

13th Annual Racial Attitudes in Pulaski County Survey  
 Focus on Immigration  
 Questionnaire & Percent Frequencies

The Racial Attitudes in Pulaski County survey was conducted by the UALR Survey Research Center (SRC) between September 11 and December 13, 2015. A total of 2,064 interviews were conducted with a stratified random sample of residents, 18 years of age and older in Pulaski County, Arkansas. The study focuses on black, white, and Hispanic relations, the data analysis is divided into five groups: LR-blacks; LR-whites; OLR-blacks; and, OLR-whites and Hispanics with a total of 1,992 respondents.

The following is a presentation of each question used in the Racial Attitudes survey and the percentage frequencies for each of the response categories. Unless otherwise noted the total for each geo-racial group is:

LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
n= 442	n= 446	n= 422	n= 483	n= 199

Q1

Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views:  
 Immigrants today STRENGTHEN our state because of their hard work and talents or Immigrants today are a BURDEN on our state because they take our jobs, housing and health care.

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Immigrants STRENGTHEN our state	72%	76%	67%	61%	96%
2 Immigrants are a BURDEN on our state	23%	20%	29%	33%	3%
7 Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
9 Don't know	3%	3%	2%	4%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Next, I have some questions about immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally. We will use the term “undocumented immigrants” to refer to people in this situation.

Q2 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S. . . . There SHOULD NOT be a legal way that allows them to stay in the country or there SHOULD be a legal way for them to stay in the country.

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 SHOULD NOT be allowed to stay	18%	21%	23%	28%	8%
2 SHOULD be a way for them to stay	81%	76%	76%	68%	92%
7 Don't know	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
9 Refused	0%	2%	1%	2%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. How about . . .

Q3 It would be better for the economy for undocumented immigrants to gain legal status and become legal workers.

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Strongly Agree	43%	40%	41%	34%	58%
2 Agree	40%	45%	37%	46%	39%
3 Disagree	8%	7%	9%	10%	1%
4 Strongly Disagree	7%	6%	11%	9%	2%
7 Don't know	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
9 Refused	1%	1%	2%	0%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q4 Deporting all of the undocumented immigrants already in this country is NOT realistic.

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Strongly Agree	40%	57%	36%	45%	58%
2 Agree	28%	28%	28%	36%	20%
3 Disagree	16%	5%	14%	10%	9%
4 Strongly Disagree	15%	8%	19%	7%	10%
7 Don't know	1%	1%		1%	4%
9 Refused	2%	1%	2%	1%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q5 Most undocumented immigrants are hard workers who should have the opportunity to stay in this country and improve their lives.

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Strongly Agree	41%	28%	40%	25%	73%
2 Agree	35%	49%	36%	42%	23%
3 Disagree	12%	11%	12%	13%	2%
4 Strongly Disagree	9%	7%	8%	12%	1%
7 Don't know	0%	1%	0%	3%	1%
9 Refused	3%	4%	3%	5%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q6 Granting undocumented immigrants legal status would encourage more people to come here illegally.

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Strongly Agree	34%	24%	33%	32%	15%
2 Agree	21%	32%	23%	28%	29%
3 Disagree	23%	29%	19%	26%	34%
4 Strongly Disagree	19%	14%	21%	11%	15%
7 Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	8%
9 Refused	3%	1%	2%	1%	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q7 In general, how sympathetic would you say you are toward immigrants who are in the United States illegally? Would you say . . .

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Very sympathetic	20%	23%	24%	16%	63%
2 Somewhat sympathetic	53%	47%	46%	48%	29%
3 Somewhat unsympathetic	12%	18%	17%	21%	5%
4 Very unsympathetic	10%	11%	10%	13%	2%
7 Don't know	1%		0%	0%	3%
9 Refused	3%	1%	3%	2%	
	96%	99%	97%	98%	97%

Q8a/b. Compared with ten years ago, do you think the number of immigrants entering the U.S. illegally today is higher, lower, or about the same?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Higher	71%	55%	66%	62%	54%
2 Lower	5%	11%	3%	7%	24%
3 About the same	20%	31%	29%	29%	19%
7 Don't know	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%
9 Refused	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q9a/b. Do you favor or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants brought to the US as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Favor	64%	78%	67%	64%	84%
2 Oppose	31%	20%	29%	33%	12%
7 Don't know	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%
9 Refused	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q10 How much, if at all, do you think immigrants today are changing your community and way of life? Would you say a lot, a little or not at all?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 A lot	40%	35%	36%	34%	63%
2 A little	33%	49%	36%	49%	31%
3 Not at all	22%	14%	25%	15%	5%
7 Don't know	1%	0%		0%	1%
9 Refused	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q11a/tAll in all, do you think this change in your community is a good thing or bad thing?

