

Frequency Tables¹

Fix Illinois Budget Deficit

The state of Illinois has a budget deficit of over 9 billion dollars. I'm going to read three statements that people have made about how to fix the deficit, and ask you which one comes closest to your views. If you haven't thought much about this issue, just tell me that.

- *Illinois' public programs and services have already been reduced significantly. We can only fix the problem by taking in more revenue, such as a tax increase.*
- *The state takes in plenty of money to pay for public services, but wastes it on unnecessary programs. We can only fix the problem by cutting waste and inefficiency in government.*
- *Illinois' budget problem is so large it can only be solved by a combination of budget cuts and revenue increases.*
- *Haven't thought much about it*
- *Other/Don't know*

Response	Percent (n=1000)
More revenue	12.1%
Cut waste	43.9%
Combination of cuts and revenues	33.1%
Haven't thought much	4.7%
Other/Don't know	6.2%

Affected by Budget Stalemate

Have you or someone in your immediate family been affected by the Illinois budget stalemate?

Response	Percent (n=1000)
Yes	33.9%
No	61.9%
Other/Don't know	4.2%

¹ Values are rounded and may not sum to 100%.

How Affected by Budget Stalemate

(If yes to affected by budget stalemate) How has your family been impacted by the lack of a state budget?

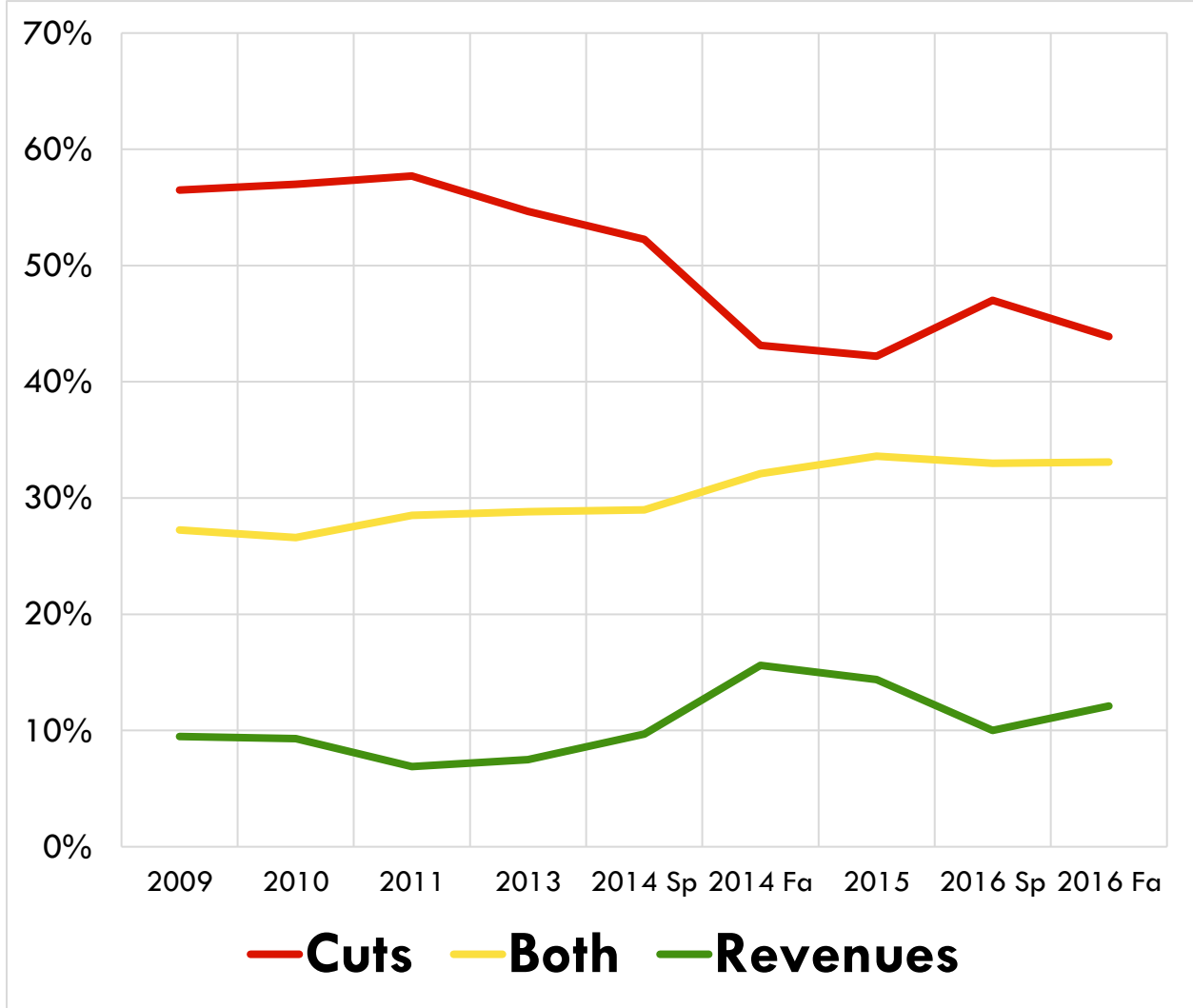
Response	Percent (n=339)
Social Services	47.8%
<i>Social services (generally)</i>	<i>14.7%</i>
<i>K-12 education</i>	<i>13.9%</i>
<i>Mental health care</i>	<i>6.5%</i>
<i>Child care costs/services</i>	<i>5.9%</i>
<i>Higher education (including MAP grants)</i>	<i>5.6%</i>
<i>Drug treatment costs/services</i>	<i>1.2%</i>
Economic (job, housing, etc.)	31.0%
<i>Job lost/threatened</i>	<i>18.3 %</i>
<i>Economy (generally)</i>	<i>8.3%</i>
<i>Housing (affordability/quality)</i>	<i>3.2%</i>
<i>Utility assistance program cuts (home heat, air, etc.)</i>	<i>1.2%</i>
Local government/area	10.7%
<i>Local economy</i>	<i>4.7%</i>
<i>City government cuts</i>	<i>2.4%</i>
<i>Highway and road construction/maintenance</i>	<i>2.1%</i>
<i>Facility closure</i>	<i>1.5%</i>
Other	4.4%
Don't know	6.2%

