



Chicago Citywide Survey Topline
N=800 Registered Voters in the City of Chicago
Sample Mix: 70% Text-to-Web, 30% Landline Telephone
Field Dates: February 15 - 19, 2023
Margin of Error: ± 4.5 Percentage Points

LANDSCAPE AND TRACKING QUESTIONS

Now, we would like to ask you some questions about life in Chicago ...

1. **[QDirection] All in all, do you think things in Chicago are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?**
 1. Generally headed in the right direction 28%
 2. Off on the wrong track 59%
 3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure 13%

2. **[QStayLeave] Regardless of whether you have any current plans to move or not, if you had the opportunity, would you rather...?**
 1. Stay in Chicago 59%
 2. Move away from Chicago 34%
 3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure 7%

IF WOULD MOVE AWAY FROM CHICAGO [QSTAYLEAVE = 2], ASK

3. **[QStayLeaveReason] Why would you prefer to leave Chicago? [CODED OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES]**
 1. Crime or safety 85%
 2. Taxes or affordability 39%
 3. Leadership 15%
 4. Other 14%

(n=182)

4. **[QLifeQuality]** Regardless of what you think about how things are going in the city, please tell me what you think about the overall quality of life in your neighborhood. Taking everything into account, would you say the overall quality of life in your neighborhood is excellent, good, average, not so good, or poor? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

EXCELLENT/GOOD	52%
NOT VERY GOOD/POOR	19%
1. Excellent	12%
2. Good	40%
3. Average	29%
4. Not very good	12%
5. Poor	7%
6. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	*%

5. **[QMayorApproval]** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lori Lightfoot is handling her job as Mayor of Chicago? [PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY approve/disapprove or only SOMEWHAT approve/disapprove?] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE	27%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	66%
1. Strongly approve	7%
2. Somewhat approve	20%
3. Somewhat disapprove	21%
4. Strongly disapprove	45%
5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	7%

6. **[QIssues]** Which one or two of the following would you say is the biggest issue facing Chicago right now? [RANDOMIZE 1-7] [SELECT MULTIPLE, UP TO TWO]

1. Crime	71%
2. High taxes	27%
3. Homelessness	16%
4. Housing	15%
5. The economy and jobs	14%
6. Education	13%
7. Public transit	12%
8. City finances	9%
9. Something else (please specify)	5%
10. Don't know/Refused	1%

7. **[Satisfied Battery]** Generally speaking, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with each of the following in the city of Chicago? **[PHONE ONLY: And is that VERY satisfied/dissatisfied, or SOMEWHAT satisfied/dissatisfied?]** **[TEXT: DISPLAY AS GRID; RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]** **[RANDOMIZE ROWS]**

	1. Very satisfied	2. Somewhat satisfied	3. Somewhat dissatisfied	4. Very dissatisfied	5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]			
		V/S Satisfied	V/S Dissatisfied	1. Very satisfied	2. Somewhat satisfied	3. Somewhat dissatisfied	4. Very dissatisfied	5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]
1. The jobs climate	55%	33%	13%	42%	19%	14%	13%	
2. City services	51%	47%	11%	39%	28%	19%	2%	
3. Public education	33%	54%	7%	26%	24%	30%	13%	
4. Affordability	37%	60%	7%	29%	27%	33%	3%	
5. Public safety	23%	75%	7%	16%	24%	52%	2%	

CRIME AND POLICING

8. **[QCrimeApproval]** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lori Lightfoot is handling the issue of public safety as Mayor of Chicago? **[PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY approve/disapprove or only SOMEWHAT approve/disapprove?]** **[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE	22%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	71%
1. Strongly approve	5%
2. Somewhat approve	17%
3. Somewhat disapprove	21%
4. Strongly disapprove	51%
5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	6%

9. **[QCrimeContrast]** Which of these statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? The best way to address violent crime in Chicago is to... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1. Have more police on the streets and ensure offenders are prosecuted when they break the law	51%
2. Address the root causes of crime, like poverty and a lack of jobs	45%
3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure	4%

10. [QPolicePresence] Would you prefer to see a larger or smaller police presence in Chicago than currently exists, or would you prefer to see no change? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. A larger police presence than currently exists | 63% |
| 2. A smaller police presence than currently exists | 17% |
| 3. No change | 14% |
| 4. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | 6% |

POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS

11. [QPovertyApproval] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Lori Lightfoot is handling the issue of poverty as Mayor of Chicago? [PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY approve/disapprove or only SOMEWHAT approve/disapprove?] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE | 25% |
| STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE | 60% |
| 1. Strongly approve | 5% |
| 2. Somewhat approve | 20% |
| 3. Somewhat disapprove | 21% |
| 4. Strongly disapprove | 39% |
| 5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | 15% |

BUDGET AND TAX

12. [QRedLight] Should city leaders end Chicago's speed camera ticketing program? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Should end | 61% |
| 2. Should not end | 27% |
| 3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | 12% |

13. [QPropertyTax] Should city leaders enact a freeze on property taxes in Chicago? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Should | 69% |
| 2. Should not | 18% |
| 3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | 13% |

14. [QBusinessTax] Some candidates have proposed increasing taxes on businesses in the city to deal with budget problems, while others have proposed lowering them to stop businesses and jobs from leaving the city. Which of these approaches do you prefer? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Raise taxes on businesses | 29% |
| 2. Lower taxes on businesses | 52% |
| 3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | 18% |

