
















Which of the below best describes you

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Custodial parent	21	7.2%	
Noncustodial parent	64	22.1%	
Judge	6	2.0%	
Attorney	164	56.7%	
Mediator	5	1.7%	
Custodial parent advocate	1	0.3%	
Noncustodial parent advocate	5	1.7%	
Educator	4	1.3%	
Student	1	0.3%	
Other	18	6.2%	

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Please choose the best answer.

1. The existing guidelines produce appropriate child support obligations for most cases.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	11	3.8%	
Agree	101	34.9%	
Neutral	30	10.3%	
Disagree	67	23.1%	
Strongly Disagree	79	27.3%	

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2. Noncustodial parents should have an obligation to pay at least a minimum amount of child support regardless of their income.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	98	33.9%	
Agree	73	25.2%	
Neutral	25	8.6%	
Disagree	48	16.6%	
Strongly Disagree	42	14.5%	

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3. At a specifically determined level of income, a noncustodial parent should not be required to pay any child support.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	34	11.7%	
Agree	41	14.1%	
Neutral	24	8.3%	
Disagree	96	33.2%	
Strongly Disagree	90	31.1%	

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4. The guidelines amount should leave low-income noncustodial parents with a self-support reserve - that is, sufficient income after paying the guidelines amount such that they can live at a subsistence level.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	89	30.7%	
Agree	100	34.6%	
Neutral	43	14.8%	
Disagree	33	11.4%	
Strongly Disagree	21	7.2%	

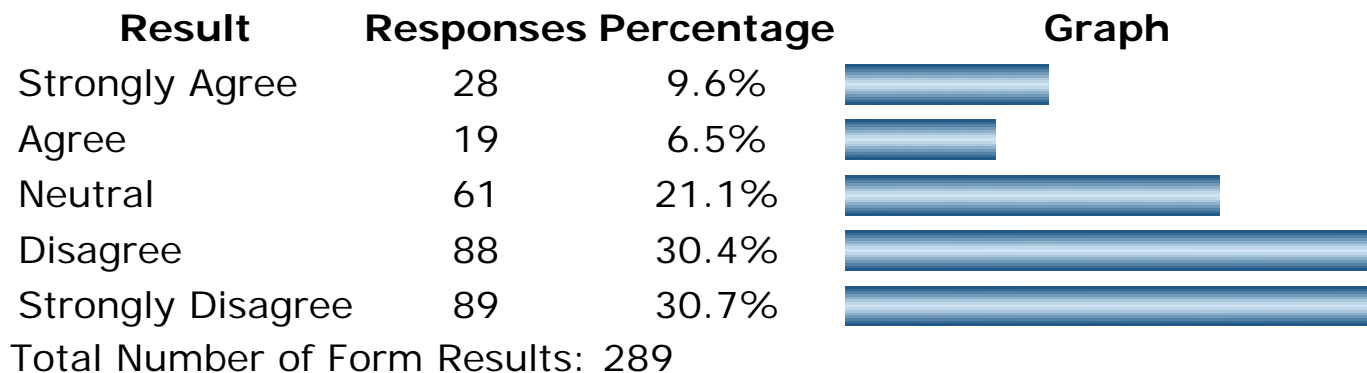
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5. There should be an increase in the \$65 per month minimum child support obligation.

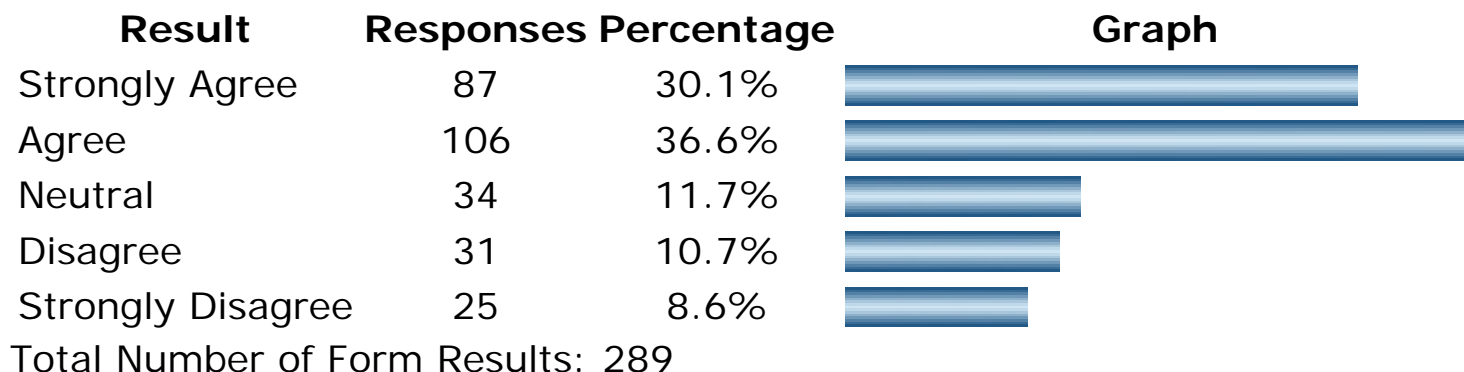
Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	54	18.6%	
Agree	68	23.5%	
Neutral	54	18.6%	
Disagree	52	17.9%	
Strongly Disagree	58	20.0%	

