

NEBRASKA

Survey of 500 Likely Voters
Conducted May 20-21, 2013
By Pulse Opinion Research

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 4.5 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence

1* The government reports that 20 million Americans who want a full-time job cannot find one. Over the next two years, how would you rate their **prospects of getting a job . . . excellent, good, fair or poor?**

5% Excellent
23% Good
34% Fair
35% Poor
3% Not sure

2. **In Nebraska,** the broad unemployment rate has been 12% for less-educated citizens who have no more than a high school diploma and who want a full-time job. Over the next two years, how would you rate the **prospects that the state's economy will produce a lot more jobs** for these citizens . . . excellent, good, fair or poor?

4% Excellent
27% Good
42% Fair
24% Poor
3% Not sure

3. Congress is considering a bill to give **work permits to an estimated 7 million illegal immigrant workers.** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the work permits?

26% SUPPORT
9% Strongly support work permits
17% Somewhat support
73% OPPOSE
23% Somewhat oppose
50% Strongly oppose
1% Not sure

INTENSITY

9% Strongly SUPPORT Work Permits
50% Strongly OPPOSE Work Permits

4* (**Answered ONLY by the 130 Likely Voters Who Support Work Permits**) Do you support giving work permits to nearly all illegal immigrants, most of them, or some of them?

20% Nearly all
40% Most
36% Some
4% Not sure

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5* Do you believe less educated illegal **immigrants compete with** less-educated **Americans** for construction, manufacturing, hospitality and other service jobs?

- 70% Yes
- 19% No
- 11% Not sure

6* How much **moral responsibility** do you feel Congress has to help protect the ability of **current illegal immigrants** to hold a job and support their families without fear of deportation: a lot, some, very little or none?

- 8% A lot
- 22% Some
- 31% Very little
- 31% None
- 9% Not sure

7* How much **moral responsibility** do you feel Congress has to help protect **unemployed or low-wage Americans** from having to compete with foreign workers for U.S. jobs: A lot, some, very little or none?

- 45% A lot
- 34% Some
- 13% Very little
- 3% None
- 4% Not sure

8* In recent years, the government has issued **permanent green cards** to approximately 1 million new immigrants each year. Is this number too high, too low or about right?

- 52% Too high
- 8% Too low
- 29% About right
- 11% Not sure

9* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the United States is faced with labor shortages and **needs more immigrant workers**?

- 17% AGREE
 - 3% Strongly agree
 - 14% Somewhat agree
- 77% DISAGREE
 - 28% Somewhat disagree
 - 49% Strongly disagree
- 6% Not sure

INTENSITY

- 3% Strongly AGREE need more immigrant workers
- 49% Strongly DISAGREE need more immigrant workers

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10* On the issue of **fighting illegal immigration**, is the government doing too much, not enough or about the right amount?

- 10% Too much
- 68% Not enough
- 13% About the right amount
- 8% Not sure

11* SOME in Congress propose giving work permits to illegal immigrants immediately and then implementing border and workplace enforcement to stop future flows of illegal workers over the next 10 years. OTHERS in Congress **say** the enforcement at the borders and workplace must be implemented first and then the work permits can be considered. Which do you prefer for dealing with the illegal immigrants?

- 18% **Work permits first**, followed by 10 years of implementing enforcement
- 71% **Full enforcement first**, before considering work permits
- 11% Not sure

12* Do you favor or oppose requiring all employers to use **E-Verify** to electronically ensure that they are hiring only legal workers for U.S. jobs?

- 82% Favor
- 8% Oppose
- 10% Not sure

13* In terms of **dealing with the illegal immigrant population** of 11 million, would you prefer that the United States deport most, deport only some but ensure the rest take no jobs or taxpayer assistance, or provide most with legal status and work permits?

- 39% Deport most
- 27% Deport some but ensure no jobs or assistance for the rest
- 22% Legal status and work permits for most
- 13% Not sure

14* The government reports that 20 million Americans who want a full-time job at this time cannot find one. Would reducing the number of future foreign workers reduce competition and make it easier for unemployed Americans to find jobs, or would bringing in more foreign workers create economic growth that would provide more jobs to unemployed Americans?

- 66% Reducing foreign workers would reduce competition and help unemployed Americans
- 14% Bringing in more foreign workers would create economic growth and help unemployed Americans
- 19% Not sure

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15* Congress is considering a bill that would in the next 10 years increase the number of new lifetime work permits given to foreign citizens from the current 10 million to 30 million. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this increase of work permits from 10 million to 30 million?

23% SUPPORT

6% Strongly support

17% Somewhat support

73% OPPOSE

21% Somewhat oppose

52% Strongly oppose

4% No sure

INTENSITY

6% Strongly SUPPORT

52% Strongly OPPOSE

16* Opponents of the bill say that because most of the 11 million illegal immigrants are less educated, they will cost a lot more than they will pay in taxes once they become eligible for entitlements like health care, retirement and other public assistance programs. Supporters of the bill say that once the illegal immigrants gain legal status their contribution to economic growth will result in government surpluses. Which do you agree with more?

65% They will cost a lot more than they will pay in taxes once they become eligible for entitlements

17% Their contribution to economic growth will result in government surpluses

18% Not sure

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