



# CICERO INSTITUTE



2025 TEXAS

## Homelessness Poll

1. Across Texas, do you think homelessness is increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Increasing</i>	65%	65%	72%	<b>68%</b>
<i>Staying About the Same</i>	30%	31%	24%	<b>28%</b>
<i>Decreasing</i>	5%	4%	4%	<b>4%</b>

2. How concerned are you that there are homeless encampments along the sidewalks where many college students walk to class?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Very Concerned</i>	51%	40%	42%	<b>46%</b>
<i>Somewhat Concerned</i>	34%	41%	42%	<b>38%</b>
<i>Not Concerned</i>	9%	12%	11%	<b>10%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	6%	7%	5%	<b>6%</b>

3. How concerned are you that there are homeless encampments along the sidewalks where many elementary school students walk to class?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Very Concerned</i>	71%	56%	58%	<b>64%</b>
<i>Somewhat Concerned</i>	19%	30%	28%	<b>24%</b>
<i>Not Concerned</i>	5%	8%	7%	<b>6%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	5%	6%	6%	<b>5%</b>

**4. How much of a public safety threat do homeless encampments pose?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Significant Threat</i>	38%	21%	20%	<b>28%</b>
<i>Moderate Threat</i>	43%	47%	52%	<b>47%</b>
<i>No Threat</i>	9%	20%	18%	<b>14%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	10%	13%	10%	<b>10%</b>

**5. How likely are you to avoid shopping at a gas station or convenience store where there are aggressive panhandlers?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Very Likely</i>	60%	47%	45%	<b>52%</b>
<i>Somewhat Likely</i>	29%	34%	37%	<b>33%</b>
<i>Would Still Visit</i>	11%	19%	18%	<b>15%</b>

**6. How likely are you to avoid a city park where there are homeless encampments?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Very Likely</i>	61%	42%	34%	<b>47%</b>
<i>Somewhat Likely</i>	27%	36%	44%	<b>35%</b>
<i>Would Still Visit</i>	12%	22%	22%	<b>17%</b>

**7. How likely would you be to avoid sending your child to a college in an area where there are a significant number of homeless encampments?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Very Likely</i>	53%	32%	35%	<b>42%</b>
<i>Somewhat Likely</i>	33%	44%	43%	<b>39%</b>
<i>Would Still Send</i>	14%	24%	22%	<b>19%</b>

**8. Would you support or oppose enhanced criminal penalties for dealing drugs near facilities that provide charity services to homeless individuals?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Support</i>	66%	53%	48%	<b>57%</b>
<i>Oppose</i>	18%	22%	27%	<b>23%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	16%	25%	25%	<b>21%</b>

**9. Do you think big Texas cities like Austin, Dallas, and Houston do a good, fair, or poor job of policing areas where there are large concentrations of homeless people?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Good</i>	28%	22%	24%	<b>26%</b>
<i>Fair</i>	41%	52%	50%	<b>46%</b>
<i>Poor</i>	31%	26%	26%	<b>28%</b>

**10. Do you think big cities like Austin, Dallas, and Houston are doing enough to solve their homelessness crisis?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Should Do More</i>	72%	70%	73%	<b>72%</b>
<i>Doing Enough</i>	23%	28%	21%	<b>23%</b>
<i>Doing Too Much</i>	5%	2%	6%	<b>5%</b>

**11. Do you think local prosecutors across Texas are doing a good, fair, or poor job of going after violent criminals?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Good</i>	32%	24%	27%	<b>29%</b>
<i>Fair</i>	47%	46%	54%	<b>50%</b>
<i>Poor</i>	21%	29%	19%	<b>21%</b>

**12. Do you think local prosecutors should be held legally accountable if they choose not to prosecute a crime for political reasons?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	82%	63%	66%	<b>73%</b>
<i>No</i>	12%	22%	20%	<b>17%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	6%	15%	14%	<b>11%</b>

**13. Do you think police departments are receiving enough support to keep communities safe?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Need More</i>	66%	57%	56%	<b>61%</b>
<i>Receive Enough</i>	28%	37%	35%	<b>32%</b>
<i>Should Receive Less</i>	5%	6%	9%	<b>7%</b>

**14. Do you think local elected officials should be held legally accountable when they fail to enforce laws on theft and vandalism?**

	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	80%	69%	63%	<b>71%</b>
<i>No</i>	10%	15%	16%	<b>13%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	10%	17%	21%	<b>16%</b>

**15. Should property owners be able to get a partial tax rebate if their city fails to address crime in their area?**

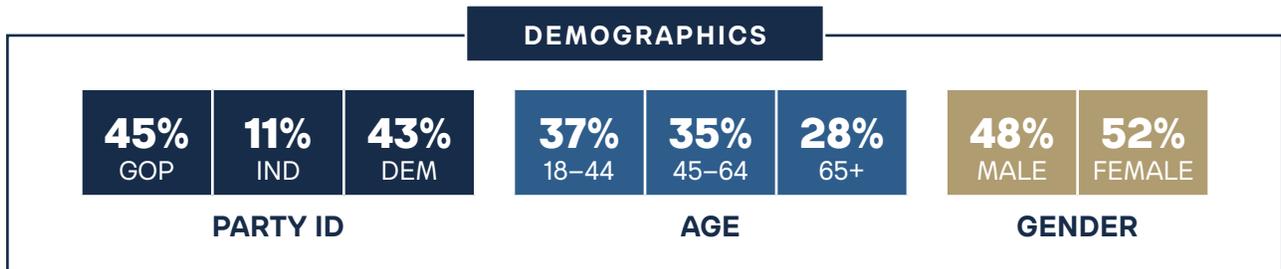
	<b>GOP</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>ALL VOTERS</b>
<i>Yes</i>	64%	57%	55%	<b>60%</b>
<i>No</i>	17%	18%	23%	<b>20%</b>
<i>Unsure</i>	19%	25%	22%	<b>21%</b>

**16. Would you support allowing businesses in high-crime areas to claim a partial tax rebate to purchase security equipment?**

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
Yes	69%	59%	59%	<b>64%</b>
No	16%	19%	25%	<b>20%</b>
Unsure	15%	23%	16%	<b>16%</b>

**17. Would you support making it easier for property owners to evict squatters from their buildings?**

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
Yes	87%	73%	71%	<b>79%</b>
No	8%	14%	15%	<b>12%</b>
Unsure	5%	13%	14%	<b>10%</b>



Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame that gathered responses from 1,312 likely Texas voters during live calls, SMS messages, online panels, and automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Strategies, Inc.

The survey was conducted May 27–May 30, 2025. The margin of sampling error is ±2.71 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.**