
Other	46%	16%	36%	2%	169
10 years or less in NH	45%	15%	38%	2%	101
11 to 20 years	38%	19%	39%	4%	109
More than 20 years	41%	19%	36%	4%	401
Born in New Hampshire	40%	19%	35%	6%	165
Born in Massachusetts	45%	20%	32%	2%	185
Other New England	36%	20%	43%	1%	84
Mid-Atlantic	36%	18%	40%	6%	70
Other state	40%	14%	42%	4%	113
North Country	40%	13%	44%	3%	58
Central/Lakes	37%	19%	37%	7%	106
Connecticut Valley	32%	24%	41%	4%	85
Mass Border	47%	20%	30%	3%	167
Seacoast	36%	20%	38%	6%	108
Manchester Area	48%	11%	40%	1%	92
1st E.C. District	38%	19%	40%	3%	125
2nd E.C. District	33%	17%	44%	6%	135
3rd E.C. District	40%	21%	34%	5%	125
4th E.C. District	56%	15%	28%	1%	103
5th E.C. District	40%	18%	38%	4%	128

Preferred Revenue Option

	<u>Income Tax</u> 19%	<u>Sales Tax</u> 25%	<u>Prop. Tax</u> 3%	<u>Legalized Gambling</u> 40%	<u>Cut Spending</u> 6%	<u>Other</u> 1%	<u>Don't Know</u> 6%	<u>(N=)</u> 612
STATEWIDE								
Registered Democrat	34%	27%	3%	31%	2%	0%	3%	181
Undeclared	15%	27%	1%	42%	8%	1%	6%	223
Registered Republican	12%	21%	4%	46%	9%	3%	6%	165
Not registered	9%	17%	4%	54%	2%	0%	15%	40
Democrat	29%	29%	2%	32%	3%	0%	5%	261
Independent	15%	19%	2%	49%	6%	2%	7%	120
Republican	10%	23%	4%	46%	9%	2%	6%	222
Liberal	42%	22%	3%	25%	0%	2%	4%	118
Moderate	20%	28%	3%	42%	3%	0%	5%	286
Conservative	4%	22%	2%	48%	13%	2%	8%	168
Male	19%	23%	3%	42%	7%	2%	4%	305
Female	19%	26%	2%	39%	5%	0%	9%	307
18 to 34	17%	24%	2%	48%	3%	0%	6%	70
35 to 49	18%	25%	4%	43%	5%	1%	4%	171
50 to 64	20%	27%	1%	41%	5%	0%	4%	217
65 and over	20%	23%	4%	31%	9%	3%	10%	139
High school or less	12%	22%	1%	46%	6%	0%	12%	138
Some college	16%	21%	3%	45%	7%	2%	5%	140
College graduate	23%	25%	4%	38%	6%	0%	3%	210
Post-graduate	23%	30%	1%	32%	5%	3%	5%	122
Married	19%	26%	3%	39%	6%	1%	6%	418
Divorced/separated	20%	24%	1%	38%	10%	1%	6%	116
Never married	21%	17%	4%	51%	1%	0%	5%	74
Protestant	18%	27%	3%	39%	7%	3%	4%	216
Catholic	17%	22%	2%	43%	6%	1%	9%	204
Other	22%	27%	3%	39%	4%	0%	5%	167
10 years or less in NH	14%	27%	3%	42%	3%	4%	6%	101
11 to 20 years	24%	22%	3%	41%	5%	0%	5%	106
More than 20 years	19%	25%	3%	40%	7%	1%	6%	399
Born in New Hampshire	13%	25%	4%	45%	7%	1%	5%	165
Born in Massachusetts	24%	25%	2%	37%	4%	1%	7%	183
Other New England	18%	28%	4%	37%	4%	2%	7%	85
Mid-Atlantic	19%	22%	4%	35%	11%	0%	8%	70
Other state	20%	22%	0%	45%	6%	2%	5%	110
North Country	17%	20%	4%	49%	5%	0%	5%	57
Central/Lakes	18%	35%	1%	33%	7%	1%	5%	105
Connecticut Valley	25%	30%	3%	33%	3%	1%	7%	84
Mass Border	18%	16%	2%	48%	8%	3%	6%	166
Seacoast	24%	23%	4%	33%	5%	1%	9%	108
Manchester Area	14%	27%	3%	44%	6%	0%	6%	93
1st E.C. District	17%	27%	4%	41%	4%	1%	7%	123
2nd E.C. District	16%	37%	1%	34%	7%	0%	5%	134
3rd E.C. District	28%	20%	4%	34%	5%	1%	8%	125
4th E.C. District	16%	19%	1%	48%	5%	2%	8%	104
5th E.C. District	19%	19%	3%	46%	8%	1%	3%	126

