



# The NORC ChicagoSpeaks Poll

**Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago**

*Interviews: 11/24-12/08/2025*

*1,230 adults*

Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults.

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

**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]

		<b>A great deal/a fair amount NET</b>	A great deal	A fair amount	<b>Only a little/not at all NET</b>	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/REF
Economy	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>87</b>	53	34	<b>11</b>	8	4	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>88</b>	54	34	<b>11</b>	9	2	-	1
Inflation	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>85</b>	50	35	<b>14</b>	11	3	-	2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>84</b>	50	34	<b>15</b>	13	3	-	1
Federal spending and the budget deficit	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>76</b>	38	38	<b>23</b>	16	7	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>78</b>	41	37	<b>20</b>	15	6	-	1
Social Security system	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>72</b>	37	35	<b>26</b>	20	6	-	2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>77</b>	43	34	<b>22</b>	17	5	-	1
Size and power of the federal government	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>76</b>	43	32	<b>23</b>	16	7	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>79</b>	44	35	<b>21</b>	14	6	-	1

		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
Quality of the environment	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>78</b>	39	39	<b>20</b>	17	3		2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>78</b>	43	36	<b>20</b>	14	6	-	2
Illegal immigration	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>44</b>	21	23	<b>55</b>	32	22	-	2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>54</b>	25	30	<b>44</b>	24	20	-	2
Race relations	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>69</b>	33	36	<b>29</b>	22	7	-	2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 N=1,111	<b>71</b>	34	37	<b>28</b>	19	9	-	1

**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*

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 9/16-29/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 11/14-12/2/2024	GSS 2024
<b>Very/fairly likely NET</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>
Very likely	6	8	7	8	6	3
Fairly likely	17	19	16	17	15	7
<b>Not too/not at all likely NET</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>90</b>
Not too likely	51	43	48	51	47	33
Not at all likely	26	28	29	24	31	58
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*	1	1	-
N=	847	921	773	735	784	1,230

**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]**

		<b>A great deal/quite a lot NET</b>	A great deal	Quite a lot	<b>Some/very little NET</b>	Some	Very little	DK	SKP/REF
The Church or organized religion	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>23</b>	7	16	<b>76</b>	34	42	-	2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>29</b>	13	17	<b>70</b>	33	37	-	1
The military	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>33</b>	11	22	<b>65</b>	42	23	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>42</b>	18	24	<b>58</b>	37	21	-	*
The Supreme Court	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>21</b>	6	15	<b>78</b>	36	43	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>24</b>	10	14	<b>75</b>	37	38	-	1
Banks	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>31</b>	9	22	<b>69</b>	46	22	-	*
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>34</b>	12	23	<b>65</b>	44	21	-	1
Public schools	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>35</b>	11	24	<b>64</b>	43	21	-	*
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>33</b>	11	21	<b>66</b>	44	23	-	1

		<b>A great deal/quite a lot NET</b>	A great deal	Quite a lot	<b>Some/very little NET</b>		Very little		SKP/REF
Newspapers	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>21</b>	5	16	<b>78</b>	48	30	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>26</b>	8	18	<b>73</b>	46	27	-	*
Congress	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>14</b>	5	8	<b>85</b>	36	48	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>19</b>	8	11	<b>79</b>	35	45	-	1
Television news	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>18</b>	6	12	<b>82</b>	44	38	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>23</b>	8	14	<b>76</b>	43	34	-	1
Organized labor	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>32</b>	11	21	<b>66</b>	50	16	-	2
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>31</b>	10	21	<b>68</b>	50	18	-	1
The presidency	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>17</b>	10	7	<b>82</b>	16	66	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>24</b>	13	11	<b>75</b>	20	55	-	1
The police	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>26</b>	8	19	<b>73</b>	41	32	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>31</b>	12	20	<b>68</b>	42	26	-	1

