

Utah League of Cities & Towns

Survey conducted by

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Methodology

- How? Conducted by telephone
- When? Evenings, March 10-22, 2010
- Who? 604 Utah residents
- Margin of error: $\pm 4.0\%$

Objectives

- Identify top issues facing communities.
- Discover how the economy has affected Utahns' perception of government.
- Compare data from previous surveys.
(2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008)

Issues



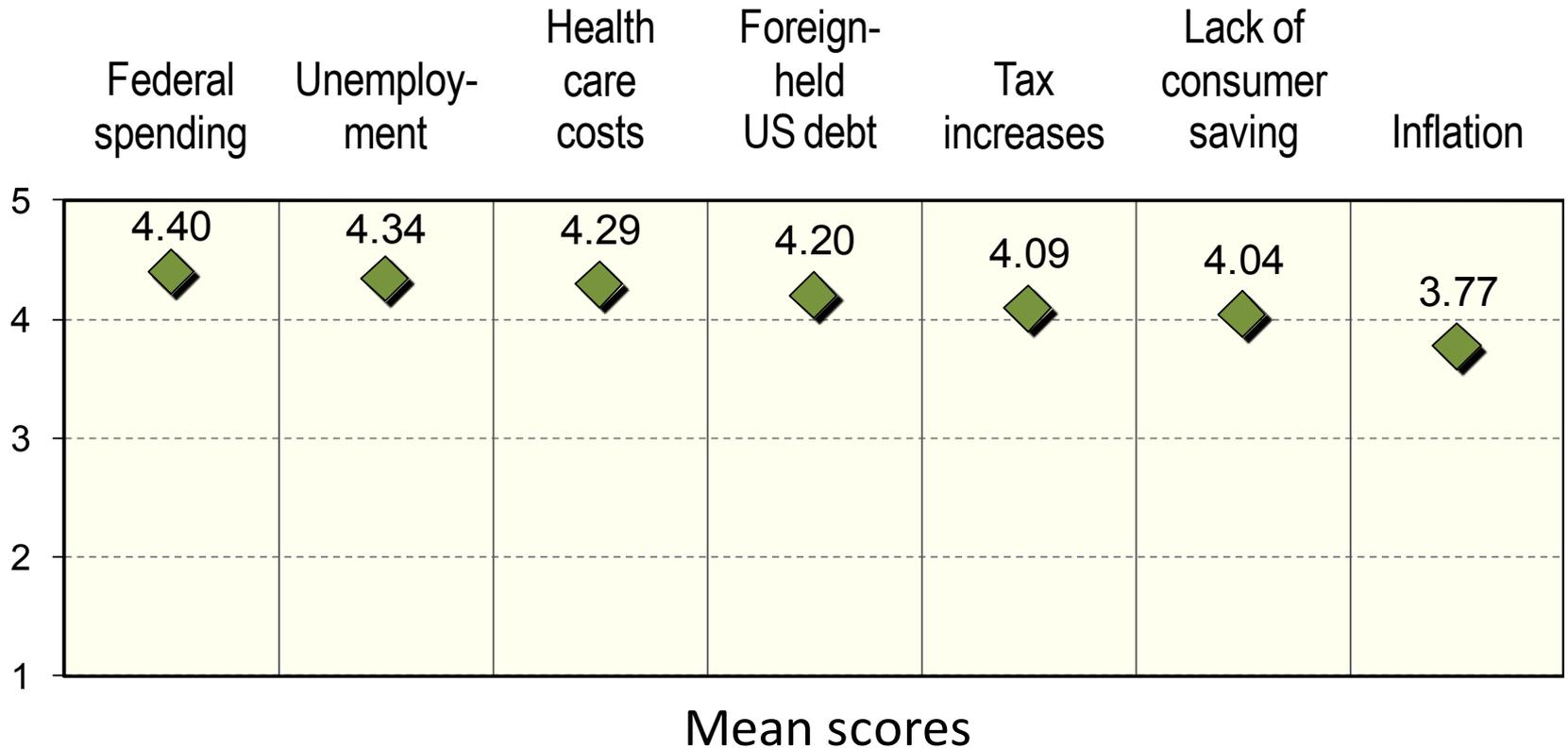
What are the top three issues facing your community?

(Unaided; top responses)

	2007	2010
Education/ schools	14%	20%
Employment/ jobs	---	10%
Growth/ population	6%	8%
Economy	---	7%
Taxes	7%	6%
Roads/ streets	7%	5%
Crime/ gangs	12%	3%
Healthcare/ insurance	1%	3%
Budget problems/ government spending	---	3%
Don't know	14%	13%

How concerned are you about...?