Percentages are calculations of those that say they were affected by the budget. Question was open-ended and categorized by response. The margin of error for this limited sample is 5.3 percentage points.

Demographic Crosstab and Historic Tables²

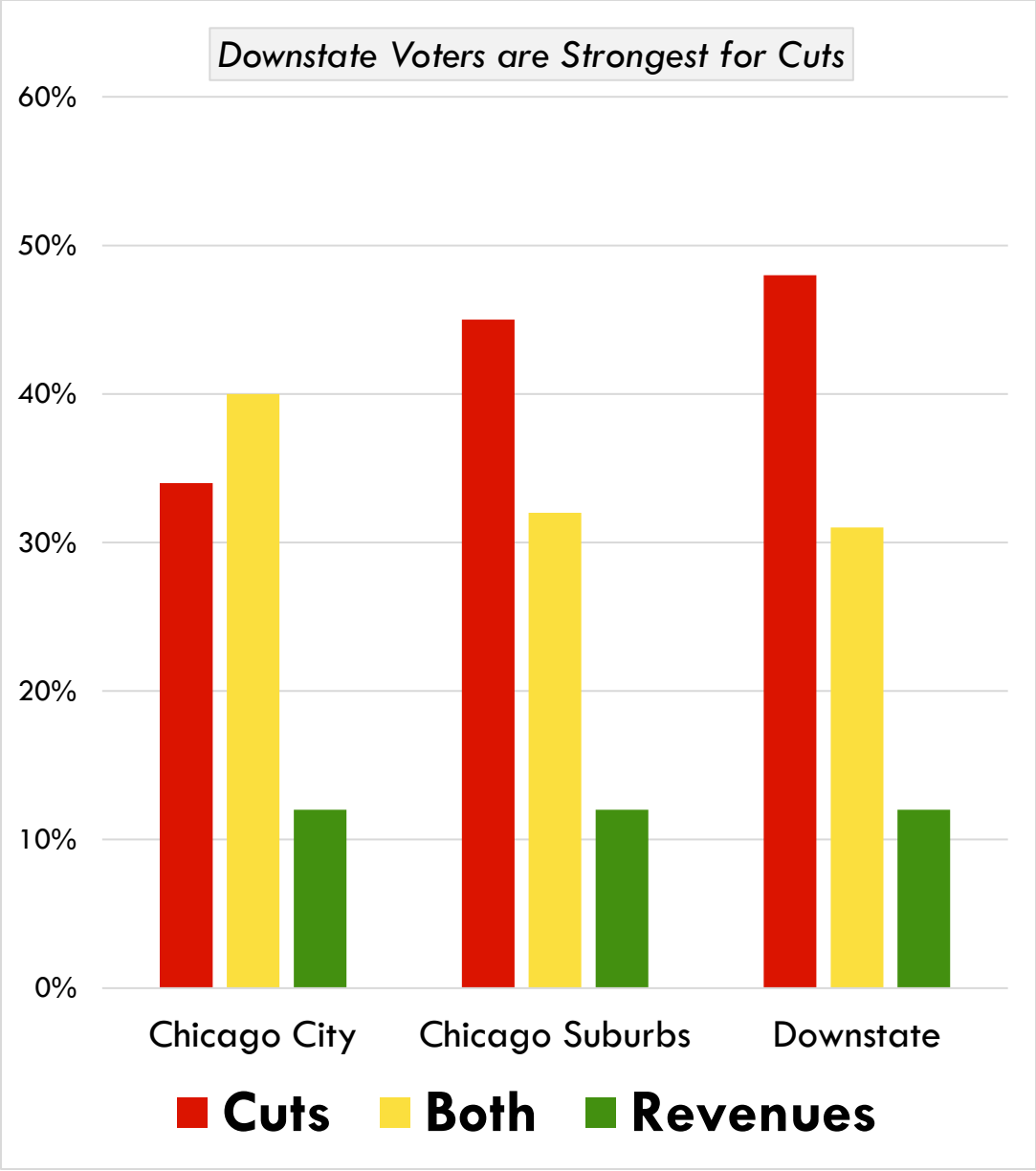
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Historical Trend