		<b>A great deal/quite a lot NET</b>	A great deal	Quite a lot	<b>Some/very little NET</b>	Some	Very little	DK	SKP/REF
The medical system	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>37</b>	12	26	<b>62</b>	39	23	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>38</b>	14	25	<b>61</b>	45	17	-	*
The criminal justice system	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>19</b>	6	13	<b>80</b>	45	36	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>24</b>	9	15	<b>75</b>	40	35	-	1
Higher education	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025 (N=1,230)	<b>48</b>	17	31	<b>51</b>	37	14	-	1
	ChicagoSpeaks 06/23-07/09/2025 (N=1,111)	<b>44</b>	17	28	<b>55</b>	41	14	-	*

**PULSE\_ LETIN1A. Do you think the number of immigrants to America nowadays should be...**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/8/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 9/16-29/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23- 7/9/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20- 4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 11/14- 12/2/2024	ChicagoSpeaks 6/24- 7/10/2024	GSS 2024
<b>Increased a lot/a little NET</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>
Increased a lot	10	11	12	10	13	11	7
Increased a little	13	13	13	12	8	8	11
<b>Remain the same as it is</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Reduced a little/a lot NET</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>
Reduced a little	18	17	18	20	22	19	19
Reduced a lot	17	19	18	23	26	34	30
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	*	1	*	1	-
N=	1,230	1,361	1,111	1,084	1,097	1,254	3,187

**PULSE\_IMM\_CURR. What should be done about immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally?**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/08/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 9/16-29/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23- 7/9/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 6/24- 7/10/2024
They should be allowed to become citizens, provided they meet certain requirements	64	61	63	59	51
They should be allowed to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	21	20	18	17	18
They should be identified and deported	14	18	18	23	28
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	2	1	2	2
N=	1,230	1,361	1,111	1,084	1,254

**PULSE\_IMM\_HELP. Overall, do you think immigration helps, hurts, or has no effect on Chicago in each of the following areas?**

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	Helps a lot/ somewhat NET	Helps a lot	Helps somewhat	No effect	Hurts somewhat/ hurts a lot NET	Hurts somewhat	Hurts a lot	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	<b>66</b>	37	29	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	15	10	-	*
Culture and values	<b>63</b>	37	26	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	11	7	-	1
Crime and public safety	<b>20</b>	8	12	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	28	13	-	*
The political system	<b>33</b>	11	22	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	19	12	-	2
Your local community	<b>53</b>	25	28	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	17	8	-	1

N=1,230

**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 11/24- 12/8/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 9/16-29/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 6/23-7/9/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 3/20-4/7/2025	ChicagoSpeaks 11/14- 12/2/2024	ChicagoSpeaks 6/24- 7/10/2024	GSS 2024
Yes	58	63	66	66	65	66	33
No	42	37	34	34	35	33	67
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	*	-	-	*	*	*
N=	1,230	1,361	1,111	1,084	1,097	1,254	2,223

**PULSE\_FEAR\_Y. Are any of the following reasons why you feel afraid to walk alone at night within a mile of your home?**

*Asked if respondent answered "Yes" to PULSE\_FEAR*

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Concern about violent crime in the area	81	19	-	-
Poor lighting	49	51	-	-
Presence of strangers or people acting suspiciously	62	38	-	-
Lack of police or security presence	50	50	-	-
The presence of local law enforcement like the Chicago Police	12	88	-	-
The presence of federal law enforcement like ICE or the National Guard	18	82	-	-
Other	4	96	-	-

N=724

**PULSE\_FEAR\_N. Are any of the following reasons why you feel safe walking alone at night within a mile of your home?**

**Asked if respondent answered "No" to PULSE\_FEAR**

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Low crime, good neighborhood safety	56	44	-	-
Well-lit, well-maintained streets	74	26	-	-
Friendly neighbors or community	61	39	-	-
Other	10	90	-	-

