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**2011  
SURVEY RESULTS**

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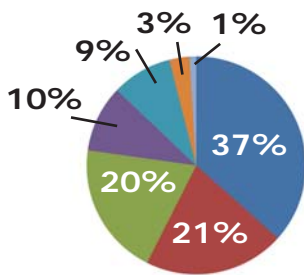
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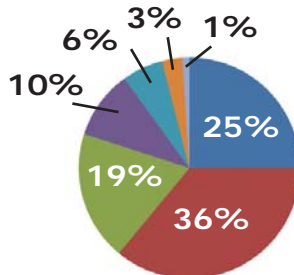
**GENERAL ISSUES:**

The following issues have been ranked in the order of importance to citizens, with 1 being the most important and 7 being the least important.

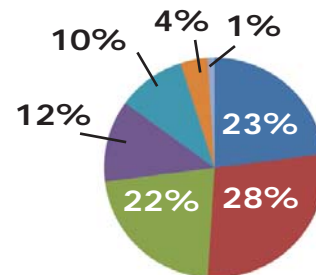
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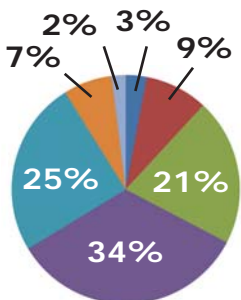
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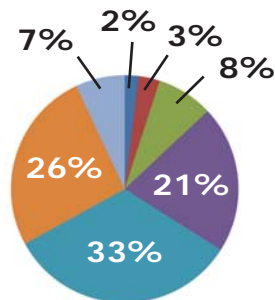
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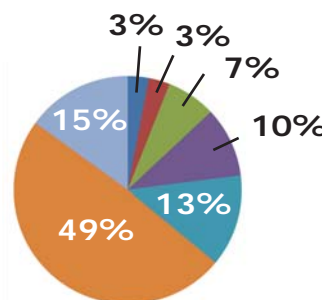
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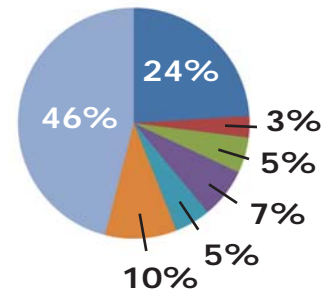
**Transportation - #5**



**Military Issues - #6**



**Other - #7**



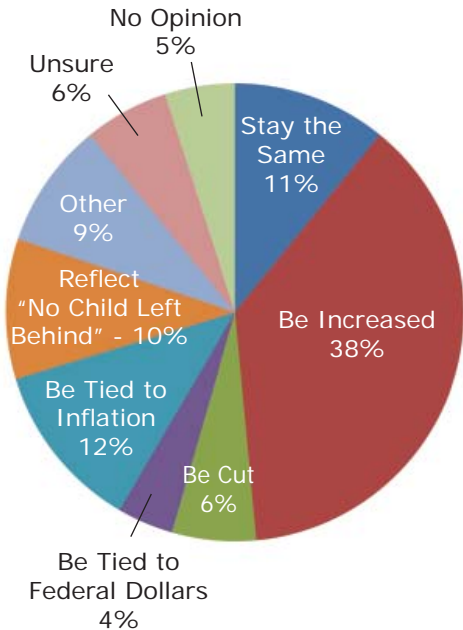
■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7

For example: The first pie graph shows citizens ranked the economy/budget the most important issue with 37 percent. Twenty-one percent thought it was the second most important, 21 percent - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 percent - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 percent - 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 percent - 5<sup>th</sup>, 3 percent - 6<sup>th</sup>, and 1 percent believed it's the least important issue.

## EDUCATION:

Education spending has increased in recent years. This includes hikes in spending for elementary, secondary and higher education. In the early part of this decade, education spending was withheld in order to keep the state budget balanced, which is required by law.

