

Fall 2006 Georgia Poll

***Conducted by the Survey Research Center
at the University of Georgia***

The Survey Research Center at the University of Georgia conducted the Fall 2006 Georgia between September 25th and October 11th, 2006. Data were generated from a telephone interview of a RDD (Random Digit Dial) probability sample of 600 Georgia residents 18 years old or older. Estimates based on a sample of this size are subject to sampling error of +/- 4.0% at the 95 percent confidence interval. Sampling error is the probable difference in results between interviewing a sample of the population of adult Georgians versus interviewing the entire population of adults in Georgia. Sample surveys are subject to other sources of error such as non-response error and error associated with the wording of questionnaire items. The cooperation rate for the study was 30.2%.

Table 1

Univariate Frequency Distributions

Now I'd like to ask you a couple of questions about the minimum wage in Georgia.

There will be a proposal in the 2007 Georgia General Assembly to raise the state minimum wage above the current rate of \$5.15 per hour. Twenty states have already raised their state minimum wages, ranging from \$6.00 per hour to \$7.63 per hour. Do you think the minimum wage in Georgia should be increased or do you think it is fine where it is?

| | n | % |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| Increased | 531 | 89.7 |
| Remain Unchanged | 61 | 10.3 |
| TOTAL | 592 | 100.0 |

Now I am going to read you four possible minimum wage rates, and I'd like you to tell me which one rate you think should be adopted?

| | n | % |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| \$6.00 per hour | 67 | 12.9 |
| \$6.50 per hour | 96 | 18.4 |
| \$7.00 per hour | 119 | 22.8 |
| \$7.50 per hour | 239 | 45.9 |
| TOTAL | 521 | 100.0 |

Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate for state legislature who made a commitment to raise the minimum wage in Georgia, less likely to vote for a candidate who made a commitment to raise the minimum wage in Georgia, or would it not make any difference to you?

| | n | % |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| More likely to vote | 310 | 53.8 |
| Less likely to vote | 27 | 4.7 |
| Wouldn't matter | 239 | 41.5 |
| TOTAL | 575 | 100.0 |

Table 2

Increase Minimum Wage,
By Demographic Variables

Do you think the minimum wage in Georgia should be increased or do you think it is fine where it is?

| | Increased | Remain Unchanged |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <i>Gender:*</i> | | |
| Male | 80.6 | 19.4 |
| Female | 95.1 | 4.9 |
| <i>Party Affiliation:*</i> | | |
| Democrat | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Republican | 85.1 | 14.9 |
| Independent | 84.3 | 15.7 |
| <i>Ethnicity:*</i> | | |
| White | 87.5 | 12.5 |
| Non-White | 96.6 | 3.4 |
| <i>Education:*</i> | | |
| HS Graduate or Less | 94.5 | 5.5 |
| Some College | 89.6 | 10.4 |
| College Graduate or More | 85.9 | 14.1 |
| <i>Age:</i> | | |
| 18-24 | 86.7 | 13.3 |
| 25-44 | 91.7 | 8.3 |
| 45-64 | 87.9 | 12.1 |
| 65 + | 91.2 | 8.8 |
| <i>Income:*</i> | | |
| < \$20,000 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| \$40,000 - \$74,999 | 87.8 | 12.2 |
| \$75,000 + | 85.6 | 14.4 |
| <i>MSA/Non-MSA:</i> | | |
| MSA | 88.9 | 11.1 |
| Non-MSA | 92.4 | 7.6 |

* p ≤ .05

Table 3Likelihood of Voting for Candidate,
By Demographic Variables

Now I am going to read you four possible minimum wage rates, and I'd like you to tell me which one rate you think should be adopted?

| | More Likely to Vote For Candidate | Less Likely to Vote for Candidate | Wouldn't Vote for Candidate | Matter |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Gender: | | | | |
| Male | 15.3 | 16.5 | 25.0 | 43.2 |
| Female | 11.6 | 19.4 | 21.7 | 47.2 |
| Party Affiliation:* | | | | |
| Democrat | 9.6 | 16.2 | 21.0 | 53.3 |
| Republican | 18.4 | 19.6 | 29.4 | 32.5 |
| Independent | 12.2 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 46.1 |
| Ethnicity:* | | | | |
| White | 16.3 | 20.9 | 23.9 | 38.9 |
| Non-White | 4.2 | 13.2 | 20.8 | 61.8 |
| Education:* | | | | |
| HS Graduate or Less | 9.1 | 15.1 | 22.0 | 53.8 |
| Some College | 9.3 | 19.8 | 22.2 | 48.8 |
| College Graduate or More | 20.0 | 21.2 | 24.7 | 34.1 |
| Age: | | | | |
| 18-24 | 30.8 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 30.8 |
| 25-44 | 10.8 | 21.0 | 21.5 | 46.8 |
| 45-64 | 14.2 | 16.5 | 24.5 | 44.8 |
| 65 + | 10.0 | 16.7 | 23.3 | 50.0 |
| Income:* | | | | |
| < \$20,000 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 30.2 | 50.9 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 10.7 | 23.2 | 14.2 | 51.8 |
| \$40,000 - \$74,999 | 6.4 | 19.9 | 25.5 | 48.2 |
| \$75,000 + | 19.0 | 20.4 | 27.5 | 33.1 |
| MSA/Non-MSA: | | | | |
| MSA | 12.7 | 19.7 | 22.7 | 44.9 |
| Non-MSA | 13.3 | 14.2 | 23.3 | 49.2 |

* p ≤ .05

Table 4Likelihood of Voting for Candidate,
By Demographic Variables

Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate for state legislature who made a commitment to raise the minimum wage in Georgia, less likely to vote for a candidate who made a commitment to raise the minimum wage in Georgia, or would it not make any difference to you?

| | More Likely to Vote For Candidate | Less Likely to Vote for Candidate | Wouldn't Matter |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Gender:*</i> | | | |
| Male | 42.0 | 8.2 | 49.8 |
| Female | 61.1 | 2.5 | 36.4 |
| <i>Party Affiliation:*</i> | | | |
| Democrat | 73.1 | 0.6 | 26.3 |
| Republican | 38.0 | 7.3 | 54.7 |
| Independent | 50.4 | 4.5 | 45.1 |
| <i>Ethnicity:*</i> | | | |
| White | 45.0 | 5.8 | 49.3 |
| Non-White | 77.0 | 1.4 | 21.6 |
| <i>Education:*</i> | | | |
| HS Graduate or Less | 60.0 | 1.1 | 38.9 |
| Some College | 53.1 | 7.3 | 39.7 |
| College Graduate or More | 48.5 | 5.4 | 46.0 |
| <i>Age:</i> | | | |
| 18-24 | 51.7 | 0.0 | 48.3 |
| 25-44 | 56.5 | 4.5 | 39.0 |
| 45-64 | 50.4 | 7.0 | 42.6 |
| 65 + | 57.1 | 1.0 | 41.8 |
| <i>Income:*</i> | | | |
| < \$20,000 | 72.5 | 0.0 | 27.5 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 63.6 | 0.0 | 36.4 |
| \$40,000 - \$74,999 | 54.7 | 3.7 | 41.6 |
| \$75,000 + | 41.8 | 5.5 | 52.7 |
| <i>MSA/Non-MSA:</i> | | | |
| MSA | 54.2 | 4.7 | 41.1 |
| Non-MSA | 52.3 | 4.7 | 43.0 |

* $p \leq .05$
