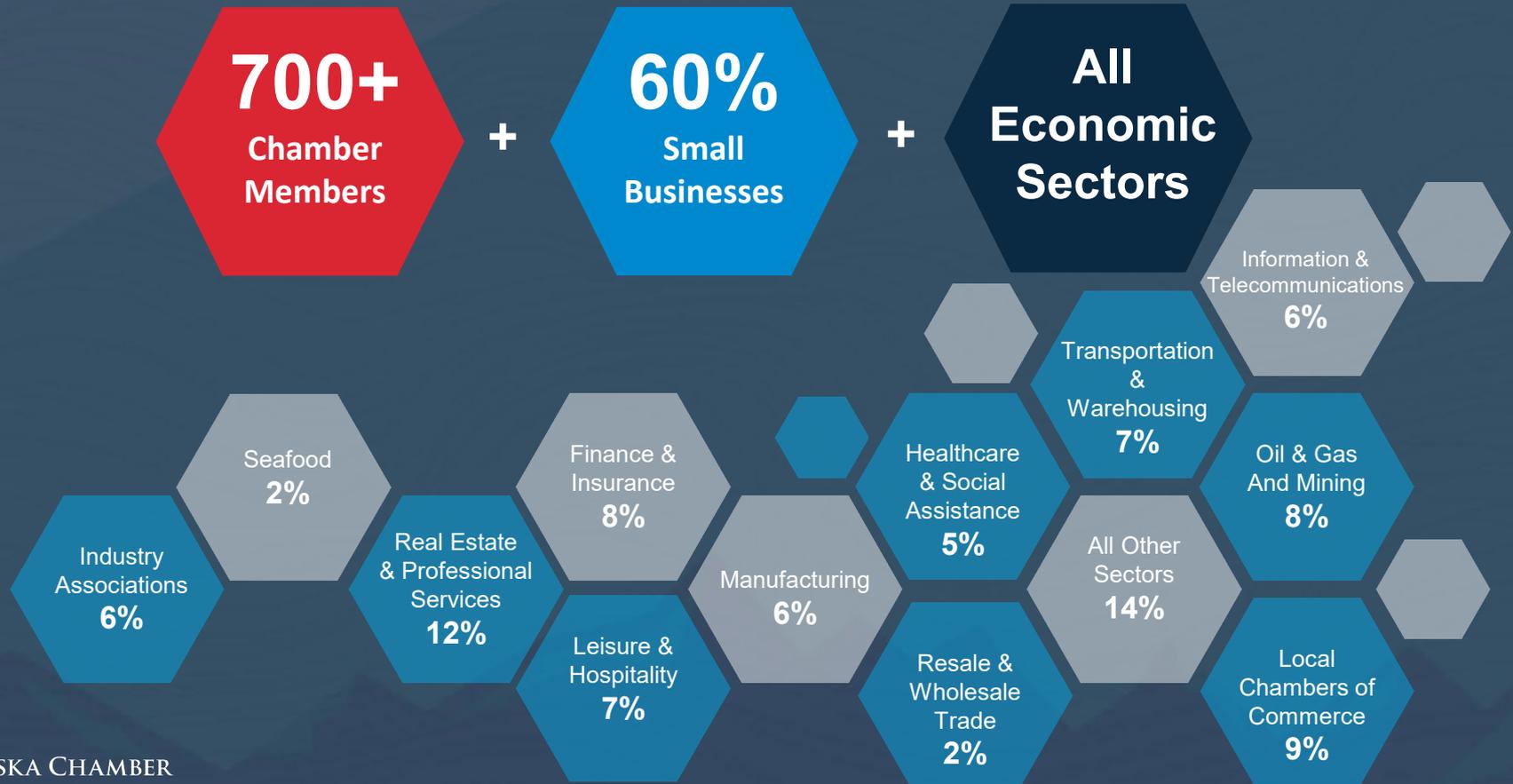




# ALASKA CHAMBER

The leading voice advancing business in Alaska

# Who we are



# Statewide



## Board of Directors

The Alaska Chamber has representation in all regions of the state.

## Alaska Strong

Our members are located in **23 of the 29** boroughs/census areas, and **88%** of our members are headquartered in Alaska.



## Impactful

Our membership's direct business activity supports more than **58,000** total Alaskan jobs and **\$4.6 billion** in total wages annually.

