

The NORC ChicagoSpeaks Poll

Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago

Interviews: 6/23-07/09/2025

1,111 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.35 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

PULSE_FEAR. Is there any area around your home- that is, within a mile- where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 11/14-12/2/2024	ChicagoSpeaks 6/24-7/10/2024
Yes	66	66	65	66
No	34	34	35	33
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	-	*	*
N=	1,111	1,084	1,097	1,254

PULSE_LETIN1A. Do you think the number of immigrants to America nowadays should be...

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 11/14-12/2/2024	ChicagoSpeaks 6/24-7/10/2024
Increased a lot/a little NET	25	22	21	20
Increased a lot	12	10	13	11
Increased a little	13	12	8	8
Remain the same as it is	38	34	31	27
Reduced a little/ a lot NET	36	44	48	53
Reduced a little	18	20	22	19
Reduced a lot	18	23	26	34
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*	1
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PULSE_IMM_CURR. What should be done about immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally?

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 6/24-7/10/2024
They should be allowed to become citizens, provided they meet certain requirements	63	59	51
They should be allowed to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	18	17	18
They should be identified and deported	18	23	28
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	2	2
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PULSE_JOBLOSE. Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely do you think it is that you will lose your job or be laid off?

Among employed respondents

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 11/14-12/2/2024	NORC 6/24-7/10/2024
Very/fairly likely NET	23	25	21	22
Very likely	7	8	6	6
Fairly likely	16	17	15	16
Not too/not at all likely NET	77	74	78	78
Not too likely	48	51	47	39
Not at all likely	29	24	31	39
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	1	*
N=	773	735	784	729

PULSE_WORRY. How much, if at all, do you worry about each of the following problems facing the country?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	A great deal/a fair amount NET	A great deal	A fair amount	Only a little/not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Economy	88	54	34	11	9	2	-	1
Inflation	84	50	34	15	13	3	-	1
Federal spending and the budget deficit	78	41	37	20	15	6	-	1
Social Security system	77	43	34	22	17	5	-	1
Size and power of the federal government	79	44	35	21	14	6	-	1
Quality of the environment	78	43	36	20	14	6	-	2
Illegal immigration	54	25	30	44	24	20	-	2
Race relations	71	34	37	28	19	9	-	1

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PULSE_CONFIDENCE. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	A great deal/quite a lot NET	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some/very little NET	Some	Very little	DK	SKP/ REF
The Church or organized religion	29	13	17	70	33	37	-	1
The military	42	18	24	58	37	21	-	*
The Supreme Court	24	10	14	75	37	38	-	1
Banks	34	12	23	65	44	21	-	1
Public schools	33	11	21	66	44	23	-	1
Newspapers	26	8	18	73	46	27	-	*
Congress	19	8	11	79	35	45	-	1
Television news	23	8	14	76	43	34	-	1
Organized labor	31	10	21	68	50	18	-	1
The presidency	24	13	11	75	20	55	-	1
The police	31	12	20	68	42	26	-	1
The medical system	38	14	25	61	45	17	-	*
The criminal justice system	24	9	15	75	40	35	-	1
Higher education	44	17	28	55	41	14	-	*

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PULSE_POPE1. How much have you heard or read about Pope Leo XIV?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025	NORC 06/05-09/2025
A lot/some NET	60	30
A lot	20	5
Some	41	26
Only a little/nothing at all NET	39	69
Only a little	29	43
Nothing at all	11	26
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*
	<i>N=1,111</i>	<i>N=1,056</i>

PULSE_POPE2. As you may know, Pope Leo XIV was recently elected to lead the Catholic Church. He is the first pope in the Church's 2,000-year history to come from the United States.

How well do each of the following words describe your feelings about the new pope being from the United States?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

		Extremely/ very well NET	Extremely well	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very/ not at all well NET	Not very well	Not at all well	DK	SKP/ REF
Proud	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	45	20	25	31	23	10	13	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	28	12	15	34	35	17	19	-	3
Concerned	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	17	6	11	18	64	22	42	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	10	3	6	19	68	23	44	*	4
Indifferent	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	33	17	16	29	37	17	21	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	33	21	12	31	33	15	18	*	3
Hopeful	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	43	21	22	34	22	11	12	-	*
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	32	14	18	37	28	10	18	*	3
Excited	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	42	19	23	31	27	13	14	-	*
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	24	11	13	35	39	19	19	*	3
Happy	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	43	20	23	34	22	11	12	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	28	12	16	40	29	14	15	-	3
Upset	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	11	4	7	13	75	17	58	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	8	3	5	14	74	16	58	-	3

PULSE_POPE3. How important is it to you for the new pope to do each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

