

National Tracking Poll

Project: 2305141

N Size: 2200 Adults

Margin of Error: ± 2%

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC1	<i>Over the past year, have you noticed an increase, decrease, or no change in the level of homelessness in your community?</i>		
	Significant increase	440	20%
	Slight increase	561	26%
	No change	826	38%
	Slight decrease	75	3%
	Significant decrease	38	2%
	Don't know/No opinion	259	12%
BPC2_1	<i>How serious of a problem, if at all, is homelessness in the following areas? Your local community</i>		
	Very serious problem	596	27%
	Somewhat serious problem	622	28%
	Not too serious of a problem	501	23%
	Not at all a serious problem	249	11%
	Don't know/no opinion	233	11%
BPC2_2	<i>How serious of a problem, if at all, is homelessness in the following areas? Your state</i>		
	Very serious problem	839	38%
	Somewhat serious problem	781	36%
	Not too serious of a problem	272	12%
	Not at all a serious problem	67	3%
	Don't know/no opinion	241	11%
BPC2_3	<i>How serious of a problem, if at all, is homelessness in the following areas? The U.S.</i>		
	Very serious problem	1273	58%
	Somewhat serious problem	598	27%
	Not too serious of a problem	98	4%
	Not at all a serious problem	51	2%
	Don't know/no opinion	181	8%
BPC4_1	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? High cost of housing</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	1460	66%
	Minor cause of homelessness	510	23%
	Not a cause of homelessness	108	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	122	6%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC4_2	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Poverty</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	1474	67%
	Minor cause of homelessness	487	22%
	Not a cause of homelessness	97	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	142	6%
BPC4_3	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Drug and alcohol use</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	1514	69%
	Minor cause of homelessness	463	21%
	Not a cause of homelessness	80	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	143	6%
BPC4_4	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Mental illness</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	1387	63%
	Minor cause of homelessness	541	25%
	Not a cause of homelessness	105	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	167	8%
BPC4_5	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Disability</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	898	41%
	Minor cause of homelessness	855	39%
	Not a cause of homelessness	223	10%
	Don't know/No opinion	225	10%
BPC4_6	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Job loss or lack of employment options</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	1270	58%
	Minor cause of homelessness	599	27%
	Not a cause of homelessness	205	9%
	Don't know/No opinion	126	6%
BPC4_7	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Difficulties reintegrating into civilian life as a veteran</i>		
	Major cause of homelessness	955	43%
	Minor cause of homelessness	792	36%
	Not a cause of homelessness	183	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	270	12%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage	
BPC4_8	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Domestic violence</i>			
	Major cause of homelessness	754	34%	
	Minor cause of homelessness	943	43%	
	Not a cause of homelessness	240	11%	
	Don't know/No opinion	262	12%	
BPC4_9	<i>Do you believe each of the following are a major, minor, or not a cause of homelessness? Lack of personal responsibility</i>			
	Major cause of homelessness	839	38%	
	Minor cause of homelessness	832	38%	
	Not a cause of homelessness	307	14%	
	Don't know/No opinion	222	10%	
BPC5_1NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? High cost of housing</i>			
		Selected	1142	52%
		Not Selected	1058	48%
BPC5_2NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Poverty</i>			
		Selected	906	41%
		Not Selected	1294	59%
BPC5_3NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Drug and alcohol use</i>			
		Selected	1250	57%
		Not Selected	950	43%
BPC5_4NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Mental illness</i>			
		Selected	1066	48%
		Not Selected	1134	52%
BPC5_5NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Disability</i>			
		Selected	341	16%
		Not Selected	1859	84%
BPC5_6NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Job loss or lack of employment options</i>			
		Selected	864	39%
		Not Selected	1336	61%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC5_7NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Difficulties reintegrating into civilian life as a veteran</i>		
	Selected	370	17%
	Not Selected	1830	83%
BPC5_8NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Domestic violence</i>		
	Selected	227	10%
	Not Selected	1973	90%
BPC5_9NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? Lack of personal responsibility</i>		
	Selected	435	20%
	Not Selected	1765	80%
BPC5_10NET	<i>And of the same list, what do you think are the top 3 causes of homelessness? None of the above</i>		
	Not Selected	2200	100%
BPC6	<i>How much, if at all, do you think an inadequate supply of affordable homes contributes to homelessness in America?</i>		
	Significantly contributes	976	44%
	Somewhat contributes	715	33%
	Doesn't contribute too much	226	10%
	Doesn't contribute at all	104	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	179	8%
BPC7	<i>How much of a priority, if at all, should it be for the federal government to help ensure that everyone has access to a safe and affordable place to live?</i>		
	A top priority	1175	53%
	An important but not a top priority	641	29%
	Not too important of a priority	150	7%
	Should not be done	87	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	146	7%
