

1. National Homeless Problem

How serious of a problem do you think homelessness is in the United States?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very serious	52%	42%	63%	45%	53%	56%	53%	51%	73%	48%	42%
Somewhat serious	37%	45%	29%	40%	33%	36%	42%	40%	16%	37%	42%
Not very serious	5%	9%	2%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	8%
Not at all serious	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	—	3%	2%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%	8%	7%	2%	1%	3%	6%	9%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (476)	100% (522)	100% (167)	100% (248)	100% (400)	100% (183)	100% (690)	100% (117)	100% (119)	100% (72)

	Party ID - 3 Point				Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious	52%	66%	51%	40%	62%	47%	34%	39%	57%	53%	50%	52%
Somewhat serious	37%	29%	35%	50%	30%	45%	54%	38%	38%	37%	36%	38%
Not very serious	5%	3%	6%	7%	4%	7%	7%	7%	1%	8%	8%	1%
Not at all serious	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
Not sure	4%	2%	7%	3%	3%	1%	4%	16%	2%	1%	6%	7%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (350)	100% (404)	100% (244)	100% (472)	100% (282)	100% (125)	100% (119)	100% (227)	100% (217)	100% (432)	100% (122)

2. Local Homeless Problem

How serious of a problem do you think homelessness is in your local area?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very serious	24%	22%	26%	21%	27%	24%	25%	19%	36%	32%	33%
Somewhat serious	39%	37%	40%	36%	35%	43%	40%	40%	42%	38%	26%
Not very serious	23%	25%	21%	25%	20%	22%	27%	27%	12%	13%	25%
Not at all serious	7%	11%	3%	7%	8%	8%	4%	9%	2%	5%	9%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	11%	10%	3%	5%	5%	8%	12%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (476)	100% (519)	100% (165)	100% (249)	100% (399)	100% (182)	100% (688)	100% (116)	100% (118)	100% (73)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious	24%	36%	22%	16%	30%	25%	11%	12%	21%	22%	22%	35%
Somewhat serious	39%	39%	38%	40%	38%	38%	34%	44%	36%	40%	40%	39%
Not very serious	23%	16%	21%	33%	19%	28%	33%	22%	28%	25%	24%	13%
Not at all serious	7%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	16%	4%	10%	10%	6%	4%
Not sure	7%	3%	10%	4%	6%	2%	6%	17%	5%	4%	8%	9%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (346)	100% (405)	100% (244)	100% (469)	100% (282)	100% (125)	100% (119)	100% (227)	100% (214)	100% (431)	100% (123)

3. Government Policy

Do you think the government does too much or too little to help homeless people find housing?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too much	6%	10%	3%	2%	6%	8%	8%	7%	—	7%	11%
The right amount	14%	19%	9%	15%	18%	11%	12%	15%	7%	17%	9%
Too little	63%	57%	68%	68%	60%	62%	62%	62%	78%	52%	63%
Not sure	17%	14%	20%	15%	17%	19%	18%	16%	15%	24%	17%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (476)	100% (522)	100% (166)	100% (249)	100% (400)	100% (183)	100% (690)	100% (116)	100% (119)	100% (73)

	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too much	6%	1%	7%	10%	5%	7%	13%	6%	5%	4%	8%	7%
The right amount	14%	12%	12%	19%	10%	19%	23%	10%	10%	17%	13%	14%
Too little	63%	75%	61%	51%	72%	59%	46%	46%	67%	65%	61%	59%
Not sure	17%	11%	20%	20%	13%	15%	18%	38%	17%	15%	17%	20%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (349)	100% (405)	100% (244)	100% (473)	100% (281)	100% (125)	100% (119)	100% (228)	100% (217)	100% (430)	100% (123)

4. Blame for Homelessness

Do you think that homeless people are generally to blame for their situation or is it mostly due to factors beyond their control?

	Total	Gender		Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Homeless are usually to blame	21%	28%	14%	12%	21%	24%	25%	25%	7%	19%	14%
It is mostly due to factors beyond their control	53%	46%	59%	61%	51%	51%	49%	50%	71%	48%	53%
Not sure	26%	26%	27%	26%	28%	25%	25%	25%	22%	33%	33%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (476)	100% (521)	100% (166)	100% (249)	100% (399)	100% (183)	100% (689)	100% (117)	100% (118)	100% (73)

	Total	Party ID - 3 Point			Family Income - 3 Point				Census Region			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Homeless are usually to blame	21%	10%	21%	33%	14%	33%	33%	17%	17%	21%	22%	23%
It is mostly due to factors beyond their control	53%	68%	52%	37%	63%	42%	43%	39%	57%	58%	50%	49%
Not sure	26%	21%	27%	30%	22%	25%	24%	44%	25%	21%	28%	29%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (349)	100% (404)	100% (244)	100% (473)	100% (282)	100% (124)	100% (118)	100% (228)	100% (216)	100% (431)	100% (122)

5. Give Money

Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to give money to people who are panhandling?

	Gender			Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Good idea	16%	18%	14%	24%	16%	14%	12%	13%	27%	20%	19%
Bad idea	53%	54%	52%	43%	43%	56%	72%	61%	26%	39%	52%
Not sure	31%	28%	34%	33%	41%	30%	15%	26%	47%	40%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(477)	(522)	(167)	(249)	(400)	(183)	(690)	(117)	(119)	(73)

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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Good idea	16%	20%	14%	15%	20%	13%	11%	12%	16%	10%	19%	16%
Bad idea	53%	46%	53%	61%	49%	60%	68%	46%	47%	58%	50%	60%
Not sure	31%	34%	33%	24%	32%	27%	21%	42%	37%	32%	31%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(350)	(406)	(243)	(474)	(282)	(125)	(118)	(228)	(217)	(432)	(122)

6. Effect of Not Giving

If people stopped giving money to panhandlers, do you think that they would stop begging or would they just be in an even worse financial position?

	Gender		Age - 4 Point				Race - 4 Point				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
They would stop begging	32%	34%	30%	28%	27%	34%	41%	33%	16%	37%	37%
They would just be even worse off	37%	38%	35%	43%	37%	37%	26%	35%	47%	39%	26%
Not sure	31%	28%	35%	29%	36%	29%	32%	31%	37%	24%	37%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (477)	100% (523)	100% (167)	100% (249)	100% (401)	100% (183)	100% (691)	100% (117)	100% (119)	100% (73)

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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They would stop begging	32%	25%	33%	39%	27%	39%	47%	28%	29%	32%	29%	43%
They would just be even worse off	37%	45%	36%	27%	41%	32%	31%	33%	44%	40%	36%	25%
Not sure	31%	30%	31%	33%	32%	29%	22%	39%	27%	28%	35%	31%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (350)	100% (406)	100% (244)	100% (474)	100% (282)	100% (125)	100% (119)	100% (228)	100% (217)	100% (432)	100% (123)

Interviewing Dates	November 11 - 12, 2015
Target population	U.S. adults, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.117 to 4.064, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.929.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	20 questions not reported.