

# RESIDENT ATTITUDE STUDY

## Excerpt on Debt

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Grassroot Institute of Hawai'i

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## METHODOLOGY

The Grassroot Institute of Hawai'i has contracted Anthology Research to conduct a quantitative mixed-mode study of adult residents of Hawaii. The results of the survey are intended to guide the organization's efforts in advocacy and outreach, as well as serve as a baseline for tracking progress in brand regard and community support on initiatives it considers important.

The sample for this mixed-mode survey was compiled from three sources: The sample for the Internet-based portion of the study was purchased from third party online sample providers, augmented by purchased Voter Contact Lists and Anthology's proprietary panel of Hawaii residents. The sample used to generate the telephone surveys was derived using Anthology's proprietary Random Digit Dialing software and Voter Contact Lists; both mobile and landline numbers were called.

The study began on August 16 and ended September 7, 2021. A total of n=933 completed surveys were collected during this period, stratified by island as follows. The margin of error for an overall sample of this size is +/- 3.21 percentage points with a 95% confidence level. Due to the disproportionate sampling plan, the overall data were weighted to reflect populations estimates of adults 18+ by ethnicity.

- O'ahu: n=455
- B.I.: n= 202
- Maui County: n=167
- Kauai: n=109

The questionnaire used in this study was developed by Anthology Research with input and approval from the client. The questionnaire is located in the appendix of this report.

(Note: The research design for this study, including the questionnaire developed for this project, are proprietary and should be considered the property of Anthology Research.)

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**Hawaii's state and county governments have too much debt:**

	TOTAL	POLITICAL PARTY					REG VOTER		CORE VOTER	POLITICALLY ACTIVE		HGI AIDED AWARE		HGI PERCEPTION		AREA		COUNTY	
	-	Dem	Indep	Rep	Libertarian	Other	Yes	No	-	Yes	No	Yes	No	Favor	Unfavor	Oahu	N.I.	Oahu	B.I.
	(A)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	32%	23%	31%	45% A	58% A	51% A B	31%	34%	35%	32%	32%	33%	30%	34%	40%	32%	31%	32%	41% C
Somewhat agree	45%	47%	49%	41%	38%	35%	45%	46%	42%	40%	48% A	45%	45%	50% B	30%	47%	42%	47% B	33%
Somewhat disagree	21%	26% C E	19%	15%	4%	10%	21%	18%	21%	25%	19%	20%	21%	15%	24% A	20%	22%	20%	22%
Strongly disagree	2%	4%	1%	0%	4	2%	2%	2%	2%	4% B	1%	2%	2%	1%	6% A	2%	3%	2%	4%
Prefer not to say	0%	0%	0%	4	4	3% A	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4	1%	4	4	4	1%	4	4
Total	933	478	200	159	37	59	791	142	383	307	626	523	410	286	90	455	478	455	202
SUMMARY Mean	3.07	2.90	3.11 A	3.30 A	3.54 A B	3.38 A	3.06	3.13	3.09	2.99	3.10	3.09	3.04	3.18	3.04	3.09	3.02	3.09	3.11

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	COUNTY		GENDER		HOUSEHOLD INCOME			ETHNICITY					AGE				HAWAII RESIDENT	
	Maui	Kauai	Male	Female	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Caucasian	Japanese	Hawaiian	Filipino	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Born & Raised	Transplant
	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	23%	24%	32%	32%	28%	32%	34%	29%	22%	47% A B	33%	33%	30%	32%	40% D	22%	35% B	27%
Somewhat agree	50% B	48%	43%	47%	51%	44%	43%	43%	49%	41%	46%	48%	46%	46%	41%	50%	43%	49%
Somewhat disagree	21%	24%	22%	20%	18%	22%	20%	25% C	26% C	10%	19%	16%	21%	20%	16%	26%	19%	23%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Prefer not to say	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4	1%	0%	4	4	2%	0%	4	4	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	167	109	398	525	242	313	310	378	197	145	46	137	201	303	239	190	537	396
SUMMARY Mean	2.96	2.92	3.06	3.08	3.05	3.05	3.10	3.00	2.91	3.32 A B	3.15	3.12	3.03	3.07	3.22 D	2.91	3.10	3.01

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**Hawaii's state and county governments have too much debt:**

