

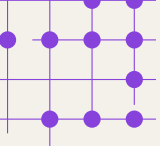
CANDIDATE SURVEY ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS 2026



Kansas Statewide
Homeless Coalition



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Survey Overview

The Why

In 2024, Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition's Lived Experience Advisory Board developed a survey for candidates running for state and federal office to voice their opinions on housing and homelessness needs. That survey informed the legislative and policy work for the next two years.

Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition chose to update the existing 2024 survey to reflect the landscape of the 2026 midterm elections.

Non-Partisan Disclosure

The Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition (KSHC) invited candidates for public office to complete a survey about housing and homelessness. Responses appear as each candidate submitted them. KSHC does not support or oppose any candidate or political party, and publishing these responses is not an endorsement. Only candidates who completed the survey are shown. A candidate's absence from this page does not indicate their views.

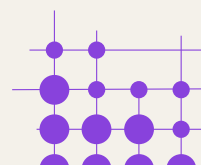
60 total responses

7 Republicans

53 Democrats

15 Incumbents

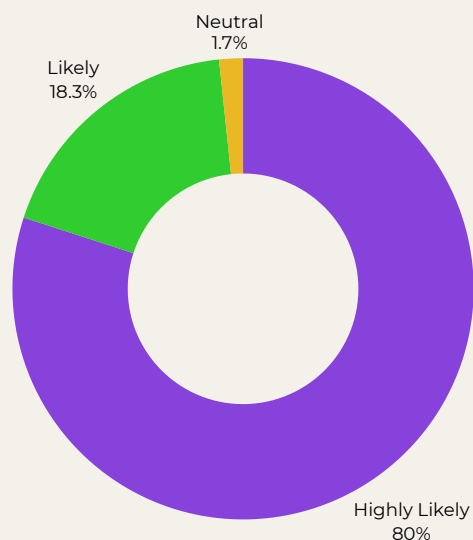
45 Non-Incumbents



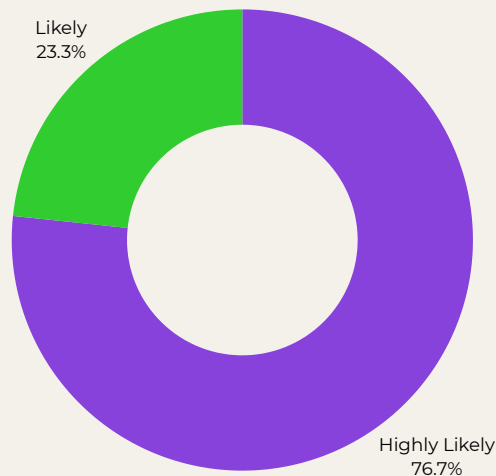
Housing Supply

A housing crisis cannot be solved without housing supply. Increasing housing supply is a key policy priority of the Kansas Housing Advocacy Network.

How likely are you to support policies that expand housing supply across Kansas (urban, suburban, and rural)?



How likely are you to support state level policies that help preserve existing housing and maintain long-term housing affordability (e.g., community land trusts, attainable housing tax credits, housing repair programs, efficiency improvements, or other approaches)?



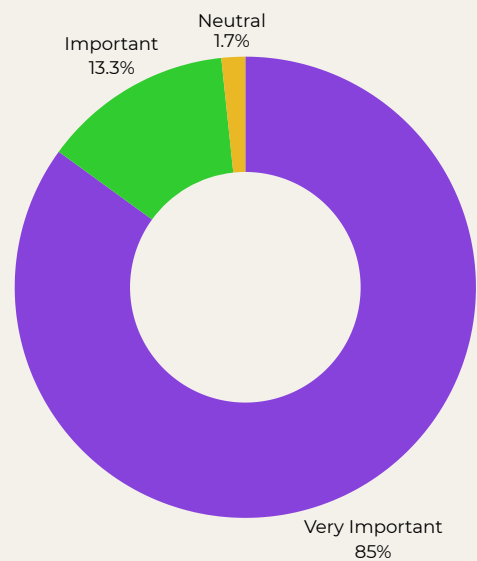
"I am highly likely to support these policies because keeping people in their existing homes is one of the most cost-effective ways to maintain neighborhood stability."

