Chicago Citywide Survey Topline
N=800 Registered Voters in the City of Chicago
Sample Mix: 70% Text-to-Web, 30% Landline Telephone
Field Dates: October 18–22, 2023
Margin of error: ± 4.4 percentage points

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LANDSCAPE AND TRACKING QUESTIONS

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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?**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Generally headed in the right direction	20%	28%
Off on the wrong track	65%	59%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	15%	13%

2. **[QStayLeave] Regardless of whether you have any current plans to move or not, if you had the opportunity, would you rather…?**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Stay in Chicago	45%	59%
Move away from Chicago	44%	34%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	10%	7%

[IF QSTAYLEAVE == 2. Move away from Chicago]
3. **[QStayLeaveReason] Why would you prefer to leave Chicago? [CODED OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES]**

	Oct. 23 (n=346)	Feb. 23 (n=182)
Crime or safety	66%	85%
Taxes or affordability	38%	39%
City leadership	20%	15%
Immigration	10%	N/A
Other	28%	14%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Crime	69%	71%
High taxes	31%	27%
Homelessness	20%	16%
Housing	14%	15%
City finances	10%	9%
The economy and jobs	9%	14%
Education	9%	13%
Public transit	7%	12%
Something else (please specify)	10%	5%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	1%	1%

CITY LEADERSHIP

5. **[QMayorApproval] Do you approve or disapprove of the way [OCT. 23: Brandon Johnson] [FEB. 23: Lori Lightfoot] is handling [OCT. 23: his] [FEB. 23: 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]**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE	28%	27%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	50%	66%
Strongly approve	9%	7%
Somewhat approve	19%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	21%
Strongly disapprove	36%	45%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	22%	7%

6. **[Mayor Battery] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Brandon Johnson is handling the following issues as the mayor of Chicago?**

1. Strongly approve	2. Somewhat approve	3. Somewhat disapprove	4. Strongly disapprove	5. [PHONE: DNR – Don't know/Refused] [TEXT: Unsure]

Oct. 23	STRONG./ SOME. APPROVE	STRONG./ SOME. DISAPPROVE	1. Strongly approve	2. Somewhat approve	3. Somewhat disapprove	4. Strongly disapprove	5. DNR/Don't know/Refus ed/Unsure
Economic development and job creation	**32%**	**43%**	10%	22%	14%	29%	25%
Education and schools	**32%**	**44%**	12%	20%	16%	29%	23%
Infrastructure and public transportation	**31%**	**45%**	10%	21%	17%	29%	24%
Management of immigrants transported to the city	**23%**	**64%**	8%	15%	15%	49%	13%
Housing and homelessness	**18%**	**63%**	6%	12%	18%	45%	19%
Crime and public safety	**21%**	**66%**	7%	14%	14%	52%	14%

CRIME AND POLICING

7. **[QSAFE_T] Recently a key provision of the SAFE-T Act went into effect, abolishing cash bail statewide. Do you support or oppose this specific provision of the SAFE-T Act regarding cash bail? [PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY support/oppose or only SOMEWHAT support/oppose?] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	35%	N/A
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	49%	N/A
Strongly support	20%	N/A
Somewhat support	15%	N/A
Somewhat oppose	14%	N/A
Strongly oppose	35%	N/A
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	16%	N/A

8. **[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]**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
A larger police presence than currently exists	73%	63%
A smaller police presence than currently exists	12%	17%
No change	11%	14%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	5%	6%

POVERTY/MIGRANTS

9. **[QTentPlan] How do you feel about Mayor Brandon Johnson's proposed plan to house migrants in 'base camps' made up of large, heated tents in various parts of Chicago? [PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY support/oppose or only SOMEWHAT support/oppose?] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	28%	N/A
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	63%	N/A
Strongly support	7%	N/A
Somewhat support	21%	N/A
Somewhat oppose	17%	N/A
Strongly oppose	46%	N/A
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	9%	N/A

10. **[QSanctuary] Chicago is currently a sanctuary city, meaning that the city does not cooperate with federal U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement authorities. Do you support or oppose Chicago's status as a sanctuary city?**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	42%	N/A
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	52%	N/A
Strongly support	27%	N/A
Somewhat support	15%	N/A
Somewhat oppose	14%	N/A
Strongly oppose	37%	N/A
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	6%	N/A

BUDGET AND TAX

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Should end	55%	61%
Should not end	34%	27%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	11%	12%