## Generous

**77%** of members make cash contributions that support hundreds of nonprofits throughout Alaska, giving on average of **\$200,000** annually.



# Policy Setting Process:

## 1. Policy Submission

Any Alaska Chamber member in good standing can submit a position.

## 2. Submissions Reviewed

Legislative Affairs Committee reviews submissions, hears from policy proponent, and advances submission to membership.

## 3. Members Vote

Alaska Chamber members vote on policy submissions. Priorities and positions ratified by Board of Directors.

## 4. Priorities Established

Full membership notified of the positions and priorities the Alaska Chamber will be advocating for in 2022.

## 5. ADVOCACY

**One member, one vote**

# 2021 Priorities

**1**

**Support a meaningful spending cap on operating budget expenditures**

**2**

**Support a comprehensive approach  
to create a sustainable state budget**



# **DHSS & Alaska Chamber Vaccination Incentives Grant Program**

# Statewide Grant Allocation

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Sitka .....             | \$70,000 |
| Eastern Aleutians ..... | \$25,000 |
| Anchorage .....         | \$68,000 |
| Kodiak .....            | \$45,000 |
| Bethel .....            | \$45,000 |
| Tok/Delta .....         | \$45,000 |
| Kenai .....             | \$28,500 |
| Copper River .....      | \$25,000 |
| Bristol Bay .....       | \$10,000 |

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Chugiak/Eagle River ..... | \$12,000 |
| Cordova .....             | \$20,000 |
| Valdez .....              | \$40,000 |
| Denali .....              | \$10,000 |
| Fairbanks .....           | \$80,000 |
| Hoonah .....              | \$10,000 |
| Juneau .....              | \$45,000 |
| Soldotna .....            | \$17,500 |
| Seward .....              | \$10,000 |
| Homer .....               | \$49,000 |
| Ketchikan .....           | \$45,000 |
| Wasilla .....             | \$38,000 |
| Palmer .....              | \$38,000 |
| North Slope .....         | \$45,000 |
| Northwest Arctic .....    | \$59,000 |
| Petersburg .....          | \$15,000 |
| Prince of Wales .....     | \$67,000 |
| Nome .....                | \$45,000 |

# Programs At Work In The Community



**Friday Fling (PALMER)**

**Sleeves up for Summer**  
Let's get Alaska up and running again!

There are 3 opportunities left to get vaccinated at Friday Fling this summer



**Bear Paw Festival**  
July 10 at 1:54 PM · 🌐

Join us on July 16th for Bear Paw LIVE @ Matanuska Brewing  
Click here to buy tickets  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/161420616409](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/161420616409)  
Get vaccinated outside of event and receive a \$25 gift certificate from one of our local businesses!



**Cordova VA CASH RAFFLE**



**Sleeves up SKP**  
Let's get Southern Kenai Peninsula up and running again!

**Don't Let COVID Ruin Your Season!**

Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if they are in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

**FREE POP-UP VACCINATION EVENT**

**ENTER TO WIN AWESOME PRIZES**

**Thursday, May 27**  
10 am – 2pm  
Homer Spit Ramp 2

Single-Dose: Janssen and Two-Dose Pfizer Vaccines Available

**INTO THE GREAT WIDE OPEN**  
A TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT WIDE OPEN

**Matanuska Brewing Eagle River**  
BEAR PAW BACKYARD LIVE

Live Music  
Tickets \$25

**Friday, July**  
Tickets avail



**Sleeves up for Summer**  
Let's get Alaska up

**Bear Paw Festival**  
Community Organization

**Hand Made Road Sign**  
Displayed at First Saturday Market  
Held June 19, 2021 at Cultural Center in Bethel



**City and Borough of Juneau** 🌐

June 29 · 🌐

Today (June 29) is the final day to get entered into the **Juneau Chamber of Commerce's** \$1,000 cash drawings and get \$40 worth of gift cards when you get a first or single-dose COVID-19 vaccination at Juneau Urgent & Family Care. Five \$1,000 cash drawings are happening tomorrow, June 30.