	PRIMARY RESIDENCE			UNION HSE		COLLEGE GRADUATE		EMPLOYED		OAHU AREA						BIG ISLAND		PUBLIC SECTOR ...
	Own	Rent	Rent free	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full/Part	No	Metro HNL	East HNL	Windward	North Shore	Central	West	Kona	Hilo	Yes
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Strongly agree	28%	37% A	30%	36%	30%	29%	35%	34%	28%	30%	29%	28%	34%	40%	31%	35%	46%	36%
Somewhat agree	47%	43%	44%	40%	48% A	45%	46%	44%	48%	45%	39%	51%	42%	47%	54%	39%	29%	39%
Somewhat disagree	22%	17%	22%	21%	20%	23% B	17%	20%	21%	22%	32% E F	22%	25%	11%	15%	23%	22%	22%
Strongly disagree	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4	4	4	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%
Prefer not to say	0%	0%	4	4	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1%
Total	534	327	72	241	692	534	397	607	326	169	63	50	7	84	82	115	87	274
SUMMARY Mean	3.02	3.14	3.02	3.10	3.05	3.01	3.14 A	3.10	3.01	3.03	2.97	3.06	3.09	3.25	3.13	3.04	3.16	3.07

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**Hawaii's state and county governments have too much debt:**

	PUBLIC SECTOR ...
	No
	(B)
Strongly agree	30%
Somewhat agree	49% A
Somewhat disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	2%
Prefer not to say	0%
Total	659
SUMMARY Mean	3.06

(09/21) \* Prepared by Anthology Research \*1,2,3,5,6

1. Results are based on two-sided tests assuming equal variances. For each significant pair, the key of the smaller category appears in the category with the larger mean.  
Significance level for upper case letters (A, B, C): .05
2. Tests are adjusted for all pairwise comparisons within a row of each innermost subtable using the Bonferroni correction.
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Significance level for upper case letters (A, B, C): .05
6. Cell counts of some categories are not integers. They were rounded to the nearest integers before performing column proportions tests.

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**Government spending is a good way to stimulate economic growth:**

	TOTAL	POLITICAL PARTY					REG VOTER		CORE VOTER	POLITICALLY ACTIVE		HGI AIDED AWARE		HGI PERCEPTION		AREA		COUNTY	
	-	Dem	Indep	Rep	Libertarian	Other	Yes	No	-	Yes	No	Yes	No	Favor	Unfavor	Oahu	N.I.	Oahu	B.I.
	(A)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	15%	20% B	7%	13%	22%	11%	16%	10%	19%	27% B	10%	18% B	12%	22%	25%	14%	18%	14%	18%
Somewhat agree	50%	56% C D	48%	41%	26%	41%	50%	47%	46%	50%	50%	53% B	46%	53%	45%	51%	46%	51%	40%
Somewhat disagree	29%	22%	35% A	30%	40%	44% A	27%	35%	29%	15%	34% A	22%	36% A	16%	23%	28%	30%	28%	37% C
Strongly disagree	7%	2%	10% A	16% A	12% A	3%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	9%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%
Total	933	478	200	159	37	59	791	142	383	307	626	523	410	286	90	455	478	455	202
SUMMARY Mean	2.73	2.93 B C E	2.52	2.50	2.57	2.60	2.75	2.61	2.79	2.96 B	2.64	2.81 B	2.64	2.89	2.90	2.72	2.76	2.72	2.71

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	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	18%	16%	19% B	12%	19%	12%	18%	17%	12%	17%	10%	21%	15%	21% D	13%	10%	16%	14%
Somewhat agree	55%	44%	49%	50%	43%	51%	52%	49%	56%	47%	44%	47%	49%	50%	44%	56%	49%	51%
Somewhat disagree	20%	34%	23%	33% A	32%	30%	25%	27%	28%	24%	42% A B C	27%	31%	24%	34%	27%	28%	29%
Strongly disagree	7%	5%	9% B	5%	7%	7%	5%	7%	5%	12% B	4%	6%	5%	6%	9%	7%	7%	6%
Total	167	109	398	525	242	313	310	378	197	145	46	137	201	303	239	190	537	396
SUMMARY Mean	2.84	2.71	2.79	2.69	2.73	2.69	2.82	2.77	2.75	2.70	2.60	2.82	2.74	2.86 C	2.61	2.69	2.73	2.73

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	Own	Rent	Rent free	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full/Part	No	Metro HNL	East HNL	Windward	North Shore	Central	West	Kona	Hilo	Yes
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Strongly agree	14%	16%	17%	18%	14%	17%	12%	17%	12%	16%	20%	10%	8%	9%	15%	28% B	10%	14%
Somewhat agree	52%	48%	46%	41%	53% A	50%	49%	48%	52%	52%	56%	48%	42%	57%	42%	52% B	32%	49%
Somewhat disagree	27%	29%	37%	34% B	26%	27%	31%	29%	27%	27%	17%	31%	34%	25%	37% B	15%	54% A	32%
Strongly disagree	7% C	7% C	0%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	8%	5%	7%	11%	17%	9%	6%	5%	4%	5%
Total	534	327	72	241	692	534	397	607	326	169	63	50	7	84	82	115	87	274
SUMMARY Mean	2.73	2.72	2.80	2.70	2.75	2.79 B	2.66	2.76	2.68	2.78	2.89	2.57	2.41	2.67	2.66	3.03 B	2.48	2.71

