# THE WISCONSIN SURVEY – Spring 2009 State Issues

#### **Survey Information:**

Random Selection, Telephone Survey

Number of Adult Wisconsin Resident Respondents: 400

Interview Period: 4/1/09 – 4/9/09

Margin of Error: +/- 5% at the 95% confidence level.

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• NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Generally speaking, would you say that things in the State of Wisconsin are going in the right direction, or are they going in the wrong direction?

| Right Direction | 39% |
|-----------------|-----|
| Wrong Direction | 55% |
| Not Sure        | 6%  |
| Refused         | 1%  |

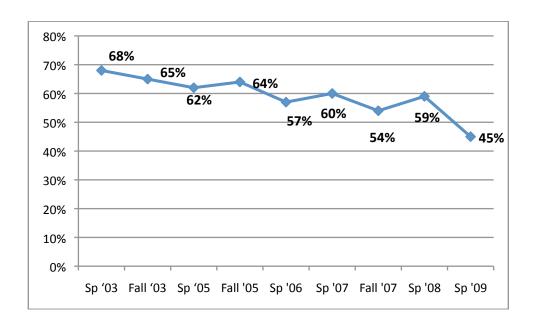
|          |       |       | Not  |
|----------|-------|-------|------|
|          | Right | Wrong | Sure |
| Sp '03   | 52%   | 38%   | 9%   |
| Fall '03 | 51%   | 43%   | 6%   |
| Sp '04   | 55%   | 35%   | 10%  |
| Sp '09   | 39%   | 55%   | 6%   |

## **Governor's Approval Ratings**

How satisfied are you with the way Governor Doyle is doing his job overall? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

| Very Satisfied        | 8%  |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Somewhat Satisfied    | 37% |
| Somewhat Dissatisfied | 27% |
| Very Dissatisfied     | 27% |
| Not Sure              |     |
| Refused               | 0%  |

|                    | Sp '03 | Fall '03 | Sp '05 | Fall '05 | Sp '06 | Sp '07 | Fall '07 | Sp '08 | Sp'09 |
|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| Very Satisfied     | 15%    | 12%      | 10%    | 10%      | 6%     | 9%     | 10%      | 14%    | 8%    |
| Somewhat Satisfied | 53%    | 53%      | 52%    | 54%      | 51%    | 51%    | 44%      | 45%    | 37%   |
| Somewhat           |        |          |        |          |        |        |          |        |       |
| Dissatisfied       | 15%    | 19%      | 24%    | 20%      | 23%    | 19%    | 21%      | 21%    | 27%   |
| Very Dissatisfied  | 9%     | 14%      | 10%    | 13%      | 15%    | 17%    | 23%      | 16%    | 27%   |
| Not Sure           | 9%     | 3%       | 4%     | 3%       | 5%     | 3%     | 2%       | 5%     | 3%    |



## **State Legislature Approval Ratings**

How about the way the state legislature is doing its job. Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

| Very Satisfied        | 2%  |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Somewhat Satisfied    |     |
| Somewhat Dissatisfied | 31% |
| Very Dissatisfied     | 19% |
| Not Sure              |     |
| Refused               | 0%  |

|                    | Spring '03 | Fall '03 | Spring '06 | Spring '07 | Fall '07 | Spring '08 | Spring<br>'09 |
|--------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| Very Satisfied     | 6%         | 3%       | 2%         | 3%         | 4%       | 3%         | 2%            |
| Somewhat Satisfied | 43%        | 50%      | 48%        | 54%        | 37%      | 42%        | 44%           |
| Somewhat           |            |          |            |            |          |            |               |
| Dissatisfied       | 25%        | 29%      | 30%        | 23%        | 32%      | 30%        | 31%           |
| Very Dissatisfied  | 13%        | 11%      | 13%        | 9%         | 18%      | 15%        | 19%           |
| Not Sure           | 12%        | 7%       | 5%         | 12%        | 8%       | 10%        | 5%            |

## **State Policy Issues**

Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the following state policy issues:

|   | Approve | Disapprove | Not Sure | Refused |
|---|---------|------------|----------|---------|
| a. The governor's budget plan to deal with the budget deficits  | 28%     | 52%        | 19%      | 2%      |
| b. A Higher Tax<br>Bracket for<br>Families Earning<br>over \$300,000  | 67%     | 28%        | 4%       | 2%      |
| c. A Pay Freeze for State Workers   | 68%     | 27%        | 4%       | 1%      |
| d. Legal Protections for Same-Sex Couples such as hospital visitation, family leave, and end- of-life decisions | 60%     | 33%        | 6%       | 1%      |
| e. A Statewide<br>Smoking Ban in<br>Workplaces  | 66%     | 32%        | 2%       | <1%     |
| f. An Early-<br>Release Program<br>for Non-violent<br>Prison Inmates  | 53%     | 38%        | 9%       | 1%      |
| g. The new<br>tourism slogan<br>"Live Like You<br>Mean It"  | 44%     | 41%        | 14%      | 1%      |