Wondering where the gift cards are to? Here's a list of participating businesses: **Alaskan Brewing Co., Alaskan Fudge Company, Inc, Bullwinkle's Pizza Parlor Downtown, Caribou Crossings, Flying Squirrel Espresso, Gross-Alaska Theatres, The Angar on the Wharf, Hearthside Books & Toys, Heritage Coffee Roasting Co., Super Bear IGA, Foodland IGA, McDonald's, BREEZE, Nugget Alaskan Outfitter, Red Dog Saloon, Alaska Shirt Company - Juneau, Tracy's King Crab Shack, Venice Italian Pizzeria, and Western Auto Marine.**

Check for vaccine availability at [juneau.org/vaccine](http://juneau.org/vaccine) or call 586-6000. Give your immunity – and the economy – a boost.

2021

Fielded:  
April 15-22, 2021

Sample:  
709 Alaska Likely Voters

# Public Opinion Survey Results



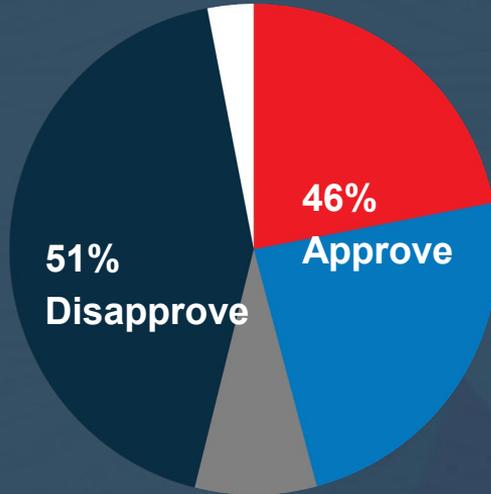


# Job Approval and Favorability

# President Biden Job Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

- 43% Strongly Disapprove
- 8% Somewhat Disapprove
- 22% Somewhat Approve
- 24% Strongly Approve
- 3% No opinion/Unsure



## LOCATION

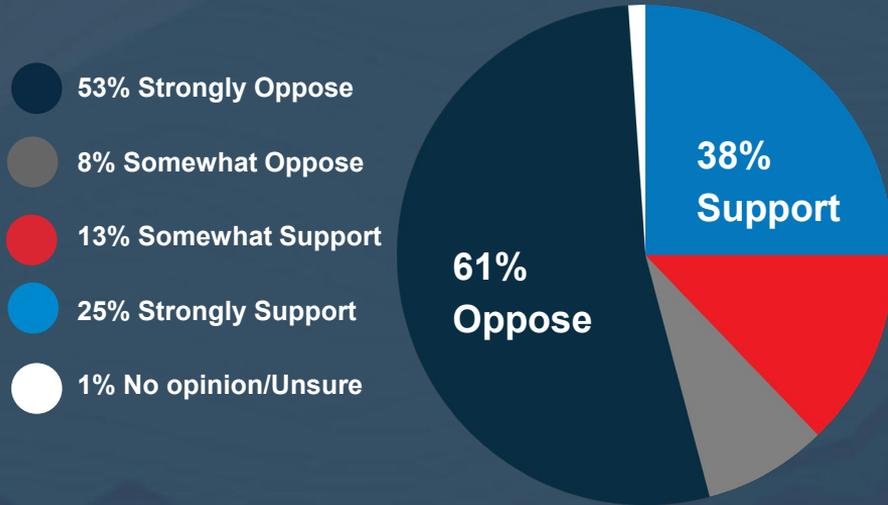
|                    | APPROVE | DISAPPROVE |
|--------------------|---------|------------|
| Anchorage .....    | 51%     | 45%        |
| Southcentral ..... | 33%     | 65%        |
| Interior.....      | 46%     | 54%        |
| Southeast .....    | 51%     | 48%        |
| Rural .....        | 64%     | 34%        |

## TIME IN AK

|                 | APPROVE | DISAPPROVE |
|-----------------|---------|------------|
| 0-9 yrs .....   | 60%     | 36%        |
| 10-20 yrs ..... | 41%     | 59%        |
| 20+ yrs .....   | 46%     | 52%        |

# Biden's Oil and Gas Policy

The Biden administration has reversed federal approval of opening ANWR, that is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and suspended all new leasing for oil and gas development on federal lands. Do **you agree or disagree with these policy changes?** (asked earlier in survey)



## LOCATION

|                    | Support | Oppose | NET  |
|--------------------|---------|--------|------|
| Anchorage .....    | 42%     | 56%    | -14% |
| Southcentral ..... | 23%     | 77%    | -54% |
| Interior.....      | 37%     | 62%    | -25% |
| Southeast .....    | 44%     | 54%    | -10% |
| Rural .....        | 60%     | 38%    | +22% |

