

**FABRIZIO, LEE & ASSOCIATES
ILLINOIS STATEWIDE SURVEY**

TOPLINE DATA

SAMPLE SIZE: N=500 Likely Voters - 40% cell phone users
FIELD DATES: May 23, 2017

Good evening. My name is _____ and I'm calling from First Media Services, a national public opinion firm. This evening we're conducting a short public opinion survey and we'd like to get your input. We are not trying to sell anything and your answers will remain confidential.

1. Are you over 18 and registered to vote in Illinois?

Yes	100
No (ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO IS REGISTERED TO VOTE)	-

2. Do you or does anyone in your household work for a newspaper, a television station, a radio station, or a market research company?

Yes/Don't Know/Refused (THANK & TERMINATE INTERVIEW)	-
No (CONTINUE)	100

(CONTINUE TO ALL QUALIFIED)

3. How likely is it you will vote in the 2018 general election for Governor and State Legislature?
Will you...

Definitely vote	80
Probably vote	19
Be a 50/50 chance to vote (TERMINATE)	-
Probably NOT vote (TERMINATE)	-
Definitely NOT vote (TERMINATE)	-
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

4. Thinking about you and your family, what do you think is the most important issue facing you and your family? (**OPEN-END**)

Healthcare//unaffordable healthcare//health insurance	28
Economy//turning economy around	13
Taxes//high taxes	13
Education//proper education//funding schools//funding education	11
State budget//lack of budget//state debt	10
Jobs//lack of jobs//need to bring jobs here	10
Fiscal responsibility//finances	10
Retirement//Social Security	5
Safety//crime//gun violence	4
Direction of the nation/state//political issues//corruption (non-specific)	3
National security//terrorism	3
Rights//social justice (non-specific)	2
Government//state government	2
Environment//clean environment	1
President//Trump in the White House	1
Immigration//keeping Illegals out of the country	1
<i>Other</i>	4
<i>None/nothing</i>	2
<i>Don't know</i>	4
<i>Refused</i>	*

5. Among the following issues facing the STATE OF ILLINOIS, which of the following is the most important issue to you personally? (**RANDOMIZE CHOICES**)

Solving the State Budget Impasse	22
Creating jobs and improving the State's economy	13
Improving the quality and coverage of health care	13
Eliminating corruption and restoring honesty to State government	13
Improving education	9
Holding the line on taxes	6
Reforming the state employee pension system	5
Reducing wasteful state spending	4
Fighting crime and drugs	3
Promoting traditional family values	2
Protecting the environment	2
Fighting illegal immigration	2
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	6

As you may know the State of Illinois currently faces a 2-year long budget impasse that has failed to produce a budget package that can be supported by Democrats, who control the General Assembly, and Republicans, led by Governor Rauner.

6. How concerned are you about the Illinois State Budget Impasse? Would you say you are... (ROTATE 1:4 AND 4:1)

TOTAL CONCERNED	94
TOTAL UNCONCERNED	5
Very concerned	74
Somewhat concerned	20
Somewhat unconcerned	3
Very unconcerned	2
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

7. How much as the Illinois State Budget impasse directly affected you or your family? Would you say that you and your family have been... (ROTATE 1:4 AND 4:1)

TOTAL AFFECTED	67
TOTAL UNAFFECTED	31
Strongly affected	23
Somewhat affected	44
Somewhat unaffected	23
Strongly unaffected	8
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

8. As you may know, the state faces a seven billion dollar budget deficit. The state constitution requires that the state have a balanced budget. Which of the following would you favor MOST to balance the state budget... (ROTATE READING 1-3 or 3-1)

ONLY cut state spending and do NOT raise taxes	49
Cut some state spending and raise some taxes	38
Do NOT cut state spending and ONLY raise taxes	8
Unsure (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

ROTATE Qs 9-10

9. Again, thinking about balancing the budget. Critics of making spending cuts point out that many people who depend on government would have to sacrifice and the good programs that help people in need will have to be reduced or cut. Knowing this, which of the following would you favor MOST to balance the state budget... (ROTATE READING 1-3 or 3-1)

ONLY cut state spending and do NOT raise taxes	45
Cut some state spending and raise some taxes	41
Do NOT cut state spending and ONLY raise taxes	9
Unsure (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

10. Again, thinking about balancing the budget. Critics of raising taxes point out that Illinois already pays the highest property taxes in the country and has the 5th highest overall tax burden. They say another tax hike will just drive more people out of Illinois. Knowing this, which of the following would you favor MOST to balance the state budget... (ROTATE READING 1-3 or 3-1)