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**Government spending is a good way to stimulate economic growth:**

	PUBLIC SECTOR ...
	No
	(B)
Strongly agree	16%
Somewhat agree	50%
Somewhat disagree	27%
Strongly disagree	7%
Total	659
SUMMARY Mean	2.74

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**Taking on debt is a way for politicians to avoid raising taxes in the short-term:**

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	-	Dem	Indep	Rep	Libertarian	Other	Yes	No	-	Yes	No	Yes	No	Favor	Unfavor	Oahu	N.I.	Oahu	B.I.
	(A)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	13%	13%	11%	16%	31% B	9%	13%	16%	14%	22% B	10%	14%	12%	16%	17%	13%	13%	13%	16%
Somewhat agree	50%	57% C E	53% C E	37%	36%	30%	51%	47%	51%	48%	51%	53% B	46%	56%	56%	52%	46%	52%	41%
Somewhat disagree	29%	25%	30%	32%	29%	52% A B C	30%	29%	28%	22%	32% A	26%	34% A	24%	21%	28%	34% A	28%	38%
Strongly disagree	7%	5%	6%	15% A B	4%	9%	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	5%	6%	7%	7%	7%	5%
Prefer not to say	0%	0%	4	4	4	4	0%	4	4	0%	4	0%	4	0%	4	4	0%	4	4
Total	933	478	200	159	37	59	791	142	383	307	626	523	410	286	90	455	478	455	202
SUMMARY Mean	2.70	2.78 C E	2.69	2.54	2.93 E	2.39	2.69	2.70	2.71	2.85 B	2.63	2.76 B	2.62	2.83	2.83	2.72	2.65	2.72	2.68

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	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	9%	13%	17% B	10%	9%	15%	16%	17% B	9%	11%	16%	15%	12%	16%	12%	13%	14%	12%
Somewhat agree	55%	39%	48%	51%	52%	47%	49%	52%	55%	45%	41%	55%	54%	50%	44%	54%	47%	55% A
Somewhat disagree	26%	43%	28%	31%	30%	32%	29%	24%	30%	34%	39% A	24%	28%	26%	37%	27%	32% B	25%
Strongly disagree	10%	5%	7%	8%	8%	6%	7%	7%	6%	11%	3%	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	7%	7%
Prefer not to say	0%	4	4	0%	0%	4	4	0%	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0%	4	0%
Total	167	109	398	525	242	313	310	378	197	145	46	137	201	303	239	190	537	396
SUMMARY Mean	2.63	2.60	2.75 B	2.64	2.62	2.71	2.73	2.79 C	2.66	2.56	2.71	2.78	2.72	2.74	2.59	2.74	2.68	2.72



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	Own	Rent	Rent free	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full/Part	No	Metro HNL	East HNL	Windward	North Shore	Central	West	Kona	Hilo	Yes
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Strongly agree	14%	13%	9%	13%	13%	14%	12%	12%	15%	11%	18%	17%	<sup>4</sup>	15%	12%	32% B	5%	12%
Somewhat agree	50%	51%	48%	48%	51%	56% B	43%	52%	47%	55%	52%	38%	66%	50%	55%	46%	37%	49%
Somewhat disagree	30%	28%	33%	35% B	27%	25%	35% A	28%	32%	29%	24%	42% F	<sup>4</sup>	26%	23%	17%	53% A	31%
Strongly disagree	6%	8%	9%	5%	8%	5%	9% A	7%	7%	5%	5%	3%	34% A B C	9%	11%	6%	5%	8%
Prefer not to say	0%	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	0%	0%	<sup>4</sup>	0%	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>
Total	534	327	72	241	692	534	397	607	326	169	63	50	7	84	82	115	87	274
SUMMARY Mean	2.72	2.69	2.57	2.69	2.70	2.78 B	2.58	2.69	2.70	2.73	2.84	2.67	2.33	2.71	2.67	3.05 B	2.41	2.64

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**Taking on debt is a way for politicians to avoid raising taxes in the short-term:**

