

# AARP Chicago Mayoral Voter Survey

**Registered Voter Age 50+ in Chicago IL**

**801 English & Spanish telephone conducted December 13-23, 2018**

**70% landline; 30% cell phone**

**Margin of error: +/-3.5%**

All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to November 2018 Illinois state voter database statistics.

*I'm calling from Alan Newman Research, a national public opinion polling firm. We are conducting a survey on issues of importance to people like you, and we'd really like to get your opinions on them. This survey is being conducted for research purposes only, and we promise that your name and individual opinions will be kept confidential.*

Gender. (DO NOT ASK) Record respondent's gender.

%	n=801
46	Male
54	Female

L1. Would you like to continue the survey in English, or would you prefer to continue in Spanish?

%	n=801
99	English
1	Spanish

S1. Have I reached you on a cell phone or a wired landline phone?

%	n=801
35	Cell phone
65	Wired landline phone

SA. And just to confirm, are you a resident of Chicago?

%	n=801
100	Yes
0	No

SB. What is your 5-digit ZIP Code? \_\_\_\_\_ [ENTER ZIP CODE]

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

%	n=801
100	Registered
0	Not registered

S3\_A. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me in what year were you born?[AGE CODED]

%	n=801
0	Under 50
19	50-54
35	55-64
24	65-74
18	75+
1	Not sure (but 50+)
3	Refused (but 50+)

Q1. First, I'd like to get your opinion on some issues facing Chicago residents. For each of the following, please tell me whether you worry about this very often, somewhat often, from time to time or almost never? Do you worry about...? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	Very often %	Somewhat often %	From time to time %	Almost never worry %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
Q1_A. How divided Chicago and Chicagoans have become	31	25	19	22	3	0
Q1_B. Prices rising faster than your income	46	21	14	19	1	<1
Q1_C. The threat of crime and violence in your community	41	23	20	15	<1	<1
Q1_D. Not being able to afford housing costs	28	17	17	37	1	<1
Q1_E. Getting around town safely and easily	25	24	21	30	1	<1
Q1_F. Not being able to stay in Chicago due to financial reasons	23	18	12	46	2	<1
Q1_G. Paying too much in taxes	51	18	14	16	1	<1
Q1_H. Utility bills, such as gas and electric, that are too high	35	25	14	26	1	0
Q1_I. Political corruption in Chicago	45	22	17	15	1	<1
Q1_J. Your concerns not being taken seriously due to your age	20	17	15	47	1	<1

Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job your Alderman is doing?

%	n=801
51	Approve
31	Disapprove
17	Not sure
1	Refused

Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job your City Council is doing?

%	n=801
29	Approve
52	Disapprove
18	Not sure
1	Refused

*Now I have some questions about the mayoral election.*

MAY-1. How likely are you to vote in the primary election for Chicago mayor to be held on February 26, 2019? Would you say you are...

%	n=801
89	Very likely
4	Fairly likely
3	Just somewhat likely
2	Not that likely
1	Or will you not vote
1	Not sure
<1	Refused

MAY-2. This election to replace Mayor Rahm Emanuel marks the first change in city leadership in 8 years, and has prompted 21 initial candidates to enter the race. As you consider these candidates, there may be particular characteristics that are important to you. How important is it to you that the next mayor is....? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
MAY-2_A. A seasoned politician with ties to existing leaders and people with influence in the City of Chicago	29	33	21	14	3	<1
MAY-2_B. A newcomer with fresh ideas and a commitment to ending corruption in city government	49	31	11	7	2	<1
MAY-2_C. A candidate with expertise in other specialized areas which will be useful in addressing city issues including crime, budget shortfalls, and education	69	22	4	3	1	0
MAY-2_D. A leader of multicultural or other background who will represent groups often overlooked in politics	51	28	9	10	2	1

MAY-3. I'm going to mention some issues that voters might feel are important in helping them make their voting decision for the next mayor of Chicago. For you, how important are the candidates' positions on [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
MAY-3_A. Jobs and the economy	76	19	3	1	<1	0
MAY-3_B. Transportation and infrastructure like public transit, highways, bridges, railways and harbors	63	30	4	2	1	0
MAY-3_C. Making housing more affordable for low- and middle-income households	68	23	6	3	1	<1
MAY-3_D. The high cost of utility bills in Chicago, such as gas and electric	57	28	9	5	1	0
MAY-3_E. Essential services for the elderly, children, people with disabilities, and low-income families	78	18	2	1	1	<1
MAY-3_F. Increasing city and state taxes that make it hard for older adults to remain in their homes	73	18	4	4	1	1
MAY-3_G. Reducing crime and violence	87	11	1	1	1	<1
MAY-3_H. Reducing racial and ethnic conflict	69	22	4	2	1	<1
MAY-3_I. Improving education	77	17	4	2	<1	<1
MAY-3_J. Pedestrian safety and reducing the number of fatalities	61	25	10	3	1	0

