

Coronavirus, the Economy, and Taxes: An Alaska Opinion Survey

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Methodology & Demographics

Survey Information

- May 20–23, 2020
- n=400
- Margin of Error = \pm 4.9%
- Live Interviewer Telephone Survey
- 65% Cell, 35% Landline

Age

- 18–34 years old: 14%
- 35–44 years old: 20%
- 45–54 years old: 18%
- 55–64 years old: 23%
- 65+ years old: 25%

Gender

- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%

Region

- Anchorage: 40%
- Southcentral: 26%
- Interior: 13%
- Southeast: 13%
- Rural: 8%

How closely do you follow the news?

- Very closely: 39%
- Somewhat closely: 47%
- Not too closely: 10%
- Not at all closely: 4%

Do you consider yourself ... ?

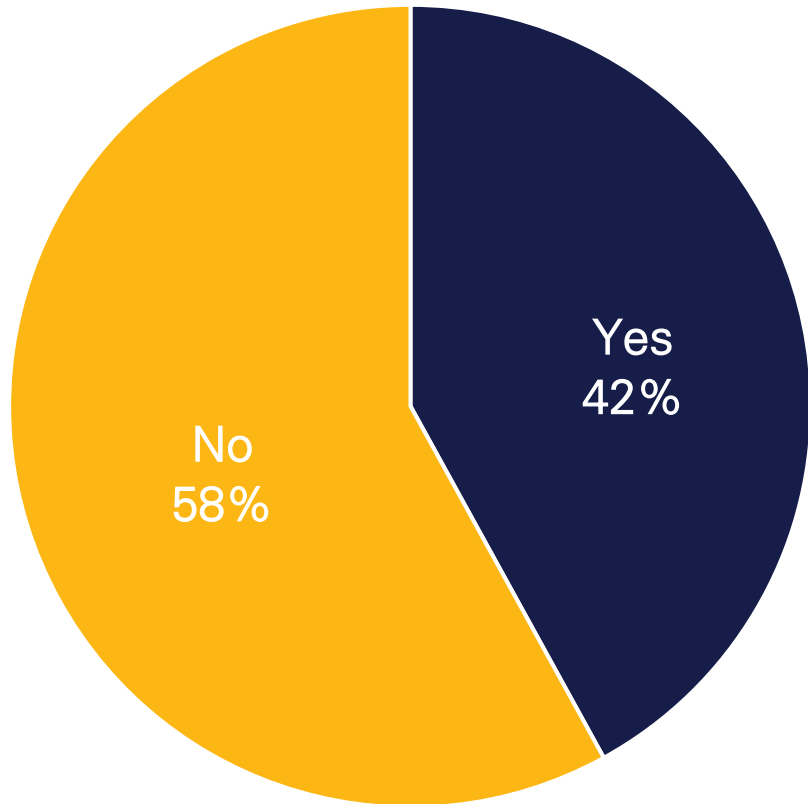
- Very conservative: 13%
- Somewhat conservative: 29%
- Moderate: 30%
- Somewhat liberal: 15%
- Very liberal: 7%
- Not provided: 6%

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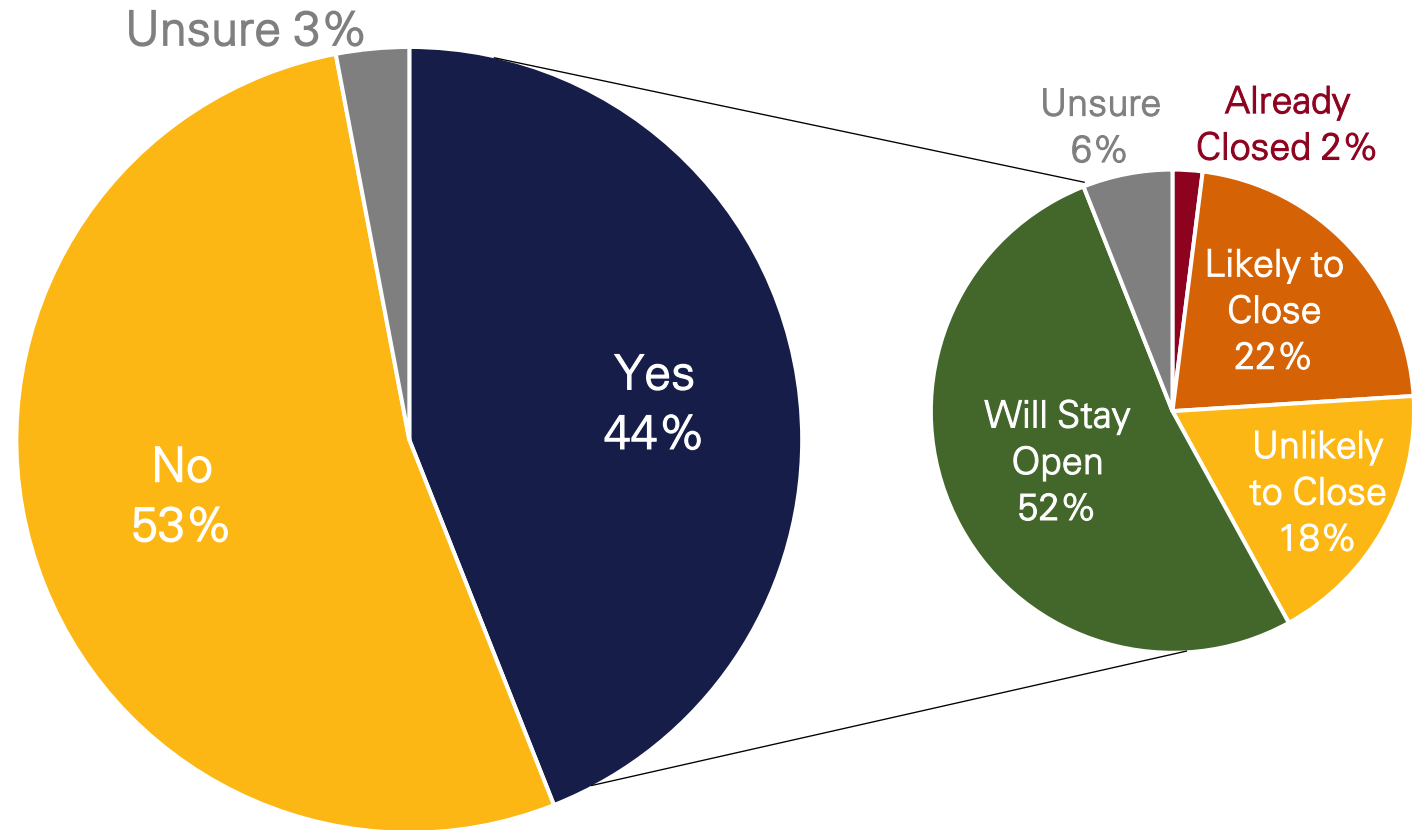


COVID-19: Impact on Individuals & Businesses

- Has the coronavirus outbreak caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

