

Research Report



The Voice of Mainers on

Taxation The State Budget Shortfall What to do about the Shortfall

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METHODOLOGY

ABOUT THE SURVEY

Market Decisions' quarterly "Maine Survey" has been conducted quarterly since 1992 and provides a wide variety of proprietary consumer information for subscribers. The survey also includes questions on current issues and the information from these surveys is released in the public interest. The questions in this research were fielded entirely at Market Decisions' expense. No organization, public or private, provided financial or other support for this research.

THE SAMPLE

The current Maine Survey is based on telephone interviews conducted from January 28 – February 25, 2008 with 400 randomly selected adults throughout Maine. The sample of the telephone numbers called was based on a complete updated list of telephone prefixes (the first three digits in a seven-digit number) used throughout the state. The sample was generated using software provided by GENESYS Sampling Systems. This software ensures that every residential telephone number has an equal probability of selection. When a working residential number was called, an adult age 18 or older in the household was randomly selected to complete the interview. The results of this survey are considered generalizable to Maine households with telephones.

SAMPLING ERROR

The percentages reported for the entire sample are within plus or minus 4.9% that would be found if all telephone households in Maine were interviewed. For example, if our survey showed that 50% of respondents are familiar with the issues concerning the Maine State budget, then the comparable figure for the population would be somewhere between 45.1% and 54.9% with a confidence level of 95%.

DATA WEIGHTING

The results presented in this report have been weighted to reflect the actual distribution of Mainers with respect to their age, gender and the region of the state where they reside. The weights are calculated by dividing the percentage of the Maine population in a given age, sex, and area group (for example, women who live in Cumberland County that are between 30 and 39 years of age) by the percentage of the sample belonging to the same group. Because percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number, they do not always sum exactly to 100%. In addition, multiple-response questions take into account all responses mentioned by respondents, therefore, percentages will not always sum exactly to 100%.

RESPONSE RATES:

Response Rate:	30.0%
Respondent Cooperation Rate:	69.6%
Household Cooperation Rate:	45.1%
Refusal Rate:	29.7%
Contact Rate:	66.3%

Response Rate – Designated as the ratio of the number of completed interviews divided by the total number of eligible and unknown units in the sample. This is AAPOR RR3.

Cooperation rates – This represents the proportion of all cases interviewed of all eligible units ever contacted. That is, what percent of identified respondents (and households for which we knew the respondent was a resident) ended up completing the interview. This includes cases where a respondent refused to do the survey, began but did not complete the survey, cases where a respondent wished to complete the survey at another time but did not end up completing the survey, respondents who did not speak English, and respondents who were infirm. It is broken in household cooperation (a member of the household was spoken with) and respondent cooperation (the actual respondent was at some time spoken with).

Refusal rate – The refusal rate represents the proportion of all cases in which a household member or the respondent refuses to be interviewed, or breaks-off an interview, of all potentially eligible cases. The refusal rate includes hard and soft refusals.

Contact rate - A contact rate measures the proportion of all cases in which some responsible member of the housing unit was reached by the survey.

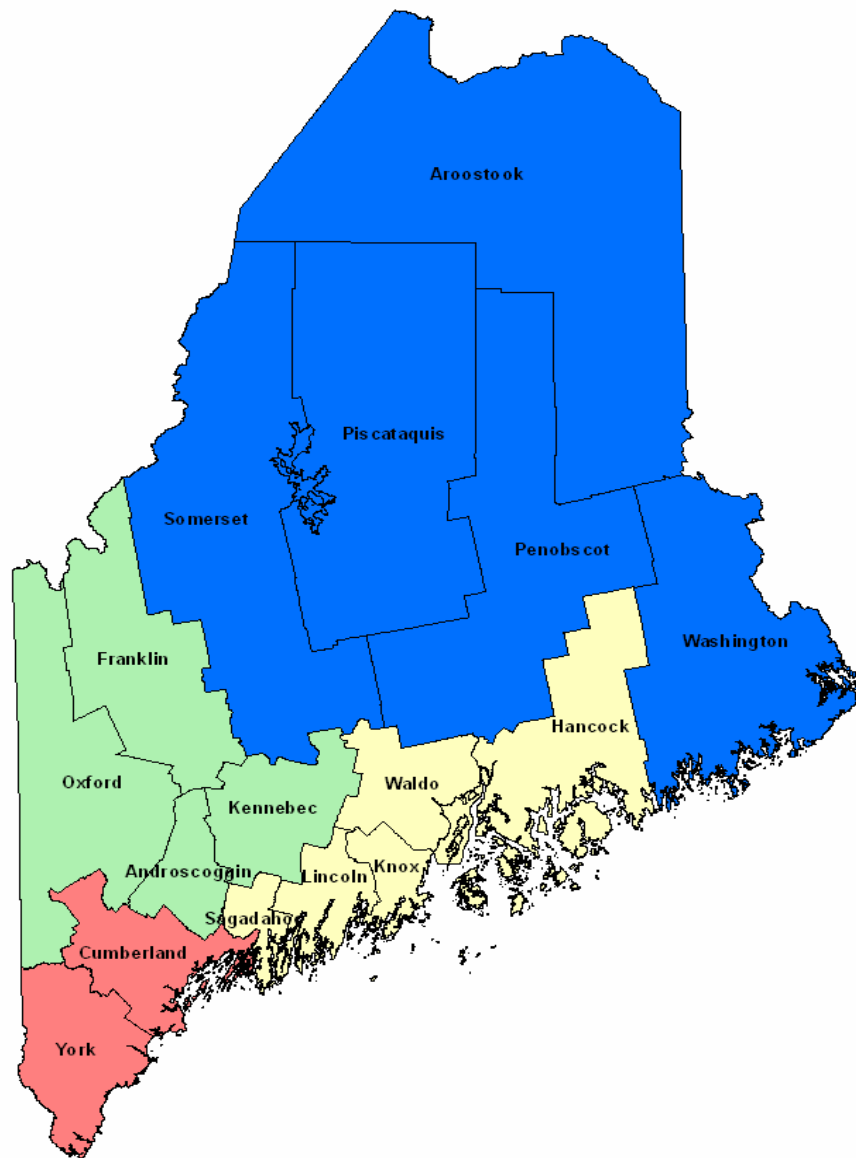
COUNTIES THAT MAKE UP SOUTHERN, COASTAL, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN MAINE:

Southern – Cumberland, York Counties

Coastal – Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo, Hancock Counties