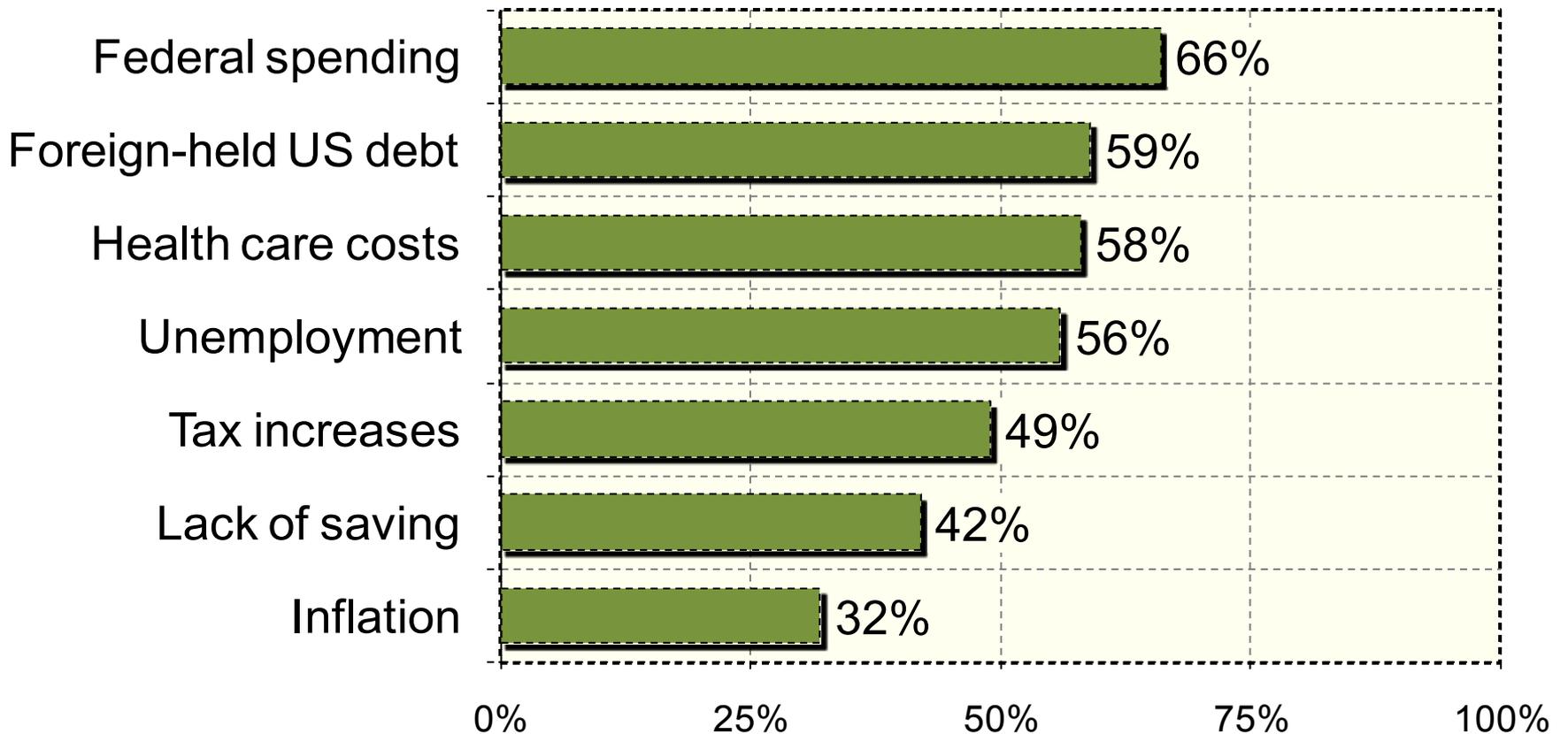
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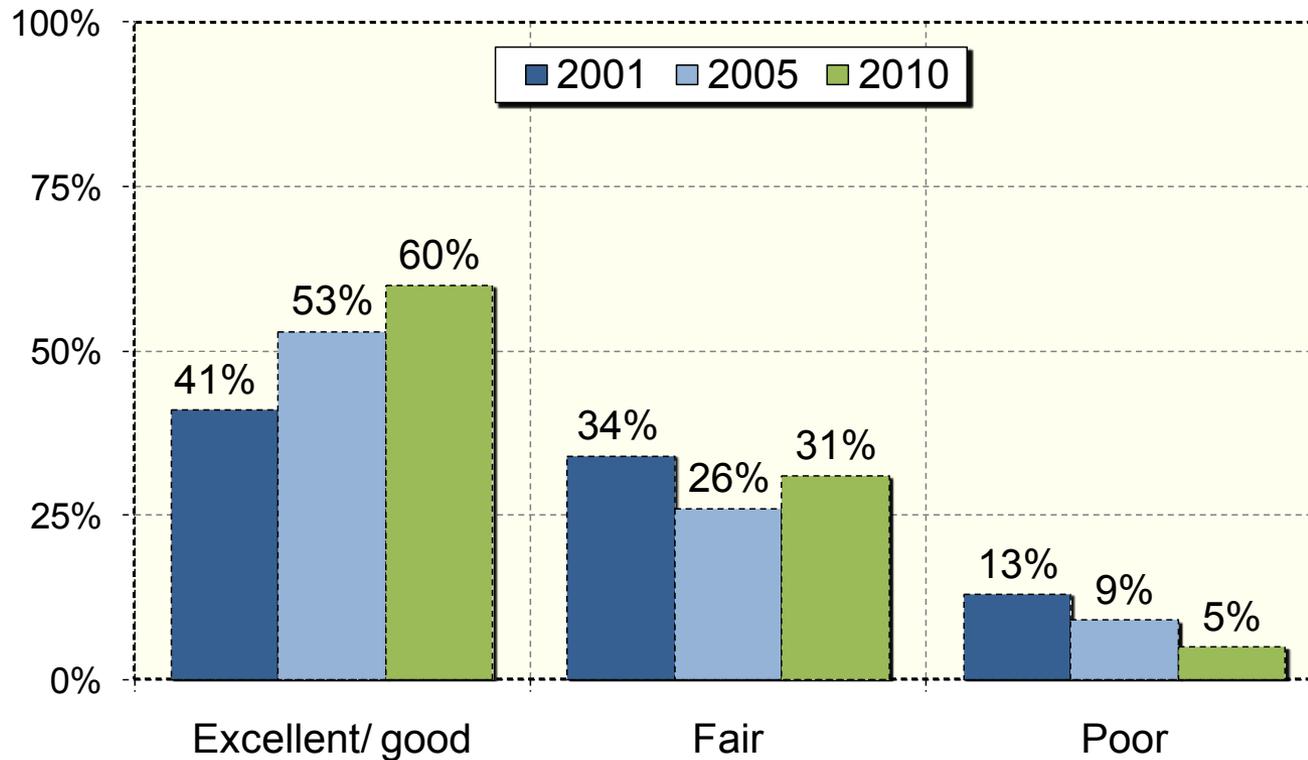
"Very concerned"



Taxes



How well is your city or town managing your tax dollars?



Why do you feel that way?

(If “excellent” or “good.” Number responding: 314)

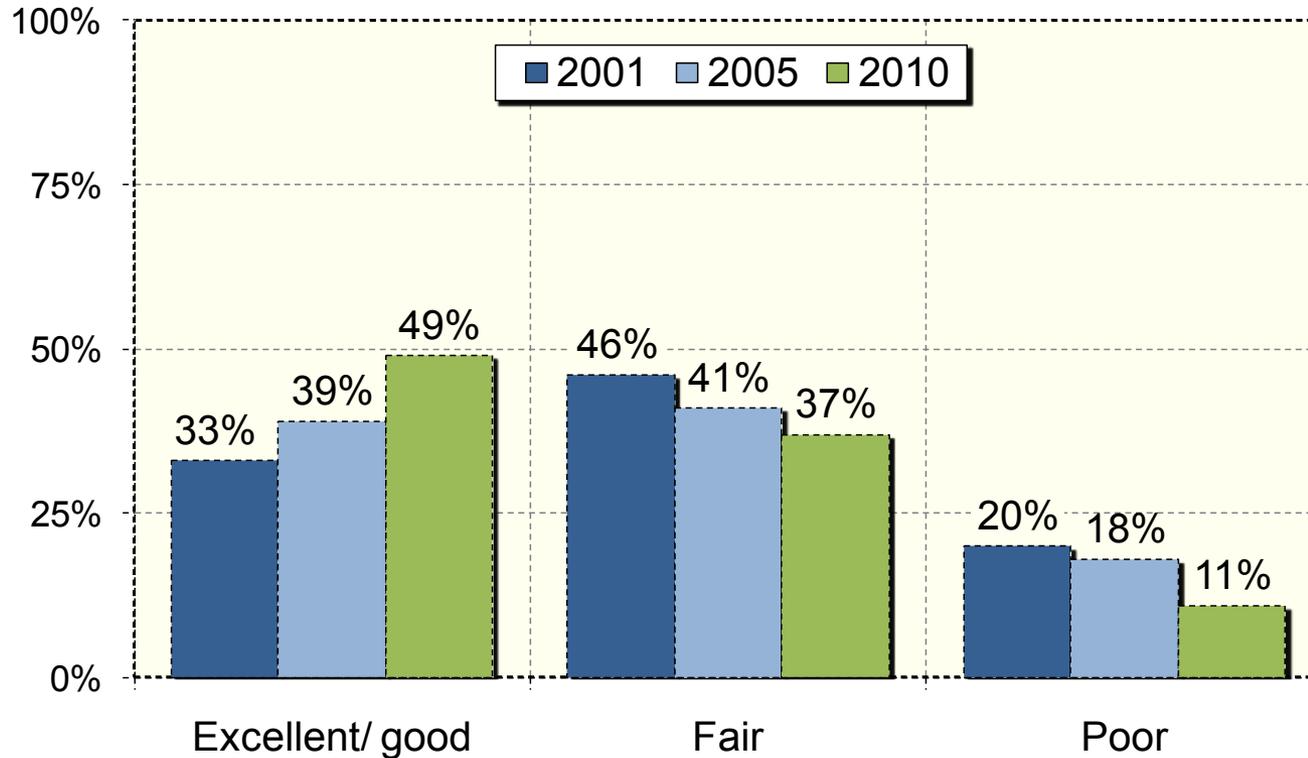
<i>Top responses</i>	<i>2010</i>
Do a good job/ no complaints	18%
Fiscally responsible	14%
I am happy with services	12%
Haven't heard or seen anything bad	8%
Comments about mayors/ government	7%
Tax comments	6%
Seen a lot of improvement	6%
Road comments	5%
Town well-kept/ clean/ maintained	4%

