2019 AAA Consumer Pulse ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Survey
Transportation Funding
by State
Background \& Methodology

## Conducted approximately $\mathbf{4 0 0}$ surveys per state

o Fielding took place January 28, 2019 - February 8, 2019
o Utilized a proprietary online research panel

- Weighted by age and gender within state


## Key Measures

o Transportation Funding Preferences
o Opinions on Road Quality

| 1. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the roads and bridges in [your state]? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | FL | GA | IL | IA | MI | MN | NE | ND | TN | WI | Total |
| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Excellent | 11\% | 12\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 8\% | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% |
| Good | 48\% | 42\% | 22\% | 37\% | 7\% | 48\% | 37\% | 55\% | 40\% | 34\% | 35\% |
| Fair | 34\% | 37\% | 47\% | 48\% | 28\% | 41\% | 45\% | 31\% | 44\% | 44\% | 39\% |
| Poor | 6\% | 7\% | 21\% | 10\% | 38\% | 5\% | 12\% | 6\% | 9\% | 15\% | 14\% |
| Terrible | 1\% | 2\% | 5\% | 2\% | 22\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% |


| 2. Do you think existing transportation funding is being used appropriately in [your state]? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Yes | 49\% | 49\% | 26\% | 56\% | 24\% | 54\% | 49\% | 65\% | 47\% | 39\% | 42\% |
| No | 51\% | 51\% | 74\% | 44\% | 76\% | 46\% | 51\% | 35\% | 53\% | 61\% | 58\% |


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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Yes, adequate | 48\% | 53\% | 39\% | 40\% | 29\% | 48\% | 45\% | 55\% | 43\% | 38\% | 43\% |
| No, not adequate | 52\% | 47\% | 61\% | 60\% | 71\% | 52\% | 55\% | 45\% | 57\% | 62\% | 57\% |

4. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or fees to improve the transportation system in [your state]?

|  | FL | GA | IL | IA | MI | MN | NE | ND | TN | WI | Total |
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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Yes, willing to pay more in taxes or fees | 36\% | 43\% | 26\% | 43\% | 47\% | 39\% | 34\% | 35\% | 39\% | 39\% | 37\% |
| No, not willing to pay more in taxes or fees | 64\% | 57\% | 74\% | 57\% | 53\% | 61\% | 66\% | 65\% | 61\% | 61\% | 63\% |


| 5. In an effort to increase transportation funding, which of the following o |  |  |  |  | appl |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Using general revenue to pay for transportation | 32\% | 34\% | - | 34\% | 34\% | 41\% | 35\% | 35\% | 37\% | 33\% | 29\% |
| Selling bonds to raise funds | 26\% | 23\% | 23\% | 22\% | 22\% | 27\% | 24\% | 14\% | 24\% | 21\% | 24\% |
| Increase gasoline taxes | 17\% | 20\% | 15\% | 25\% | 22\% | 25\% | 22\% | 21\% | 23\% | 25\% | 20\% |
| Charge tolls on new roads and highway lanes | 19\% | 18\% | 18\% | 15\% | 19\% | 14\% | 13\% | 5\% | 15\% | 21\% | 18\% |
| Increase registration/plate fees | 14\% | 14\% | 11\% | 17\% | 15\% | 17\% | 13\% | 22\% | 22\% | 18\% | 15\% |
| Charge tax based on vehicle miles traveled (e.g., road usage charge) | 13\% | 11\% | 12\% | 15\% | 15\% | 20\% | 16\% | 13\% | 16\% | 15\% | 14\% |
| Indexing the gasoline tax based on inflation | 9\% | 13\% | 9\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% | 9\% | 7\% | 13\% | 13\% | 11\% |
| Increase other taxes to pay for transportation (sales, income, property taxes) | 13\% | 12\% | 5\% | 10\% | 15\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 6\% | 9\% | 10\% |
| Charge tolls on existing toll-free roads and highway lanes | 9\% | 6\% | 13\% | 6\% | 15\% | 8\% | 7\% | 3\% | 6\% | 19\% | 10\% |
| Expand gambling to pay for transportation | - | - | 39\% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| None, do not support any of the above | 23\% | 25\% | 32\% | 18\% | 23\% | 20\% | 25\% | 28\% | 19\% | 21\% | 24\% |


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| Base ( n ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Favor | 50\% | 49\% | 44\% | 34\% | 45\% | 47\% | 31\% | 18\% | 34\% | 41\% | 45\% |
| Oppose | 50\% | 51\% | 56\% | 66\% | 55\% | 53\% | 69\% | 82\% | 66\% | 59\% | 55\% |

7. [Illinois Only] To help fund roads and bridges, would you support changing Illinois' tax system from a flat tax (where everybody pays the same amount) to a graduated tax where higher earners pay more?