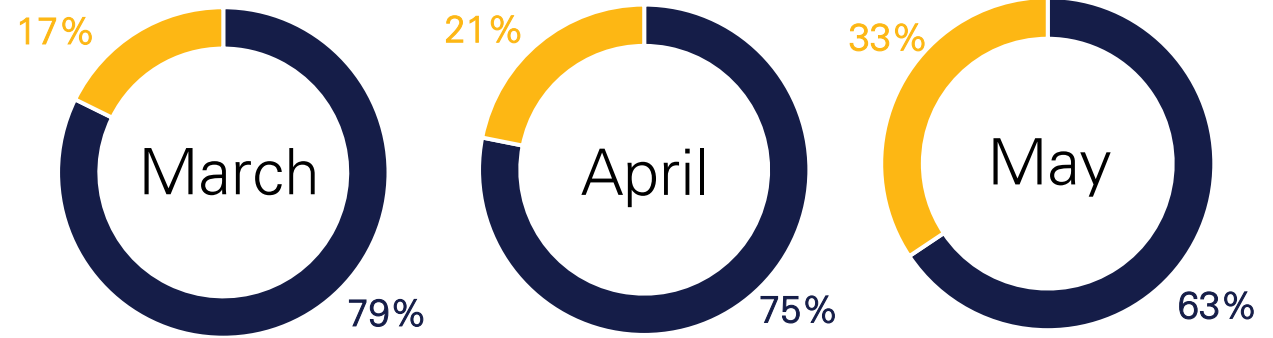
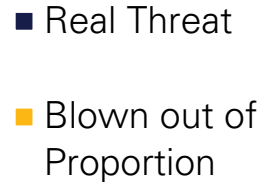


- Has coronavirus and related economic shutdowns impacted the long-term viability of your business?

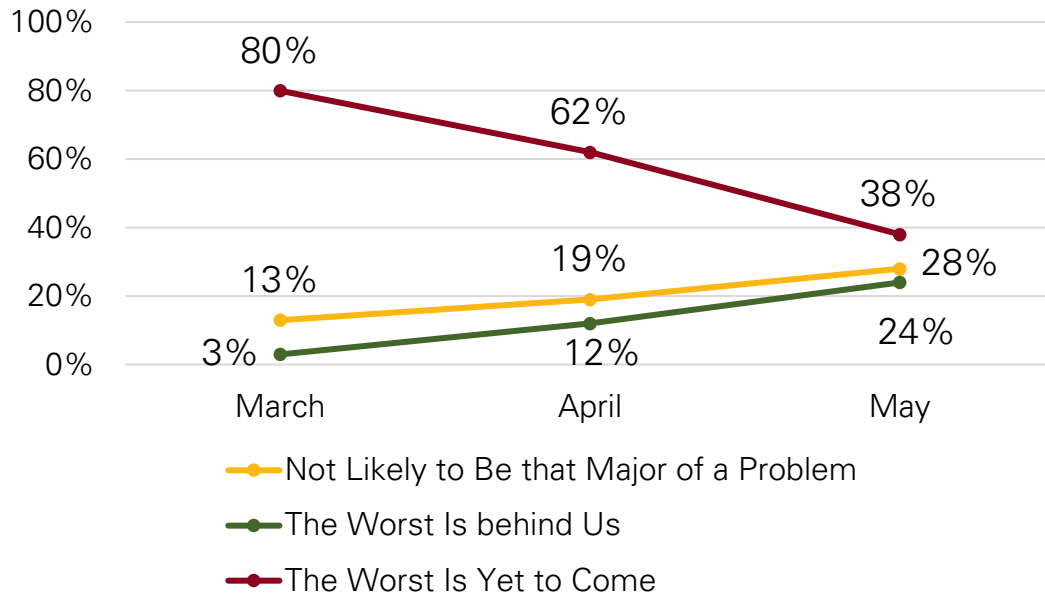


COVID-19: Opinions

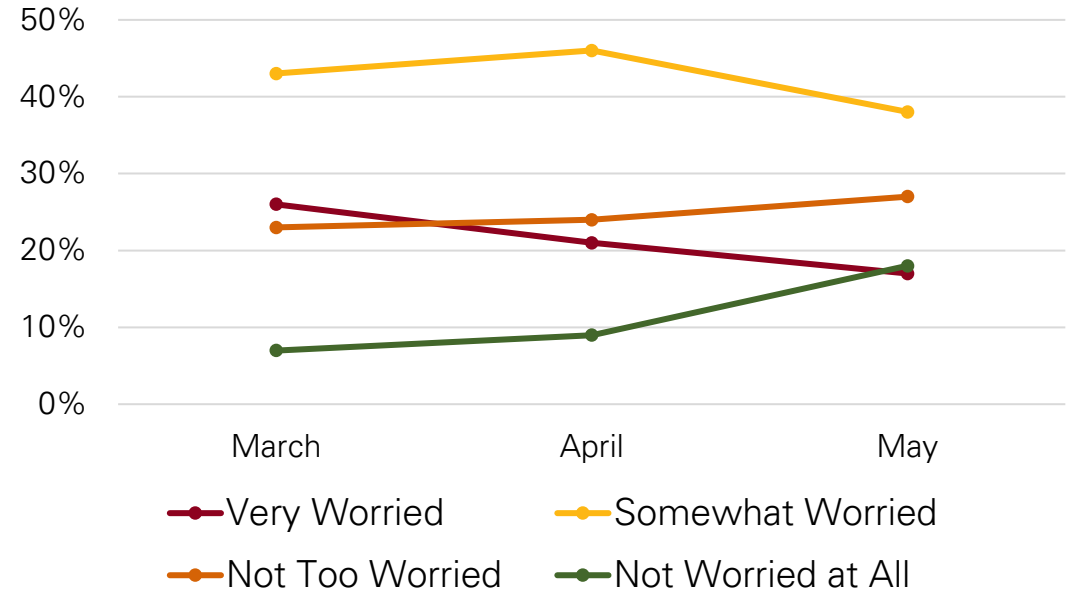
- Do you think the coronavirus is a real threat or blown out of proportion?



- Which of the following best describes your feelings about the coronavirus in Alaska?

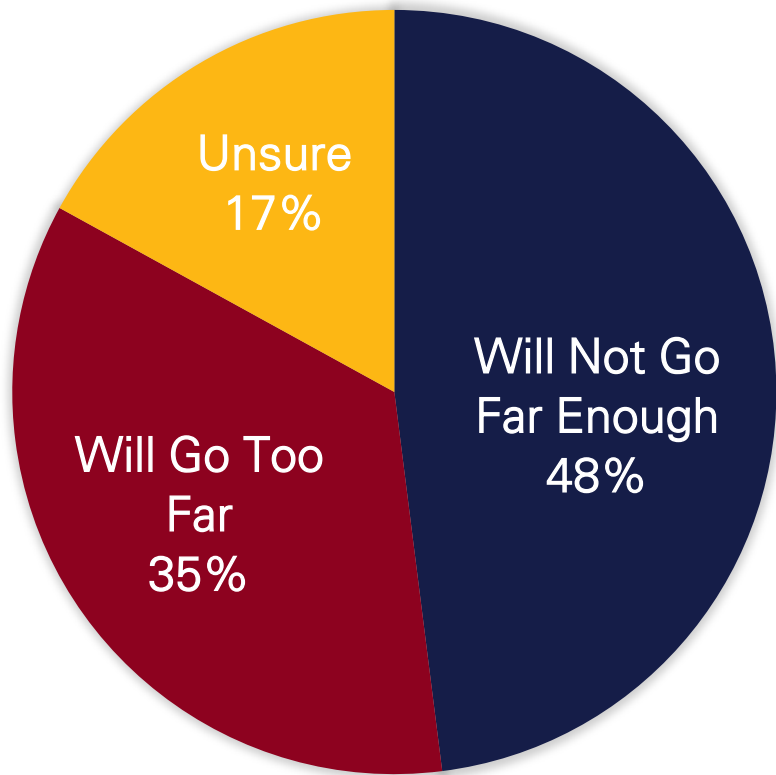


- How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your household might catch the coronavirus?