12. **[QMansionTax] How do you feel about Mayor Johnson's proposal to hike the real estate transfer tax by an estimated $150 million per year in order to fund homelessness programs? The plan would include changing the tax on property sales depending on their value.**
    - **Under $1 million: lowering from 0.75% to 0.60%**
    - **Between $1-$1.5 million: increasing from 0.75% to 2%**
    - **Over $1.5 million: increasing from 0.75% to 3%**

    [PHONE ONLY: And do you STRONGLY support/oppose or only SOMEWHAT support/oppose?] [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	42%	N/A
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	46%	N/A
Strongly support	23%	N/A
Somewhat support	19%	N/A
Somewhat oppose	12%	N/A
Strongly oppose	35%	N/A
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	12%	N/A

13. **[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 education savings accounts?] [WEB: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	65%	65%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	23%	28%
Strongly support	41%	34%
Somewhat support	24%	31%
Somewhat oppose	8%	13%
Strongly oppose	14%	15%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	12%	7%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have some questions for statistical purposes.

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Less than $30,000 per year	19%	10%
$30,000 to $49,999 per year	13%	8%
$50,000 to $74,999 per year	15%	15%
$75,000 to $99,999 per year	12%	18%
$100,000 to $149,999 per year	13%	20%
$150,000 to $199,999 per year	7%	8%
$200,000 or more per year	11%	10%
DNR Don't know/RefusedPrefer not to say	10%	10%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Own	55%	61%
Rent	40%	32%
DNR Don't know/RefusedPrefer not to say	4%	7%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Yes	22%	28%
No	77%	68%
DNR Don't know/RefusedPrefer not to say	1%	4%

17. **[QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a … ? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-5, 5-1]**

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23

STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN	14%	13%
STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT	51%	56%
Strong Republican	8%	7%
Not very strong Republican	5%	5%
Independent	26%	26%
Not very strong Democrat	12%	12%
Strong Democrat	39%	44%
A member of another party	2%	3%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	8%	4%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE, ASK:

18. **[QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

	Oct. 23 (n=241)	Feb. 23 (n=234)
TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	12%	8%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	38%	44%
I almost always vote for Republican candidates	3%	1%
I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	9%	7%
I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	19%	25%
I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	19%	18%
I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	23%	34%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	27%	14%

[QPartyConsolidated] QParty + QPartyLean

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Total Republican+Republican-leaning Independents	18%	15%
Total Democratic+Democratic-leaning Independents	65%	68%
Total Independent	17%	17%

ASK ALL:

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	25%	18%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	36%	47%
Very conservative	12%	7%

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Somewhat conservative	13%	12%
Moderate	29%	30%
Somewhat liberal	18%	21%
Very liberal	18%	26%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	9%	5%

20. [QUnion] Are you or anyone in your household a member of a labor union?

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Yes, self	17%	N/A
Yes, member of household	10%	N/A
No	69%	N/A
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	4%	N/A

INTERVIEWER PRE-CODES

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23I edited t
Congressional District 1	18%	18%
Congressional District 2	4%	8%
Congressional District 3	15%	15%
Congressional District 4	10%	10%
Congressional District 5	18%	18%
Congressional District 6	5%	-
Congressional District 7	22%	22%
Congressional District 9	9%	9%

22. [QTurnout] 2022 TURNOUT BUCKET PRE-CODE

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
0-0.5	32%	33%
0.51-0.75	13%	11%
0.76-1	55%	56%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Dem Primary	52%	52%
GOP Primary	5%	5%
Unknown	44%	44%

INITIAL SCREENERS AND DEMOGRAPHICS (ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY)

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Yes	100%	100%

	TERMINATE		
No	TERMINATE	-	-
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	TERMINATE	-	-

25. [QAge] What is your age?

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
18-29	20%	20%
30-39	23%	23%
40-49	16%	16%
50-64	22%	22%
65+	19%	19%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	1%	1%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
Man	47%	47%
Woman	53%	53%
In some other way	*%	1%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
White	41%	41%
Black or African American	32%	32%
Hispanic or Latino	22%	22%
Asian	6%	6%
Native American or Alaska Native	1%	*%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*%	*%
Something else (Please specify)	1%	1%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Unsure	1%	1%

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

	Oct. 23	Feb. 23
High school or less	27%	31%
Some college	20%	12%
Associate degree	7%	11%
Bachelor's degree	26%	26%
Graduate degree	19%	20%
DNR/Don't know/Refused/Prefer not to say	1%	1%