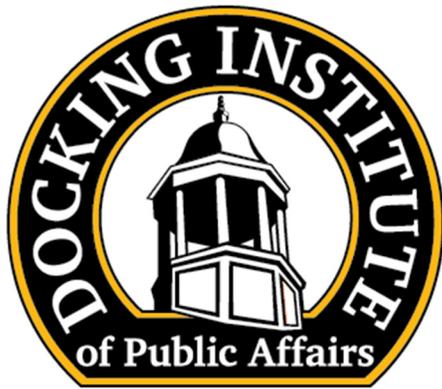




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## Executive Summary

The Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University conducted the 2019 Kansas Speaks fall survey from August 26 to October 14, 2019. A random sample of 352 adult residents of Kansas age 18 and older were surveyed by telephone to assess their attitudes and opinions regarding various issues of interest to Kansas citizens. The survey finds:

- 53.7% of respondents indicated Kansas was a “very good” or “excellent” place to live. 1.5% said Kansas was a “poor” or “very poor” place to live.
- 71% of respondents would be living in the same community they are now. 15.2% would relocate out of Kansas in five years.
- 24.3% of respondents felt the state economy was “very good” or “excellent.” 11.8% felt the economy was “poor” or “very poor.”
- 31.1% of respondents felt that the Kansas economy was getting better in the last 12 months, 48.9% felt that it stayed the same, and 20% felt it was getting worse.
- 10.9% of respondents were “very concerned” about the future economy threatening their families’ welfare. 16.9% were “moderately concerned.” 38.2% were “not concerned at all.”
- 77.4% of respondents felt Kansas was on the “right track.” 22.6% felt Kansas was on the “wrong track.”
- When asked to compare what they paid in sales tax, property tax, and state income tax with the amount they paid two years ago, 70.7% of respondents felt that their tax burden had increased as compared with two years ago, 22.1% felt no change, and 7.2% felt their tax burden had decreased.
- 19.7% of respondents preferred higher taxes and spending, while 55.5% preferred lower state taxes and spending. 24.7% wanted to keep the current level of taxes and spending.
- Among those in favor of increases in taxes and spending, 71.2% favored increasing income tax, 59.1% favored increasing sales tax, and 30.3% favored increasing property tax. 98.5% supported increasing state funding for grades kindergarten through high school, and more than eighty percent of respondents supported increasing funding for roads and highways, state colleges and universities, and social services.
- Among those who preferred lower taxes and spending, 48.6% favored lowering sales tax, and 60% or more favored lowering income taxes and property tax. 43.2% favored cutting state funding for state colleges and universities. Less than 30% of respondents supported cutting funding for roads and highways, social services, and grades kindergarten through high school.
- 79.3% of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars.
- 68% of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” increasing taxes on alcohol.

- 61.3% of respondents “strongly support” or “somewhat support” legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas. 25.8% of respondents “somewhat oppose” or “strongly oppose.”
- 52.7% of respondents were satisfied with the performance of Governor Laura Kelly, and 26.4% were dissatisfied.
- 49.1% of respondents were satisfied with the performance of the Kansas Supreme Court, and 22.6% were dissatisfied.
- 44.1% of respondents were satisfied with President Trump, and 44.3% were dissatisfied.
- 17.4% of respondents were satisfied with the U.S. Congress, and 64.6% were dissatisfied.
- 76.9% of respondents voted in the 2018 Kansas election, and among them, 58.7% voted for Laura Kelly and 31.1% voted for Kris Kobach.
- When asked to rate the five leading Democratic candidates in the U.S. presidential race, respondents’ ratings of Bernie Sanders were polarized, with 30.9% of respondents rating him positively and 50% rating him negatively. Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren received about 25% positive ratings and about 42% negative ratings. More than 35% of respondents were not aware of Kamala Harris or did not know her good enough to rate. 45.6% of respondents were not aware of Pete Buttigieg or did not know him good enough to rate.
- 55.8% of respondents supported the immigration zero tolerance policy, which states that anyone who crosses the border illegally will be prosecuted and deported. 33.4% of respondents opposed it.
- 48.7% of respondents supported Trump’s Administration’s decision to raise tariffs on goods imported from China, and 35.3% opposed the decision.
- 44.2% of respondents were “very” or “moderately concerned” that the tariff increases on Chinese goods and trade disputes with other countries would affect them and their families financially. 24.1% were “slightly concerned”, and 31.7% were “not concerned at all”.
- In terms of amount of thought given to the issue, 33.7% of respondents thought “a great deal” or “a lot” of Medicaid expansion as a current political issue with the Kansas legislature.
- 66.3% of respondents agreed that expanding Medicaid would help rural Kansas hospital remain in business.
- 60.5% of respondents agreed that the Kansans who might obtain health insurance from expanding Medicaid deserve this benefit from the state.
- 62.1% of respondents supported expanding Medicaid in Kansas.
- 42.4% of respondents opposed Kansas using private prisons to house inmates. 33.1% supported it.
- 88.1% of respondents supported “requiring background checks on all gun sales.”

- 85.5% of respondents supported “preventing sales of all firearms to people who have been reported as dangerous to law enforcement by mental health provider.”
- About 70% of respondents supported “preventing sales of all firearms to people who have been convicted of violent misdemeanors”, a “mandatory three day waiting period after a gun is purchased before it can be taken home”, and “requiring a person to be 21 or older in order to purchase a gun.”
- Between 50% and 60% of respondents supported “banning high-capacity ammunition magazines” and “banning assault-style weapons.”

## Introduction and Methods

To assess attitudes and opinions of Kansans, the Docking Institute has surveyed a random sample of Kansas residents age 18 and older every year since 2009. For this year's survey, the Docking Institute purchased from Scientific Telephone Samples a random sample consisting of Kansas landline telephone numbers and cell phone numbers. Interviewers are highly-trained student researchers pursuing degrees at Fort Hays State University. From August 26th to October 14th, a total of 2,188 Kansas residents were successfully contacted by telephone, and 352 of them completed the survey, resulting in a 16.1% response rate. The margin of error was 5.2% at the 95% confidence level. A margin of error of 5.2% means that there is a 95% probability that findings among the sample vary no more than +/- 5.2% from the value that would be found if all adult Kansas residents were surveyed, assuming no response bias.

Some urban counties are underrepresented in the final sample. For instance, based on the 2018 estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, Johnson County accounted for 20.5% of the state population, whereas in the sample, only 11.3% of the surveys were completed by Johnson County residents. The county population distribution can be found in Appendix A. The survey also had higher response rates from Kansas residents who are 65 years and older, and lower response rates from those under 35 years old (see Appendix B). To adjust the potential biases, the statistical analyses were conducted after the survey data was weighted by county population and age. The weighted demographic characteristics are presented in Appendix C.

The following analysis contains four sections:

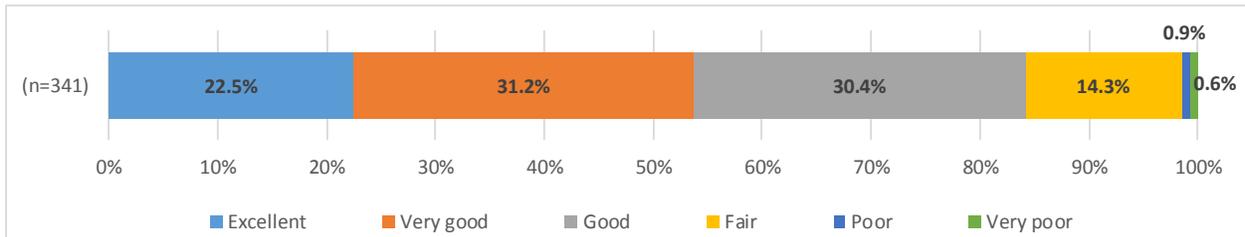
- 1) **Overall Quality of Life in Kansas.** This section shows how Kansans generally feel about Kansas as a place to live.
- 2) **Taxes & Economy.** This section shows results on questions addressing various economic concerns to citizens and fair and effective personal and business taxation policies.
- 3) **Government and Politicians.** This section presents the results of citizens' ratings of the state government in general, state elected officials, and the U.S president.
- 4) **Public Policy Issues.** This section looks at citizens' opinions on a few national and state policies.

These sections present descriptive analyses of respondents' answers to each question. Except for the questions asking about respondents' demographic information, all of the survey questions are displayed verbatim under those graphs presenting descriptive analyses. Survey questions can also be found in the questionnaire presented in Appendix D.