Response to COVID-19

- Which worries you most about responding to the coronavirus? That Alaska ...

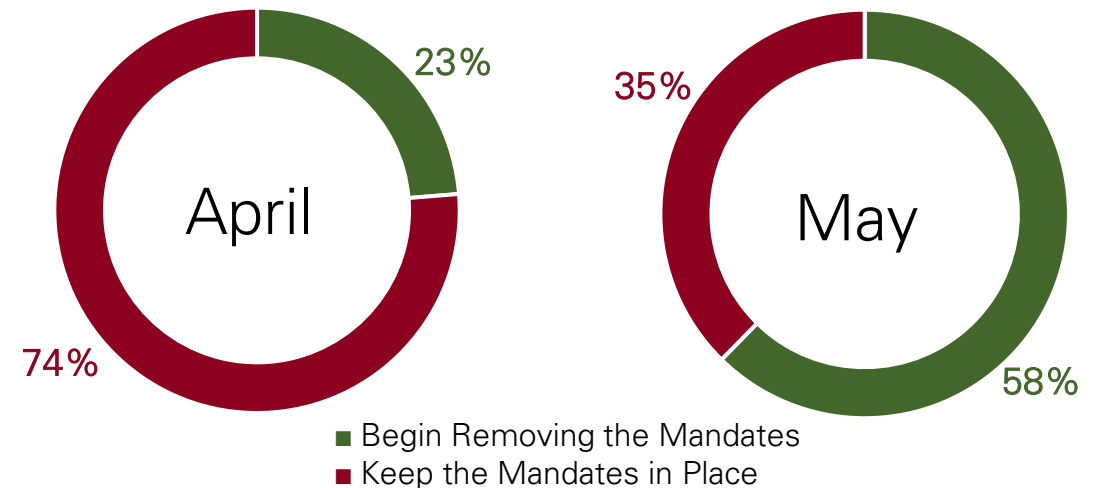


May 2020

- Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

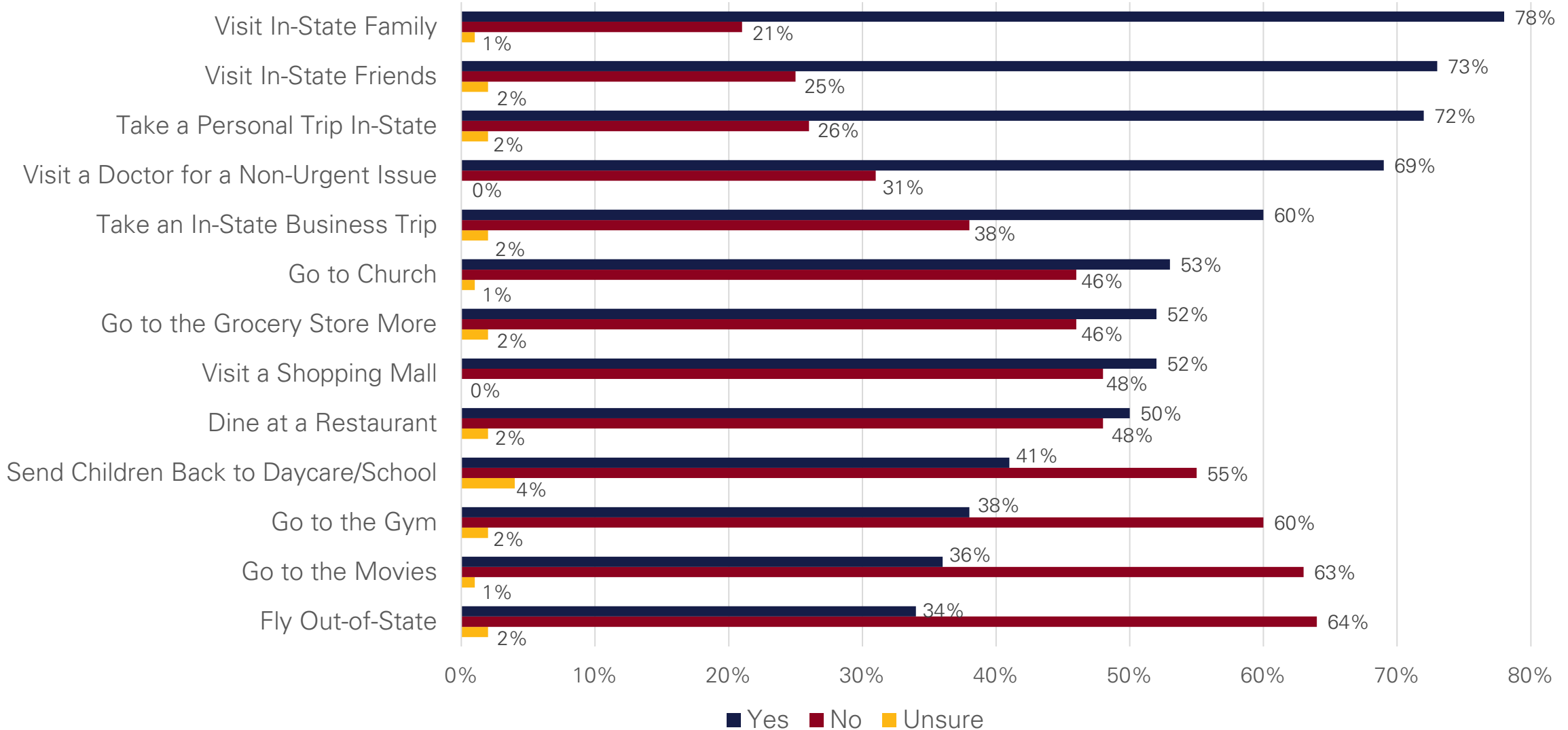
Some people say that the health mandates have worked to slow the spread of the virus, and that it's time to **begin removing the mandates** so that more Alaskans can go back to work and get Alaska's economy started again.

Some people say that we should **keep the health mandates in place**, and that removing them now would lead to increased spread of the virus and a strain on Alaska's health care system.