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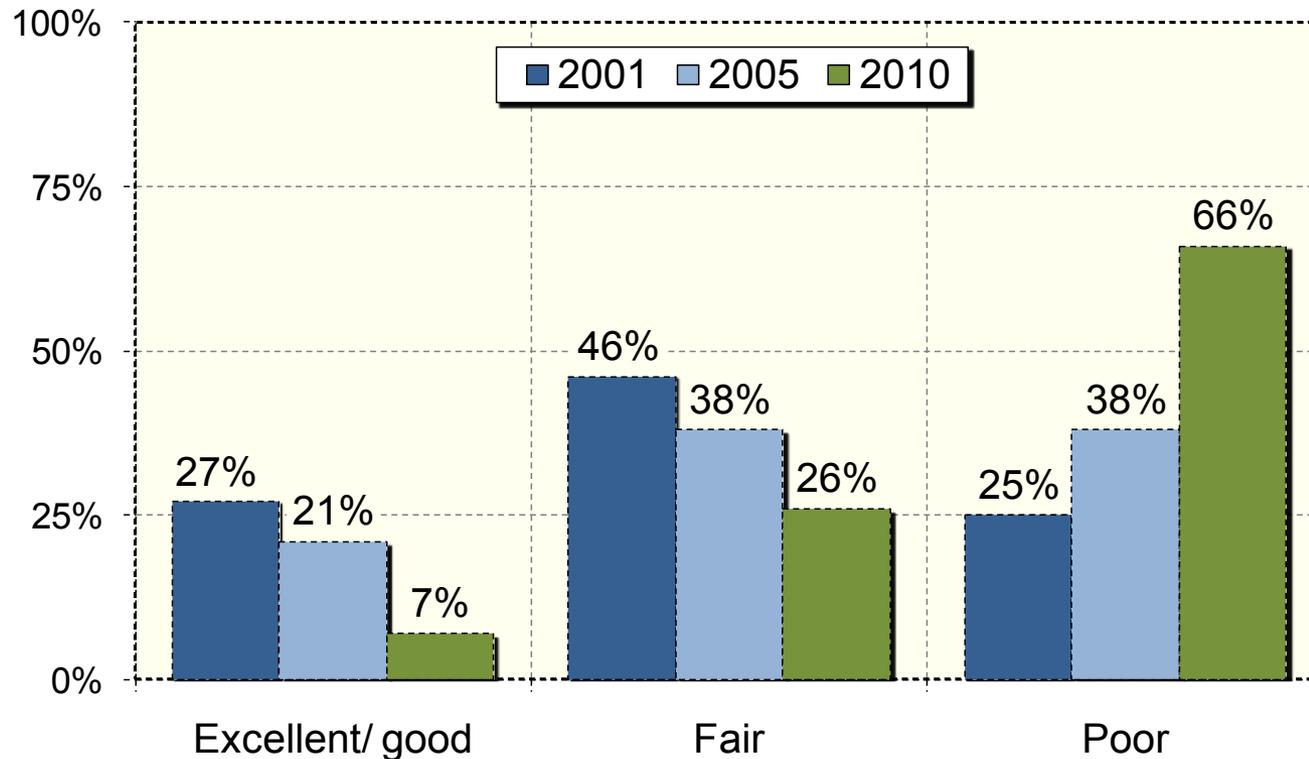
(If “fair” or “poor.” Number responding: 189)

<i>Top responses</i>	<i>2010</i>
Funds/ wasteful spending	23%
Miscellaneous government comments/ mayors	8%
Don't agree with priorities	8%
Can't see where taxes are going	8%
Education/ school comments	8%
Miscellaneous road issues	7%
Could do better/ not doing enough	6%
They do a fair job	6%
Don't get services	4%
Over-development comments	4%

How well is the Utah state government managing your tax dollars?

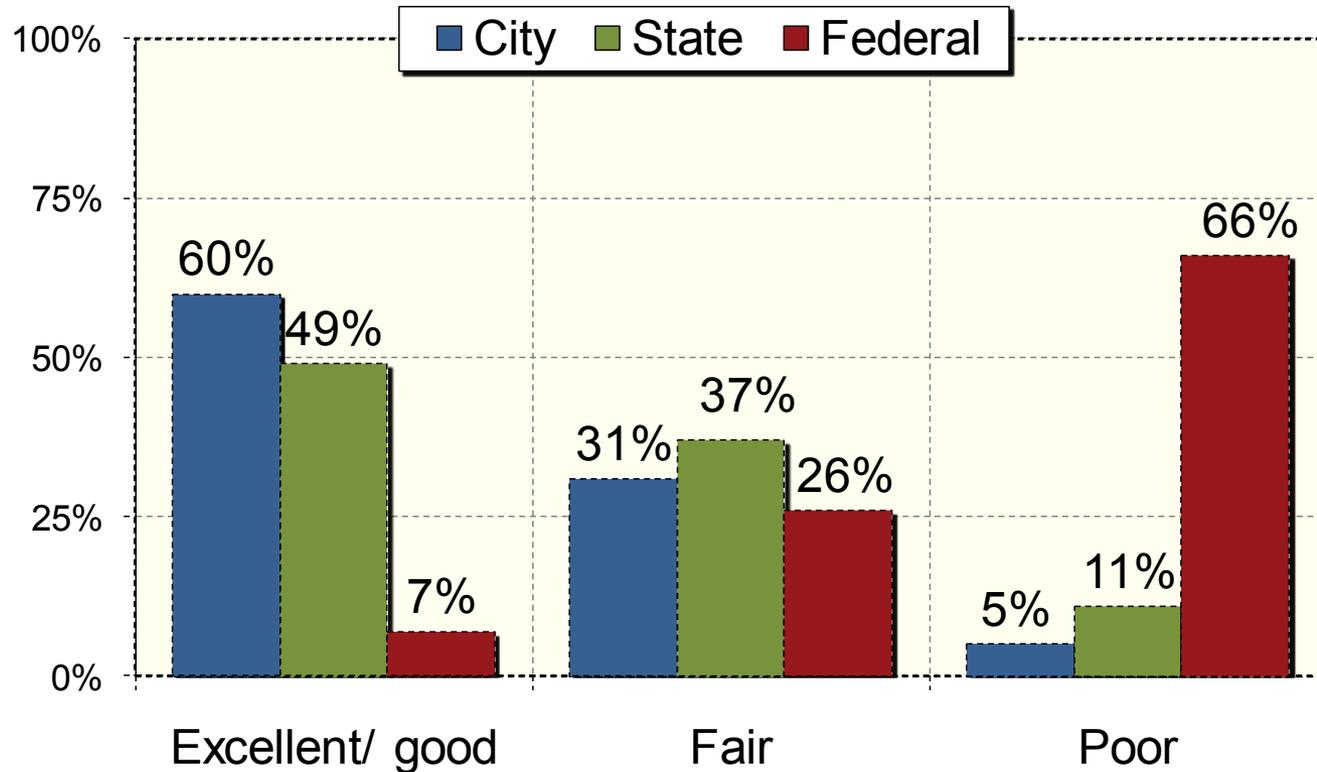


How well is the federal government managing your tax dollars?



