



## **Survey of Michigan Statewide Likely Voters for the November 2016 General Election**

Friday, May 14-Sunday, May 16, 2015  
600 sample of voters, plus/minus 4%  
25% completes by cell phone

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ from a research firm located in Michigan. We're conducting a random survey about important issues in your community. This is NOT a sales call, you will not be asked for a donation and you will not be called again because you participated in this survey. This is strictly research and I'd like to take a few minutes to include the opinions of your household.

We need to have an equal number of males and females and we also need to have young voters represented. May I please speak to the youngest (**MALE/ FEMALE, depending on specified quota**) registered voter, age 18 or older, who is home now?

IF LANDLINE: Are you registered to vote at the address I'm calling?

IF CELL PHONE: are you registered to vote at (offer street address off phone list \_\_\_\_\_?)

**IF YES: GO TO QUESTION 1**

**IF NO: Is there any other (male/female, as specified) registered voter at home who I can talk to? (IF NOT, TERMINATE INTERVIEW)**

1. Do you plan on voting in 2016 elections, when Michigan will be voting for President?
  - a. Very Certain
  - b. No/Maybe/Other/Unsure (**THANK AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW**)

2. Earlier this month, Proposal 1—a ballot proposal to finance repairs for Michigan’s roads and increase funding for schools and other services—was defeated by voters. Which of the following statements best describes why **you** think the proposal was defeated? [ROTATE—ONE OPTION ONLY]
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| 1. The proposal included money for special interests beyond just fixing the roads.  | 291 | 48.5 % |
| 2. The proposal is a failure of legislative leadership and the governor's office. Voters want Lansing to solve the road funding problem without asking for additional voter approval. | 125 | 20.8 % |
| 3. We don't need to raise taxes to fix Michigan's roads.  | 101 | 16.8 % |
| 4. The tax increase was too large. If it was a smaller increase, it would have passed.  | 53  | 8.8 %  |
| 5. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]   | 21  | 3.5 %  |
| 6. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]  | 9   | 1.5 %  |

3. Who do you think should take the **lead** on a new proposal to fix Michigan’s roads: [ROTATE—ONE OPTION ONLY]

1. The Legislature	136	22.7 %
2. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	154	25.7 %
3. The Governor	90	15.0 %
4. The public, through a voter-led initiative	113	18.8 %
5. Lobbyists in Lansing who know about roads and transportation	32	5.3 %
6. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	66	11.0 %
7. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	9	1.5 %

4. Any new proposal will need action by the Michigan Legislature. When would you like the legislature to act on a permanent road funding solution?

1. As soon as possible	415	69.2 %
2. By the end of this summer	77	12.8 %
3. By the end of this calendar year	60	10.0 %
4. There is no rush	29	4.8 %
5. The roads do not need to be fixed	3	0.5 %
6. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	14	2.3 %
7. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	2	0.3 %

**N.B.: Additional questions on Detroit Public Schools and veterans affairs will be released at future dates.**

**Methodology:**

This was a Public Sector Consultants survey of the Michigan electorate, conducted by Denno Research. 600 respondents in the state of Michigan were surveyed between May 14-16, 2015, with a margin of error of plus/minus 4%, and the participation was stratified based on census data and past voter behavior. 150 respondents (25%) were from cell phone users, in an attempt to gather younger voters who do not have a land line. A screen was employed to include only those participants who said they would vote, either at the polls or by absentee ballot, in the November 2016 General Election. All numbers are rounded and may exceed 100%.

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