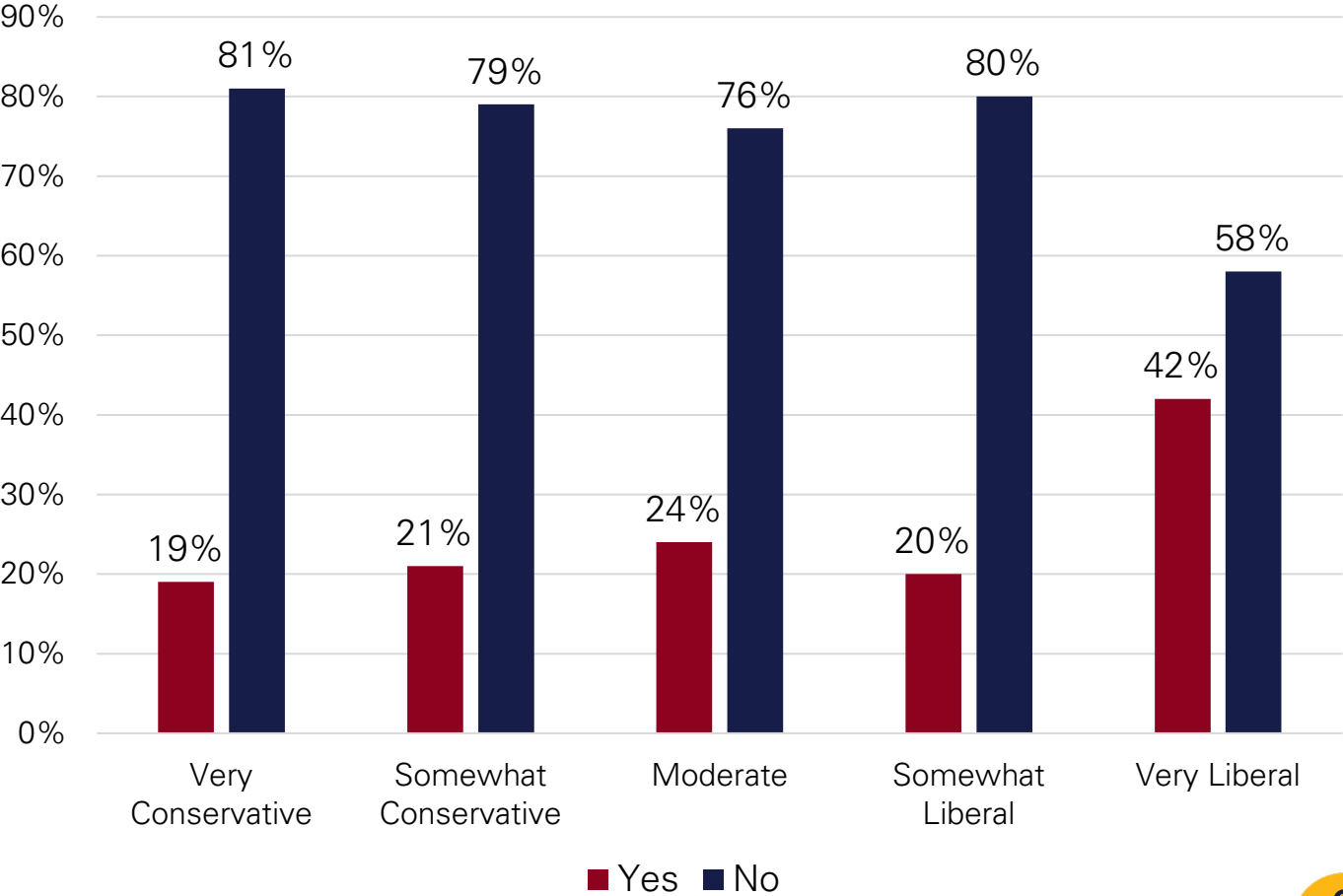
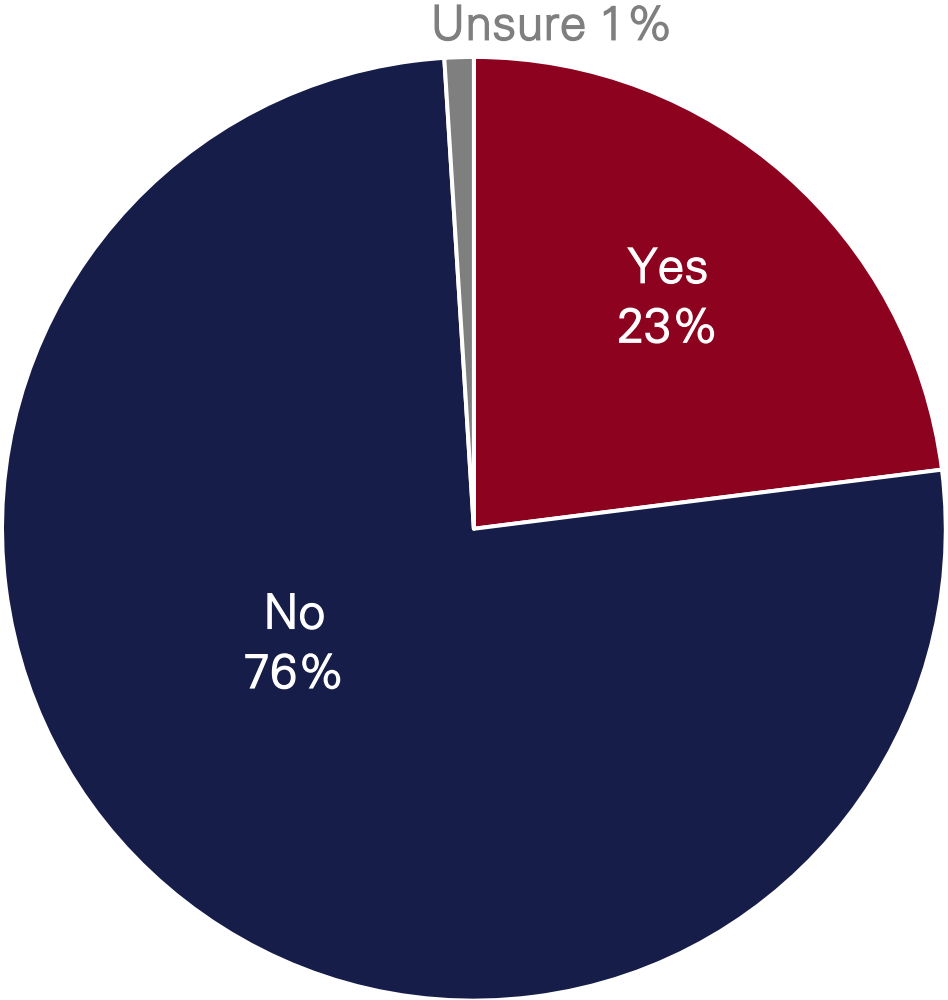
Getting Back to Normal

- Would you or would you not do each of the following at this point in time?



