

State of the State Survey

(XXXXXXXX)

2019



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 the state of Nevada. 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. Drugs | 10. Community Safety |
| 2. Economy | 5. Crime | 8. Mental Health | 11. Don't know |
| 3. Environment | 6. State Finances | 9. Homelessness | 12. Other: _____ |

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** **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** **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** **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. Stronger workforce |
| 4. Tax incentives | 8. Improved transportation systems |

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

H. There has been debate concerning what should be done with “DACA.” “DACA” stands for *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* and provides protection from deportation and allows individuals to obtain work permits. Do you favor or oppose the protection given by DAC for those undocumented who came to the United States as children?

1. I favor DACA

2. I oppose DACA

3. Don’t know

I. Family violence is an issue facing Nevada. The state of Nevada and local government are working to address this issue.

Do you think family violence initiatives in Nevada should receive increased funding?

1. No

2. Yes



We should:

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| 1. Increase the tax on marijuana | Yes | No |
| 2. Increase the tax on alcohol | Yes | No |
| 3. Increase funding from general revenues. | Yes | No |

J. A child who attends K-12 public schools in Nevada receives the same quality education as children in other states. (Circle your answer).

Yes

No

Don’t know

K. Democracy relies on the public’s trust in their elected and appointed officials. We would like to know your views about the following:

	Honest		Trust to do the right thing	
1. Members of Congress	Yes	No	Yes	No
2. My member of Congress	Yes	No	Yes	No
3. President of the United States	Yes	No	Yes	No
4. State officials	Yes	No	Yes	No
5. My state legislator	Yes	No	Yes	No
6. Local elected officials	Yes	No	Yes	No
7. My local official	Yes	No	Yes	No

L. In recent years, there has been considerable debate about climate change, if it is real, and what impact it has had on our lives. Below are a series of statements about climate change. We would like your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the statements. (circle a number for each item)

		Strongly Oppose				Strongly Support	Don't know
1.	I trust the scientists who argue that climate change is real.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Climate change has impacted the United States.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	The U.S. Government was correct in getting out of the Paris Accord.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	It is important to have policies to reduce pollution.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Climate change has already impacted my community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Climate change may be occurring, but it is not the fault of people.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Some natural disasters are caused by climate change.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	My community has already implemented programs to manage climate change.	1	2	3	4	5	6

M. Many institutions in the U.S. are under scrutiny. We would like to know how much confidence you have in each of the following institutions. (Check the answer that best reflects your level of confidence).

	No confidence	Some Confidence	A Great Deal of Confidence
1. Your Police Department	_____	_____	_____
2. Your Criminal Justice System	_____	_____	_____
3. Your Fire Department	_____	_____	_____
4. Your Local Government	_____	_____	_____
5. Economic Institutions (Banks)	_____	_____	_____
6. Public Schools	_____	_____	_____
7. The Family	_____	_____	_____
8. Television/Cable News	_____	_____	_____
9. The Supreme Court of the United States	_____	_____	_____
10. Religious Institutions	_____	_____	_____
11. The Federal Government	_____	_____	_____
12. Large Corporations	_____	_____	_____
13. Social Media (Facebook)	_____	_____	_____
14. State Government	_____	_____	_____
15. Libraries	_____	_____	_____

SECTION II. This section is about issues facing Nevada or the U.S. Federal Government.

A. Which comes 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**

B. Below are a series of statement 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. A political candidate's position on immigration will affect my support for them.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
2. The state should provide additional funding to address the growing suicide rate in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
3. Partisanship in Washington does not help the country solve its problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
4. The State of Nevada is prepared for any kind of crisis.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
5. We need to do more to manage climate change.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
6. I support raising the minimum wage for people working in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
7. Nevada should invest more money in renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
8. I feel safe in my community	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
9. The Affordable Care Act helps people who previously could not obtain healthcare insurance.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
10. Children born in the United States should be citizens of the United States regardless of whether their parents are citizens.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
11. Undocumented immigrants hurt my standard of living.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
12. The State needs to develop safety plans for "public events."	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
13. The Federal government's policy of separating families at the border is not consistent with "American values."	1	2	3	4	5	6	6
14. I support voluntary gun buyback programs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	6

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

	Strongly Agree		Strongly Disagree			Don't Know
15. Domestic violence is a serious problem in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6
16. Race relations, today, are worse than a year ago.	1	2	3	4	5	6
17. Affordable housing is needed for low income families.	1	2	3	4	5	6
18. My community should focus more on tourist safety.	1	2	3	4	5	6
19. Undocumented immigrants who pay taxes contribute to the well-being of our economy.	1	2	3	4	5	6
20. Elections, in the United States, make no difference in my personal situation.	1	2	3	4	5	6
21. I favor building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico.	1	2	3	4	5	6
22. Police provide the same level of service to all citizens.	1	2	3	4	5	6
23. Emotional trauma is a growing problem.	1	2	3	4	5	6
24. State governments need to do more to control gun violence.	1	2	3	4	5	6

C. Homelessness has become an important issue in Nevada. The state of Nevada and its local governments are working to address the issue. Which of the following would you be willing to support to help fund efforts to respond to homelessness? (Check the answer that best reflects your view on each item.)

	Would Support	Might Support	Would Not Support	Unsure
1. Tax incentives to homebuilders to build affordable housing.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Increasing tax on marijuana for homeless homeless prevention.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Increasing tax on alcohol and cigarettes to create a fund for prevention.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Develop state and local policies that reform eviction policies.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Include a recording fee on real estate transactions for use on providing homeless and housing services.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Provide funding to the state council on homelessness to work on developing statewide solutions to address homelessness.	_____	_____	_____	_____

SECTION IV. 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)**
 8. **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. **Student**
 7. **Other (please specify): _____**
- 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:
1. **Parent**
 2. **Grandparent**
 3. **Other relative**
 4. **Unrelated adult**
 5. **No children in the house**
 6. **Don't know**
- J. How many years have you lived in Nevada? _____
- K. Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? **Yes** **No**
- L. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:
1. **Conservative**
 2. **Moderate**
 3. **Liberal**
 4. **Other _____**
 5. **Don't know**