

**SURVEY OF KANSAS REGISTERED VOTERS
REGARDING ENERGY ISSUES**

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Hello, may I please speak with ____? Mr./Ms. ____, this is ____ with SSI, a public opinion research company. We're talking with people in Kansas today for just a few minutes about some issues facing the state. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation. (DO NOT PAUSE)

FOR CELL PHONE SAMPLE:

CELL 1. Have I reached you on a cell phone?

YES1 GO TO Q. CELL 2
NO2 THANK AND CLOSE

CELL 2. Are you in a place right now where you can safely take the survey?

YES1 GO TO Q. A
NO2 CALLBACK
NOT WILLING TO TAKE SURVEY3 THANK AND CLOSE
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED4 THANK AND CLOSE

A. Our information indicates that you are registered to vote in your county, is that correct?

YES1 GO TO Q. B
NO2 THANK AND CLOSE
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED3 THANK AND CLOSE

B. Are you, or is any member of your family, employed by a political campaign, an elected official, or a media organization?

YES1 THANK AND CLOSE
NO2 GO TO Q. 1
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED3 THANK AND CLOSE

1. Would you say the Kansas economy is excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....2%
GOOD40%
NOT SO GOOD38%
POOR18%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION2%

Results are based on 600 weighted cases, MoE = ±4.00 percent. Totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

Question 2 withheld from release.

3. Governor Brownback has pursued an “all of the above” energy policy that includes increased development of renewable energy in Kansas. Do you support or oppose that policy?

SUPPORT	68%
OPPOSE	16%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	16%

4. In general, how supportive are you of using renewable energy like wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass, and energy from waste: strongly supportive, somewhat supportive, not too supportive, or not at all supportive?

STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE	50%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE	41%
NOT TOO SUPPORTIVE	5%
NOT AT ALL SUPPORTIVE	2%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%
SUPPORTIVE	91%
NOT SUPPORTIVE	7%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	2%

5. Over the next ten years, do you think Kansas’s growing energy needs would best be met by (ROTATE: improving energy efficiency, increasing the use of renewable energy like wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass, and energy from waste, or increasing the use of energy from nuclear, coal, and natural gas)?

EFFICIENCY	18%
RENEWABLES	43%
NUCLEAR/COAL/GAS	19%
COMBINATION (VOL.)	11%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	9%

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Now I am going to list several sources of renewable energy. For each one, would you please tell me if you would like to see the amount of electricity generated by that source in Kansas over the next ten years increase, decrease, or stay about the same as it is now: (RANDOMIZE)

	<i>INCREASE</i>	<i>DECREASE</i>	<i>STAY ABOUT THE SAME</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION</i>
6. Wind energy	76%	6%	15%	3%
7. Solar energy	74%	4%	18%	4%
8. Hydroelectric energy	50%	6%	34%	10%
9. Geothermal energy	51%	5%	29%	14%
10. Biomass energy	31%	8%	34%	27%
11. Energy from waste	62%	7%	23%	8%

12. In 2009 the Kansas legislature passed a comprehensive energy bill that requires Kansas utility companies to generate twenty percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the year 2020. Do you support or oppose that law?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

STRONGLY SUPPORT	36%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	39%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	7%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	9%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	9%
SUPPORT	75%
OPPOSE	16%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	9%

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Now I would like to read you several statements regarding renewable energy use. For each one, would you please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement: (RANDOMIZE)

