



# Energy Issues Statewide Public Opinion Survey

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## Methodology Notes

- 400 Alaska residents age 18+ surveyed April 28-May 3, 2023 by Dittman Research
- Interview quotas by location, age, and gender
- Live interview surveys (63% cell, 37% landline)
- Margin of error 4.9% at the 95% confidence level

## Key Findings

*Alaskans see renewable energy as an economic driver.*

- Respondents were asked their opinion (strongly support, support, oppose, strongly oppose) of various initiatives to strengthen and diversify Alaska's economy. Including "strongly support" and "support" responses, investing in renewable energy was in the top four approaches:
  - » Attracting more travel and tourism (88%)
  - » Encouraging higher value processing of marine products (87%)
  - » Investing in outdoor recreation infrastructure (84%)
  - » **Building renewable energy infrastructure (82%)**
  - » New exploration and development of oil and gas (76%)
  - » Opening new mining operations (65%)
- Building renewable energy infrastructure garnered the highest percentage of "strongly support" responses (57%) among all initiatives queried.
- Nearly four-out-of-five (78%) respondents believe that spending state tax dollars on renewable forms of energy is the right direction for the state – over half (55%) say it is "strongly" the right direction.
- There is more support for renewable energy investment than opposition among all age groups, across all parts of the state, and among all political affiliations (Republican, Democrat, other).

*Alaskans see multiple benefits of renewable energy.*

- Significant majorities of those surveyed believe using more renewable energy sources will create new jobs (86%), diversify our economy (74%), help us achieve energy independence (68%), and reduce pollution and improve public health (62%).

*Renewable energy development is seen as realistic.*

- Overall, 59% of Alaskans think it is realistic that Alaska could primarily use renewable sources of energy. Among those who think it is realistic, the top reason given for why Alaska is not currently using more renewables is "political".
- While there is support for a natural gas pipeline, fewer than a tenth of Alaskans (8%) think it is "very likely" that a gasline will be built within the next 5 to 8 years, the current estimate on when Cook Inlet gas supplies will be insufficient.

# Survey Sample Demographics