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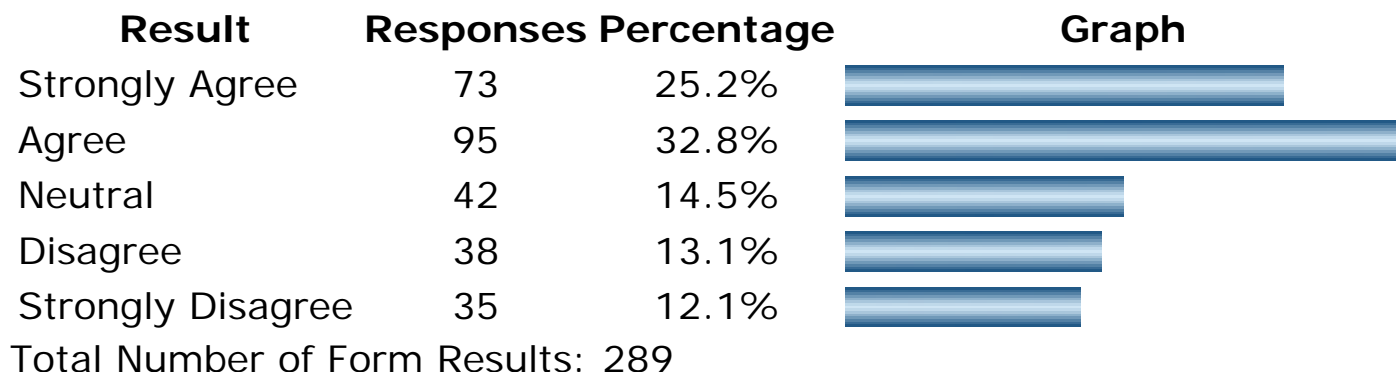
6. There should be a decrease in the \$65 per month minimum child support obligation.



7. Currently, initial support obligations must be retroactive to the date the petition for support was filed. In cases where there is a change in custody, judges should have discretion to order a different effective date.



8. For child support modification proceedings, the judge should have the discretion to make modifications effective back to the date the motion was filed as opposed to the date of service on the non-moving party.



9. A modification should be allowed based upon a minimum percentage of change in either parent's income without any other proof or additional change in circumstances.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	35	12.1%	
Agree	75	25.9%	
Neutral	47	16.2%	
Disagree	69	23.8%	
Strongly Disagree	58	20.0%	

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10. There should be a notice in all child support orders which states that the order remains in effect until modified or terminated by another order.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	112	38.7%	
Agree	90	31.1%	
Neutral	41	14.1%	
Disagree	21	7.2%	
Strongly Disagree	22	7.6%	

