

# Governor Scott & State Employees



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- Leon County residents oppose everything Governor Scott has proposed for state employees.
  - Since Tallahassee is a government town, it is not surprising that citizens reject Scott's proposals to reduce state employee benefits, yet even citizens who do not work for state government reject all of Scott's proposals except the one that requires state employees to contribute 5% toward their retirement benefits.

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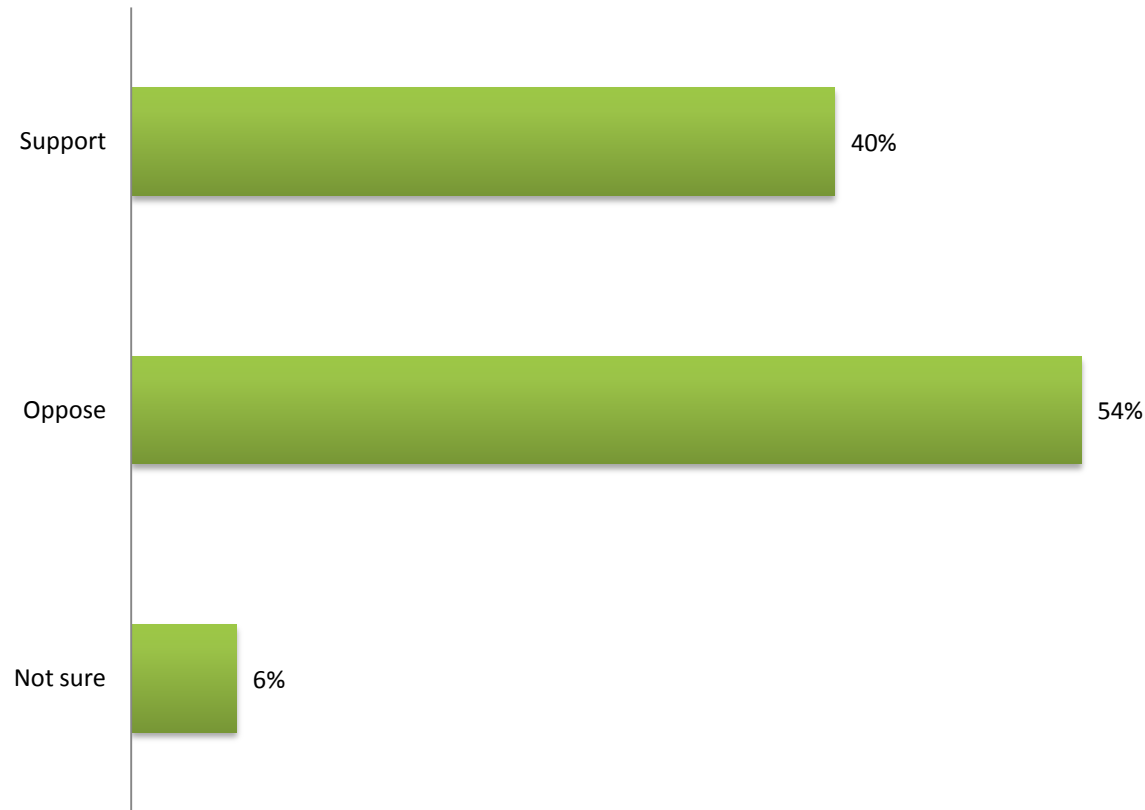
- 54% of citizens oppose Scott's plan to have state employees pay 5% toward their retirement; 56% of private employees **support** this proposal.
- 61% of citizens oppose ending DROP; 72% of state employees oppose ending DROP.
- 78% of citizens oppose capping state employees' health insurance contributions at \$5,000 annually; 87% of state employees oppose it.
- 70% of citizens oppose eliminating 8,600 state jobs; 75% of state employees oppose it.

## Citizens' reactions to Scott's proposals

- 76% of local citizens say state employees are getting unfairly punished – they haven't had a raise since 2006, insurance premiums have been increasing, and now Governor Scott is proposing more hardships; 83% of state employees feel this way.
- 53% of citizens believe Tallahassee's economy will suffer because of Scott's proposals; 66% of state employees feel this way.