Central – Androscoggin, Oxford, Kennebec, Franklin Counties

Northern – Aroostook, Penobscot, Washington, Piscataquis, Somerset Counties



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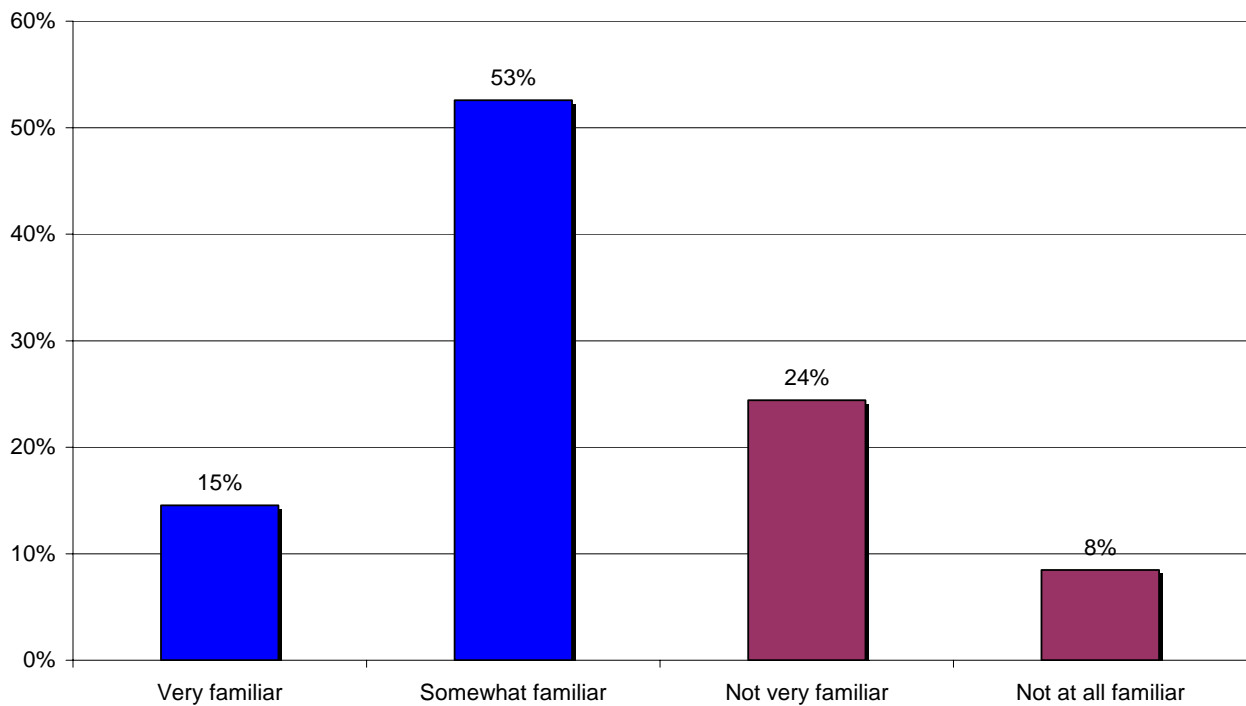
KEY FINDINGS

- Nearly seven in ten Mainers indicate they are somewhat or very familiar with the issues concerning the state budget.
- Nearly six in ten Mainers knew about the shortfall in the state's Biennial budget.
- Nearly nine in ten Mainers are very or somewhat concerned about the state budget shortfall.
- Six in ten Mainers would recommend the state audit, consolidate, or cut spending to address the budget shortfall.
- Eight in ten Mainers would somewhat or strongly oppose increasing taxes temporarily to address the budget shortfall.
- Half of Mainers would somewhat or strongly oppose broadening the tax base to address the budget shortfall; only three in ten support broadening the tax base.
- Seven in ten Mainers somewhat or strongly support cutting spending to address the budget shortfall.
- Nearly two-thirds of Mainers somewhat or strongly oppose increasing fees charged by government agencies to address the budget shortfall.
- Seven in ten Mainers somewhat or strongly support commissioning a study to identify ways to permanently restructure government and reduce spending.
- Compared to other states, 86% of Mainers believe they pay more in state income, state sales, and local property taxes.
- One-half of Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the fairness of the tax system based on their ability to pay while 41% are satisfied.
- Six in ten Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the amount of taxes they pay while 36% are satisfied.
- Six in ten Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the fairness of the tax system based on the extent to which all taxpayers are treated equally; 29% are satisfied.
- 56% of Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the value of services they receive for the tax dollars they pay while 40% are satisfied.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Nearly seven in ten Mainers indicate they are somewhat or very familiar with the issues concerning the state budget.

MEGOV1 - How familiar are you with issues concerning the Maine State budget?



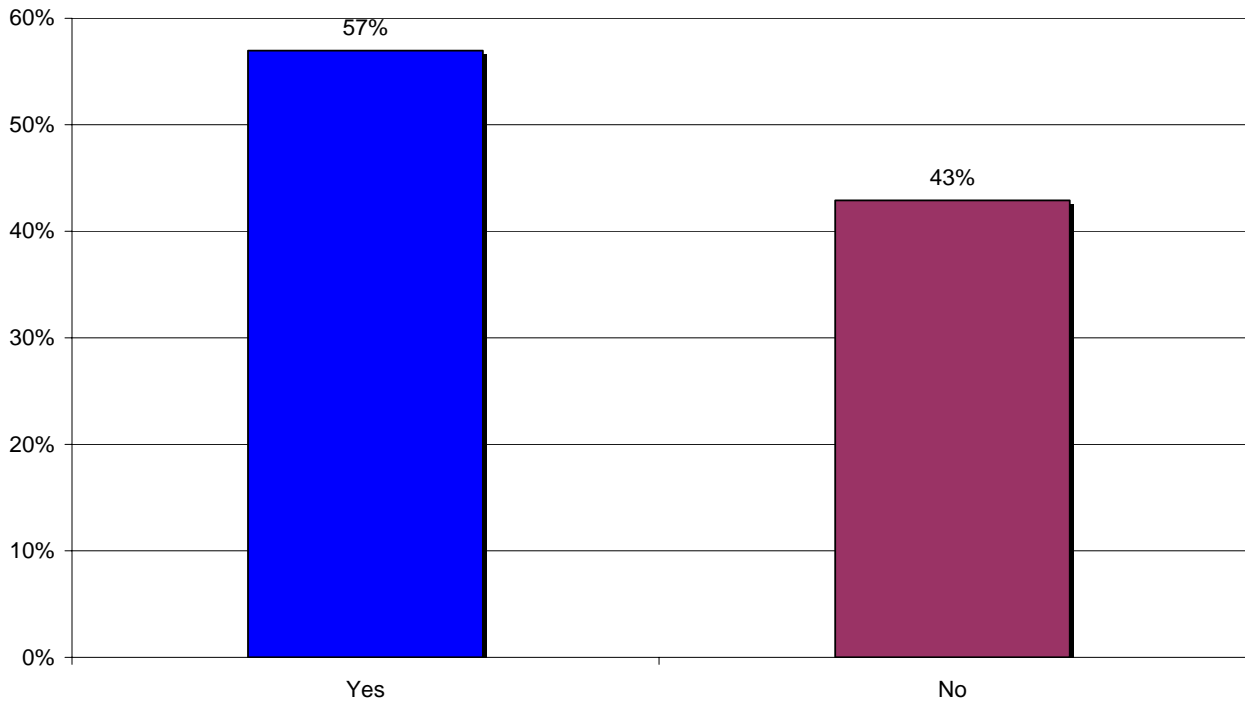
MEGOV1 - How familiar are you with issues concerning the Maine State budget?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Very familiar	15%	26%	8%	16%	17%	6%	10%	17%	19%
Somewhat familiar	53%	21%	61%	58%	67%	55%	47%	52%	61%
Not very familiar	24%	40%	27%	18%	14%	25%	29%	23%	16%
Not at all familiar	8%	13%	4%	7%	3%	14%	14%	7%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, Other
Very familiar	15%	19%	14%	7%	16%	13%	15%	19%	18%
Somewhat familiar	53%	55%	54%	45%	58%	51%	55%	58%	46%
Not very familiar	24%	19%	31%	31%	19%	27%	25%	14%	26%
Not at all familiar	8%	7%	1%	16%	6%	8%	5%	9%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Nearly six in ten Mainers knew about the shortfall in the state's Biennial budget.

MEGOV2 - Did you know you that the state BIENNIAL budget shortfall is projected to be 95 million dollars?



