

CHICAGO TAX CREDIT SURVEY RESULTS

CONDUCTED ONLINE NOVEMBER 9-12, 2018

1007 INTERVIEWS ACROSS CHICAGO



PART I

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Do you support or oppose a tax cut for lower and middle-income taxpayers to help with daily expenses or emergencies, paid for by a tax increase on the wealthiest? The money would be required to fund an earned income tax credit of up to \$2,000 per year, for people who work and earn less than \$70,000.

60%

Strongly support

- 66% of Democrats
- 49% of Independents
- 29% of Republicans
- 68% of Income under \$75,000
- 47% of Income \$75,000 or more
- 11% of Strongly oppose EITC in Chicago
- 80% of Strongly support EITC in Chicago
- 69% of African Americans

20%

Somewhat support

- 20% of Democrats
- 21% of Independents
- 21% of Republicans
- 19% of Income under \$75,000
- 21% of Income \$75,000 or more
- 5% of Strongly oppose EITC in Chicago

9%

Neither support nor oppose

- 8% of Democrats
- 13% of Independents
- 12% of Republicans
- 8% of Income under \$75,000
- 11% of Income \$75,000 or more

5%

Somewhat oppose

- 2% of Democrats
- 10% of Independents
- 13% of Republicans
- 3% of Income under \$75,000
- 8% of Income \$75,000 or more

6% said Strongly oppose.

Would you support or oppose expanding the tax credit just described to people caring for a child or senior in their family, as well as low-income students?



55%

Strongly support

- 61% of Democrats
- 47% of Independents
- 22% of Republicans
- 59% of Income under \$75,000
- 51% of Income \$75,000 or more
- 76% of Strongly support tax credit (previous question)
- 58% of full-time students
- 66% of Care for a family member full time

25%

Somewhat support

- 25% of Democrats
- 24% of Independents
- 32% of Republicans
- 23% of Income under \$75,000
- 26% of Income \$75,000 or more

10%

Neither support nor oppose

- 8% of Democrats
- 15% of Independents
- 13% of Republicans
- 8% of Income under \$75,000
- 10% of Income \$75,000 or more

3%

Somewhat oppose

- 2% of Democrats
- 5% of Independents
- 8% of Republicans
- 3% of Income under \$75,000
- 4% of Income \$75,000 or more

7% said Strongly oppose.

Which of the following comes closest to describing your personal financial situation today?

9%

Getting much better

- 8% of Democrats
- 8% of Independents
- 14% of Republicans
- 7% of Income under \$75,000
- 12% of Income \$75,000 or more

25%

Getting a little better

- 26% of Democrats
- 23% of Independents
- 25% of Republicans
- 24% of Income under \$75,000
- 28% of Income \$75,000 or more

33%

Staying where you are

- 33% of Democrats
- 32% of Independents
- 34% of Republicans
- 31% of Income under \$75,000
- 34% of Income \$75,000 or more

22%

Getting a little worse

- 22% of Democrats
- 26% of Independents
- 16% of Republicans
- 24% of Income under \$75,000
- 20% of Income \$75,000 or more

11% said Getting much worse.

Which TWO of the following reasons make you feel like you aren't getting much better?

60%

The high cost of living and housing

- 58% of Democrats
- 61% of Independents
- 70% of Republicans
- 59% of Income under \$75,000
- 63% of Income \$75,000 or more

35%

Not making enough money

- 36% of Democrats
- 37% of Independents
- 23% of Republicans
- 44% of Income under \$75,000
- 22% of Income \$75,000 or more

26%

Health care issues and costs

- 26% of Democrats
- 27% of Independents
- 22% of Republicans
- 26% of Income under \$75,000
- 26% of Income \$75,000 or more
- 43% of 65 or Older

21%

Not having enough savings

- 22% of Democrats
- 19% of Independents
- 15% of Republicans
- 23% of Income under \$75,000
- 16% of Income \$75,000 or more

20% said Having too much debt. 18% said The cost of higher education.

Some cities, including New York City and Washington D.C., have an earned income tax credit for working people with low incomes. A few thousand dollars allows them to stay current on bills or afford a car repair to get to work. Do you support or oppose creating an earned income tax credit in Chicago?

60%

Strongly support

- 70% of Democrats
- 45% of Independents
- 23% of Republicans
- 69% of Income under \$75,000
- 43% of Income \$75,000 or more
- 86% of Final ask: Strongly support (previous question)
- 28% of Final ask: Somewhat support
- 18% of Final ask: Neither support nor oppose
- 25% of Final ask: Somewhat oppose

23%

Somewhat support

- 20% of Democrats
- 32% of Independents
- 23% of Republicans
- 20% of Income under \$75,000
- 32% of Income \$75,000 or more

8%

Neither support nor oppose

- 7% of Democrats
- 9% of Independents
- 11% of Republicans
- 7% of Income under \$75,000
- 7% of Income \$75,000 or more

4%

Somewhat oppose

- 2% of Democrats
- 6% of Independents
- 14% of Republicans
- 2% of Income under \$75,000
- 7% of Income \$75,000 or more

6% said Strongly oppose.

PART IV

SAMPLE INFO

In the 2016 election, did you vote for:

10%

Donald Trump, the
Republican

76%

Hillary Clinton, the
Democrat

4%

Gary Johnson, the
Libertarian

3%

Jill Stein, the Green
Party

7% said Did not vote.

How much do you currently have in savings that you could use for a medical or other emergency?

34%

Under \$100

14%

\$100 to \$499

8%

\$500 to \$999

16%

\$1000 to \$4999

8% said \$5000 to \$9999. 8% said \$10,000 to \$49,999. 5% said \$50,000 or more. 8% said Don't know.

Party Registration



70%

Democrat

8%

Republican

22%

Independent

TARGETING

Registered voters in Chicago were solicited, between November 9-12, in a survey conducted in English.

Change Research applied proprietary Bias Correct approach to solicitations in order to yield a mostly representative sample.

Incomplete responses, respondents outside of Chicago, and unregistered voters were filtered out, leaving a sample of 1007.

WEIGHTING

Results based on 1007 registered voters living in Chicago, and who answered most of the questions.

Sample demographics are close to this population for age, gender, and ethnicity.

Post-stratification done on gender, age, race, and 2016 presidential vote.