

Louisiana PSC Poll

505 Completed Surveys Conducted February 10 - 13, 2014

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Are you, or is anyone else in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, or a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
No	505	100.0	100.0	100.0

Does your household have solar panels?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	10	1.8	1.9	1.9
No	489	96.9	98.1	100.0
Total	499	98.7	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	6	1.3		
Total	505	100.0		

Do you support or oppose more development of clean energy resources like wind, solar and biomass in Louisiana?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Strongly support	184	36.4	41.3	41.3
Support	202	40.1	45.4	86.7
Oppose	37	7.2	8.2	94.9
Strongly oppose	23	4.5	5.1	100.0
Total	446	88.2	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	59	11.8		
Total	505	100.0		

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The opportunity for homeowners to go solar is an important part of providing choice and competition in electricity?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	181	35.8	40.1	40.1
Agree	210	41.7	46.6	86.8
Disagree	34	6.7	7.5	94.3
Strongly disagree	26	5.1	5.7	100.0
Total	451	89.4	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	54	10.6		
Total	505	100.0		

Do you believe you should have the right to choose where your energy comes from?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	472	93.5	97.0	97.0
No	15	2.9	3.0	100.0
Total	487	96.4	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	18	3.6		
Total	505	100.0		

Should the Louisiana government make an effort to make more renewable energy like solar power more affordable, less affordable or should we do nothing to affect its cost?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
More affordable	366	72.5	78.3	78.3
Less affordable	19	3.7	4.0	82.2
Do nothing	83	16.5	17.8	100.0
Total	468	92.7	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	37	7.3		
Total	505	100.0		

Now I am going to read you the following statement:

"Net metering" is the system to track how much energy customers' solar panels generate compared to how much energy they use. If a customer's solar panels produce more electricity than that customer uses, the customer gets a credit on their bill. If the customer uses more power than their solar panels generate, the customers get charged for that extra electricity, just like any other customer would.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Customers deserve to continue receiving retail credit for the energy they produce, as currently proscribed by Louisiana's Net Metering law?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	226	44.7	49.5	49.5
Agree	196	38.8	43.0	92.5
Disagree	19	3.7	4.2	96.7
Strongly disagree	15	3.0	3.3	100.0
Total	456	90.2	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	49	9.8		
Total	505	100.0		

Do you approve or disapprove of the utilities' proposal that customers with net metered solar panels should be charged an additional fee?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Strongly approve	24	4.8	5.4	5.4
Approve	48	9.6	10.7	16.1
Disapprove	169	33.5	37.3	53.4
Strongly disapprove	212	41.9	46.6	100.0
Total	453	89.8	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	52	10.2		
Total	505	100.0		

Louisiana's current law has some of the most restrictive limits on how many homeowners can use net metering. Do you think the state should lift the cap and allow more individuals to receive retail credit for the solar energy they produce? Or do you think the state should restrict the growth of solar energy by capping how many people can net meter?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Allow more individuals to get solar net metering	374	74.1	89.5	89.5
Continue restricting solar net metering	44	8.7	10.5	100.0
Total	418	82.7	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	87	17.3		
Total	505	100.0		

How likely are you to vote for a political candidate who supports imposing restrictive caps and charging additional fees for customers with solar panels?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Very likely	38	7.5	9.1	9.1
Likely	77	15.3	18.6	27.6
Not likely	148	29.3	35.5	63.1
Not at all likely	154	30.4	36.9	100.0
Total	417	82.5	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	88	17.5		
Total	505	100.0		

Generally speaking do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Democrat	161	32.0	32.6	32.6
Independent	137	27.1	27.6	60.2
Republican	115	22.9	23.3	83.5
Other	57	11.2	11.4	94.9
No preference/ none/neither	25	5.0	5.1	100.0
Total	495	98.2	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	10	1.8		
Total	505	100.0		

What is the highest grade of school that you have completed?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Grade school	6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Grades 9 to 11	29	5.7	5.8	6.9
High school	144	28.6	28.9	35.9
Some college	117	23.1	23.4	59.3
College degree	140	27.7	28.0	87.3
Graduate/ professional degree	64	12.6	12.7	100.0
Total	500	98.9	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	5	1.1		
Total	505	100.0		

What is your race?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
White	314	62.1	64.4	64.4
Black	149	29.6	30.7	95.1
Asian	1	.2	.2	95.3
Hispanic	4	.7	.8	96.0
Other	19	3.8	4.0	100.0
Total	487	96.4	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	18	3.6		
Total	505	100.0		

Finally, as I read some categories of income, please tell me when I get to your **TOTAL** annual family income

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Below \$10,000	37	7.3	8.9	8.9
\$10,000 to \$25,000	45	9.0	10.9	19.8
\$26,000 to \$40,000	63	12.4	15.2	35.0
\$41,000 to \$60,000	76	15.0	18.3	53.3
\$61,000 to \$80,000	77	15.2	18.6	71.8
\$81,000 to \$100,000	45	9.0	10.9	82.7
Over \$100,000	71	14.1	17.3	100.0
Total	414	82.0	100.0	
Missing DK/REF	91	18.0		
Total	505	100.0		

Age

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
18 to 29	101	20.1	20.1	20.1
30 to 39	81	16.1	16.1	36.2
40 to 49	79	15.6	15.6	51.8
50 to 59	93	18.4	18.4	70.3
60 to 69	84	16.6	16.6	86.9
70 and over	67	13.1	13.1	100.0
Total	505	100.0	100.0	

Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Male	226	44.8	44.8	44.8
Female	279	55.2	55.2	100.0
Total	505	100.0	100.0	

PSC District

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
District 1	96	19.0	19.0	19.0
District 2	100	19.8	19.8	38.7
District 3	109	21.8	21.8	60.5
District 4	100	19.7	19.7	80.2
District 5	100	19.8	19.8	100.0
Total	505	100.0	100.0	

Results for this poll are based on telephone interviews conducted February 10 - 13, 2014, with a random sample of 505 registered voters, aged 18 and older, living in the state of Louisiana.

For results based on the total sample of registered voters, the margin of sampling error is ± 4.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Sample matches the demographics of age, gender, and race in the larger population.

Sample is stratified by Public Service Commission District.