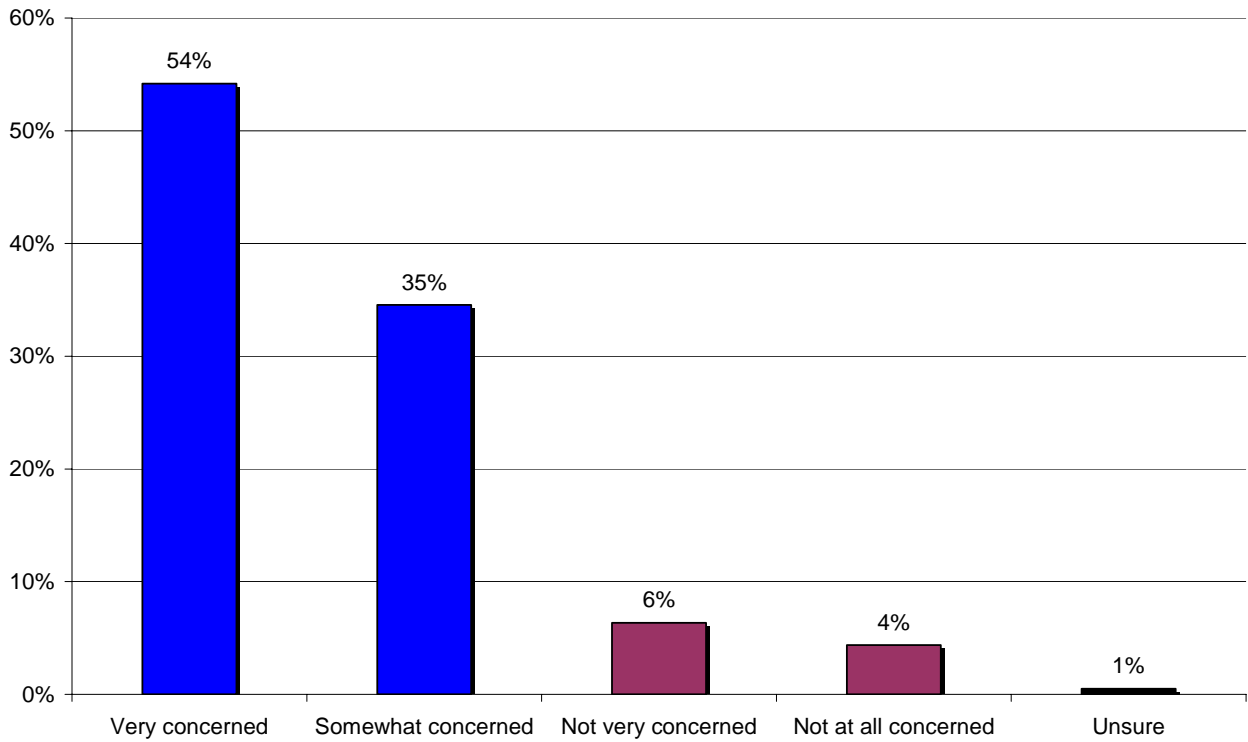
MEGOV2 - Did you know you that the state BIENNIAL budget shortfall is projected to be 95 million dollars?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Yes	57%	41%	46%	53%	77%	64%	49%	62%	60%
No	43%	59%	54%	47%	23%	35%	51%	38%	40%
Unsure	0%					1%	0%		
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Yes	57%	64%	62%	47%	53%	59%	51%	53%	59%
No	43%	36%	38%	53%	46%	41%	49%	47%	40%
Unsure	0%				1%				0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Nearly nine in ten Mainers are very or somewhat concerned about the state budget shortfall.

MEGOV3 - How concerned are you about this state budget shortfall?



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	Total	Age					Household Income		
		18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Very concerned	54%	43%	44%	60%	65%	55%	53%	54%	57%
Somewhat concerned	35%	46%	44%	31%	28%	28%	37%	35%	32%
Not very concerned	6%	6%	10%	4%	4%	9%	6%	7%	7%
Not at all concerned	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	8%	2%	4%	4%
Unsure	1%	3%					2%		
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Area of the State				Is Anyone Employed by...			
		South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Very concerned	54%	56%	64%	47%	53%	49%	56%	55%	60%
Somewhat concerned	35%	31%	34%	40%	34%	37%	44%	31%	30%
Not very concerned	6%	7%		8%	8%	8%		8%	5%
Not at all concerned	4%	5%	2%	5%	5%	5%		7%	5%
Unsure	1%	1%				1%			
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Six in ten Mainers would recommend the state audit, consolidate, or cut spending to address the budget shortfall.

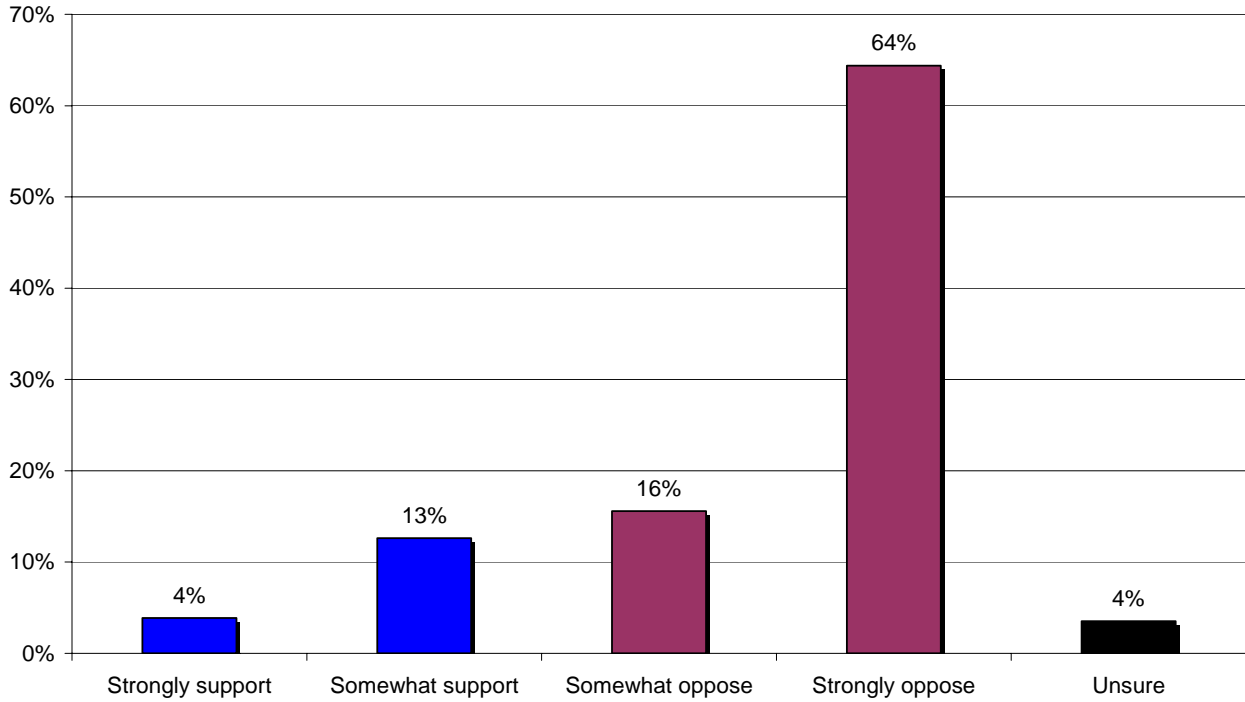
MEGOV4 - What would you recommend to the state government to address this budget shortfall?

