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Legislative Update as of February 24

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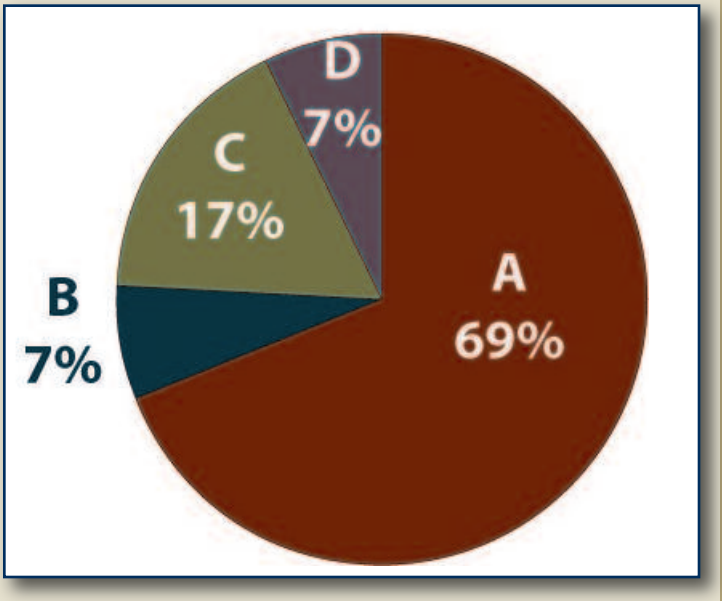
2009 Survey Results

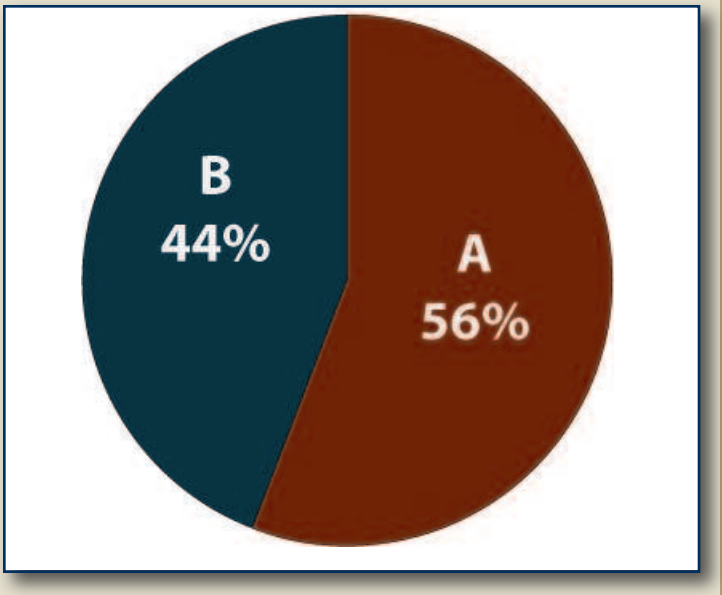
1. The downturn in the economy means lower-than-expected revenue for state government. Which of the following best describes how you feel lawmakers should balance the 2010-2011 biennial state budget? (Please mark the one response that most closely reflects your opinion.)

A. Reduce government spending.
B. Delay payments to schools, colleges and local governments.
C. Use emergency "Rainy Day" funds.
D. Increase taxes.



2. This year, legislators will have the option to again vote on the constitutional amendment permanently capping property taxes on homes, farms and businesses. This follow-up vote by a separately elected Indiana General Assembly is required before voters can directly weigh in on the constitutional change. (Please mark the one response that more closely reflects your opinion.)

A. An emergency exists for many regarding property taxes. Vote on the amendment as soon as possible and allow voters to decide on this constitutional protection.
B. No emergency exists regarding property taxes. Delay the vote to see how property tax caps might impact local units of government.



3. Many states facing fiscal crises are cutting K-college funding and programs. Would you support or oppose an Indiana state budget that protects education funding at or near current levels?

