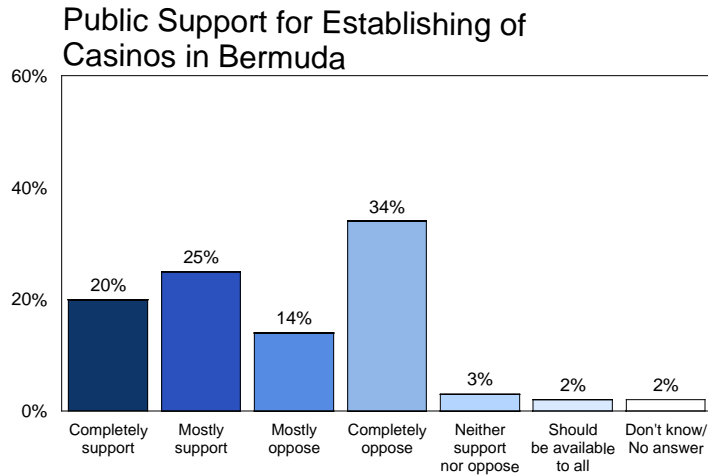


Residents are split regarding the establishment of casinos in Bermuda to support the tourism industry.

Hamilton: Opinions are generally mixed when considering the establishment of a casino in Bermuda solely for the use of tourists. Of note, there is a significant level of opposition towards having a casino available in Bermuda, with one-half of residents indicating that they completely (34%) or mostly (14%) **oppose** establishing casinos on-Island. In contrast, close to the same proportion completely (20%) or mostly (25%) **support** its development if solely for the use of tourists. Few residents do not have a definite opinion on this matter or believe casinos should be available to all.



There are some notable variations in the level of support across parishes. Support for the establishment of casinos is highest in Warwick and Paget parishes and lowest in Sandys and Southampton parishes. Support also varies across demographic characteristics. Support for establishing casinos increases with household income. It is also higher among males, residents aged 35 to 54, and white residents.

These results are part of the *Bermuda Omnibus*, an independent, quarterly survey of Bermuda residents, and are based on a representative sample of 402 Bermuda residents. The survey was conducted between December 12th and 16th, 2003 with the results accurate to within ± 4.9 percentage points in 95 out of 100 samples.

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