	Total	Age					Household Income		
		18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Audit, consolidate, or cut spending	55%	39%	53%	58%	67%	54%	46%	53%	67%
Build Economy/Jobs	9%	9%	13%	5%	10%	8%	9%	4%	14%
Don't cut programs, services that are needed	6%	4%	4%	9%	7%	5%	6%	7%	5%
Increase taxes	5%	7%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%	2%	12%
Higher taxes for out of staters	4%	18%	3%	0%	1%	1%	0%	12%	2%
Cut taxes	3%	0%	0%	2%	8%	3%	4%	1%	3%
Tax reform	2%	2%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%
Other	10%	7%	7%	9%	16%	9%	17%	4%	8%
Unsure	28%	39%	23%	23%	20%	31%	33%	29%	16%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Area of the State				Is Anyone Employed by...			
		South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Audit, consolidate, or cut spending	55%	50%	66%	49%	61%	58%	54%	71%	46%
Build Economy/Jobs	9%	7%	6%	5%	18%	10%	5%	8%	9%
Don't cut programs, services that are needed	6%	4%	4%	10%	4%	4%	11%	10%	4%
Increase taxes	5%	9%	1%	4%	4%	7%	8%	6%	2%
Higher taxes for out of staters	4%	12%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	9%
Cut taxes	3%	1%	1%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%
Tax reform	2%	1%	5%	1%	0%	3%	3%	1%	0%
Other	10%	6%	13%	11%	11%	7%	8%	13%	11%
Unsure	28%	23%	23%	36%	27%	33%	26%	18%	27%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Eight in ten Mainers would somewhat or strongly oppose increasing taxes temporarily to address the budget shortfall.

**MEGOV5a - Increase taxes temporarily
(Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).**



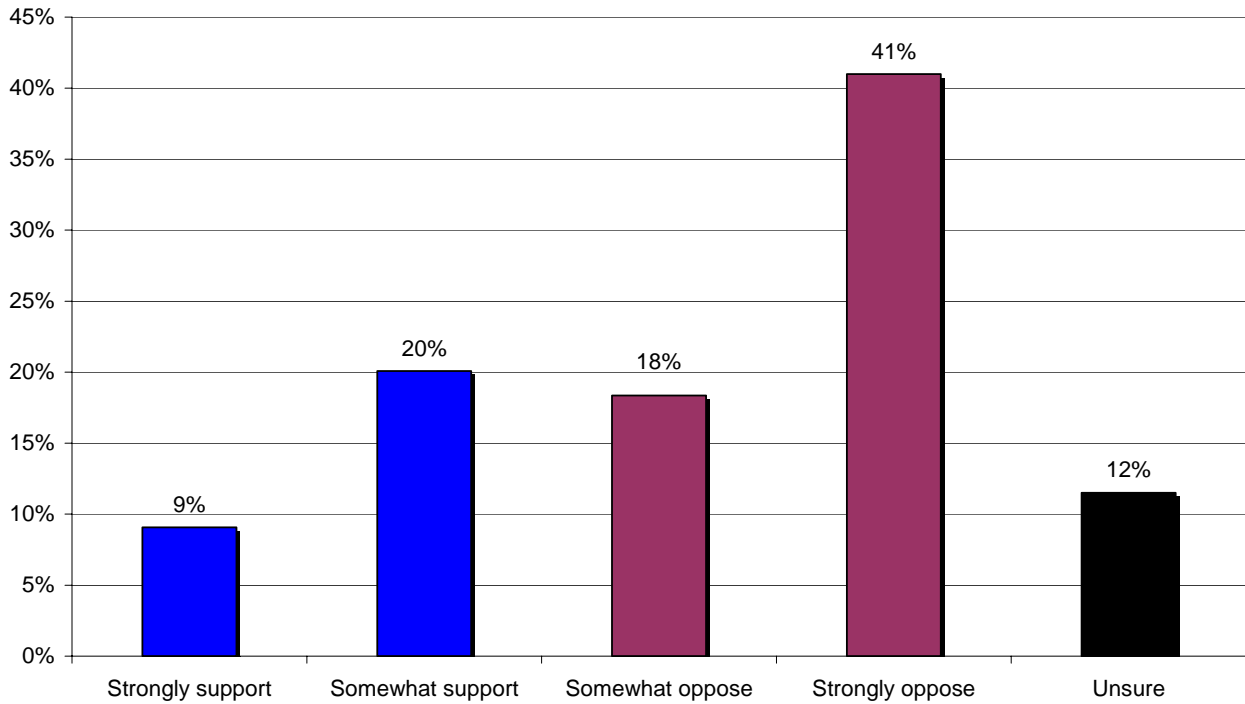
MEGOV5a - Increase taxes temporarily (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Strongly support	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	6%	5%	4%	3%
Somewhat support	13%	24%	5%	10%	15%	10%	10%	10%	15%
Somewhat oppose	16%	14%	24%	6%	14%	21%	16%	18%	13%
Strongly oppose	64%	54%	61%	81%	64%	59%	65%	66%	65%
Unsure	4%	4%	5%		5%	3%	4%	2%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State				Is Anyone Employed by...				
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Strongly support	4%	6%	1%	2%	6%	3%	1%	3%	5%
Somewhat support	13%	12%	17%	10%	13%	11%	14%	19%	8%
Somewhat oppose	16%	16%	13%	16%	15%	18%	12%	18%	14%
Strongly oppose	64%	60%	68%	69%	63%	63%	63%	56%	70%
Unsure	4%	5%	1%	3%	3%	5%	9%	4%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Half of Mainers would somewhat or strongly oppose broadening the tax base to address the budget shortfall; only three in ten support broadening the tax base.

**MEGOV5b - Broaden the tax base to cover items
(Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).**



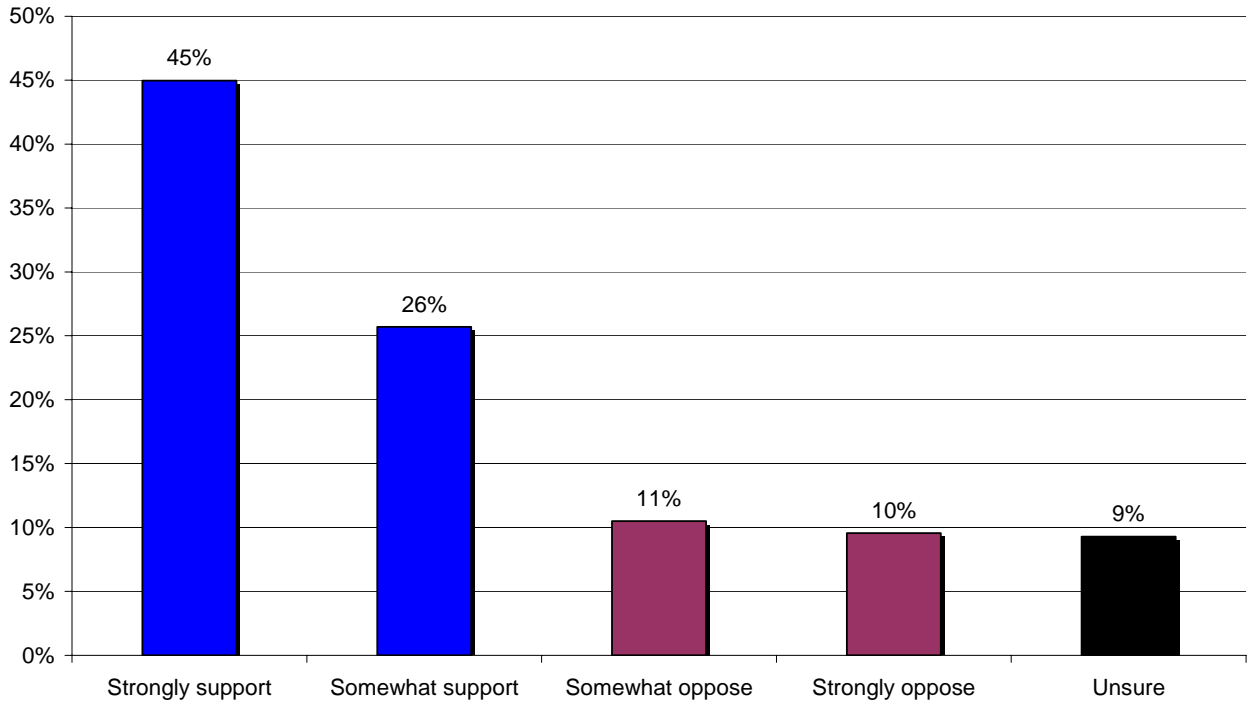
MEGOV5b - Broaden the tax base to cover items (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Strongly support	9%	9%	13%	3%	9%	13%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat support	20%	21%	20%	24%	20%	17%	18%	18%	24%
Somewhat oppose	18%	21%	16%	19%	19%	17%	18%	17%	20%
Strongly oppose	41%	34%	40%	50%	44%	35%	36%	48%	40%
Unsure	12%	15%	11%	4%	8%	17%	18%	9%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Strongly support	9%	10%	17%	4%	9%	9%	13%	11%	7%
Somewhat support	20%	20%	22%	19%	21%	23%	30%	23%	14%
Somewhat oppose	18%	18%	6%	26%	19%	19%	23%	21%	15%
Strongly oppose	41%	43%	50%	36%	39%	37%	25%	37%	49%
Unsure	12%	10%	5%	16%	13%	12%	10%	8%	15%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Seven in ten Mainers somewhat or strongly support cutting spending to address the budget shortfall.