	<i>STRONGLY AGREE</i>	<i>SOMEWHAT AGREE</i>	<i>SOMEWHAT DISAGREE</i>	<i>STRONGLY DISAGREE</i>	<i>DONTKNOW/ NO OPINION</i>		
13. Using renewable energy makes us good stewards of the environment.	57%	89%	32%	5%	9%	4%	3%
14. Using renewable energy will conserve water.	26%	65%	39%	14%	20%	6%	15%
15. Using renewable energy is the right thing to do for the future of our state and our country.	60%	90%	30%	5%	8%	3%	2%
16. Using renewable energy will lead to the creation of new jobs in Kansas.	44%	85%	41%	8%	12%	4%	3%
17. Using renewable energy will lead to new investments in Kansas and help grow our economy.	48%	88%	40%	6%	11%	5%	2%
18. Using renewable energy helps keep electricity rates stable.	29%	71%	42%	11%	23%	12%	7%
19. Because fossil fuels are limited, we need to rely more on renewable forms of energy.	56%	85%	29%	7%	14%	7%	2%
20. Increasing renewable energy use will make Kansas more economically competitive with neighboring states.	43%	81%	38%	10%	15%	5%	4%
21. Renewable energy costs more than energy from fossil fuels.	22%	56%	34%	18%	30%	12%	14%
22. The federal government should not pick winners and losers by subsidizing renewable energy.	32%	63%	31%	16%	29%	13%	8%
23. Renewable energy is less reliable than energy from fossil fuels.	17%	44%	27%	27%	47%	20%	9%
24. Renewable energy requires things like windmills and solar panels that tarnish our state's natural beauty.	17%	43%	26%	28%	55%	27%	2%

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25. If you knew that your state legislator supports the law that requires utility companies to generate 20 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the year 2020, would that make you more likely to support him or her for reelection, less likely to support him or her for reelection, or would it have no effect on your support?

MORE LIKELY	39%
LESS LIKELY	11%
NO EFFECT	46%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	4%

26. Some people have proposed increasing the renewable energy standard, and requiring Kansas utility companies to generate twenty-five percent of their electricity from renewable sources. Would you support or oppose that proposal?

IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

STRONGLY SUPPORT	29%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	39%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	13%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	13%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	7%
SUPPORT	68%
OPPOSE	26%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	7%

Requiring utility companies to generate up to twenty-five percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the year 2025 could lead to an increase in energy costs in the short term. For each of the following amounts, would you please tell me if you would or would not be willing to pay that additional amount if the Kansas legislature passed such a proposal: (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM; BOTTOM TO TOP)

	<i>YES, WILLING</i>	<i>NO, NOT WILLING</i>	<i>DONTKNOW/ NO OPINION</i>
27. One dollar a month	73%	26%	1%
28. Two dollars a month	67%	31%	2%
29. Five dollars a month	55%	43%	2%

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Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

30. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

IF "REP" OR "DEM", ASK:	STRONG REP	20%
Would you consider yourself a strong or	NOT-SO-STRONG REP	14%
a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	IND LEAN REP	12%
	IND/NO PREFERENCE	14%
IF "IND," ASK:	IND LEAN DEM	11%
Do you think of yourself as closer to the	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM	9%
(ROTATE: Republican or Democratic Party)?	STRONG DEM	15%
	REFUSED	5%

31. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

VERY CONSERVATIVE	19%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	27%
MODERATE	25%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	17%
VERY LIBERAL	6%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	6%

32. Would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, or do not support the goals of the Tea Party movement?

STRONGLY SUPPORT	13%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	36%
DO NOT SUPPORT	41%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	10%

33. What is the last year of education you completed?

LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL	3%
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD	18%
SOME COLLEGE	29%
COLLEGE GRAD	28%
POST-COLLEGE	21%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	2%

34. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

\$15,000 OR LESS	7%
\$15,000 TO \$30,000	9%
\$30,000 TO \$50,000	18%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	21%
\$75,000 TO \$100,000	14%
\$100,000 OR MORE	16%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	16%

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35. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

YES/HISPANIC.....	3%
NO/WHITE.....	89%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN.....	5%
NO/ASIAN.....	1%
OTHER.....	2%
REFUSED.....	1%

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

ENTER FROM SAMPLE:

36. AGE: _____

18-29.....	14%
30-49.....	33%
50-64.....	34%
65+.....	19%

37. GENDER: _____

MALE.....	52%
FEMALE.....	48%

38. COUNTY: _____

39. PARTY REG: _____

REPUBLICAN.....	45%
UNAFFILIATED/OTHER.....	30%
DEMOCRAT.....	25%

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