



Idaho 2025 Priorities Poll Summary

The Center for Excellence in Polling recently surveyed likely voters in Idaho on a wide range of issues, from elections to welfare.

The key finding of this research is that Idaho **voters support commonsense conservative reforms**. Policymakers looking for meaningful policy reforms can find ideas from these issues that enjoy broad and largely bipartisan support among voters.

Voters support reforms that help Idahoans of all ages find and keep meaningful employment...

87% ...of likely voters support **increasing the availability of career and technical education** in Idaho's middle and high schools. Allowing students to explore non-college career paths while still enrolled in secondary school has support from nearly nine out of ten voters, regardless of party affiliation.

70% ...of likely voters support **establishing a mandatory job referral system** that connects unemployed job seekers with businesses that are hiring. This private-public partnership is supported by Republicans (72%), Democrats (70%), and Independents (78%) alike.

60% ...of likely voters support **unemployment indexing**, a system that connects the duration of unemployment benefits to the state's unemployment rate and job openings. Strong majorities of Independents (57%) and Republicans (70%), along with a plurality of Democrats (44%), support this reform to get unemployed Idahoans back to work.

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Idahoans want to preserve Medicaid resources for the truly needy—seniors, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities...

80% ...of likely voters support **reducing waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid** to save resources for the truly needy. Support for protecting Medicaid is largest among Republicans (83%) and Independents (82%), but most Democratic voters are also supportive (71%).

79% ...of likely voters support requiring the state to **verify whether Medicaid applicants are truly eligible for the program** before being allowed to enroll. Eligibility verification can be accomplished through cross-checking employment and wage data against welfare rolls, a requirement that garners support from nearly seven in ten voters (68%) from across party lines.

Voters support reducing government headcount through bureaucratic attrition...

52% ...of likely voters support **getting rid of government jobs that have not been filled for an extended time**. Support for reducing government headcount comes from a strong majority of Republicans (66%) and a 16-point plurality among Independents (46%).

The bottom line

Idaho has proven that the work-over-welfare model is effective, and there's room for the Gem State to further bolster work, reduce government dependency, and shrink the size of government. These reforms, and others, enjoy broad support from voters, giving Idaho policymakers a mandate to keep the state moving in the right direction.