



## 2023 KENTUCKY Homelessness Poll

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Increasing</i>	65%	55%	60%	<b>60%</b>
<i>Decreasing</i>	3%	5%	4%	<b>4%</b>
<i>Staying the Same</i>	21%	29%	22%	<b>24%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	11%	12%	14%	<b>12%</b>

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Always</i>	35%	18%	21%	<b>26%</b>
<i>Usually</i>	22%	20%	18%	<b>21%</b>
<i>Sometimes</i>	18%	24%	27%	<b>21%</b>
<i>Never</i>	25%	38%	34%	<b>32%</b>

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Yes</i>	73%	38%	54%	<b>56%</b>
<i>No</i>	7%	27%	14%	<b>17%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	19%	35%	32%	<b>27%</b>

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

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Drug or Alcohol Addiction</i>	42%	24%	32%	<b>33%</b>
<i>Mental Illness</i>	18%	24%	18%	<b>21%</b>
<i>Lack of Affordable Housing</i>	13%	18%	21%	<b>16%</b>
<i>Lack of Good-Paying Jobs</i>	8%	13%	9%	<b>10%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	18%	21%	21%	<b>20%</b>

**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?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	68%	58%	63%	<b>63%</b>
<i>No</i>	9%	16%	13%	<b>12%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	24%	26%	23%	<b>25%</b>

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

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Support</i>	59%	77%	61%	<b>67%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	19%	9%	13%	<b>14%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	23%	14%	26%	<b>19%</b>

**7. Which of the following two taxpayer-funded programs do you think is more helpful in reducing long-term, chronic homelessness; subsidized housing programs or mental health and substance abuse recovery programs?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Subsidized Housing</i>	17%	28%	25%	<b>22%</b>
<i>Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse Recovery</i>	57%	54%	52%	<b>55%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	26%	18%	23%	<b>22%</b>

**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?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Camp Where Chosen</i>	4%	4%	6%	<b>4%</b>
<i>Move to Shelters</i>	88%	87%	83%	<b>87%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	8%	9%	11%	<b>9%</b>

**9. Do you think homeless individuals have a right to camp on streets or other public places when there are shelter options available?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	10%	14%	11%	<b>12%</b>
<i>No</i>	81%	69%	76%	<b>76%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	9%	17%	14%	<b>13%</b>

**10. Should Kentucky prohibit homeless camps on the streets and in other public places?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	69%	43%	56%	<b>56%</b>
<i>No</i>	17%	30%	21%	<b>23%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	14%	27%	23%	<b>21%</b>

**11. 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?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	70%	74%	68%	<b>71%</b>
<i>No</i>	10%	10%	10%	<b>10%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	20%	16%	22%	<b>19%</b>

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

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Support</i>	57%	80%	63%	<b>68%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	22%	7%	15%	<b>15%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	21%	13%	22%	<b>17%</b>

**13. Would you be more likely to support prohibiting homeless camps if the government increased funding for homeless shelters that provide temporary emergency housing?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	50%	61%	51%	<b>55%</b>
<i>No</i>	19%	13%	16%	<b>16%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	30%	26%	32%	<b>29%</b>

**14. 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 Kentucky?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Support</i>	66%	51%	59%	<b>59%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	21%	28%	22%	<b>24%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	13%	21%	19%	<b>17%</b>

**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?**

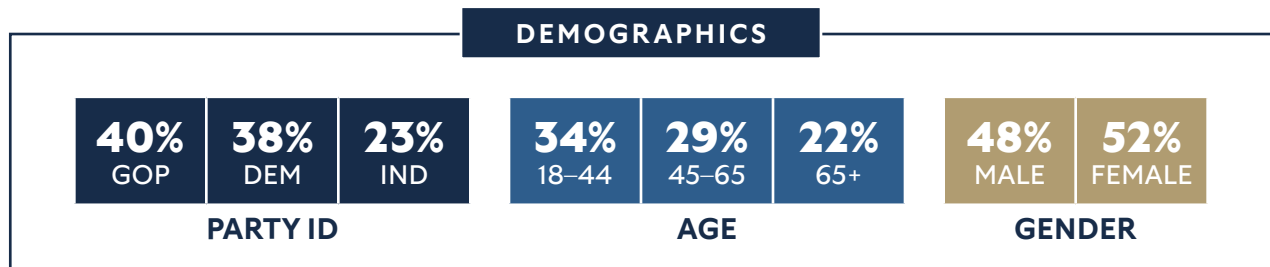
	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Support</i>	71%	67%	69%	<b>69%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	12%	12%	11%	<b>12%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	17%	21%	20%	<b>19%</b>

**16. Would you support or oppose requiring major cities such as Louisville and Lexington to enforce bans on street camping as a condition of receiving increased funding for homelessness programs?**

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	67%	50%	58%	<b>58%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	15%	23%	13%	<b>18%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	19%	27%	29%	<b>23%</b>

**17. Do you think state and local elected officials are doing a good job or a bad job of managing homelessness in Kentucky?**

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Good</i>	12%	17%	11%	<b>14%</b>
<i>Bad</i>	52%	40%	48%	<b>46%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	36%	43%	40%	<b>40%</b>



Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame that gathered responses from 1,508 likely Kentucky voters during live calls, online panels, and automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Strategies, Inc.

The survey was conducted December 27-30, 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.

**Cicero Institute paid for all costs associated with this survey.**