

State Government

Indicator 5: Enhance Public Participation and Government Accountability

Measure a: Metrics from Elway Poll Results

Description:

The percentage of voters stating that all or most of state agencies are accountable--answerable to the public--decreased from 49% in 2008 to 46% in 2010. While this is a negative trend, we cannot say with certainty that it is significant as the difference is within the margin of error for the surveys (+ or - 5%). Nor do we have any information that we can use to justify what this change should be attributed to, though the recession is a likely factor.

More respondents sad state government is effective--accomplished what they were supposed to-- than has said so since 2005, although they were still outnumbered by those who said it was not effective by 62% to 33%.

Perception of state government efficiency--wastes significant amounts of money--continued to drop. In the most recent survey, 48% said most or almost all agencies waste significant amounts of money--two years ago the share was 44%.

Are Washington State Agencies Accountable?				
	Almost	Most	Most Not	Very Few
2010	10%	36%	18%	32%
2008	9%	40%	19%	27%
2007	8%	39%	28%	21%
2005	7%	34%	28%	27%

Are Washington State Agencies Effective?				
	Almost	Most	Most Not	Very Few
2010	5%	28%	38%	24%
2008	2%	24%	46%	26%
2007	5%	24%	50%	17%
2005	4%	45%	37%	10%

Are Washington State Agencies Efficient?				
	Almost	Most	Most Not	Very Few
2010	15%	33%	31%	18%
2008	20%	24%	40%	13%
2007	13%	27%	42%	12%
2005	13%	28%	43%	12%