Alaska Voter Opinion Overview

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May 25, 2016
Alaska’s Current Economy

“Generally speaking, how would you rate Alaska’s current economy?”

Very good/Good
- 2016: 47%
- 2015: 75%

Not too good/Pretty bad
- 2016: 53%
- 2015: 22%
Direction of State

“Thinking about Alaska right now, do you think things are headed in the right direction, or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?”

**January 2015**
- Right direction: 54%
- Wrong track: 32%
- Unsure: 14%

**March 2016**
- Right direction: 23%
- Wrong track: 71%
- Unsure: 6%

**“Why do you feel Alaska is on the wrong track?” (Top Mentions)**
- Price of oil/lack of revenue from oil: 17%
- State budget deficit: 16%
- State spending too high: 13%
- State leadership: 11%
- Diversify economy: 8%
- State economy: 8%
- Jobs/unemployment: 3%
Perceptions of State Budget Situation

“Based on what you have seen, read, or heard regarding the state budget in Alaska, which of the following best describes the state budget situation at this time?”

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<th>January 2015</th>
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<td>A problem</td>
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Crisis/Problem: 76% (January 2015), 83% (January 2016), 95% (March 2016)

Not a problem: 21% (January 2015), 16% (January 2016), 4% (March 2016)

Unsure: 3% (January 2015), 1% (January 2016), 4% (March 2016)
Job Approval

**Governor Bill Walker (March 2016)**
- Approve: 69%
- Disapprove: 26%
- Unsure: 5%

**Alaska State Legislature (March 2016)**
- Approve: 33%
- Disapprove: 63%
- Unsure: 4%

**Strongly approve**
- Governor: 23%
- Legislature: 4%

**Somewhat approve**
- Governor: 46%
- Legislature: 29%

**Somewhat disapprove**
- Governor: 12%
- Legislature: 29%

**Strongly disapprove**
- Governor: 14%
- Legislature: 34%

**Unsure**
- Governor: 5%
- Legislature: 4%
Alaska Economic Sectors

“I’m going to read the names of some sectors in Alaska’s economy. Please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each.”

- **Tourism**: 92% Favorable, 6% Unfavorable, 0% Unsure
- **Commercial fishing**: 81% Favorable, 16% Unfavorable, 3% Unsure
- **Oil and gas**: 66% Favorable, 31% Unfavorable, 3% Unsure
- **Timber**: 65% Favorable, 17% Unfavorable, 18% Unsure
- **Mining**: 64% Favorable, 31% Unfavorable, 5% Unsure
- **State government**: 42% Favorable, 53% Unfavorable, 5% Unsure
Alaska Arctic Offshore Exploration & Production

“Do you support or oppose exploration and production of oil and gas in Alaska’s Arctic offshore?”

2016

- Support: 70%
- Oppose: 28%
- Unsure: 2%

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ANWR Exploration & Production

“Do you support or oppose exploration and production of oil and gas in a portion of ANWR, that is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?”

2015
- Strongly support: 54%
- Somewhat support: 17%
- Somewhat oppose: 6%
- Strongly oppose: 21%
- Unsure: 2%

2016
- Strongly support: 53%
- Somewhat support: 19%
- Somewhat oppose: 8%
- Strongly oppose: 19%
- Unsure: 1%
ANWR Exploration & Production

“Do you support or oppose exploration and production of oil and gas in a portion of ANWR, that is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?”

Prior to 2015 question read: “What is your opinion of oil and gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, usually referred to as ANWR? Do you feel oil and gas exploration should or should not be allowed in that area?”