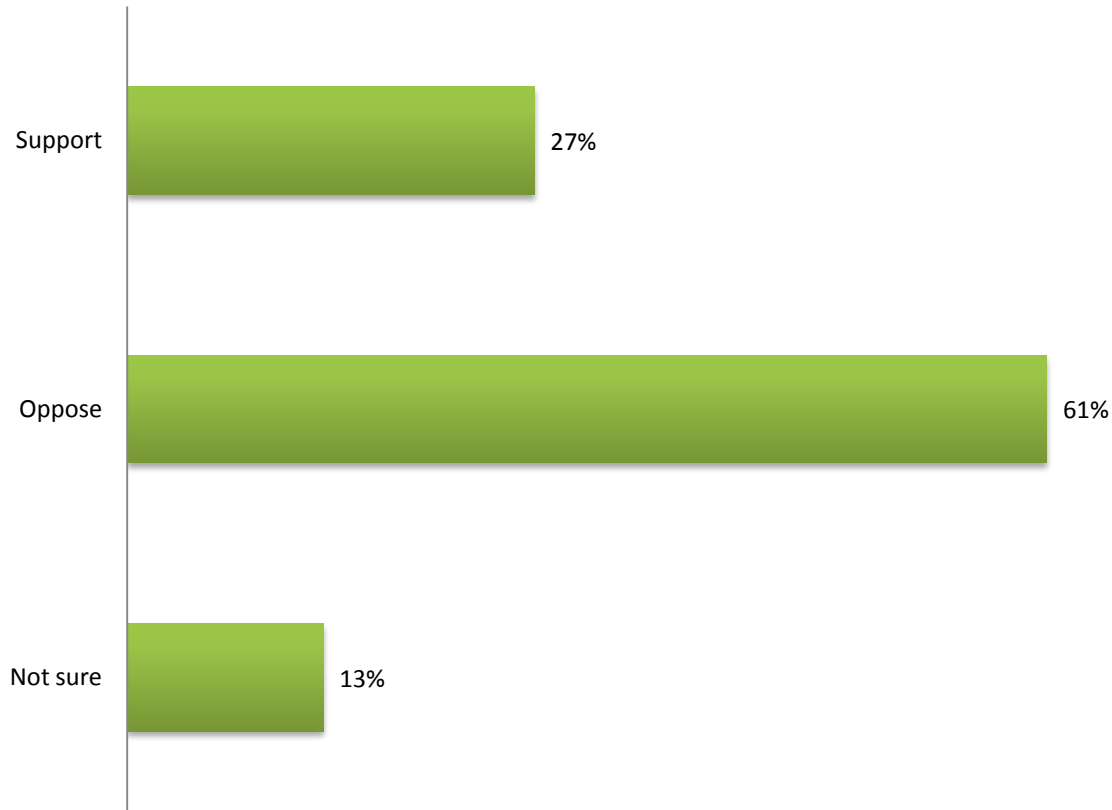
Governor Scott has made several proposals that, if enacted by the Legislature, will affect State of Florida employees. Now, State employees pay nothing into their retirement system. Scott proposes that State employees pay 5% of the contributions into their retirement system.

Do you support or oppose State employees paying 5% of the contributions into their retirement system?