**MEGOV5c - Cutting spending to cover the shortfall
(Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).**



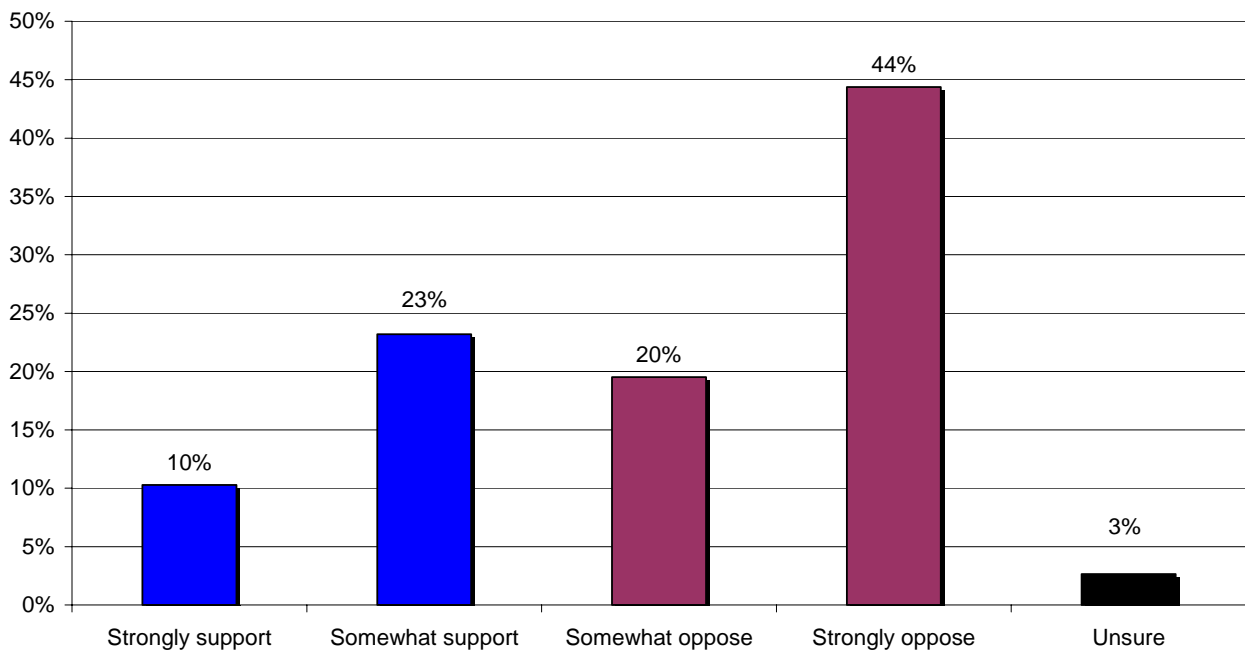
MEGOV5c - Cutting spending to cover the shortfall (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Strongly support	45%	41%	41%	46%	49%	46%	41%	38%	54%
Somewhat support	26%	21%	34%	29%	25%	22%	25%	25%	27%
Somewhat oppose	11%	13%	9%	9%	15%	9%	13%	11%	9%
Strongly oppose	10%	22%	3%	6%	5%	9%	10%	19%	3%
Unsure	9%	3%	13%	10%	6%	13%	11%	7%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Strongly support	45%	40%	42%	52%	47%	47%	51%	48%	39%
Somewhat support	26%	24%	23%	24%	32%	25%	20%	27%	26%
Somewhat oppose	11%	11%	15%	13%	4%	12%	15%	8%	8%
Strongly oppose	10%	15%	9%	4%	8%	6%	4%	7%	17%
Unsure	9%	10%	10%	7%	11%	11%	11%	11%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Nearly two-thirds of Mainers somewhat or strongly oppose increasing fees charged by government agencies to address the budget shortfall.

MEGOV5d - Increasing fees charged by government agencies for those using services such as licensing and entry fees. Examples would include things such as hunting and fishing licenses, or park entry fees (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).



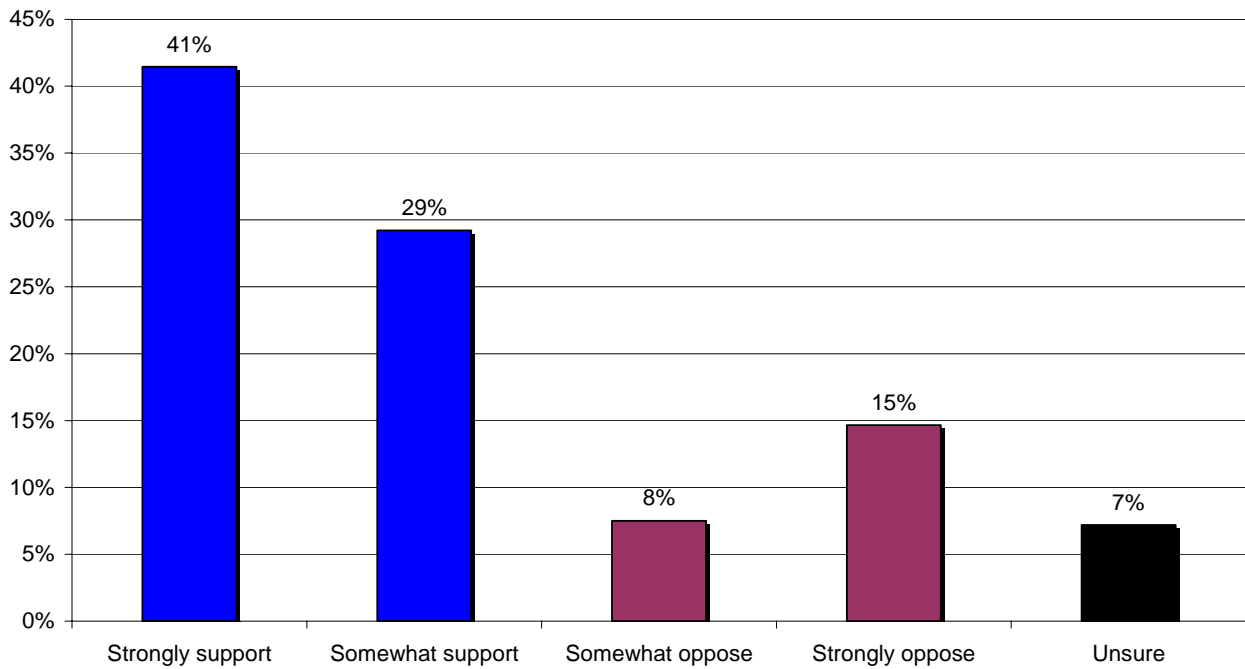
MEGOV5d - Increasing fees charged by government agencies for those using services such as licensing and entry fee. Examples would include things such as hunting and fishing licenses, or park entry fees (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).

