



**Manitoba Real Estate Association
and the Winnipeg Real Estate Board**

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1.0 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND BACKGROUND

This province-wide Omnibus survey was designed and conducted by Probe Research via telephone interviews between September 20th and October 3rd, 2005 among a random and representative sampling of 1,011 adults residing in Manitoba.

With a sample of 1,011 one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are within ± 3.2 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.

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2.0 PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

The table below illustrates the socio-demographic breakdown of respondents.

(Bases)	Total Manitoba (1,011) (%)	Winnipeg (607) %	Rural (404) %
GENDER			
Men	48	48	49
Women	52	52	51
AGE			
18-24 years	11	12	10
25-34 years	22	19	26
35-44 years	17	19	15
45-54 years	20	22	18
55 to 64 years	15	16	15
65 and older	14	13	16
HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
<\$30K	23	23	24
\$30-60K	35	35	35
\$60-\$79K	18	20	15
\$80K+	23	22	26
EDUCATION			
Less than high school	14	11	20
High school	25	24	26
Some post secondary	17	19	15
Tech/Voc diploma	15	13	18
University graduate	29	34	21
REGION			
Rural Manitoba	40	--	100
Winnipeg (Net)	60	100	--
Winnipeg Regions:			
NW Winnipeg	12	19	--
Core	12	21	--
SW Winnipeg	15	25	--
SE Winnipeg	10	16	--
NE Winnipeg	12	19	--

3.0 RESEARCH RESULTS

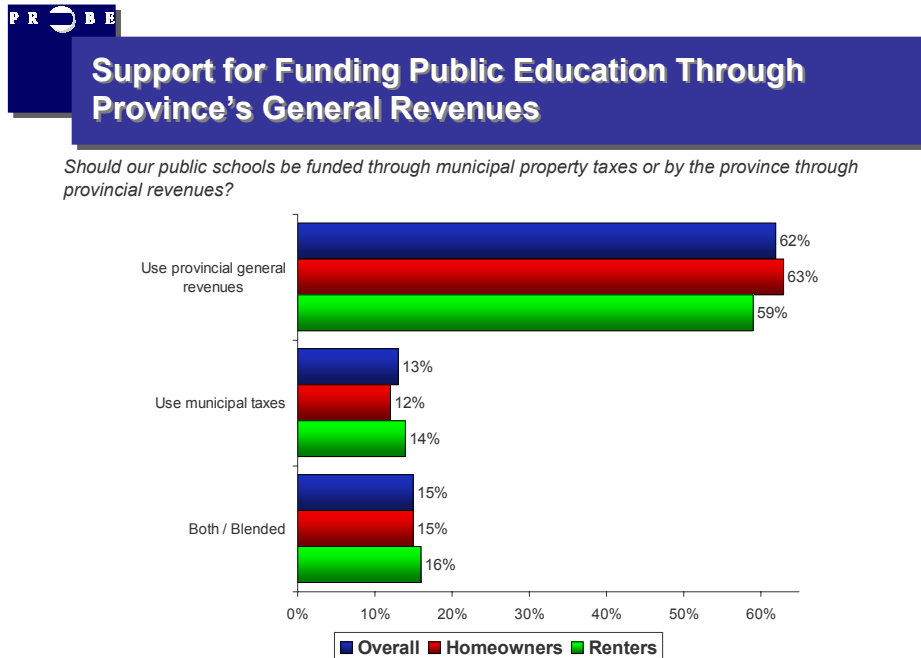
3.1 SUPPORT FOR FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGH PROVINCE'S GENERAL REVENUES

Manitobans 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. The specific question was:

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?

More than six in ten Manitobans (62%) agreed that funding for Manitoba's public education system should come from the province's general revenue stream. Only just over one in ten say this funding should continue to come from municipal property taxes (13%), while a similar number volunteered that this funding should be derived from a combination of the two revenue sources (17%). Six percent were unable or unwilling to offer a view on this issue.

Figure 1



Respondents most likely to be in favour of reforming the way these education taxes are derived by turning to provincial revenues were:

- Owners whose homes are valued at \$250,000 or higher (77% versus 62% of those whose homes are valued less than \$100,000)
- Respondents aged 55 or over (70% versus 50% aged 18-34)

There was little difference in attitudes on this question between those residing in Winnipeg and those in Rural Manitoba (61% of Winnipeg respondents would like this education levy taken off property taxes compared with 63% outside of Winnipeg).