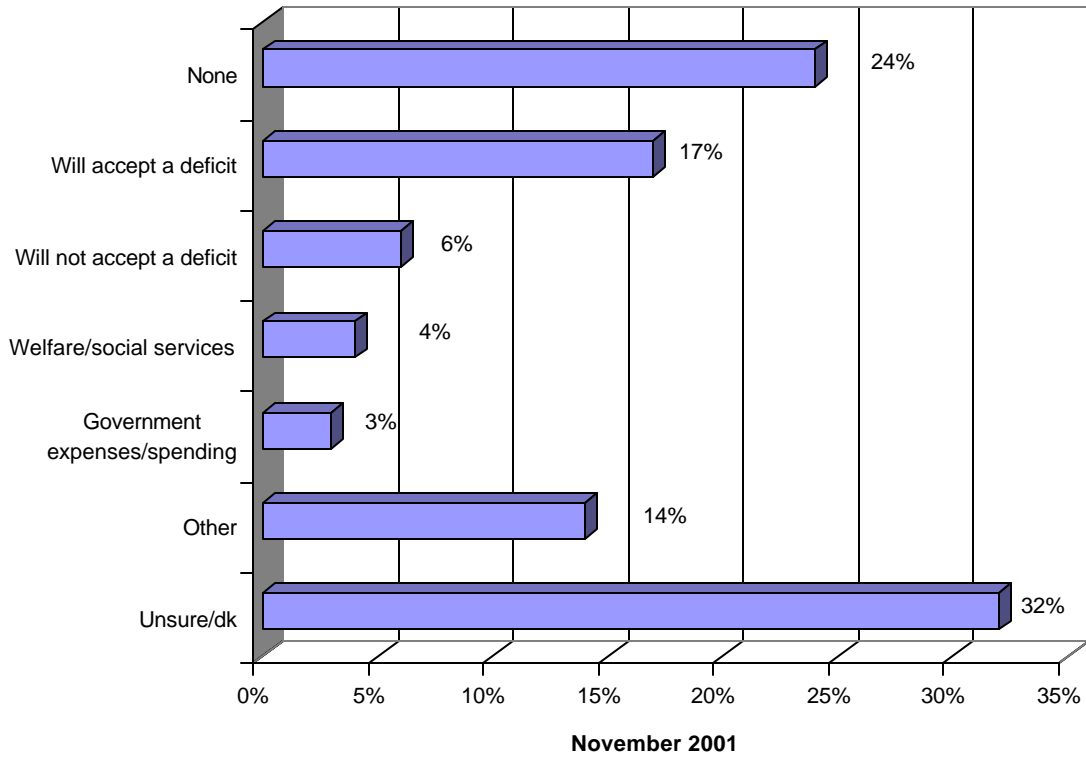
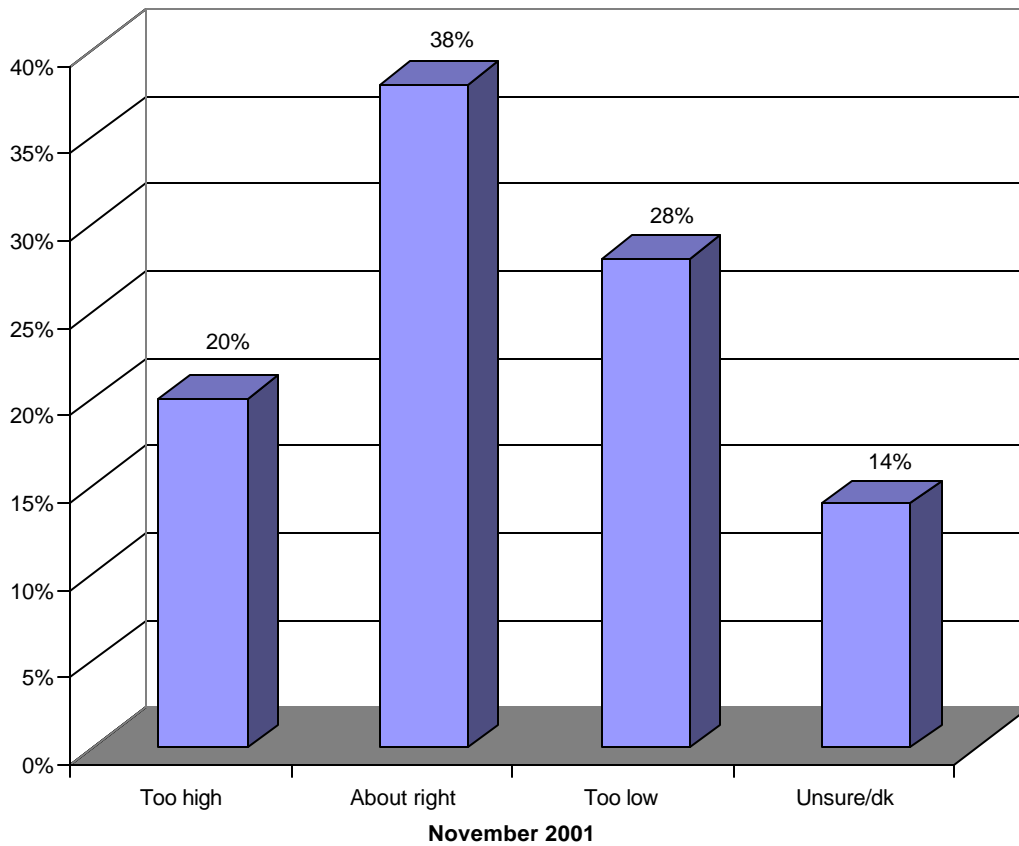


