



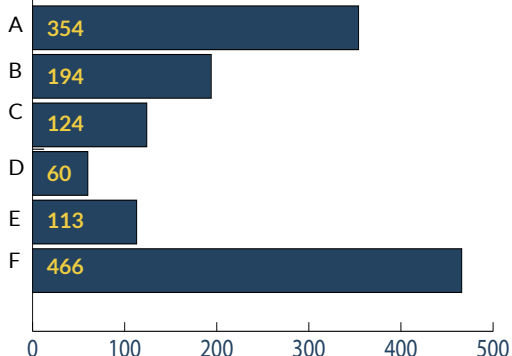
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1. Which of the following changes would you support to increase road funding? (You may select more than one option.)

ROAD FUNDING

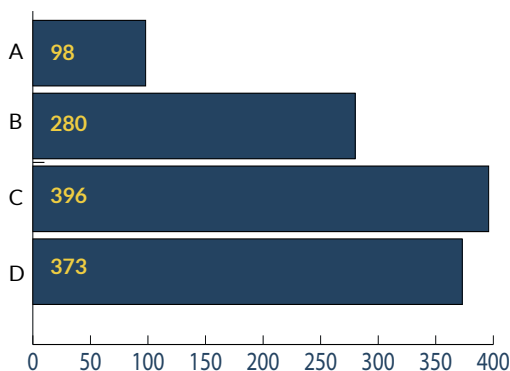
- A. Increasing the gas tax
- B. Indexing the gas tax so that it changes with inflation each year
- C. Tolling roads and bridges
- D. A per-mile tax determined by tracking how far each driver travels
- E. Paying an annual fee to the BMV
- F. None of the above



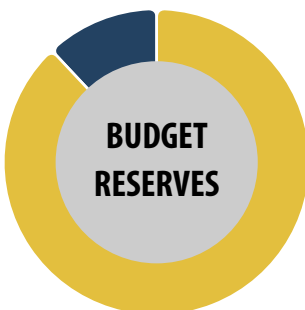
2. Which of the following do you think is more important?

EDUCATION FUNDING

- A. Increasing funding for preschool programs
- B. Raising pay for K-12 teachers
- C. Preschool and teacher pay are equally important
- D. None of these need a funding increase



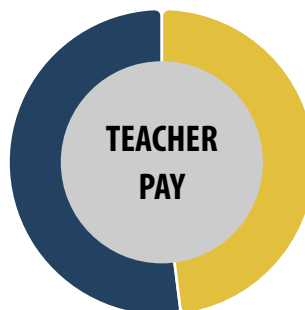
3. Indiana has enough rainy-day reserve funds to cover 40 days of state government operations. Do you favor A) Using that money to increase government spending now; or B) Maintaining our reserves to protect against future budget shortfalls?



A
12%

B
88%

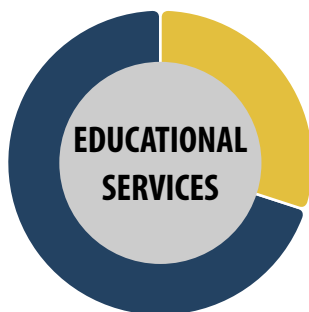
4. The U.S. is facing a shortage of teachers in subjects like math, science and special education. Do you think Indiana should direct more school funding specifically to teacher pay?



Yes
52%

No
48%

5. Do you support or oppose giving parents of children with special needs the option to use state educational funding for services such as school choice, tutoring or online courses?



Support
70%

Oppose
30%

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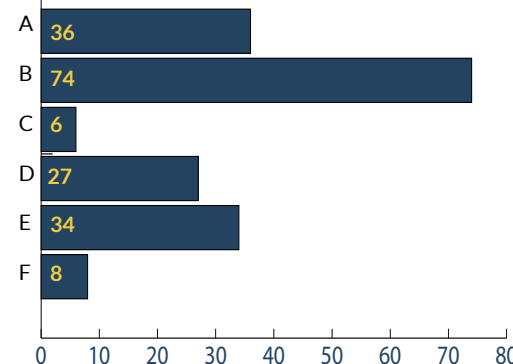
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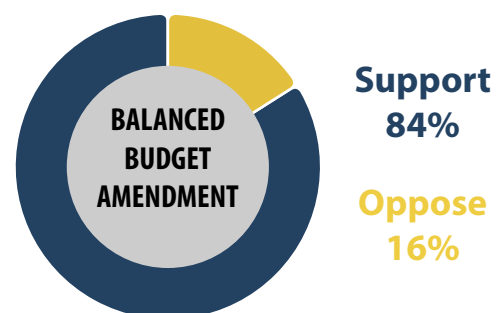
6. When the legislature adopts a new state budget during the 2017 session, which one of the following do you think should be the top priority?