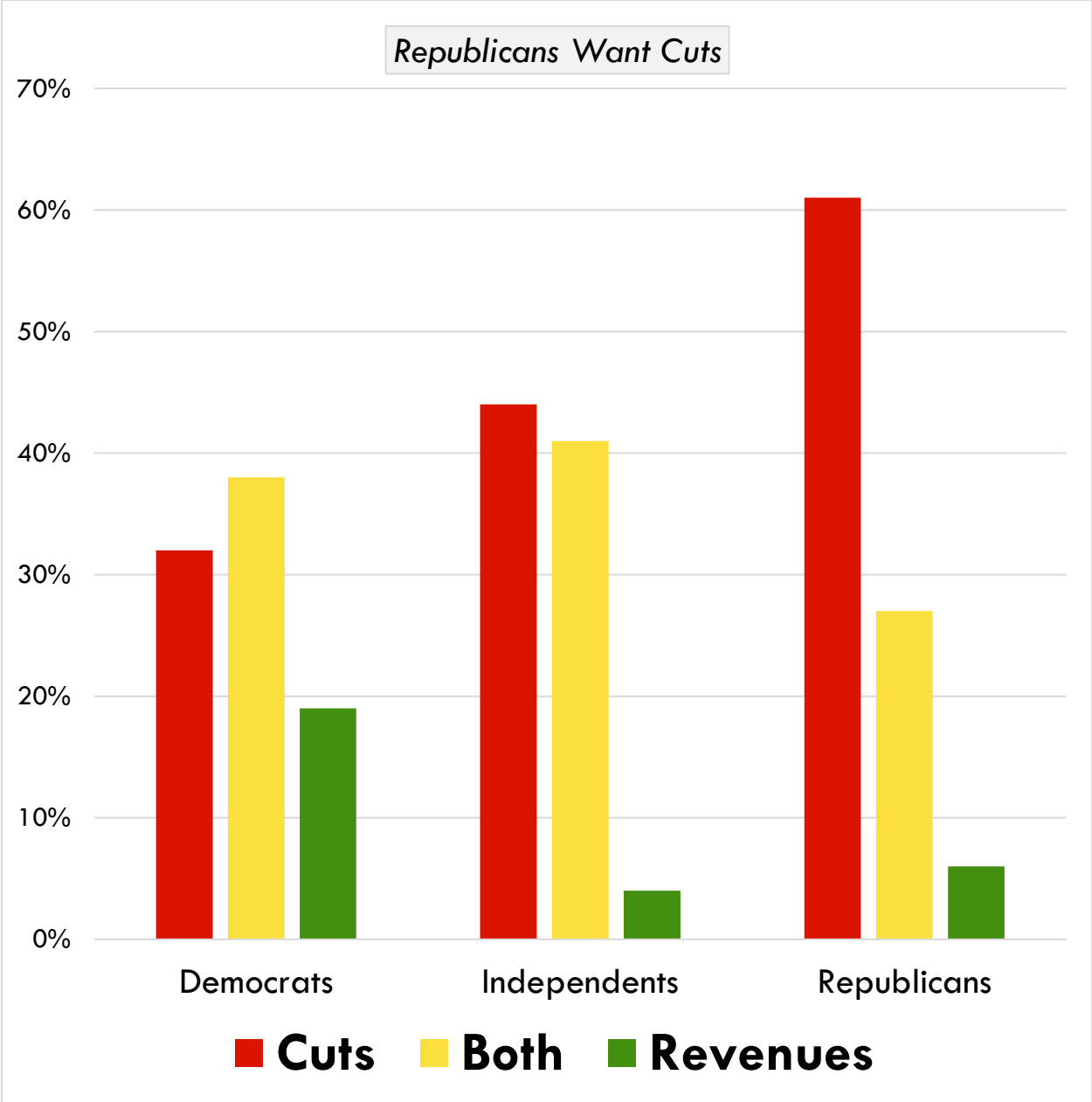
	2009	2010	2011	2013	2014 Sp	2014 Fa	2015	2016 Sp	2016 Fa
Cuts	57%	57%	58%	55%	52%	43%	42%	47%	44%
Both	27%	27%	29%	29%	29%	32%	34%	33%	33%
Revenues	10%	9%	7%	8%	10%	16%	14%	10%	12%
Haven't thought	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%
Other/DK	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%

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By AREA

	Chicago City	Chicago Suburbs	Downstate
Cuts	34%	45%	48%
Both	40%	32%	31%
Revenues	12%	12%	12%
Haven't thought	7%	5%	3%
Other/DK	8%	6%	5%



By PARTY

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Cuts	32%	44%	61%
Both	38%	41%	27%
Revenues	19%	4%	6%
Haven't thought	6%	4%	2%
Other/DK	6%	8%	4%

