

State of the State Survey

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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. Below are a series of issues that confront the people in Nevada and their government. We would like you to rank what you think are the three most important issues. Place a 1 next to the letter of the issue you think is most important, a 2 the next most important issue, and, finally a 3 for the issue you think is the third most important.

___ A. Education ___ B. Healthcare ___ C. Drugs ___ D. Community Safety
___ E. Economy ___ F. Crime ___ G. Homelessness ___ H. Environment
___ I. Mental Health ___ J. State Finances ___ K. 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. A child who attends K-12 public schools in Nevada receives the same quality education as children in other states. (Circle your answer.)

No Yes Don't Know

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

A. To maintain our democracy, it is important to (Check the appropriate blank):

	Yes	No
1. Reduce partisanship in Congress.	___	___
2. Protect individuals' rights to vote.	___	___
3. Believe in the fairness of elections.	___	___
4. Participate in elections at all levels of government.	___	___
5. Have more transparency in how campaigns are funded.	___	___

B. Democracy relies on the public's trust in their elected and appointed officials. We would like to know whether **you trust** the following to do the right thing (Check the appropriate blank):

	Yes	No
1. Members of Congress	___	___
2. My member of Congress	___	___
3. President of the United States	___	___
4. My state legislator	___	___
6. Local elected officials	___	___
7. The Governor	___	___

C. We would like to know your views about how the pandemic has impacted you personally and how you think the national and state government has responded to COVID-19. Below are a series of statements about COVID-19 and we would like to know if you **AGREE** or **DISAGREE** with each of the statements:

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
1. I do not believe the experts' recommendations about how to stay safe during the pandemic.	___	___	___
2. I, or someone I know, has been infected by COVID-19.	___	___	___
3. I think it is important for people to be vaccinated.	___	___	___
4. The State has been too restrictive in trying to control the virus.	___	___	___
5. The schools in my community have managed the COVID-19 correctly.	___	___	___
6. COVID-19 has become a political issue.	___	___	___
7. I got vaccinated to protect myself and my family.	___	___	___
8. I have faced economic hardship from the way governments responded to the virus.	___	___	___

D. 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	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	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
2. Online education has been an effective alternative to in-class instruction.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. Partisanship in Washington does not help the country solve its problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. The State of Nevada is prepared for any kind of crisis.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. I feel safe in my community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. The state should do more to fight climate change.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. Undocumented immigrants hurt my standard of living.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. I support businesses that mandate employees be vaccinated.	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. I believe the 2020 election was a fair and secure election.	1	2	3	4	5	6
11. Religious beliefs play an important role in my making political decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
12. The Affordable Care Act helps people who previously could not obtain health care insurance	1	2	3	4	5	6

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
13. Domestic violence is a serious problem in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6
14. I favor building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico.	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. I am concerned about how future Supreme Court decisions will impact an individual's life style.	1	2	3	4	5	6
17. Elections in the United States make no difference in my personal situation.	1	2	3	4	5	6
18. Race relations, today, are worse than they were a year ago.	1	2	3	4	5	6
19. I would support using violent actions to achieve political goals.	1	2	3	4	5	6
20. I think the State needs to do more to make a college education affordable.	1	2	3	4	5	6
21. Mental Health is a growing problem in Nevada.	1	2	3	4	5	6
22. Too much attention is paid to the Black Lives Matter movement.	1	2	3	4	5	6
23. The recent increases in prices are affecting my standard of living.	1	2	3	4	5	6
24. Nevada needs to ensure equal employment opportunity.	1	2	3	4	5	6

E. 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 Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	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 is correct in getting back into 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 cause 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

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

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**

Section III. 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**

B. Do you have health insurance? (Circle your answer)

Yes **No (Skip to Question C)** **Don't know**

If yes, what is the primary source of health insurance? (Circle all that are appropriate).



1. **Employer Provided**
2. **Self-Purchased**
3. **Self-Purchased through a government change**
4. **Medicare**
5. **Medicaid**
6. **Other government provided insurance**
7. **Don't know**

C. Today, there are still a number of issues that people in your community face. Below is a list of problems that some of our fellow Nevadans face. Please indicate if you have first-hand knowledge of individuals who are currently facing the following issues. That does not mean you, rather maybe someone you know or have personally observed. (Circle any that apply).

1. **Homelessness**
2. **Drug Abuse**
3. **Domestic Violence**
4. **Alcohol Addiction**
5. **Prescription Drug Abuse**
6. **Racial Discrimination**
7. **Gambling**
8. **Community Violence**
9. **Mental Health**

D. Please think about your actions during the past year to answer the following four questions. (Check yes or no for each item)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
1. Have you donated money to a charitable organization, other than a church, synagogue, or mosque?	_____	_____	_____
2. Have you contributed to a political campaign?	_____	_____	_____
3. Have you changed jobs?	_____	_____	_____
4. Have you had trouble paying a bill?	_____	_____	_____

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 Non-Binary**
- 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 for self**
 - 2. Working full-time (as determined by employer)**
 - 3. Working part-time**
 - 4. Unemployed**
 - 5. Retired**
 - 6. Permanently disabled**
 - 7. Student**
 - 8. 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. Have the current housing prices limited your housing options?
- 1. No**
 - 2. Yes**
- J. Which of the following describes your current housing situation?
- 1. The sole homeowner (with spouse or Partner)**
 - 2. The sole Renter**
 - 3. Living with others, assisting with rent or mortgage**
 - 4. Living with others, not assisting with rent or mortgage.**
- K. 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 _____**
 - 5. Don't know**