#### 

Boise State University Statewide Survey

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N = 1,000 Adults in ID; 50% Cells

Margin of Error: +/- 3.1%



**INTRODUCTION**

Good evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling from , a national public opinion firm. This evening we're conducting a survey on issues in Idaho for research purposes and we'd like to get your opinions. Participation is voluntary, all answers are anonymous, and you can skip questions or end the interview at any time. If you have questions or concerns about this survey, you can contact Jeffrey Lyons at jeffreylyons@boisestate.edu or (208) 426-1458, or the Boise State University Institutional Review Board at Humansubjects@boisestate.edu or (208) 426-5401.

First, to make sure we get a representative sample, can you please tell me your current age? [**RECORD EXACT AGE]**

1. Under 18 **(TERM)** 2. 18-24 3. 25-29 4. 30-34

5. 35-39 6. 40-44 7. 45-49 8. 50-54

9. 55-59 10. 60-64 11. 65-69 12. 70-74

13. 75-79 14. 80+ 15. DK/Refused **(TERM)**

And before we begin, please tell me, do you currently live in Idaho – yes or no?

1. Yes **(CONT)**  2. No **(TERM)**  3. DK/REF **(TERM)**

What Idaho county do you currently live in? **CODED OPEN ENDED**

1. Ada  
2. Adams  
3. Bannock  
4. Bear Lak  
5. Benewah  
6. Bingham  
7. Blaine  
8. Boise  
9. Bonner  
10. Bonneville  
11. Boundary  
12. Butte  
13. Camas  
14. Canyon  
15. Caribou  
16. Cassia  
17. Clark  
18. Clearwater  
19. Custer  
20. Elmore  
21. Franklin  
22. Fremont  
23. Gem  
24. Gooding  
25. Idaho  
26. Jefferson  
27. Jerome  
28. Kootenai  
29. Latah  
30. Lemhi  
31. Lewis  
32. Lincoln  
33. Madison  
34. Minidoka  
35. Nez Perce  
36. Oneida  
37. Owyhee  
38. Payette  
39. Power  
40. Shoshone  
41. Teton  
42. Twin Falls  
43. Valley  
44. Washington

Have you lived in Idaho for your entire life – yes or no?

1. Yes 2. No

**IF NO in Q4 ASK:**

How many years have you lived in the Idaho? **RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS / MARK ZERO FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR**

1. Less than one
2. 1-5
3. 6-10
4. 11-20
5. 20+
6. DK/Refused

**IF NO in Q4 ASK:**

When you moved to Idaho, what state did you move from?

**50 STATE DROP DOWN WITH FIRST ANSWER BEING “ONLY LIVED IN IDAHO”**

**STATE OF IDAHO OVERVIEW**

In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Idaho today?

Do you think things in Idaho are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction

2. Wrong Track

3. DK/Refused

On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being not at all important and 10 being extremely important, how important would you say it is for the Idaho State Legislature to address each of the following issues? If you have no opinion, just say so.

**READ/ROTATE**

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|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | No Opinion | DK/  Refused |
|  | Jobs and the economy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Education | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Transportation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Housing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Healthcare | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Taxes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Immigration | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Natural Resources | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | The Environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

Would you say that the state of Idaho is growing too fast, too slow or about right?

1. Too Fast
2. Too Slow
3. About right
4. DK/Refused

Over the next 2 years do you think Idaho’s economy is going to get better, get worse or stay about the same?

1. Better

2. Worse

3. Stay the same

4. DK/Refused

How would you rate the quality of education in Idaho’s K-12 public schools? **READ**

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

And thinking specifically about your school district, how would you rate the quality of K-12 public schools in your area? **READ**

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**SPLIT SAMPLE:**

A When it comes to preparing students to further their education beyond high school, do you think schools **in Idaho** are doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job?

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

22.B When it comes to preparing students to further their education beyond high school, do you think schools **in your area** are doing an excellent, good, fair, or poor job?

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**BUDGET/SPENDING/TAXES**

Now, moving on to another issue, do you think the Idaho state budget should be increased, should be decreased, or should stay about the same?

1. Increased
2. Decreased
3. Stay about the same
4. DK/Refused

In general, would you say that taxes in Idaho are too high, too low or about right?