AFFECTED BY BUDGET STALEMATE

Historical Trend

	2016 Sp	2016 Fa
Yes	32%	34%
No	62%	62%
Other/DK	6%	4%

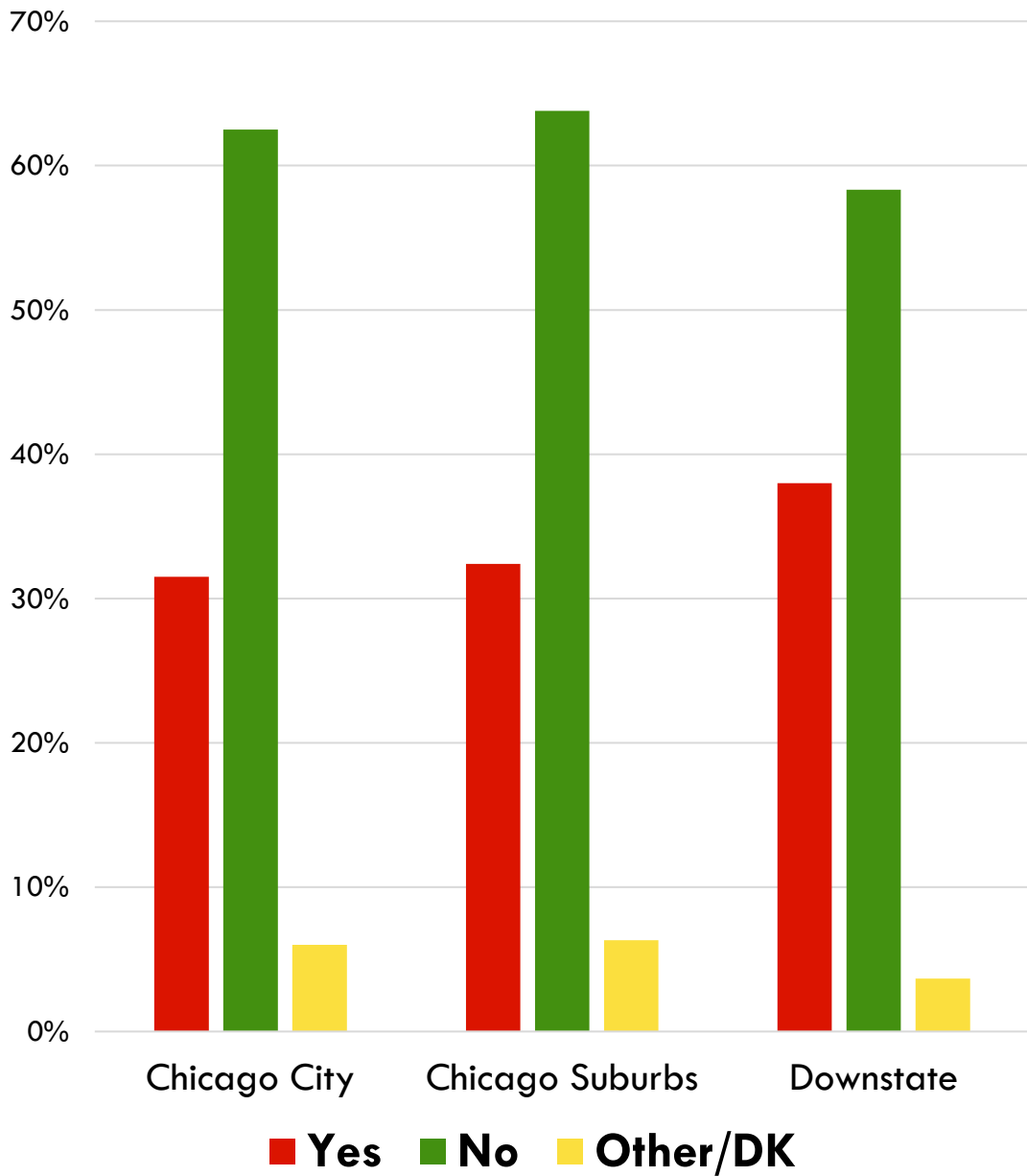
By AREA

	Chicago City	Chicago Suburbs	Downstate
Yes	32%	32%	38%
No	63%	64%	58%
Other/DK	6%	4%	4%

By PARTY

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Yes	37%	34%	29%
No	60%	64%	66%
Other/DK	3%	2%	5%

Downstate Voters a Bit More Affected



HOW AFFECTED BY BUDGET STALEMATE³

By AREA

	Chicago City	Chicago Suburbs	Downstate
Social services	40%	53%	46%
Economic	37%	25%	37%
Local government/area	10%	12%	10%
Other/Don't know	14%	11%	8%

By PARTY

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Social services	51%	38%	48%
Economic	28%	44%	29%
Local government/area	11%	13%	7%
Other/Don't know	10%	4%	16%

³ This question was only asked of those that answered "yes" they had been affected by the budget stalemate (n=339). The margin of error for this limited sample is 5.3 percentage points.

Suburbanites Really Feel Social Service Cuts

