

**Section III.** We have just a few more questions, and they pertain to your personal background. We need this information to help analyze the results. (circle your response for each question)

A. What is your gender?                      **Male**    **Female**

B. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1. **Less than high school**
- 2. **High school/GED**
- 3. **Some college**
- 4. **2-year degree**
- 5. **4-year degree**
- 6. **Masters degree**
- 7. **PhD or other professional degree (JD, MD)**
- 9. **Don't know**

C. What is the combined annual household income? (This includes all earnings, salaries, investment and banking income, Social Security income, public assistance, and retirement income)

- 1. **Under \$20,000**
- 2. **\$20,000-\$39,999**
- 3. **\$40,000-\$59,999**
- 4. **\$60,000-\$79,999**
- 5. **\$80,000-\$99,999**
- 6. **\$100,000-\$149,999**
- 7. **Over \$150,000**
- 8. **Don't know**

D. We would like to know if you are:

- 1. **Working full-time (as determined by employer)**
- 2. **Working part-time**
- 3. **Unemployed**
- 4. **Retired**
- 5. **Permanently disabled**
- 6. **Homemaker/family caregiver**
- 7. **Student**
- 8. **Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_**
- 9. **Don't know**

E. Are you of Hispanic background?                      **Yes**    **No**

F. Thinking about your racial background, do you consider yourself to be:

- 1. **White/Caucasian**
- 2. **Black/African American**
- 3. **Native American or Alaskan Native**
- 4. **Asian**
- 5. **Pacific Islander**
- 6. **Two or more races**
- 7. **Some other race (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_**
- 8. **Don't know**

G. How many individuals live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

H. How many of these are children under the age of 18?  
\_\_\_\_\_

I. The primary caregiver for the child(ren) in the house is a:

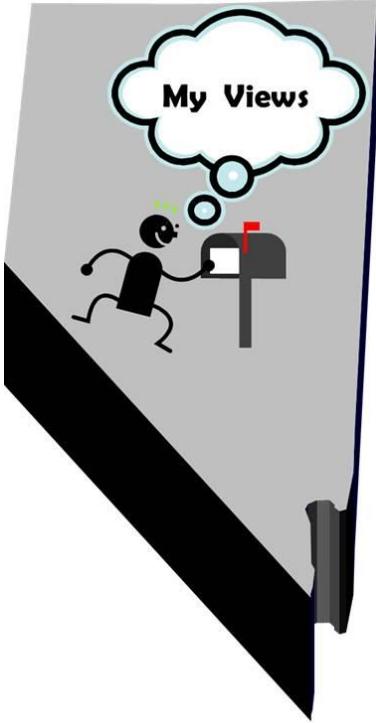
- 1. **Parent**
- 2. **Grandparent**
- 3. **Other relative (ex. Aunt, Cousin)**
- 4. **Unrelated adult**
- 5. **Foster parent**
- 6. **No children in the house**
- 7. **Don't know**

J. How many years have you lived in Nevada? \_\_\_\_\_

L. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

- 1. **Conservative**
- 2. **Moderate**
- 3. **Liberal**
- 4. **Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_**
- 5. **Don't know**

# State of the State Survey 2015



**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.  
IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE COMMENTS,  
USE THE MARGINS. YOUR COMMENTS  
WILL BE READ AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.**

Section I. This first section is concerned with a wide variety of issues facing our state and the nation. We are interested in your opinion.

A. Overall, how would you rate Nevada as a place to live? Would you say it is: (circle your answer)

Poor      Not so good      Fair      Good      Excellent      Don't know

B. People in Nevada often think there are problems that the state must confront. Which problem, in your opinion, is the single most important issue facing Nevada: (circle one number)

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|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Education | 4. Healthcare     | 7. Family/children issues | 10. Other _____ |
| 2. Economy   | 5. Crime          | 8. Mental health          | 11. Don't know  |
| 3. Jobs      | 6. State finances | 9. Homelessness           |                 |

