

Table 1 - Illinois Attitudes toward Taxes

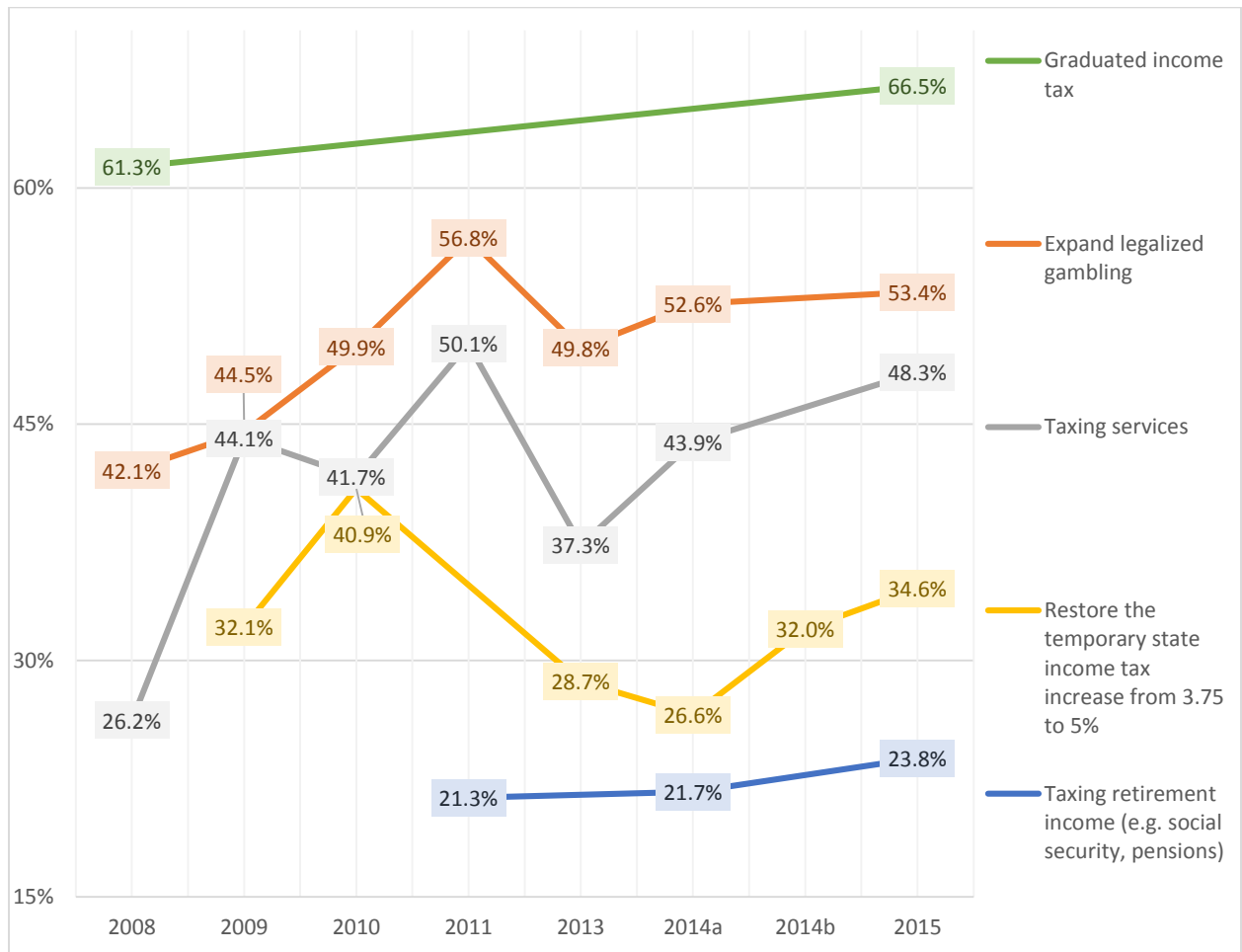
There have been a number of proposals to address the state's budget problems by finding ways to raise more money to pay for programs and services. I'm going to read several areas where people have suggested that more money could be raised. For each one that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether you favor or oppose raising revenues in that way, ok?

Percentage Favoring Proposals to Increase Revenue 2008-2015

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2013	2014a	2014b	2015
Raising the state gasoline tax by 10 cents per gallon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26.1%
Taxing services	26.2%	44.1%	41.7%	50.1%	37.3%	43.9%	--	48.3%
Expand legalized gambling	42.1%	44.5%	49.9%	56.8%	49.8%	52.6%	--	53.4%
Taxing retirement income (e.g. social security, pensions)	--	--	--	21.3%	--	21.7%	--	23.8%
Restore the temporary state income tax increase from 3.75 to 5%	--	32.1%	40.9%	--	28.7%	26.6%	32.0%	34.6%
Impose an extra 3% state tax on all income above \$1 million a year	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	75.5%
Graduated income tax	61.3%	--	--	--	--	--	--	66.5%

Note: These questions were not answered in 2012.

Figure 1 – Percentage of Voters Favoring Proposed Tax Increases, 2008-2015



Note: This chart illustrates more positive attitudes toward these tax proposals. All questions were not asked each year. For example, the line between 2010 and 2013 on opinions about the temporary income tax increase skips over 2011 because this question was not asked that year.

Further, because of changes in legislation, the question about an income tax increase has changed over the years. Before the temporary tax was instituted in 2011 we asked about hypothetical increases: in 2009 we asked about raising the income tax from 3 percent to 4.5 percent, and in 2010 we asked about raising it from 3 percent to 4 percent. From 2013 to fall 2014 we asked about making the temporary income tax increase permanent. In the most recent poll we asked about reinstating the temporary income tax increase.

Appendix: Support for Tax and Revenue Measures

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Would you favor or oppose raising the state gasoline tax by 10 cents per gallon?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Favor	26.1%
Oppose	72.4%
Other/don't know	1.5%

Do you favor or oppose expanding the sales tax to cover services like dry cleaning or haircuts, which are not currently taxed?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Strongly favor	20.7%
Somewhat favor	27.6%
Somewhat oppose	15.7%
Strongly oppose	31.7%
Other/don't know	4.3%

Do you favor or oppose a proposal expanding legalized gambling in the state?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Strongly favor	29.6%
Somewhat favor	23.8%
Somewhat oppose	13.2%
Strongly oppose	28.8%
Other/don't know	4.6%

Do you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income, such as pensions and Social Security?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Favor	23.8%
Oppose	70.0%
Other/don't know	6.2%

Would you favor or oppose applying the state income tax to retirement income if it exempted from taxes the first \$50,000 earned per year? (*If oppose q20*)

Response	Percent (n=700)
Favor	45.7%
Oppose	48.0%
Other/don't know	6.3%

Do you favor or oppose a proposal to restore the temporary state income tax increase, raising it from 3.75 percent to 5 percent?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Strongly favor	15.7%
Somewhat favor	18.9%
Somewhat oppose	18.5%
Strongly oppose	43.5%
Other/don't know	3.4%

Do you favor or oppose a proposal to impose an extra 3 percent state tax on all income above \$1 million a year?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Strongly favor	59.5%
Somewhat favor	16.0%
Somewhat oppose	6.8%
Strongly oppose	14.5%
Other/don't know	3.2%

Would you favor or oppose a proposal to change the Illinois Constitution to allow a graduated income tax—that is, tax rates would be lower for lower-income taxpayers and higher for upper-income taxpayers?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Strongly favor	43.2%
Somewhat favor	23.3%
Somewhat oppose	9.4%
Strongly oppose	18.2%
Other/don't know	5.9%