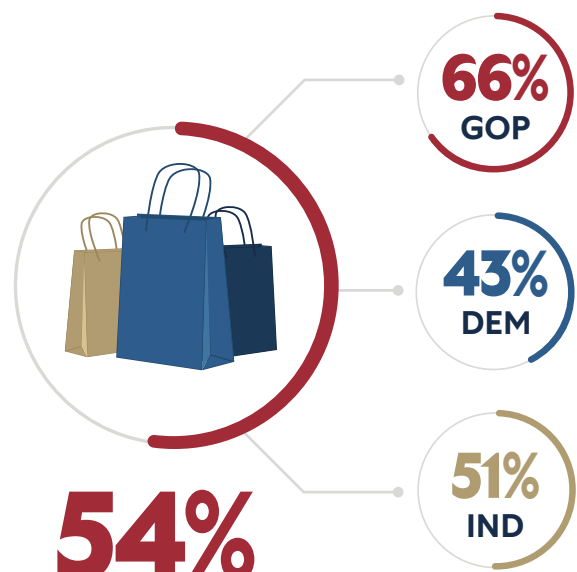
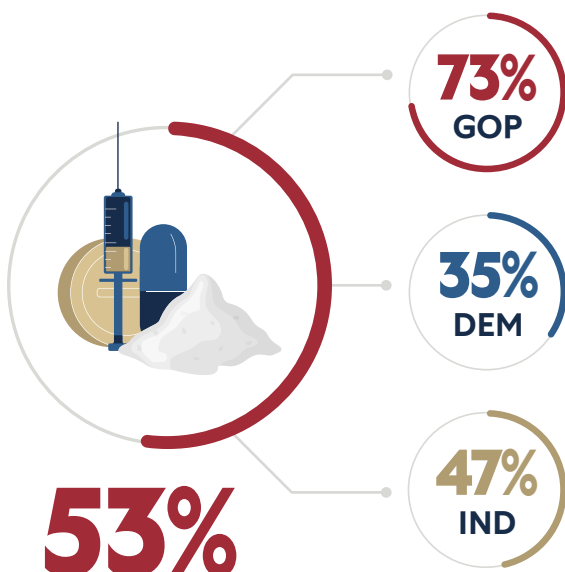


# North Carolinians Want Leaders To Take Action on Public Safety

North Carolinians are worried about issues of crime and public safety. They see crimes from drug trafficking to retail theft as getting worse.

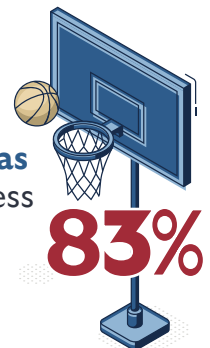


**Around the state, people even find themselves avoiding certain areas that make them feel unsafe.**


Nearly all North Carolinians **avoid convenience stores or gas stations** where there are individuals loitering and panhandling around the premises.




And most **stay away from parks and other public recreational areas** where there are homeless individuals camping.



## In North Carolina, voters want leaders to act compassionately and decisively to take on issues of crime and public safety.

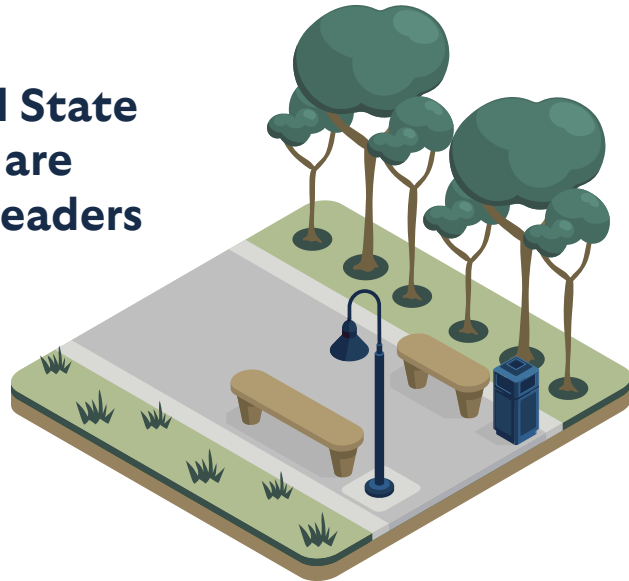
**81%** 

Most North Carolinians say it is **more compassionate to establish designated homeless camping areas** with sanitation and security than to allow camping anywhere.

**70%** 

Nearly three-quarters believe **law enforcement needs more manpower and financial resources** to handle the current level of crime in the state.

**Residents of the Tar Heel State love where they live and are looking to their elected leaders to introduce solutions that meaningfully improve public safety and address homelessness.**



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Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame that gathered responses from 1,117 likely North Carolina voters during live calls, online panels, and automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Strategies, Inc.

The survey was conducted February 8–13, 2024. The margin of sampling error is  $\pm 2.94$  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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