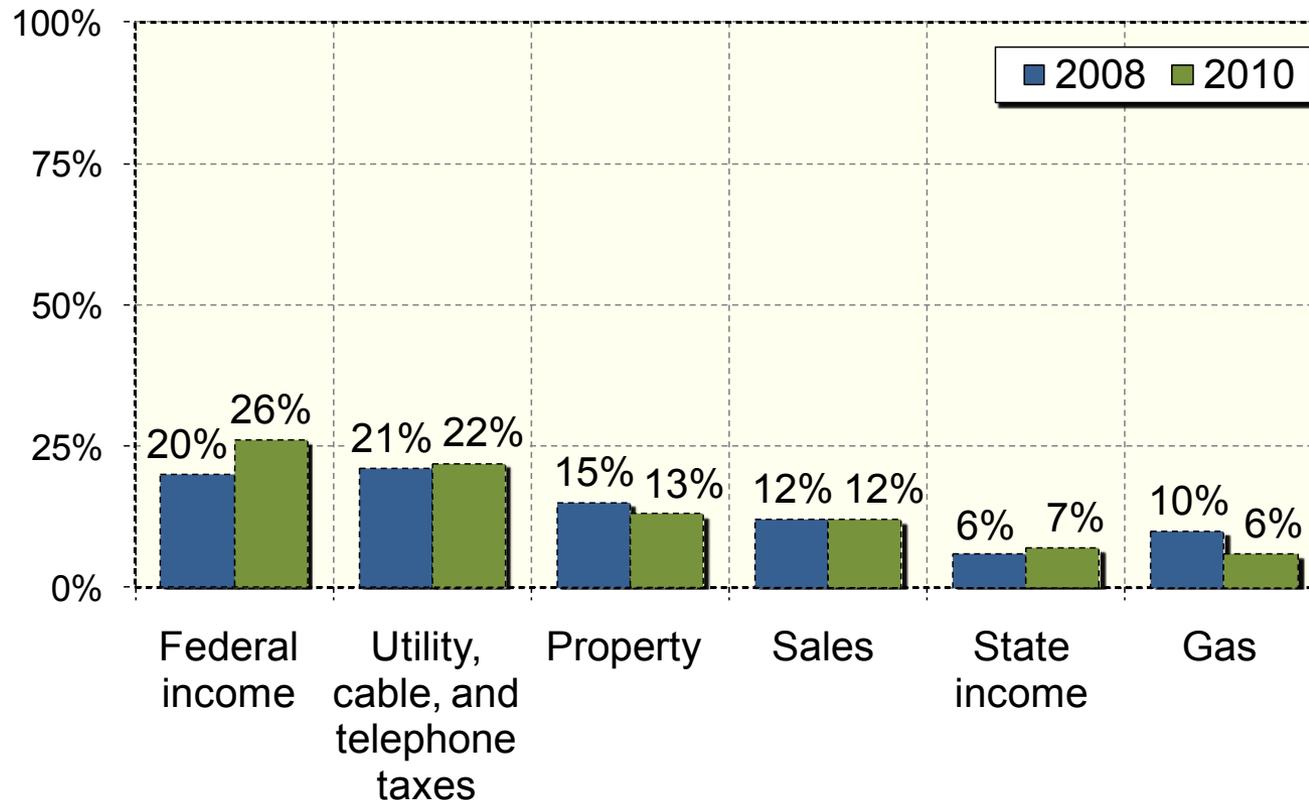
“Poor” ratings increase 41% between 2001 and 2010

For managing your tax dollars, how would you rate...?



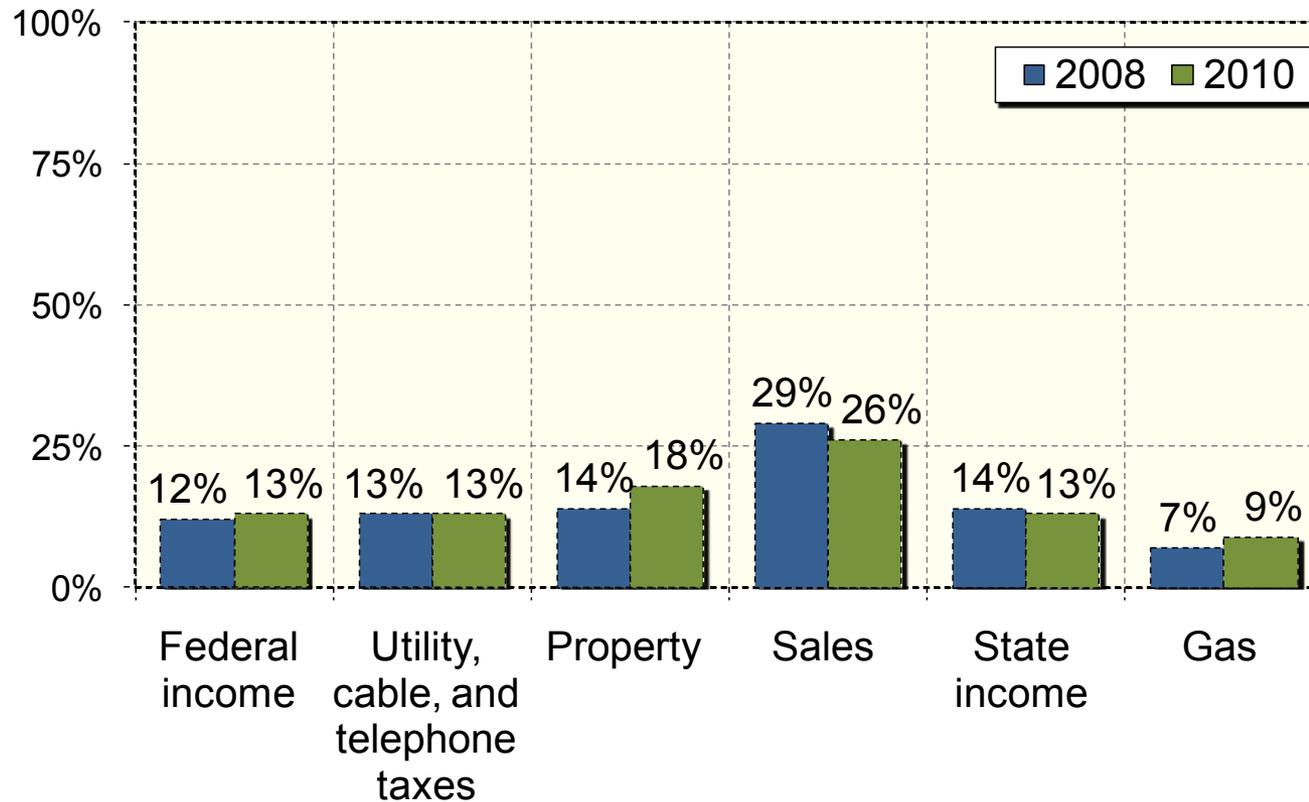
Which tax do you oppose the most?

(Top responses)