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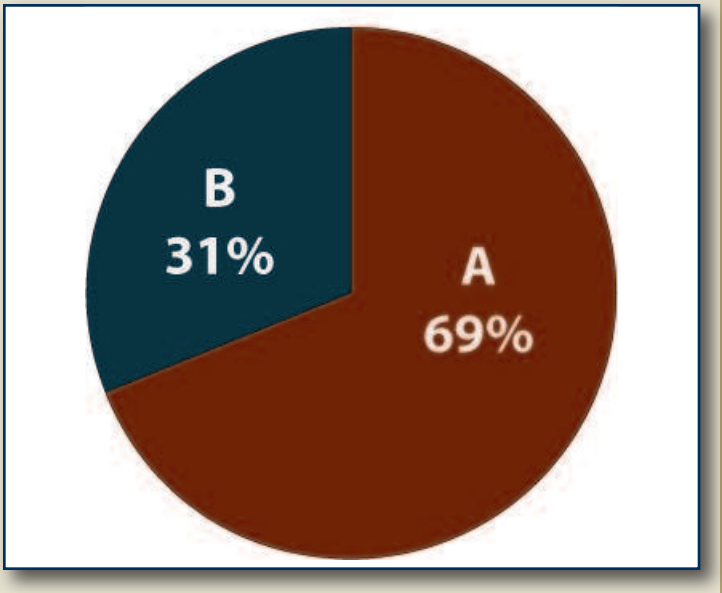
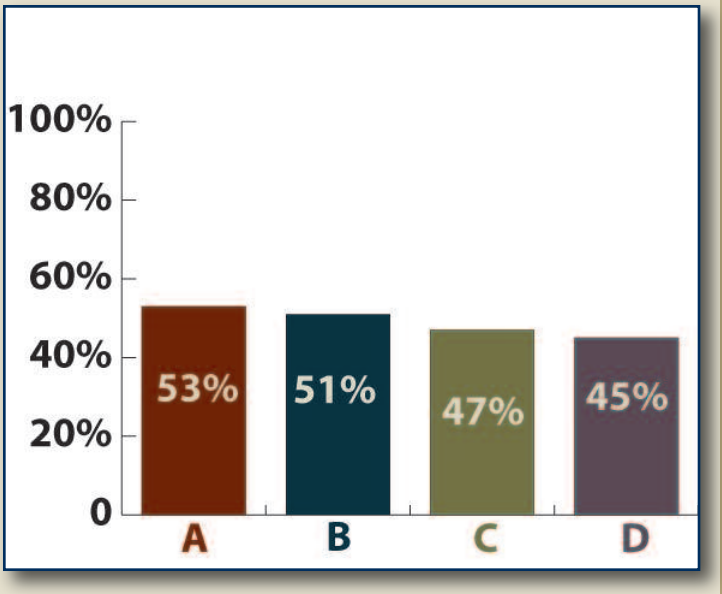
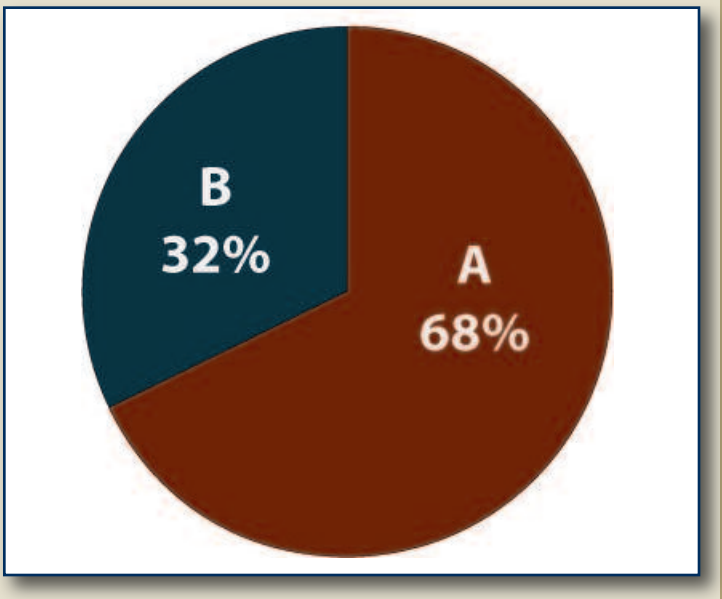


4. Indiana ranks first among Midwestern states on job creation and 12th nationwide for business climate. Given the national economy, which of the following efforts should Indiana continue to utilize to help promote job creation? (Mark all that apply.)

A. Workforce education.
B. Low taxes.
C. Avoid government regulations.
D. Incentives for expansions.



5. Would you support or oppose legislation combining units and duties of local government in an effort to streamline government (example: combining township offices with county offices)?

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