

Ask Alabama Summer 2004 Satisfaction with Local Services

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	135	22.2	22.7	22.7
	The Same	355	58.3	59.8	82.5
	Worse	104	17.1	17.5	100.0
	Total	594	97.5	100.0	
Missing	System	15	2.5		
Total		609	100.0		

Do you have confidence that the elected leadership is moving your city or town in a positive direction?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, Definatly So	123	20.2	21.1	21.1
	Yes, Somewhat	262	43.0	45.0	66.2
	No, Somewhat	86	14.1	14.8	80.9
	No, Definitely Not	111	18.2	19.1	100.0
	Total	582	95.6	100.0	
Missing	System	27	4.4		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Crime and Law Enforcement

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	115	18.9	19.1	19.1
	High Priority	291	47.8	48.3	67.3
	Medium Priority	136	22.3	22.6	89.9
	Low Priority	61	10.0	10.1	100.0
	Total	603	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.0		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Water Quality

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	69	11.3	11.6	11.6
	High Priority	212	34.8	35.6	47.1
	Medium Priority	170	27.9	28.5	75.7
	Low Priority	145	23.8	24.3	100.0
	Total	596	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	13	2.1		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Honesty of Local Officials

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	138	22.7	23.7	23.7
	High Priority	260	42.7	44.6	68.3
	Medium Priority	120	19.7	20.6	88.9
	Low Priority	65	10.7	11.1	100.0
	Total	583	95.7	100.0	
Missing	System	26	4.3		
Total		609	100.0		

What, if any, critical issues in your city or town need immediate attention?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Valid	Better Roads; Road Improvement	65	10.7	10.7	10.7	
	Education; Public School System	88	14.4	14.4	25.1	
	Economic Development & Jobs; Growth Mgt	100	16.4	16.4	41.5	
	Police Protection; Crime & Drugs	56	9.2	9.2	50.7	
	Traffic Flow and Congestion	14	2.3	2.3	53.0	
	Taxes and Government Waste	20	3.3	3.3	56.3	
	Race Relations; Social Issues	3	.5	.5	56.8	
	Gas Prices	5	.8	.8	57.6	
	Infrastructure	6	1.0	1.0	58.6	
	More Recreational Facilities and Events (Kids and Adults)	15	2.5	2.5	61.1	
	Aesthetics - Clean Up Litter, Pollution	11	1.8	1.8	62.9	
	Need for New Local Leadership	16	2.6	2.6	65.5	
	Availability and Affordability of Healthcare	5	.8	.8	66.3	
	Water and Sewage Issues	13	2.1	2.1	68.5	
	Public Services (Not Previously Listed)	24	3.9	3.9	72.4	
	Other	39	6.4	6.4	78.8	
	None, No Answer	129	21.2	21.2	100.0	
	Total		609	100.0	100.0	

Urgency of Issues: Growth Management or Zoning

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	60	9.9	10.6	10.6
	High Priority	195	32.0	34.5	45.1
	Medium Priority	209	34.3	36.9	82.0
	Low Priority	102	16.7	18.0	100.0
	Total	566	92.9	100.0	
Missing	System	43	7.1		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Respect for People of Different Ethnic or Racial Backgrounds

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	69	11.3	11.8	11.8
	High Priority	250	41.1	42.7	54.4
	Medium Priority	171	28.1	29.2	83.6
	Low Priority	96	15.8	16.4	100.0
	Total	586	96.2	100.0	
Missing	System	23	3.8		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Quality of the Public School System

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	187	30.7	31.8	31.8
	High Priority	271	44.5	46.1	77.9
	Medium Priority	87	14.3	14.8	92.7
	Low Priority	43	7.1	7.3	100.0
	Total	588	96.6	100.0	
Missing	System	21	3.4		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Job Availability

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	161	26.4	27.5	27.5
	High Priority	262	43.0	44.7	72.2
	Medium Priority	106	17.4	18.1	90.3
	Low Priority	57	9.4	9.7	100.0
	Total	586	96.2	100.0	
Missing	System	23	3.8		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Business or Commercial Growth