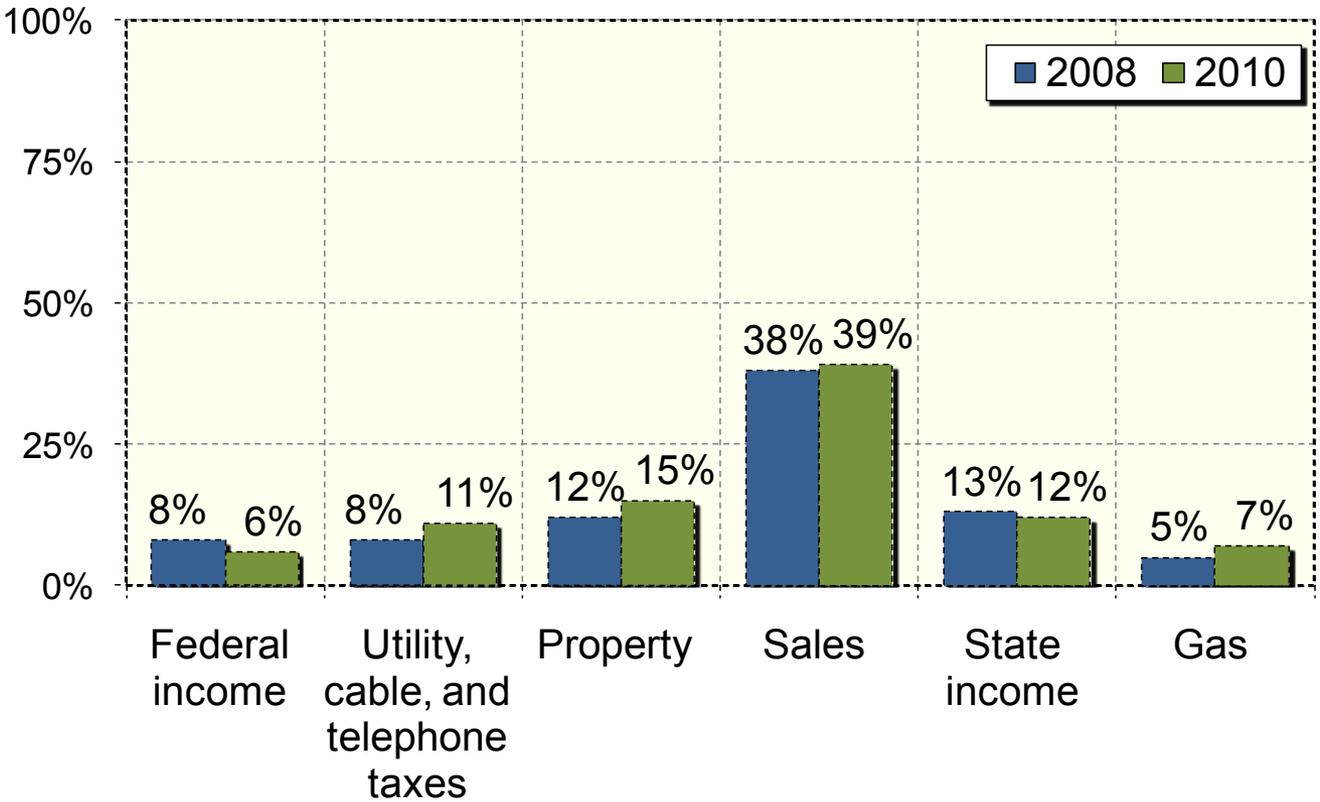


Which tax do you oppose the least?

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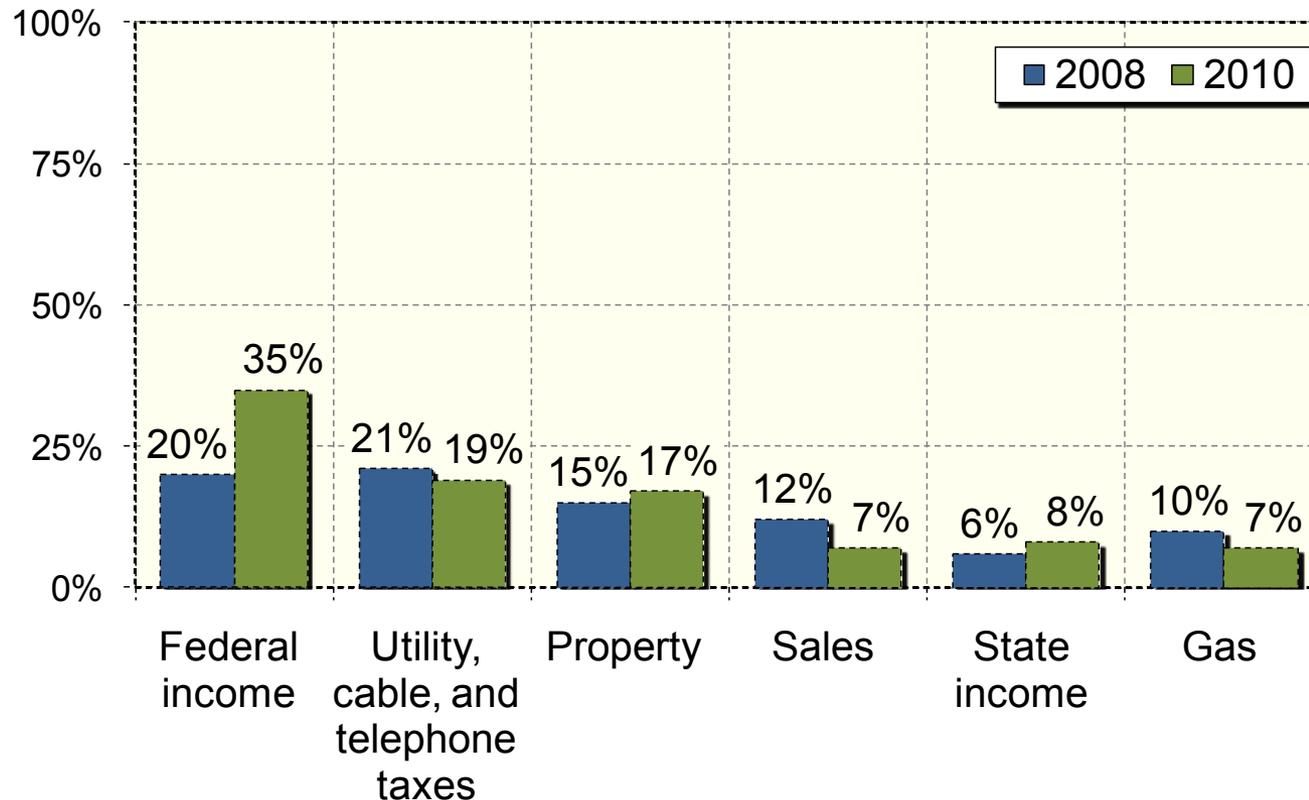


Which tax do you consider the most fair? (Top responses)