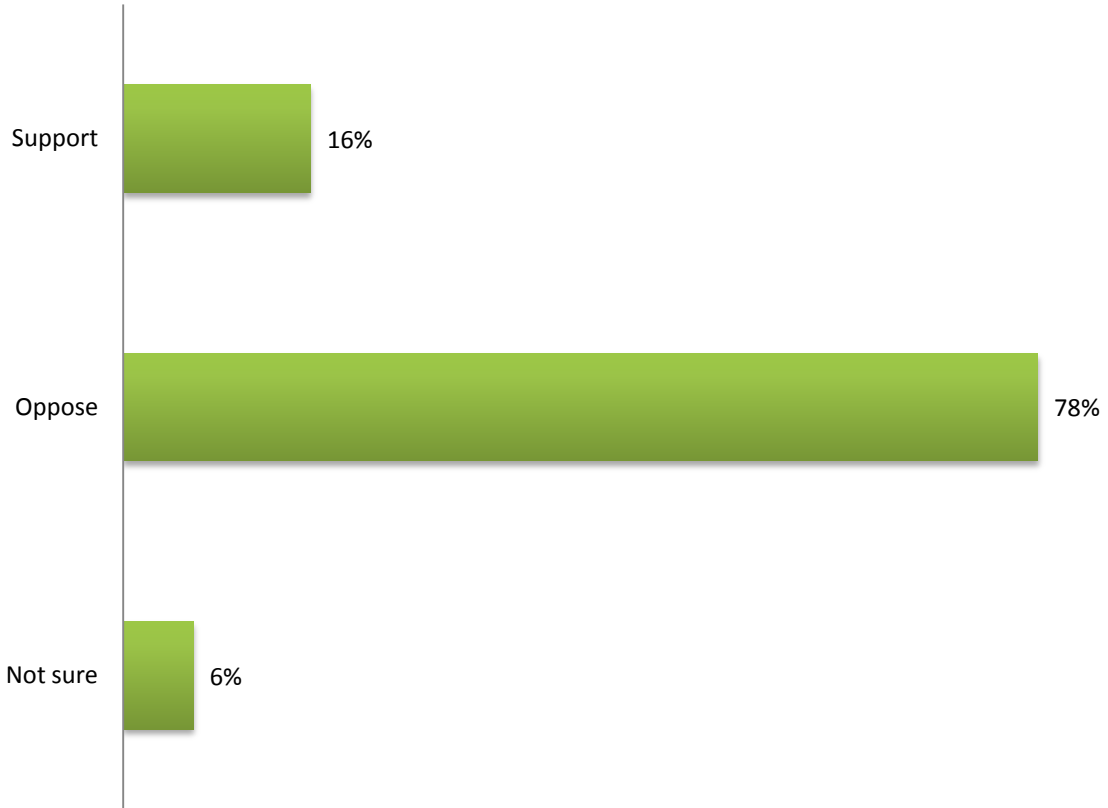


Governor Scott proposes to end the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP), which permits State employees to retire and then work for up to five more years and draw their full pay plus their retirement benefits.

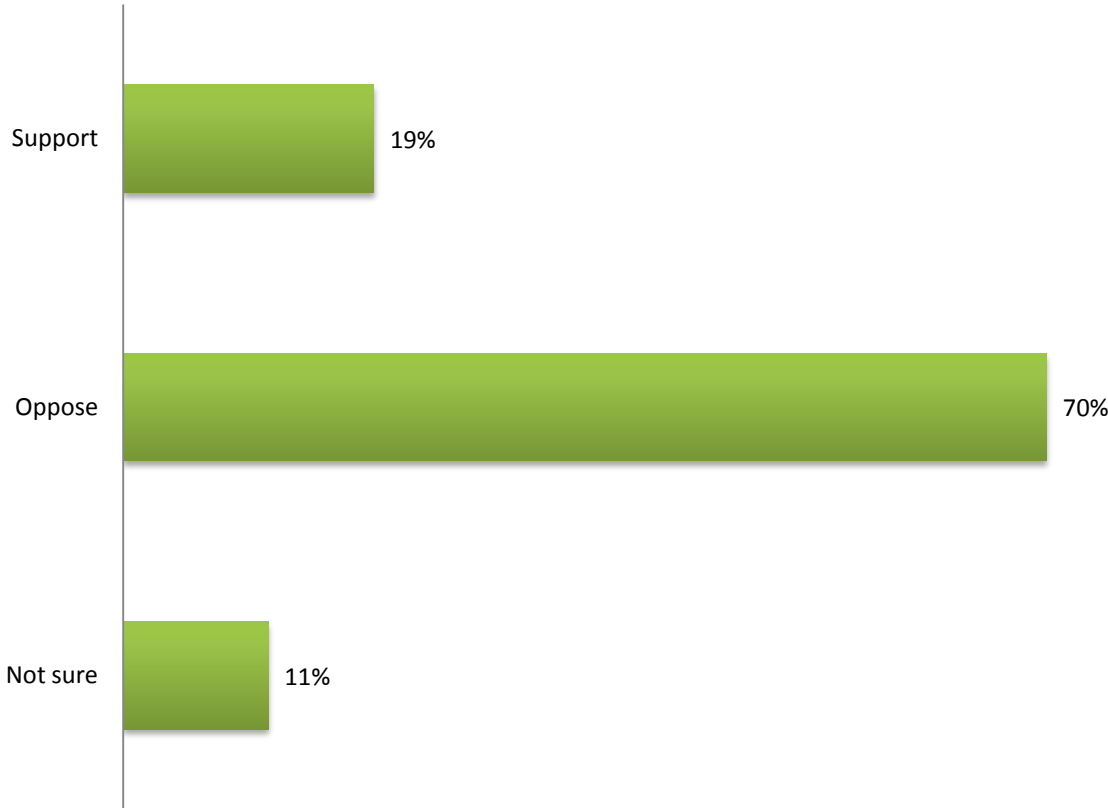
Do you support or oppose Scott's proposal to end DROP?