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| Base (n=) | - | - | 403 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Yes, I would support a graduated tax system | - | - | 55\% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| No, I would not support a graduated tax system | - | - | 45\% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

8. If you had to choose between the three options below to increase transportation funding, which would you most prefer?

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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Pay a toll to drive on certain lanes/roads | 61\% | 60\% | 67\% | 35\% | 51\% | 46\% | 43\% | 27\% | 40\% | 48\% | 55\% |
| Increase gasoline taxes | 20\% | 22\% | 16\% | 38\% | 27\% | 32\% | 33\% | 42\% | 37\% | 29\% | 25\% |
| Charge for road usage (tax based on number of miles traveled) | 19\% | 18\% | 17\% | 27\% | 22\% | 22\% | 24\% | 31\% | 23\% | 23\% | 20\% |


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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| None, would not be will to pay more in gasoline taxes | 56\% | 54\% | 62\% | 43\% | 48\% | 47\% | 49\% | 43\% | 44\% | 47\% | 53\% |
| 5 cents more | 32\% | 32\% | 24\% | 44\% | 30\% | 33\% | 40\% | 42\% | 40\% | 34\% | 32\% |
| 10 cents more | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 16\% | 15\% | 9\% | 13\% | 11\% | 15\% | 11\% |
| 20 cents more | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| 30 cents more | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | <1\% | 2\% | 1\% |  |

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10. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or fees to support funding for public transportation, such as buses, rail, bike lanes, etc.?

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| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Yes, willing to pay more | 33\% | 40\% | 31\% | 38\% | 38\% | 36\% | 34\% | 31\% | 35\% | 32\% | 35\% |
| No, not willing to pay more | 67\% | 60\% | 69\% | 62\% | 62\% | 64\% | 66\% | 69\% | 65\% | 68\% | 65\% |


| 11. Would you support an all-rider motorcycle helmet law in [your state]? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | FL | GA | IL | IA | MI | MN | NE | ND | TN | WI | Total |
| Base (n=) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Yes, support an all-rider helmet law | 86\% | 87\% | 85\% | 84\% | 85\% | 82\% | 90\% | 81\% | 93\% | 82\% | 86\% |
| No, do not support an all-rider helmet law | 14\% | 13\% | 15\% | 16\% | 15\% | 18\% | 10\% | 19\% | 7\% | 18\% | 14\% |

## Respondent Profile

| Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | FL | GA | IL | IA | MI | MN | NE | ND | TN | WI | Total |
| Base (n=) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| Male | 48\% | 48\% | 49\% | 49\% | 49\% | 49\% | 49\% | 51\% | 48\% | 49\% | 49\% |
| Female | 52\% | 52\% | 51\% | 51\% | 51\% | 51\% | 51\% | 49\% | 52\% | 51\% | 51\% |


| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | FL | GA | IL | IA | MI | MN | NE | ND | TN | WI | Total |
| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | 401 | 406 | 408 | 4,040 |
| 18-34 | 27\% | 30\% | 30\% | 28\% | 28\% | 29\% | 29\% | 32\% | 29\% | 27\% | 28\% |
| 35-44 | 15\% | 17\% | 17\% | 16\% | 15\% | 16\% | 17\% | 15\% | 16\% | 16\% | 16\% |
| 45-54 | 16\% | 18\% | 17\% | 16\% | 17\% | 17\% | 16\% | 15\% | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% |
| 55-64 | 17\% | 16\% | 17\% | 17\% | 18\% | 18\% | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% | 18\% | 17\% |
| 65 or older | 25\% | 19\% | 19\% | 23\% | 22\% | 20\% | 21\% | 21\% | 21\% | 22\% | 22\% |


| [Excluding ND] Registered Voter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | FL | GA | IL | IA | MI | MN | NE | ND | TN | WI | Total |
| Base ( $n=$ ) | 401 | 409 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 402 | 401 | - | 406 | 408 | 3,639 |
| Yes | 88\% | 88\% | 87\% | 90\% | 91\% | 92\% | 89\% | - | 89\% | 91\% | 89\% |
| No | 12\% | 12\% | 13\% | 10\% | 9\% | 8\% | 11\% | - | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% |

## Statistical Statement:

The AAA Consumer Pulse ${ }^{\text {rM }}$ Survey was conducted online among residents living in The Auto Club Group territory from January 28, 2019 - February 8, 2019. A total of 4,040 residents completed the survey. Total survey results have a maximum margin of error of $\pm 1.5$ percentage points. Responses are weighted by gender and age within state to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the adult population (18+).