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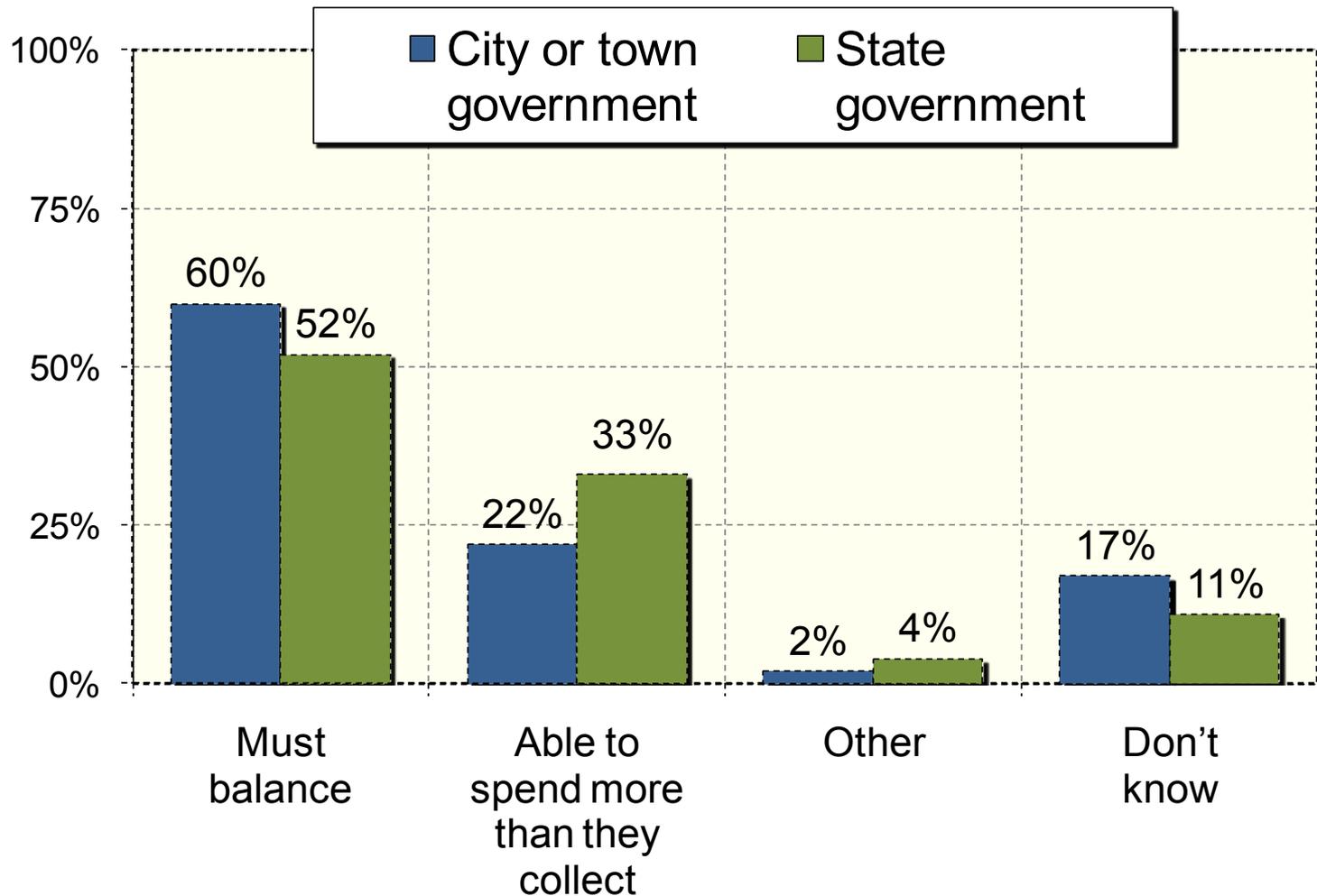
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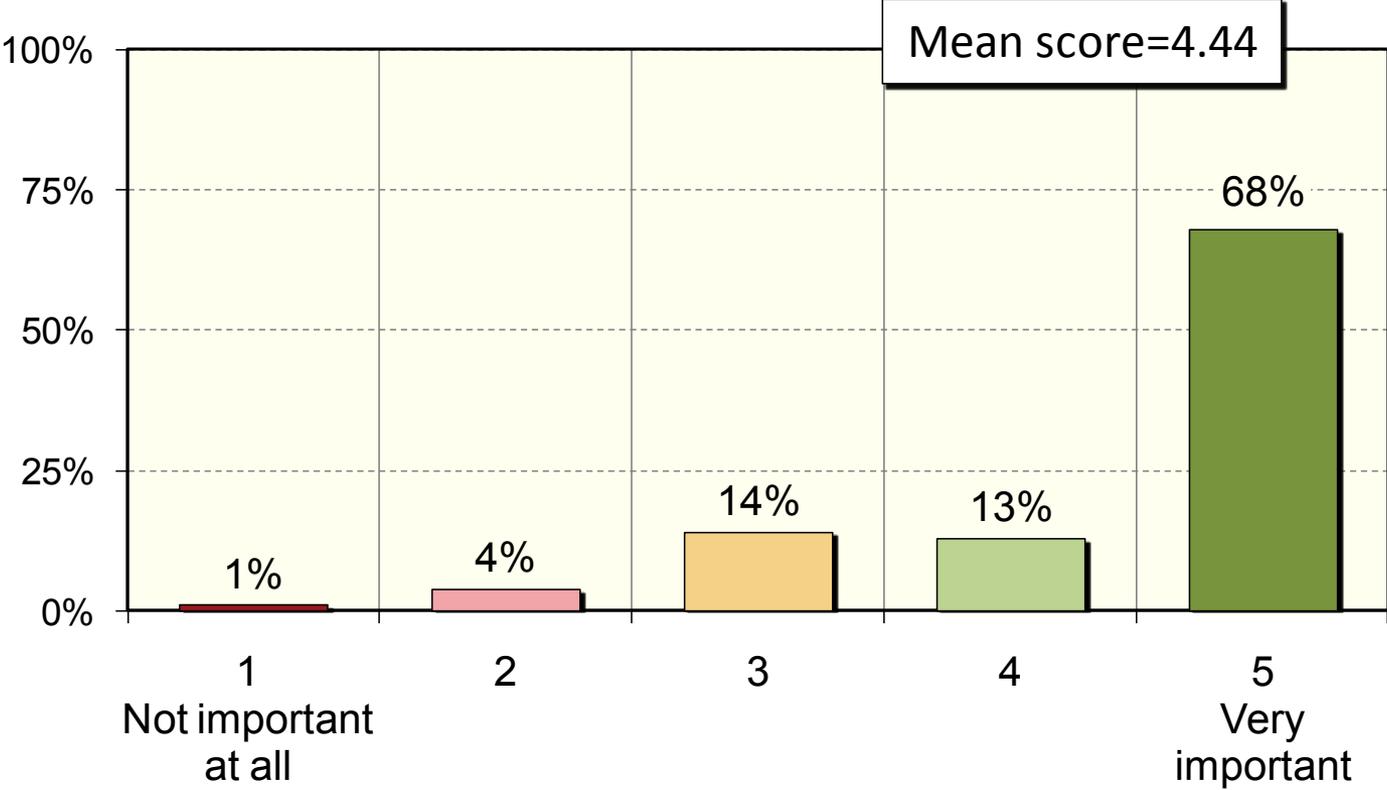
Budgeting



Are state and local governments required to balance their budget?



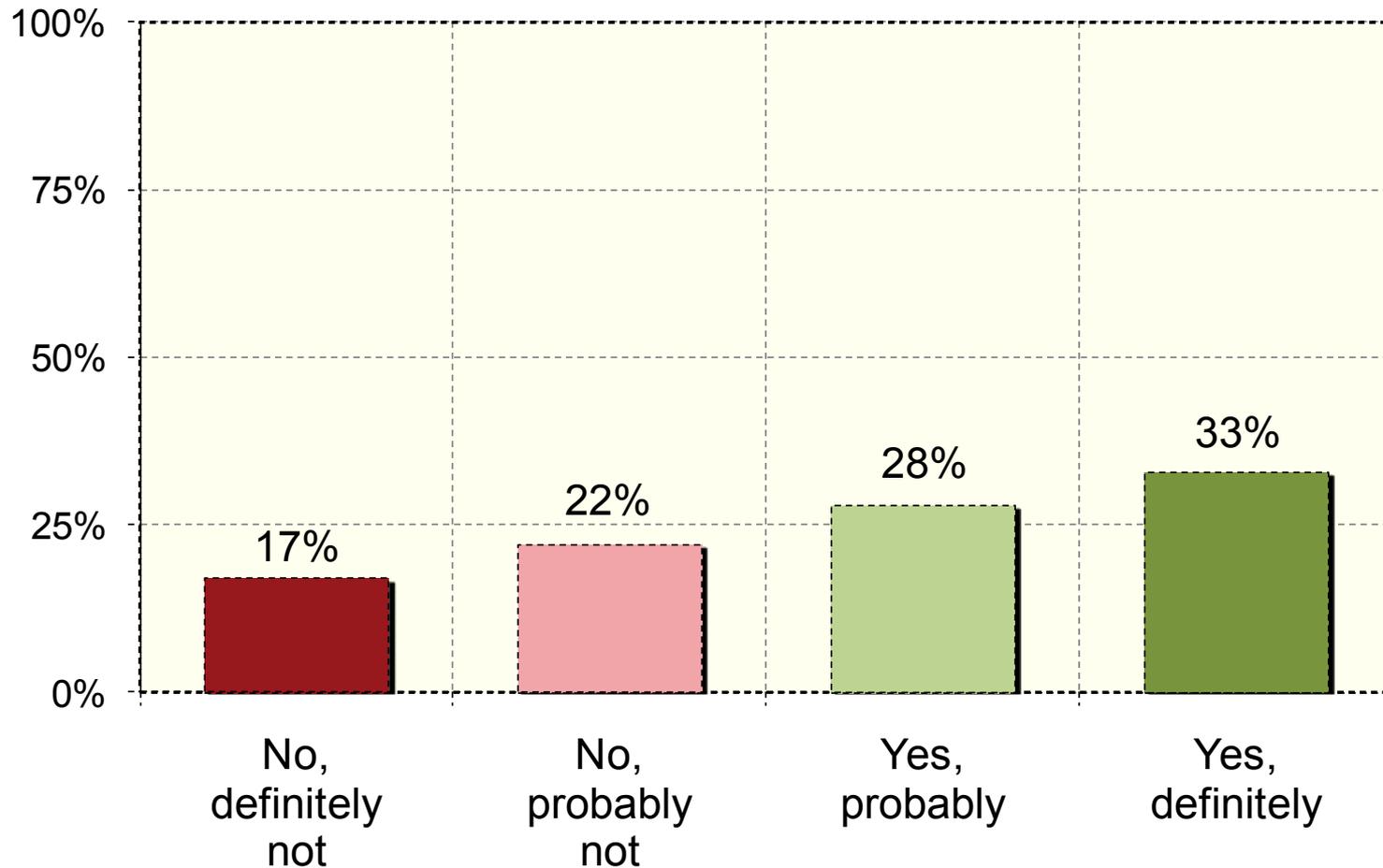
How important is it to you to have a balanced budget at the federal level?



