

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From May 22 to 24, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,221 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and 2020 recalled vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ± 3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,221 unless otherwise specified.

[1] When thinking about the causes behind homelessness, which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Homelessness is a direct result of circumstances beyond an individual's control	57	69	49	51	62	52	57	58	57	58	62	57	54
Homelessness is a direct result of bad choices that an individual makes in their lives	34	24	34	43	29	39	31	35	34	34	23	35	41
Don't know	9	7	17	6	9	9	12	8	10	8	14	8	5
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[2] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Alcohol or drug addiction

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	81	79	79	83	82	80	73	84	81	80	71	83	85
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	9	9	10	9	8	11	14	7	10	8	10	8	11
Not sure	10	12	11	7	10	10	13	9	9	12	18	9	5
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[3] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Poor budgeting skills or lack of financial literacy

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	56	51	57	61	54	59	63	53	55	57	54	56	62
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	24	28	24	21	24	24	20	26	24	24	23	25	23
Not sure	20	21	20	18	22	17	17	21	20	18	24	19	15
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[4] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Mental or physical disabilities

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	74	74	74	73	74	73	66	77	72	77	62	75	79
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	14	13	12	17	12	16	21	11	15	12	22	13	9
Not sure	12	13	13	10	13	11	12	12	13	10	16	11	12
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[5] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Behavioral health problems

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	70	70	65	73	71	69	62	73	68	72	56	72	75
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	16	16	18	15	14	19	24	13	17	15	27	14	15
Not sure	14	14	17	12	16	13	15	14	15	13	18	14	10
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[6] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Loss of a loved one or divorce

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	37	44	31	35	40	34	40	36	37	38	50	37	36
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	38	34	41	41	35	41	38	38	39	36	26	39	43
Not sure	24	22	28	24	25	24	22	26	24	26	24	24	21
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[7] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Natural disasters like wildfires, floods, or hurricanes

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	51	58	45	47	49	52	59	47	51	50	54	50	53
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	33	26	37	38	32	34	24	37	31	36	29	35	29
Not sure	16	16	18	15	19	13	17	16	17	14	17	15	17
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[8] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Lack of affordable housing

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	76	82	74	72	81	71	72	78	78	73	71	77	76
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	15	10	17	19	12	19	18	14	14	17	16	15	16
Not sure	9	8	9	9	7	10	10	8	8	9	13	7	9
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[9] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Lack of employment opportunities

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	61	66	55	61	64	59	67	58	62	59	66	60	54
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	28	22	32	31	24	32	20	31	26	30	20	30	35
Not sure	11	12	14	8	13	9	12	10	12	10	14	11	11
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[10] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Evictions or foreclosures

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	71	74	71	69	76	66	68	73	73	69	72	72	65
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	16	14	15	20	12	21	20	15	14	20	12	17	25
Not sure	12	12	14	11	11	13	12	12	13	11	16	12	10
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[11] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Family conflicts

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	51	54	49	50	51	52	58	48	51	52	57	50	54
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	26	25	24	28	26	26	21	28	26	25	22	28	27
Not sure	23	21	27	22	23	22	20	24	23	23	21	23	18
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[12] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— The U.S. prison system

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	35	40	30	34	35	35	43	32	34	37	49	32	39
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	39	32	44	43	37	41	37	40	39	39	33	41	36
Not sure	26	27	26	23	27	24	20	28	27	24	18	27	25
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[13] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— New immigrants coming to the U.S.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	50	38	44	67	49	51	42	54	52	47	45	54	40
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	32	41	33	22	30	33	36	30	30	36	31	28	46
Not sure	18	22	23	12	20	16	23	16	19	18	24	18	13
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[14] Of the following, please indicate whether you believe each issue is or is **not** a root cause for homelessness in the U.S.:

— Domestic abuse

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This is a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	54	56	55	52	59	48	49	56	54	54	50	56	50
This is not a root cause of homelessness in the U.S.	26	25	27	27	21	32	32	24	26	27	28	25	35
Not sure	20	19	18	21	20	20	19	20	20	19	21	19	15
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[15] Do you support or oppose cities in the U.S. **raising taxes on wealthy households and large businesses** in order to fund programs that **provide shelter to homeless people**?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	39	56	36	23	42	35	40	38	39	37	51	36	37
Somewhat support	31	29	32	32	33	29	34	30	30	34	25	32	35
Somewhat oppose	12	6	12	18	9	15	10	13	12	12	10	12	16
Strongly oppose	13	4	13	23	10	16	9	15	13	13	6	15	10
Don't know	5	5	7	5	6	5	7	4	7	3	8	4	2
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	70	85	68	55	75	64	74	68	69	71	76	68	72
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	25	10	25	41	19	31	19	28	25	25	16	27	26
SUPPORT (NET)	+45	+75	+43	+14	+56	+33	+55	+40	+44	+46	+60	+41	+46
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[16] Many homeless people cannot access the traditional banking system because they lack a home address or identification to create a bank account. Additionally, many low-income Americans cannot access the traditional banking system because of high fees banks charge in order to have a bank account.

To address this, some have proposed that the U.S. government create a new bank that would provide free or low-cost bank accounts to homeless and low-income Americans. This government bank would not charge ATM fees, monthly fees, low-balance fees, check fees, or overdraft fees.

Do you support or oppose the U.S. government creating a new bank that would provide free or low-cost bank accounts to homeless and low-income Americans?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	35	45	33	26	37	32	42	31	34	36	46	32	37
Somewhat support	36	35	35	37	34	38	30	39	37	35	27	38	31
Somewhat oppose	10	7	10	14	11	10	11	10	10	10	8	11	14
Strongly oppose	12	6	12	17	9	14	8	13	11	13	4	12	13
Don't know	7	7	10	6	8	7	9	6	8	5	15	7	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	71	80	68	63	71	70	72	70	71	71	73	70	68
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	22	13	22	31	20	24	19	23	21	23	12	23	27
SUPPORT (NET)	+49	+67	+46	+32	+51	+46	+53	+47	+50	+48	+61	+47	+41
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163

[17] When thinking about how state and local governments address homelessness, which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
State and local governments need to invest more resources into addressing homelessness. As the supply of affordable housing continues to decline and the homeless population in the U.S. continues to grow, governments need to invest more funding in programs that help individuals and families find a place to call home.	64	75	61	53	68	58	65	63	62	67	73	61	62
State and local governments are already investing enough resources into addressing homelessness. We have already directed a large amount of resources and investments toward helping individuals and families who are homeless. Governments must refrain from spending more taxpayer dollars on this issue.	28	17	26	40	23	33	25	29	28	27	18	29	35
Don't know	9	8	13	7	9	9	11	8	10	6	10	10	3
Weighted N	1,221	464	305	452	651	570	393	828	786	435	132	870	163