Question 41. If taxes were to be lowered further, what services would you be willing to give up, or would you accept a deficit?



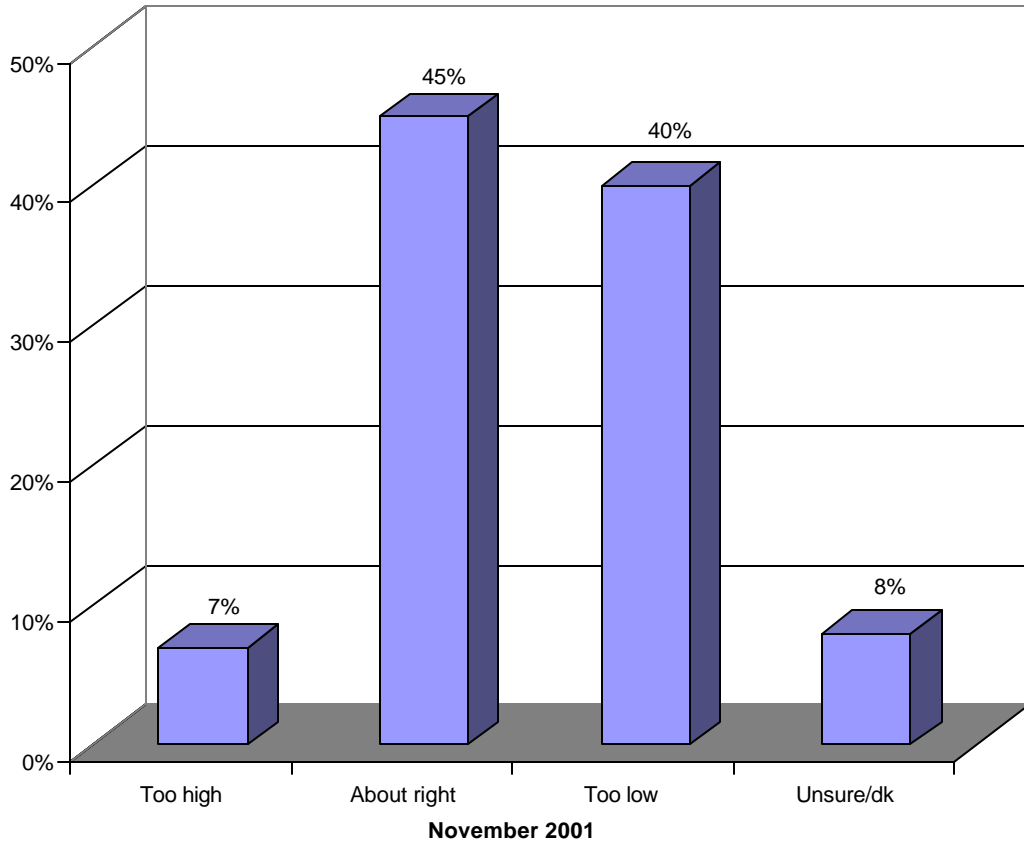
- Approximately one quarter (24%) of Saskatchewan residents would not be willing to give up any services to lower taxes any further; 17% indicate they would be willing to accept a deficit to have lower taxes.
- Included among 'other' services they would be willing to give if taxes were to be lowered identified by 14% of respondents include charging a user fee on health care (2%), reduce some services (2%), all services should be lowered (2%), give up health care (2%) and reduce the size of government (2%).