Q.18

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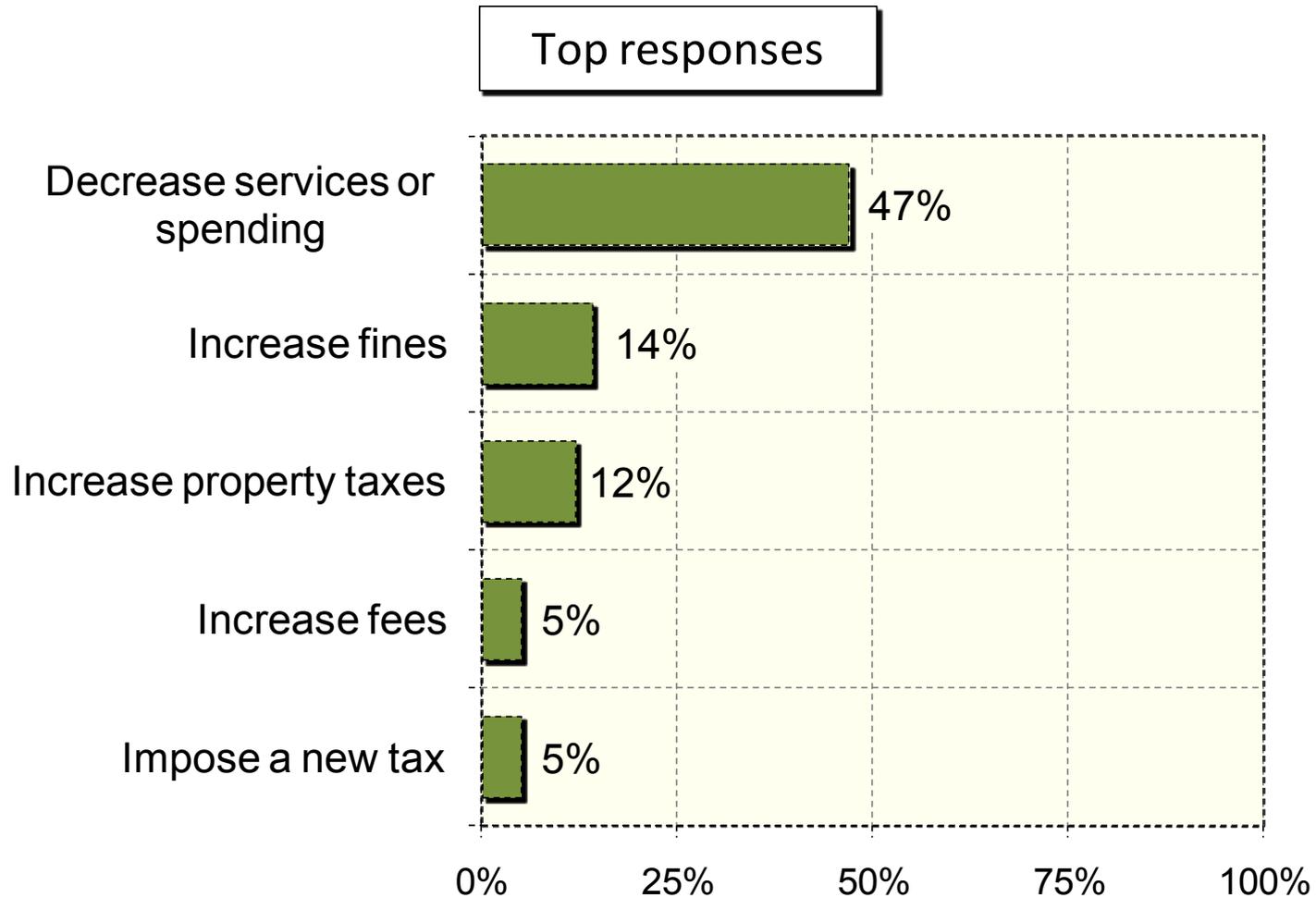
Do you think it is possible to have a balanced federal budget?



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Number responding = 309; asked of one-half of respondents.

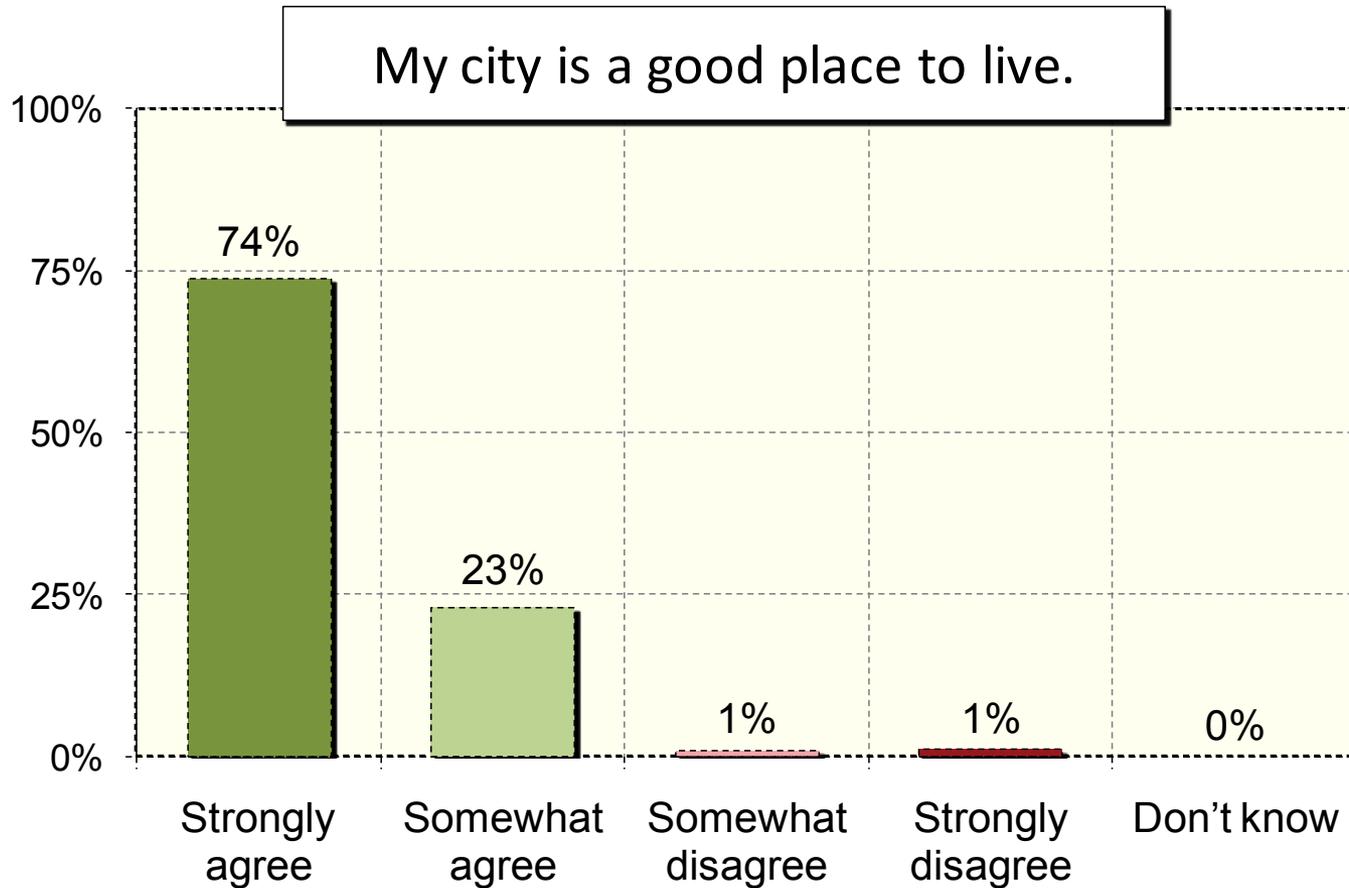
Utah cities and towns are required by state law to balance their budgets. In years when tax revenues are down, would you prefer to...?



