



Budget Poll | Chicago | Toplines | November 2024

801 Interviews conducted with 2024 general election voters between November 18-21, 2024.

Modeled Margin of Error: 3.7%.

Q1. How favorable are your feelings about each of the following individuals or groups? (ordered by 'Net Fav')

	<u>Favorable</u>		<u>Neutral</u>		<u>Unfavorable</u>		<u>Never heard</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Smwt</u>		<u>Smwt</u>	<u>Very</u>			<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unfav</u>	
J.B. Pritzker	40	23	12	7	18	1		62	25	37
Alexi Giannoulas	16	19	36	8	6	15		35	14	21
Your Alderman	19	22	29	10	14	6		42	23	19
Susana Mendoza	11	17	40	7	5	20		29	12	17
Larry Snelling	9	9	32	4	4	42		18	8	10
Pedro Martinez	7	12	35	5	5	37		18	10	8
Rahm Emanuel	10	25	21	18	23	3		35	41	-6
Chicago Teachers Union	13	17	23	16	28	2		30	45	-15
Brandon Johnson	4	11	13	17	53	1		15	70	-55

Q2. How familiar are you with your local elected officials? (ordered by 'Net Familiar')

	<u>Familiar</u>		<u>Unfamiliar</u>		<u>Total Familiar</u>	<u>Total Unfamiliar</u>	<u>Net Familiar</u>
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Smwt</u>	<u>Smwt</u>	<u>Very</u>			
Your Alderman	41	35	11	13	76	24	52
Your State Senator	26	41	17	17	67	33	33
Your State House Representative	19	39	21	20	59	41	17
Your County Commissioner	10	27	26	37	37	63	-25

Polling was conducted online from November 18-21, 2024. Using Dynamic Online Sampling to attain a representative sample, Change Research polled 801 2024 general election voters in Chicago. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, region, 2020 presidential vote and 2023 Chicago Mayoral runoff vote. You can see a full methodology statement [here](#), which complies with the requirements of AAPOR's Transparency Initiative. Members of the Transparency Initiative disclose all relevant details about our research, with the principle that the public should be able to evaluate and understand research-based findings, in order to instill and restore public confidence in survey results.

Q2a. [IF FAMILIAR WITH ALDERMAN] If you find out that your Alderman voted for a \$150 million property tax increase without prioritizing other options to balance the city budget, would you be:

- 4% Much more likely to vote for them again
- 5 Somewhat more likely to vote for them again
- 14 Makes no difference
- 24 Somewhat more likely to vote for another candidate
- 54 Much more likely to vote for another candidate

8 Total More Likely to Vote for Them Again

78 Total More Likely to Vote for Another Candidate

Q3. Do you believe that the city of Chicago is spending too much, too little, or about the right amount in the following areas? (ordered by 'Too little')

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	Not sure
Mental health services	5	70	13	12
Addressing the cost of housing	8	69	12	11
Reducing homelessness	8	69	11	11
Crime and public safety	11	69	14	6
Roads, bridges, and other infrastructure	7	61	24	8
K-12 public education	17	59	13	11
Reducing hunger and food insecurity	7	58	20	16
Healthcare	8	55	22	15
Fighting drug abuse and addiction	7	53	21	19
Providing social services and housing for migrants	51	20	19	10

Q4. Chicago is a sanctuary city, meaning that it limits cooperation with federal government agencies like ICE on deportations. Right now, the city has no exceptions to this policy– even when crimes are committed.

Do you support or oppose an exception that would allow the city of Chicago to coordinate with ICE in certain circumstances, like when dealing with illegal immigrants who've been charged with serious crimes?

- 50% Strongly support
- 19 Somewhat support
- 8 Somewhat oppose
- 18 Strongly oppose
- 5 Not sure

70 Total Support

25 Total Oppose

Q5. Which of the following do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

- 16% Mayor Johnson is taking a new, collaborative approach to Chicago's budget-making process. By working together with the City Council, he's fighting to make sure all residents have their voices heard.
- 66 Mayor Johnson is irresponsibly managing Chicago's budget-making process. Instead of working

with the City Council to find fairer solutions, he wants to raise property taxes on homeowners while continuing to spend millions on migrants.

18 Not sure

Q6A. [50% saw version A] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“The Chicago Teachers Union has a negative impact on the city of Chicago’s budget.”

33% Strongly agree
18 Somewhat agree
18 Somewhat disagree
18 Strongly disagree
13 Not sure

51 Total Agree

36 Total Disagree

Q6B. [50% saw version B] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“Trade unions have a negative impact on the city of Chicago’s budget.”