C. How would you describe the state of Nevada's economy these days? Would you say it is: (circle your answer)

Excellent      Good      Fair      Not so good      Poor      Don't know

D. We hear a lot about education in the state of Nevada. We would like to know how you would rate the public schools in your community. Would you say they are: (circle your answer)

Excellent      Good      Fair      Not so good      Poor      Don't know

E. Another issue that receives attention is public safety. Does the rate of crime in Nevada seem to be: (circle your answer)

Decreasing      Staying the same      Increasing      Don't know

F. In general, how would you rate healthcare in your area? Would you say it is: (circle your answer)

Excellent      Good      Fair      Not so good      Poor      Don't know

G. In Nevada we continually talk about diversifying our economy. Below is a list of possible alternatives that are often discussed. We would like you to indicate the three (3) most important actions that could be taken to attract more businesses to Nevada. (Please rank Most important=I, Next most important=II, 3rd most important=III. Rank only your top three)

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Better K-12 Education                                       | 5. Fewer government regulations    |
| 2. Community colleges that are focused on technical/job skills | 6. Improved health care            |
| 3. Universities that conduct research                          | 7. More cultural activities        |
| 4. Tax incentives  | 8. Improved transportation systems |
- Most important: \_\_\_\_\_ Next most important: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd most important: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Thinking about your quality of life, how important is... (circle the number for each item)

	Unimportant			Important			Don't know
1. The development of more parks and other open spaces	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2. The development of a new medical school in Southern Nevada	1	2	3	4	5	6	
3. More affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5	6	
4. Access to affordable health care in your community	1	2	3	4	5	6	
5. Addressing traffic conditions	1	2	3	4	5	6	
6. More free cultural events	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7. Affordable child care	1	2	3	4	5	6	
8. Sufficient water so there are no water usage restrictions	1	2	3	4	5	6	
9. More police officers	1	2	3	4	5	6	
10. More retail/commercial options in your community	1	2	3	4	5	6	

D. Please think about your actions during the past year to answer the following two questions. (check Yes or No for each item)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
1. Have you volunteered your time to a school, charitable organization, or other nonprofit organization?	___	___	___
2. Have you donated money to a charitable organization <u>other than</u> a church, synagogue, or mosque?	___	___	___

E. In general, how often do you utilize the following sources to stay informed about current events? (circle the number for each item)

	Never			Always			Don't know
1. Physical newspapers (such as local or national newspapers)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2. Internet-based newspapers	1	2	3	4	5	6	
3. Internet-based discussion forums or social media	1	2	3	4	5	6	
4. Local television news broadcasts	1	2	3	4	5	6	
5. National television news broadcasts (such as CNN or Fox News)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
6. Political comedy television shows (such as the Daily Show)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7. Radio news programs (such as NPR or talk radio)	1	2	3	4	5	6	

O. (cont). Below are a series of statements and we would like your opinion with regard to these statements. (circle the number for each item)

	Strongly agree			Strongly disagree			Don't know
19. Nevada should invest more money in renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
20. UNLV and UNR should conduct research that makes the state attractive to business.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
21. Nevada needs more charitable organizations.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
22. Local governments should provide services to people in need regardless of immigration status.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
23. Employees of charitable organizations should receive wages comparable to for-profit employees.	1	2	3	4	5	6	

P. We would like you to think about the level of performance of different governments in the U.S. Please rate each government listed below with regard to their job performance: (circle the number for each item)

	Excellent				Poor	Don't know
1. Federal government	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. Nevada state government	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. Your county government	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. Your local school system	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. Your municipal government	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Section II.** This section asks questions about your personal experiences.