N=504

**PULSE\_CHAL3. What do you think are the top 3 economic challenges facing Chicago residents today?**

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	Job availability	Wages not keeping up with the cost of living	High cost of living	Inequality and wealth disparity	Education and skill gap	Other	DK	SKP/ REF
First	14	23	43	13	2	4	-	1
Second	14	36	23	15	10	2	-	1
Third	18	18	13	25	19	5	-	1

N=1,230

**PULSE\_DIRECTION\_A. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the...**

**[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025
Right direction	13
Wrong direction	86
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

*N=1,230*

**PULSE\_DIRECTION\_B. Generally speaking, would you say things in the State of Illinois are heading in the...**

**[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025
Right direction	45
Wrong direction	51
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	4

*N=1,230*

**PULSE\_DIRECTION\_C. Generally speaking, would you say things in Chicago are heading in the...**

**[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025
Right direction	37
Wrong direction	60
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3

*N=1,230*

**PULSE\_SHUT1. Overall, do you think the federal government shutdown, which began Wednesday, October 1, was:**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
A major problem for the country	75	54
A minor problem for the country	20	35
Not a problem at all for the country	5	11
DON'T KNOW	-	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	1

*N=1,230*

*N=1,289*

**PULSE\_SHUT2. How much of an impact has the partial federal government shutdown had on you and your family?**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025
A major impact	23
A minor impact	39
No real impact	38
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

N=1,230

**PULSE\_SHUT3. Since the partial federal government shutdown began, have you or has anyone in your household experienced any of the following, or haven't you?**

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Tried to visit a government website and found it suspended due to the shutdown	31	69	-	*
Tried to visit a government office and found it closed due to the shutdown	20	79	-	1
Tried to visit a national park or other tourist attraction managed by the government and found it closed or unstaffed due to the shutdown	15	85	-	1
Been furloughed, had your work hours cut, or had to work unpaid in connection to the shutdown	11	87	-	1

N=1,230

**PULSE\_SHUT4. How much responsibility did each of the following have for the federal government shutdown?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025	<b>A great deal/quite a bit NET</b>	A great deal	Quite a bit	<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>Only a little/none at all NET</b>	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
Donald Trump	<b>76</b>	65	11	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	5	8	-	2
Republicans in Congress	<b>72</b>	58	14	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	5	5	-	1
Democrats in Congress	<b>41</b>	28	13	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	16	10	-	2

N=1,230

**PULSE\_CONCERNS1. How concerned are you about each of the following next year?**

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

		<b>Extremely/ very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>Not too/ not concerned at all NET</b>	Not too concerned	Not concerned at all	SKP / REF
Your health care costs increasing	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025 N=1,230	<b>65</b>	38	26	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	- 1
	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025 N=1,289	<b>57</b>	32	25	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	8	8	* 1
Losing or not having health insurance	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/8/2025 N=1,230	<b>45</b>	28	17	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>	21	15	- 2
	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025 N=1,289	<b>38</b>	21	17	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	21	17	* *

		<b>Extremely/ very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	<b>Not too/ not concerned at all NET</b>	Not too concerned	Not concerned at all	D K	SKP / REF
Not being able to pay for health care or medicatio ns you need	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/8/2025 <i>N=1,230</i>	<b>49</b>	29	19	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	19	12	-	1
	AP-NORC 10/09- 13/2025 <i>N=1,289</i>	<b>42</b>	22	19	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>	18	15	*	1
Not being able to access health care when you need it	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/8/2025 <i>N=1,230</i>	<b>47</b>	28	20	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	19	12	-	1
	AP-NORC 10/09- 13/2025 <i>N=1,289</i>	<b>40</b>	21	19	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	19	16	*	1

**PULSE\_ICE\_SUP.** In September this year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced "Operation Midwest Blitz," an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operation to arrest and deport individuals who are in the country without legal documentation. Do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose Operation Midwest Blitz?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/08/2025
<b>Strongly/somewhat support</b>	<b>19</b>
Strongly support	10
Somewhat support	9
<b>Neither support nor oppose</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Strongly/somewhat oppose</b>	<b>62</b>
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	49
DON'T KNOW	-
SKP/REF	1

N= 1,230

**PULSE\_ICE\_IMPACT.** Overall, would you say that immigration enforcement actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 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.