## Section 1: Overall Quality of Life in Kansas

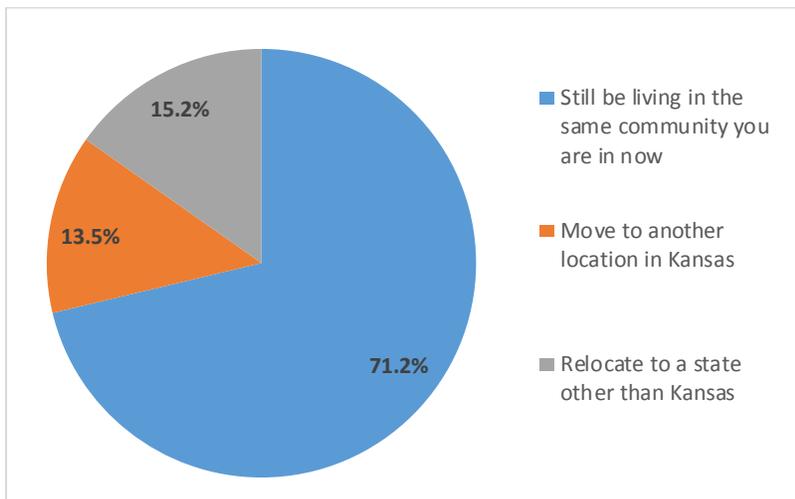
When asked to rate Kansas as a place to live, a little over half (53.7%) indicated Kansas was a “very good” or “excellent” place to live, while only 1.5% said Kansas was a “poor” or “very poor place to live (Figure 1). When asked where they will be in 5 years, 71% of respondents said they would be living in the same community that they live in now, 13.5% said they would be moving to another location in Kansas and 15.2% said they would relocate to a state other than Kansas (Figure 2).

**Figure 1: Rating of Kansas as a Place to Live**



Question: *In general, how would you rate Kansas as a place to live?*

**Figure 2: Residence in 5 Years (n=335)**

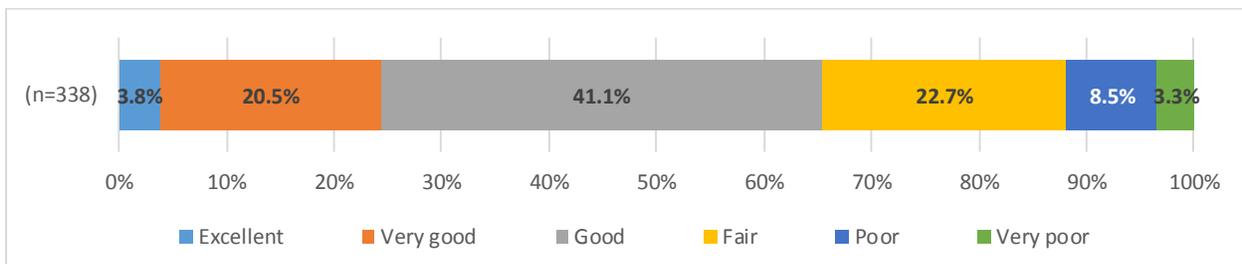


Question: *By your best guess, where will you be in 5 years? Are you likely to still be living in the same community you are in now, move to another location in Kansas, or relocate to a state other than Kansas?*

## Section 2: Taxes and the Economy

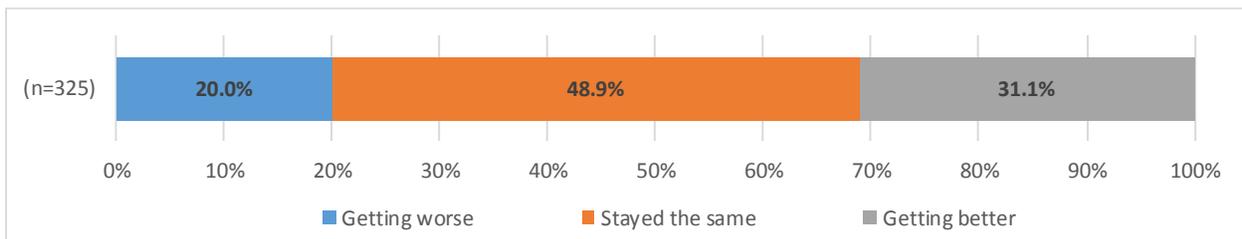
When asked to rate the Kansas economy, 24.3% of respondents said they felt the State economy was “very good” or “excellent,” while 11.8% indicated they felt the economy was “poor” or “very poor” (Figure 3). A little over thirty percent (31.1%) of respondents felt that the Kansas economy was getting better over the past year, 48.9% felt that it stayed the same, and 20% felt that it was getting worse (Figure 4). Less than thirty percent (27.8%) of respondents were “very concerned” or “moderately concerned” that the Kansas economy would seriously threaten individual or family welfare, while 34% were “slightly concerned.” Almost forty percent (38.2%) of respondents said they were “not concerned at all” (Figure 5).

**Figure 3: Rating of Kansas Economy**



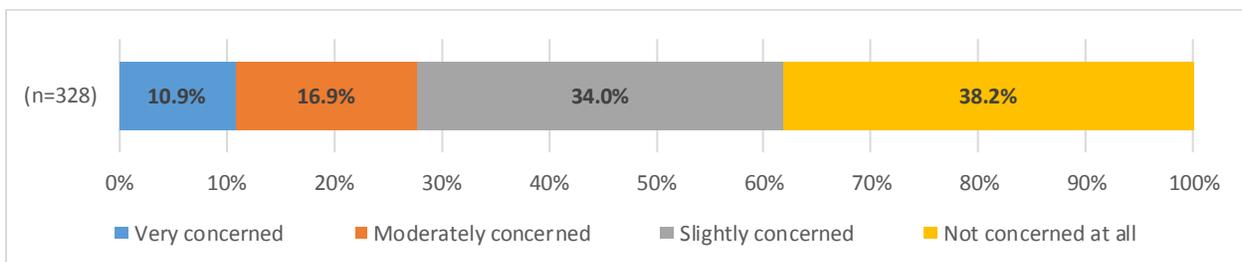
Question: *In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy?*

**Figure 4: Opinion on Change of Kansas Economy**



Question: *Over the last 12 months, how would you say the Kansas economy has changed?*

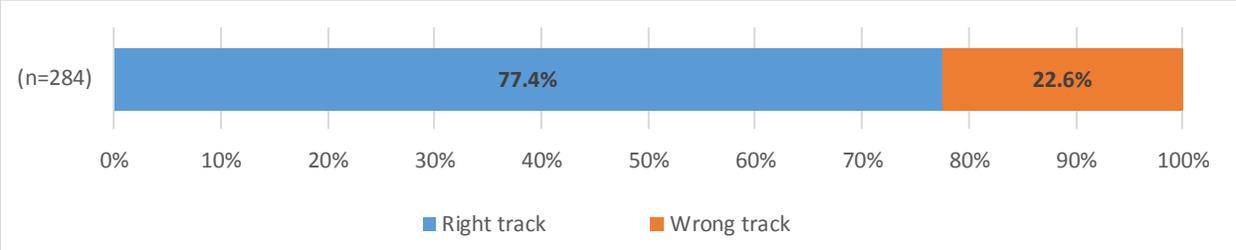
**Figure 5: Level of Concern that the Kansas Economy Will Seriously Threaten Individuals’ or Families’ Welfare over the Next Year**



Question: *How concerned are you that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten you or your family’s welfare in the coming year?*

More than three-fourths (77.4%) of respondents indicated they felt Kansas was on the “right track.” Slightly more than twenty percent (22.6%) of respondents believe Kansas is on the “wrong track” (Figure 6).

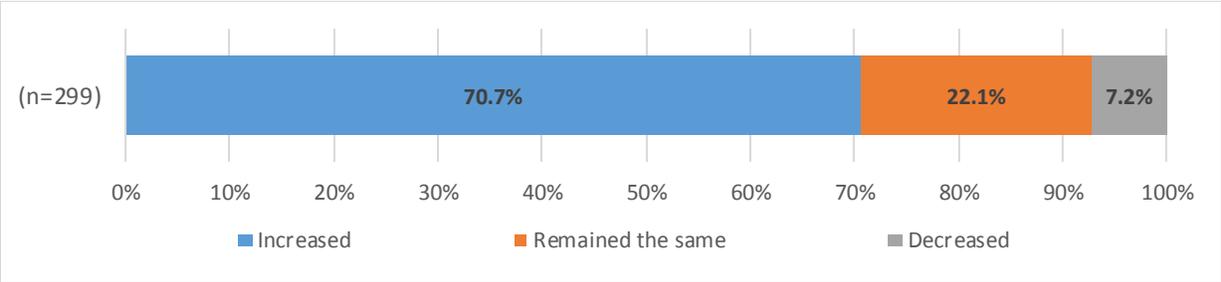
**Figure 6: Opinion on if Kansas is on the Right or Wrong Track**



Question: *Generally speaking, do you think Kansas is on the right track or wrong track?*

Respondents were asked if there had been changes in amount of taxes paid to the state. About seventy percent (70.7%) responded that the sales tax, property tax, and state income tax they paid had “Increased” as compared to two years ago, 22.1% said the amount “remained the same,” and 7.2% said the amount “decreased” (Figure 7).

