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## 2024 MISSOURI Homelessness Poll

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Increasing</i>	57%	47%	60%	<b>55%</b>
<i>Decreasing</i>	3%	7%	4%	<b>5%</b>
<i>Staying the Same</i>	25%	34%	23%	<b>27%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	15%	12%	13%	<b>13%</b>

2. Do you think homeless encampments are hurting restaurants and small businesses in downtown areas?

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Yes</i>	63%	34%	41%	<b>48%</b>
<i>No</i>	10%	25%	22%	<b>18%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	26%	40%	37%	<b>33%</b>

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

	GOP	DEM	IND	ALL VOTERS
<i>Yes</i>	80%	46%	56%	<b>63%</b>
<i>No</i>	8%	28%	23%	<b>18%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	12%	26%	21%	<b>19%</b>

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

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Always</i>	49%	18%	26%	<b>34%</b>
<i>Usually</i>	19%	15%	17%	<b>17%</b>
<i>Sometimes</i>	16%	35%	32%	<b>26%</b>
<i>Never</i>	15%	32%	25%	<b>23%</b>

**5. 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>	40%	15%	21%	<b>27%</b>
<i>Mental Illness</i>	18%	32%	29%	<b>25%</b>
<i>Lack of Affordable Housing</i>	9%	21%	21%	<b>16%</b>
<i>Lack of Good-Paying Jobs</i>	6%	11%	8%	<b>8%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	27%	22%	21%	<b>24%</b>

**6. 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>	64%	52%	52%	<b>57%</b>
<i>No</i>	12%	19%	20%	<b>16%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	24%	29%	28%	<b>27%</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>	14%	26%	18%	<b>19%</b>
<i>Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse Recovery</i>	62%	55%	62%	<b>60%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	24%	19%	20%	<b>21%</b>

**8. 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>	49%	82%	64%	<b>63%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	24%	7%	13%	<b>16%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	27%	11%	24%	<b>21%</b>

**9. Would you be more likely to support redirecting taxpayer funds toward emergency shelters if you knew that more than 2,000 Missourians sleep on the streets each night because there are not enough emergency shelter beds for them?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	51%	73%	54%	<b>59%</b>
<i>No</i>	21%	9%	17%	<b>16%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	28%	18%	28%	<b>25%</b>

**10. 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%	5%	6%	<b>5%</b>
<i>Move to Shelters</i>	85%	85%	80%	<b>84%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	12%	10%	14%	<b>12%</b>

**11. A Missouri law that prohibited unauthorized street camping was recently overturned due to a technicality. Would you support correcting the law and reinstating a ban on unauthorized street camping?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	76%	43%	54%	<b>60%</b>
<i>No</i>	9%	26%	27%	<b>19%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	15%	31%	19%	<b>21%</b>

**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?**

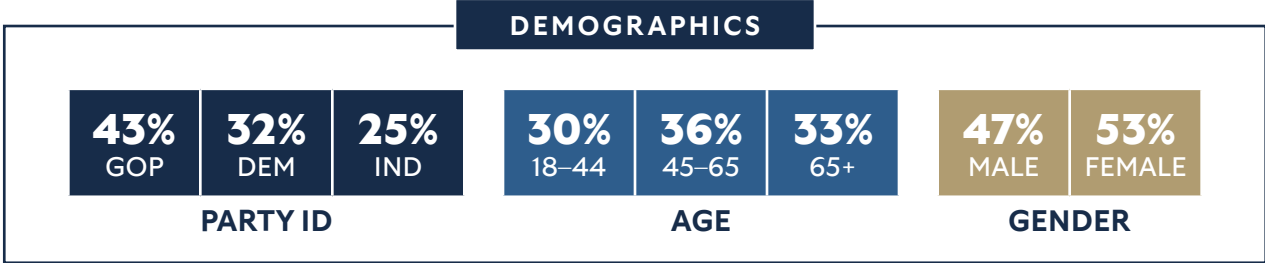
	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	68%	73%	65%	<b>69%</b>
<i>No</i>	12%	10%	13%	<b>12%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	20%	17%	22%	<b>20%</b>

**13. Would you be more likely to support a ban on street camping 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>	51%	70%	48%	<b>56%</b>
<i>No</i>	24%	15%	19%	<b>20%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	25%	15%	33%	<b>24%</b>

**14. Would you support or oppose requiring major cities such as St. Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield to enforce bans on street camping as a condition of receiving increased funding for homelessness programs?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Support</i>	61%	46%	45%	<b>52%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	17%	26%	29%	<b>23%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	22%	28%	26%	<b>25%</b>



Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame that gathered responses from 1,551 likely Missouri voters during live calls, online panels, and automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Strategies, Inc.

The survey was conducted January 8-10, 2024. The margin of sampling error is ±2.49 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.***