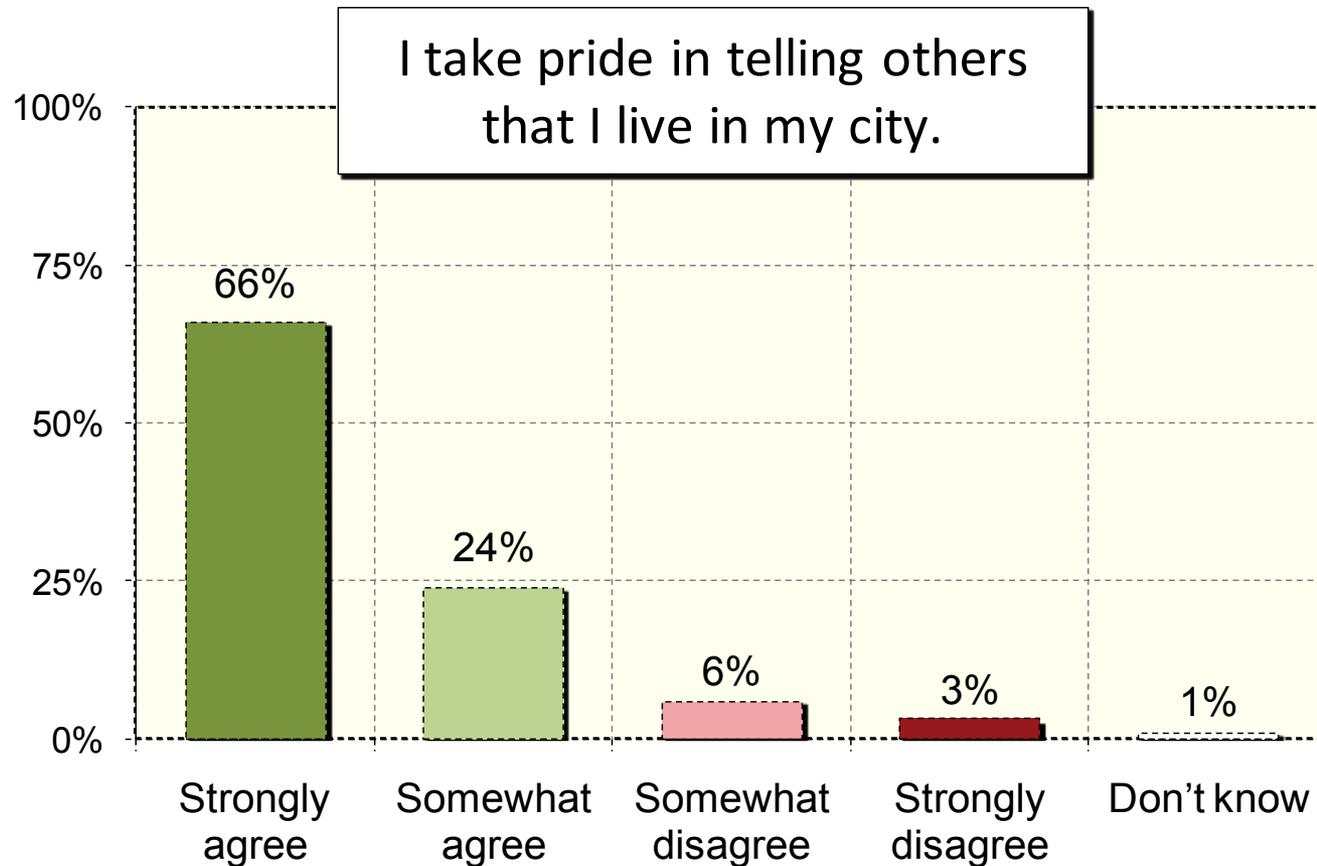
Community



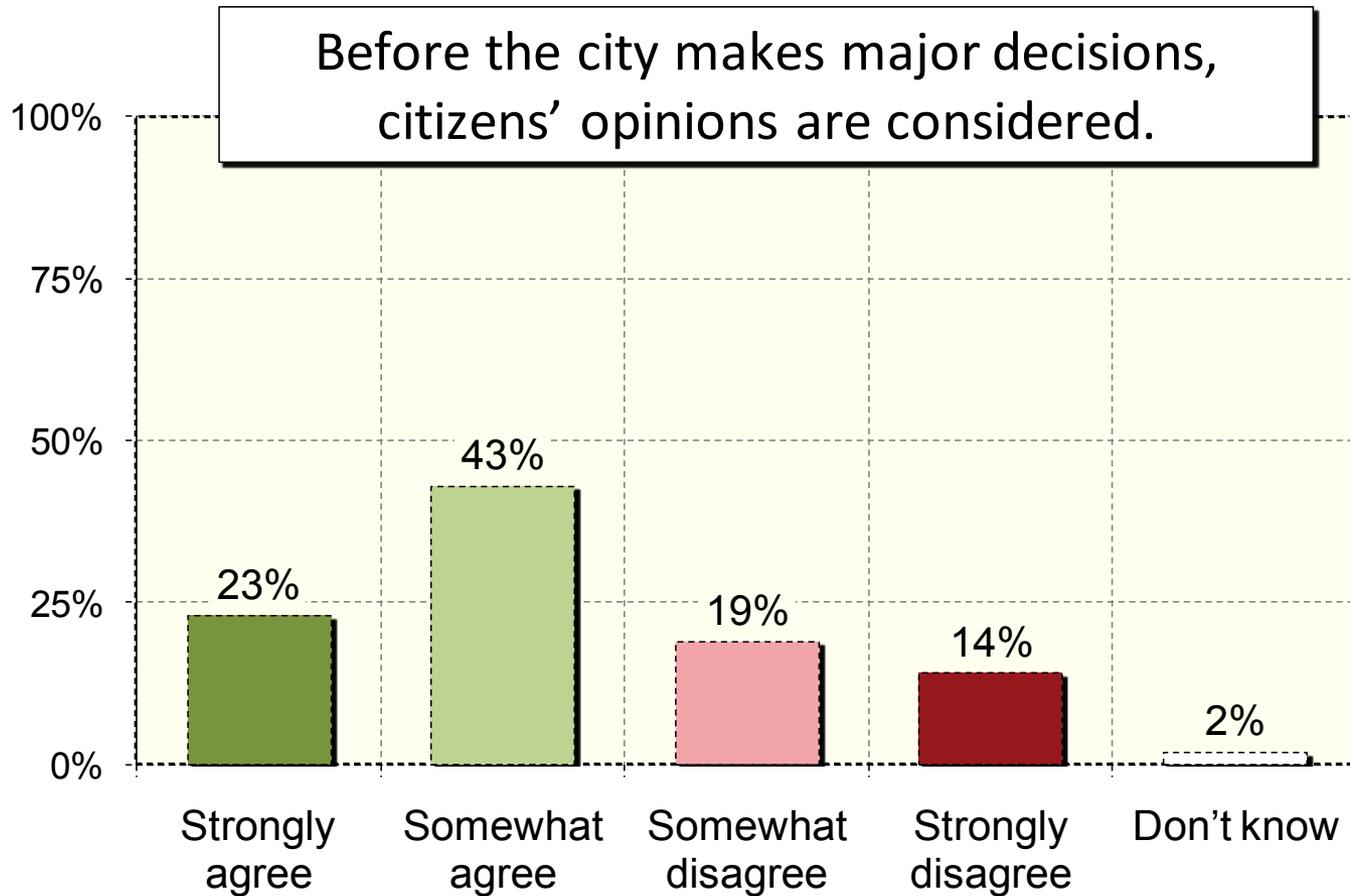
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about your city.



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Thank you.

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