

Table 4

Welfare Reform Decision (1997): Influencing The Choice of Standard Versus Electing County?

<i>Perceived Level of Influence on Decision</i>	<i>Type of Respondent (mean scores)</i>				
	All Respondents*	County Commissioners	County Managers	DSS Directors	DSS Board Chairs
County Commissioners N = 267	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.4
County Managers N = 279	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.0
DSS Directors N = 267	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.5	6.2
DSS Board Chairs N = 263	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9
	N ≅ 269	N ≅ 122	N ≅ 55	N ≅ 31	N ≅ 61

Responses scored from 0 to 7, with 0 = no influence, 1 = low influence, and 7 = high influence.

*Question: Indicate the extent to which each of the following persons or groups influenced the **fall 1997** decision on whether your County chose (initially) to be an "Electing" County or a "Standard" County.

1. County Board of Commissioners
2. County Manager
3. County DSS Director
4. Count DSS Board

Source: Odum IRSS UNC-CH; Tracking County Responses to Welfare Reform Project, 2000