San Diego County Issues Barometer June 2022 Poll
HOMELESSNESS
n=505 San Diego County Residents
Margin of Sampling Error +/- 4.3%
June 2-7, 2022
Weighted on turnout, party, ethnicity, gender, region, age

Hello is _____ there? Hi this is _____ with Competitive Edge Research, a national polling firm and we're calling the good folks of San Diego to ask your opinion on local issues. We are not selling anything. Most people find it interesting, and all your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Please let me begin by asking…

Q1.   To help us better understand what's important in different areas of San Diego County, what is your ZIP code?

	%
North City	24.3
Central	20.2
East Suburban	15.2
North County East	14.2
North County West	13.2
South Suburban	12.1
East County	0.8

Q2.   And in what year were you born?

	%
18-24	10.4
25-34	21.5
35-44	16.4
45-54	16.3
55-64	15.3
65-74	11.7
75+	8.3
Average	**47.4**

Q3.   Do you think things in San Diego County are moving in the right direction or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	%
Right direction, strongly	5.9
Right direction, somewhat	29.6
Wrong track, somewhat	17.4
Wrong track, strongly	28.8
Mixed *(Not read)*	3.2
Unsure *(Not read)*	14.2
Refused *(Not read)*	1.0

Q4.   What is the most important issue facing people in San Diego County?

	%
Homelessness	22.1
Housing affordability	18.2
Gasoline prices	9.3
Cost of living	8.9
Inflation	6.4
Housing availability	3.5
Illegal immigration	3.1
Schools and child welfare	3.1
Economy and jobs	2.9
Crime and safety	2.6
Environment and climate change	2.2
Bad political leadership	2.0
Overdevelopment/Overpopulation	1.7
Water scarcity	1.5
Taxes	1.4
Traffic	1.4
Other	4.4
Nothing/Don't know	5.4

Homelessness

Q10.   In San Diego County, how often do you see at least one person who is homeless? *(Answer choices were alternated)*

	%
Nearly everyday	64.9
Most days	13.8
Once or twice a week	14.4
Once or twice a month	3.3
Rarely	1.6
Never	0.5
Unsure *(Not read)*	1.5

Q11.   In your neighborhood, how often do you see at least one person who is homeless?

	%
Nearly everyday	37.5
Most days	15.0
Once or twice a week	12.2
Once or twice a month	4.8
Rarely	17.0
Never	12.4
Unsure *(Not read)*	1.1

Q12.   What do you think is the leading cause of homelessness? *(Answer choices were not read)*

	%
Mental health issues	22.5
Housing is too expensive	22.0
Drugs/Alcohol/Addiction	14.1
Loss of job	3.7
Political leadership	2.9
Laziness/Personal choice	2.9
Cost of living	2.2
Government policies	2.0
Multiple *(Not read)*	10.9
Other *(Not read)*	14.8
Refused/Don't know *(Not read)*	1.9

Q13.   There a lot of entities attempting to reduce homelessness and get people off the street. Please tell me which of the following is doing the best job in this regard… *(Answer choices were randomized)*

	%
Non-profits	22.3
Faith-based organizations	11.2
State government	6.4
County government	4.1
City government	3.9
Federal government	0.5
None are doing a good job	37.2
Unsure *(Not read)*	14.5

Q14.   Compared to last year, do you think there is less homelessness or more homelessness in your part of San Diego County or has it stayed about the same?

	%
Less, much	3.1
Less, a little	1.1
Stayed about the same	24.3
More, a little	25.1
More, much	42.0
Unsure *(Not read)*	4.4

Thanks. Now I have some demographic questions to ensure we have a representative sample...

Q20.   Is your ethnic heritage mainly

	%
White or Caucasian	50.0
Hispanic or Latino	28.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	11.0
Black or African American	4.0
Native American	1.0
Mixed	6.0

Thanks for your time and your opinion counts, goodbye.

21.   SEX

	%
Female	50.0
Male	50.0

22.   LANGAUGE

	%
English	97.0
Spanish	3.0

23.   REGISTERED VOTER

	%
Yes	82.2
No	17.8