

## **Survey of Likely 2022 Voters**

Alabama Statewide

Conducted January 13 - 14, 2022 n=631 | ±3.85% Screener

1. How often do you vote in elections for the State Legislature out of the following options?

			Among Republicans		January 2021 Survey	
	Freq.	%	Freq.	%	Freq.	%
Always	409	64.8%	187	66.6%	555	79.2%
Most of the time	155	24.5%	68	24.2%	123	17.6%
Sometimes	67	10.6%	26	9.2%	22	3.1%
Rarely or never	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unsure	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	631	100.0%	281	100.0%	700	100.0%

#### RD/WT

2. Generally speaking, would you say things in Alabama are headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

			Among			
			Repui	blicans		
	Freq.	%	Freq.	%		
Right direction	<u>334</u>	<u>52.9%</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>69.5%</u>		
Definitely the right direction	54	8.5%	35	12.4%		
Mostly the right direction	280	44.4%	160	57.1%		
Wrong track	<u>243</u>	<u>38.6%</u>	<u>59</u>	21.0%		
Mostly the wrong track	124	19.7%	38	13.4%		
Definitely the wrong track	119	18.9%	21	7.6%		
Unsure	54	8.5%	27	9.5%		
Total	631	100.0%	281	100.0%		

## Initial Medicaid Expansion

3. Medicaid provides health insurance for low-income adults, pregnant women, seniors, children, and people with disabilities. However, many low-income working Alabamians do not qualify for Medicaid and do not earn enough to pay for private health insurance plans. Would you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in Alabama so that more people have access to health insurance?

			Among Republicans			ry 2021 rvey
	Freq.	%	Freq.	%	Freq.	%
Support	<u>421</u>	<u>66.7%</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>56.3%</u>	<u>435</u>	62.2%
Strongly support	298	47.2%	82	29.2%	315	45.0%
Somewhat support	123	19.4%	76	27.2%	120	17.2%
Neither support nor oppose	<u>57</u>	<u>9.1%</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>12.7%</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>8.6%</u>
<u>Oppose</u>	<u>133</u>	21.1%	78	27.6%	179	25.5%



Somewhat oppose	65	10.3%	39	13.7%	57	8.1%
Strongly oppose	68	10.8%	39	13.9%	122	17.4%
Unsure	20	3.2%	9	3.3%	26	3.7%
Total	631	100.0%	281	100.0%	700	100.0%

# 4 – 7. Select whether the information makes you more or less likely to support expanding Medicaid in Alabama.

January January 2021 2021 Survey Survey Much Much More More Makes no Less Less more less **Unsure Total** likely likely difference Likely Likely likely likely Expanding Medicaid would 41.7% 15.7% 6.4% 63.6% 57.3% 12.4% 14.9% 8.3% 100.0% provide health coverage to 283,000 people at an estimated cost, according to a new study, of \$225 million in the first year. The <u>401</u> 401 263 99 <u>78</u> 104 40 52 631 state could see an annual average savings of \$387 million, more than enough to cover the cost of expanding Medicaid. \* 38 states have expanded <u>57.6%</u> 57.6% 35.2% 19.1% 14.1% 12.6% 7.3% 9.3% 100.0% Medicaid under Democratic and Republican leadership. Studies show that private 403 222 120 88 58 631 363 89 46 health insurance premiums are lower in states that expand Medicaid coverage. In Alabama, adults in a **56.4%** 48.9% 37.3% 17.4% 15.3% 17.2% 9.1% 10.9% 100.0% family of four who earn as little as \$5,000 a year make too much to qualify for Medicaid coverage. This means that a worker 235 631 <u>356</u> 342 110 97 120 57 69 earning minimum wage, who makes just \$15,000 a year, cannot qualify for Medicaid coverage. **Expanding Medicaid would** 8.2% 62.0% 38.3% 16.3% 14.9% 6.8% 100.0% create an average of 20,000 new jobs per year over the next six years and <u>391</u> 242 103 94 52 43 631 have an economic impact of \$1.8 billion per year.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: In January 2021 Survey, the question asked was: Expanding Medicaid would provide health coverage to 340,000 people at an estimated cost, according to a UAB study, of \$168 million in the first year, less than a third of the state's annual corrections budget. The state cost would drop to about \$25 million per year after that. Other states, such as Virginia and Arkansas, have seen significant savings in their state budgets after expanding Medicaid. Does this information make you more likely or less likely to support expanding Medicaid?



