

**PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES for
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
HOOSIER POLL**

FINAL TOPLINE RESULTS

November 18, 2008

N= 601 Indiana adults, 18+

Margin of Error: plus or minus 4.6 percentage points

Field period: November 12-16, 2008

Job #:28086

Notes: Data are weighted so that sample demographics match Indiana State parameters for gender, age, education, race, ethnicity, region, and population density.

An asterisk () indicates a value less than 1%.*

- 1/2. Were you born in the state of Indiana, or somewhere else? [IF BORN SOMEWHERE ELSE, RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED] In what year did you FIRST move to Indiana?

Years living in Indiana

67 Born in state
33 Total Born somewhere else

First Moved to Indiana:

18 More than 20 years ago
8 6-20 years ago
6 In the past 5 years
1 Time undesignated
0 Don't know/Refused

3. How would you rate Indiana as a place to live? Would you say it is... (READ)

31 An excellent place to live
49 Good
14 Only fair, or
4 Poor?
2 (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature – that is, the Indiana General Assembly – has done in recent years?

59 Approve
25 Disapprove
16 Don't know/Refused

5. How much attention do you pay to the state legislative activities and decisions of the Indiana General Assembly... (READ)

19 A lot of attention
48 Some attention
22 Not too much, or
9 No attention at all?
2 (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

6. How satisfied are you with the record of state government in attracting new jobs into the state... (READ)
- 14 Very satisfied
 - 39 Somewhat satisfied
 - 24 Not too satisfied, or
 - 16 Not at all satisfied?
 - 7 (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
7. As you may know, this past year state government capped property taxes for homeowners and businesses. It was left up to local governments to raise taxes to make up for any shortfalls in funding needed for local government services. How satisfied are you with the way Indiana STATE officials handled the matter of property taxes? Are you... (READ)
- 14 Very satisfied
 - 37 Somewhat satisfied
 - 24 Not too satisfied, or
 - 20 Not at all satisfied?
 - 5 (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
8. How well do you think your local government has responded to changes in the funding of government services... (READ)
- 11 Very well
 - 43 Somewhat well
 - 24 Not too well, or
 - 13 Not at all well?
 - 9 (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
9. What would you say is the MOST important problem in your community TODAY that you would like your local government to do something about? (Just tell me the first thing that comes to mind.) [OPEN-END QUESTION. RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR THEM.]
- 85 One answer given
 - 4 Two or more answers given
 - 3 Nothing in particular
 - 8 Don't know/Refused
10. Would you support an increase in local taxes to provide funding for government to address (the problem/any of the problems) you just mentioned, or not?
- Based on those who named a most important problem in their community in Q9 [N=530]***
- 42 Yes, would
 - 53 No, would not
 - 5 Don't know/Refused

11. Next, I will ask you about some local government services and your community's record in providing these services over the past year. What about... (INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE) where you live?

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Have government services in this area gotten better, gotten worse, or not changed much over the past year?

	Gotten <u>Better</u>	Gotten <u>Worse</u>	Hasn't <u>Changed</u>	(VOL.) Doesn't <u>Apply</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a. Road maintenance	32	20	47	*	1
b. The quality of the schools	26	16	41	8	9
c. Public parks and recreation	30	8	54	3	5
d. Sewage disposal and water delivery services	13	5	58	18	6
e. Fire and police protection	28	7	60	*	5

12. Now I'm going to ask you some questions about priorities for the state of Indiana. Please tell me if you think each of the following should be a TOP priority for the state, important but not a top priority, not too important, or not at all important. What about... (INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Should this be a TOP priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or not at all important?