1. Too high
2. About right
3. Too low
4. DK/Refused

Thinking about Idaho’s current tax system, would you say: **READ**

1. The current tax system works fairly well as it is now
2. Some changes are needed, but it should stay basically the same
3. Major changes are needed
4. A complete overhaul of the current system is needed
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Currently, only a few Idaho resort cities have a local sales tax in addition to the state sales tax. These local sales taxes are sometimes also referred to as local "option" taxes because the taxes are decided by the voters in the community affected. These funds go to support infrastructure and other projects in the community. Would you favor or oppose giving every city in Idaho the ability to vote on a local option tax? **PROBE IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat?**

1. Strongly Favor
2. Somewhat Favor
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**SPLIT SAMPLE:**

A And if your town or city were to propose a local option tax to pay for improvements in public transportation, would you favor or oppose that plan? **PROBE IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat?**

1. Strongly Favor
2. Somewhat Favor
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

27.B And if your town or city were to propose a local option tax to pay forroad and bridge improvements, would you favor or oppose that plan? **PROBE IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat?**

1. Strongly Favor
2. Somewhat Favor
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

**HEALTHCARE**

In November 2018, Idaho voters approved Proposition 2 which expanded Medicaid coverage to low-income Idahoans.  While the federal government will pay for 90% of the cost of Medicaid expansion, the state of Idaho needs to generate an estimated $100 million dollars over the next 10 years to pay for the state portion.  Idaho counties are anticipated to save millions of dollars as a result of the state expanding Medicaid.  One proposal to help the state pay for Medicaid expansion is to require Idaho's counties to contribute a portion of their savings to the state to pay for Medicaid costs.  Do you favor or oppose having Idaho's counties pay the state of Idaho with savings from Medicaid expansion? **PROBE IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Is that strongly or just somewhat?**

1. Strongly Favor
2. Somewhat Favor
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**ELECTIONS**

As you may know, Idaho is one of 21 states that allows ballot initiatives, which is when new laws can be made by a citizen vote.  Under current law, 6% of the registered voters in 18 of the state's 35 districts need to sign a petition in order for the initiative to be put on the ballot for a vote.  Knowing this, would you say it is too difficult, too easy or about the right level of requirement for putting an initiative on the ballot?

1. Too difficult
2. About right
3. Too easy
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/WATER**

Moving on, I want to ask you about some issues facing the northwest region.  Do you favor or oppose removing the four dams on the lower Snake River in an effort to restore salmon runs in Idaho? **PROBE IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat?**

1. Strongly Favor
2. Somewhat Favor
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**If 3 or 4 in Q33:**

Which of the following is the one main reason that you oppose the removal of the four dams on the lower Snake River? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Lost hydroelectric power
2. Lost barging
3. Lost irrigation/water
4. Don’t believe that removal will recover salmon
5. Don’t care about salmon runs – that’s not a good reason
6. Too expensive
7. Will harm local communities
8. Other (Don’t Read): SPECIFIY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. DK/Refused

Moving on to another topic now.

When you make a charitable donation, are you most likely to give to local causes, national causes, or international causes?

1. Local causes
2. National causes
3. International causes
4. I do not make charitable donations
5. DK/Refused

**IF 1, 2 OR 3 IN Q35 ASK:**

Thinking about your own personal giving, which charitable cause did you give most to in the last 12 months? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Religious
2. Children and Families
3. Educational
4. Health-related
5. Anti-poverty
6. Environment or Animals
7. Arts and Culture
8. Disaster Relief
9. Other (Don’t Read)
10. DK/Refused

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

When it comes to voluntarily giving money to a charitable cause, would you say Idahoans are more generous, less generous or about as generous as people in other states?

1. More Generous
2. Less Generous
3. About as Generous
4. DK/Refused

Do you or does anyone in your immediately family consider themselves a hunter – yes or no?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused

Do you or does anyone in your immediately family consider themselves a fisherman?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused

Have you ever purchased an Idaho fishing or hunting license?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused

Do you plan on purchasing an Idaho fishing or hunting license next year?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused

Even if you don’t do it regularly, have you texted or emailed on your smartphone while driving in the past 3 months?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused

Would you favor or oppose a statewide policy that would make texting or emailing on smartphones while driving illegal? **PROBE IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat?**

1. Strongly Favor
2. Somewhat Favor
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from very liberal to very conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? **READ:**

1. Very Liberal
2. Liberal
3. Somewhat liberal
4. Moderate
5. Somewhat conservative
6. Conservative
7. Very Conservative
8. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

**PROBE IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT: Would you call yourself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat?**

**PROBE IF INDEPENDENT: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?**

1. Strong Republican
2. Not very strong Republican
3. Strong Democrat
4. Not very strong Democrat
5. Independent lean Republican
6. Independent lean Democrat
7. Pure Independent
8. Other
9. DK/Refused

What racial or ethnic group best describes you? **CODED OPEN END**

1. White
2. Latino or Hispanic
3. Black
4. Asian
5. Native American
6. Other
7. Two or more
8. DK/Refused

What is the highest level of education or training you have completed?

1. Some high school 2. High school degree or equivalent

3. Some college 4. Associate’s Degree

5. Bachelor’s Degree 6. Some graduate school

7. Graduate degree 8. DK/Refused

Do you currently have any children under the age of 18?

1. Yes

2. No

3. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Do you currently rent or own your home?

1. Rent
2. Own
3. Other (Don’t Read)
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Which of the following best describes your annual household income before taxes?

1. Under $25,000 2. $25,001-$50,000 3. $50,001 to $75,000

4. $75,001 to $100,000 5. Over $100,000 6. DK/Refused

Gender: 1. Male 2. Female