

# 2017 USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey




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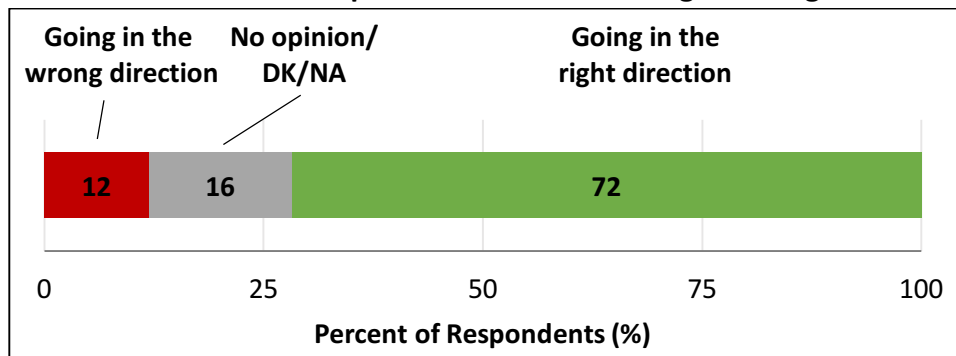
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## Detailed Analysis

### Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Spend More Money on Efforts to Reduce Opioid Overdoses

- Nearly three-in-four Floridians (72%) say that the state spending more money on efforts to reduce heroin and opioid overdoses is going in the right direction. Only 12% say this is going in the wrong direction, while 16% did not express an opinion.
- Women, whites, and residents living in households with an income of \$75,000 or more are most likely to say that the state spending more money in efforts to reduce heroin and other opioid drug overdoses is going in the right direction.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**Nearly three-in-four Floridians say spending more money on efforts to reduce heroin and other opioid overdoses is moving in the right direction**



Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to, spend more money on efforts to reduce heroin and other opioid drug overdoses, would you say that is going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

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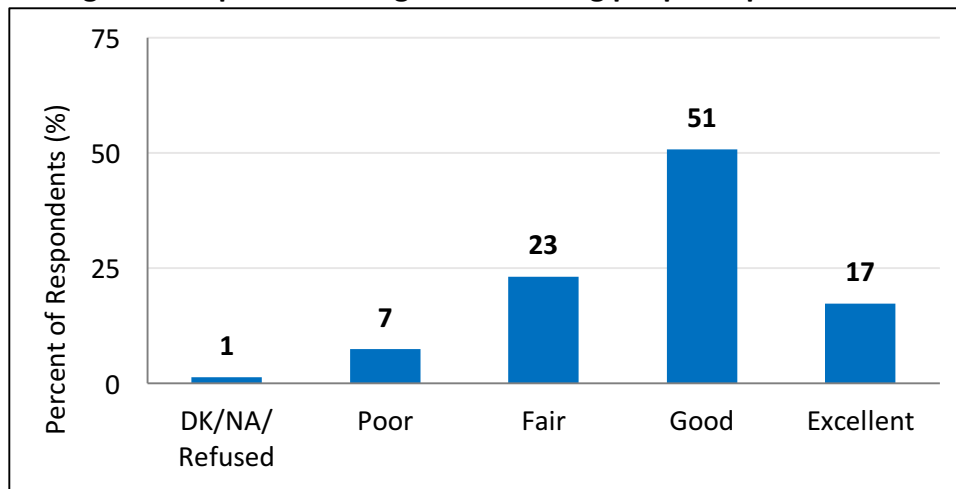
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## State Government Performance Ratings – Informing People about Public Health

### Dangers

- Overall, a majority of Floridians gives the state positive ratings for informing people of public health dangers, such as Zika and other epidemics – either good (51%) or excellent (17%). Relatively few rate the state’s efforts as either fair (23%) or poor (7%).
- The state gets higher shares of positive ratings for informing people about public health dangers from whites and Hispanics, residents living in households with an income of \$75,000 or more, and those with only a high school diploma or less.
- African Americans and residents living in households earning less than \$35,000 are most critical of the state’s performance informing the public of public health dangers.
- Regionally, residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and North Florida are most likely to say that the state does a good or excellent job informing people about public health dangers. Residents of the Naples area are sharply critical of the state’s performance in this area.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**Floridians give state positive ratings for informing people of public health dangers**



Question wording: “How good a job does the state do informing people about public health dangers like Zika and other epidemics? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

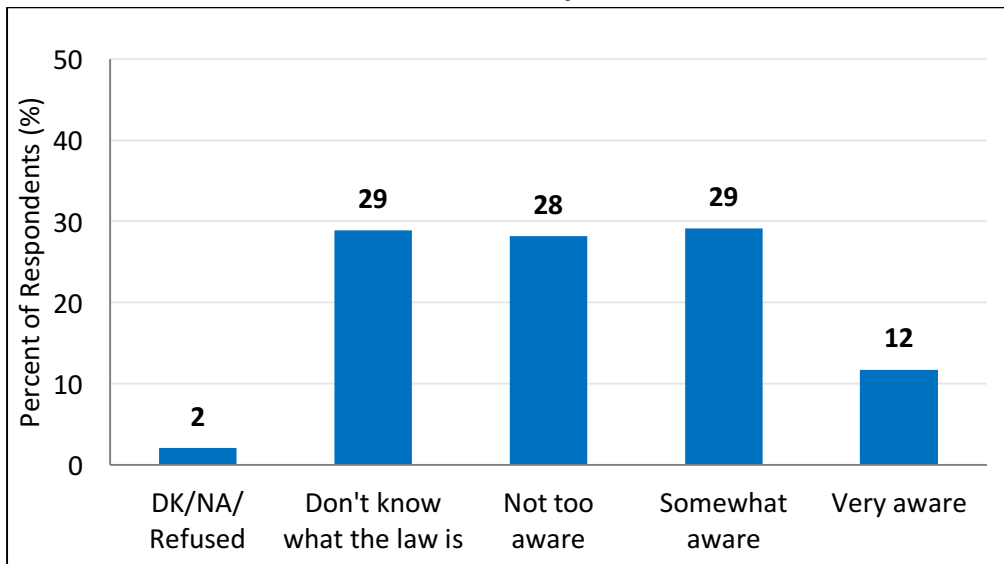
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### How Aware are Florida Drivers of the “Move Over” Law?