State education spending should:



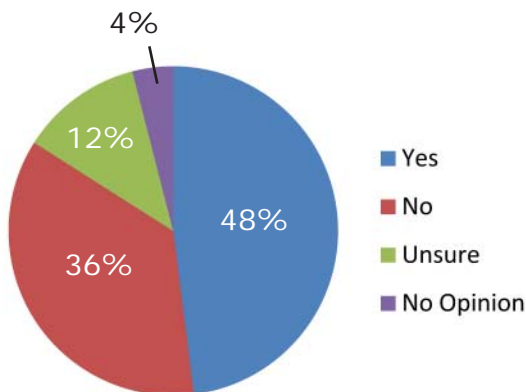
## ELECTIONS/VOTING:

Do you think early voting would help the election process?

Yes	63%
No	26%
Unsure	6%
No Opinion	5%

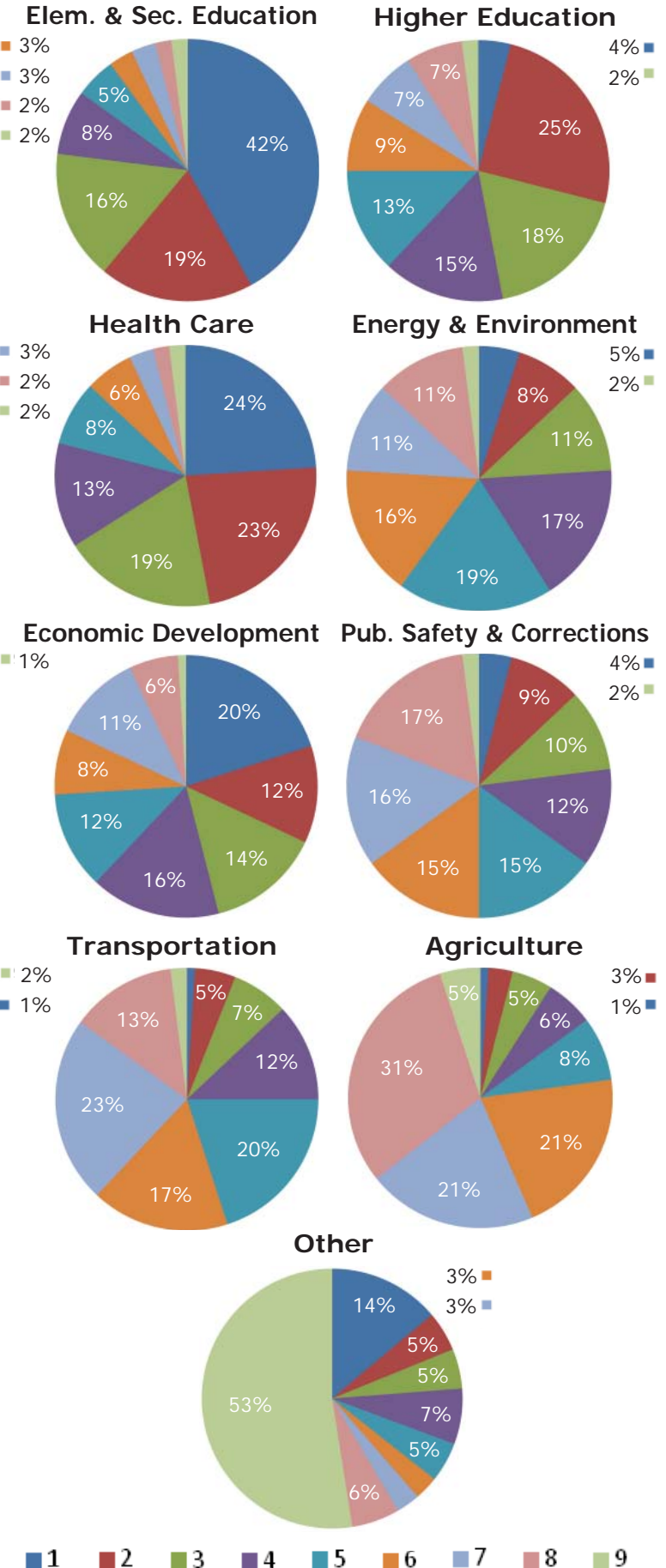
## GUN RIGHTS/REGULATION:

Should a person's possession, ownership or use of a stun gun or taser be prohibited in the state of Missouri (not including law enforcement officials)?