Governor Scott proposes to cap State contributions to employees health insurance at \$5,000 per year. Do you support or oppose Scott's proposal to cap State contributions to employees health insurance at \$5,000 per year?



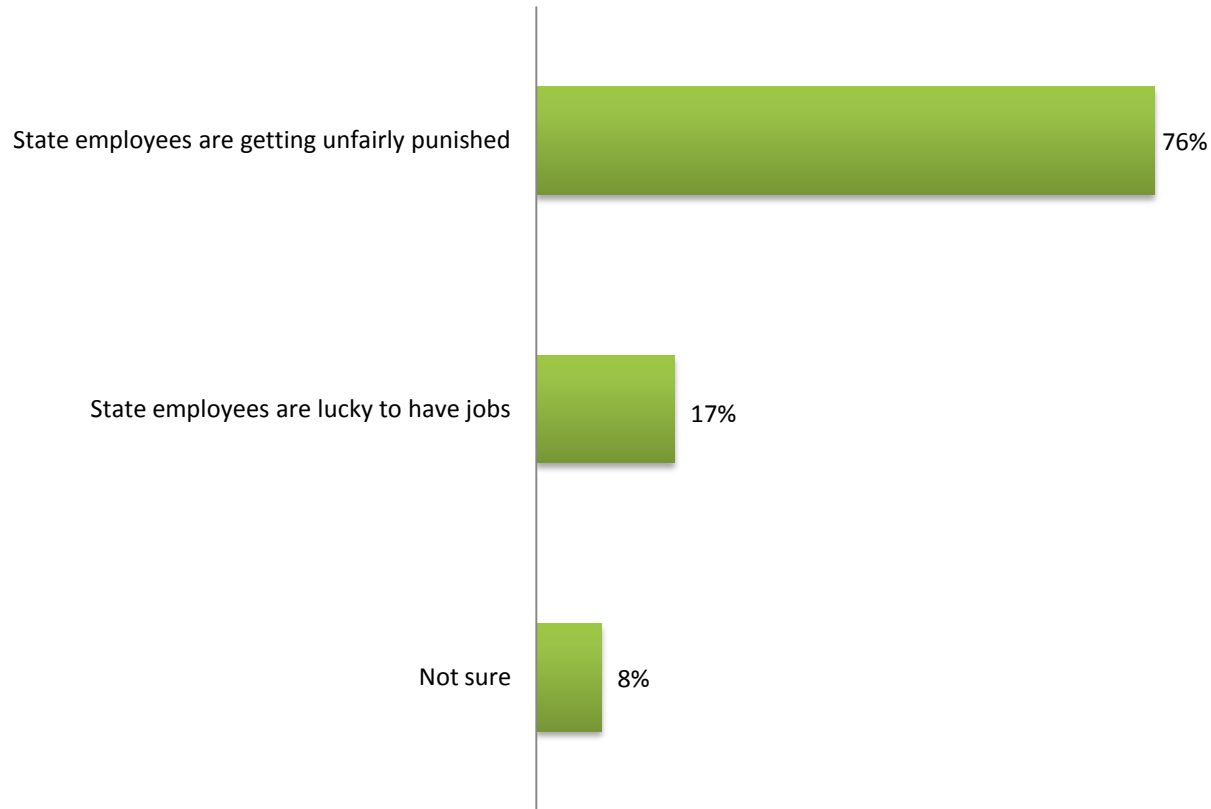
Governor Scott proposes to eliminate 8,600 state jobs, 2,000 of which are now vacant. Do you support or oppose Scott's proposal to eliminate 8,600 state jobs?