Among Republicans	More likely	Much more likely	Makes no difference	Less Likely	Much less likely	Unsure	Total
Expanding Medicaid would provide health coverage to 283,000 people at an estimated cost, according to a new study, of \$225 million in the first year. The state could see an annual average savings of \$387 million, more	58.1% 163	29.8%	18.2% 51	14.7% 41	7.2%	9.0%	100.0% 281
than enough to cover the cost of expanding Medicaid.*					0.50/	10.10/	
38 states have expanded Medicaid under Democratic and Republican leadership. Studies show that private	<u>51.7%</u>	23.0%	22.7%	<u>15.5%</u>	6.5%	10.1%	100.0%
health insurance premiums are lower in states that expand Medicaid coverage.	<u>145</u>	65	64	<u>44</u>	18	28	281
In Alabama, adults in a family of four who earn as little as \$5,000 a year make too much to qualify for Medicaid	<u>52.7%</u>	25.1%	19.0%	<u>16.3%</u>	10.9%	12.0%	100.0%
coverage. This means that a worker earning minimum wage, who makes just \$15,000 a year, cannot qualify for Medicaid coverage.	<u>148</u>	70	53	<u>46</u>	31	34	281
Expanding Medicaid would create an average of 20,000 new jobs per year	<u>57.5%</u>	25.5%	17.0%	<u>19.5%</u>	9.4%	6.0%	100.0%
over the next six years and have an economic impact of \$1.8 billion per year.	<u>162</u>	72	48	<u>55</u>	26	17	281

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## Informed Medicaid Expansion

8. With what you know now, do you support or oppose the state of Alabama expanding Medicaid so that more people can qualify and access health care?

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	Freq.	%	Freq.	%
Support	<u>451</u>	<u>71.5%</u>	<u>185</u>	65.8%
Strongly support	317	50.2%	91	32.4%
Somewhat support	134	21.3%	94	33.4%
Neither support nor oppose	<u>50</u>	<u>7.9%</u>	<u>30</u>	10.8%
Oppose	<u>110</u>	17.5%	<u>58</u>	20.6%
Somewhat oppose	50	7.9%	31	11.2%
Strongly oppose	61	9.6%	26	9.3%
Unsure Total	19 631	3.1% 100.0%	8 281	2.9% 100.0%



#### Lottery for Medicaid

9. The state of Alabama may legalize a state lottery. If a state lottery is legalized, do you agree or disagree that a portion of the revenue generated should be used to fund Medicaid expansion?

			Among			
			Repui	blicans		
	Freq.	%	Freq.	%		
Agree	<u>420</u>	<u>66.6%</u>	180	63.9%		
Strongly agree	279	44.2%	110	39.3%		
Somewhat agree	141	22.3%	69	24.6%		
Neither agree nor disagree	<u>66</u>	<u>10.5%</u>	<u>30</u>	10.6%		
<u>Disagree</u>	<u>124</u>	<u> 19.7%</u>	<u>65</u>	23.2%		
Somewhat disagree	45	7.1%	22	8.0%		
Strongly disagree	79	12.6%	43	15.2%		
Unsure	20	3.2%	6	2.2%		
Total	631	100.0%	281	100.0%		

10. Alabama will receive \$2 billion in federal emergency relief and infrastructure funding as part of the American Rescue Plan. This money is meant to be used to support Alabamians as our state recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The following are options for using these funds. For each option, please indicate whether you support or oppose spending a portion of the funds for that purpose.

	Support	Strongly support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure	Total
Expand access to Medicaid in	<u>68.6%</u>	43.9%	8.6%	<u>19.5%</u>	12.1%	3.3%	100.0%
Alabama	<u>433</u>	277	54	<u>123</u>	76	21	631

Among Republicans	Support	Strongly support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure	Total
Expand access to Medicaid in	<u>61.8%</u>	27.4%	11.0%	<u>24.1%</u>	13.0%	3.1%	100.0%
Alabama	<u>174</u>	77	31	<u>68</u>	36	9	281

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This survey was conducted January 13 - 14, 2022, with 631 likely 2022 election voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.85\%$ . Known registered voters were interviewed via online panel, live calls, SMS, and email invitation. This survey was weighted to a likely 2022 election voter universe.

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