BUDGET FUNDING

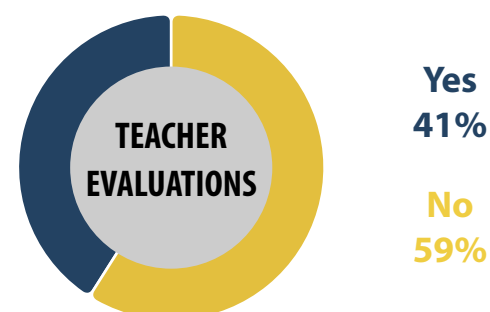
- A. Addiction treatment to address the drug epidemic
B. Cutting Taxes
C. Expanding state funding for preschool
D. Increasing pay for K-12 teachers
E. Increasing road funding
F. Increasing technology funding for schools



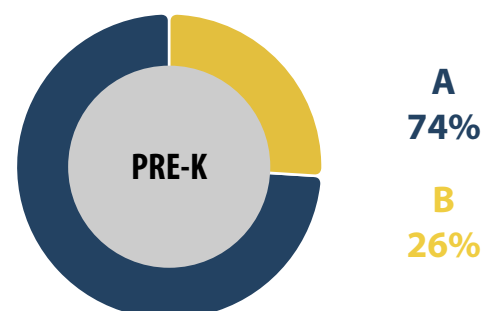
8. Do you support or oppose amending the Indiana Constitution to require the General Assembly to pass a balanced budget?



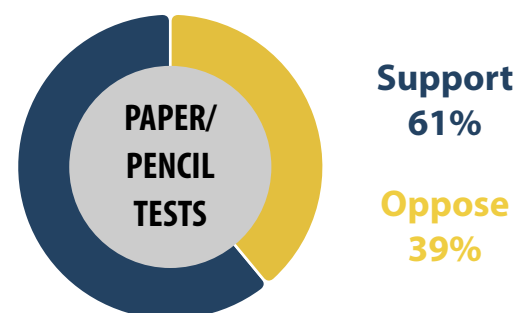
10. Should student scores from Indiana's statewide test be used as part of teachers' job performance evaluations?



7. Indiana currently has a pilot program to help fund preschool for low-income children in 5 counties. Should Indiana: A) Wait to gauge the effectiveness of this program before deciding whether to expand taxpayer-funded preschool; or B) Expand the program now?



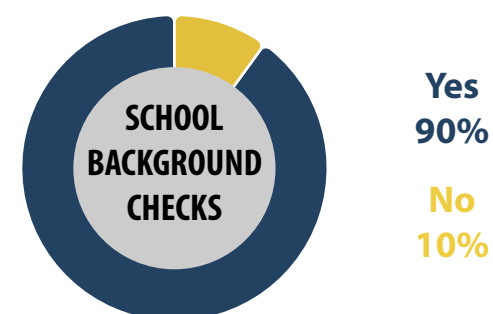
9. Since Indiana has switched to computer-based testing in schools, students have experienced interruptions due to technology problems. Do you support or oppose going back to a paper-based statewide test in schools?



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11. Do you think school employees who work with children should be required to pass criminal background checks every 5 years?



13. Do you support or oppose allowing the sale of alcohol in licensed retail stores on Sundays, which is currently prohibited in Indiana?



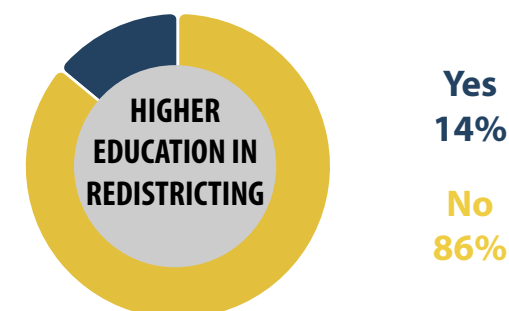
12. Do you think people who commit crimes intended to harm police officers should serve longer sentences than people who commit crimes against civilians?



14. Should the Indiana Constitution be amended to establish an appointed commission to draw state legislative and congressional district boundaries?



15. There is a proposal to involve presidents of state universities in the process of drawing the boundaries for state legislative and congressional districts. Should these higher education officials be involved in this process?



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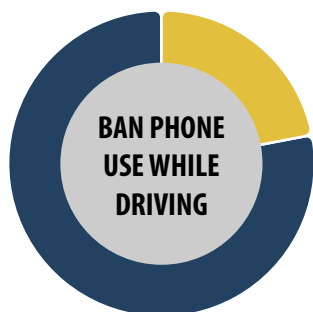
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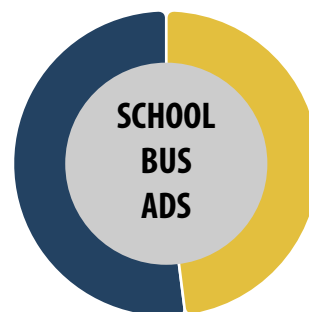
- 16.** Indiana bans texting while driving. Do you support or oppose expanding that law to ban all smart-phone activities while driving, with an exception for hands-free technology?



Support
78%

Oppose
22%

- 17.** Do you support or oppose school corporations allowing age-appropriate advertising on the sides of buses to bring in more money for schools?



Support
52%

Oppose
48%

- 18.** Do you support or oppose requiring law enforcement to collect a DNA sample from criminal suspects in addition to their fingerprints?



Support
77%

Oppose
23%

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