

2023 Arizona Issues Poll

1 Do you think homelessness in Arizona is increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Increasing	80%	74%	79%	78%
Decreasing	3%	9%	2%	4%
About the Same	10%	14%	15%	13%
Unsure	7%	3%	4%	5%

2 Do you think homeless encampments on streets and in other public places are a threat to public safety?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	85%	45%	64%	66%
No	8%	26%	13%	15%
Unsure	7%	29%	23%	19%

3 How often do you avoid going into areas where there are individuals living in tents on the streets and in other public places?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Always Avoid	57%	26%	41%	42%
Usually Avoid	20%	26%	24%	23%
Sometimes Avoid	13%	25%	19%	19%
Never Avoid	10%	22%	17%	16%

4 Which of the following four options do you think is the biggest root cause of homelessness?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Addiction	38%	15%	20%	25%
Mental Illness	25%	22%	25%	24%
Lack of Affordable Housing	16%	36%	26%	25%
Lack of Good-Paying Jobs	5%	10%	10%	8%
Unsure	15%	17%	20%	17%

5 Do you think individuals suffering from unmanaged, severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia, should be legally compelled to enter a healthcare setting where they can be treated and stabilized?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	71%	63%	56%	63%
No	11%	15%	14%	13%
Unsure	18%	22%	30%	23%

6 Which of the following two taxpayer-funded programs do you think is more helpful in reducing long-term, chronic homelessness?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Subsidized Housing Programs	17%	38%	22%	25%
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Programs	62%	43%	48%	52%
Unsure	21%	20%	30%	23%

7 Do you think it is more compassionate to allow homeless individuals to set up camp wherever they choose or to move them into available shelters?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Camping Wherever They Chose	8%	10%	5%	8%
Moving Them Into Shelters	81%	81%	80%	81%
Unsure	11%	9%	15%	12%

8 Do you think homeless individuals have a right to camp on streets or in public places when there are shelter options available?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	16%	24%	16%	18%
No	78%	60%	72%	71%
Unsure	5%	16%	12%	11%

9 Should Arizona outlaw camping on streets and in other public places?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	73%	42%	50%	56%
No	15%	37%	28%	26%
Unsure	12%	21%	22%	18%

10 Would you be more likely to support a ban on street camping if there were increased access to homeless shelters and camps with security, sanitation, and medical treatment that are away from residential areas?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	78%	77%	72%	76%
No	11%	12%	12%	12%
Unsure	11%	11%	16%	13%

11 Some suburbs of Phoenix have outlawed panhandling in public places. Should there be a statewide ban on panhandling in public places?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	72%	48%	58%	60%
No	18%	38%	24%	26%
Unsure	10%	14%	18%	14%

12 Would you support or oppose increasing government funding for homeless shelters that provide temporary emergency housing?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	57%	84%	66%	68%
Opposed	25%	7%	18%	18%
Unsure	18%	9%	15%	15%

13 Would you support or oppose increasing government funding for in-patient mental illness and addiction treatment for homeless individuals?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	72%	85%	74%	76%
Opposed	14%	7%	12%	11%
Unsure	14%	8%	14%	12%

14 Would you support or oppose requiring major cities such as Phoenix, Tucson, and Mesa to enforce bans on street camping as a condition of receiving increased funding for homelessness alleviation?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	72%	47%	47%	56%
Opposed	12%	26%	24%	20%
Unsure	16%	27%	28%	23%

15 Would you support or oppose requiring cities and counties to be audited by the state for how they spend taxpayer dollars on addressing homelessness?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	79%	67%	67%	71%
Opposed	10%	12%	15%	12%
Unsure	11%	21%	18%	17%

16 Which of the five following Arizona issues is most important to you?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
K-12 Education	9%	22%	18%	16%
Homelessness	8%	17%	11%	11%
Border Security	50%	8%	28%	30%
The Economy and Inflation	18%	21%	15%	18%
Water Supply	15%	32%	28%	24%

17 Do you think the Arizona state legislature is doing a good job or a bad job of managing homelessness in the state?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
A Good Job	21%	20%	7%	16%
A Bad Job	50%	56%	61%	55%
Unsure	29%	24%	32%	29%

18 Do you think Arizona Governor Hobbs is doing a good job or a bad job of managing homelessness in the state?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
A Good Job	17%	53%	25%	30%
A Bad Job	66%	19%	37%	43%
Unsure	16%	28%	37%	27%

Demographics

PARTY ID			AGE			GENDER	
GOP	DEM	IND	18-44	45-64	65+	MALE	FEMALE
37%	29%	34%	36%	37%	28%	46%	54%

Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame that gathers responses from automated telephone interviews conducted by an independent, third-party data collection agency. The statewide sample is of 1,509 likely Arizona voters.

The survey was conducted June 28-July 3, 2023. The margin of sampling error is ± 2.52 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher or lower for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights.

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