

# Ask Alabama Winter 2005 - Local Policy Priorities

Compared to last year, is life in your city or town now better, worse, or the same?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Better	126	20.0	20.5	20.5
	The Same	393	62.5	63.8	84.3
	Worse	97	15.4	15.7	100.0
	Total	616	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	13	2.1		
Total		629	100.0		

Do you have confidence that your local elected officials are moving your local community in a positive direction?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, Definatly So	153	24.3	25.5	25.5
	Yes, Somewhat	269	42.8	44.9	70.5
	No, Somewhat	73	11.6	12.2	82.6
	No Definatly Not	104	16.5	17.4	100.0
	Total	599	95.2	100.0	
Missing	System	30	4.8		
Total		629	100.0		

## Urgency of Local Issues: Crime and law enforcement

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	150	23.8	24.0	24.0
	High Priority	331	52.6	52.9	76.8
	Medium Priority	113	18.0	18.1	94.9
	Low Priority	32	5.1	5.1	100.0
	Total	626	99.5	100.0	
Missing	System	3	.5		
Total		629	100.0		

## Urgency of Local Issues: Water Quality

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	104	16.5	17.0	17.0
	High Priority	253	40.2	41.3	58.3
	Medium Priority	142	22.6	23.2	81.5
	Low Priority	113	18.0	18.5	100.0
	Total	612	97.3	100.0	
Missing	System	17	2.7		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Honesty of local elected officials**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	178	28.3	28.8	28.8
	High Priority	281	44.7	45.5	74.4
	Medium Priority	111	17.6	18.0	92.4
	Low Priority	47	7.5	7.6	100.0
	Total	617	98.1	100.0	
Missing	System	12	1.9		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Growth management or zoning**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	81	12.9	14.0	14.0
	High Priority	219	34.8	37.8	51.7
	Medium Priority	187	29.7	32.2	84.0
	Low Priority	93	14.8	16.0	100.0
	Total	580	92.2	100.0	
Missing	System	49	7.8		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Respect for people of different ethnic or racial backgrounds**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	114	18.1	18.6	18.6
	High Priority	251	39.9	40.9	59.4
	Medium Priority	175	27.8	28.5	87.9
	Low Priority	74	11.8	12.1	100.0
	Total	614	97.6	100.0	
Missing	System	15	2.4		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Quality of the public school system**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	210	33.4	34.5	34.5
	High Priority	277	44.0	45.6	80.1
	Medium Priority	79	12.6	13.0	93.1
	Low Priority	42	6.7	6.9	100.0
	Total	608	96.7	100.0	
Missing	System	21	3.3		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Job availability**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	190	30.2	31.0	31.0
	High Priority	256	40.7	41.8	72.8
	Medium Priority	113	18.0	18.4	91.2
	Low Priority	54	8.6	8.8	100.0
	Total	613	97.5	100.0	
Missing	System	16	2.5		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Business or commercial growth**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	105	16.7	17.1	17.1
	High Priority	256	40.7	41.8	58.9
	Medium Priority	187	29.7	30.5	89.4
	Low Priority	65	10.3	10.6	100.0
	Total	613	97.5	100.0	
Missing	System	16	2.5		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Parks and recreation**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	64	10.2	10.3	10.3
	High Priority	176	28.0	28.3	38.6
	Medium Priority	275	43.7	44.3	82.9
	Low Priority	106	16.9	17.1	100.0
	Total	621	98.7	100.0	
Missing	System	8	1.3		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Roads and bridges**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	123	19.6	19.8	19.8
	High Priority	260	41.3	41.8	61.6
	Medium Priority	181	28.8	29.1	90.7
	Low Priority	58	9.2	9.3	100.0
	Total	622	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	7	1.1		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Traffic congestion**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	122	19.4	19.6	19.6
	High Priority	188	29.9	30.2	49.8
	Medium Priority	185	29.4	29.7	79.6
	Low Priority	127	20.2	20.4	100.0
	Total	622	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	7	1.1		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Services for senior citizens**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	106	16.9	17.5	17.5
	High Priority	249	39.6	41.2	58.8
	Medium Priority	193	30.7	32.0	90.7
	Low Priority	56	8.9	9.3	100.0
	Total	604	96.0	100.0	
Missing	System	25	4.0		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Availability of health care**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	169	26.9	27.3	27.3
	High Priority	243	38.6	39.3	66.6
	Medium Priority	146	23.2	23.6	90.1
	Low Priority	61	9.7	9.9	100.0
	Total	619	98.4	100.0	
Missing	System	10	1.6		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: The appearance and beauty of your local community**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	63	10.0	10.1	10.1
	High Priority	212	33.7	34.0	44.1
	Medium Priority	243	38.6	39.0	83.1
	Low Priority	105	16.7	16.9	100.0
	Total	623	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.0		
Total		629	100.0		

**Urgency of Local Issues: Fire Protection**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	90	14.3	14.5	14.5
	High Priority	278	44.2	44.8	59.4
	Medium Priority	159	25.3	25.6	85.0
	Low Priority	93	14.8	15.0	100.0
	Total	620	98.6	100.0	
Missing	System	9	1.4		
Total		629	100.0		