

Table A:
Issues Mentioned by Governors in State of the State Addresses, 2011–2016

<i>Issue expressed by governors</i>	<i>2011 percentage of governors mentioning the issue (N=47)</i>	<i>2012 percentage of governors mentioning the issue (N=43)</i>	<i>2013 percentage of governors mentioning the issue (N=49)</i>	<i>2014 percentage of governors mentioning the issue (N=42)</i>	<i>2015 percentage of governors mentioning the issue (N=44)</i>	<i>2016 percentage of governors mentioning the issue (N=43)</i>
Education	93.6%	95.3%	100.0%	95.2%	90.9%	88.4%
Economic development/jobs	87.2	90.7	77.6	83.3	81.8	72.1
Health care	72.3	55.8	79.6	73.8	59.1	65.1
Safety/corrections	38.3	55.8	67.3	73.8	63.6	62.8
Tax/revenue initiative	70.2	81.4	71.4	66.7	72.7	62.8
Natural resources/energy	44.7	65.1	57.1	59.5	61.4	53.5
Transportation/roads/bridges	46.8	48.8	46.9	50.0	68.2	48.8
Performance/accountability	83.0	55.8	30.6	33.3	56.8	39.5
Surplus/deficit/rainy day funds/reserves	34.0	60.5	32.7	54.8	36.4	32.6
Local government	17.0	25.6	14.3	26.2	36.4	30.2
Pensions/OPEBs	36.2	32.6	18.4	21.4	4.6	18.6
Transparency	2.1	25.6	12.2	26.2	11.4	9.3
Ethics reform	8.5	7.0	16.3	14.3	20.5	7.0
Debt reduction	8.5	7.0	6.1	16.7	6.8	7.0
Borders/illegal immigrants	8.5	11.6	8.2	7.1	6.8	4.7
Average # of Issues Mentioned by Governors	8	7	6	7	7	6
# Issues Mentioned by ≥66% of Governors	5	3	5	5	4	2

Sources: Content analysis of state of the state addresses conducted by Byungwoo Cho, MPA candidate (2011); Megan Phillips, MPA candidate and Sarah Beth Gehl, Ph.D. candidate, Public Policy (2012); Sarah Beth Gehl, Ph.D. candidate, Public Policy (2013); Keegan Smith, MPA candidate (2014 and 2015), all students of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia; Katherine Willoughby (2016).