

The NORC ChicagoSpeaks Poll

Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago

Interviews: 06/15-23/2026

1,194 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults.

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

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 adults

	Chicago-Speaks 06/15-23/2026	Chicago-Speaks 03/16-23/2026	Chicago-Speaks 11/24-12/08/2025	Chicago-Speaks 9/16-29/2025	Chicago-Speaks 6/23-7/9/2025	Chicago-Speaks 3/20-4/7/2025	Chicago-Speaks 11/14-12/2/2024
Very/fairly likely NET	18	21	23	28	23	25	21
Very likely	6	6	6	8	7	8	6
Fairly likely	12	14	17	19	16	17	15
Not too/not at all likely NET	82	79	77	71	77	74	78
Not too likely	52	52	51	43	48	51	47
Not at all likely	29	27	26	28	29	24	31
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*	1	*	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>864</i>	<i>838</i>	<i>847</i>	<i>921</i>	<i>773</i>	<i>735</i>	<i>784</i>

PULSE_COL. Overall, would you describe the cost of living for the average family in the area where you live as:

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15- 23/2026	Marist National Poll 04/27- 30/2026 ¹
Very affordable/affordable NET	33	44
Very affordable	2	4
Affordable	31	40
Not very/not at all affordable NET	67	56
Not very affordable	53	44
Not at all affordable	14	12
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,194</i>	<i>1,322</i>

PULSE_PAYBILL. Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full in a typical month?

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
I can typically pay all of my bills in full	68
I cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them	31
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,194</i>

¹ When asked on April 2026 Marist Poll question wording was "Overall, would you describe the cost of living in the area where you live for the average family as:"

PULSE_FIN_MANAGE. On the whole, which of the following best describes how well you are managing financially these days?

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Finding it difficult to get by	16
Just getting by	43
Living comfortably	35
Thriving financially	6
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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

	Chicago- Speaks 06/15- 23/2026	Chicago- Speaks 11/24- 12/8/2025	Chicago- Speaks 9/16- 29/2025	Chicago- Speaks 6/23- 7/9/2025	Chicago- Speaks 3/20- 4/7/2025	Chicago- Speaks 11/14- 12/2/2024	Chicago- Speaks 6/24- 7/10/2024
Yes	59	58	63	66	66	65	66
No	40	42	37	34	34	35	33
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	*	*	-	-	*	*

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1,194

1,230

1,361

1,111

1,084

1,097

1,254

PULSE_VCRIME_CHI. Over the past year, do you think violent crime in Chicago has:

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Gone up some/a lot NET	44
Gone up a lot	22
Gone up some	21
Stayed about the same	38
Gone down some/a lot NET	18
Gone down some	16
Gone down a lot	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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PULSE_VCRIME_NEIGH. Over the past year, do you think violent crime in your neighborhood has:

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Gone up some/a lot NET	34
Gone up a lot	13
Gone up some	21
Stayed about the same	49
Gone down some/a lot NET	16
Gone down some	13
Gone down a lot	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

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PULSE_VCRIM_SOCIAL. How often do you see information on social media platforms (e.g., Citizen, X/Twitter, Facebook, TikTok) about violent crimes occurring in each of the following areas?

ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026	At least once a day	Several times a week	About once a week	Less than once a week	Never	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Your neighborhood	16	17	19	29	17	-	1
Other Chicago neighborhoods	26	30	17	13	10	-	4

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PULSE_RESOLVE. If you were experiencing an ongoing non-emergency conflict with someone on your block, which of the following would you be most likely to contact or use first to help resolve the situation?

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Police (911 or non-emergency police services)	33
City services (311)	14
A community mediation or conflict resolution program	3
A community organization, faith-based organization, or neighborhood group	3
Friends or family members	8
I would try to resolve it myself	33
I would be unlikely to do anything to resolve the situation	6
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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PULSE_FED_ENF_IMPACT. Overall, would you say that immigration enforcement actions by federal immigration and law enforcement agencies have had a positive impact, negative impact, or no impact on each of the following in Chicago? If you're not sure, you can indicate that too.