- About six-in-ten Floridians (57%) say either that they personally do not know about the “Move Over” law or that they think that Florida drivers are not very aware of the law. Only 41% say that Florida drivers are at least somewhat aware of the law. But just 12% are judged to be very aware.
- The highest shares of Floridians that say they either do not personally know what the “Move Over” law is or who say they think that Florida drivers are not too aware of the law are found among Floridians ages 18 to 34 and 80 and older, Hispanics, the unemployed, and households with an annual income less than \$35,000.
- Regionally, residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale are more likely to say that they personally do not know what the “Move Over” law is. Residents of Palm Beach are more likely to say that Florida drivers are not too aware of the law. A relatively higher share of residents of North Florida say that Florida drivers are at least somewhat aware of the law.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**Most Floridians say that either they do not know about the “Move Over” law themselves or that Florida drivers are not “very aware” of the law**



Question wording: “How aware do you think Florida drivers are of the “Move Over” law? Are they very aware, somewhat aware, not too aware, or do you not know what it is?”

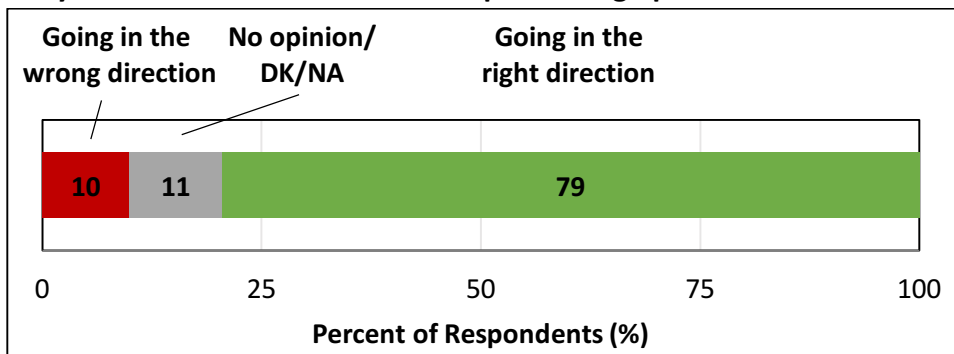
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### Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Drivers with a DUI to Have Equipment in Their Vehicle

- The vast majority – 79% – of Floridians say that it is going in the right direction for the state to require that, on vehicles owned by DUI offenders, devices be installed that prevent people who have consumed alcohol from starting the vehicle. Relatively few say that this is going in the wrong direction (10%) or did not express an opinion (11%).
- Whites, African Americans, residents living in upper-income households, and those with only a high school diploma are most likely to say the state requiring DUI offenders to have devices on vehicles they own that prevent people who have consumed alcohol from starting the vehicle as going in the right direction.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**About 80% of Floridians say that it is going in the right direction for the state to require vehicles owned by DUI offenders to have devices preventing operation under the influence**



Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to, on vehicles owned by DUI offenders, require devices that prevent people who have consumed alcohol from starting the vehicle, would you say that is going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

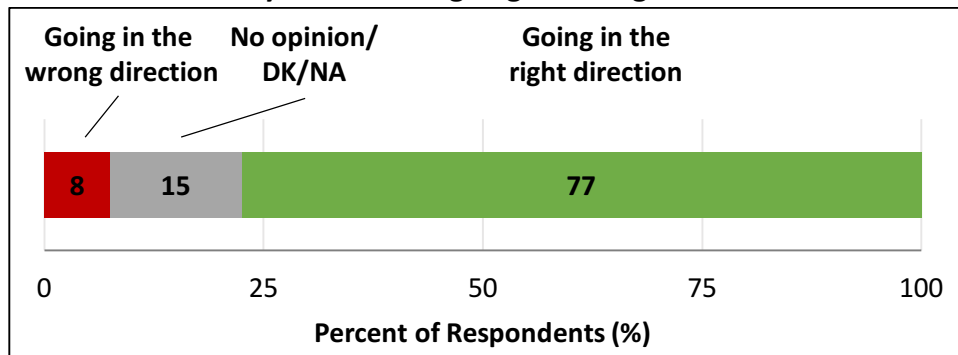
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### Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Motorcycle Owners to Carry Insurance

- About three-in-four Floridians (77%) say that the state requiring motorcycle owners to carry insurance is going in the right direction. Few say that this is going in the wrong direction (8%) or did not express an opinion (15%).
- Women, older Floridians, whites, part-time workers, and residents living in a household earning \$75,000 or more are most likely to say that the state requiring motorcycle owners to purchase vehicle insurance is going in the right direction.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**About three-in-four Floridians say the State requiring motorcycle owners to carry insurance is going in the right direction**



Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to, require owners of motorcycles to purchase vehicle insurance, would you say that is going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

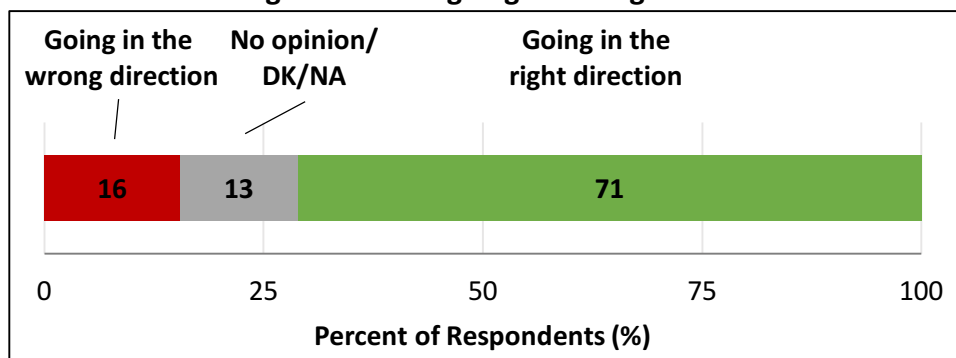
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## Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Increase Minimum Age for Motor Boat License from 14 to 16