Question 42. The provincial government assists the agriculture industry through a combination of targeted tax reductions and spending on income support and stabilization programs. This provincial farm assistance has totaled \$970 million in the last three years - an average of more than \$323 million a year. In your opinion, is this level of assistance from the provincial government...



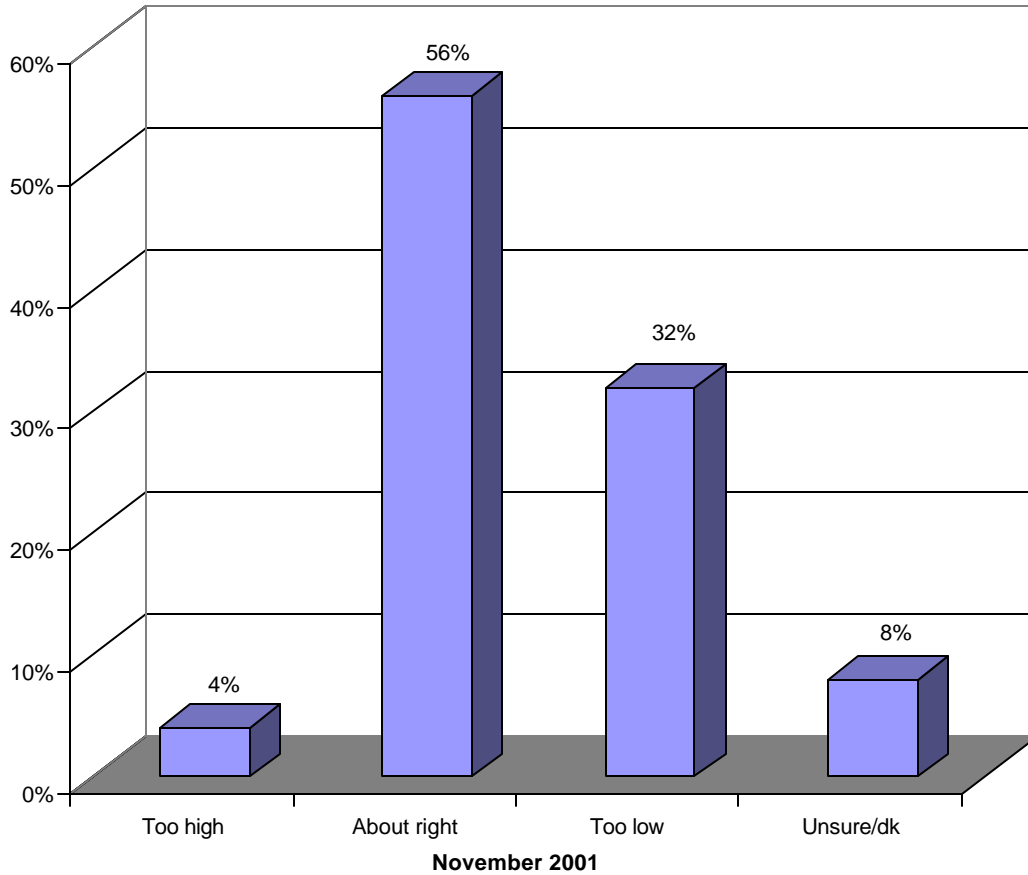
- More than one third (38%) of residents think the provincial farm assistance of more than \$323 million a year is about right; 28% think the assistance is too low and 20% think it is too high.

Question 43. This year, the provincial government will spend 39 per cent of its annual budget (\$2.2 billion) on health care. In your opinion, is this level of assistance from the provincial government...