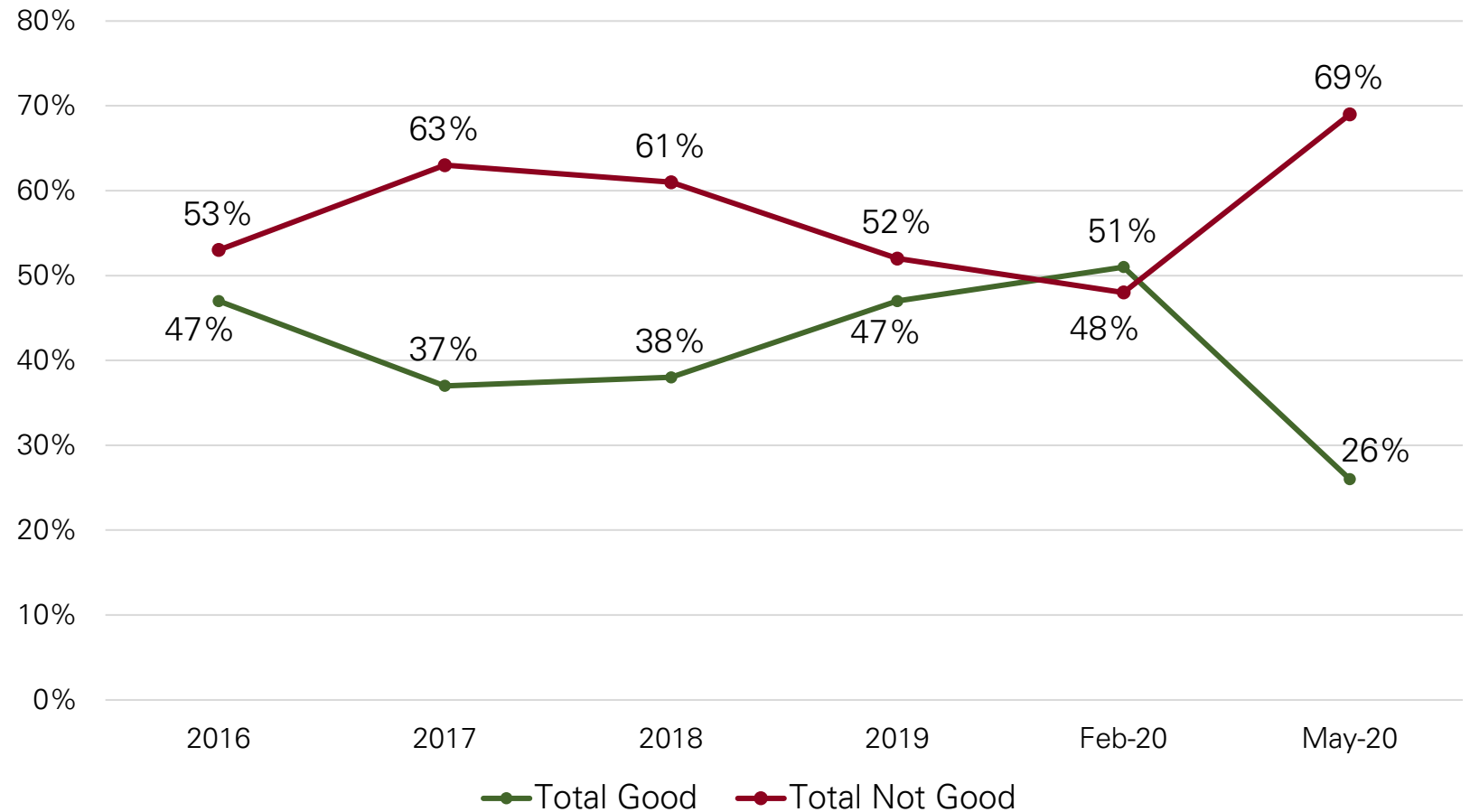
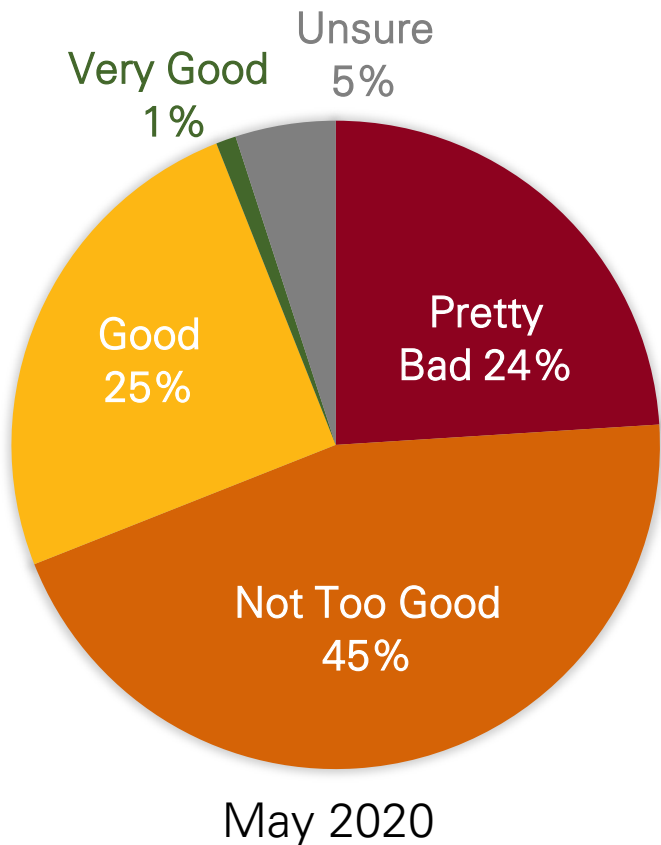
Considering Leaving Alaska

- Have you recently considered moving out of Alaska?



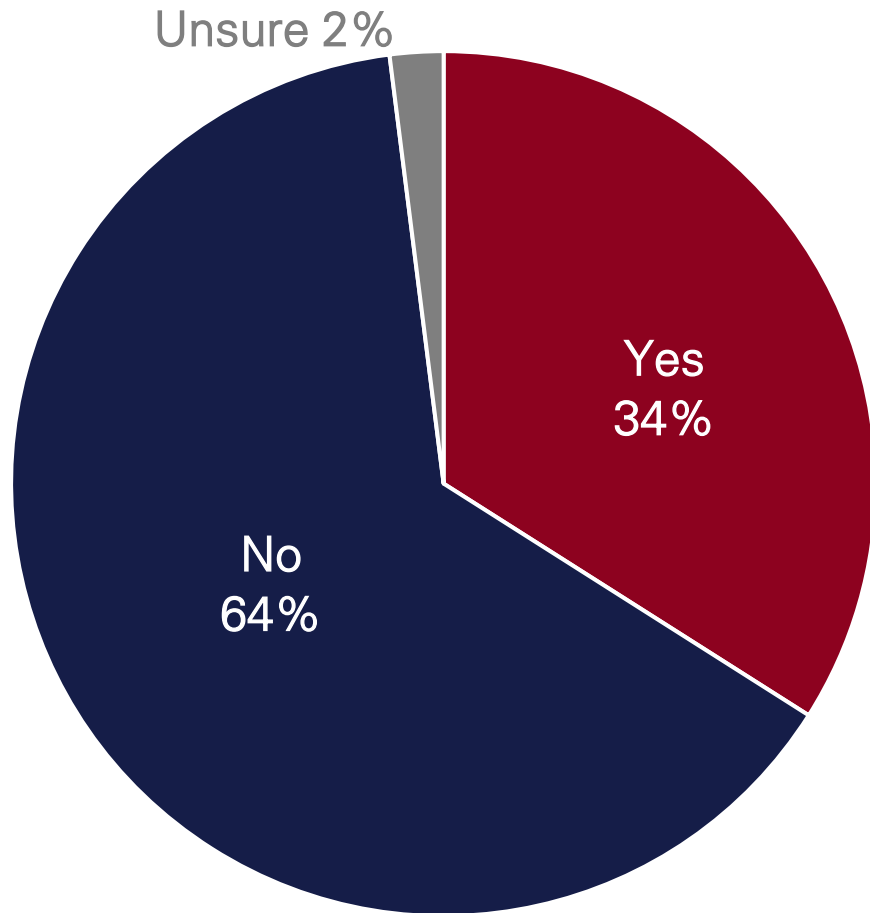
Alaska's Economy

- Generally speaking, how would you rate Alaska's current economy?