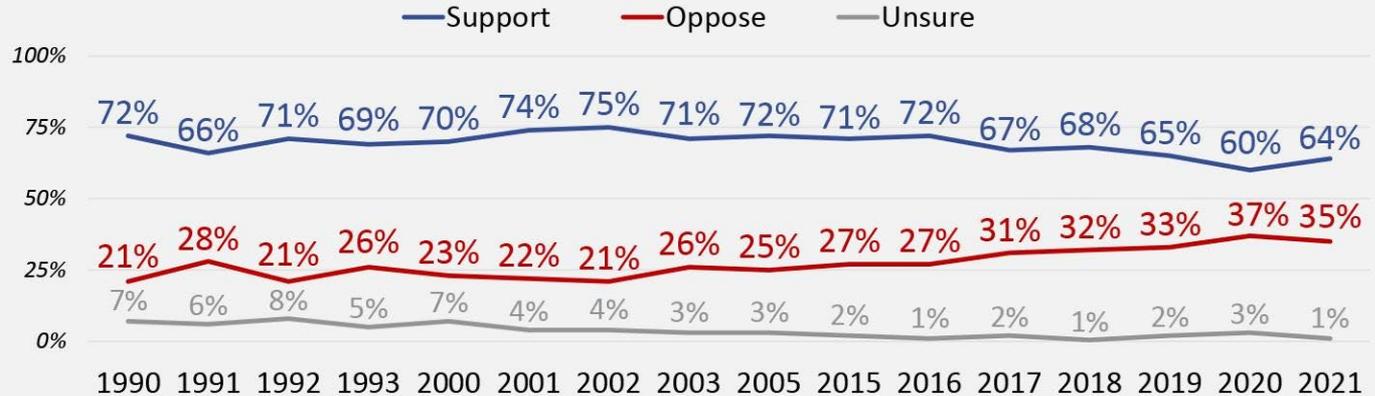
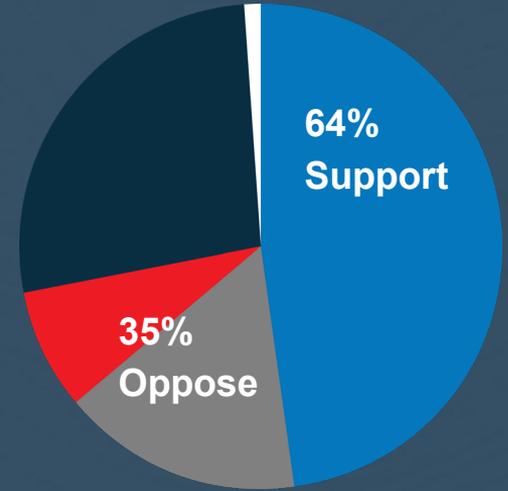
## INDUSTRY

|                            |            |            |             |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Construct./Trade .....     | 14%        | 82%        | -68%        |
| Resource Dev. ....         | 20%        | 80%        | -60%        |
| Transportation .....       | 20%        | 73%        | -53%        |
| Retail/Personal Care ..... | 34%        | 66%        | -32%        |
| Business/Office Work ..... | 36%        | 64%        | -28%        |
| Healthcare .....           | 43%        | 53%        | -10%        |
| Public Safety/MIL .....    | 47%        | 53%        | -6%         |
| Government .....           | 48%        | 51%        | -3%         |
| <b>Education .....</b>     | <b>54%</b> | <b>43%</b> | <b>+11%</b> |

# ANWR Exploration and Production

Do you support or oppose exploration and production of oil and gas in a portion of ANWR, that is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

- 48% Strongly Support
- 16% Somewhat Support
- 8% Somewhat Oppose
- 27% Strongly Oppose
- 1% No opinion/Unsure





# American Rescue Plan Act

# Relief Funding

Recognizing that this relief funding will likely be spent in different areas, please rank each of the following in terms of where you think the money should be prioritized to have the most positive impact in the state's economic recovery.