ChicagoSpeaks		Very/ somewhat positive impact	Very positive impact	Somewhat positive impact	No impact	Very/ somewhat negative impact	Somewhat negative impact	Very negative impact	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Public safety	06/15- 23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	16	7	9	18	60	22	38	6	1
	03/16- 23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	16	8	9	11	68	18	50	3	1
Neighborhood stability	06/15- 23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	13	5	8	18	61	23	38	7	1
	03/16- 23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	15	6	9	12	68	18	51	4	1
Trust in law enforcement	06/15- 23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	14	6	8	15	63	19	45	6	2
	03/16- 23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	12	5	7	9	75	16	58	4	1
The local economy	06/15- 23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	12	4	7	17	62	29	33	8	1
	03/16- 23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	10	4	6	15	67	25	42	7	1
Residents' access to public services	06/15- 23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	14	5	9	21	55	24	31	9	1
	03/16- 23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	12	6	6	18	60	19	41	9	1

ChicagoSpeaks		Very/ somewhat positive impact	Very positive impact	Somewhat positive impact	No impact	Very/ somewhat negative impact	Somewhat negative impact	Very negative impact	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Civic engagement and participation	06/15- 23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	28	7	21	18	43	17	27	10	*
	03/16- 23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	32	10	22	12	45	15	30	10	2

PULSE_FED_ENF_REACT. In general, do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose the following actions in Chicago in response to ongoing federal immigration enforcement activity?

ChicagoSpeaks		Strongly/ somewhat support	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Strongly/ somewhat oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SKP / REF
Filming or documenting federal immigration enforcement activity in neighborhoods	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	69	50	19	18	12	5	7	1
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	73	57	16	15	12	5	7	*
Sharing information about federal immigration enforcement presence or activity	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	67	50	17	18	13	6	7	2
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	72	56	16	15	12	6	7	*
Blocking or disrupting federal immigration enforcement operations	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	46	26	20	27	26	11	14	1
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	48	29	19	26	25	10	15	*
Local laws limiting cooperation between local police and federal immigration and law enforcement agencies	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	57	37	20	24	19	11	8	*
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	55	36	19	24	20	9	11	1

ChicagoSpeaks		Strongly/ somewhat support	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Strongly/ somewhat oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SKP / REF
Publicly showing support for federal immigration enforcement and its officers	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	19	11	9	32	47	16	31	1
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	19	10	9	33	46	16	30	1
Offering legal or financial help to immigrants facing deportation	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	63	42	21	23	13	7	6	1
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	65	46	19	21	13	6	8	1
Reporting suspected immigration violations to federal authorities	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	30	16	13	29	41	14	26	*
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	35	20	15	23	42	14	28	*
Local businesses allowing federal immigration enforcement agents to use their facilities during operations	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	16	8	8	29	55	16	39	*
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	16	8	7	24	59	17	42	1
Building federal databases using technology (e.g., facial recognition) with data collected during immigration enforcement operations	06/15-23/2026 N=1,194	19	9	9	23	57	14	43	*
	03/16-23/2026 N=1,147	21	9	11	20	58	12	46	1

		Strongly/ somewhat support	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Strongly/ somewhat oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SKP / REF
ChicagoSpeaks									
Federal taxpayer dollars being spent on mass arrest and deportation initiatives, such as Operation Midway Blitz	06/15-23/2026 <i>N=1,194</i>	14	7	7	16	68	11	58	1
	03/16-23/2026 <i>N=1,147</i>	14	7	6	14	72	11	61	*

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 06/15-23/2026
Democrat NET	65
Strong Democrat	29
Not so strong Democrat	20
Lean Democrat	16
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	16
Lean Republican	6
Not so strong Republican	5
Strong Republican	4
UNKNOWN	*

N=

1,194

AGE

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
18-29	24
30-44	31
45-59	21
60+	24

N=

1,194

SEX

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Male	48
Female	52

N= 1,194

RACE/ETHNICITY

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
White, non-Hispanic	35
Black or African American	26
Hispanic	28
Asian American or Pacific Islander	8
Other	3

N= 1,194

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Employed	66
Not employed	34

N= 1,194

EDUCATION

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	21
Some college	23
College graduate	24
Post grad study/professional degree	22

N= 1,194

MARITAL

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Married	32
Not married	68

N= 1,194

INCOME

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	17

N= 1,194

CHICAGO REGION

	ChicagoSpeaks 06/15-23/2026
North Central	27
Northwest	16
South	18
Southwest	21
West	18

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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 2026 survey using two sample sources: (1) NORC's AmeriSpeak® Panelists who reside in Chicago and (2) NORC's ChicagoSpeaks Panelists.

AmeriSpeak and ChicagoSpeaks are probability-based panels. 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 15-23, 2026 with Chicago residents aged 18 and older, the overall study target population. Overall, 1,194 Chicago residents completed the survey. 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. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference, using an online survey. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.1 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, 30 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.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included Chicago region, age, sex, race/ethnicity, and educational attainment. The sociodemographic characteristics are weighted to benchmarks from the American Community Survey 2024 1-year estimates.

For more information, email ChicagoSpeaks-BD@norc.org or visit go.norc.org/ChicagoSpeaks.

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