- A clear majority of Floridians (71%) say that the state increasing the minimum age to operate a motor boat in Florida from 14 to 16 years of age is going in the right direction. Only 16% say that this change would be going in the wrong direction, while 13% did not express an opinion.
- Women, Floridians ages 55 to 64, whites, Hispanics, residents living in a household earning \$75,000 or more, and college graduates are most likely to say that the state increasing the minimum age to operate a motor boat in Florida from 14 to 16 years of age is going in the right direction.
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### Clear majority of Floridians say increasing the minimum age to operate a motor boat from age 14 to 16 is going in the right direction



Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to, increase the minimum age to operate a motor boat in Florida from 14 to 16 years of age, would you say that is going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

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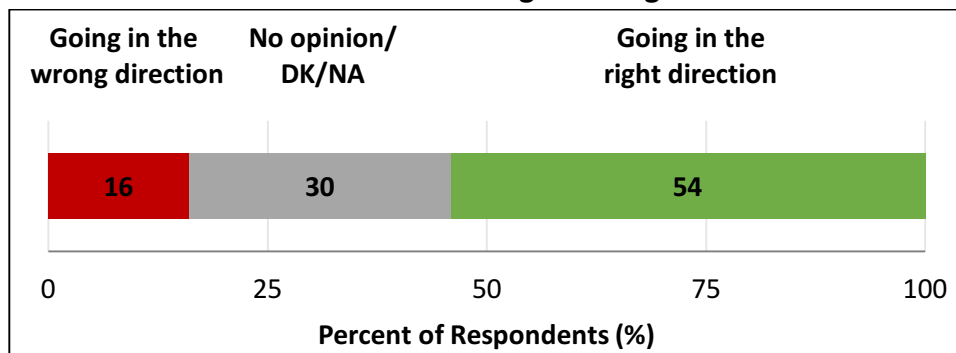
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### Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Public Bus Passengers to Wear Seat Belts

- Just over half of Floridians (54%) say that requiring passengers using public buses to wear seat belts is going in the right direction. Sixteen percent say the change is going in the wrong direction, while roughly twice that (30%) did not express an opinion.
- Women are significantly more likely than men to say that the state requiring public bus passengers to wear seat belts is going in the right direction (63% vs. 45%).
- Older Floridians, part-time workers, retired workers, residents living in households earning less than \$35,000, and those with only a high school diploma or less are most likely to say that the state requiring passengers on public buses to wear seat belts is going in the right direction.
- Regionally, residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale are slightly more likely than others (58% vs. 54% statewide) to say that requiring seat belt use by public bus passengers is going in the right direction, while residents of Naples are significantly more likely than others (34% vs. 16% statewide) to say the proposal is going in the wrong direction.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**More than half of Floridians say requiring public bus passengers to wear seat belts is moving in the right direction**



Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to, require passengers using public buses to wear seat belts, would you say that is going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

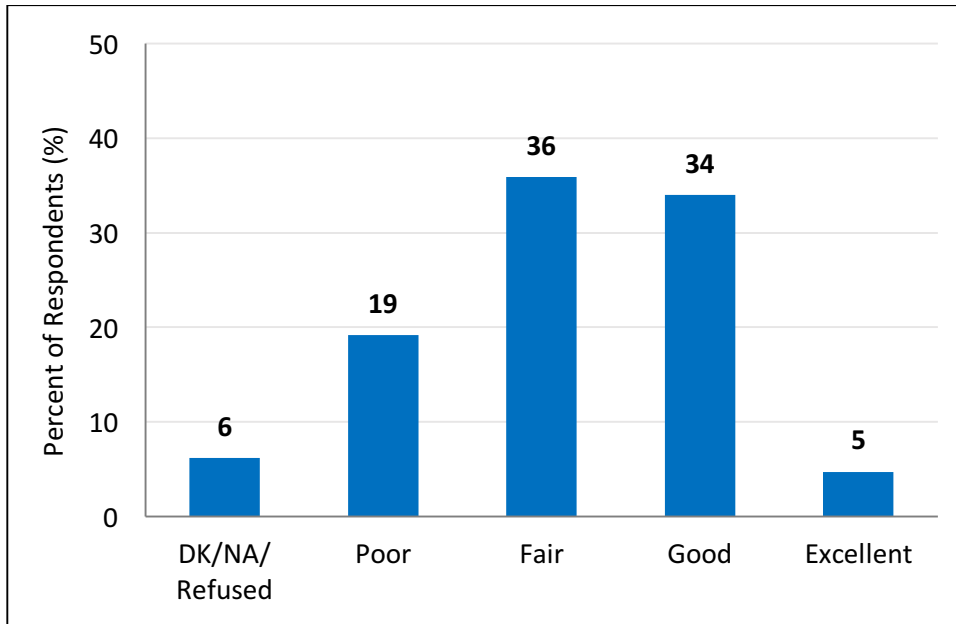
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## State Government Performance Ratings – Prosecuting Criminals

- A majority of Floridians (55%) rate the state’s performance prosecuting criminals as either fair or poor. Only 39% rate the state’s performance in this area positively (either good, 34%, or excellent, 5%).
- Overall, there have been few changes in citizen performance ratings for the state’s performance prosecuting criminals. The share saying the state does a good or excellent job fell slightly since 2010 (43% to 39%).
- African Americans are especially critical of the state’s performance prosecuting criminals, with two-thirds (67%) saying that the state does a fair or poor job, compared with 59% of Hispanics and 49% of whites.
- Men, those not in the workforce, and residents living in households with an income of at least \$35,000 but less than \$75,000 are more likely to approve of the state’s performance prosecuting criminals.
- Regionally, residents of North Florida and Naples give the state more positive ratings for its performance prosecuting criminals, while residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach are more negative.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**Majority of Floridians give fair or poor ratings to the State’s performance in prosecuting criminals**