	Total	Age					Household Income		
		18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Strongly support	10%	6%	11%	8%	12%	14%	12%	10%	10%
Somewhat support	23%	22%	23%	25%	22%	24%	15%	19%	32%
Somewhat oppose	20%	31%	18%	12%	20%	19%	23%	13%	22%
Strongly oppose	44%	39%	45%	54%	45%	37%	45%	56%	35%
Unsure	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	6%	5%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Area of the State				Is Anyone Employed by...			
		South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Strongly support	10%	11%	7%	9%	13%	7%	11%	9%	12%
Somewhat support	23%	22%	24%	25%	22%	24%	50%	27%	15%
Somewhat oppose	20%	21%	15%	20%	20%	20%	14%	22%	19%
Strongly oppose	44%	45%	54%	39%	43%	48%	20%	41%	49%
Unsure	3%	1%		7%	2%	1%	4%	2%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Seven in ten Mainers somewhat or strongly support commissioning a study to identify ways to permanently restructure government and reduce spending.

MEGOV5e - Commissioning a study to identify ways to permanently restructure government and reduce spending (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).



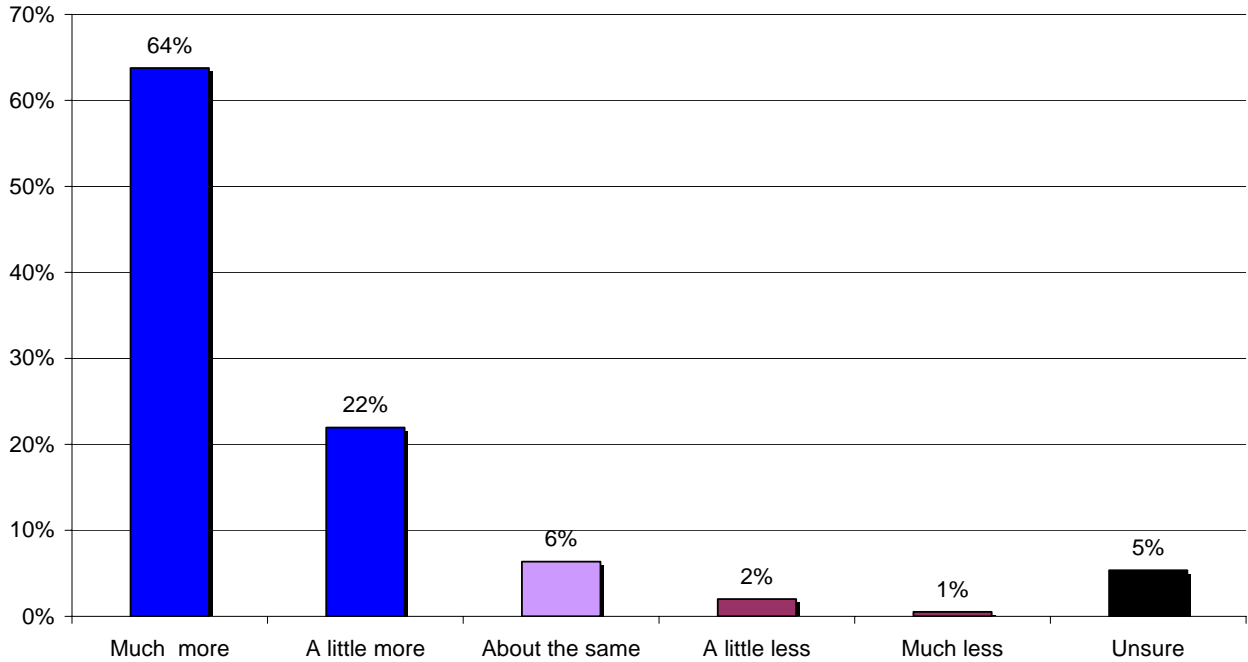
MEGOV5e - Commissioning a study to identify ways to permanently restructure government and reduce spending (Proposal for handling the budget shortfall).

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Strongly support	41%	42%	40%	45%	41%	40%	45%	37%	45%
Somewhat support	29%	33%	43%	35%	24%	18%	27%	30%	30%
Somewhat oppose	8%	4%	6%	5%	8%	13%	7%	8%	8%
Strongly oppose	15%	4%	9%	15%	25%	17%	15%	11%	16%
Unsure	7%	18%	2%		2%	12%	7%	14%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Strongly support	41%	33%	40%	49%	48%	39%	44%	40%	44%
Somewhat support	29%	34%	36%	27%	19%	35%	37%	41%	17%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	6%	6%	11%	7%	3%	2%	9%
Strongly oppose	15%	14%	16%	14%	16%	18%	14%	15%	13%
Unsure	7%	13%	2%	5%	5%	1%	1%	2%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Compared to other states, 86% of Mainers believe they pay more in state income, state sales, and local property taxes.

METAX1 -Compared to most other states, how much do you believe Maine taxpayers pay in state income taxes, state sales taxes, and local property taxes?