		Not at all/ not very important NET	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very/ extremely important	Very important	Extremely important	DK	SKP/ REF
Strengthen unity within the Catholic Church	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	27	17	10	31	41	23	18	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	27	17	10	35	35	21	14	*	3
Address global conflicts	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	16	9	7	32	51	28	23	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	24	15	9	34	39	23	16	*	3
Modernize Catholic traditions	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	27	16	11	28	44	24	19	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	37	22	15	32	28	17	11	1	3
Address the needs and concerns of the poor	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	10	6	4	21	68	32	36	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	14	9	5	30	52	27	26	*	3
Bring more people into the Catholic faith	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	43	25	18	29	28	15	13	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	51	28	22	28	19	11	8	*	3

PULSE_POPE4. How important is it to you that the new pope demonstrate each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

		Not at all/not very important NET	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very/ extremely important	Very important	Extremely important	DK	SKP/ REF
Moral leadership	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	7	5	3	14	77	30	47	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	10	8	3	20	67	11	47	-	3
Non- partisanship	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	20	9	11	28	51	23	28	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	17	10	6	28	51	23	28	*	4
Spiritual leadership	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	12	8	5	20	68	27	41	-	*
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	15	11	5	20	62	23	38	*	4
Honesty	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	7	4	3	10	83	23	59	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	9	7	2	14	74	19	56	-	2
Humility	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	9	6	4	19	71	30	41	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	11	7	4	22	64	25	39	-	3
Compassion	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23- 07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	8	5	3	12	79	28	51	-	1
	NORC 06/05- 09/2025 (N=1,056)	10	6	4	17	70	23	47	*	3

PULSE_CUBS_SOX. Do you consider yourself a fan of the Cubs, White Sox, both equally, or neither?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025
Cubs	27
White Sox	23
Both	23
Neither	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

N=1,111

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

If Democrat:

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?

If Republican:

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?

If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:

PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Democrat NET	63
Strong Democrat	30
Not so strong Democrat	20
Lean Democrat	14
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	17
Lean Republican	6
Not so strong Republican	5
Strong Republican	6
DK/SKP/REF	*

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D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

If liberal:

D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?

If conservative:

IDEO. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?

Combines D3, D4, D5:

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Liberal NET	35
Very liberal	20
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate	47
Conservative NET	16
Somewhat conservative	9
Very conservative	7
DK/SKP/REF	1

N=

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RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Protestant	15
Roman Catholic	27
Mormon	*
Orthodox	1
Jewish	3
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	6
Agnostic	10
Nothing in particular	15
Just Christian	14
Unitarian	*
Something else	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

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AGE

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
18-29	23
30-44	30
45-59	23
60+	24

N=*1,111***SEX**

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Male	48
Female	52

N=*1,111***RACE/ETHNICITY**

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
White, non-Hispanic	34
Black or African American	27
Hispanic	28
Other	11

N=*1,111***EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Employed	64
Not employed	36

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EDUCATION

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Less than a high school diploma	7
High school graduate or equivalent	26
Some college	23
College graduate	25
Post grad study/professional degree	20
N=	1,111

MARITAL

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Married	34
Not married	66
N=	1,111

INCOME

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 or more	12
N=	1,111

CHICAGO REGION

	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025
North Central	27
Northwest	16
South	19
Southwest	20
West	18

N= 1,111

Study Methodology

Funded and operated by NORC at the University of Chicago, ChicagoSpeaks® is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the Chicago household population. NORC conducted the ChicagoSpeaks summer 2025 survey using three sample sources: (1) NORC's AmeriSpeak® Panelists who reside in Chicago, (2) NORC's ChicagoSpeaks Panelists, and (3) Chicago residents from Dynata's web panel.

AmeriSpeak and ChicagoSpeaks are probability-based panels and Dynata is a non-probability panel. The final survey estimates were calibrated to account for these different sample sources. This research was done to support a scientifically rigorous, community-driven research resource for informing policymakers and the public with accurate information about the experiences and opinions of all Chicago residents.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between June 23 and July 9, 2025 with Chicago residents aged 18 and older, the overall study target population. Overall, 1,111 Chicago residents completed the survey including 533 probability cases and 578 non-probability cases. AmeriSpeak panelists were invited through the password-protected AmeriSpeak Mobile App and received email reminders and SMS reminders. ChicagoSpeaks panelists received a combination of email and SMS communications while Dynata used their typical panel recruitment methods. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference, using an on-line survey. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.35 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 24 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them or for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

The final TrueNorth weights for the combined sample are developed in three major steps. First, a weighted tree model is fit to the combined probability and nonprobability sample. Second, based on the fitted tree model, NORC estimates the probabilities of inclusion in the combined probability and nonprobability sample and computes the initial weights as the inverse of the estimated probabilities. Third, poststratification adjustments, including calibration to benchmarks and weight trimming, are made to the initial weights to create the final weights.

Poststratification variables included Chicago region, age, gender, race/ethnicity, and educational attainment. The sociodemographic characteristics are weighted to benchmarks from the American Community Survey 2023 1-year estimates.

For more information, email ChicagoSpeaks-BD@norc.org or visit [go.norc.org/ChicagoSpeaks](https://www.norc.org/ChicagoSpeaks).

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