## BUDGET:

With 1 being the most important and 9 being the least important, the following areas have been ranked in the order of the most critical to fund.

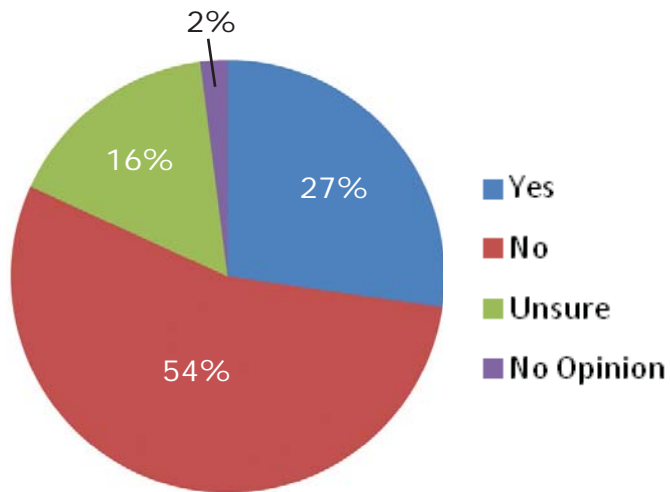


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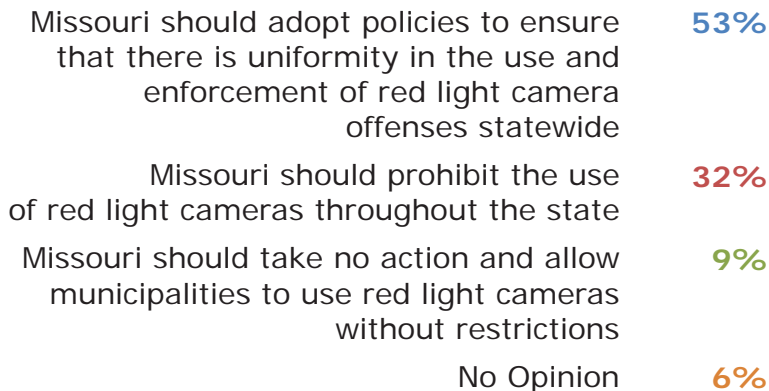
## LABOR/RIGHT TO WORK:

Should Missouri become a Right-to-Work state?



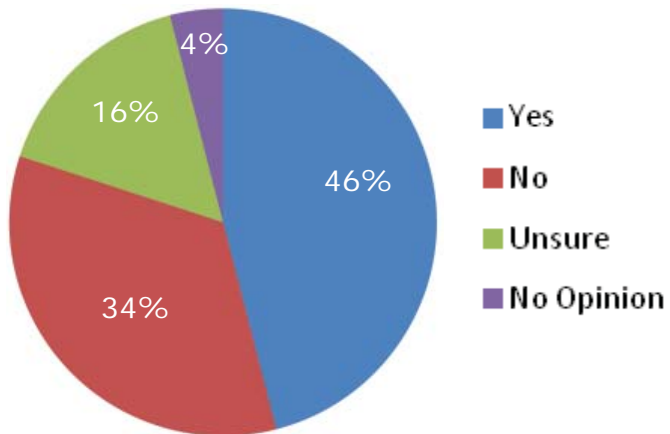
## RED LIGHT CAMERAS:

What should Missouri do about red light cameras?



## TANF DRUG TESTING:

If an applicant or recipient of this program is found to have tested positive for the use of illegal controlled substances, after an administrative hearing, should he or she be ineligible for program benefits for a period of three years from the date of the hearing?



## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT:

Missouri's budget problems have prompted lawmakers to consider a law that would prevent prison officials from housing people convicted of the least severe state felonies, unless the offender has two previous felony convictions. Such offenders would be directed to treatment programs such as special drug and drunken-driving courts, given probation or sent to county jails. The plan could trim Missouri's prison population by thousands.

