

2023 Oklahoma First Congressional District Homelessness Poll

September 28 - October 3, 2023

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Increasing	79%	73%	77%	77%
Decreasing	2%	1%	1%	2%
About the same	15%	22%	21%	19%
Unsure	4%	5%	1%	3%

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%	47%	69%	70%
No	6%	24%	13%	13%
Unsure	9%	29%	18%	17%

3 How often do you avoid going into areas where there are homeless individuals living on the streets?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Always avoid	45%	19%	42%	37%
Usually avoid	23%	22%	10%	19%
Sometimes avoid	20%	30%	24%	24%
Never avoid	13%	29%	23%	20%

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Addiction	35%	14%	27%	27%
Mental illness	29%	34%	31%	31%
Lack of affordable housing	11%	20%	11%	13%
Lack of good-paying jobs	7%	9%	8%	8%
Unsure	19%	24%	24%	22%

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	65%	56%	56%	60%
No	12%	16%	18%	15%
Unsure	23%	28%	26%	25%

6 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	57%	86%	56%	65%
Opposed	22%	4%	13%	14%
Unsure	21%	10%	31%	21%

7 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	10%	27%	14%	16%
Mental health and substance abuse recovery programs	52%	46%	60%	53%
Unsure	38%	26%	26%	31%

8 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 choose	5%	5%	8%	6%
Move to shelters	86%	85%	79%	84%
Unsure	9%	10%	13%	10%

9 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	8%	16%	10%	11%
No	85%	61%	74%	75%
Unsure	6%	23%	16%	14%

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	41%	86%	52%	57%
Opposed	30%	3%	26%	21%
Unsure	29%	11%	22%	22%

11 Should Oklahoma prohibit homeless camps on the streets and in other public places?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Yes	79%	47%	68%	66%
No	14%	24%	16%	17%
Unsure	7%	29%	17%	16%

12 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	69%	76%	77%	74%
No	16%	6%	5%	10%
Unsure	15%	19%	18%	17%

13 Some areas of the country have outlawed panhandling in public places. Would you support or oppose a statewide ban on panhandling in public places in Oklahoma?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	71%	39%	72%	62%
Opposed	15%	35%	17%	21%
Unsure	14%	26%	11%	16%

14 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	74%	62%	71%	69%
Opposed	11%	15%	9%	11%
Unsure	15%	24%	20%	19%

15 Would you support or oppose requiring major cities such as Tulsa and Oklahoma City to enforce bans on street camping as a condition of receiving increased funding for homelessness programs?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Supportive	69%	45%	58%	59%
Opposed	12%	22%	17%	16%
Unsure	18%	33%	25%	25%

16**Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Tulsa city council is handling homelessness in the city?**

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
Approve	12%	20%	14%	15%
Disapprove	46%	34%	53%	45%
Unsure	41%	46%	33%	40%

Demographics

PARTY ID			AGE			GENDER	
GOP	DEM	IND	18-44	45-64	65+	MALE	FEMALE
42%	28%	30%	36%	37%	28%	51%	49%

Results for this poll were collected using a mixed-mode sampling frame that combined 809 responses from likely Oklahoma first congressional district voters via automated and live telephone interviews and online panels conducted by an independent, third-party data collection agency.

The survey was conducted September 28–October 3, 2023. The margin of sampling error is ± 3.45 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher 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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