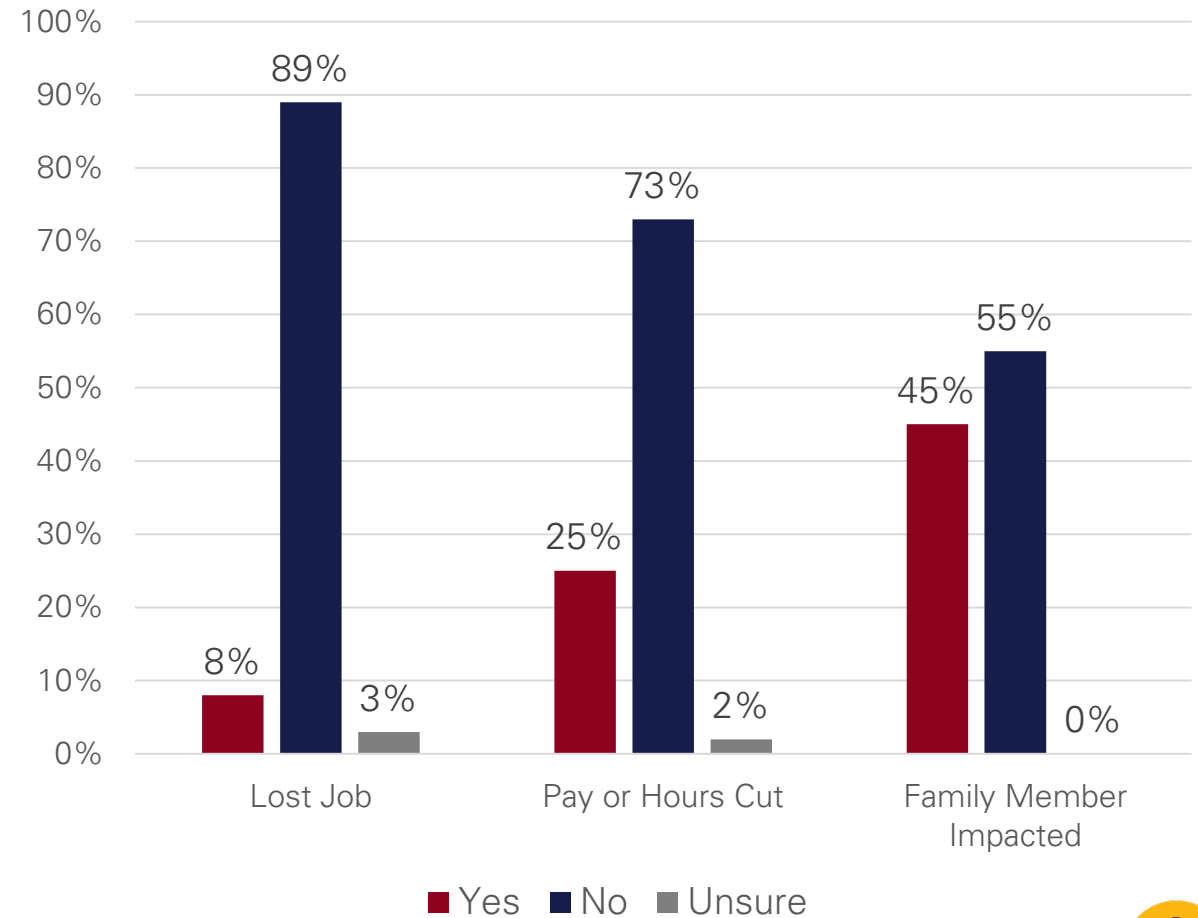


Low Oil Prices

- Have the economic effects of low oil prices impacted you personally?

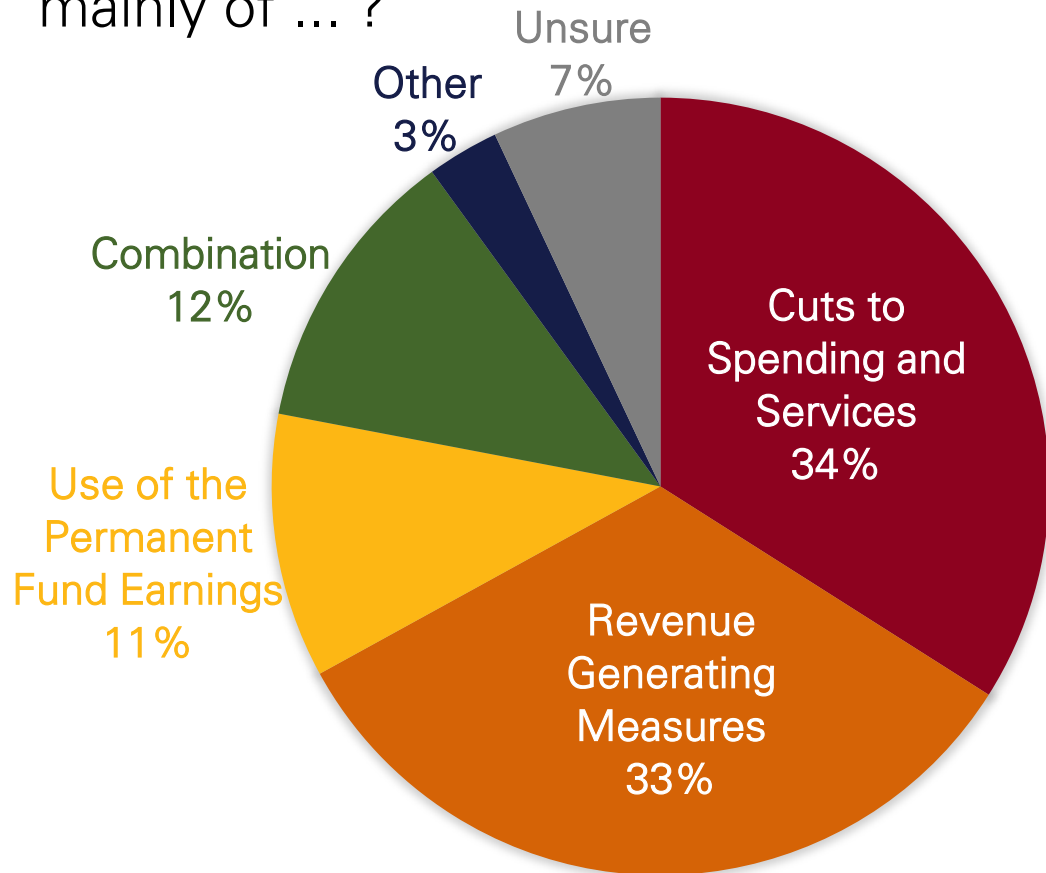


- If yes, how have low oil prices impacted you?