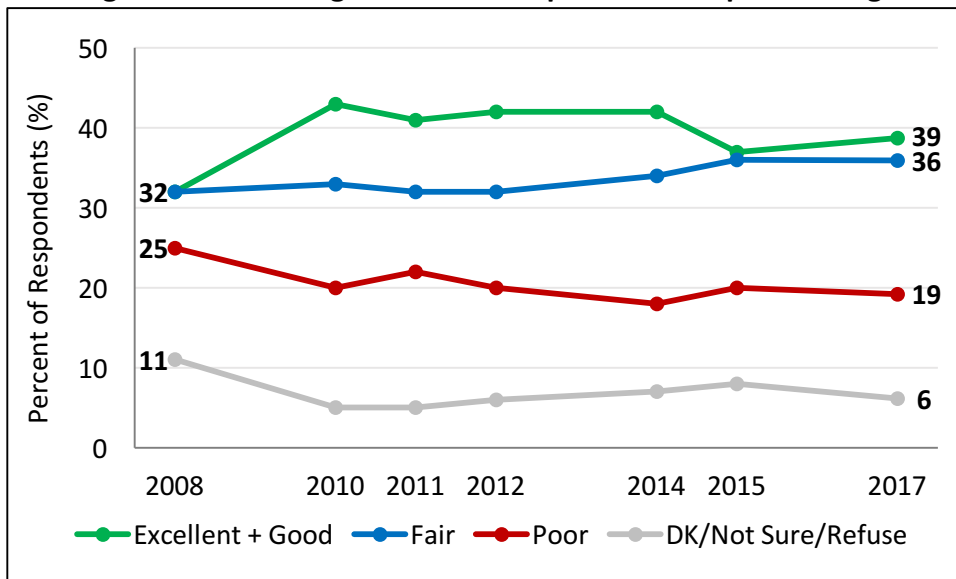


Question wording: “How good a job does the state do prosecuting criminals? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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**Little change in citizen ratings of the state’s performance prosecuting criminals**



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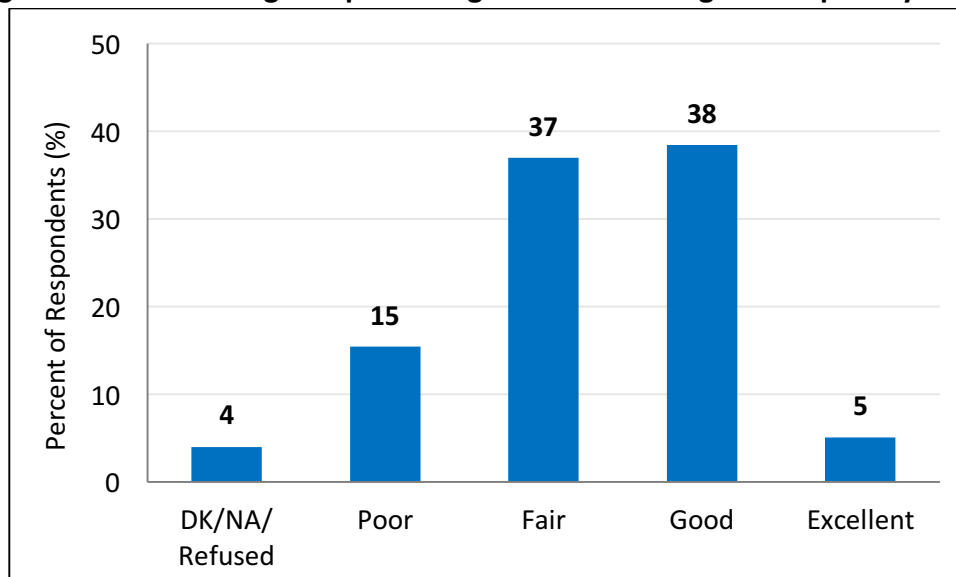
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### State Government Performance Ratings – Protecting the Individual Rights and Privacy of Citizens

- The state receives lukewarm ratings for its performance protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens. Fully 43% give the state good or excellent ratings, while slightly more (52%) rate the state’s performance as only fair or poor.
- Younger (ages 18 to 34) and older (80 and older) Floridians, whites, Hispanics, those not in the workforce, residents living in a household with an income of at least \$35,000, and those with only a high school diploma or less are most likely to say the state does a good or excellent job of protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens.
- Regionally, the state gets the highest share of positive ratings for protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens from residents of Orlando, and more negative ratings from residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Palm Beach, North Florida, and Naples.
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**State gets lukewarm ratings for protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens**

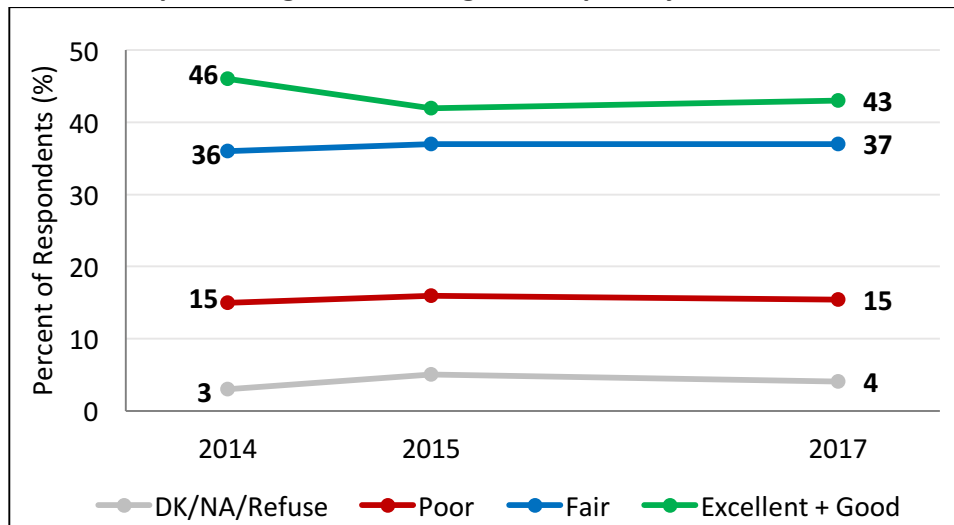


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**Little change since 2014 in citizen ratings of state performance protecting individual rights and privacy of citizens**



Question wording: “How good a job does the state do protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