-Eli Woody, District 31

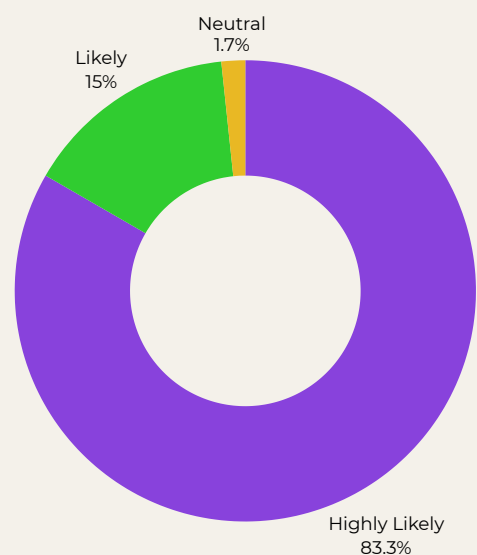
Housing Stability

Having enough housing does not matter if Kansans are able to afford and maintain it. Increasing housing stability is a key policy priority of the Kansas Housing Advocacy Network.

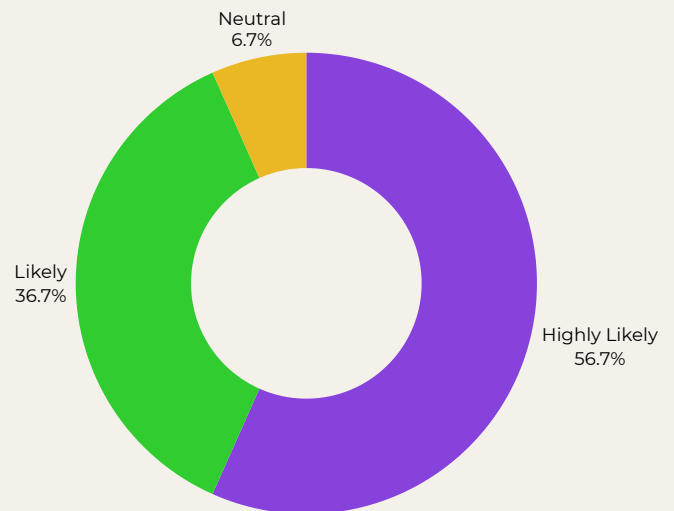
Kansas is experiencing an increase in residential housing owned by corporate and out-of-state investors. The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice have brought lawsuits addressing the practices of rent-fixing and hidden fees in rental housing. Across the state, localities are faced with residential rental housing that is not being maintained. How important is it to ensure transparency in property ownership and accountability for property managers and landlords?



How likely are you to support policies that improve clarity and predictability in rental housing costs like clear, upfront disclosure of rental fees and reasonable limits on late fees?



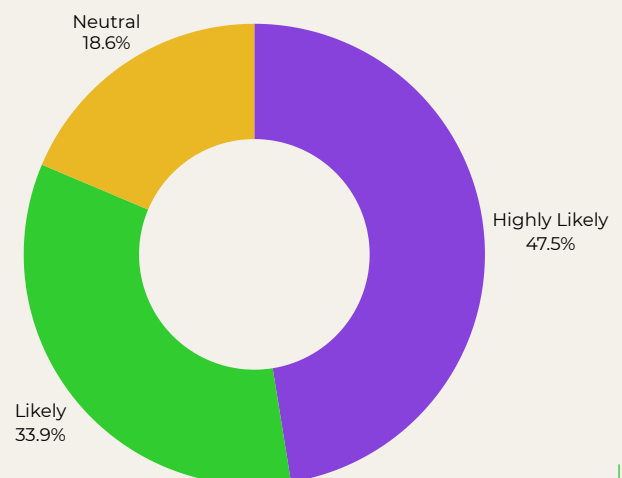
How likely are you to support ensuring a baseline property maintenance standard for rental housing in communities that do not currently have one?

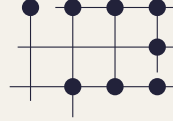


“Every Kansan deserves safe and habitable housing. I support a reasonable statewide baseline property maintenance standard to protect health and safety while preserving local flexibility and avoiding unnecessary burdens on responsible landlords.”

-Sarah Kiewiet, District 27

Renters in Kansas have experienced significant rent increases in recent years. How likely are you to support policies that allow flexibility in what is considered income and how rent is paid, if rent is paid on time?