**Figure 7: Change of Taxes Paid to the State**



Question: *Think about what you paid in sales tax, property tax, and state income tax together. Compared to two years ago, has the amount you pay in state taxes increased, remained the same, or decreased?*

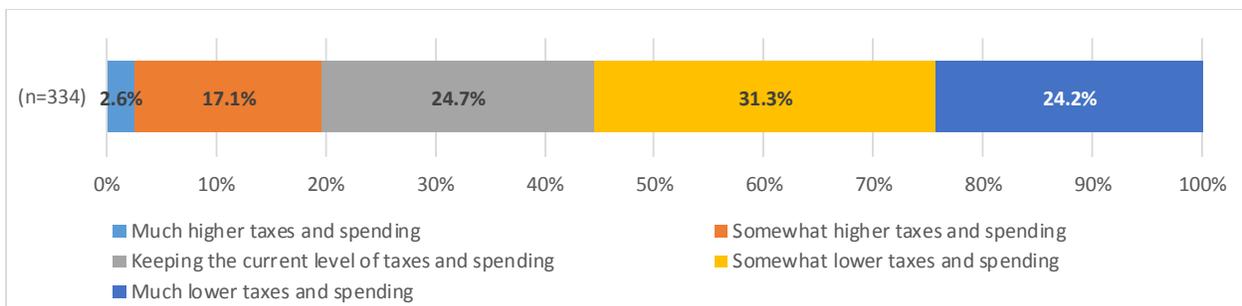
When respondents were asked their preferences about state taxes and spending, 19.7% wanted to have higher taxes and spending, while 55.5% preferred lower taxes and spending. About twenty five percent (24.7%) would like to keep the current level of taxes and spending (Figure 8).

Among those respondents who preferred higher taxes and spending, 71.2% favored increasing income tax, 59.1% favored increasing sales tax, and 30.3% favored increasing property tax (Figure 9). In terms of their preferences for increased spending, almost all (98.5%)

of those respondents wanted to increase state education funding for grades kindergarten through high school. More than eighty percent of respondents supported increasing funding for roads and highways, state colleges and universities, and social services (Figure 10).

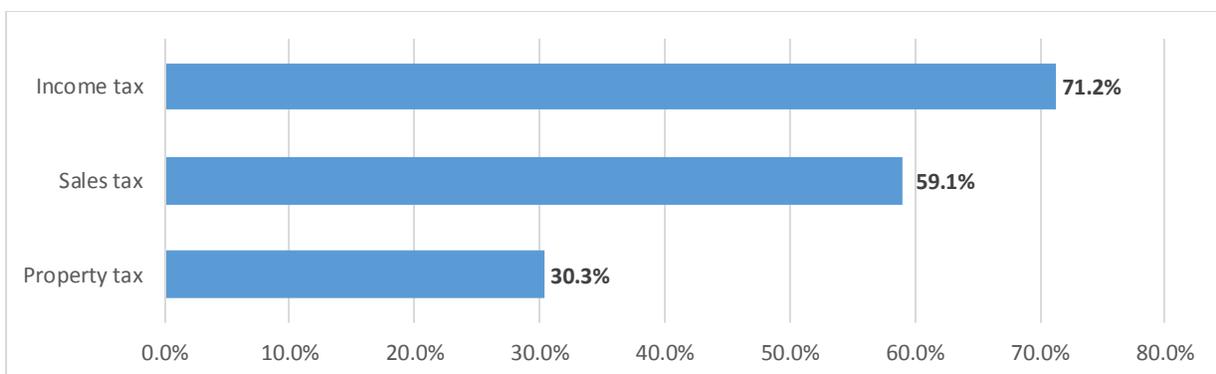
Among those who preferred lower taxes and spending, 69.7% favored decreasing property tax, 59.5% favored decreasing income tax, and 48.6% favored decreasing sales tax (Figure 11). In terms of preferences for decreased spending, 43.2% wanted to cut state education funding for state colleges and universities, 24.3% supported decreased state funding for roads and highways, and 15.1% supported cutting state funding for grades kindergarten through high school (Figure 12).

**Figure 8: Belief about Kansas Government Taxes and Spending**



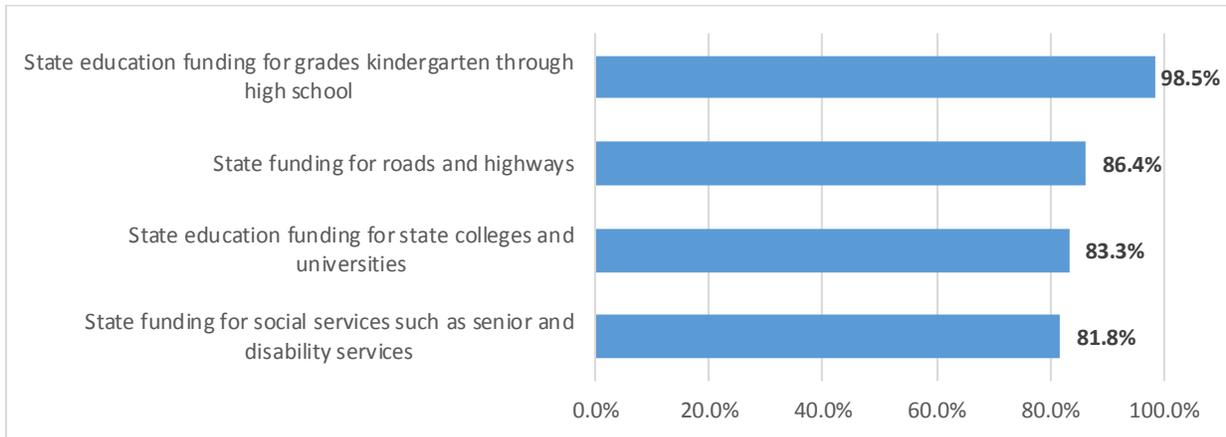
Question: *The Kansas government has to produce tax revenue for every dollar it spends. Some people would prefer the government to have lower taxes and less spending. Others favor higher taxes and more government spending. Which of the following do you favor?*

**Figure 9: Taxes You Would Favor Increasing (of those favoring higher taxes and spending; n=66)**



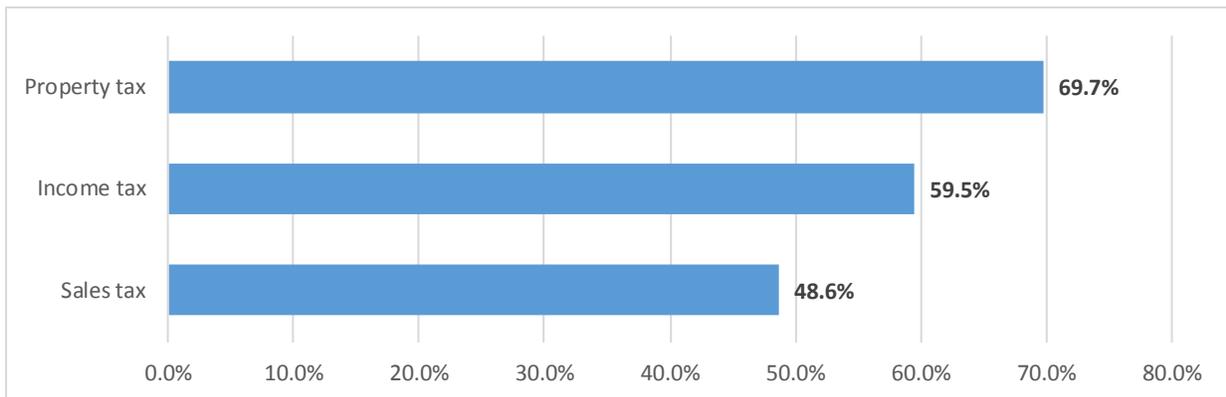
Question: *Would you increase \_\_\_\_\_?*