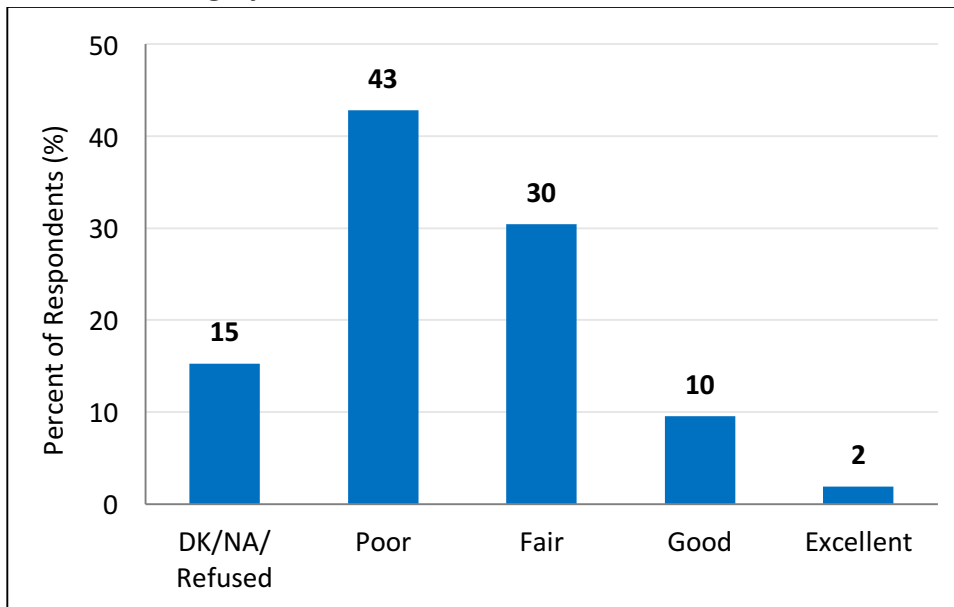
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### State Government Performance Ratings – Rehabilitating Criminal Offenders

- The state receives very poor ratings for its performance rehabilitating criminal offenders, with about four-in-ten Floridians (43%) saying the state does a poor job, and another 30% say the state does only a fair job—for a total of 73% giving the state more negative ratings in this area. Only 12% rate the state’s performance rehabilitating criminal offenders positively.
- Since 2015, there has been a slight uptick to Floridians’ performance ratings of how well Florida rehabilitates criminal offenders, with the share rating the state positively increasing from 8% in 2015 to 12% in 2017.
- Women are significantly more likely than men to have not offered a rating for the state’s performance rehabilitating criminal offenders (19% vs. 11%), suggesting a lack of knowledge of the issue.
- African Americans are critical of the state’s performance rehabilitating criminal offenders, with 59% saying the state does a poor job and another 23% saying the state does a fair job. By comparison, 40% of whites say the state does a poor job and 38% of Hispanics say the state does a poor job.
- About half of unemployed workers (48%) say that the state does a poor job rehabilitating criminal offenders. Conversely, 19% of those not in the workforce say that the state does a good job of the same.
- Those with only a high school diploma or less are most likely to say the state does a good or excellent job of rehabilitating criminal offenders (19%).
- Regionally, residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach are most critical of the state’s performance rehabilitating criminal offenders, while residents of North Florida are the most upbeat.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**Floridians highly critical of State’s rehabilitation criminal offenders**

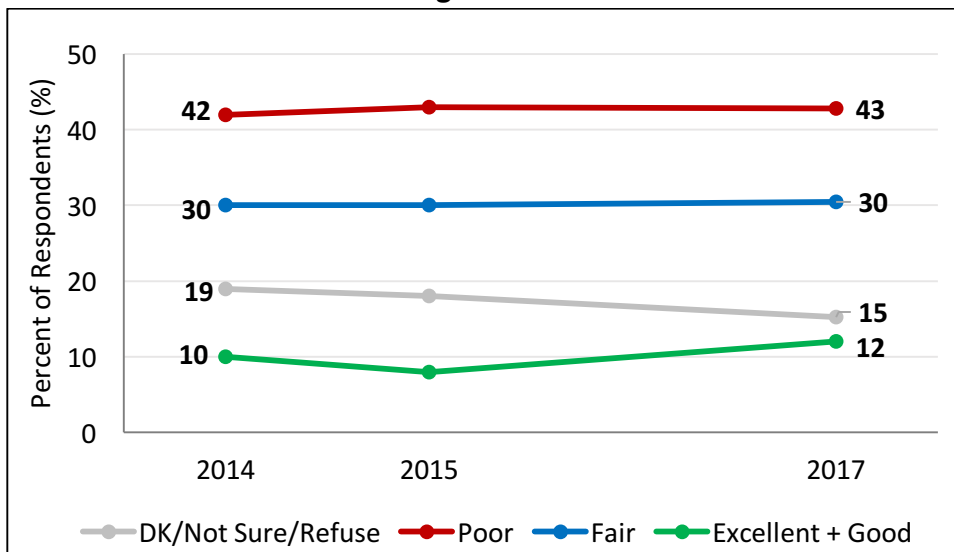


Question wording: “How good a job does the state do rehabilitating criminal offenders? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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**Since 2015, slight uptick in citizen ratings of the state’s performance rehabilitating criminal offenders**



Question wording: “How good a job does the state do rehabilitating criminal offenders? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

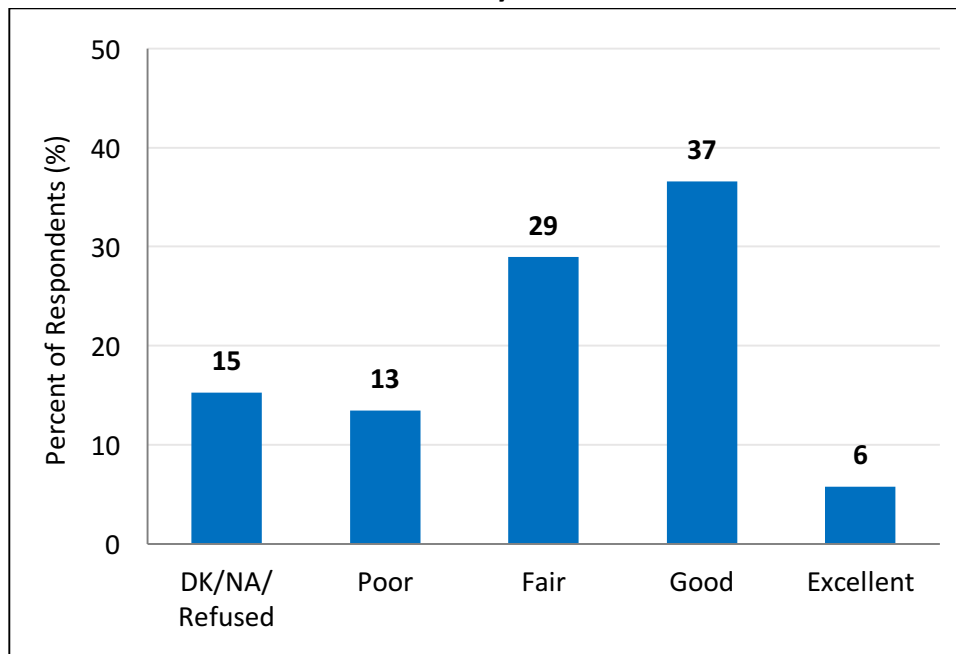
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### State Government Performance Ratings – Protecting People from Internet Threats