12% Strongly agree
16 Somewhat agree
23 Somewhat disagree
30 Strongly disagree
19 Not sure

28 Total Agree

53 Total Disagree

Q7. If the city of Chicago fails to pass a budget by the end of the year, the city will shut down. This means essential services like garbage collection and public transportation would stop. In the event of a shutdown, who would you blame more:

67% Mayor Brandon Johnson
22 Chicago City Council
11 Not sure

Q8. Which of the following do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

45% The City Council should take over the budget process if necessary to avoid a shutdown and protect their constituents. At a time when getting by is already hard, an avoidable shutdown will hurt working families in Chicago even more.
43 It’s the Mayor’s responsibility to produce a balanced budget, not City Council’s. Instead of trying to walk away from what he was elected to do, the Mayor should work with the Council for the benefit of all Chicagoans.
11 Not sure

Q9. Do you support or oppose the following actions that the city of Chicago could take to raise revenue? (ordered by 'Net Support')

	<u>Support</u>		<u>Oppose</u>		Not Sure	Total Support	Total Oppose	Net Support
	Strong	Smwt	Smwt	Strong				
Increasing permit fees for private dumpsters	19	37	16	19	9	56	35	21
Implementing a new tax on hemp products	25	29	12	26	8	54	39	15
Increasing fees on large scale events	20	34	18	22	6	54	40	14
Implementing a commercial bicycle tax	19	19	15	36	10	39	51	-12
Implementing a new tax on food delivery app orders, like Grubhub and Doordash	12	24	18	42	5	35	60	-25
Increasing the number of 7 Day Paid Parking metered spots	8	22	16	42	12	30	58	-28
Extending the sales tax to professional services	7	24	23	37	10	31	60	-29
Raising the tax on cloud data storage	8	21	18	42	11	29	61	-32
Increasing the checkout bag tax	10	16	15	54	6	26	68	-42
Raising the tax on streaming services, like Netflix and Hulu	6	16	21	54	4	21	75	-54

Q10. Do you support or oppose the following actions that the city of Chicago could take to cut expenses? (ordered by 'Net Support')

	<u>Support</u>		<u>Oppose</u>		<u>Not</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net</u>
	Strong	Smwt	Smwt	Strong	Sure	Support	Oppose	Support
Saving on administrative costs through merging redundant programs operated by Cook County, like the Department of Public Health and Board of Elections	37	30	11	10	12	68	21	47
Ending all pandemic-era programs funded by leftover federal relief money at the end of the year	35	24	15	17	10	59	31	28
Eliminating all non-union job vacancies across city departments	16	21	23	23	17	37	46	-9

Q11A. [50% saw version A] Chicago faces a \$1 billion budget deficit. If you had to choose, even if neither option is exactly right, what should the city do to close the gap?

- 19% Raise property taxes by \$150 million and increase monthly garbage collection fees to \$18
- 81 Cut spending by 8-10% across all city departments, except first responders, and freeze non-public safety hiring for one year

Q11B. [50% saw version B] Chicago faces a \$1 billion budget deficit. If you had to choose, even if neither option is exactly right, what should the city do to close the gap?

- 43% Raise property taxes by \$150 million and increase the liquor tax by 35%
- 57 End the \$60 million guaranteed basic income program that provides monthly cash payments to thousands of low-income Chicago families

D1. Are you:

- 45% A man
- 55 A woman

D2. Age

- 28% 18 to 34
- 26 35 to 49
- 24 50 to 64
- 22 65+

D3. What is your race?

- 45% White / Caucasian
- 26 Black or African American
- 18 Hispanic or Latino/a
- 8 Asian / Pacific Islander
- 0 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 3 Other

D4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 12% High school diploma or less
- 29 Some college, but no degree
- 10 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree
- 28 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree
- 21 Graduate degree

D5. Party Identification

42% Strong Democrats
17 Weak Democrats
11 Independent lean Democrats
11 Pure independents
6 Independent lean Republicans
6 Weak Republicans
7 Strong Republicans

Party Identification

59% Base Democrats
28 Independents + Leaners
13 Base Republicans

Party Identification

70% Democrats
11 Pure independents
20 Republicans

D6. When considering politics and government, do you think of yourself as:

14% Conservative
38 Moderate
26 Liberal
22 Progressive

D7. How did you vote in the 2020 election for President, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

72% Joe Biden, the Democrat
18 Donald Trump, the Republican
2 Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian
2 Not registered/Too young/Ineligible
6 Did not vote

D8. How did you vote in the April 2023 runoff election for Mayor?

39% Brandon Johnson
36 Paul Vallas
4 Another candidate
5 Don't remember
15 Did not vote

D9. Region

24% Black South
21 Lakefront
18 Latino SE + SW + NW
23 Northwest
10 West
4 White South + SW