**Figure 10: Funding You Would Favor Increasing (of those favoring higher taxes and spending; n=66)**



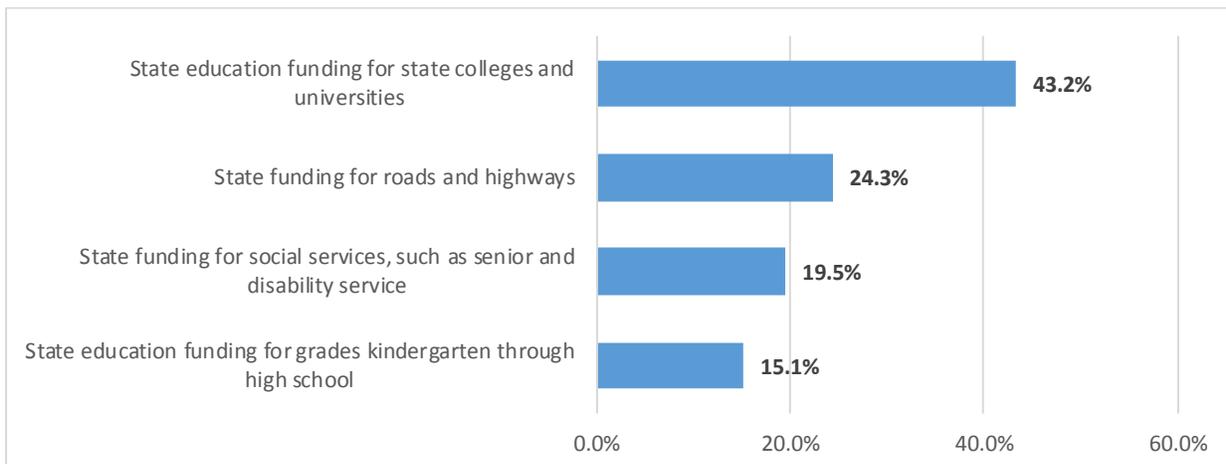
Question: *Would you increase \_\_\_\_?*

**Figure 11: Taxes You Would Favor Decreasing (of those favoring lower taxes and spending; n=185)**



Question: *Would you decrease \_\_\_\_?*

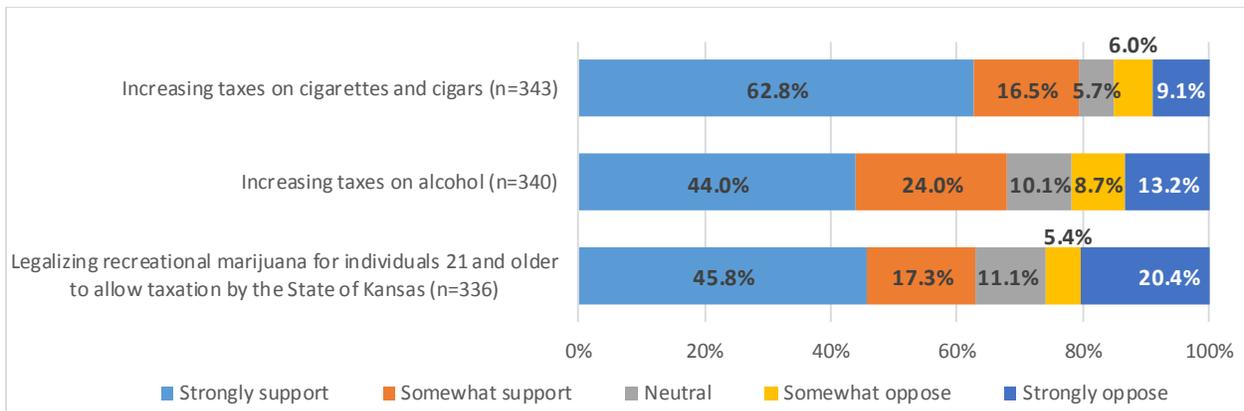
**Figure 12: Funding You Would Favor Decreasing (of those favoring lower taxes and spending; n=185)**



Question: *Would you decrease \_\_\_\_?*

When given a few different alternative options that Kansas could use to increase revenue, respondents were asked about increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars, alcohol, and legalizing recreational marijuana to allow state taxation. Almost eighty percent (79.3%) of respondents at least “somewhat support” increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars. About two-thirds (68%) supported increasing taxes on alcohol. More than sixty percent (63.1%) supported legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow state taxation, and 25.8% opposed legalizing recreational marijuana (Figure 13).

**Figure 13: Taxes on Cigarettes and Cigars, Alcohol, and Marijuana**

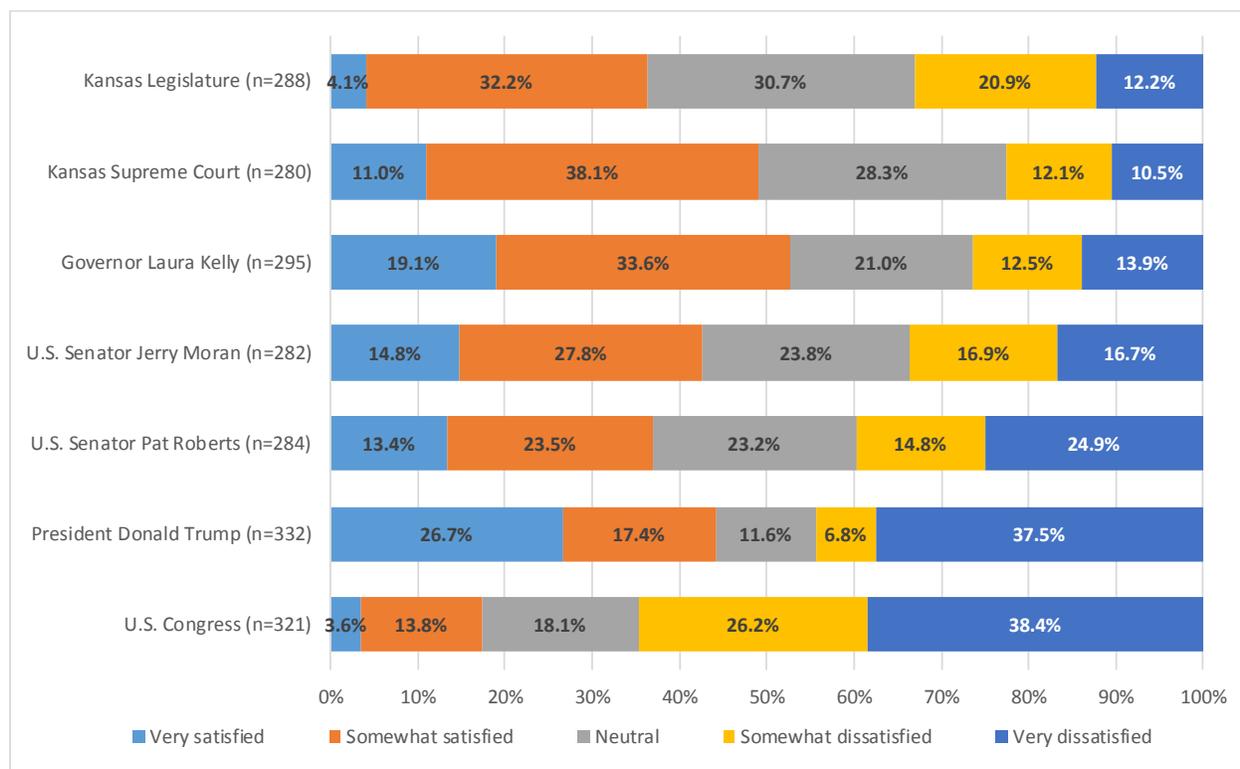


Question: *There are other ways to increase the State of Kansas’ revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the following alternative revenue sources: Increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars, increasing taxes on alcohol, legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas.*

### Section 3: Government and Politicians

Respondents were asked about their satisfaction with important political figures or institutions. Satisfaction is highest with respect to Governor Laura Kelly, as 52.7% of respondents are satisfied with Governor Kelly. The Kansas Supreme Court received the second highest level of satisfaction, with 49.1% of respondents being satisfied with the Court. The U.S. Congress received the high level of dissatisfaction from respondents, with 17.4% being satisfied and 64.6% being dissatisfied. The satisfaction with President Trump was polarized, with 44.1% of respondents being satisfied and 44.3% being dissatisfied (Figure 14).