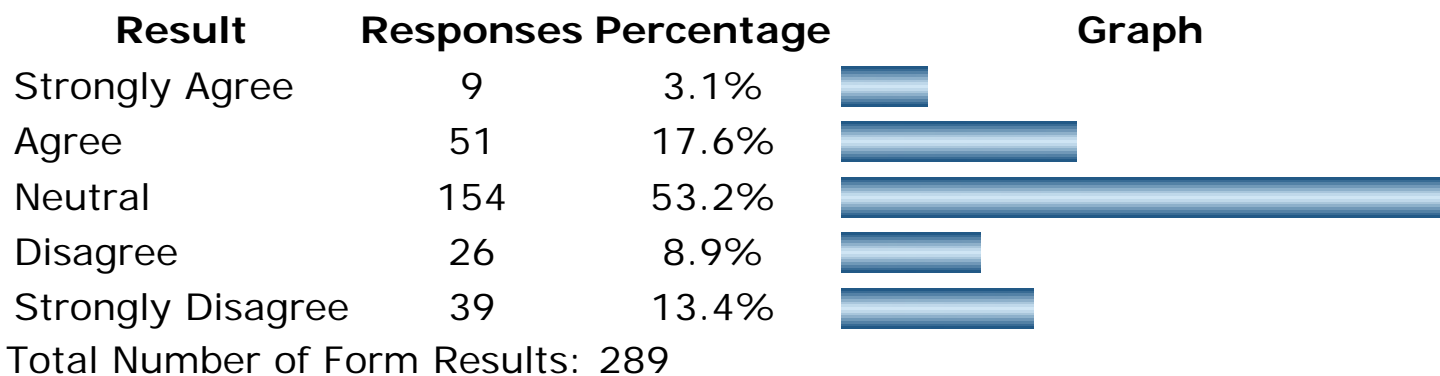
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11. There should be a statutory requirement that the guideline worksheet be attached to all child support orders whether derived from litigation or agreement.

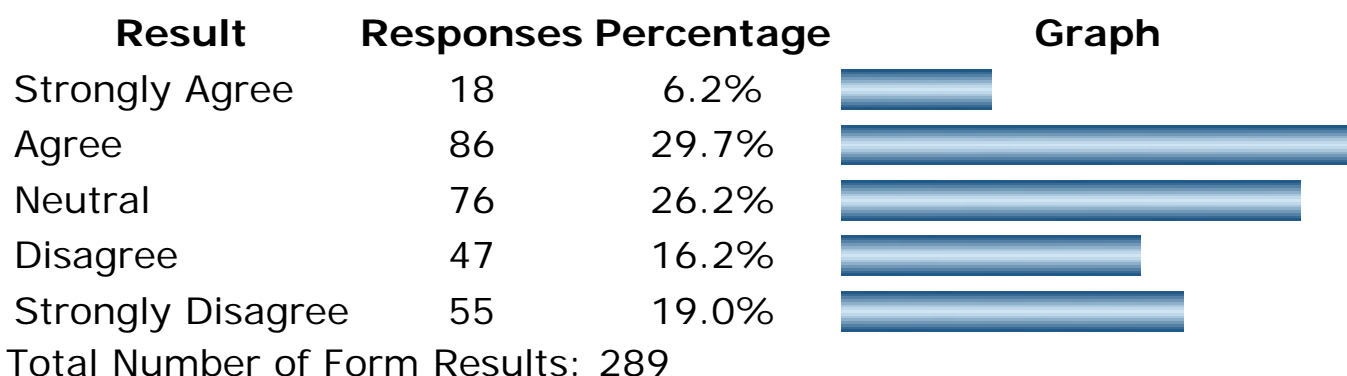
Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	84	29.0%	
Agree	79	27.3%	
Neutral	57	19.7%	
Disagree	41	14.1%	
Strongly Disagree	24	8.3%	

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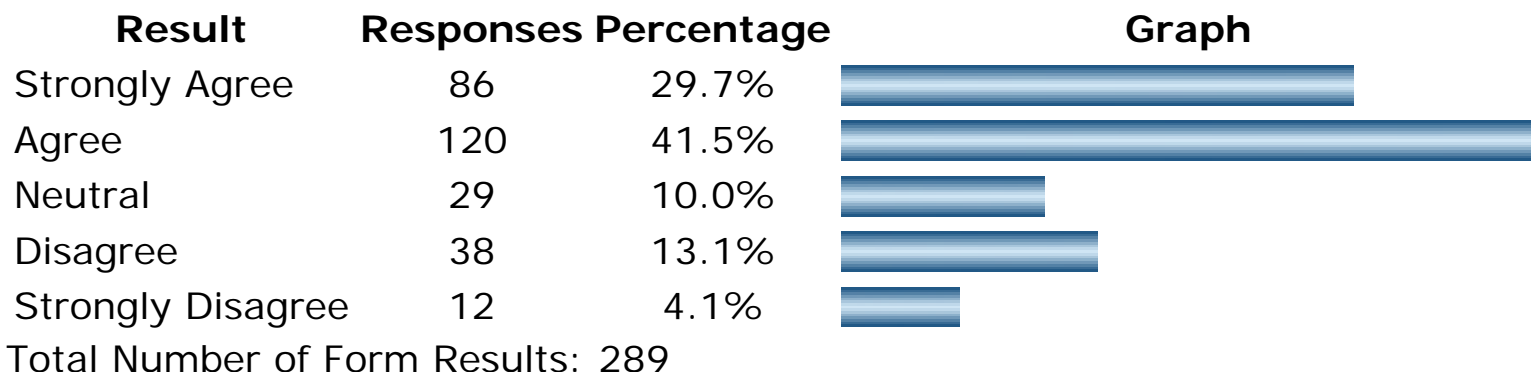
12. The multiplier (1.4) for shared custody cases should remain the same.