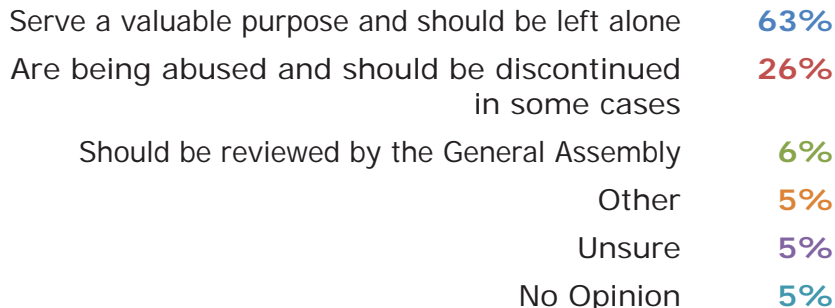
Should Missouri institute policies that reduce or eliminate prison sentences for lesser felonies and place offenders in treatment or probation programs?



## TAXES:

Tax cuts and tax credits have been at the forefront of lawmakers' and the governor's work. Several members of the General Assembly — on both sides of the aisle — are questioning the need for the number and amount of tax credits currently being offered to businesses and citizens.

In your opinion, tax credits:







## 2011 SURVEY SUMMARY

The results of my 2011 legislative survey show that constituents in the 14th Senatorial District are well versed in what's going on in state government. Citizens remain concerned about important issues, such as our state's economy and passing a balanced budget that works for all Missourians.

Education also remains a top priority for both lawmakers at the State Capitol and Missourians across the state, with **38 percent** of surveyors suggesting that state education spending should be increased. In addition, **42 percent** of constituents who took the survey believe that elementary and secondary education is most important when it comes to crafting our state's budget.

Creating jobs and putting Missourians back to work continues as a legislative goal for the General Assembly. Several lawmakers have proposed "Right-to-Work" legislation, which would prevent anyone from having to join a union and bring an end to "union-only" shops. **Fifty-four percent** of survey participants feel that Missouri should become a Right-to-Work state. Nearly every state in the nation, with the exception of a handful of states, have some sort of policy relating to Right-to-Work laws.

In order to attract more people to the polls, a vast majority — **63 percent** — of survey participants support early voting. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (July 2011), Missouri is among 15 states that do not have early voting and require an excuse for absentee voting.

Public safety is also an important issue to the citizens of the 14th District and the officials within the Legislature. Each year, gun rights and regulations are often addressed in the Legislature. Stun guns and tasers have become an increasingly popular weapon choice for citizens. **Forty-eight percent** of surveyors say a person should be prohibited from possessing, owning or using this type of weapon in Missouri. However, this ban would not include law enforcement officials.

Citizens also made their voices heard when it comes to reducing or eliminating prison sentences for lesser felonies and promote treatment and probation programs for offenders by an astounding **68 percent**.

**Forty-six percent** of survey takers support tougher restrictions for those who abuse programs designed to help Missourians get back on their feet. In 2011, the General Assembly passed and the governor signed into law legislation that tests applicants or recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits when a caseworker believes that the person is using illegal drugs.

To address the increasing problem of red-light runners in our state, many municipalities have started to use red light cameras to catch these dangerous motorists. However, the increase in use of these devices has also increased the concern that these cameras are not being used effectively or fairly. **Fifty-three percent** of survey takers believe Missouri should adopt policies to ensure that there is uniformity in the use and enforcement of red light camera offenses statewide.

Missourians also want to know where each penny of their hard-earned dollars go when allocating money for state tax credits. Legislators continue to examine the necessity and the overall number of tax credits currently being offered in our state. **Twenty-six percent** of survey participants believe tax credits are being abused and should be discontinued in some cases.

I will take the issues addressed in this legislative survey to the floor of the Missouri Senate, where I continue to stand for the will of the people and fight for what's right for the citizens of the 14th Senatorial District.