| (Randomized)  | RANKED<br>#1 | RANKED<br>#2 | RANKED<br>#3 | RANKED<br>#4 | MEAN ON<br>4PT.<br>SCALE |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Relief funds for impacted businesses .....          | 40%          | 33%          | 19%          | 8%           | 3.06                     |
| Spending on statewide infrastructure projects ..... | 32%          | 37%          | 2%           | 9%           | 2.93                     |
| Increasing the size of PFD checks.....              | 15%          | 17%          | 26%          | 43%          | 2.05                     |
| Close the state's budget gap .....                  | 13%          | 13%          | 33%          | 40%          | 2.02                     |
| <i>Column total .....</i>                           | <i>100%</i>  | <i>100%</i>  | <i>100%</i>  | <i>100%</i>  |                          |



# Economy

# Results: Rating Alaska's Economy

Generally speaking, how would you rate Alaska's current economy?

|                      | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Total good .....     | 35%  | 51%  | 47%  |
| Total not good ..... | 63%  | 48%  | 52%  |

| Location           | Total Good | Total Not Good |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Anchorage .....    | 27%        | 71%            |
| Southcentral ..... | 47%        | 52%            |
| Interior.....      | 47%        | 50%            |
| Southeast .....    | 25%        | 72%            |
| Rural .....        | 34%        | 61%            |

Do you think things are headed in the right direction, or that things have gotten off on the wrong track?

|                   | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Right track ..... | 32%  | 33%  | 30%  |
| Wrong track ..... | 61%  | 61%  | 64%  |

| Location           | Right Track | Wrong Track |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Anchorage .....    | 27%         | 66%         |
| Southcentral ..... | 36%         | 59%         |
| Interior.....      | 36%         | 52%         |
| Southeast .....    | 34%         | 62%         |
| Rural .....        | 35%         | 60%         |



# Budget Solutions

Do you support or oppose the following item as part of a larger package to address the state budget deficit?

## Make cuts to state spending

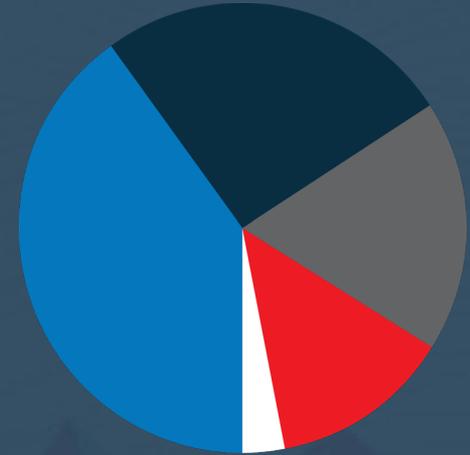
66%

TOTAL SUPPORT

31%

TOTAL OPPOSE

- 40% Strongly Support
- 26% Somewhat Support
- 18% Somewhat Oppose
- 13% Strongly Oppose
- 3% No opinion/Unsure



Do you support or oppose the following item as part of a larger package to address the state budget deficit?

## Use of some Permanent Fund earnings while guaranteeing a dividend equal to the historical average

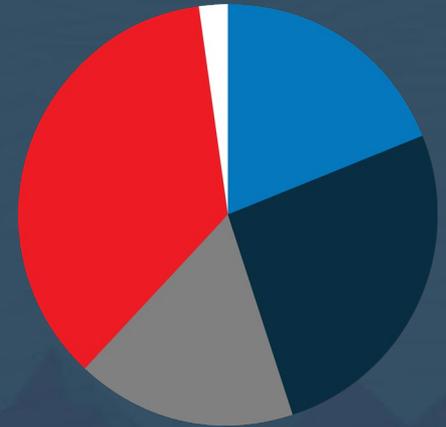
45%

TOTAL SUPPORT

53%

TOTAL OPPOSE

- 19% Strongly Support
- 26% Somewhat Support
- 17% Somewhat Oppose
- 36% Strongly Oppose
- 2% No opinion/Unsure



## More taxes needed?

In general, do you believe more taxes are needed to fund state government?