TRAN-1. In a city the size of Chicago, transportation systems are important to ensuring people can safely and easily get around, and can get the goods and services they need. How important is it to you that the next Mayor address the following transportation issues? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not at all important %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
TRAN-1_A. Quality and upkeep of roads	74	21	3	1	1	0
TRAN-1_B. Rising costs of Metra and CTA	53	32	9	5	1	<1
TRAN-1_C. Safety on buses and trains	76	20	3	1	<1	0
TRAN-1_D. Oversight of Divvy, scooters and other vehicle rental services	22	36	21	17	4	<1
TRAN-1_E. Creating a Safe Streets Initiative for improvement of lighting, signs, and safer sidewalks	62	30	5	2	1	<1
TRAN-1_F. Parking meters and red light camera technology	43	28	16	11	2	<1
TRAN-1_G. Self-driving cars	18	18	20	39	4	<1

VIOL-1. Thinking about the last five years, would you say violence in the city of Chicago has (increased a lot, increased a little, stayed about the same, declined a little, or declined a lot)? [ROTATE DIRECTION]

%	n=801
46	Increased a lot
15	Increased a little
23	Stayed about the same
11	Declined a little
2	Declined a lot
3	Not sure
0	Refused

VIOL-2. Research has shown that violence in communities can lead to other devastating factors that diminish the quality of life for all residents. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that each of the following will worsen as a side effect of Chicago's violence. How strongly do you agree or disagree that [ITEM] will worsen, as a side effect of Chicago violence? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	Strongly agree %	Somewhat agree %	Neither agree nor disagree %	Somewhat disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
VIOL-2_A. Unemployment	50	27	6	10	5	2	<1
VIOL-2_B. Education opportunities	48	28	6	9	6	2	<1
VIOL-2_C. Personal safety	62	26	3	5	3	1	<1
VIOL-2_D. The strain on the health care system and resources	47	31	6	8	4	3	<1
VIOL-2_E. The local economy	52	30	5	7	4	2	<1
VIOL-2_F. Racial and ethnic conflict	53	27	6	8	4	2	<1

HCBS-1. How much of a problem would you say the following issues are in Chicago? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	A major problem %	A minor problem %	Not a problem %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
HCBS-1_A. The differences in access to healthcare across Chicago's neighborhoods	60	24	10	6	<1
HCBS-1_B. The differences in the quality of healthcare across Chicago's neighborhoods	60	24	9	6	<1
HCBS-1_C. Nursing home safety	54	28	7	11	0
HCBS-1_D. Shortage of home and community-based services	52	30	11	8	<1
HCBS-1_E. Making sure residents have the ability to Age in Place and stay in their Chicago homes	65	24	7	4	<1

TAX-1. How concerned are you about the following taxes imposed on residents of Chicago? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned about [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE]

n=801	Very concerned %	Somewhat concerned %	Not very concerned %	Not at all concerned %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
TAX-1_A. Property tax	67	22	5	5	1	0
TAX-1_B. Sales tax	62	25	8	5	<1	0
TAX-1_C. Income tax	57	26	6	9	2	0
TAX-1_D. Bag tax	46	21	11	20	3	0
TAX-1_E. Gasoline tax	54	25	7	13	1	<1

FIN-1. In general, would you say Chicago's economy is... [ROTATE DIRECTION]

%	n=801
4	Getting much stronger
18	Getting somewhat stronger
32	Staying the same
23	Getting somewhat weaker
17	Getting much weaker
6	Not sure
<1	Refused



FIN-2. How would you describe your personal financial situation? Would you say you are...

%	n=801
11	Getting ahead
49	Staying where you are
30	Struggling to keep up
9	Falling backward
1	Not sure
<1	Refused

FIN-3. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you...