	PUBLIC SECTOR ...
	No
	(B)
Strongly agree	14%
Somewhat agree	51%
Somewhat disagree	28%
Strongly disagree	7%
Prefer not to say	0%
Total	659
SUMMARY Mean	2.72

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**Debt is a good way to keep the government functioning during temporary revenue shortfalls:**

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	-	Dem	Indep	Rep	Libertarian	Other	Yes	No	-	Yes	No	Yes	No	Favor	Unfavor	Oahu	N.I.	Oahu	B.I.
	(A)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	12%	16% B	6%	9%	15%	6%	12%	11%	14%	21% B	8%	13%	10%	15%	22%	13%	9%	13%	12%
Somewhat agree	41%	47% C	38%	32%	33%	33%	41%	38%	41%	44%	39%	43%	38%	45%	41%	41%	41%	41%	38%
Somewhat disagree	35%	30%	43% A	34%	43%	47% A	34%	41%	33%	19%	41% A	30%	41% A	26%	17%	34%	38%	34%	42%
Strongly disagree	12%	8%	13%	25% A B	9%	14%	13%	10%	12%	15%	11%	14%	11%	14%	19%	13%	11%	13%	9%
Total	933	478	200	159	37	59	791	142	383	307	626	523	410	286	90	455	478	455	202
SUMMARY Mean	2.52	2.70 B C E	2.37	2.25	2.54	2.32	2.52	2.50	2.57	2.72 B	2.44	2.56	2.46	2.60	2.66	2.53	2.48	2.53	2.53

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	COUNTY		GENDER		HOUSEHOLD INCOME			ETHNICITY					AGE				HAWAII RESIDENT	
	Maui	Kauai	Male	Female	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Caucasian	Japanese	Hawaiian	Filipino	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Born & Raised	Transplant
	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	8%	4%	18% B	7%	10%	11%	16%	17%	10%	9%	8%	11%	18% C D	13%	7%	8%	12%	11%
Somewhat agree	42%	48%	39%	42%	40%	41%	40%	42%	48% C	33%	36%	35%	35%	41%	41%	48%	39%	44%
Somewhat disagree	35%	37%	30%	39% A	33%	36%	36%	29%	33%	31%	54% A B C	42%	37%	32%	39%	32%	35%	35%
Strongly disagree	14%	11%	13%	12%	17% C	12%	8%	12% D	9%	27% A B D E	2%	12% D	10%	14%	13%	13%	14%	10%
Total	167	109	398	525	242	313	310	378	197	145	46	137	201	303	239	190	537	396
SUMMARY Mean	2.44	2.45	2.63 B	2.44	2.42	2.51	2.63 A	2.65 C	2.59 C	2.24	2.52	2.46	2.60	2.54	2.42	2.51	2.50	2.55

**RESIDENT ATTITUDE STUDY**

**Debt is a good way to keep the government functioning during temporary revenue shortfalls:**

	PRIMARY RESIDENCE			UNION HSE		COLLEGE GRADUATE		EMPLOYED		OAHU AREA						BIG ISLAND		PUBLIC SECTOR
	Own	Rent	Rent free	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full/Part	No	Metro HNL	East HNL	Windward	North Shore	Central	West	Kona	Hilo	Yes
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Strongly agree	12%	12%	9%	10%	12%	14% B	9%	13% B	9%	17% F	18% F	13%	<sup>4</sup>	10%	5%	22% B	5%	10%
Somewhat agree	43%	40%	34%	41%	41%	43%	37%	39%	43%	44%	46%	41%	50%	34%	37%	50% B	28%	40%
Somewhat disagree	35%	33%	46%	36%	34%	33%	37%	36%	34%	31%	24%	34%	17%	41%	39%	21%	57% A	37%
Strongly disagree	11%	15%	11%	12%	13%	10%	16% A	12%	14%	9%	13%	12%	34%	15%	18%	7%	10%	13%
Total	534	327	72	241	692	534	397	607	326	169	63	50	7	84	82	115	87	274
SUMMARY Mean	2.56	2.49	2.40	2.49	2.53	2.62 B	2.39	2.54	2.47	2.68 E F	2.69 F	2.56	2.16	2.39	2.30	2.87 B	2.28	2.47

**RESIDENT ATTITUDE STUDY**

**Debt is a good way to keep the government functioning during temporary revenue shortfalls:**

	PUBLIC SECTOR ...
	No
	(B)
Strongly agree	13%
Somewhat agree	41%
Somewhat disagree	34%
Strongly disagree	12%
Total	659
SUMMARY Mean	2.54