## LOCATION

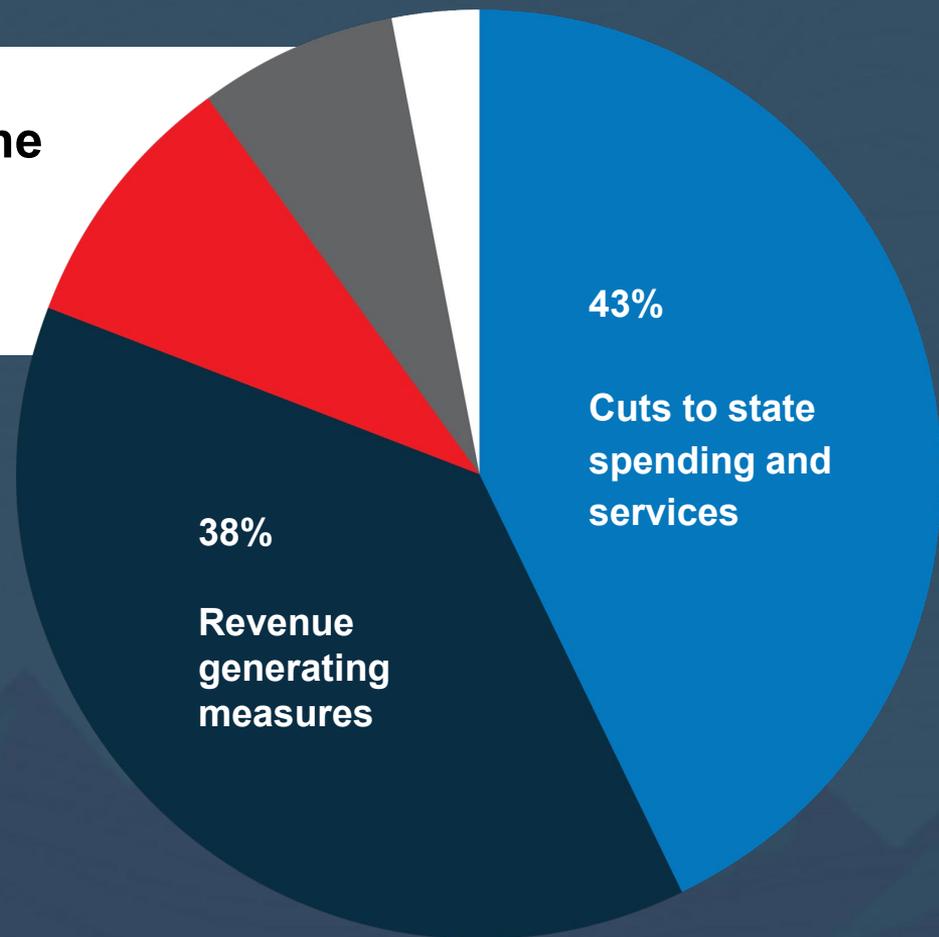
|                    | YES | NO  | NET  |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Anchorage .....    | 49% | 49% | 0%   |
| Southcentral ..... | 32% | 68% | -36% |
| Interior.....      | 45% | 51% | -6%  |
| Southeast .....    | 49% | 46% | +3%  |
| Rural .....        | 61% | 38% | +23% |

## INDUSTRY

|                            |     |     |      |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Education .....            | 58% | 37% | +21% |
| Public Safety/MIL .....    | 55% | 45% | +10% |
| Government .....           | 53% | 46% | +7%  |
| Business/Office Work ....  | 45% | 55% | -10% |
| Healthcare .....           | 44% | 56% | -12% |
| Retail/Personal Care ..... | 42% | 56% | -14% |
| Construct./Trade .....     | 29% | 71% | -42% |
| Resource Dev. ....         | 25% | 71% | -46% |
| Transportation .....       | 25% | 71% | -46% |

## Do you believe that a solution to the state budget situation should be comprised mainly of...

- 43% Cuts to state spending and services
- 38% Revenue generating measures such as new taxes
- 9% Use of the Permanent Fund earnings
- 7% Combination/Other (volunteered)
- 3% Unsure



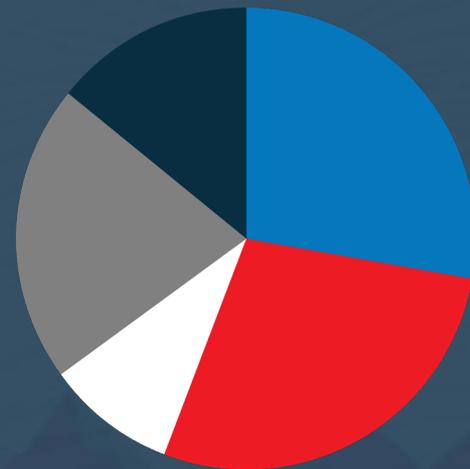
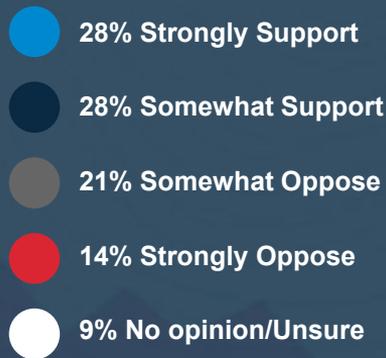
## Do you support or oppose a state constitutional amendment to put in place a spending cap on state spending?