BPC8	<i>How important is it to you, if at all, for presidential candidates in the 2024 election to develop and advance a plan to significantly reduce homelessness?</i>		
	Very important	1204	55%
	Important but not a top priority	597	27%
	Not too important but should be done	210	10%
	Not important at all	61	3%
	Don't know/No opinion	128	6%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC9	<i>Do you think the federal government should do more or less to reduce homelessness?</i>		
	Much more	1082	49%
	Somewhat more	589	27%
	Doing the right amount	228	10%
	Somewhat less	63	3%
	Much less	61	3%
	Don't know/No opinion	177	8%
BPC10	<i>Do you think your state government should do more or less to reduce homelessness?</i>		
	Much more	1089	50%
	Somewhat more	577	26%
	Doing the right amount	246	11%
	Somewhat less	56	3%
	Much less	62	3%
	Don't know/No opinion	170	8%
BPC11	<i>Do you think your local government should do more or less to reduce homelessness?</i>		
	Much more	1066	48%
	Somewhat more	522	24%
	Doing the right amount	304	14%
	Somewhat less	65	3%
	Much less	53	2%
	Don't know/No opinion	191	9%
BPC12	<i>Which of the following do you believe is MOST responsible for addressing homelessness?</i>		
	Federal government	688	31%
	State governments	493	22%
	Local governments	377	17%
	Charities, churches, nonprofits, and other community groups	306	14%
	Don't know/No opinion	335	15%
BPC13_1	<i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Prevent homeless people from establishing encampments and quickly clearing encampments when they form</i>		
	Strongly support	705	32%
	Somewhat support	526	24%
	Somewhat oppose	382	17%
	Strongly oppose	307	14%
	Don't know/No opinion	281	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC13_2 <i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Allow first responders to involuntarily commit/hospitalize people who are deemed to be having a mental health crisis</i>	Strongly support	785	36%
	Somewhat support	742	34%
	Somewhat oppose	241	11%
	Strongly oppose	154	7%
	Don't know/No opinion	278	13%
	BPC13_3 <i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Increase penalties for loitering, panhandling, or sleeping/camping on public property</i>	Strongly support	525
Somewhat support		474	22%
Somewhat oppose		480	22%
Strongly oppose		442	20%
Don't know/No opinion		280	13%
BPC13_4 <i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Open more temporary homeless shelters</i>		Strongly support	1038
	Somewhat support	674	31%
	Somewhat oppose	161	7%
	Strongly oppose	121	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	205	9%
	BPC13_5 <i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Support the construction of temporary and long-term housing for homeless people</i>	Strongly support	1054
Somewhat support		628	29%
Somewhat oppose		178	8%
Strongly oppose		135	6%
Don't know/No opinion		206	9%
BPC13_6 <i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Reform restrictive land use and zoning policies to allow the building of different types of housing, including accessory dwelling units and multifamily homes</i>		Strongly support	866
	Somewhat support	688	31%
	Somewhat oppose	206	9%
	Strongly oppose	141	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	299	14%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC13_7	<i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Establish or expand addiction treatment and recovery programs aimed at homeless individuals</i>		
	Strongly support	1182	54%
	Somewhat support	622	28%
	Somewhat oppose	134	6%
	Strongly oppose	84	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	179	8%
BPC13_8	<i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Establish or expand counseling and support services for homeless individuals with mental illness</i>		
	Strongly support	1230	56%
	Somewhat support	586	27%
	Somewhat oppose	130	6%
	Strongly oppose	84	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	169	8%
BPC13_9	<i>Would you support or oppose your local government taking the following steps to combat homelessness? Establish or expand programs that support veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness</i>		
	Strongly support	1301	59%
	Somewhat support	514	23%
	Somewhat oppose	127	6%
	Strongly oppose	71	3%
	Don't know/No opinion	187	8%
BPC14_1	<i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Expand federal incentives for developing more housing that is affordable to lower-income households</i>		
	Strongly support	1056	48%
	Somewhat support	630	29%
	Somewhat oppose	177	8%
	Strongly oppose	120	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	217	10%
BPC14_2	<i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Incentivize local communities to reform restrictive land use and zoning policies to allow the building of different types of housing, including accessory dwelling units and multifamily homes</i>		
	Strongly support	859	39%
	Somewhat support	684	31%
	Somewhat oppose	215	10%
	Strongly oppose	155	7%
	Don't know/No opinion	288	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC14_3 <i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Increase funding for addiction treatment and recovery programs aimed at homeless individuals</i>	Strongly support	1066	48%
	Somewhat support	640	29%
	Somewhat oppose	172	8%
	Strongly oppose	107	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	215	10%
BPC14_4 <i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Increase funding for counseling and support services for homeless individuals with mental illness</i>	Strongly support	1145	52%
	Somewhat support	626	28%
	Somewhat oppose	137	6%
	Strongly oppose	86	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	207	9%
BPC14_5 <i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Increase funding for programs that support veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness</i>	Strongly support	1228	56%
	Somewhat support	561	26%
	Somewhat oppose	112	5%