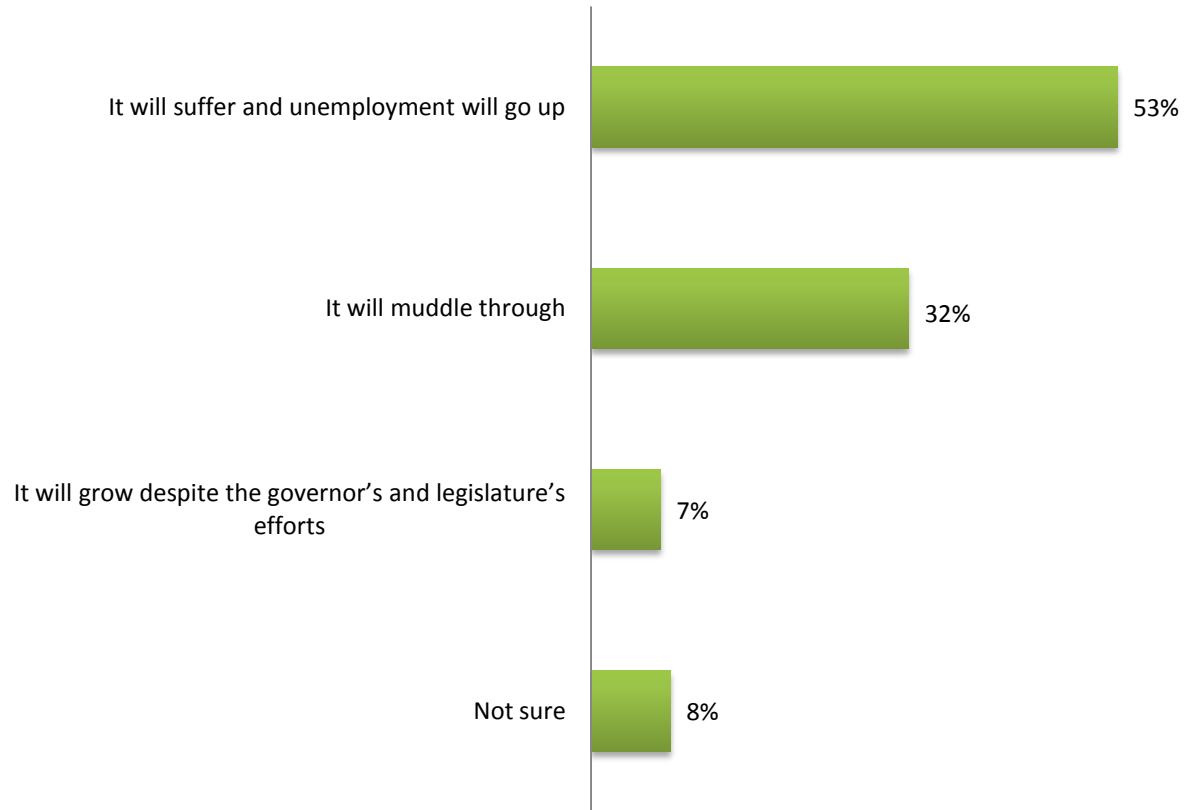


Some people say State employees are getting unfairly punished – they haven't had a raise since 2006, insurance premiums have been increasing, and now Governor Scott is proposing more hardships.

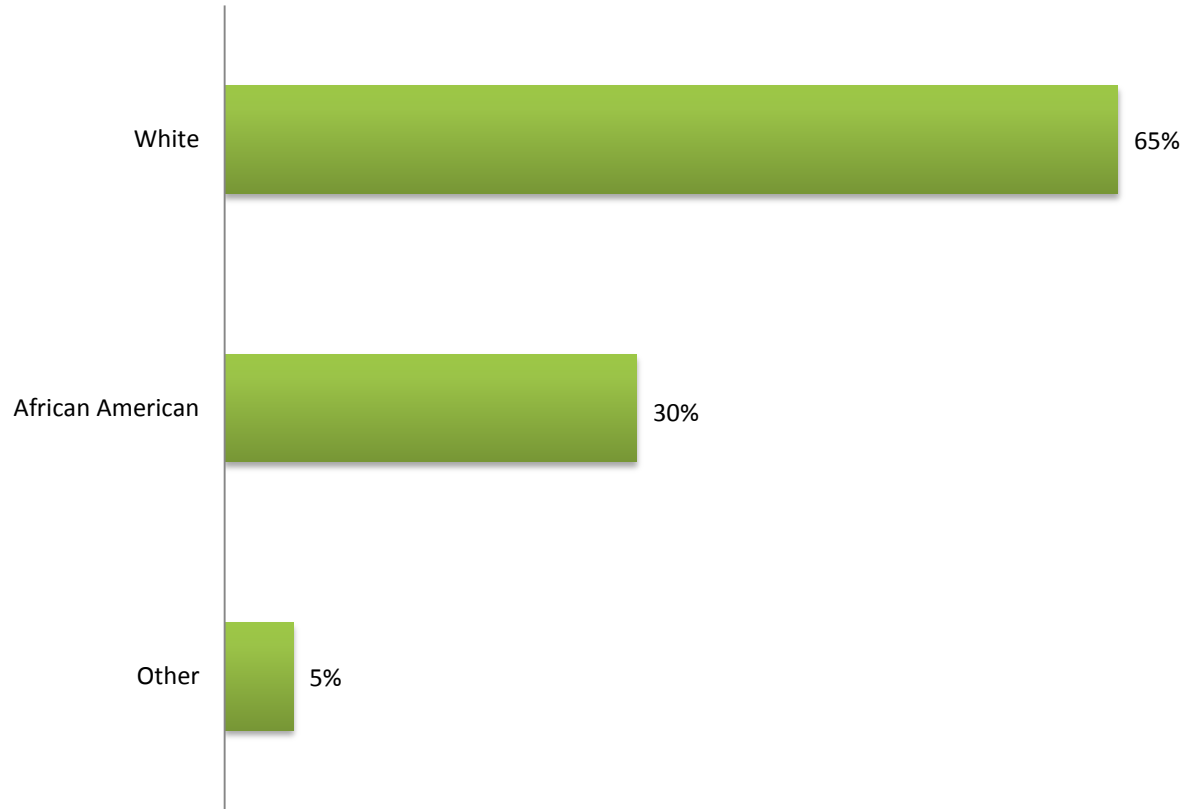
With which group do you agree?