- Floridians are mixed on the state’s performance protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services. Nearly equal shares rate the state’s performance in this area as positive (43%) as assign more negative ratings (42%).
- Women are significantly more likely than men to have not offered a rating for the state’s performance protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services (21% vs. 10%), suggesting a lack of knowledge of the issue.
- The state gets the highest share of positive ratings for protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services from younger (ages 18 to 34) and older (80 and older) Floridians, those not in the workforce, lower- and upper-income households, and those with only a high school diploma or less.
- Regionally, residents of North Florida and Orlando are most likely to say that the state does a good or excellent job protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services, while residents of Palm Beach and Miami/Ft. Lauderdale are more critical.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

**Floridians mixed on the State’s performance protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services like electric power and transit systems**



Question wording: “How good a job does the state do protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services like electric power and transit systems? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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## Crosstabulation Analysis

This section provides analysis of all statistically significant differences among several demographic, socioeconomic, and geographic groups. *If results by a certain group are not shown, then any differences cannot be reliably attributed to actual differences between the groups.*

### Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Spend More Money on Efforts to Reduce Opioid Overdoses

**Significant Factors: Right Direction/Wrong Direction:  
Spend More Money on Efforts to Reduce Opioid Overdoses**

Respondent Characteristics		Right direction/wrong direction: Spend more money on efforts to reduce heroin and other opioid drug overdoses		
		Going in the Wrong Direction	No Opinion/DK/NA	Going in the Right Direction
		%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Gender **</b>	<b>Male</b>	15	15	70
	<b>Female</b>	9	17	74
<b>Race/Ethnicity **</b>	<b>White</b>	12	14	74
	<b>African-American</b>	13	19	69
	<b>Hispanic</b>	11	20	69
	<b>Other</b>	12	17	71
<b>Household Income **</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	14	18	68
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	14	16	71
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	10	13	77
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	9	21	71

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: "There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to spend more money on efforts to reduce heroin and other opioid drug overdoses, would you say that was going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?"

Note: Rows sum to total. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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Margin of error differs between various groups depending on sample size.

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**State Government Performance Ratings – Informing People about Public Health Dangers**

**Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Informing People about Public Health Dangers**

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – Informing people about public health dangers				
		DK/NA/Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Race/Ethnicity ***</b>	<b>White</b>	1	7	23	53	16
	<b>African-American</b>	5	10	24	34	27
	<b>Hispanic</b>	1	7	21	58	13
	<b>Other</b>	2	4	30	44	20
<b>Household Income ***</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	2	10	19	53	17
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	1	9	24	50	16
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	<1	6	22	52	19
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	3	3	33	45	17
<b>Education **</b>	<b>High School or less</b>	4	7	19	50	20
	<b>Some College</b>	1	8	23	48	20
	<b>College Grad</b>	<1	7	25	53	14
<b>Region *</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	1	8	24	47	20
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	2	7	22	47	22
	<b>Orlando</b>	1	7	20	58	13
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	2	5	25	51	17
	<b>North Florida</b>	1	6	23	53	18
	<b>Naples</b>	2	16	28	49	4

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “How good a job does the state do informing people about public health dangers like Zika and other epidemics? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

Note: Rows sum to total. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. Results for Naples based on a small number of responses and should be interpreted with caution.

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How Aware are Florida Drivers of the “Move Over” Law?

Significant Factors: How Aware are Florida Drivers of the “Move Over” Law?

Respondent Characteristics		How aware do you think Florida drivers are of the “Move Over” law? Are they very aware, somewhat aware, not too aware, or do they not know what it is?				
		DK/NA/Refused	Don’t Know What the Law Is	Not Too Aware	Somewhat Aware	Very Aware
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Age Group ***</b>	<b>18-34</b>	1	33	21	33	12
	<b>35-54</b>	2	27	29	30	12
	<b>55-64</b>	1	26	30	26	17
	<b>65-79</b>	2	27	35	28	8
	<b>80 and older</b>	12	35	28	20	5
<b>Race/Ethnicity *</b>	<b>White</b>	2	27	30	30	11
	<b>African-American</b>	3	26	19	36	17
	<b>Hispanic</b>	3	32	31	23	11
	<b>Other</b>	2	37	27	27	7
<b>Employment Status ***</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	<1	29	27	30	14
	<b>Part Time</b>	2	30	29	34	5
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	3	17	32	35	13
	<b>Unemployed</b>	2	38	21	29	10
	<b>Retired</b>	4	28	32	24	12
<b>Household Income ***</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	2	32	30	30	5
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	2	27	30	30	11
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	<1	27	25	30	17
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	6	32	26	22	15
<b>Region ***</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	3	30	31	24	13
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	2	35	30	24	10
	<b>Orlando</b>	3	30	27	30	11
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	2	19	36	33	10
	<b>North Florida</b>	2	25	18	39	17
	<b>Naples</b>	0	27	31	34	8

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “How aware do you think Florida drivers are of the “Move Over” law? Are they very aware, somewhat aware, not too aware, or do you not know what it is?”