ONLY cut state spending and do NOT raise taxes	54
Cut some state spending and raise some taxes	36
Do NOT cut state spending and ONLY raise taxes	6
Unsure (DO NOT READ)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

11. One of the elements of a proposed solution for the Illinois State Budget impasse involves raising the state income tax. Do you favor or oppose a state budget that includes raising the state income tax? (Probe: Strongly/Somewhat)

TOTAL FAVOR	31
TOTAL OPPOSE	64
Strongly favor	11
Somewhat favor	20
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	51
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5

ROTATE Qs 12-13

12. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for (ROTATE) Governor or the State Legislature who SUPPORTED raising the state income tax as part of the new state budget? (PROBE: Much/Somewhat)

TOTAL MORE LIKELY	29
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	61
Much more likely	11
Somewhat more likely	18
Somewhat less likely	19
Much less likely	42
No impact (DO NOT READ)	6
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4

13. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for (ROTATE) Governor or the State Legislature who OPPOSED raising the state income tax as part of the new state budget? (PROBE: Much/Somewhat)

TOTAL MORE LIKELY	58
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	32
Much more likely	36
Somewhat more likely	21
Somewhat less likely	16
Much less likely	16
No impact (DO NOT READ)	6
Refused (DO NOT READ)	5

14. One of the elements of a proposed solution for the Illinois State Budget impasse involves raising the state sales tax. Do you favor or oppose a state budget that includes raising the state sales tax? (Probe: Strongly/Somewhat)

TOTAL FAVOR	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	76
Strongly favor	7
Somewhat favor	15
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	58
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3

ROTATE Qs 15-16

15. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for (ROTATE) Governor or the State Legislature who **SUPPORTED** raising the state sales tax as part of the new state budget?
(PROBE: Much/Somewhat)

TOTAL MORE LIKELY	21
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	73
Much more likely	7
Somewhat more likely	13
Somewhat less likely	24
Much less likely	49
No impact (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	3

16. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for (ROTATE) Governor or the State Legislature who **OPPOSED** raising the state sales tax as part of the new state budget?
(PROBE: Much/Somewhat)

TOTAL MORE LIKELY	61
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	34
Much more likely	36
Somewhat more likely	24
Somewhat less likely	18
Much less likely	15
No impact (DO NOT READ)	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4

17. One of the elements of a proposed solution for the Illinois State Budget impasse involves raising the state income tax but at the same time enacting a property tax freeze. Do you favor or oppose a state budget that includes raising the state income tax but also includes a property tax freeze?
(Probe: Strongly/Somewhat)

TOTAL FAVOR	39
TOTAL OPPOSE	51
Strongly favor	16
Somewhat favor	23
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	34
Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	10

18. If the debts of the state become too large to repay, should Illinois consider filing for bankruptcy?

Yes	42
No	50
Unsure (DO NOT READ)	7
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

CONTINUE TO ALL

And now just a few questions for demographic purposes...

19. With which political party are you affiliated? Are you a...(READ AND ROTATE 1-3)

Democrat	43
Republican	31
Independent	23
Something else (specify)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

20. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs? (IF CONSERVATIVE CHOICE IS MADE, ASK: Would you say you are very or somewhat CONSERVATIVE?)

CONSERVATIVE	38
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	19
MODERATE	34
LIBERAL	27
DK/Refused (vol)	2

21. In what year were you born? ____ ____ ____ ____ (Enter 9999 for refused)

18-34	18
35-44	17
45-54	20
55-64	25
65+	17
Refused	3

22. What is your main racial background? (READ ALL CHOICES BEFORE ACCEPTING ANSWER)

White	74
African American/Black	16
Hispanic or Latino	6
Asian American	1
Other (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

23. Gender: (By observation) (If female, ask: Are you employed outside the home?)

MALE	49
FEMALE	51
Female, working outside the home	29
Female, homemaker	20
Female/Refused	2

24. Key Counties: (PRE-CODE)

25. Media Market: (PRE-CODE)

Chicago	66
<i>Cook Co.</i>	37
<i>Collar Counties</i>	29
Champaign/Springfield/Decatur	8
St. Louis	7
Peoria-Bloomington	5
Rockford	4
Davenport/Rock Island/Moline	4
Paducah/Cape Girardeau	3
Terre Haute	1
Quincy/Hannibal	1
Evansville	1