



Michigan's Campaign to End  
**HOMELESSNESS**

## Results of Statewide Poll on Homelessness

In June 2010, the Lansing-based polling firm EPIC/MRA conducted a statewide survey of 600 likely voters. The survey included questions developed by Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness. The results of the survey are summarized below.

**35.<sup>1</sup> I believe that homelessness and the risk of homelessness is a serious problem in my community. Using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree, what number best describes how much you agree or disagree with this statement?**

21% Strongly Disagree ----- **33% TOTAL DISAGREE**  
12% Somewhat Disagree  
20% Neutral  
14% Somewhat Agree ----- **47% TOTAL AGREE**  
33% Strongly Agree

MEAN: 3.262

**36. In the last six months, the number of homeless people in my community has:**

44% Increased  
41% Not changed  
2% Decreased  
13% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

**37. In the last six months, has someone you know become homeless?**

16% Yes  
84% No

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<sup>1</sup> The numbering starts at 35 because these questions were one section of a larger survey.

**38. People who are homeless have chosen that as a lifestyle. Using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree, what number best describes how much you agree or disagree with this statement?**

54% Strongly Disagree ----- **71% TOTAL DISAGREE**  
17% Somewhat Disagree  
16% Neutral  
7% Somewhat Agree ----- **13% TOTAL AGREE**  
6% Strongly Agree

MEAN: 1.943

**39. Regardless of the economy, being homeless or at risk of becoming homeless could happen to anyone. Using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means you strongly disagree and 5 means you strongly agree, what number best describes how much you agree or disagree with this statement?**

7% Strongly Disagree ----- **15% TOTAL DISAGREE**  
8% Somewhat Disagree  
14% Neutral  
20% Somewhat Agree ----- **71% TOTAL AGREE**  
51% Strongly Agree

MEAN: 4.010

**40. Do you believe your community's actions in response to homelessness and the risk of homelessness are:**

3% Too much  
46% Just right  
40% Not enough  
11% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

**41. Are you currently worried that you or your family might be at risk of becoming homeless?**

11% Yes  
88% No  
1% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

**42. Michigan has about 10 million residents. If you had to guess, how many Michigan residents would you say are *currently* homeless?**

MEAN: 455,294.483

0 through 99,999	30%
100,000	10%
100,001 through 500,000	32%
500,001 and over	28%

**Now I am going to read a list of the top state problems or issues people say they are concerned about the most. After I read the whole list, please tell me which one problem or issue you are personally concerned about the most.**

- 60% Improving Michigan’s economy and providing jobs
- 8% Addressing the state budget crisis
- 8% Improving education funding
- 6% Keeping a lid on state taxes
- 6% Making quality health care affordable and accessible
- 4% Controlling crime and drugs
- 3% Controlling illegal immigration
- 3% Promoting morality and family values
- 1% Improving state and local roads and bridges
- 1% Undecided/Don’t know/Refused

***The Campaign to End Homelessness: A Declaration***

*Homelessness ends with a place to live. Michigan’s Campaign to End Homelessness is driven by public and private groups across the state, working together toward a single goal: making stable, sustainable, and affordable housing available to every person in Michigan. This goal guides our more than 60 dedicated and coordinated partner organizations. Together, we know that:*

- We must plan together, focusing all of our energies on the single goal of permanent, affordable housing for every individual and family in Michigan.*
- We must understand that homelessness is a risk that we all share – people of all means, of all backgrounds, of all abilities, in all regions.*
- We must be willing to speak in one voice, throughout our communities, for the need for supportive housing and systems-based solutions to make housing for all an accessible reality.*

*Because only through our united efforts can homelessness be eradicated in Michigan.*