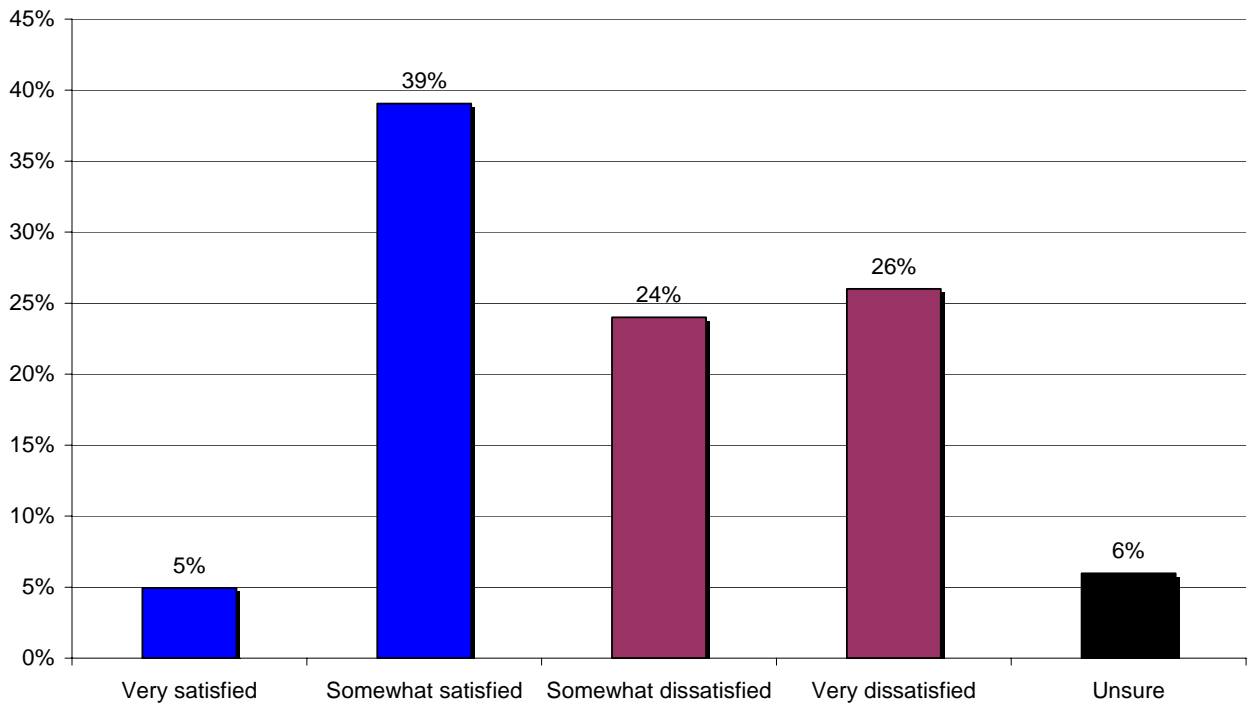
METAX1 - Compared to most other states, how much do you believe Maine taxpayers pay in state income taxes, state sales taxes, and local property taxes?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Much more	64%	42%	69%	71%	71%	64%	61%	67%	66%
A little more	22%	43%	19%	17%	21%	14%	14%	23%	28%
About the same	6%	9%	3%	4%	4%	11%	10%	5%	2%
A little less	2%		2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Much less	1%			1%	1%	1%	1%		
Unsure	5%	6%	6%	3%	2%	9%	11%	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Much more	64%	66%	70%	66%	51%	61%	49%	62%	68%
A little more	22%	23%	22%	16%	28%	26%	39%	26%	11%
About the same	6%	3%	2%	10%	11%	7%		5%	10%
A little less	2%	4%		1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Much less	1%				2%				1%
Unsure	5%	5%	6%	7%	4%	4%	10%	4%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

One-half of Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the fairness of the tax system based on their ability to pay while 41% are satisfied.

METAX2 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the fairness of the system based on your ability to pay?



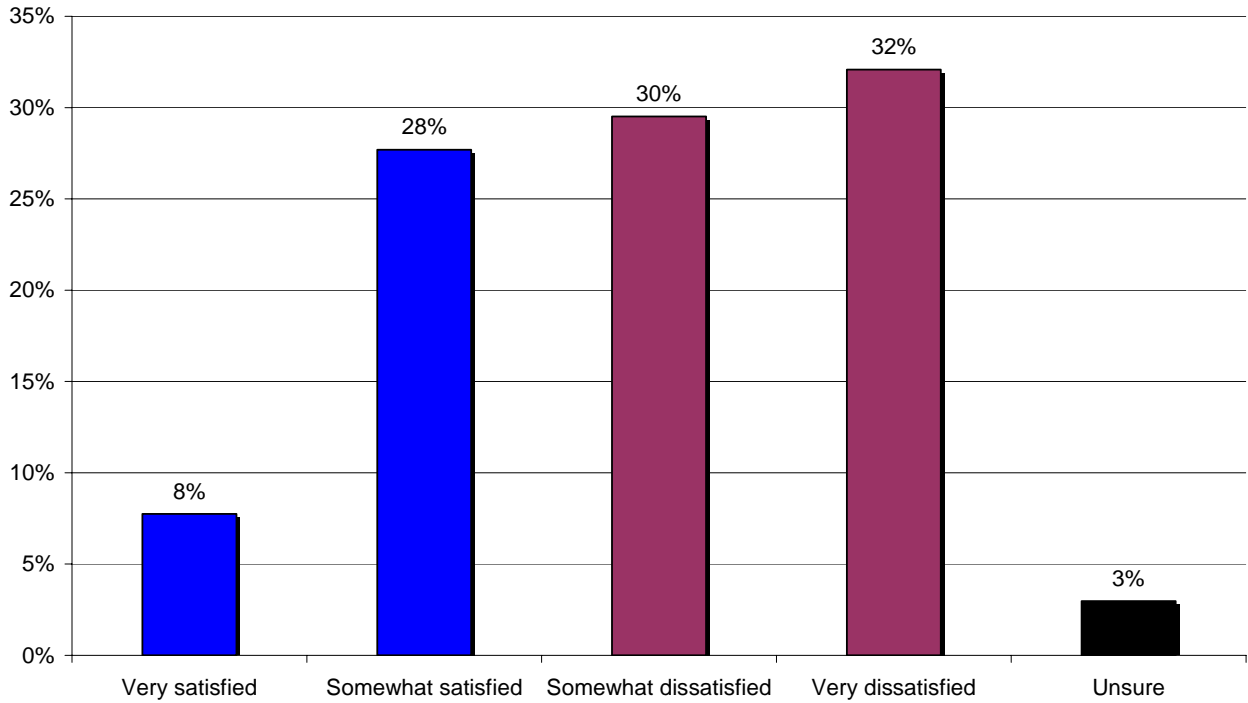
METAX2 -How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the fairness of the system based on your ability to pay?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Very satisfied	5%	5%	3%	4%	6%	6%	2%	7%	5%
Somewhat satisfied	39%	40%	44%	38%	27%	44%	42%	35%	39%
Somewhat dissatisfied	24%	16%	25%	25%	32%	23%	24%	25%	24%
Very dissatisfied	26%	25%	26%	28%	29%	22%	22%	29%	29%
Unsure	6%	13%	2%	5%	5%	5%	9%	3%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Very satisfied	5%	4%	9%	6%	3%	4%	6%	8%	5%
Somewhat satisfied	39%	31%	35%	43%	52%	36%	56%	35%	40%
Somewhat dissatisfied	24%	27%	25%	21%	23%	31%	13%	28%	18%
Very dissatisfied	26%	32%	26%	25%	18%	22%	16%	25%	32%
Unsure	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	7%	8%	5%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Six in ten Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the amount of taxes they pay while 36% are satisfied.

METAX3 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the amount of taxes you pay?