	n= 344 LRB	n= 383 LRW	n= 316 OLRB	n=407 OLRW	n=190 HISP
1 Good thing	69%	71%	63%	57%	94%
2 Bad thing	22%	23%	27%	34%	3%
7 Don't know	1%	2%	4%	7%	1%
9 Refused	7%	4%	6%	3%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q12 Thinking about conversations you have had with different types of people in the past 12 months. . . How often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is Muslim? Would you say . . .

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 At least once a day	13%	8%	12%	4%	4%
2 Occasionally	24%	27%	26%	21%	20%
3 Seldom	30%	35%	25%	36%	25%
4 Never	29%	28%	34%	37%	52%
7 Don't Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	
9 Refused	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q13 How often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is Black? Would you say . . .

	n= 446 LRW	n=483 OLRW	n=199 HISP
1 At least once a day	67%	70%	66%
2 Occasionally	28%	22%	23%
3 Seldom	3%	4%	8%
4 Never	0%	2%	3%
9 Refused	2%	1%	1%
	100%	100%	100%

Q14 How often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is White?

	n= 442 LRB	n= 422 OLRB	n= 199 HISP
1 At least once a day	71%	72%	78%
2 Occasionally	21%	20%	15%
3 Seldom	5%	4%	5%
4 Never	0%	1%	1%
7 Don't Know			
9 Refused	3%	3%	1%
	100%	100%	100%

Q15 How often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is Hispanic? Would you say . . .

	n= 442 LRB	n= 446 LRW	n= 422 OLRB	n= 483 OLRW
1 At least once a day	37%	31%	34%	40%
2 Occasionally	38%	52%	34%	41%
3 Seldom	14%	12%	17%	13%
4 Never	8%	3%	11%	5%
9 Refused	3%	2%	3%	1%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q16 How often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is politically conservative? Would you say . . .

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 At least once a day	27%	58%	27%	55%	22%
2 Occasionally	36%	31%	32%	25%	39%
3 Seldom	23%	6%	23%	12%	27%
4 Never	10%	2%	15%	4%	10%
7 Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%
9 Refused	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q17 How often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is politically liberal? Would you say . . .

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 At least once a day	31%	57%	30%	45%	26%
2 Occasionally	32%	29%	29%	32%	31%
3 Seldom	20%	9%	18%	13%	27%
4 Never	12%	3%	18%	6%	13%
7 Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%
9 Refused	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

On another subject, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Q18 I resent any special considerations that Blacks receive because it's unfair to other Americans.

	n= 446 LRW	n= 483 OLRW	n=199 HISP
1 Strongly Agree	14%	22%	8%
2 Agree	23%	20%	16%
3 Disagree	37%	36%	35%
4 Strongly Disagree	23%	17%	26%
7 Don't Know		1%	10%
9 Refused	3%	4%	5%
	100%	100%	100%

Q19 Blacks do not need any special consideration because racism is a thing of the past.

	n= 446 LRW	n= 483 OLRW	n=199 HISP
1 Strongly Agree	12%	23%	26%
2 Agree	18%	20%	24%
3 Disagree	32%	31%	20%
4 Strongly Disagree	35%	21%	24%
7 Don't Know		1%	4%
9 Refused	3%	4%	2%
	100%	100%	100%

Q20 For Blacks to succeed they need to stop using racism and slavery as excuses.

	n= 446 LRW	n= 483 OLRW	n=199 HISP
1 Strongly Agree	35%	49%	46%
2 Agree	30%	27%	26%
3 Disagree	18%	12%	16%
4 Strongly Disagree	12%	6%	9%
7 Don't Know	1%	1%	3%
9 Refused	4%	5%	2%
	100%	100%	100%