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	98	16.1	16.4	16.4
	High Priority	259	42.5	43.2	59.6
	Medium Priority	165	27.1	27.5	87.1
	Low Priority	77	12.6	12.9	100.0
	Total	599	98.4	100.0	
Missing	System	10	1.6		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Parks and Recreation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	59	9.7	9.8	9.8
	High Priority	170	27.9	28.3	38.1
	Medium Priority	244	40.1	40.6	78.7
	Low Priority	128	21.0	21.3	100.0
	Total	601	98.7	100.0	
Missing	System	8	1.3		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Roads and Bridges

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	84	13.8	13.9	13.9
	High Priority	261	42.9	43.3	57.2
	Medium Priority	204	33.5	33.8	91.0
	Low Priority	54	8.9	9.0	100.0
	Total	603	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.0		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Traffic Congestion

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	100	16.4	16.7	16.7
	High Priority	170	27.9	28.4	45.2
	Medium Priority	178	29.2	29.8	74.9
	Low Priority	150	24.6	25.1	100.0
	Total	598	98.2	100.0	
Missing	System	11	1.8		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Services for Senior Citizens

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	79	13.0	13.7	13.7
	High Priority	217	35.6	37.5	51.2
	Medium Priority	210	34.5	36.3	87.5
	Low Priority	72	11.8	12.5	100.0
	Total	578	94.9	100.0	
Missing	System	31	5.1		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Availability of Health Care

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	115	18.9	19.3	19.3
	High Priority	253	41.5	42.4	61.6
	Medium Priority	139	22.8	23.3	84.9
	Low Priority	90	14.8	15.1	100.0
	Total	597	98.0	100.0	
Missing	System	12	2.0		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: The Appearance and Beauty of Your City or Town

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	49	8.0	8.2	8.2
	High Priority	171	28.1	28.5	36.7
	Medium Priority	251	41.2	41.8	78.5
	Low Priority	129	21.2	21.5	100.0
	Total	600	98.5	100.0	
Missing	System	9	1.5		
Total		609	100.0		

Urgency of Issues: Fire Protection

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Urgent	70	11.5	11.7	11.7
	High Priority	256	42.0	42.7	54.4
	Medium Priority	163	26.8	27.2	81.6
	Low Priority	110	18.1	18.4	100.0
	Total	599	98.4	100.0	
Missing	System	10	1.6		
Total		609	100.0		

What local issue is likely to have the greatest impact upon you or your family?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Better Roads; Road Improvement	7	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Education; Public School System	121	19.9	19.9	21.0
	Economic Development & Jobs; Growth Mgt	127	20.9	20.9	41.9
	Police & Fire Protection; Crime	43	7.1	7.1	48.9
	Traffic Flow and Congestion	6	1.0	1.0	49.9
	Taxes and Government Waste	52	8.5	8.5	58.5
	Race Relations; Social Issues	3	.5	.5	58.9
	Gas Prices	4	.7	.7	59.6
	More Recreational Facilities and Events (Kids and Adults)	5	.8	.8	60.4
	Environment: Litter, Pollution	6	1.0	1.0	61.4
	Politics; Leadership; Corruption	16	2.6	2.6	64.0
	Availability and Affordability of Healthcare	21	3.4	3.4	67.5
	Water and Sewage Issues	8	1.3	1.3	68.8
	Public Services (Not Previously Listed)	16	2.6	2.6	71.4
	Other	32	5.3	5.3	76.7
	None, No Answer	142	23.3	23.3	100.0
	Total	609	100.0	100.0	

To what extent would you support having a lottery in Alabama to support education?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	332	54.5	55.1	55.1
	Mildly Support	83	13.6	13.8	68.8
	Indifferent	40	6.6	6.6	75.5
	Mildly Oppose	33	5.4	5.5	80.9
	Strongly Oppose	115	18.9	19.1	100.0
	Total	603	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.0		
Total		609	100.0		