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## Latino Poll

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# TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF ARIZONA HISPANICS SAY STATE IS "SERIOUSLY OFF TRACK"

Phoenix, Arizona, June 13, 2002. More than half of Hispanic consumers report that things in Arizona are headed in the right direction (52%) and slightly over one-quarter (27%) believe the state is heading seriously off track.

By comparison, Hispanics seem to be more optimistic than general market consumers as demonstrated by a comparable study conducted with adult heads of households across the state. Of these, less than half (45%) believe that Arizona is on the right track and nearly four in ten (36%) agree the state is seriously off track.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 502 Hispanic heads of household across Maricopa and Pima Counties, conducted between April 6 and April 26, 2002, by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan HispanicTRACK<sup>TM</sup>. The public is welcome to visit<u>www.brcpolls.com</u> to read this and other recent polls.

Compared to the general population, Hispanics generally give higher favorability ratings of Governor Jane Hull's job performance (37% versus 43%, respectively). This pattern may reflect a connection between Hispanics' views of the state's condition and their satisfaction with the governor's performance. Those Hispanics who are likely to agree that the state is on the right direction are also likely to agree that the governor is doing and "excellent" or "good" job.

Likewise, Hispanics who believe that Arizona is seriously off track give Governor Jane Hull poor marks for her job performance, a pattern similarly seen among general market survey participants.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This report is based on the twenty-fourth semi-annual wave of Behavior Research Center's HispanicTRACK™/Latino Poll survey, completed between April 6<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in 2002, in which interviews were conducted with 502 Hispanic heads of household throughout Pima and Maricopa Counties. Respondents were interviewed in the language of their choice. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 4.4 percent of what they would have been had the entire Hispanic population been surveyed. The Latino Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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### **STATISTICAL DATA**

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"Do you think things in Arizona are going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?"

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			RIGHT	WRONG	A LITTLE	RIGHT
			DIRECTION	TRACK	OF BOTH	DIRECTION)
Hispanics:	April	2002	52%	27%	13%	(+ 25)
General Market:	April	2002	45	36	11	(+ 9)
HISPANICS:	DETAIL A	PRIL 2002				
	GENDER					
	Men Service		56	25	12	(+ 31)
	Women		48	28	15	(+ 31) (+ 20)
COUNTY						
	Maricopa	à	55	24	13	(+ 31)
	Pima		49	30	14	(+ 19)

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"Would you say the job Jane Hull is doing as Governor of Arizona is excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor?"

|                | APRIL 2002     |           |  |  |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|--|--|
|                | GENERAL MARKET | HISPANICS |  |  |
|                |                |           |  |  |
| Excellent/Good | 37%            | 43%       |  |  |
| Fair           | 28             | 22        |  |  |
| Poor/Very Poof | 29             | 14        |  |  |
| Unsure         | 6              | 21        |  |  |

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	RATING OF JANE HULL							
	Excellent/ Good		<u>Fair</u>		Poor/ <u>Very Poor</u>			
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State-Of-The-State	Market	Hispanics	Market	Hispanics	Market	Hispanics		
Right Direction Off Track	57% 25	67% 13	49% 32	52% 31	25% 59	26% 59		
Mixed	12	13	11	13	10	11		
Unsure	6	7	8	4	6	4		

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