Q21 Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you cannot be too careful in dealing with people?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Can be trusted	27%	61%	21%	52%	31%
2 Cannot be too careful	68%	37%	76%	45%	68%
7 Don't Know	0%			1%	
9 Refused	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q22 Thinking about people in your neighborhood, generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 A lot	20%	49%	16%	48%	20%
2 Some	37%	39%	40%	36%	38%
3 Only a little	26%	7%	22%	9%	32%
4 Not at all	12%	2%	17%	5%	7%
7 Don't know	0%		1%	0%	
8 Not Applicable	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
9 Refused	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q23 [How about . . .] People at your church or place of worship?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 A lot	40%	50%	38%	54%	36%
2 Some	33%	22%	33%	20%	29%
3 Only a little	13%	3%	16%	2%	18%
4 Not at all	4%	0%	4%	1%	3%
7 Don't know	0%			0%	4%
8 Not Applicable	5%	23%	6%	21%	8%
9 Refused	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Q24 [How about . . .] People who work in the stores where you shop?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 A lot	13%	31%	12%	29%	19%
2 Some	45%	49%	42%	49%	44%
3 Only a little	25%	15%	29%	17%	28%
4 Not at all	13%	2%	14%	2%	8%
7 Don't know		0%	0%	1%	
8 Not Applicable	0%	0%		0%	
9 Refused	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q25 Gender

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Male	44%	48%	44%	51%	57%
2 Female	56%	52%	56%	49%	43%

Q26 What is your age?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
18-24	15%	9%	14%	6%	19%
25-29	10%	10%	9%	8%	16%
30-34	9%	8%	12%	8%	16%
35-44	17%	16%	18%	14%	22%
45-54	17%	16%	17%	17%	12%
55-64	14%	17%	14%	19%	6%
65-74	6%	11%	6%	13%	2%
75+	4%	10%	3%	12%	3%
Don't Know			0%		
Refused	8%	3%	6%	3%	5%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q27 What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 None, or grade 1 - 4			0%		1%
2 Grades 5, 6 or 7	1%		1%	0%	8%
3 Grade 8	1%	0%	1%	0%	9%
4 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)	4%	3%	5%	3%	14%
5 High school graduate, Grade 12 or GED	26%	9%	28%	23%	22%
6 Assoc. degree, technical, trade or busine	11%	6%	14%	10%	7%
7 College/university incomplete	22%	19%	22%	23%	13%
8 College/university graduate or more	30%	61%	26%	38%	25%
99 Refused	5%	2%	4%	2%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q28 In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Republican	4%	27%	3%	30%	7%
2 Democrat	68%	31%	62%	24%	34%
3 Independent	13%	32%	20%	32%	24%
7 Don't know	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%
8 Other	8%	7%	10%	9%	24%
9 Refused	7%	3%	5%	4%	7%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q29 As of today, do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	n= 118 LRB	n=184 LRW	n= 144 OLRB	n= 222 OLRW	n= 116 HISP
1 Republican Party	9%	33%	10%	41%	13%
2 Democrat Party	40%	47%	50%	33%	34%
5 Neither	13%	6%	10%	3%	23%
7 Don't know	4%	1%	8%	6%	16%
8 Other	2%	4%	3%	5%	2%
9 Refused	32%	9%	19%	12%	11%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q30 Are you currently employed or unemployed . . .

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Employed for wages (full or part-time)	58%	53%	60%	52%	61%
2 Self-employed	9%	15%	9%	10%	17%
3 Out of work for more than 1 year	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
4 Out of work for less than 1 year	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
5 Homemaker	1%	4%	1%	3%	7%
6 Student	7%	4%	2%	2%	
7 Retired	12%	17%	14%	22%	5%
8 Unable to work	6%	3%	8%	5%	3%
99 Refused	5%	2%	4%	2%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Q31 If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes of ALL the members of your household for last year, 2014, would the total be . . .

	LRB	LRW	OLRB	OLRW	HISP
1 Less than \$10,000	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%
2 \$10 - 15,000	4%	2%	5%	2%	4%
3 \$15 - 20,000	9%	2%	8%	5%	13%
4 \$20 - 25,000	9%	4%	13%	7%	18%
5 \$25 - 35,000	14%	9%	12%	10%	16%
6 \$35 - 50,000	15%	12%	15%	15%	15%
7 \$50 - 75,000	16%	16%	14%	16%	11%
8 \$75 - 100,000	7%	13%	11%	14%	7%
10 More than \$100,000	11%	34%	9%	23%	4%
77 Don't know	2%	0%	1%	0%	4%
99 Refused	8%	4%	6%	5%	5%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%