

Ask Alabama Spring 2005: State Service Priorities

Compared to last year, do you think that the quality of life in Alabama is now better, worse, or the same?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Better	106	17.6	17.6	17.6
The same	349	57.9	57.9	75.5
Worse	138	22.9	22.9	98.3
Don't Know, no opinion	10	1.7	1.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Do you have confidence that Alabama's elected leadership in the State is moving Alabama in a positive direction?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes, definitely so	46	7.6	7.6	7.6
Yes, somewhat	281	46.6	46.6	54.2
No, somewhat	104	17.2	17.2	71.5
No, definitely not	151	25.0	25.0	96.5
Don't know/no opinion	21	3.5	3.5	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Roads and transportation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	112	18.6	18.6	18.6
High Priority	249	41.3	41.3	59.9
Medium Priority	194	32.2	32.2	92.0
Low Priority	44	7.3	7.3	99.3
Don't know/No opinion	4	.7	.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Access to healthcare

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	193	32.0	32.0	32.0
High Priority	294	48.8	48.8	80.8
Medium Priority	82	13.6	13.6	94.4
Low Priority	25	4.1	4.1	98.5
Don't know/No opinion	9	1.5	1.5	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Access to affordable prescription medications

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	212	35.2	35.2	35.2
High Priority	274	45.4	45.4	80.6
Medium Priority	86	14.3	14.3	94.9
Low Priority	24	4.0	4.0	98.8
Don't know/No opinion	7	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Tax reform

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	140	23.2	23.2	23.2
High Priority	220	36.5	36.5	59.7
Medium Priority	150	24.9	24.9	84.6
Low Priority	57	9.5	9.5	94.0
Don't know/No opinion	36	6.0	6.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: State parks and recreation

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	43	7.1	7.1	7.1
High Priority	110	18.2	18.2	25.4
Medium Priority	284	47.1	47.1	72.5
Low Priority	158	26.2	26.2	98.7
Don't know/No opinion	8	1.3	1.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: State troopers and other State law enforcement services

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	121	20.1	20.1	20.1
High Priority	274	45.4	45.4	65.5
Medium Priority	169	28.0	28.0	93.5
Low Priority	29	4.8	4.8	98.3
Don't know/No opinion	10	1.7	1.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: The State prisons and corrections system

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	120	19.9	19.9	19.9
High Priority	204	33.8	33.8	53.7
Medium Priority	185	30.7	30.7	84.4
Low Priority	55	9.1	9.1	93.5
Don't know/No opinion	39	6.5	6.5	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Economic development and the creation of new jobs

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	190	31.5	31.5	31.5
High Priority	296	49.1	49.1	80.6
Medium Priority	92	15.3	15.3	95.9
Low Priority	20	3.3	3.3	99.2
Don't know/No opinion	5	.8	.8	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: State involvement with K-12 Education

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	193	32.0	32.0	32.0
High Priority	243	40.3	40.3	72.3
Medium Priority	93	15.4	15.4	87.7
Low Priority	59	9.8	9.8	97.5
Don't know/No opinion	15	2.5	2.5	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: State college and university education

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	129	21.4	21.4	21.4
High Priority	242	40.1	40.1	61.5
Medium Priority	160	26.5	26.5	88.1
Low Priority	64	10.6	10.6	98.7
Don't know/No opinion	8	1.3	1.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: State mental health services

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	111	18.4	18.4	18.4
High Priority	235	39.0	39.0	57.4
Medium Priority	181	30.0	30.0	87.4
Low Priority	46	7.6	7.6	95.0
Don't know/No opinion	30	5.0	5.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: The State's judicial system

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	104	17.2	17.2	17.2
High Priority	219	36.3	36.3	53.6
Medium Priority	192	31.8	31.8	85.4
Low Priority	54	9.0	9.0	94.4
Don't know/No opinion	34	5.6	5.6	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: State level services for senior citizens including caregiver assistance, counseling, daycare, elder abuse, senior centers

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	169	28.0	28.0	28.0
High Priority	256	42.5	42.5	70.5
Medium Priority	141	23.4	23.4	93.9
Low Priority	32	5.3	5.3	99.2
Don't know/No opinion	5	.8	.8	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Child welfare services that provide for the health and safety of children in Alabama

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	152	25.2	25.2	25.2
High Priority	291	48.3	48.3	73.5
Medium Priority	126	20.9	20.9	94.4
Low Priority	26	4.3	4.3	98.7
Don't know/No opinion	8	1.3	1.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Environmental issues

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	77	12.8	12.8	12.8
High Priority	190	31.5	31.5	44.3
Medium Priority	252	41.8	41.8	86.1
Low Priority	73	12.1	12.1	98.2
Don't know/No opinion	11	1.8	1.8	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Assuring respect for people of different ethnic or racial backgrounds

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	108	17.9	17.9	17.9
High Priority	207	34.3	34.3	52.2
Medium Priority	191	31.7	31.7	83.9
Low Priority	90	14.9	14.9	98.8
Don't know/No opinion	7	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: A new State Constitution

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	87	14.4	14.4	14.4
High Priority	134	22.2	22.2	36.7
Medium Priority	172	28.5	28.5	65.2
Low Priority	155	25.7	25.7	90.9
Don't know/No opinion	55	9.1	9.1	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Priorities: Honesty and integrity of State officials

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Urgent	243	40.3	40.3	40.3
High Priority	256	42.5	42.5	82.8
Medium Priority	63	10.4	10.4	93.2
Low Priority	35	5.8	5.8	99.0
Don't know/No opinion	6	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How would you classify the area in which you live?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid City (above 50,000)	159	26.4	26.4	26.4
Small city (25,000 to 50,000)	106	17.6	17.6	43.9
Large town (5,000 to 25,000)	102	16.9	16.9	60.9
Small town (less than 5,000)	98	16.3	16.3	77.1
Small unincorporated or rural area	120	19.9	19.9	97.0
No answer	18	3.0	3.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How long have you lived in Alabama?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 0 to 5 years	40	6.6	6.6	6.6
6 to 10 years	25	4.1	4.2	10.8
11 to 20 years	52	8.6	8.6	19.4
More than 20 years	484	80.3	80.4	99.8
No answer	1	.2	.2	100.0
Total	602	99.8	100.0	
Missing System	1	.2		
Total	603	100.0		