	Strongly oppose	94	4%
	Don't know/No opinion	205	9%
BPC14_6 <i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Increase funding to open more temporary shelters</i>	Strongly support	981	45%
	Somewhat support	670	30%
	Somewhat oppose	193	9%
	Strongly oppose	133	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	223	10%
BPC14_7 <i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Increase funding to build and preserve public and/or federally subsidized housing – including transitional and long-term housing for homeless individuals</i>	Strongly support	937	43%
	Somewhat support	700	32%
	Somewhat oppose	208	9%
	Strongly oppose	129	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	225	10%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC14_8	<i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Expand the housing voucher program to ensure that rental assistance is available to all extremely low-income households</i>		
	Strongly support	1024	47%
	Somewhat support	656	30%
	Somewhat oppose	185	8%
	Strongly oppose	102	5%
	Don't know/No opinion	232	11%
BPC14_9	<i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Establish a permanent federal program for emergency rental assistance and eviction prevention</i>		
	Strongly support	1003	46%
	Somewhat support	588	27%
	Somewhat oppose	238	11%
	Strongly oppose	134	6%
	Don't know/No opinion	238	11%
BPC14_10	<i>If Congress pursues legislation to combat homelessness, would you support or oppose the following initiatives being included? Provide direct cash transfers or payments to help homeless individuals afford basic necessities and housing</i>		
	Strongly support	693	32%
	Somewhat support	646	29%
	Somewhat oppose	347	16%
	Strongly oppose	243	11%
	Don't know/No opinion	270	12%
BPC15_1	<i>How much have you seen, read, or heard about each of the following? The recent death of Jordan Neely, a homeless man, in the New York City subway after being restrained by other passengers</i>		
	A lot	595	27%
	Some	632	29%
	Not much	349	16%
	Nothing at all	624	28%
BPC15_2	<i>How much have you seen, read, or heard about each of the following? Encampment clearings and laws that criminalize homelessness in your state or community</i>		
	A lot	333	15%
	Some	628	29%
	Not much	537	24%
	Nothing at all	702	32%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPCdem1	<i>Do you own your home, rent your home, or do you live in your home under some other arrangement?</i>		
	Own home outright, not with a mortgage	662	30%
	Own home, with a mortgage	556	25%
	Rent home	792	36%
	Other arrangement	190	9%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	2200	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	1068	49%
	Gender: Female	1125	51%
	N	2193	
age	Age: 18-34	631	29%
	Age: 35-44	371	17%
	Age: 45-64	711	32%
	Age: 65+	487	22%
	N	2200	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	265	12%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	640	29%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	560	25%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	670	30%
	N	2136	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	960	44%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	633	29%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	607	28%
	N	2200	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	499	23%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	459	21%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	264	12%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	363	17%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	305	14%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	302	14%
	N	2193	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	671	31%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	705	32%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	649	29%
	N	2025	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1438	65%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	484	22%
	Educ: Post-grad	278	13%
	N	2200	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	1207	55%
	Income: 50k-100k	664	30%
	Income: 100k+	328	15%
	N	2200	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1698	77%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	379	17%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	283	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	220	10%
xdemReligion	All Christian	945	43%
	All Non-Christian	229	10%
	Atheist	79	4%
	Agnostic/Nothing in particular	591	27%
	Something Else	355	16%
N	2200		
xdemReligOther	Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	249	11%
xdemEvang	Evangelical	556	25%
	Non-Evangelical	701	32%
	N	1257	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	723	33%
	Community: Suburban	939	43%
	Community: Rural	538	24%
	N	2200	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	663	30%
	Employ: Government	162	7%
	Employ: Self-Employed	182	8%
	Employ: Homemaker	138	6%
	Employ: Student	75	3%
	Employ: Retired	550	25%
	Employ: Unemployed	301	14%
	Employ: Other	129	6%
N	2200		
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	267	12%
	Military HH: No	1933	88%
	N	2200	

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Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xsubVote22O	2022 House Vote: Democrat	928	42%
	2022 House Vote: Republican	608	28%
	2022 House Vote: Someone else	53	2%
	2022 House Vote: Didnt Vote	610	28%
	N	2200	
xsubVote20O	2020 Vote: Joe Biden	1003	46%
	2020 Vote: Donald Trump	635	29%
	2020 Vote: Other	68	3%
	2020 Vote: Didn't Vote	495	22%
	N	2200	
xsubVote18O	2018 House Vote: Democrat	833	38%
	2018 House Vote: Republican	551	25%
	2018 House Vote: Someone else	56	3%
	2018 House Vote: Didnt Vote	759	35%
	N	2200	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	385	18%
	4-Region: Midwest	455	21%
	4-Region: South	839	38%
	4-Region: West	521	24%
	N	2200	
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