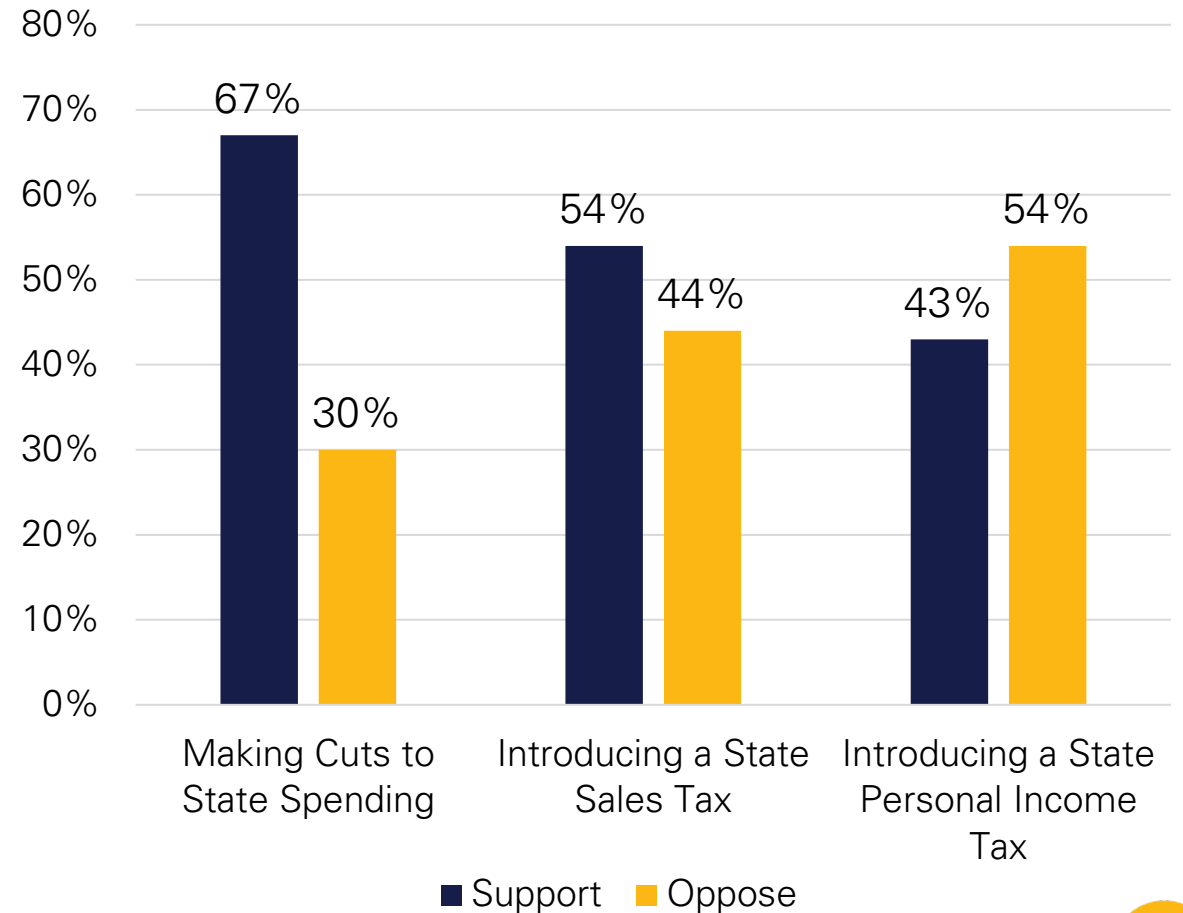


State Budget Solutions

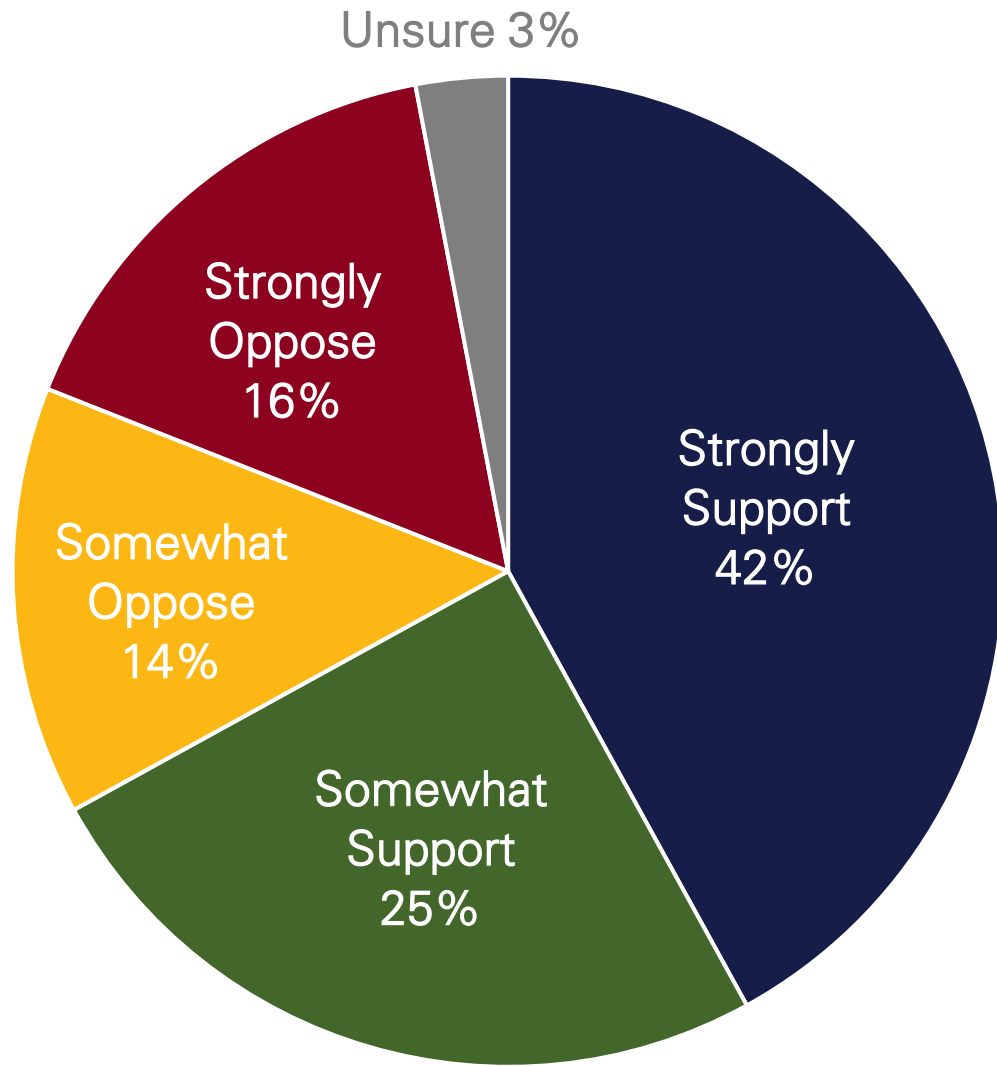
- Do you believe that a solution to the state budget situation should be comprised mainly of ... ?



- Do you support or oppose each of the following to address the state budget?