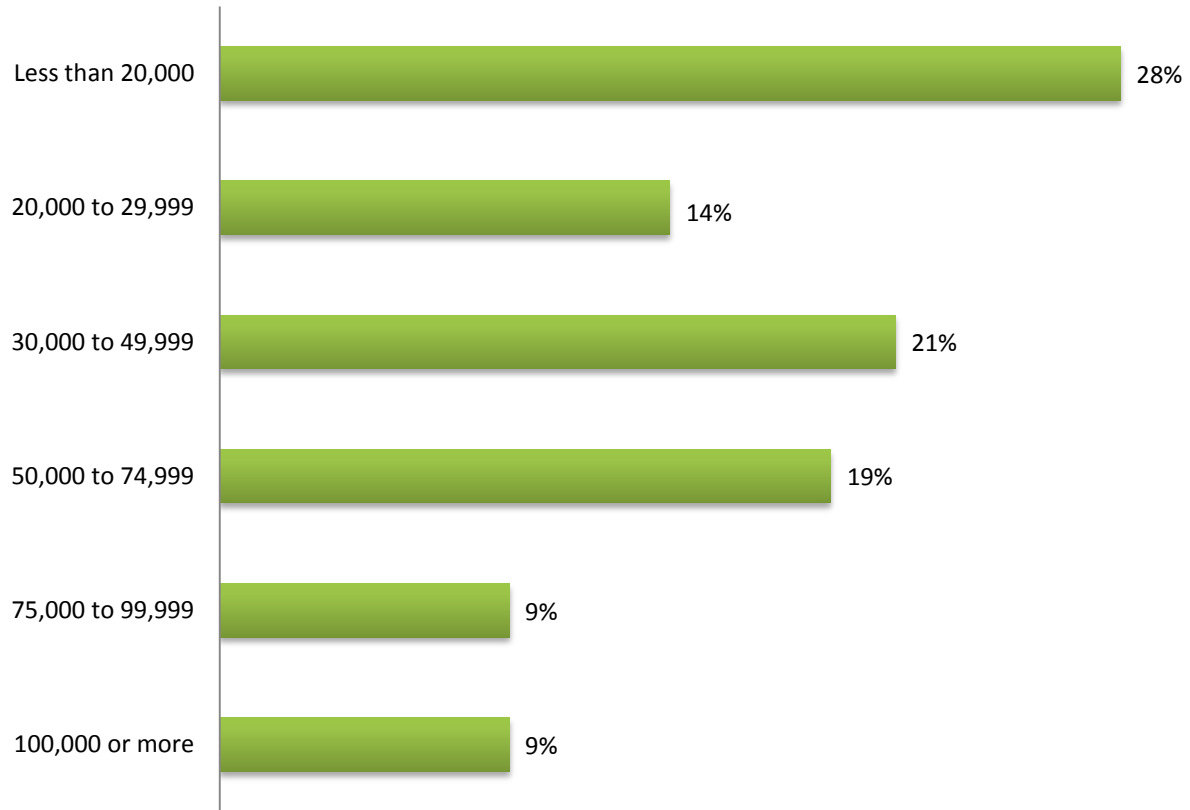
Governor Jeb Bush took several actions that were adverse to State employees yet Tallahassee's economy did not wither and die. Governor Scott and a Republican dominated legislature have several proposals to cut State employees and spending. What is your prediction about Tallahassee's economy in 2 years?



# Race



# Income



# Gender