A. Thinking about your financial position today compared to a year ago, do you believe that you (and your family) are: (circle your answer)

Better off	About the same	Worse off	Don't Know
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B1. Do you have health insurance? (circle your answer)

Yes	No	Don't Know
	(Skip to Question D)	(Skip to Question D)

→ B2. If yes, what is the primary source of your health insurance? (circle one number)

1. Employer provided
2. Self-purchased
3. Self-purchased through a government exchange
4. Government provided, such as Medicare or Medicaid
5. Don't know

H. In thinking about the role of the Nevada state government, we would like you to indicate whether you support or oppose state legislation: (circle the number for each item)

	Strongly oppose			Strongly support			Don't know
1. To require background checks for gun purchases	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2. To permit open carry laws for guns	1	2	3	4	5	6	
3. To restrict abortions under any circumstance	1	2	3	4	5	6	
4. To restrict access to government services to undocumented immigrants	1	2	3	4	5	6	
5. To help reduce domestic violence	1	2	3	4	5	6	
6. To create a statewide lottery	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7. To raise taxes on alcohol	1	2	3	4	5	6	
8. To raise taxes on tobacco	1	2	3	4	5	6	
9. To raise taxes on gaming	1	2	3	4	5	6	

I. The U.S. Constitution gives any person born into the U.S. citizenship status. Should there be a constitutional amendment to change this right? (circle Yes or No)

No	Yes	Don't know
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J. At the next statewide election people will vote on making recreational marijuana legal. Do you believe making recreational marijuana legal is a good idea? (circle Yes or No)

No	Yes	Don't know
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K1. A child who attends K-12 public schools in Nevada receives the same quality education as children in other states. (circle Yes or No)

No	Yes	Don't know
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K2. If no, why not? (write your answer) ←

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L. In recent years, the federal government and the states have been working on a common set of educational objectives. These are known as the common core. (check Yes or No for each of the following items)

	No	Yes	Don't know
1. Have you previously heard about the concept of the common core?	---	---	---
2. Do you believe it is a good idea to have a uniform set of standards across the U.S.?	---	---	---

M. Over the past several years, Nevada counties and cities have cut back on services because of budget shortfalls. Would you be willing to see taxes increased to restore or improve these services? (check Yes or No for each item)

	No	Yes	Don't Know
1. Police protection	---	---	---
2. Fire protection	---	---	---
3. Ambulance services	---	---	---
4. Child abuse/neglect services	---	---	---
5. Day care for children	---	---	---
6. Low cost housing	---	---	---
7. Street maintenance	---	---	---
8. Parks	---	---	---
9. Recreational programs	---	---	---
10. Health care for the needy	---	---	---
11. Services for veterans	---	---	---
12. Environmental protection	---	---	---
13. Public health	---	---	---
14. Libraries	---	---	---
15. Services for the homeless	---	---	---
16. Court services (such as public defenders and probation officers)	---	---	---
17. To provide free high-speed internet hot spots to everyone	---	---	---

N. Which comes the closest to your view about what government policy should be regarding undocumented immigrants currently residing in the U.S.? The government should: (circle one number)

1. Allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the U.S. to work for a limited amount of time.
2. Allow undocumented immigrants to become U.S. citizens if they met criteria like learning English and paying back-taxes.
3. Deport all undocumented immigrants.
4. Allow undocumented immigrants to become permanent residents with no requirements.
5. Don't know

O. Below are a series of statements and we would like your opinion with regard to these statements. (circle the number for each item)

	Strongly agree			Strongly disagree			Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. A political candidate's position on immigration will affect my support for them.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2. It is important for the people in Nevada to have access to higher education.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
3. Overall, I believe public officials in Nevada spend my tax dollars effectively.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
4. Charitable organizations provide useful services to people in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
5. I feel safe in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
6. Having a strong college and university system helps economic growth.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7. Undocumented immigrants hurt my standard of living.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
8. Charitable organizations have become too large and wasteful.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
9. I support raising the minimum wage for people working in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
10. Life in prison serves as a strong deterrent for murder.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
11. Religious organizations have a moral responsibility to help people in need regardless of immigration status.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
12. The Affordable Care Act helps people who previously could not obtain healthcare insurance.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
13. Domestic violence is a serious problem in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
14. Businesses will be attracted to Nevada if the college and university system provides a skilled workforce.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
15. The police in my community use racial profiling in enforcing the law.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
16. Obamacare has hurt people in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
17. I think it is important that charitable organizations demonstrate how they spend their money.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
18. I feel I can trust state officials in Nevada to do what is right.	1	2	3	4	5	6	