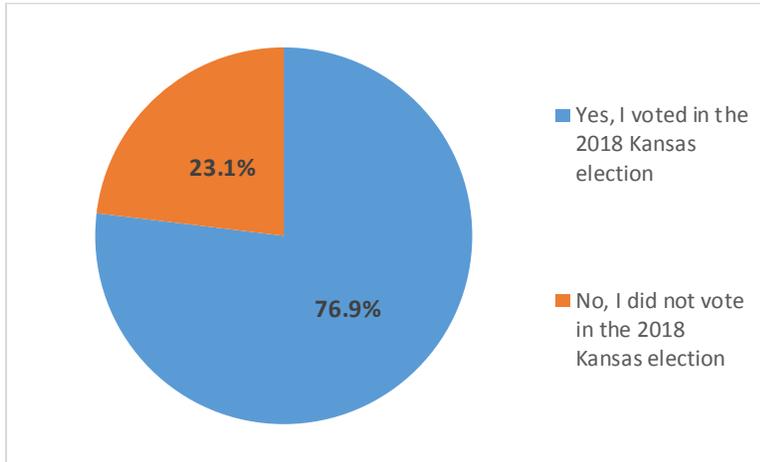
**Figure 14: Satisfaction with the Overall Performance of Elected Officials**



*Question: How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the United States Congress? President Donald Trump? Kansas Supreme Court? Governor Laura Kelly? Senator Pat Roberts? Senator Jerry Moran? Kansas Legislature?*

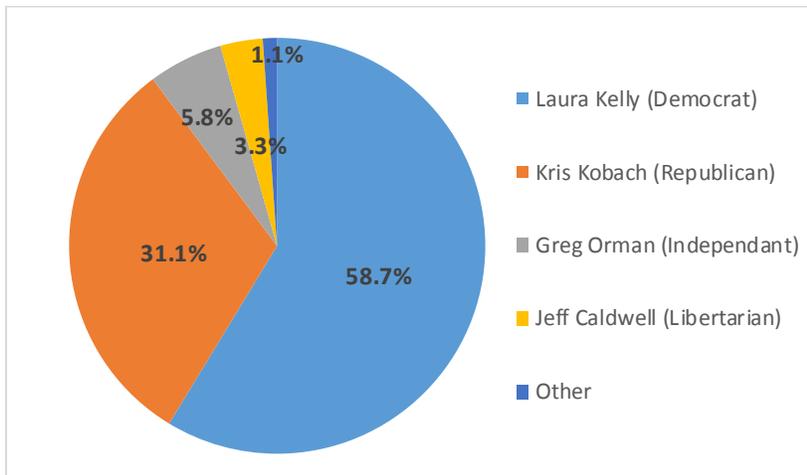
More than three-fourths of respondents said they voted in the 2018 Kansas election (Figure 15). Among those who voted, 58.7% indicated they voted for Laura Kelly and 31.1% voted for Kris Kobach (Figure 16).

**Figure 15: Voter Turnout in the 2018 Governor Election (n=343)**



Question: *Did you vote in the 2018 Kansas election for governor?*

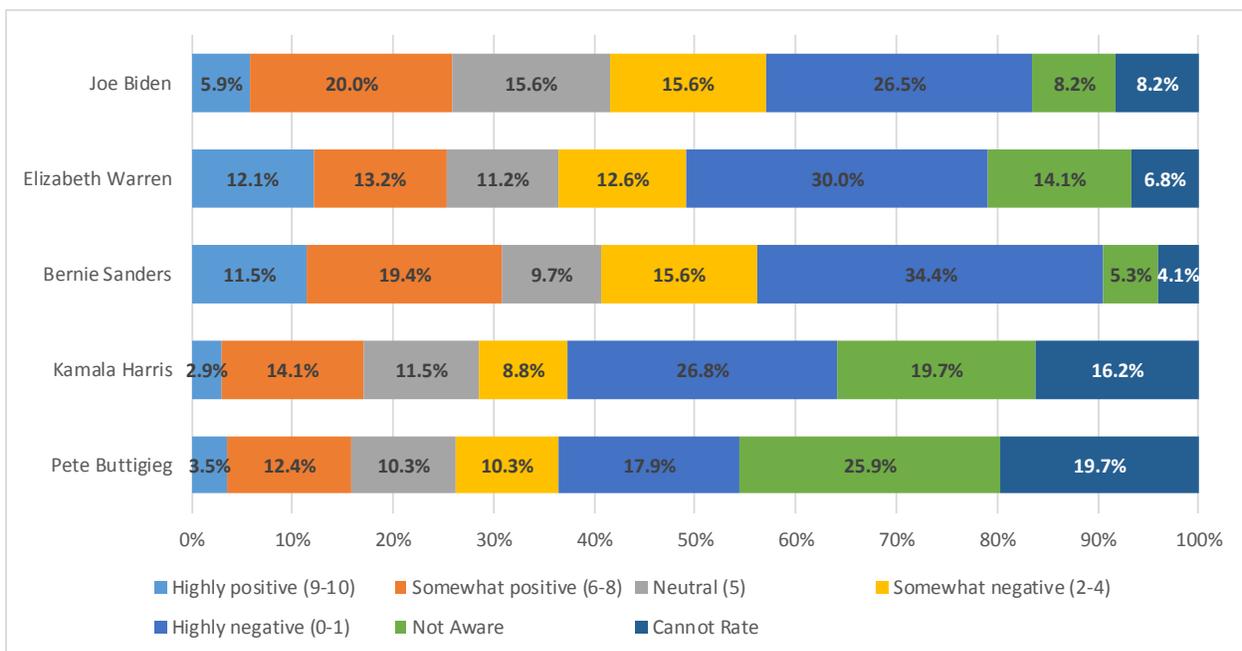
**Figure 16: Voting Decision in the 2018 Governor Election (n=191)**



Question: *Do you mind telling me who you voted for in the 2018 Kansas election for governor?*

Respondents were asked to use a 10-point scale to rate the five leading Democratic candidates in the U.S. presidential race. Bernie Sanders received the highest positive rating and also the highest negative rating, with 30.9% of respondents rating him positively and 50% rating him negatively. The ratings of Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren were very close, with both receiving about 25% positive ratings and about 42% of negative ratings. However, Joe Biden received higher level of name recognition than Elizabeth Warren: 20.9% of respondents indicated that they were not aware of Warren or did not know her enough to rate, whereas 16.4% of respondents indicated so for Joe Biden. A large percentage (45.6%) of respondents did not know Pete Buttigieg at all or well enough to rate him (Figure 17).

**Figure 17: Rating of Democratic Candidates in the U.S. Presidential Race (n=340)**

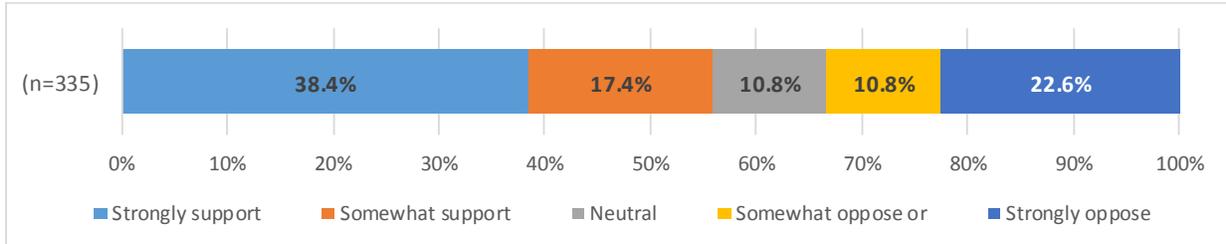


Question: Now we're going to ask your opinions about the five current leading Democratic candidates in the U.S. Presidential race. If you are not aware of a candidate, please say so, and if you do not know a candidate well enough to rate, please tell us you cannot rate. On a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral, and 10 meaning highly positive, please rate the following candidates.

## Section 4: Public Policy Issues

When asked about the immigration zero tolerance policy, 55.8% of respondents supported prosecuting and deporting anyone who crosses the border illegally, 33.4% opposed it, and 10.8% were neutral (Figure 18).

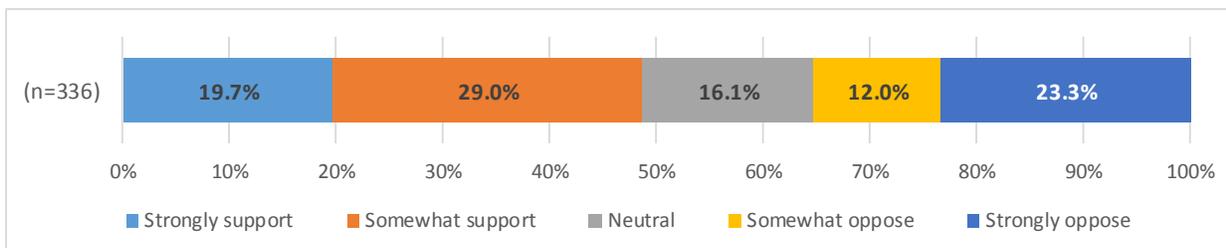
**Figure 18: Opinion on Zero Tolerance Policy**



Question: *What is your opinion on President Trump's zero tolerance policy, which states that anyone who crosses the border illegally will be prosecuted and deported?*

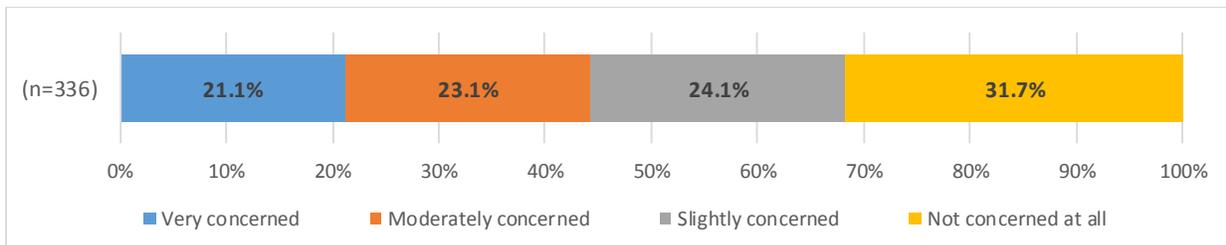
When asked about the Trump Administration's decision to raise tariffs on goods imported from China, 48.7% of respondents showed some levels of support, and 35.3% strongly or somewhat opposed the decision (Figure 19). More than forty percent (44.2%) of respondents were very or moderately concerned that the tariff increases on Chinese goods and trade disputes with other countries would affect them and their family financially, 24.1% were slightly concerned, and 31.7% were not concerned at all (Figure 20).

