

### Views on fracking by geographic area, age, and political party

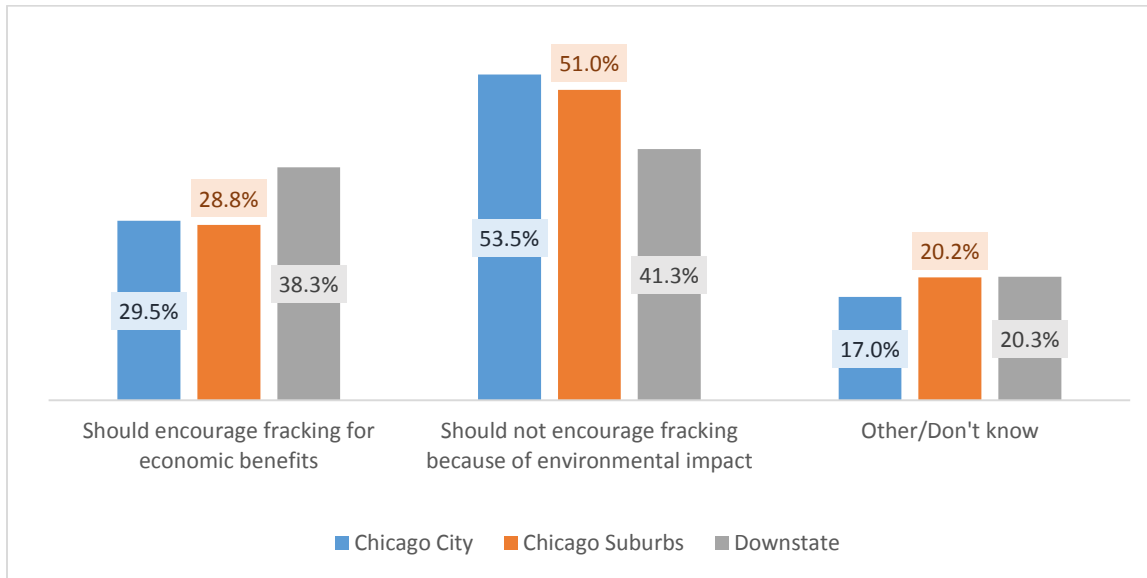


Figure 1. Views on fracking by geographic area.

