

Education Tax Survey Fact Sheet – Probe Research
The Manitoba Real Estate Association and The Winnipeg Real Estate Board

This province-wide Omnibus survey was designed and conducted by Probe Research via telephone interviews taken between June 14th and June 30th, 2006 among a random and representative sampling of 1,000 adults residing in Manitoba.

With a sample of 1,000 one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are within +3.1 percentage points of what they would have been if the entire adult population of Manitoba had been interviewed. The margin of error is higher within each of the survey's population sub-groups.

Modified random digit dialing was employed to ensure that all Manitoba adults would have an equal opportunity to participate in this Probe Research Inc. survey. Minor statistical weighting has been applied to this sample to ensure that age and gender characteristics properly reflect known attributes of the Manitoba population. All data analysis was performed using a combination of package and custom software.

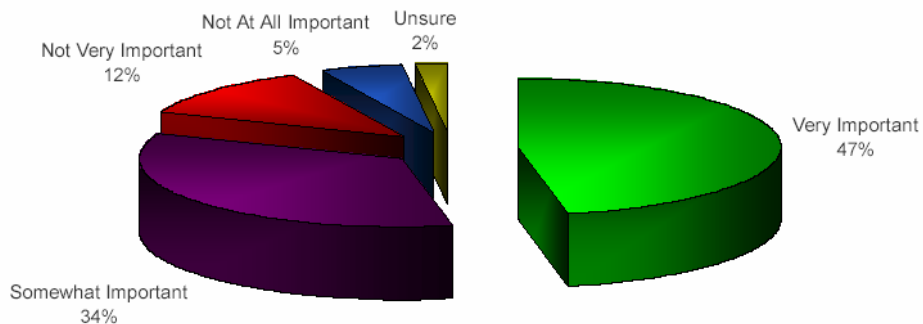
Salience of School Funding as a Public Policy Issue

Respondents were asked how important they feel it is for Manitoba's political parties to adopt clear positions on whether public schools should be financed through the province's general revenues or through municipal taxes.



Source of Public Schools Funding as an Election Issue

"As you may know, there is a possibility that there will be a provincial election sometime later this year, or in 2007. How important is it to you personally that each of the political parties adopt a clear position in the next provincial election on whether public education should be funded through provincial revenues or through local property taxes? Is it.... (n=1,000)



Support for Funding Public Education through Province's General Revenues

Respondents were asked whether they thought public education in Manitoba should continue to be funded through municipal property taxes, or be funded entirely by the provincial government through general revenues.



Manitobans' Opinions on Public Schools Funding

"Many Manitobans pay approximately half of their property taxes toward funding the public school system. Lately, there has been talk of making changes so that public education is funded through provincial revenues rather than through local property taxes. What do you think, should our public schools be funded through municipal property taxes or by provincial revenues?" (n=1,000)