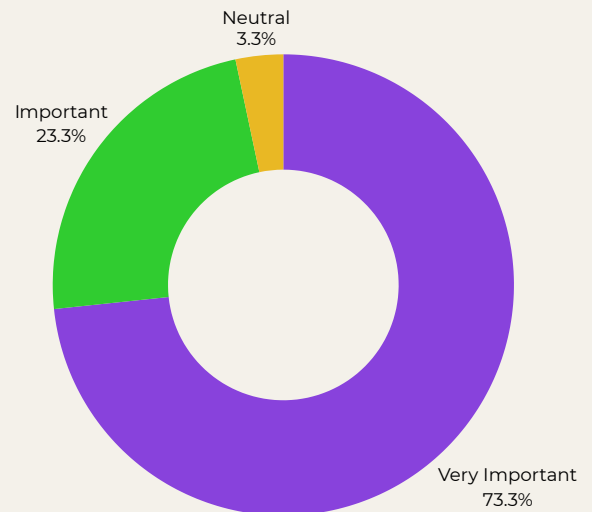




Homelessness

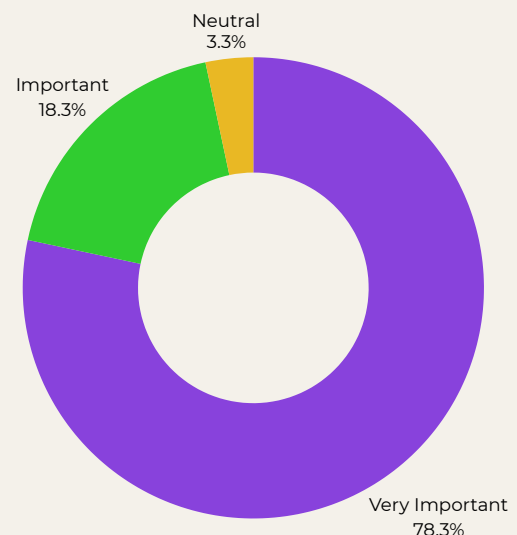
When Kansans do fall into homelessness, services need to be available to assist them. Decreasing homelessness is a key policy priority of the Kansas Housing Advocacy Network.

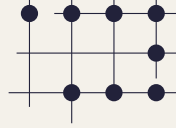
How important is it to support a range of housing options, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and long-term supportive housing?



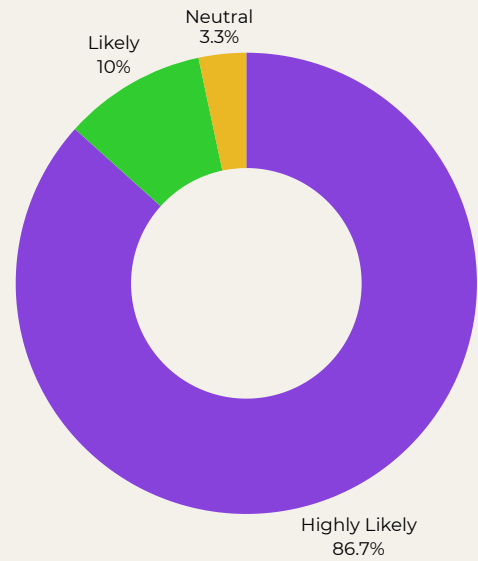
"A full continuum of housing options, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and long-term supportive housing is essential to meet different needs and help individuals move toward stable, independent living."
-Angela Stiens, District 39

How important is it to pair housing with services that support long term stability?

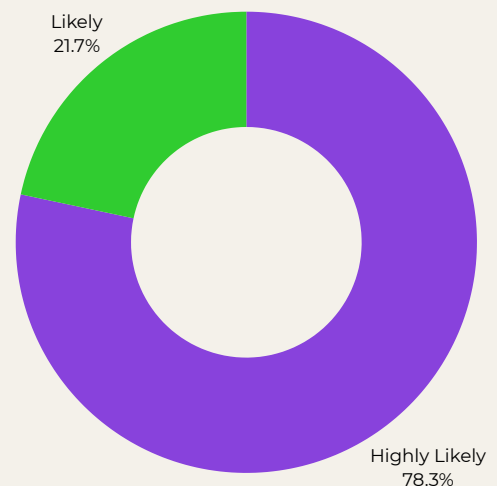




How likely are you to support improving access to mental health and substance use treatment services as part of housing stability efforts?



Identification is often a barrier to employment and housing. How likely are you to support improving access to state-issued identification for individuals who face barriers obtaining it, like the new Kansas statute that allows veterans to obtain an I.D. when experiencing homelessness?



“Identification is essential for employment, housing, healthcare, and insurance access. Policies like the new Kansas statute for veterans experiencing homelessness demonstrate how targeted solutions remove barriers and improve stability”

-Dinah Sykes, Insurance Commissioner