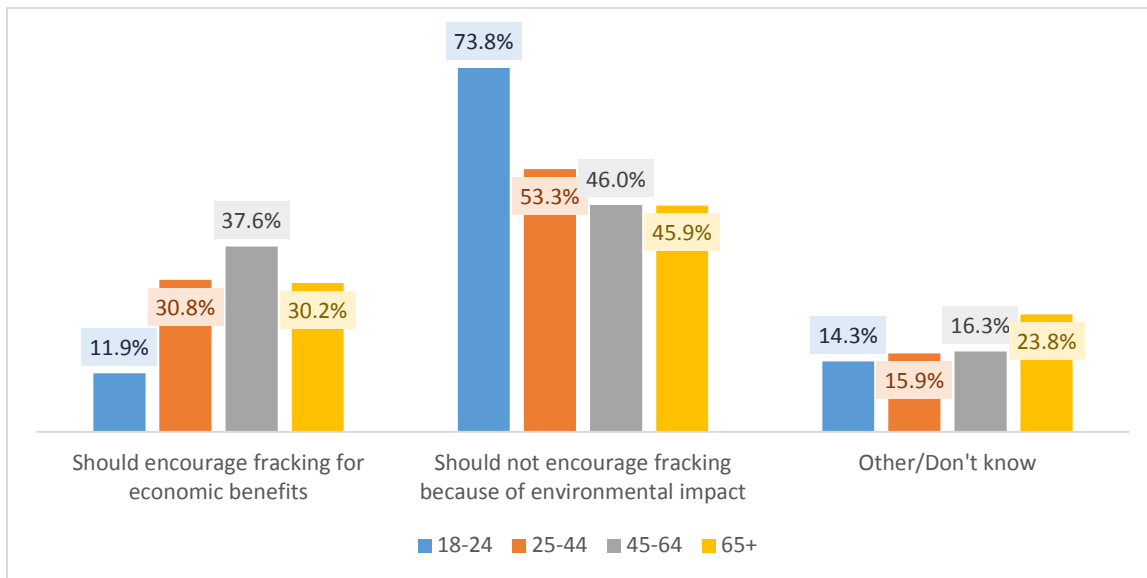


Figure 2. Views on fracking by age.

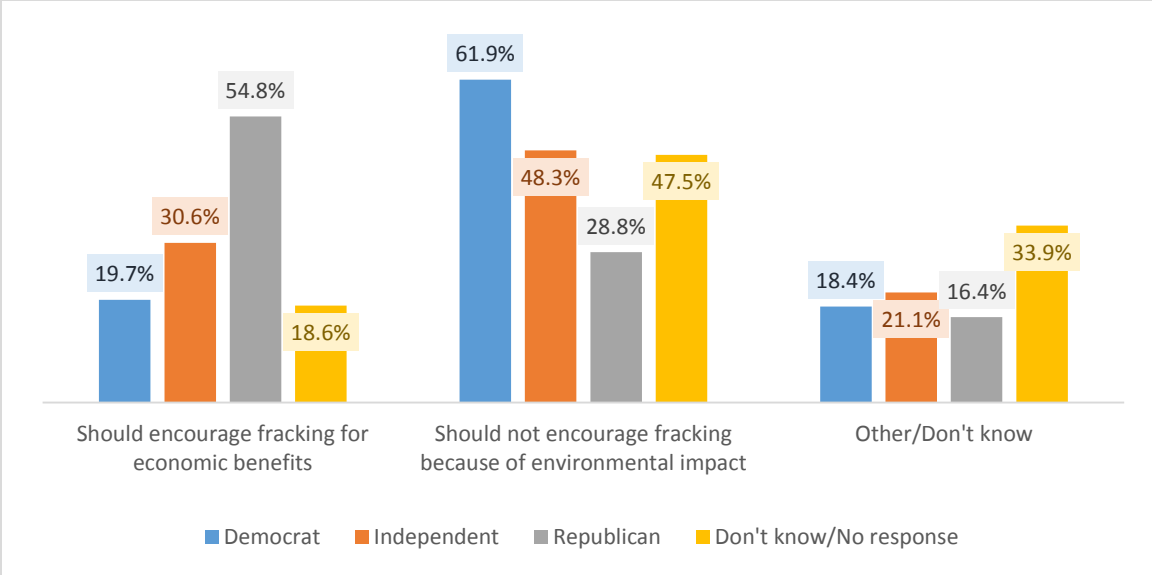


Figure 3. Views on fracking by political party affiliation.

**Table 1. Knowledge of fracking**

*How much have you heard or read about hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” a process that uses the high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals to remove natural gas from rocks deep in the earth’s surface?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent (n=1000)</b>
A lot	33.2%
Some	27.9%
Not much	14.3%
Nothing so far	21.3%
Other/don’t know	3.3%

**Table 2. Perception about the safety of fracking**

*As far as you know, do you think hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” is a very safe method to extract natural gas from the ground, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent (n=1000)</b>
Very safe	7.8%
Somewhat safe	31.3%
Not very safe	14.8%
Not at all safe	20.9%
Other/don’t know	25.2%

**Table 3. Opinion on whether fracking should be encouraged or not**

*Some people say the state should encourage hydraulic fracturing because of the economic benefits, while others say the state should not encourage hydraulic fracturing because of potential environmental impact. Which comes closer to your view?*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent (n=1000)</b>
Should encourage for economic benefits	31.8%
Should not encourage because of environmental impact	48.6%
Other/don’t know	19.6%