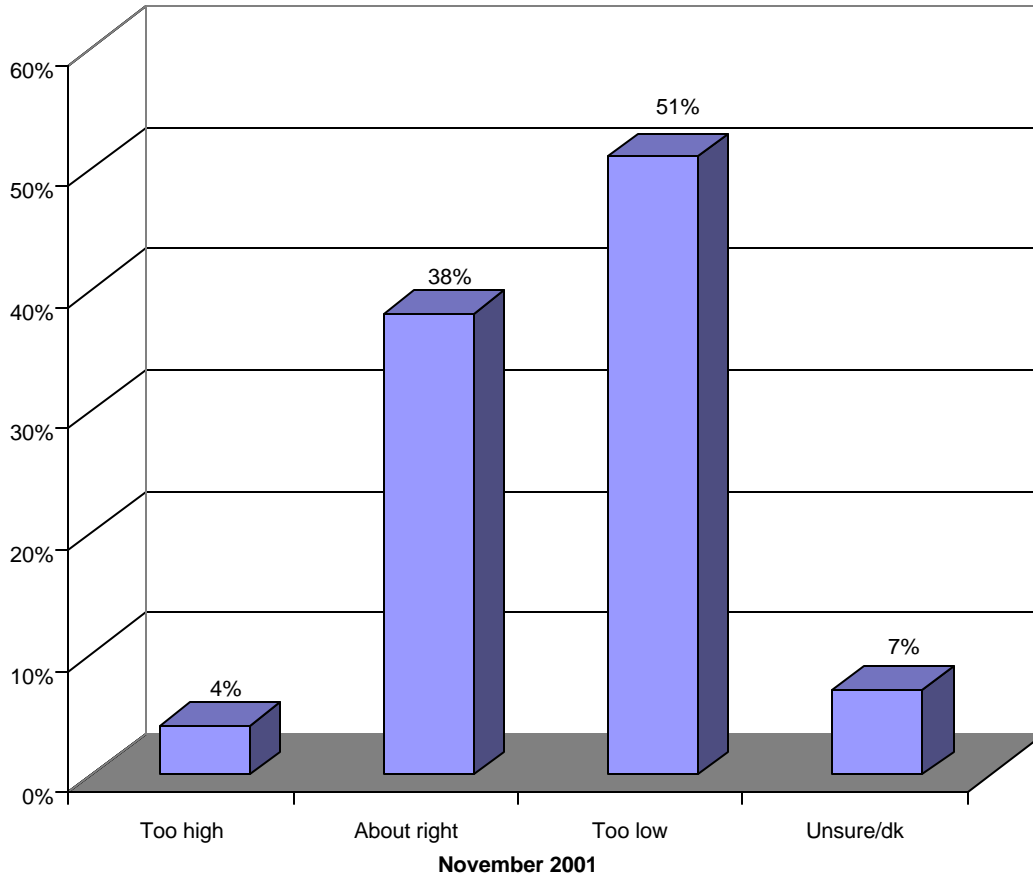
- Approximately 45% of Saskatchewan residents think the level of health care spending by the provincial government is about right; 40% think it is too low.

Question 44. This year, the provincial government will spend 20 per cent of its annual budget (\$1.1 billion) on all levels of education and training. In your opinion, is this level of assistance...



- The majority (56%) of residents think the level of provincial government support for all levels of education and training is about right.

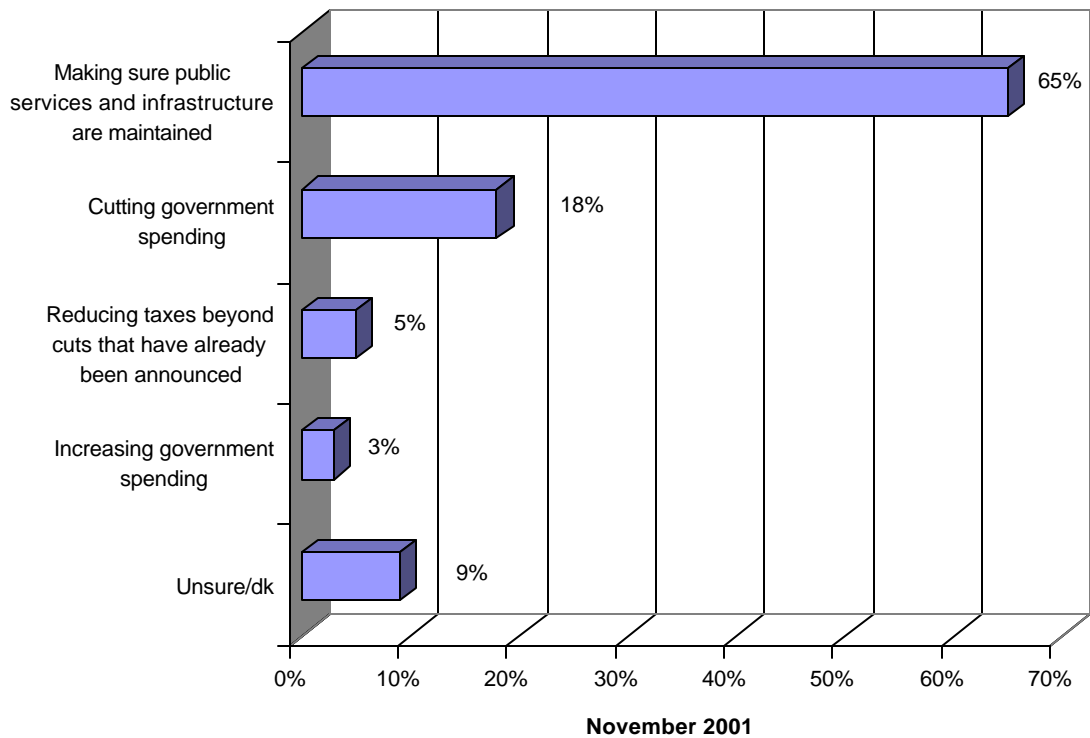
Question 45. This year, the provincial government will spend 6 per cent of its budget (\$311 million) on highways. In your opinion, is this level of assistance...