EDUCATION ISSUES

15. [QSchoolChoice] School choice gives parents the right to use the tax dollars designated for their child's education to send their child to the public or private school which best serves their needs. Generally speaking, would you say you support or oppose the concept of school choice? [PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY support/oppose, or SOMEWHAT support/oppose school choice?] [WEB: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	62%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	31%
1. Strongly support	31%
2. Somewhat support	31%
3. Somewhat oppose	10%
4. Strongly oppose	22%
5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	7%

16. [QInvestInKids] In 2017, Illinois created the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program. This program allows for low-income and working-class families to apply for scholarships to send their children to the non-public school of their choice. These needs-based scholarships are funded by private donations from businesses and individuals in exchange for a state income tax credit for the individual or business who provided the donation. Do you support or oppose the tax credit scholarship program? [PHONE: And would you say you STRONGLY support/oppose, or SOMEWHAT support/oppose the tax credit scholarship program?] [WEB: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	65%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	28%
1. Strongly support	34%
2. Somewhat support	31%
3. Somewhat oppose	13%
4. Strongly oppose	15%
5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	7%

17. [QCTUFavPre] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Chicago Teachers Union? [PHONE ONLY: And is that VERY favorable/unfavorable or SOMEWHAT favorable/unfavorable?] [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

VERY/SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE	44%
VERY/SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	42%
1. Very favorable	20%
2. Somewhat favorable	24%
3. Somewhat unfavorable	17%
4. Very unfavorable	24%
5. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	14%

18. [QCTUInfluence] Would you say the Chicago Teachers Union has too much influence, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence over the City of Chicago?

[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Too much influence | 41% |
| 2. Too little influence | 18% |
| 3. About the right amount of influence | 27% |
| 4. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | 15% |

DEMOGRAPHICS AND SCREENERS

19. [QRegVote] Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in the City of Chicago?

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| 1. Yes | 100% |
| 2. No | TERMINATE - |
| 3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure | TERMINATE - |

20. [QAge] What is your age?

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| 1. 18-29 | 20% |
| 2. 30-39 | 23% |
| 3. 40-49 | 16% |
| 4. 50-64 | 22% |
| 5. 65+ | 19% |

21. [QGender] [TEXT ONLY: Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?] [PHONE: By observation]

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| 1. Man | 47% |
| 2. Woman | 53% |
| 3. In some other way | 1% |

22. [QRace] What is your race or ethnicity? You may choose any that apply to you. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

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|--|-----|
| 1. White | 41% |
| 2. Black or African American | 32% |
| 3. Hispanic or Latino | 22% |
| 4. Asian | 6% |
| 5. Native American or Alaska Native | *% |
| 6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | *% |
| 7. Something else (Please specify) | 1% |

23. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

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| 1. High school or less | 31% |
| 2. Some college | 12% |
| 3. Associate degree | 11% |
| 4. Bachelor's degree | 26% |
| 5. Graduate degree | 20% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | 1% |

Finally, we have some questions for statistical purposes.

24. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	10%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	8%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	15%
4. \$75,000 to \$99,999 per year	18%
5. \$100,000 to \$149,999 per year	20%
6. \$150,000 to \$199,999 per year	8%
7. \$200,000 or more per year	10%
8. Prefer not to say	10%

25. [QRentOwn] Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	61%
2. Rent	32%
3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Prefer not to say	7%

26. [QParent] Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18?

1. Yes	28%
2. No	68%
3. Don't know/Refused [DNR]	4%

27. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-5, 5-1]

STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN	13%
STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT	56%
1. Strong Republican	7%
2. Not very strong Republican	5%
3. Independent	26%
4. Not very strong Democrat	12%
5. Strong Democrat	44%
6. A member of another party	3%
7. Don't know/Refused/Unsure	4%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE, ASK:

28. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?

[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	8%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	44%
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	1%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	7%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	25%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	18%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	34%
6. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	14%

29. [QPartyConsolidated] QParty + QPartyLean

1. Total Republican+Republican-leaning Independents	15%
2. Total Democratic+Democratic-leaning Independents	68%
3. Total Independent	17%

ASK ALL:

30. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-5, 5-1]

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	18%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	47%
1. Very conservative	7%
2. Somewhat conservative	12%
3. Moderate	30%
4. Somewhat liberal	21%
5. Very liberal	26%
6. Don't know/Refused [DNR]Unsure	5%

INTERVIEWER PRE-CODES

31. [Congressional District] CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTER-FILE PRE-CODE

1. Congressional District 1	18%
2. Congressional District 2	8%
3. Congressional District 3	15%
4. Congressional District 4	10%
5. Congressional District 5	18%
6. Congressional District 7	22%
7. Congressional District 9	9%

32. [QTurnout] 2022 TURNOUT BUCKET PRE-CODE

1. 0-0.5	33%
2. 0.51-0.75	11%
3. 0.76-1	56%

33. [QPartyReg] VOTER FILE PARTY REGISTRATION PRE-CODE

1. Dem Primary	52%
2. GOP Primary	5%
3. Unknown	44%

METHODOLOGY

800 registered voters in the city of Chicago were surveyed from February 15 - 19, 2023, with 70% of respondents sampled via text-to-web and matched to the voter file and 30% of respondents sampled via landline live caller and matched to the voter file.

The sample was weighted to population benchmarks for registered voters in the city of Chicago on gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, congressional district, party, and 2020 vote participation. Estimates for gender, age, party, congressional district, and 2020 vote participation were derived from the L2 voter file. Estimates for race/ethnicity and education were derived from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey demographic data adjusted to match voter registration estimates from the November 2020 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement.

The margin of error is +/- 4.5 percentage points.