	<u>Top Priority</u>	Important/ <u>Not top Priority</u>	<u>Not too Important</u>	<u>Not at all Important</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a. Bringing more jobs to the state	83	15	1	*	1
b. Improving transportation	25	42	23	5	5
c. Reducing illegal immigration	47	30	14	5	4
d. Improving local schools	60	28	7	1	4
e. Protecting the environment	46	43	8	3	*
f. Providing more affordable healthcare coverage	62	27	6	3	2
g. Making government more efficient	67	26	4	1	2

13. Next, please tell me how likely you are to support an increase in taxes for each of the following purposes. How likely are you to support an increase in taxes... (INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>Very Likely</u>	<u>Somewhat Likely</u>	<u>Not too Likely</u>	<u>Not at all Likely</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
a. To improve Indiana's public schools	37	32	14	14	3
b. To make higher education more affordable for Indiana families	38	30	14	17	1
c. To improve the condition of state highways and roads	17	39	23	19	2
d. To improve the state's public transportation	10	27	30	30	3
e. To make healthcare available to more people	39	32	13	14	2
f. To enhance environmental protection	21	40	20	18	1

14. Now on another subject... As you may know, Indiana has leased portions of a toll road in Northern Indiana to a private company in return for cash. The private company is now responsible for improvements and maintenance. In general, do you support or oppose the state of Indiana leasing public roads to private companies?

34 Support
56 Oppose
10 Don't know/Refused

15. Do you support or oppose a proposal to provide free tuition for students attending Ivy Tech Community College, which has 23 campuses statewide?

58 Support
36 Oppose
6 Don't know/Refused

16. Which ONE of the following do you think should be the MAIN source of funding to pay for this free college tuition... (READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-5)?

Based on those who support providing free tuition to students [N= 325]

62 Lottery proceeds
7 State income taxes
4 Local property taxes
13 The state sales tax
11 Business taxes
3 Don't know/Refused

17. Now thinking about the recent presidential election... Did things come up to keep you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

- 78 Voted
- 22 Did not vote
- * Don't know/Refused

18. Did you vote early or did you vote on Election Day, November 4th?

Based on those who voted in the 2008 presidential election [N= 502]

- 21 Early
- 79 On Election Day
- * Don't know/Refused

19. Were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the voting process this time?

Based on those who voted in the 2008 presidential election [N= 502]

- 86 Satisfied
- 13 Dissatisfied
- 1 Don't know/Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. RESPONDENT'S SEX:

- 50 Male
- 50 Female

D2/D2a.

In politics, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? [IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED INDEPENDENT/OTHER/NO PARTY/ OR REFUSED, THEY WERE ASKED] As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

- 26 Republican
- 30 Democrat
- 34 Independent
- 4 No party/Not interested in politics (VOL.)
- * Other party (VOL.)
- 6 Don't know/Refused

- 35 Total Republican/Lean Republican
- 49 Total Democrat/Lean Democrat

D3. How would you describe your views on most political matters? Do you consider yourself to be... (READ)

- 15 Liberal
- 39 Conservative, or
- 40 Moderate?
- 6 (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D4. What is your age?

- 16 18-29
- 37 30-49
- 29 50-64
- 15 65+
- 3 Don't know/Refused

D5. What is the last grade or class you completed in school? (DO NOT READ)

- 1 None, or grade 1 to 8
- 10 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)
- 42 High school graduate, Grade 12, or GED certificate
- 4 Trade, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school
- 20 Some college, but no four-year degree (includes associates degree)
- 14 College or university graduate (BA, BS or other four-year degree received)
- Post graduate or professional schooling after college (including work towards an
- 8 MA, MS, Ph.D., JD, DDS, or MD degree)
- 1 Refused

D6/D7.

Are you of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or other Spanish background? / What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

- 86 White, non-Hispanic
- 12 Total Non-White
 - 7 Black
 - 1 Hispanic
 - 1 Asian
 - 2 Other or mixed race
- 2 Undesignated

D8. Last year, that is in 2007, approximately what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes – just tell me when I get to the right category. (READ)

- 26 Under \$30,000
- 25 Between \$30,000 and \$50,000
- 18 Between \$50,000 and \$75,000
- 9 Between \$75,000 and \$100,000
- 10 Over \$100,000
- 3 (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

END OF INTERVIEW. THANK RESPONDENT: That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your cooperation.