Favor / Oppose Legalized Gambling if No Income or Sales Tax

	Strongly Favor 37%	Favor Somewhat 24%	Neutral 2%	Oppose Somewhat 8%	Strongly Oppose 27%	Don't Know 2%	(N=) 486
STATEWIDE							
Registered Democrat	39%	18%	3%	11%	29%	1%	146
Undeclared	33%	27%	1%	8%	28%	3%	177
Registered Republican	39%	29%	1%	7%	24%	1%	131
Not registered	46%	18%	5%	8%	19%	4%	29
Democrat	35%	23%	2%	8%	29%	3%	202
Independent	44%	20%	3%	8%	24%	1%	100
Republican	37%	28%	1%	9%	25%	1%	176
Liberal	34%	24%	0%	9%	33%	1%	97
Moderate	37%	21%	2%	11%	26%	3%	223
Conservative	38%	33%	2%	4%	21%	1%	133
Male	41%	23%	2%	7%	25%	2%	241
Female	34%	26%	1%	10%	28%	1%	245
18 to 34	35%	36%	3%	9%	11%	6%	51
35 to 49	43%	22%	1%	9%	23%	2%	141
50 to 64	35%	21%	2%	9%	32%	1%	171
65 and over	35%	26%	1%	7%	29%	2%	111
High school or less	48%	25%	1%	9%	15%	1%	99
Some college	38%	27%	1%	3%	25%	6%	110
College graduate	34%	23%	2%	11%	29%	0%	174
Post-graduate	31%	23%	2%	8%	35%	1%	101
Married	33%	24%	2%	8%	31%	2%	331
Divorced/separated	44%	22%	2%	8%	24%	1%	96
Never married	47%	29%	1%	11%	7%	4%	57
Protestant	31%	30%	0%	9%	27%	3%	174
Catholic	41%	21%	2%	8%	27%	2%	160
Other	41%	21%	2%	8%	27%	1%	130
10 years or less in NH	38%	24%	0%	4%	31%	2%	74
11 to 20 years	33%	25%	0%	8%	32%	2%	89
More than 20 years	38%	25%	2%	9%	24%	2%	319
Born in New Hampshire	40%	21%	4%	12%	19%	4%	128
Born in Massachusetts	36%	31%	0%	7%	25%	0%	147
Other New England	32%	23%	1%	6%	37%	1%	65
Mid-Atlantic	35%	19%	1%	5%	36%	4%	49
Other state	38%	22%	2%	8%	28%	2%	97
North Country	36%	20%	0%	8%	34%	2%	43
Central/Lakes	32%	21%	4%	11%	30%	1%	84
Connecticut Valley	31%	25%	0%	9%	31%	4%	64
Mass Border	42%	29%	2%	6%	19%	2%	138
Seacoast	32%	30%	0%	8%	28%	3%	78
Manchester Area	45%	15%	2%	10%	28%	0%	78
1st E.C. District	35%	25%	0%	10%	27%	3%	97
2nd E.C. District	31%	21%	3%	10%	34%	1%	104
3rd E.C. District	31%	32%	0%	11%	24%	3%	95
4th E.C. District	49%	21%	1%	2%	26%	0%	84
5th E.C. District	40%	24%	3%	8%	22%	3%	105