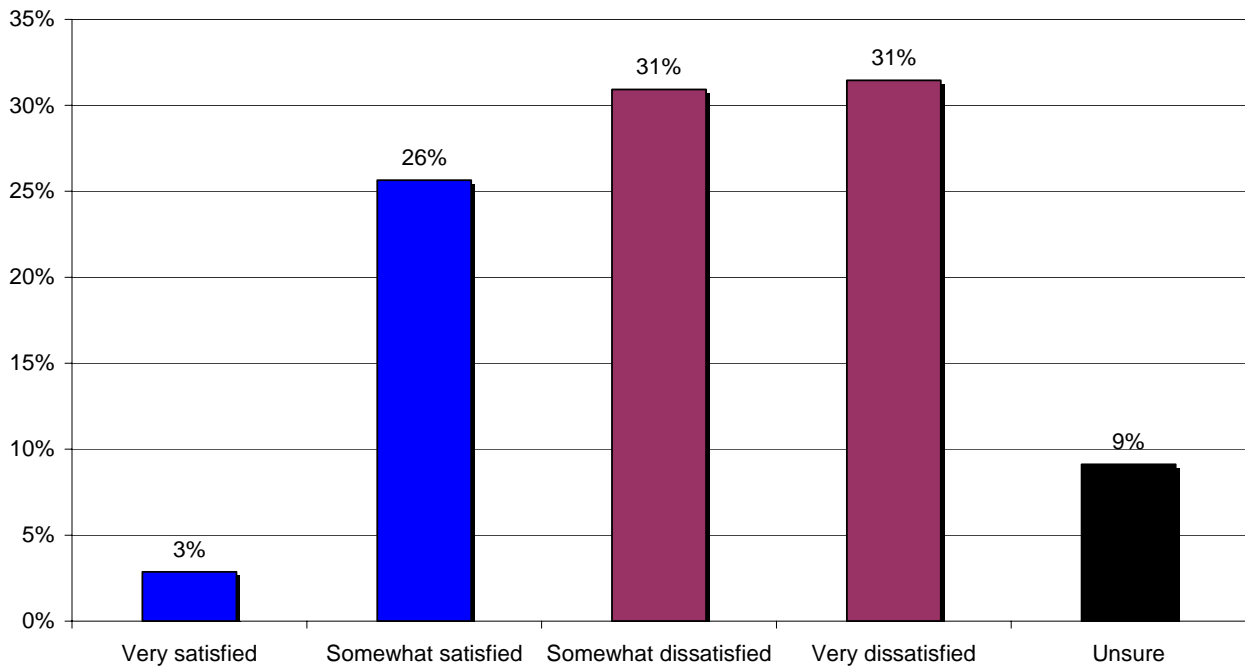
METAX3 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the amount of taxes you pay?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Very satisfied	8%	10%	7%	4%	5%	12%	10%	5%	8%
Somewhat satisfied	28%	30%	28%	25%	27%	29%	33%	26%	22%
Somewhat dissatisfied	30%	31%	36%	32%	28%	23%	21%	34%	35%
Very dissatisfied	32%	26%	28%	38%	38%	28%	30%	34%	35%
Unsure	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	7%	6%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Very satisfied	8%	6%	11%	10%	5%	7%	8%	7%	10%
Somewhat satisfied	28%	22%	31%	27%	36%	27%	42%	33%	26%
Somewhat dissatisfied	30%	28%	27%	29%	34%	38%	25%	31%	21%
Very dissatisfied	32%	40%	31%	30%	23%	27%	22%	28%	38%
Unsure	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Six in ten Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the fairness of the tax system based on the extent to which all taxpayers are treated equally; 29% are satisfied.

METAX4 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the fairness of the system based on the extent to which all taxpayers are treated equally?



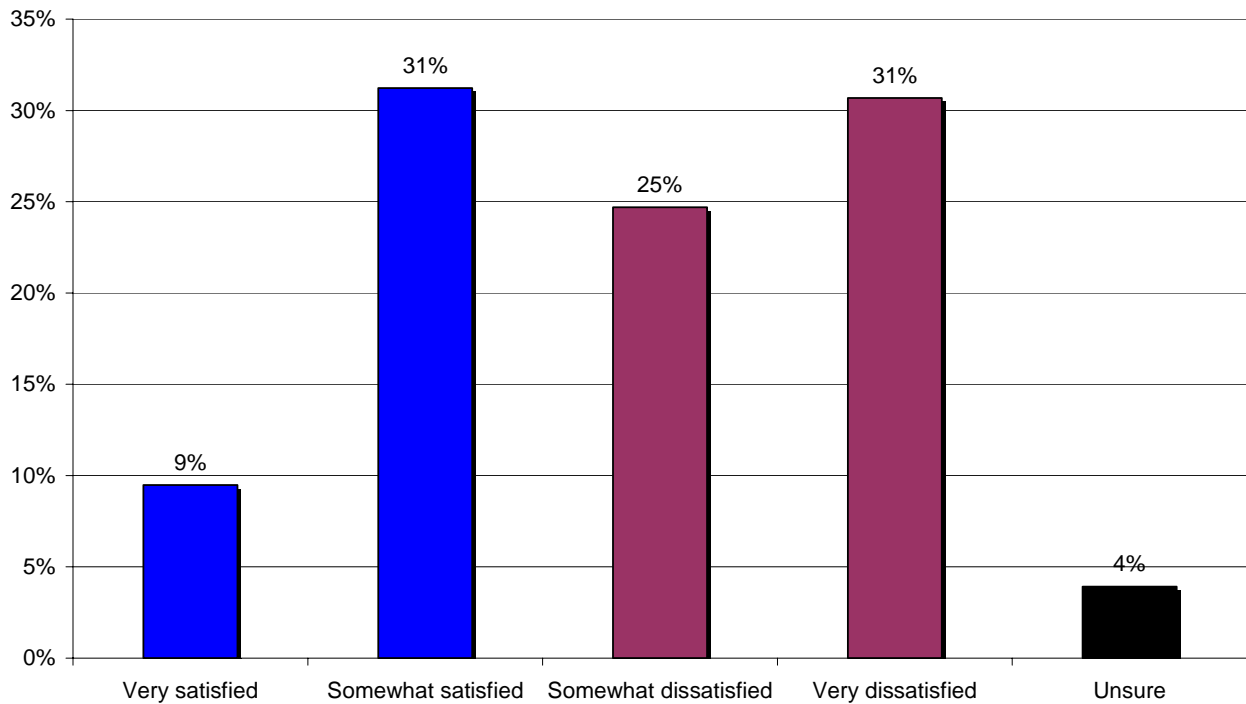
METAX4 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the fairness of the system based on the extent to which all taxpayers are treated equally?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Very satisfied	3%		2%	6%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Somewhat satisfied	26%	31%	24%	22%	21%	31%	25%	24%	26%
Somewhat dissatisfied	31%	30%	34%	30%	36%	26%	30%	23%	39%
Very dissatisfied	31%	28%	34%	39%	33%	22%	28%	44%	27%
Unsure	9%	11%	6%	2%	7%	18%	14%	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Very satisfied	3%	2%	2%	2%	6%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Somewhat satisfied	26%	22%	30%	24%	30%	27%	17%	26%	31%
Somewhat dissatisfied	31%	33%	28%	32%	27%	32%	50%	28%	24%
Very dissatisfied	31%	36%	30%	28%	30%	31%	20%	33%	33%
Unsure	9%	7%	10%	13%	7%	8%	8%	9%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

56% of Mainers are somewhat or very dissatisfied with the value of services they receive for the tax dollars they pay while 40% are satisfied.

METAX5 -How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the value of services you receive from the state for the tax dollars you pay?



METAX5 -How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the value of services you receive from the state for the tax dollars you pay?

	Age						Household Income		
	Total	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	< \$30K	\$30K - \$60K	> \$60K
Very satisfied	9%	2%	11%	11%	9%	11%	14%	4%	9%
Somewhat satisfied	31%	27%	35%	35%	24%	34%	30%	31%	30%
Somewhat dissatisfied	25%	21%	20%	25%	35%	22%	22%	22%	30%
Very dissatisfied	31%	45%	33%	27%	30%	22%	27%	39%	31%
Unsure	4%	4%		1%	2%	10%	7%	4%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Area of the State					Is Anyone Employed by...			
	Total	South	Coastal	Central	North	For-profit	Non-profit	Government	Retired, other
Very satisfied	9%	13%	7%	8%	8%	7%	13%	5%	14%
Somewhat satisfied	31%	28%	30%	32%	36%	27%	36%	41%	27%
Somewhat dissatisfied	25%	23%	26%	25%	26%	32%	21%	25%	19%
Very dissatisfied	31%	31%	36%	29%	28%	30%	28%	28%	34%
Unsure	4%	5%	1%	5%	3%	3%	2%		6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%