(09/21) \* Prepared by Anthology Research \*1,2,3,5,6

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- Tests are adjusted for all pairwise comparisons within a row of each innermost subtable using the Bonferroni correction.
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**RESIDENT ATTITUDE STUDY**

**Government debt is a good thing because it enables spending to benefit the community:**

	TOTAL	POLITICAL PARTY					REG VOTER		CORE VOTER	POLITICALLY ACTIVE		HGI AIDED AWARE		HGI PERCEPTION		AREA		COUNTY	
	-	Dem	Indep	Rep	Libertarian	Other	Yes	No	-	Yes	No	Yes	No	Favor	Unfavor	Oahu	N.I.	Oahu	B.I.
	(A)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	8%	9%	4%	8%	19% B	6%	8%	11%	8%	11% B	7%	9%	6%	12%	10%	8%	8%	8%	10%
Somewhat agree	37%	47% B C E	31%	21%	21%	22%	37%	38%	38%	44% B	34%	38%	35%	41%	47%	37%	36%	37%	36%
Somewhat disagree	40%	36%	41%	42%	38%	53%	40%	35%	38%	26%	45% A	38%	41%	35%	24%	39%	42%	39%	45%
Strongly disagree	16%	7%	23% A	29% A	22%	19% A	16%	16%	17%	18%	15%	14%	17%	13%	19%	17%	13%	17%	10%
Total	933	478	200	159	37	59	791	142	383	307	626	523	410	286	90	455	478	455	202
SUMMARY Mean	2.37	2.59 B C E	2.18	2.07	2.37	2.14	2.36	2.43	2.37	2.49 B	2.32	2.43 B	2.30	2.52	2.49	2.36	2.40	2.36	2.45

**RESIDENT ATTITUDE STUDY**

**Government debt is a good thing because it enables spending to benefit the community:**

	COUNTY		GENDER		HOUSEHOLD INCOME			ETHNICITY					AGE				HAWAII RESIDENT	
	Maui	Kauai	Male	Female	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Caucasian	Japanese	Hawaiian	Filipino	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Born & Raised	Transplant
	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(A)	(B)
Strongly agree	7%	7%	12% B	5%	7%	8%	11%	10%	6%	7%	8%	10%	12% D	10%	5%	4%	8%	7%
Somewhat agree	38%	36%	37%	37%	37%	36%	37%	40%	42%	32%	27%	37%	34%	41%	31%	40%	37%	37%
Somewhat disagree	37%	44%	34%	44% A	38%	38%	41%	31%	40%	38%	59% A B C E	39%	41%	34%	43%	42%	40%	39%
Strongly disagree	18%	13%	17%	15%	17%	19% C	11%	20% D	12%	23% B D	5%	14%	13%	15%	21%	14%	15%	17%
Total	167	109	398	525	242	313	310	378	197	145	46	137	201	303	239	190	537	396
SUMMARY Mean	2.35	2.38	2.44 B	2.32	2.34	2.33	2.47	2.40	2.41	2.23	2.39	2.42	2.45 C	2.46 C	2.20	2.35	2.38	2.34

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	PRIMARY RESIDENCE			UNION HSE		COLLEGE GRADUATE		EMPLOYED		OAHU AREA						BIG ISLAND		PUBLIC SECTOR
	Own	Rent	Rent free	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full/Part	No	Metro HNL	East HNL	Windward	North Shore	Central	West	Kona	Hilo	Yes
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(A)	(B)	(A)
Strongly agree	8%	8%	6%	7%	8%	7%	9%	9%	6%	10%	6%	10%	<sup>4</sup>	8%	4%	22% B	1%	5%
Somewhat agree	37%	37%	34%	37%	37%	40% B	32%	36%	37%	35%	51%	38%	33%	32%	35%	48% B	27%	40%
Somewhat disagree	41%	36%	47%	42%	38%	39%	41%	39%	40%	42%	32%	31%	33%	39%	40%	25%	60% A	40%
Strongly disagree	14%	20%	13%	14%	16%	14%	18%	15%	16%	13%	11%	22%	34%	21%	21%	6%	12%	15%
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SUMMARY Mean	2.40	2.33	2.33	2.36	2.37	2.41	2.31	2.39	2.33	2.42	2.51	2.36	2.00	2.27	2.22	2.85 B	2.16	2.36

**RESIDENT ATTITUDE STUDY**

**Government debt is a good thing because it enables spending to benefit the community:**

	PUBLIC SECTOR ...
	No
	(B)
Strongly agree	9%
Somewhat agree	35%
Somewhat disagree	39%
Strongly disagree	16%
Total	659
SUMMARY Mean	2.37

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