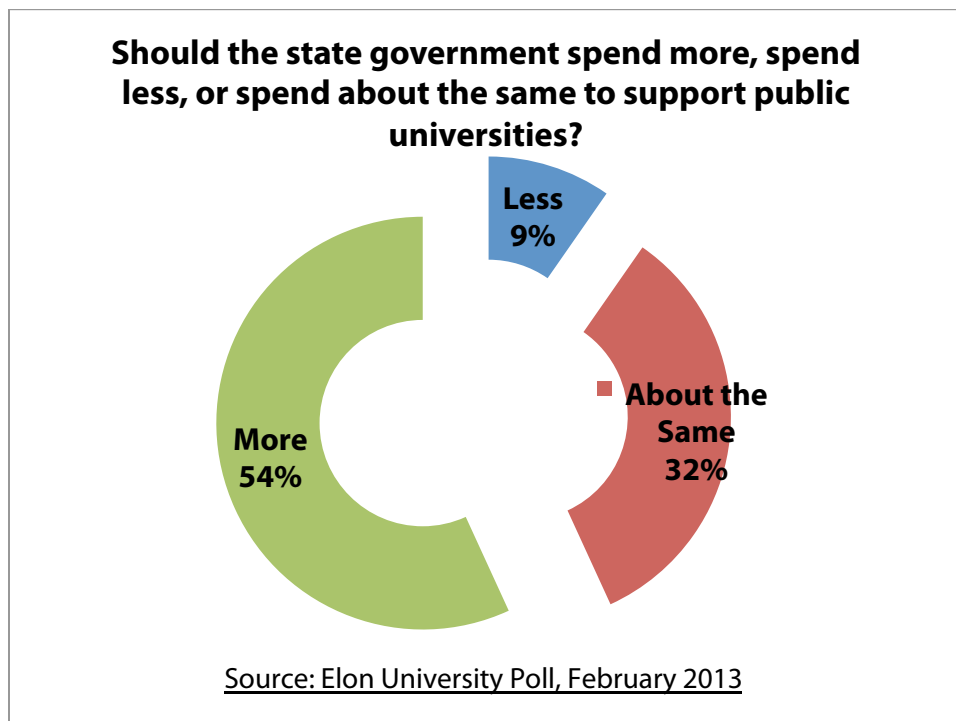


What North Carolina thinks about Higher Education Funding

Elon University Poll

February 24-28, 2013

Most residents in North Carolina want to see more funding for public higher education. More than half of those sampled in a February 2013 survey said the state government should spend more money to support public universities. About a third preferred the state to spend the same level of financial support and approximately 9 percent thought the state should spend less money on public higher education.



Democrats were the most supportive of increasing funding for higher education with 66 percent saying they want more state money to go to public universities. Far fewer Republicans wanted to increase spending for public universities. Forty-two percent of Republicans said the state should spend more money, the same amount preferred state financial support to remain the same, and 11 percent wanted less taxpayer money spent on public higher education. Women were more supportive of increasing spending for public universities. This is not very surprising since there are now more women enrolling in college than men and more women graduating college than men.

Should the state government spend more, spend less, or spend about the same to support public universities?

Less.....	82.....	9.20%
About the Same.....	283.....	31.80%
More.....	480.....	54.00%
Don't Know.....	45.....	5.00%
N=	889.....	100.00%

Table 1: Party ID and Support for University Funding

	Less %	About the Same %	More %	Don't Know %	Total %
Democrats	5	22	66	6	100
Independents	11	33	53	3	100
Republicans	11	42	42	5	100
Don't Know / Refused	12	30	50	8	100
Total	9	32	54	5	100

Table 2: Female and Support for University Funding

	Less %	About the Same %	More %	Don't Know %	Total %
Male	14	33	50	4	100
Female	5	31	58	6	100
Total	9	32	54	5	100

Table 3: Age and Support for University Funding

	Less %	About the Same %	More %	Don't Know %	Total %
18-30	9	29	59	3	100
31-40	7	28	61	4	100
41-50	8	35	54	3	100
51-65	9	30	55	5	100
65+	13	40	37	10	100
Total	9	32	54	5	100

Table 4: Race and Support for University Funding

	Less %	About the Same %	More %	Don't Know %	Total %
White	11	37	46	6	100
Black	4	15	78	3	100
Other	6	28	63	3	100
Total	9	32	54	5	100

Table 5: Income and Support for University Funding

	Less %	About the Same %	More %	Don't Know %	Total %
Less than \$25,000	10	27	55	7	100
\$25,000 to \$50,000	7	28	61	4	100
\$50,000 to \$75,000	9	32	55	4	100
More than \$75,000	10	37	49	4	100
Total	9	32	55	4	100

Basic Methodological Information

Mode:	Live Interviewer RDD Telephone Interviews (Dual Frame: Cell Phone and Landlines)
Sample Area:	North Carolina
Dates in the field:	February 24 – February 28, 2013
Sample Size	891
Margin of Error	±3.28
Confidence Level	95%
Weighting Variables	Age , Race, Gender, and Phone Ownership

For more information on the Elon University Poll, visit www.elon.edu/elonpoll

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