**Figure 19: Opinion on Tariffs on Goods from China**



Question: *What is your opinion on the Trump Administration's decision to raise tariffs on goods imported from China?*

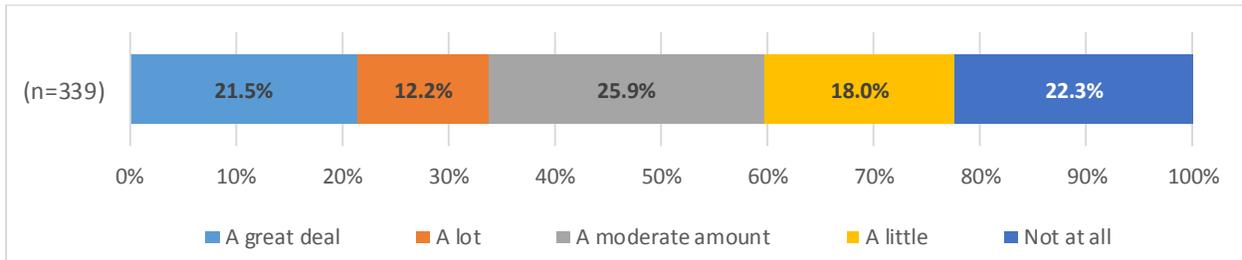
**Figure 20: Concern of Financial Impact from Tariff and Trade Disputes**



Question: *Are you concerned that the tariff increases on Chinese goods and trade disputes with other countries will affect you and your family financially?*

When asked how much they think about it, 33.7% of respondents think “a great deal” or “a lot” about Medicaid expansion as a current political issue with the Kansas legislature. About forty percent (40.3%) of respondents thought “a little” or “not at all” of this issue (Figure 21).

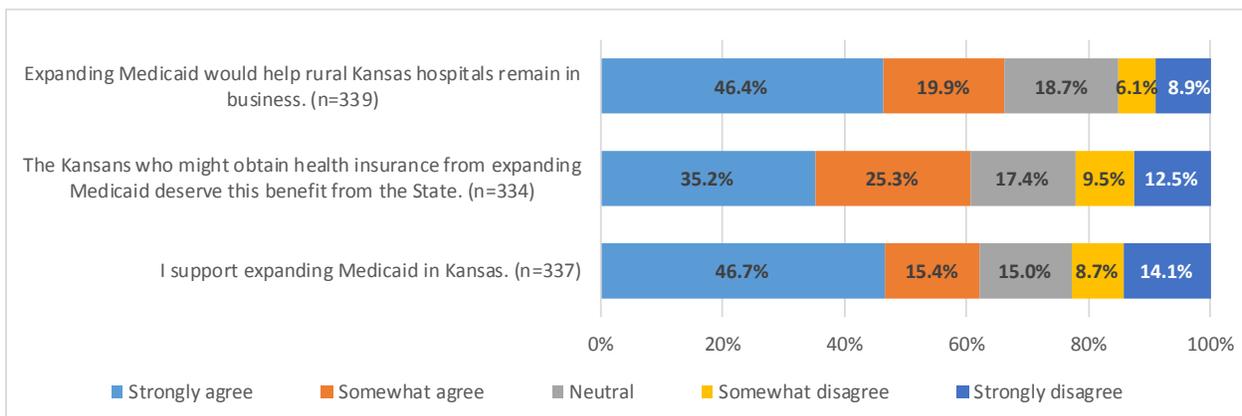
**Figure 21: Thinking about Medicaid Expansion in Kansas**



Question: *Medicaid expansion is a current political issue with the Kansas Legislature. How much do you think about this issue?*

Turning to opinions on expansion, about two-thirds (66.3%) of respondents strongly or somewhat agreed that expanding Medicaid would help rural Kansas hospital remain in business, and 60.5% strongly or somewhat agreed that the Kansans who might obtain health insurance from expanding Medicaid deserve this benefit from the state. More than sixty percent (62.1%) of respondents supported expanding Medicaid in Kansas (Figure 22).

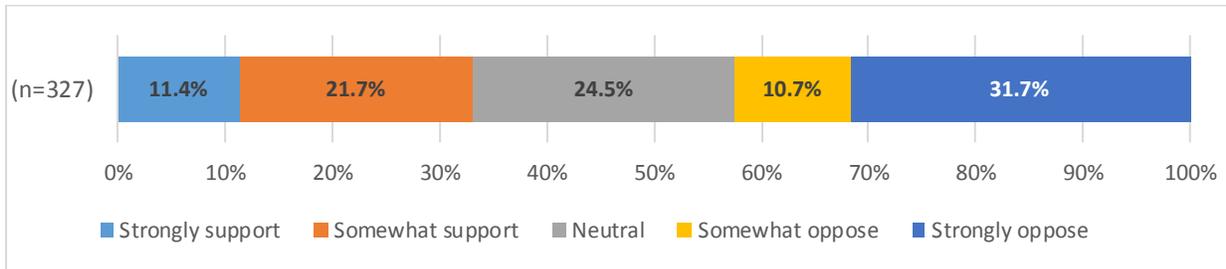
**Figure 22: Opinions on Medicaid Expansion in Kansas**



Question: *If Kansas expands Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, about 10% of the expansion would be paid by Kansas, and 90% by the federal government. Studies estimate that expanding Medicaid would provide health coverage to approximately 150,000 Kansans and financially benefit rural hospitals. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.*

About one-third (33.1%) of respondents strongly or somewhat supported Kansas using private prisons to house inmates. More than forty percent (42.4%) opposed it (Figure 23).

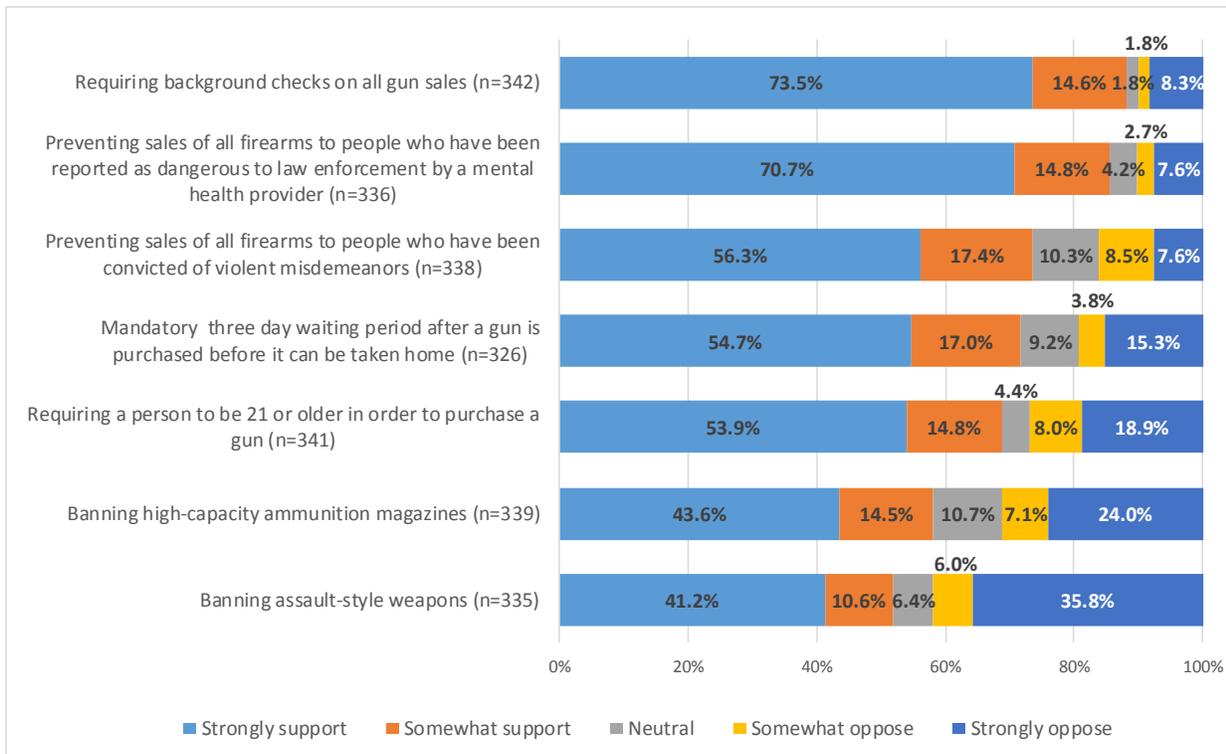
**Figure 23: Opinion on Private Prisons in Kansas**