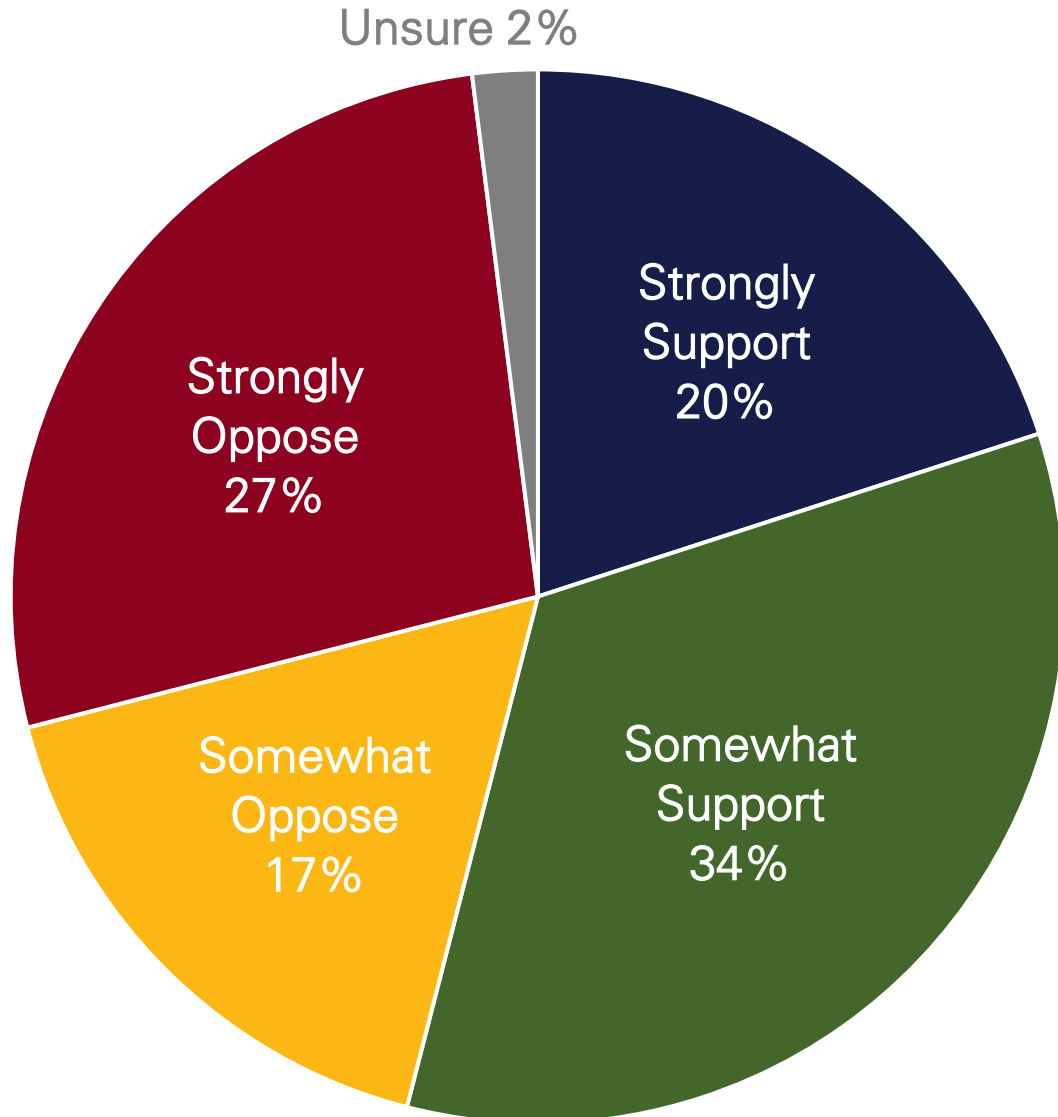
Making Cuts to State Spending



Ideology	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Very Conservative	77%	14%	5%	3%
Somewhat Conservative	59%	22%	7%	9%
Moderate	39%	32%	16%	12%
Somewhat Liberal	9%	27%	28%	32%
Very Liberal	4%	20%	22%	46%

Region	Support	Oppose
Anchorage	63%	35%
Southcentral	76%	22%
Interior	75%	20%
Southeast	61%	34%
Rural	55%	40%

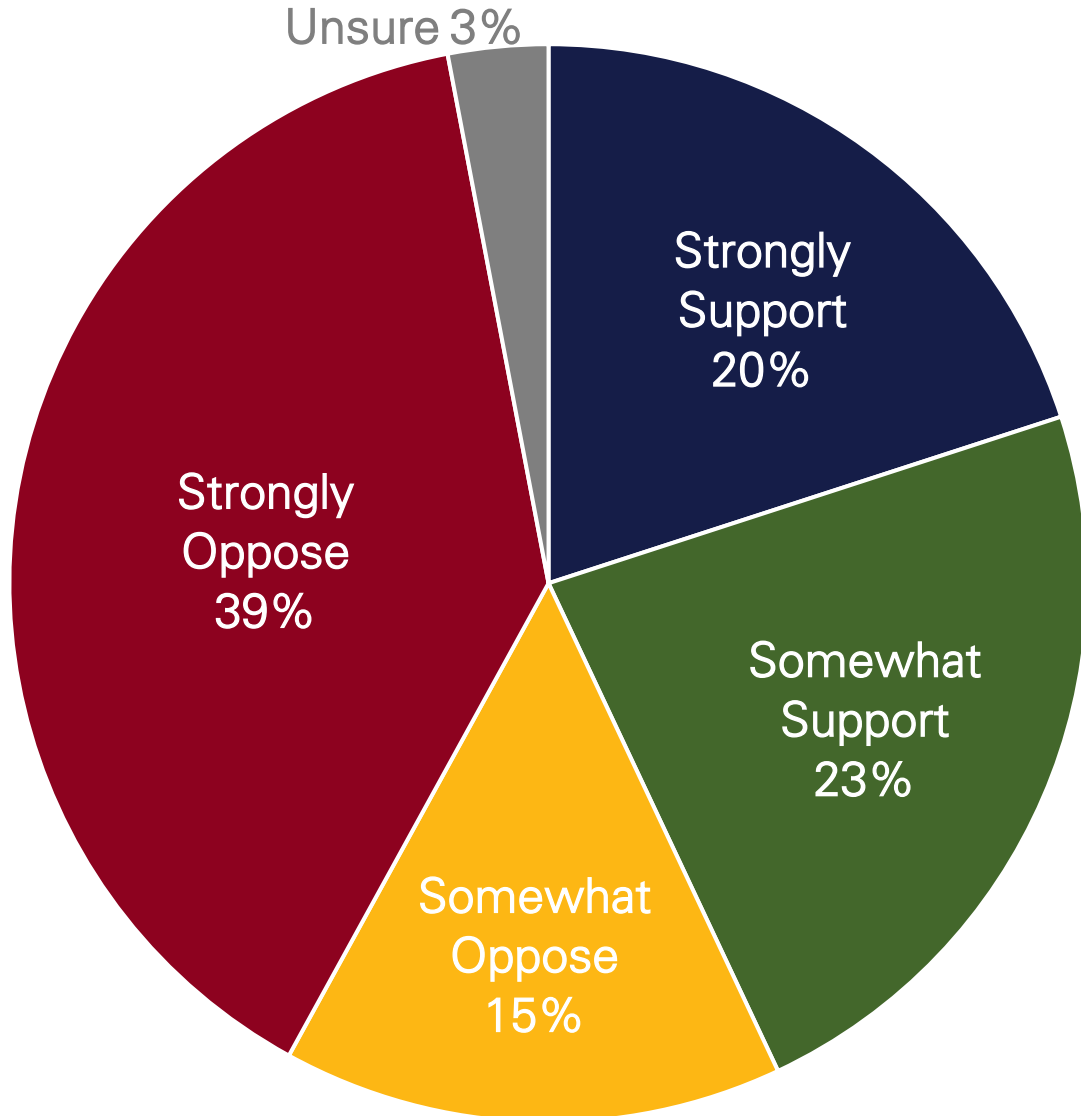
Introducing a State Sales Tax



Ideology	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Very Conservative	24%	23%	22%	29%
Somewhat Conservative	14%	28%	19%	37%
Moderate	18%	41%	17%	22%
Somewhat Liberal	23%	47%	8%	16%
Very Liberal	24%	30%	10%	32%

Region	Support	Oppose
Anchorage	54%	43%
Southcentral	55%	42%
Interior	45%	53%
Southeast	61%	37%
Rural	52%	48%

Introducing a State Personal Income Tax



Ideology	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Very Conservative	7%	23%	4%	62%
Somewhat Conservative	9%	21%	12%	54%
Moderate	21%	27%	21%	29%
Somewhat Liberal	36%	24%	18%	19%
Very Liberal	59%	22%	0%	18%

Region	Support	Oppose
Anchorage	45%	52%
Southcentral	30%	68%
Interior	39%	55%
Southeast	65%	33%
Rural	52%	45%

Questions?



If you have questions about the presentation,
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