56%

TOTAL SUPPORT

35%

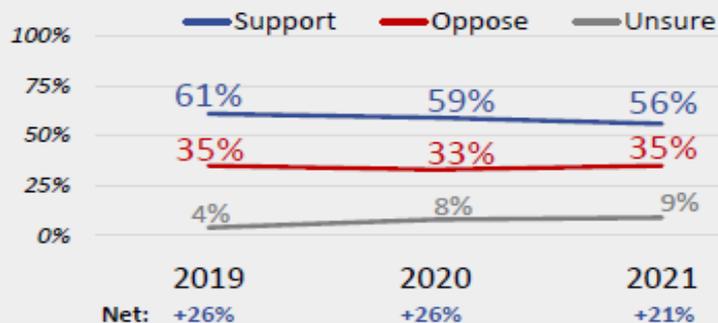
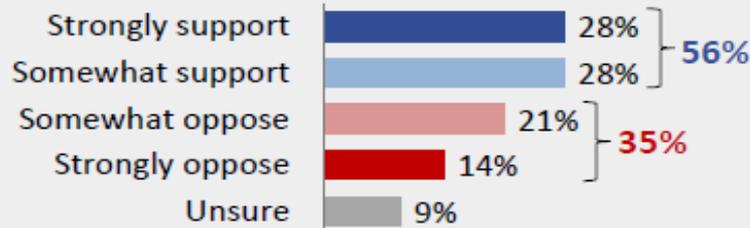
TOTAL OPPOSE



# Constitutional Spending Cap

5% total change since 2020

Do you support or oppose a state constitutional amendment to put in place a spending cap on state spending?



| Location     | Support | Oppose | Net  |
|--------------|---------|--------|------|
| Anchorage    | 53%     | 36%    | +17% |
| Southcentral | 68%     | 25%    | +43% |
| Interior     | 51%     | 36%    | +15% |
| Southeast    | 44%     | 48%    | -4%  |
| Rural        | 56%     | 40%    | +16% |

| Gender | Support | Oppose | Net  |
|--------|---------|--------|------|
| Male   | 61%     | 32%    | +29% |
| Female | 50%     | 38%    | +12% |

| Age           | Support | Oppose | Net  |
|---------------|---------|--------|------|
| 18-34 yrs old | 57%     | 38%    | +19% |
| 35-44 yrs old | 57%     | 32%    | +25% |
| 45-54 yrs old | 61%     | 30%    | +31% |
| 55-64 yrs old | 57%     | 36%    | +21% |
| 65+ yrs old   | 52%     | 36%    | +16% |

| Party        | Support | Oppose | Net  |
|--------------|---------|--------|------|
| Democrat     | 29%     | 62%    | -33% |
| Republican   | 75%     | 17%    | +58% |
| Non-Partisan | 48%     | 45%    | +3%  |
| Undeclared   | 56%     | 33%    | +23% |

| Union household | Support | Oppose | Net  |
|-----------------|---------|--------|------|
| Public employee | 48%     | 44%    | +4%  |
| Other union     | 56%     | 27%    | +29% |
| Non-union       | 57%     | 34%    | +23% |

| Opinion of Chamber     | Support | Oppose | Net  |
|------------------------|---------|--------|------|
| Very favorable         | 63%     | 35%    | +28% |
| Somewhat favorable     | 58%     | 35%    | +23% |
| Very/Smwht unfavorable | 58%     | 37%    | +21% |
| Unsure/Not heard of    | 50%     | 34%    | +16% |





ALASKA CHAMBER

# FALL FORUM

REJUVENATING  
ALASKA'S  
ECONOMY

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2021 | GIRDWOOD, ALASKA  
**Stay tuned for new dates!**



Now accepting  
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