Question: *As you may have heard, Kansas is contracting with private prisons to house inmates due to the overcrowding problem in state-run prisons. Would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, are neutral, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Kansas using private prisons to house inmates?*

Respondents were asked about their opinions on a list of policies surrounding gun ownership. “Requiring background checks on all gun sales” received the highest level of support, with 88.1% of respondents strongly or somewhat supporting it. “Preventing sales of all firearms to people who have been reported as dangerous to law enforcement by a mental health provider” also received more than eighty percent support (85.5%). “Banning assault-style weapons” received the lowest level of support, with 51.8% of respondent expressing support and 41.8% expressing opposition (Figure 24).

**Figure 24: Opinion on Policies Surrounding Gun Ownership**



Question: *Using the same scale as above, how much do you support or oppose the following policies surrounding gun ownership?*

## Appendix A: County Population Distribution

County	Sample (n=352)	Study Population (N=2,911,505)*	County	Sample (n=352)	Study Population (N=2,911,505)*
Allen	0.85%	0.43%	Haskell	0.57%	0.14%
Anderson	0.28%	0.27%	Hodgeman	0.00%	0.06%
Atchison	0.28%	0.56%	Jackson	0.28%	0.46%
Barber	0.00%	0.15%	Jefferson	0.28%	0.65%
Barton	0.57%	0.90%	Jewell	0.28%	0.10%
Bourbon	1.14%	0.50%	Johnson	11.93%	20.52%
Brown	1.14%	0.33%	Kearny	0.28%	0.14%
Butler	4.26%	2.29%	Kingman	1.14%	0.25%
Chase	0.28%	0.09%	Kiowa	0.00%	0.09%
Chautauqua	0.85%	0.11%	Labette	0.28%	0.69%
Cherokee	0.00%	0.69%	Lane	0.28%	0.05%
Cheyenne	0.28%	0.09%	Leavenworth	0.85%	2.79%
Clark	0.28%	0.07%	Lincoln	0.28%	0.10%
Clay	0.28%	0.27%	Linn	0.57%	0.33%
Cloud	0.00%	0.30%	Logan	0.28%	0.10%
Coffey	0.85%	0.28%	Lyon	1.70%	1.15%
Comanche	0.85%	0.06%	McPherson	0.00%	0.98%
Cowley	0.28%	1.21%	Marion	0.57%	0.41%
Crawford	0.00%	1.34%	Marshall	0.57%	0.33%
Decatur	0.00%	0.10%	Meade	0.85%	0.14%
Dickinson	0.57%	0.64%	Miami	1.42%	1.16%
Doniphan	0.28%	0.26%	Mitchell	1.42%	0.21%
Douglas	1.99%	4.17%	Montgomery	0.00%	1.10%
Edwards	0.00%	0.10%	Morris	0.85%	0.19%
Elk	0.28%	0.09%	Morton	0.28%	0.09%
Ellis	1.99%	0.99%	Nemaha	0.00%	0.35%
Ellsworth	0.57%	0.21%	Neosho	0.85%	0.55%
Finney	1.42%	1.26%	Ness	0.00%	0.10%
Ford	1.70%	1.16%	Norton	0.57%	0.19%
Franklin	1.14%	0.88%	Osage	0.57%	0.55%
Geary	1.99%	1.12%	Osborne	1.70%	0.12%
Gove	0.28%	0.09%	Ottawa	0.00%	0.20%
Graham	0.00%	0.09%	Pawnee	0.85%	0.23%
Grant	0.28%	0.25%	Phillips	0.28%	0.18%
Gray	0.28%	0.21%	Pottawatomie	0.85%	0.83%
Greeley	0.00%	0.04%	Pratt	1.70%	0.32%
Greenwood	0.00%	0.21%	Rawlins	0.00%	0.09%
Hamilton	0.00%	0.09%	Reno	3.13%	2.14%
Harper	0.85%	0.19%	Republic	0.85%	0.16%
Harvey	0.00%	1.17%	Rice	0.57%	0.33%

## Appendix A: County Population Distribution (cont.)

<b>County</b>	<b>Sample (n=352)</b>	<b>Study Population (N=2,911,505)*</b>
Riley	1.14%	2.53%
Rooks	1.70%	0.17%
Rush	0.57%	0.11%
Russell	0.28%	0.24%
Saline	1.70%	1.87%
Scott	0.28%	0.17%
Sedgwick	15.91%	17.64%
Seward	0.28%	0.75%
Shawnee	4.83%	6.10%
Sheridan	0.28%	0.09%
Sherman	0.00%	0.20%
Smith	0.57%	0.12%
Stafford	1.70%	0.14%
Stanton	0.28%	0.07%
Stevens	0.00%	0.19%
Sumner	0.28%	0.79%
Thomas	0.28%	0.26%
Trego	0.00%	0.10%
Wabaunsee	0.00%	0.24%
Wallace	0.57%	0.05%
Washington	0.28%	0.19%
Wichita	0.28%	0.07%
Wilson	0.00%	0.30%
Woodson	0.28%	0.11%
Wyandotte	5.40%	5.68%

\*Source: the U.S. Census Bureau: 2018 Population Estimate Program

## Appendix B: Age Distribution

Age Group	Sample (n=352)	Study Population (2,911,505)*
18-24	2.8%	13.4%
25-34	8.0%	17.4%
35-44	13.4%	16.2%
45-54	15.3%	15.2%
55-64	17.3%	16.9%
65 and older	43.2%	21.0%

\*Source: the U.S. Census Bureau: 2018 Population Estimate Program

## Appendix C: Weighted Demographic Characteristics of the Sample

Social Indicators	Survey Sample	Study Population*
	<b>(n=312)</b>	
Household Income	Less than \$10,000	5.7%
	\$10,000-\$24,999	14.0%
	\$25,000- \$34,999	10.0%
	\$35,000-\$49,999	14.5%
	\$50,000-\$74,999	19.3%
	\$75,000-\$99,999	12.9%
	\$100,000-\$149,000	14.1%
	\$150,000 or more	9.4%
	<b>(n=342)</b>	
Education	Less Than High School	9.4%
	High School Diploma	26.2%
	Some College or associate's degree	33.8%
	Bachelor's Degree or higher	30.6%
	<b>(n=343)</b>	
Age	18-24 Years Old	13.4%
	25-34 Years Old	17.4%
	35-44 Years Old	16.2%
	45-54 Years Old	15.2%
	55-64 Years Old	16.9%
	65 Years and Older	21.0%
	<b>(n=343)</b>	
Gender	Male	49.40%
	Female	50.60%
	<b>(n=343)</b>	
Hispanic Origin	11.1%	11.50%
	<b>(n=335)</b>	
Race	White	84.9%
	Black or African American	5.8%
	Asian or Pacific Islander	2.9%
	American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8%
	Some other race alone	2.2%
	Two or more races	3.4%
	<b>(n=335)</b>	
Political Party Affiliation	Strong Republican	/
	Moderate Republican	/
	Independent Leaning Republican	/
	Independent	/
	Independent Leaning Democrat	/
	Moderate Democrat	/
	Strong Democrat	/

\* Source: the U.S. Census Bureau. The information for age and gender was obtained from the 2018 Population Estimate Program. The information for other demographic characteristics was obtained from the 2017 American Community Survey.

## Appendix D: Survey Instrument

Note: Regarding Q5 below, only options 0 to 6 are visible here. Survey answer options also included 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Qual

Do you currently reside in the state of Kansas?

- 1  Yes
- 2  No
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q1

In general, how would you rate Kansas as a place to live?

READ OPTIONS

- 1  Excellent
- 2  Very good
- 3  Good
- 4  Fair
- 5  Poor or
- 6  Very poor
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q2

Generally speaking, do you feel Kansas is on the right track or wrong track?

- 1  Right track
- 2  Wrong track
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q3a

In general, how would you rate the Kansas economy? Would you say it is...

- 1  Excellent
- 2  Very good
- 3  Good
- 4  Fair
- 5  Poor or
- 6  Very poor?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q3b

Over the last 12 months, how would you say the Kansas economy has changed? Would you say it is...