13. The number of days (more than 90) for shared custody cases should remain the same.



14. The guidelines should contain guidance for calculating support in complicated cases, such as where either parent has multiple families, one parent is the noncustodial parent in one case and the custodial parent in another case, or other situations involving blended and complex family structures.



15. There should be a stand-alone order for child care expenses since they are more variable than other factors.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	42	14.5%	
Agree	62	21.4%	
Neutral	50	17.3%	
Disagree	80	27.6%	
Strongly Disagree	51	17.6%	

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16. There should be a stand-alone order for health insurance costs.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	26	8.9%	
Agree	42	14.5%	
Neutral	63	21.7%	
Disagree	96	33.2%	
Strongly Disagree	60	20.7%	

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17. If the noncustodial parent receives credit for paying health insurance costs but does not actually pay those costs, that amount should be added back into his/her child support obligation.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	55	19.0%	
Agree	103	35.6%	
Neutral	42	14.5%	
Disagree	41	14.1%	
Strongly Disagree	43	14.8%	

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18. The guidelines should provide guidance regarding payment of the first \$250 in unreimbursed medical expenses, particularly in shared custody cases.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	58	20.0%	
Agree	118	40.8%	
Neutral	57	19.7%	
Disagree	27	9.3%	
Strongly Disagree	25	8.6%	

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19. As with child care and health insurance costs, the guidelines should factor visitation expenses, such as travel costs, as opposed to addressing those expenses as a deviation factor.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	57	19.7%	
Agree	54	18.6%	
Neutral	32	11.0%	
Disagree	93	32.1%	
Strongly Disagree	45	15.5%	

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20. As with child care and health insurance costs, the guidelines should factor private school costs as opposed to addressing those costs as a deviation factor.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	20	6.9%	
Agree	38	13.1%	
Neutral	35	12.1%	
Disagree	97	33.5%	
Strongly Disagree	94	32.5%	

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21. The parties should share in the child's extraordinary extracurricular expenses, such as horseback riding lessons or music camps, relative to their incomes.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	42	14.5%	
Agree	66	22.8%	
Neutral	29	10.0%	
Disagree	73	25.2%	
Strongly Disagree	77	26.6%	

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22. In the majority of cases, orders are based on the guidelines without deviation.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	93	32.1%	
Agree	110	38.0%	
Neutral	37	12.8%	
Disagree	21	7.2%	
Strongly Disagree	26	8.9%	

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23. Most deviations from the guideline amount are appropriate.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	21	7.2%	
Agree	109	37.7%	
Neutral	86	29.7%	
Disagree	23	7.9%	
Strongly Disagree	47	16.2%	

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24. The higher cost of living in different parts of the state should be considered either as an adjustment to the guideline amount or as a deviation factor.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	50	17.3%	
Agree	95	32.8%	
Neutral	40	13.8%	
Disagree	50	17.3%	
Strongly Disagree	49	16.9%	

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25. The guidelines should take into consideration the disparity in the cost of raising children of different ages.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	36	12.4%	
Agree	74	25.6%	
Neutral	36	12.4%	
Disagree	87	30.1%	
Strongly Disagree	49	16.9%	

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26. It would be appropriate to incorporate an automatic annual cost of living increase into child support orders.

Result	Responses	Percentage	Graph
Strongly Agree	16	5.5%	
Agree	43	14.8%	
Neutral	40	13.8%	
Disagree	77	26.6%	
Strongly Disagree	108	37.3%	

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