Michigan Survey Results

Q1 From the following list of choices, which issue do you think should be the Michigan legislature's highest priority: solving the teacher shortage, providing incentives to bring good jobs to Michigan, providing targeted tax relief for those that need it most, getting rid of so-called "zombie" laws – meaning laws that are still on the books but not enforced such as the law against two people of the opposite sex living together, increasing consumer protection efforts such as addressing out of control fees, improving and modernizing our infrastructure, working to combat climate change, or something else?

Solving the teacher shortage 9%

Providing incentives to bring good jobs to Michigan 16%

Providing targeted tax relief for those that need it most 9%

Getting rid of so-called zombie laws 4%

Increasing consumer protection efforts 6%

Improving and modernizing our infrastructure 23%

Working to combat climate change 7%

Something else 17%

Not sure 9%

Q2 Working from the same list of choices, which do you think should be the Michigan legislature's second highest priority?

Solving the teacher shortage 12%

Providing incentives to bring good jobs to Michigan 12%

Providing targeted tax relief for those that need it most 11%

Getting rid of so-called zombie laws 4%

Increasing consumer protection efforts 6%

Improving and modernizing our infrastructure 13%

Working to combat climate change 4%

Something else 14%

Not sure / Don't have a second choice 24%

Q3 Do you support or oppose providing all Michigan children with free breakfast and lunch at school?

Support 64%

Oppose 20%

Not sure 16%

Q4 Governor Whitmer is expected to recommend spending an estimated $160 million from the state's School Aid Fund to go towards providing all Michigan children with free breakfast and lunch at school, which her administration estimates could save families at least $850 a year. Do you support or oppose spending this money to provide all Michigan children with free breakfast and school lunch?

Support 61%

Oppose 26%

Not sure 14%

Q5 Freedom of Information Act Requests involve individuals or groups requesting information from the government that is legally required to be available to the public. In Michigan, the Governor's office and the state legislature do not have to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests the way local governments and state departments do. Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, or not important at all that the Governor and the state legislature be subject to the same Freedom of Information Act laws as local governments and state departments?

Very important 70%

Somewhat important 21%

Not important at all 2%

Not sure 7%

Q6 Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, or not important at all that the legislature acts this year to update Michigan's laws to require the Governor's office and the state legislature to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests?

Very important 61%

Somewhat important 27%

Not important at all 4%

Not sure 8%

Q7 Do you think Michigan lawmakers ensuring corporations pay their fair share in taxes is very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

Very important 68%

Somewhat important 15%

Not important at all 11%

Not sure 6%

Q8 Big box retailers are currently using a tax loophole called the "dark store theory," where their property taxes are assessed as if the store is a vacant "dark store" even if the store is fully operational, resulting in much lower property taxes for these stores. The dark store theory has saved retail giants hundreds of millions of dollars in property taxes over the past decade and cost local governments the same amount in tax revenue. Do you support or oppose the Michigan legislature taking action to close this dark store tax loophole?

Support 68%

Oppose 13%

Not sure 20%

Q9 Do you support or oppose requiring corporations who cause contamination to pay to clean up their pollution rather than taxpayers footing the bill?

Support 93%

Oppose 3%

Not sure 4%

Q10 Polluter-pay laws ensure corporations who cause contamination or benefit from polluted property are required to pay to clean it up, rather than have taxpayers foot the bill. Michigan regulators estimate there are roughly 24,000 known contamination sites and taxpayers are footing the bill for managing or remediating half of them. Michigan had strict polluter pay laws until the early 1990s, when they were rolled back under Republican Governor John Engler's administration. Do you support or oppose reinstituting polluter-pay laws that would ensure corporations that cause contamination are required to pay to clean it up?

Support 85%

Oppose 5%

Not sure 10%

Q11 Michigan lawmakers have introduced legislation that would establish a statewide septic code, requiring inspections of residential septic wastewater systems every five years. Michigan is the only state that does not have uniform standards governing the design, construction, installation, and maintenance of septic systems. The underlying goal of the legislation is to reduce the amount of contamination from failing septic systems from flowing into our lakes, rivers and streams. Do you support or oppose lawmakers passing legislation establishing a statewide septic code?

Support 60%

Oppose 20%

Not sure 19%

Q12 Do you think industrialized cattle, swine, and poultry operations should meet environmental standards regarding air and water pollution before being approved for federal loans, or not?

Yes 62%

No 17%

Not sure 20%

Q13 Last week, Governor Gretchen Whitmer led a group of Governors in sending a letter to Congressional leadership opposing cuts to health care, childcare, job training, and food assistance programs that have been proposed by Republicans in the House of Representatives as part of ongoing budget negotiations. Do you support or oppose cuts to federal health care, childcare, job training, and food assistance programs?

Support 25%

Oppose 58%

Not sure 18%

Q14 Michigan has the lowest landfill dumping charges in the region—charging only 36 cents per ton of waste disposed of in landfills. The average fee in the Midwest is $5.30 per ton. Low landfill prices have made Michigan a prime dumping ground for other states and Canada. Over 17 million tons of waste are disposed of annually in the state. Having heard this, would you support or oppose raising the fee to dump waste in Michigan landfills?

Support 70%

Oppose 15%

Not sure 14%

Q15 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 46%

Joe Biden 49%

Someone else / Did not vote 5%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If you are gender non-binary, press 3.

Woman 51%

Man 45%

Gender non-binary 4%

Q17 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 34%

Republican 32%

Independent 33%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 81%

African-American 13%

Other 6%

Q19 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 .... 34%

46 to 65 .... 37%

Older than 65 .... 29%

Q20 What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

High school graduate or less 23%

Some college but did not finish 22%

2-year college degree 13%

4-year college degree 19%

Post-graduate degree 14%

Don't care to say 8%

Q21 Are you or is anyone in your household a current or former member of a labor union?

Yes 40%

No 60%

Q22 Do you have a septic system at your residence for wastewater?

Yes 29%

No 52%

Not sure 19%

Q23 Mode

Landline 50%

Text 50%

Q24 Media Market

Detroit 49%

Flint 11%

Grand Rapids 20%

Lansing 7%

Marquette 2%

Traverse City 7%

Other 4%