- 1  Getting worse
- 2  Staying the same
- 3  Getting better
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q3c

How concerned are you that the Kansas economy will seriously threaten you or your family's well-being over the next year? Would you say...

- 1  Very concerned,
- 2  Moderately concerned,
- 3  Slightly concerned, or
- 4  Not concerned at all?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q4

Please indicate if you are "Very satisfied," "Somewhat satisfied," "Neutral," "Somewhat dissatisfied," or "Very dissatisfied" with the following public officials. First...

	1 Very satisfied	2 Somewhat satisfied	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat dissatisfied	5 Very dissatisfied	88 DON'T KNOW	99 REFUSED
.1 The Kansas Legislature in general?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 U.S. Senator Jerry Moran? <i>Pronounced: More-Ran</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 U.S. Senator Pat Roberts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Governor Laura Kelly?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 President Donald Trump?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 The Kansas Supreme Court?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.7 The United States Congress in general?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q5

Now we're going to ask your opinions about the five current leading Democratic candidates in the U.S. Presidential race.

If you are not aware of a candidate, please say so, and if you do not know a candidate well enough to rate, please tell us you cannot rate.

On a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning highly negative, 5 meaning neutral and 10 meaning highly positive, please rate the following candidates...

	0 0 (Highly Negative)	1	2	3	4	5 5 (Neutral)	6
.1 Joe Biden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Elizabeth Warren	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 Bernie Sanders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Kamala Harris <i>(Pronounced Kah-Mah-Law)</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 Pete Buttigieg <i>(Pronounced Bood-deh-Jej)</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q6

What is your opinion on President Trump's zero-tolerance policy, which states that anyone who crosses the border illegally will be prosecuted and deported. Would you say you...

- 1  Strongly support
- 2  Somewhat support

- 3  Neutral
- 4  Somewhat oppose or
- 5  Strongly oppose
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q7

What is your opinion on the Trump Administration's decision to raise tariffs on goods imported from China? Would you say you...

- 1  Strongly support
- 2  Somewhat support
- 3  Neutral
- 4  Somewhat oppose or
- 5  Strongly oppose
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q8

Are you concerned that the tariff increases on Chinese goods and trade disputes with other countries will affect you and your family financially? Would you say you are...

**Read Options**

- 1  Very concerned
- 2  Moderately concerned
- 3  Slightly concerned, or
- 4  Not concerned at all?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q9

Medicaid expansion is a current political issue with the Kansas Legislature. How much do you think about this issue?

**Read options**

- 1  A great deal
- 2  A lot
- 3  A moderate amount
- 4  A little
- 5  Not at all
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q10

If Kansas expands Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, about 10% of the expansion would be paid by Kansas, and 90% by the federal government. Studies estimate that expanding Medicaid would provide health coverage to approximately 150,000 Kansans and financially benefit rural hospitals. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements:

	1 Strongly agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat disagree	5 Strongly disagree	88 DON'T KNOW	99 REFUSED
.1 Expanding Medicaid would help rural Kansas hospitals remain in business.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 The Kansans who might obtain health insurance from expanding Medicaid deserve this benefit from the State.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	1 Strongly agree	2 Somewhat agree	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat disagree	5 Strongly disagree	88 DON'T KNOW	99 REFUSED
.3 I support expanding Medicaid in Kansas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q11

As you may have heard, Kansas is contracting with private prisons to house inmates due to the overcrowding problem in state-run prisons. Would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, are neutral, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Kansas using private prisons to house inmates?

- 1  Strongly Support
- 2  Somewhat Support
- 3  Neutral
- 4  Somewhat Oppose
- 5  Strongly Oppose
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

### Page pQ12

Q12

Using the same scale, how much do you support or oppose the following policies surrounding gun ownership:

	1 Strongly Support	2 Somewhat Support	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat Oppose	5 Strongly Oppose	88 DON'T KNOW	99 REFUSED
.1 Requiring background checks on all gun sales	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Banning assault-style weapons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.4 Preventing sales of all firearms to people who have been reported as dangerous to law enforcement by a mental health provider	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.5 Requiring a person to be 21 or older in order to purchase a gun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.6 Preventing sales of all firearms to people who have been convicted of violent misdemeanors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.7 Requiring a mandatory waiting period of three days after a gun is purchased before it can be taken home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 1  Increased,
- 2  Remained the same, or
- 3  Decreased?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q14

The Kansas government has to produce tax revenue for every dollar it spends. Some people would prefer the government to have lower taxes and less spending. Other favor higher taxes and more government spending. Which of the following do you favor?

- 1  Much higher taxes and spending
- 2  Somewhat higher taxes and spending
- 3  Keeping the current level of taxes and spending
- 4  Somewhat lower taxes and spending
- 5  Much lower taxes and spending
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q15a

Would you increase \_\_\_\_?

Select all that apply

**READ OPTIONS**

- 1  Income tax
- 2  Sales tax
- 3  Property tax
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q15b

Would you increase \_\_\_\_?

Select all that apply

**READ OPTIONS**

- 1  State education funding for grades kindergarten through high school?
- 2  State education funding for state colleges and universities?
- 3  State funding for social services such as senior and disability services?
- 4  State funding for roads and highways?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

### Page pQ16a

Q16a

Would you decrease \_\_\_\_?

Select all that apply

**READ OPTIONS**

- 1  Income tax
- 2  Sales tax
- 3  Property tax

- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q16b

Would you decrease \_\_\_\_?

Select all that apply

READ OPTIONS

- 1  State education funding for grades kindergarten through high school?
- 2  State education funding for state colleges and universities?
- 3  State funding for social services, such as senior and disability service?
- 4  State funding for roads and highways?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q17

There are other ways to increase the state of Kansas's revenue that would not include raising traditional taxes. Please tell me if you "Strongly Support", "Somewhat Support", "are Neutral", "Somewhat Oppose", or "Strongly Oppose" the following alternative revenue sources:

	1 Strongly Support	2 Somewhat Support	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat Oppose	5 Strongly Oppose	88 DON'T KNOW	99 REFUSED
.1 Increasing taxes on cigarettes and cigars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.2 Increasing taxes on alcohol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
.3 Legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals 21 and older to allow taxation by the State of Kansas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q18a

Did you vote in the 2018 Kansas election for governor?

- 1  Yes
- 2  No
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q18b

Do you mind telling me who you voted for in the 2018 Kansas election for governor?

- 1  Laura Kelly (Democrat)
- 2  Kris Kobach (Republican) (Pronounced: (Co'-bawk)
- 3  Greg Orman (Independant) (Pronounced: Ore-men)
- 4  Jeff Caldwell (Libertarian)
- 5  Rick Kloos (Independant) (Pronounced: Kloose)
- 6  Other

- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

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Q19

By your best guess, where will you be in 5 years? Are you likely to...

- 1  Still be living in the same community you are in now
- 2  Move to another location in Kansas
- 3  Or relocate to a state other than Kansas?
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q20

Do you consider yourself a...

- 1  Strong Republican
- 2  Moderate Republican
- 3  Independent, Leaning Republican
- 4  Independent
- 5  Independent, Leaning Democrat
- 6  Moderate Democrat
- 7  Strong Democrat
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q21

What is the highest level of education you have received?

- 1  Less than high school
- 2  High school diploma or equivalency
- 3  Some college
- 4  Associates or technical degree
- 5  Bachelors degree
- 6  Postgraduate Degree
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q22

Are you Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin?

- 1  Yes
- 2  No
- 88  DON'T KNOW
- 89  REFUSED

Q23

Which one or more of the following would you say is your race?

- 1  White
  - 2  Black or African American
  - 3  Asian or Pacific Islander
  - 4  American Indian or Alaska Native
  - 5  Other
- 
- 88  DON'T KNOW
  - 99  REFUSED

Q24

Was your total family income before taxes for last year ABOVE or BELOW \$50,000?

If **ABOVE** start at "OK - Was it at least \$50,000 but under \$75,000"

If **BELOW**, start with "OK - Was it "Less than \$10,000"

- 1  OK - Was it Less than 10,000
- 2  At least 10,000 but under 25,000
- 3  At least 25,000 but under 35,000
- 4  At least 35,000 but under 50,000
- 5  OK - Was it at least 50,000 but under 75,000
- 6  At least 75,000 but under 100,000
- 7  At least 100,000 but under 150,000
- 8  150,000 or more
- 88  DONT KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q25

What year were you born?

- 1  Year
- 88  DONT KNOW
- 99  REFUSED

Q26

That's our last question. Thank you for participating in this important research. Selective results are released to the media each year. Have a great rest of your day.

**HANG UP**

Was the respondent a...

- 1  Male
- 2  Female
- 88  Unsure