



## THE HOMELESS SURVEY METHODOLOGY

### **1. Scientific Method Applied To Subject:**

#### **1. Question:**

The homeless population is increasing all over the country. Do have people asked the homeless why they think this is happening? What would they say? And furthermore, do the homeless vote?

#### **2. Background Research:**

The self perception of homeless from studies can be concluded as follows:

**Individual Experiences and Perceptions:** Homeless individuals often cite a combination of personal, economic, and social factors contributing to their situation. Common reasons include job loss, lack of affordable housing, family breakdown, mental health issues, and substance abuse.

**Economic Factors:** Many homeless people point to economic hardships like unemployment, underemployment, low wages, and the high cost of living as primary reasons for their homelessness.

**Health Issues:** Mental health and substance use disorders are frequently mentioned by homeless individuals as major barriers to maintaining stable housing. Physical health issues can also lead to or exacerbate homelessness, particularly when combined with inadequate health care access.

**Social Relationships:** Breakdowns in family relationships, domestic violence, and loss of social support networks are often cited as direct causes leading to homelessness.



**Structural Factors:** Some surveys highlight systemic issues such as the scarcity of affordable housing, inadequate social welfare support, and the impact of gentrification and urban development, which displace low-income families.

**Subjective Understanding:** Homeless individuals' perceptions of their situation can provide unique insights into the complex interplay of various factors that standardized surveys might not fully capture. Personal stories and qualitative data are crucial for understanding the subjective experience of homelessness.

**Sources:**

1. **National Alliance to End Homelessness:** Provides information on the economic factors, health issues, and systemic problems contributing to homelessness.  
Full link: <https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/what-causes-homelessness/>
2. **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):** Discusses the impact of mental health and substance use disorders on homelessness.  
Full link: <https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources>
3. **National Coalition for the Homeless:** Offers insights into the social and economic reasons behind homelessness, including lack of affordable housing and poverty.  
Full link: <https://nationalhomeless.org/about-homelessness/>

### 1. **Hypothesis:**

The researched general consensus shows that the homeless have a similar view to the public as to why they are homeless and from the questions outlined it would appear that the homeless do not want to be homeless. My hypothesis would agree. Furthermore I deposit that the homeless are no longer seeking social cohesion. Do the homeless vote to make change?



## **2. Test The Hypothesis by Conducting the Survey (Experiment)**

Survey currently being conducted.

## **3. Conclusion**

Survey currently being conducted.

## **4. Report Your Results**

Survey currently being conducted

## **5. Replication**

Any organization is welcome to replicate the study, and any replicates would be more than welcome to be cited here at that time.

## **4. Define Target Participants (Subgroups):**

Age of Consent Target Participants:

- **Primary Focus:** All homeless people on the streets who do not appear too violent to engage with.

## **5. Sampling Criteria:**

- **Geographic Diversity:** We aim to stop in a variety of locations that differ socioeconomically and culturally within each state to capture a wide range of perspectives.
- **Demographic Representation:** Within each location, we specifically seek out respondents who represent different demographics, particularly focusing on ensuring a balanced representation of target participants.

## **6. Approach Strategy:**



- When we stop in public areas, we actively look for and approach target participants who appear to be willing to engage in a brief discussion. This could be indicated by those who are not in a hurry or those already engaged in leisure activities in public spaces.
- We use a friendly and non-intrusive approach to explain your research purpose briefly and ask if they would be willing to answer a quick question about your topic.

## **7. Data Collection Consistency:**

- We use a standard set of questions that are straightforward and respectful, ensuring that the same questions are posed to all participants to maintain consistency across the data.
- We document responses immediately and systematically to ensure accuracy and reliability in data collection.

## **8. Ethical Considerations:**

- We ensure that all participants are approached respectfully and are fully informed about the purpose of the survey and how their data will be used. Respect participants' right to decline and thank them for their time regardless of their willingness to participate.

## **9. Adjustments Based on Feedback:**

- Prepared to make adjustments to your approach based on the responses and interactions you have early in the survey process. If a particular approach does not seem to be effective or well-received, adapt your strategy to be more engaging or less intrusive.



## **THE HOMELESS SURVEY QUESTIONS**

### Introduction:

1. Sexual Orientation:
  - A. Male
  - B. Female
  - C. Non-Traditional
  
2. Parental Status
  - A. Parent
  - B. Non Parent
  
3. Age of Participant:
  - A. < 18
  - B. 18 - 30
  - C. 30 - 40
  - D. 50 - 65
  - E. 60 +
  
4. Voter Intention Status
  - A. Definite-Voter
  - B. Potential-Voter
  - C. Non-Voter
  
5. Voter Identity
  - A. Republican
  - B. Democrat
  - C. Independent
  
6. Race
  - A. White
  - B. Arabic
  - C. Jewish
  - D. Black



- E. Hispanic
- F. Asian

- 7. Country
  - A. US
  - B. Canada

- 6. State / Province
  - Answer Options

- 1. Alabama
- 2. Alaska
- 3. Arizona
- 4. Arkansas
- 5. California
- 6. Colorado
- 7. Connecticut
- 8. Delaware
- 9. Florida
- 10. Georgia
- 11. Hawaii
- 12. Idaho
- 13. Illinois
- 14. Indiana
- 15. Iowa
- 16. Kansas
- 17. Kentucky
- 18. Louisiana
- 19. Maine
- 20. Maryland
- 21. Massachusetts
- 22. Michigan
- 23. Minnesota
- 24. Mississippi
- 25. Missouri



26. Montana
27. Nebraska
28. Nevada
29. New Hampshire
30. New Jersey
31. New Mexico
32. New York
33. North Carolina
34. North Dakota
35. Ohio
36. Oklahoma
37. Oregon
38. Pennsylvania
39. Rhode Island
40. South Carolina
41. South Dakota
42. Tennessee
43. Texas
44. Utah
45. Vermont
46. Virginia
47. Washington
48. West Virginia
49. Wisconsin
50. Wyoming

7. Religion

Answer Options

- A. Christian
- B. Jewish
- C. Muslim
- D. Hindu
- E. Other
- F. Prefer Not to Answer



8. If religious, do you attend church services?

Answer Option

A. Yes

B. No

9. Do you plan on voting in the election?

Answer Options:

A. Yes

B. No