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## Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Drivers with a DUI to Have Equipment in Their Vehicle

### Significant Factors: Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Drivers with a DUI to Have Equipment in Their Vehicle

Respondent Characteristics		Right direction/wrong direction: On vehicles owned by DUI offenders, require devices that prevent people who have consumed alcohol from starting the vehicle		
		Going in the Wrong Direction	No Opinion/DK/NA	Going in the Right Direction
		%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Race/Ethnicity **</b>	<b>White</b>	9	9	81
	<b>African-American</b>	6	14	80
	<b>Hispanic</b>	16	10	74
	<b>Other</b>	5	17	78
<b>Household Income *</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	11	9	80
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	13	13	75
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	8	9	83
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	8	13	80
<b>Education *</b>	<b>High School or less</b>	10	7	84
	<b>Some College</b>	10	14	76
	<b>College Grad</b>	10	9	81

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to on vehicles owned by DUI offenders, require devices that prevent people who have consumed alcohol from starting the vehicle, would you say that was going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

Note: Rows sum to total. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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**Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Motorcycle Owners to Carry Insurance**

**Significant Factors: Right Direction/Wrong Direction:  
Require Owners of Motorcycles to Purchase Vehicle Insurance**

Respondent Characteristics		Right direction/wrong direction: Require owners of motorcycles to purchase vehicle insurance		
		Going in the Wrong Direction	No Opinion/DK/NA	Going in the Right Direction
		%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Gender ***</b>	<b>Male</b>	11	16	73
	<b>Female</b>	4	14	82
<b>Age Group ***</b>	<b>18-34</b>	10	19	71
	<b>35-54</b>	8	15	77
	<b>55-64</b>	6	12	81
	<b>65-79</b>	5	12	83
	<b>80 and older</b>	2	13	85
<b>Child at Home ***</b>	<b>Yes</b>	6	23	71
	<b>No</b>	8	12	80
<b>Race/Ethnicity ***</b>	<b>White</b>	7	11	82
	<b>African-American</b>	7	17	76
	<b>Hispanic</b>	7	23	70
	<b>Other</b>	13	17	70
<b>Employment Status ***</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	10	15	75
	<b>Part Time</b>	6	10	84
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	0	20	80
	<b>Unemployed</b>	16	21	63
	<b>Retired</b>	5	13	81
<b>Household Income **</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	9	16	75
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	9	17	74
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	5	10	85
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	7	20	73
<b>Child Enrolled in School ***</b>	<b>Child in School</b>	6	22	72
	<b>No Child in School</b>	8	12	79

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: "There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to require owners of motorcycles to purchase vehicle insurance, would you say that was going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?"

Note: Rows sum to total. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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**Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Increase Minimum Age for Motor Boat License from 14 to 16**

**Significant Factors: Right Direction/Wrong Direction:  
Increase Minimum Age for Motor Boat License from 14 to 16**

Respondent Characteristics		Right direction/wrong direction: Increase the minimum age to operate a motor boat in Florida from 14 to 16 years of age		
		Going in the Wrong Direction	No Opinion/DK/NA	Going in the Right Direction
		%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Gender ***</b>	<b>Male</b>	18	18	64
	<b>Female</b>	13	9	78
<b>Age Group ***</b>	<b>18-34</b>	19	18	63
	<b>35-54</b>	17	11	72
	<b>55-64</b>	9	8	83
	<b>65-79</b>	12	12	75
	<b>80 and older</b>	14	23	63
<b>Race/Ethnicity ***</b>	<b>White</b>	13	12	75
	<b>African-American</b>	21	23	56
	<b>Hispanic</b>	20	6	74
	<b>Other</b>	14	23	63
<b>Employment Status **</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	14	13	73
	<b>Part Time</b>	19	11	70
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	12	18	70
	<b>Unemployed</b>	27	10	63
	<b>Retired</b>	12	14	74
<b>Household Income ***</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	17	13	70
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	15	13	73
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	10	12	78
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	27	19	55
<b>Education **</b>	<b>High School or less</b>	19	20	61
	<b>Some College</b>	16	14	70
	<b>College Grad</b>	14	11	76

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: "There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to increase the minimum age to operate a motor boat in Florida from 14 to 16, would you say that was going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?"

Note: Rows sum to total. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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**Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Require Public Bus Passengers to Wear Seat Belts**

**Significant Factors: Right Direction/Wrong Direction:  
Require Public Bus Passengers to Wear Seat Belts**

Respondent Characteristics		Right direction/wrong direction: Require passengers using public buses to wear seat belts		
		Going in the Wrong Direction	No Opinion/DK/NA	Going in the Right Direction
		%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Gender ***</b>	<b>Male</b>	21	35	45
	<b>Female</b>	12	25	63
<b>Age Group **</b>	<b>18-34</b>	16	30	55
	<b>35-54</b>	17	31	53
	<b>55-64</b>	16	29	55
	<b>65-79</b>	18	29	53
	<b>80 and older</b>	12	27	61
<b>Employment Status **</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	18	33	49
	<b>Part Time</b>	13	29	58
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	13	36	51
	<b>Unemployed</b>	17	29	53
	<b>Retired</b>	16	25	58
<b>Household Income ***</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	14	23	63
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	18	28	54
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	14	37	49
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	20	31	49
<b>Education *</b>	<b>High School or less</b>	11	29	60
	<b>Some College</b>	18	27	54
	<b>College Grad</b>	16	32	52
<b>Region ***</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	19	30	51
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	13	29	58
	<b>Orlando</b>	14	33	53
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	13	34	54
	<b>North Florida</b>	13	31	56
	<b>Naples</b>	34	15	51

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: "There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to require passengers on public buses to wear seat belts, would you say that was going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?"

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State Government Performance Ratings – Prosecuting Criminals

Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Prosecuting Criminals

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – Prosecuting criminals				
		DK/NA/Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Gender **</b>	<b>Male</b>	5	19	35	35	7
	<b>Female</b>	8	19	37	33	3
<b>Race/Ethnicity *</b>	<b>White</b>	7	16	34	38	5
	<b>African-American</b>	4	26	41	22	6
	<b>Hispanic</b>	6	23	36	32	3
	<b>Other</b>	6	18	40	29	6
<b>Employment Status ***</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	3	20	41	32	4
	<b>Part Time</b>	6	19	39	35	2
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	9	12	31	45	4
	<b>Unemployed</b>	5	27	38	24	6
	<b>Retired</b>	10	18	30	36	7
<b>Household Income *</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	8	17	36	32	7
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	5	19	36	37	4
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	4	20	38	36	3
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	11	22	30	29	7
<b>Region **</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	9	14	40	33	5
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	5	25	36	28	6
	<b>Orlando</b>	6	19	34	36	4
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	5	17	44	31	2
	<b>North Florida</b>	4	18	32	39	7
	<b>Naples</b>	7	23	24	46	0