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025	Very/ somewhat negative impact	Very negative impact	Somewhat negative impact	No impact	Very/ somewhat positive impact	Somewhat positive impact	Very positive impact	Not sure	SKP/ REF
Physical public safety in your neighborhood	<b>58</b>	41	17	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	7	7	6	1
Community trust in law enforcement	<b>68</b>	48	20	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	7	5	5	1
Immigrant families' sense of security	<b>77</b>	64	14	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	5	4	5	*
The local economy and businesses	<b>69</b>	41	27	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	6	5	6	1
Overall neighborhood stability	<b>63</b>	39	23	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	8	4	5	1
Residents' access to public services	<b>56</b>	34	22	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	5	5	7	1
Civic engagement and participation	<b>50</b>	30	20	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	14	10	8	1

N=1,230

**PULSE\_ICE.REACT.** In general, do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose the following actions in Chicago in response to recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025	Strongly/ somewhat support	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Strongly/ somewhat oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SKP/ REF
People filming or documenting ICE activity in their neighborhoods	<b>70</b>	56	14	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	5	7	1
Residents physically stepping in to block others from being detained by ICE	<b>52</b>	35	17	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	10	15	1
People blocking or disrupting ICE vehicles or operations	<b>49</b>	34	15	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	10	16	1
Local police refusing to assist ICE with arrests or detentions	<b>64</b>	51	13	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	6	10	2
City officials publicly criticizing ICE operations in Chicago	<b>65</b>	50	15	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	5	11	1
Residents publicly showing support for ICE and its officers	<b>20</b>	12	8	<b>29</b>	<b>49</b>	13	37	1
Community groups offering legal or financial help to immigrants facing deportation	<b>67</b>	53	15	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	5	7	1
Residents sharing information about ICE presence or activity in their area	<b>66</b>	54	12	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	4	9	1
Residents reporting suspected immigration violations to ICE	<b>29</b>	20	10	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	12	30	2
Local businesses or property owners allowing ICE to use their facilities during operations	<b>16</b>	10	6	<b>25</b>	<b>57</b>	15	42	2

N=1,230

**PULSE\_ICE\_FORCE. In general, do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers using physical force during encounters with residents who are blocking or disrupting ICE vehicles or operations?**

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/08/2025
<b>Strongly/somewhat support</b>	<b>17</b>
Strongly support	8
Somewhat support	9
<b>Neither support nor oppose</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Strongly/somewhat oppose</b>	<b>62</b>
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	50
DON'T KNOW	-
SKP/REF	2

N= 1,230

**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 11/24- 12/08/2025
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>66</b>
Strong Democrat	30
Not so strong Democrat	22
Lean Democrat	15
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>13</b>
Lean Republican	5
Not so strong Republican	4
Strong Republican	4
DK/SKP/REF	2

N= 1,230

**AGE**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025
18-29	23
30-44	30
45-59	22
60+	24

N= 1,230

**SEX**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025
Male	48
Female	52

N= 1,230

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025
White, non-Hispanic	34
Black or African American	27
Hispanic	27
Other	11

N= 1,230

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025
Employed	62
Not employed	38

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**EDUCATION**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/08/2025
Less than a high school diploma	12
High school graduate or equivalent	21
Some college	23
College graduate	24
Post grad study/professional degree	20

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**MARITAL**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24- 12/08/2025
Married	33
Not married	67

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**INCOME**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025
Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	10
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 or more	13

N= 1,230

**CHICAGO REGION**

	ChicagoSpeaks 11/24-12/08/2025
North Central	27
Northwest	16
South	19
Southwest	20
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 winter 2025 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 November 24 and December 8, 2025 with Chicago residents aged 18 and older, the overall study target population. Overall, 1,230 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 +/- 3.9 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, 28 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 2023 1-year estimates.

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