%	n=801
46	Retired and not working
7	Retired and working at least part time
27	Employed full time
8	Employed part time
4	Not employed but looking for work
6	Not employed and not looking for work
1	Not sure
1	Refused

FIN-4. [IF FIN 3=EMPLOYED FULL TIME OR PART TIME OR NOT EMPLOYED BUT LOOKING]  
Overall how confident are you that you will be able to retire at some point? Are you...

%	n=313
19	Extremely confident
20	Very confident
25	Somewhat confident
16	Not too confident
16	Not at all confident
3	Not sure
0	Refused

FIN-5A. In the past year, have you heard someone you know talk about leaving Chicago?

%	n=801
68	Yes
31	No
1	Not sure
<1	Refused

FIN-5B. In the past year, have you personally considered leaving Chicago?

%	n=801
44	Yes
54	No
2	Not sure
<1	Refused

FIN-6. [IF FIN-5B=Yes] Please tell me if any of the following are reasons for moving from Chicago and residing in another city or county? [RANDOMIZE]

n=349	Yes %	No %	Not sure (DO NOT READ) %	Refused (DO NOT READ) %
FIN-6_A. Better job opportunities	43	53	3	0
FIN-6_B. Better weather or climate	54	43	2	1
FIN-6_C. Lower taxes	83	16	2	0
FIN-6_D. A safer community or lower crime rate	80	17	2	<1
FIN-6_E. Better run local government	66	31	3	0
FIN-6_F. Better primary or secondary schools	29	66	4	1
FIN-6_G. Higher education opportunities	27	67	6	1
FIN-6_H. To be with or live closer to other family members	36	62	1	1
FIN-6_I. Lower overall cost of living	87	13	<1	1
FIN-6_J. Is there any other reason? (SPECIFY)	9	89	2	<1

*Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.*

F1. What is the highest level of education that you completed?

%	n=801
1	Grade school
3	Some high school
17	High school graduate
20	Some college, no degree
12	Associate's degree
21	Bachelor's degree
4	Some post graduate work, no degree
16	Master's degree
6	Doctoral or law degree
<1	Not sure or refused

- F2. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

%	n=801
29	Single
4	Unmarried, living with partner
39	Married
2	Separated
13	Widowed
13	Divorced
<1	Other
1	Not sure or refused

- F3. Are you (IF F2=Married, add: “or your spouse”) a member of AARP?

%	n=801
49	Yes
49	No
2	Not sure or refused

- F4. Are you an active or former military member?

%	n=801
14	Yes
86	No
<1	Not sure or refused

- F5. Do you (IF F2=Married, add: “or your spouse”) have a parent or older relative living in your household?

%	n=801
12	Yes
88	No
<1	Not sure or refused

- F6. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

%	n=801
16	Yes
83	No
1	Not sure or refused

F7. What is your race— white, black or African American, Asian, or something else?

%	n=801
48	White
39	Black/ African American
2	Asian
7	Hispanic
1	Other
3	Not sure or refused

F8. Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective?

%	n=801
40	Liberal or progressive
33	Moderate
19	Conservative
8	Not sure or refused

F9. Do you think of yourself as... [ROTATE ORDER]

%	n=801
60	A Democrat
23	An Independent
8	A Republican
5	Or something else
2	Not sure/ nothing
2	Refused

F10. Finally, if you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home in 2017, would the total be...?

%	n=801
21	Less than \$25,000
21	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
15	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
12	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
11	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
7	\$150,000 or more
4	Not sure
10	Refused

- F11. The sponsor of this survey sometimes receives phone calls from reporters who want to interview people for news stories. Would you be willing to speak with a reporter about some of the things addressed in this survey? You may be contacted by the survey sponsor prior to being referred to the reporter. This would not be a sales call.

%	n=801
27	Yes
72	No
1	Not sure
1	Refused

- F12. [IF F11=Yes, ASK] Because you would be willing to speak with a reporter, we may share some limited information about you as background for the interview. This information will be limited to the following: your first name, your telephone number, your gender, the census region in which you live, your age group, and some of the additional responses you gave to this survey. Are you still willing to speak with a reporter?

%	n=213
85	Yes
13	No
1	Not sure
1	Refused

- F13. [IF F12=Yes, ASK] Thank you for indicating your willingness to speak with a reporter. Before a reporter contacts you, the sponsor may contact you first to verify that you are still interested in speaking with a reporter. What phone number would be best for the survey sponsor and/or the reporter to use to reach you? Please provide your area code and phone number.

- F14. Please provide your first name so the client and/or the reporter will know who to ask for.