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “How good a job does the state do prosecuting criminals? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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**State Government Performance Ratings – Protecting the Individual Rights and Privacy of Citizens**

**Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Protecting the Individual Rights and Privacy of Citizens**

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens				
		DK/NA/Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Gender *</b>	Male	3	18	36	38	6
	Female	5	13	38	39	4
<b>Age Group ***</b>	18-34	3	13	31	44	8
	35-54	3	18	43	35	2
	55-64	4	17	33	39	7
	65-79	6	15	42	34	3
	80 and older	8	11	26	43	12
<b>Child at Home **</b>	Yes	4	12	41	41	2
	No	4	17	35	38	6
<b>Race/Ethnicity *</b>	White	4	14	37	40	5
	African-American	2	22	39	30	7
	Hispanic	6	14	35	42	3
	Other	3	19	40	33	4
<b>Employment Status ***</b>	Full Time	1	15	37	42	4
	Part Time	1	13	41	40	5
	Not in Work Force	4	13	29	49	6
	Unemployed	8	24	36	26	5
	Retired	7	14	37	36	6
<b>Household Income ***</b>	<\$35,000	3	17	38	33	10
	\$35,000-\$74,999	4	13	36	44	3
	\$75,000+	4	16	34	43	3
	DK/NA/Refused	7	17	44	27	5
<b>Education **</b>	High School or less	5	8	37	41	9
	Some College	3	17	38	38	4
	College Grad	5	17	36	38	4
<b>Child Enrolled in School **</b>	Child in School	4	13	41	40	2
	No Child in School	4	16	35	38	6

Note: See full notes at end of table.



**Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Protecting the Individual Rights and Privacy of Citizens, cont.**

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens				
		DK/NA/Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Region ***</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	7	9	40	39	5
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	5	23	33	34	5
	<b>Orlando</b>	3	13	30	48	5
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	4	17	41	35	3
	<b>North Florida</b>	1	12	45	34	8
	<b>Naples</b>	5	22	34	37	2

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “How good a job does the state do protecting the individual rights and privacy of citizens? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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**State Government Performance Ratings – Rehabilitating Criminal Offenders**

**Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Rehabilitating Criminal Offenders**

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – Rehabilitating criminal offenders				
		DK/NA/Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Gender ***</b>	<b>Male</b>	11	44	32	10	3
	<b>Female</b>	19	42	30	8	1
<b>Age Group ***</b>	<b>18-34</b>	11	41	34	11	3
	<b>35-54</b>	14	44	33	8	1
	<b>55-64</b>	16	46	24	11	3
	<b>65-79</b>	21	45	28	6	0
	<b>80 and older</b>	22	31	26	15	6
<b>Child at Home **</b>	<b>Yes</b>	14	41	37	7	1
	<b>No</b>	16	43	28	11	2

Note: See full notes at end of table.

Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Rehabilitating Criminal Offenders, *cont.*

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – Rehabilitating criminal offenders				
		DK/NA/ Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Race/Ethnicity ***</b>	<b>White</b>	14	40	33	9	3
	<b>African-American</b>	11	59	23	6	1
	<b>Hispanic</b>	18	38	30	13	1
	<b>Other</b>	21	48	22	7	1
<b>Employment Status **</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	13	43	34	9	1
	<b>Part Time</b>	16	40	36	7	3
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	11	35	35	19	0
	<b>Unemployed</b>	14	48	23	10	4
	<b>Retired</b>	19	43	26	9	2
<b>Household Income *</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	11	43	32	11	3
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	17	44	28	11	<1
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	14	43	32	8	2
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	22	40	30	5	3
<b>Education *</b>	<b>High School or less</b>	14	36	31	15	4
	<b>Some College</b>	15	45	29	10	2
	<b>College Grad</b>	16	44	31	8	1
<b>Child Enrolled in School **</b>	<b>Child in School</b>	15	42	36	7	1
	<b>No Child in School</b>	15	43	28	11	2
<b>Region ***</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	17	41	34	7	2
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	16	46	24	12	1
	<b>Orlando</b>	15	38	37	7	2
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	19	50	26	3	2
	<b>North Florida</b>	6	43	32	15	3
	<b>Naples</b>	23	39	25	11	2

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “How good a job does the state do rehabilitating criminal offenders? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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**State Government Performance Ratings – Protecting People from Internet Threats**

**Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings –  
Protecting People from Internet Threats**

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings – Protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services				
		DK/NA/Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
<b>All Floridians</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Gender ***</b>	<b>Male</b>	10	17	30	36	7
	<b>Female</b>	21	10	27	38	4
<b>Age Group ***</b>	<b>18-34</b>	12	11	28	38	10
	<b>35-54</b>	15	13	30	39	3
	<b>55-64</b>	17	12	31	33	6
	<b>65-79</b>	19	18	31	29	3
	<b>80 and older</b>	16	15	20	39	9
<b>Employment Status *</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	13	12	33	37	5
	<b>Part Time</b>	13	9	30	40	7
	<b>Not in Work Force</b>	22	8	21	43	6
	<b>Unemployed</b>	15	19	30	29	7
	<b>Retired</b>	17	16	25	36	6
<b>Household Income ***</b>	<b>&lt;\$35,000</b>	12	15	25	41	8
	<b>\$35,000-\$74,999</b>	15	10	35	36	4
	<b>\$75,000+</b>	13	12	30	40	5
	<b>DK/NA/Refused</b>	27	23	21	22	7
<b>Education ***</b>	<b>High School or less</b>	15	10	25	39	11
	<b>Some College</b>	17	14	24	41	4
	<b>College Grad</b>	14	14	35	32	5
<b>Region *</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	17	13	27	35	8
	<b>Miami/Ft. Lauderdale</b>	16	14	31	34	4
	<b>Orlando</b>	16	10	28	40	6
	<b>Palm Beach</b>	9	15	36	36	4
	<b>North Florida</b>	11	13	29	41	6
	<b>Naples</b>	26	22	22	27	4

Significance levels: \* 0.05; \*\* 0.01; \*\*\* 0.001

Question wording: “How good a job does the state do protecting people from Internet threats to individuals and vital services like electric power and transit systems? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?”

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