- The majority (51%) of Saskatchewan residents think the level of provincial government spending for highways is too low; 38% think it is about right.

Question 46. Given the current downturn in the global economy, should the provincial government's focus be on:

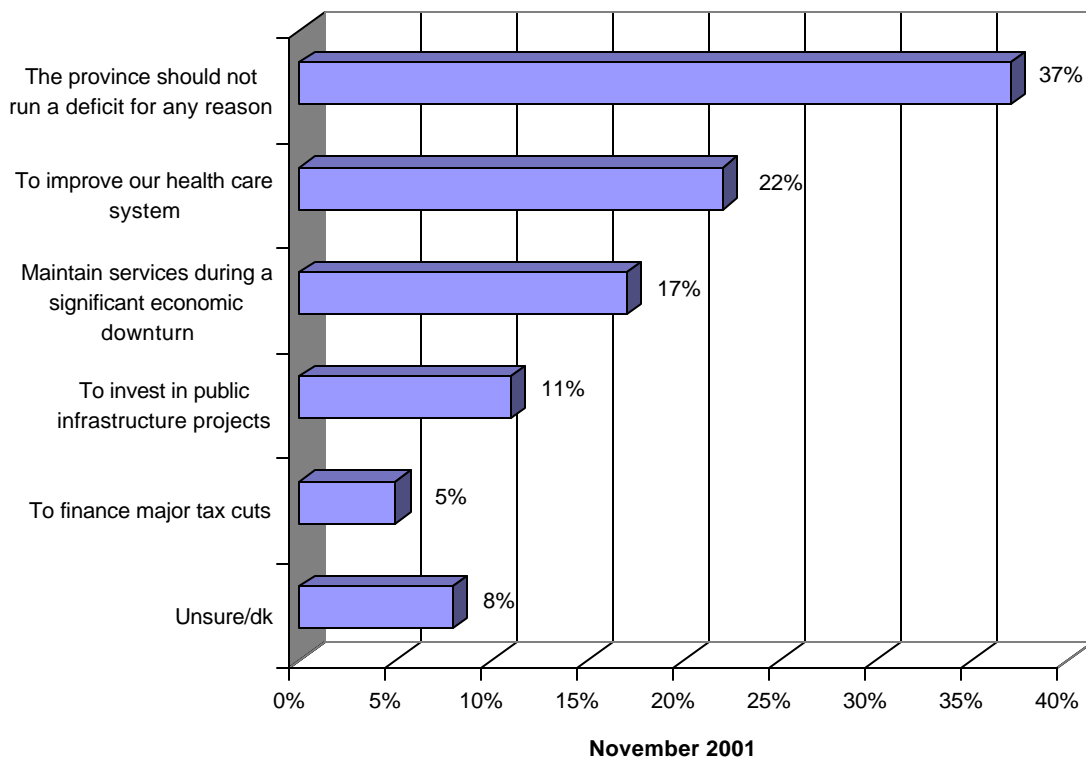
- 1) Reducing taxes beyond cuts that have already been announced.
- 2) Cutting government spending.
- 3) Increasing government spending.
- 4) Making sure core public services (health, education, etc.) and infrastructure (roads, water & sewer, etc.) are maintained while holding the line on taxes and other services.



- The majority (65%) of Saskatchewan residents think the provincial government should focus on making sure core public services like health and education and infrastructure like roads, water and sewer are maintained while holding the line on taxes and other services.

Question 47. Which of the following statements most accurately reflects your viewpoint?

- 1) A deficit would be acceptable in the short term to invest in public infrastructure projects such as roads or sewer & water improvements.
- 2) A deficit would be acceptable in the short term to improve our health system.
- 3) A deficit would be acceptable in the short term to finance major tax cuts.
- 4) A deficit would be acceptable in the short term to maintain services during a significant economic downturn.
- 5) The province should not run a deficit for any reason.



- More than one third (37%) of residents think the province should not run a deficit for any reason. Approximately 22% think a deficit would be acceptable in the short term to improve our health system, 17% indicate a deficit would be acceptable in the short term to maintain services during a significant economic downturn and 11% think a deficit would be acceptable in the short term to invest in public infrastructure projects such as roads or sewer and water improvements.