TOPLINE DATA

SAMPLE:	407 adults in King County 419 adults in Seattle.
SAMPLE FRAME:	Registered Voter Households
MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR:	±5% at the 95% level of confidence For both King County & Seattle Samples
DATA COLLECTION:	Telephone Survey with Live Interviewers 49% via cell phone
FIELD DATES:	December 15-18, 2018
AREA:	King Co = 407 "Suburban"= 261 Seattle = 416

- The questions are presented here as they were asked in the interview

- The figures in bold type are percentages of respondents who gave each answer.

- The results are presented in 3 segments: "County" = All King County
  "Suburb" = County Outside Seattle
  "Seattle" = Seattle Residents

- Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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1. The first issue I want to talk about is homelessness. In your community is homeless …

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
A significant problem	58	51	73
A moderate problem	21	22	20
A minor problem	19	26	7
DK/NA	1	1	0

2. There are a number of reasons why someone might be homeless. As you see it, what is the most common reason people are homeless? [DATA AT END – P.9]

3. Which of these do you think is the <u>most significant reason </u>for the homelessness problem in Seattle?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
More tolerant attitudes and more lax law enforcement than other places	14	16	13
Too many services that attract people here	12	12	10
Not enough services for people with mental illness or chemical dependency	30	26	34
High cost of living, including housing	32	33	32
Poor coordination among local governments	8	9	8
DK/NA	4	5	3

4.   Do you think it is possible to solve homelessness? Would you say …

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
It is possible to solve it almost entirely	24	21	28
It is possible to solve the worst of it, but not all of it	59	59	62
It is not possible to solve	14	16	9
DK/NA	3	4	1

5.   In your opinion, which should have the higher priority:

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
Dealing with the root causes of homelessness	65	68	61
Getting people off the street.	31	29	34
DK/NA	3	3	5

6.   I am going to read a list of groups involved to some degree or another in the issue of homelessness. As I read each one, tell me whether that group should be doing Much More, A Little More or is already Doing Enough to address the problem here. The first one is:

ROTATE		MUCH	LITTLE	ENOUGH	DK
A Federal Government	COUNTY	53	22	20	5
	SUBURB	50	20	24	6
	SEATTLE	58	23	12	7
B State Government	COUNTY	55	23	15	7
	SUBURB	55	21	17	7
	SEATTLE	58	24	11	7
C County government	COUNTY	52	25	16	7
	SUBURB	50	24	19	8
	SEATTLE	57	24	11	8
D City government	COUNTY	55	23	16	6
	SUBURB	53	23	17	7
	SEATTLE	61	22	14	3
E Charities, Churches, and Community Organizations	COUNTY	19	26	52	2
	SUBURB	20	25	53	2
	SEATTLE	17	29	51	2
F Business community	COUNTY	35	32	27	5
	SUBURB	34	31	28	7
	SEATTLE	39	33	23	5
G People who are homeless themselves	COUNTY	43	31	19	7
	SUBURB	46	33	15	6
	SEATTLE	35	28	25	12

7. I am going to read some strategies that have been suggested or tried in other places. For each one, tell me whether you Approve or Strongly Approve or Disapprove or Strongly Disapprove of that approach. The first one is

ROTATE		STGAPP	APP	DIS	STGDIS	DK
A A zero tolerance policy to prohibit camping in parks and public places	COUNTY	34	21	26	15	4
	SUBURB	37	20	23	15	5
	SEATTLE	32	21	24	19	3
B More affordable housing	COUNTY	56	25	11	6	2
	SUBURB	56	24	11	6	3
	SEATTLE	60	28	7	4	1
C Require people who are homeless to prove they are from this area before they can get shelter	COUNTY	19	19	28	30	4
	SUBURB	21	21	28	26	5
	SEATTLE	17	16	29	33	4
D Build more shelter beds and tiny houses	COUNTY	32	39	14	11	4
	SUBURB	31	38	15	10	5
	SEATTLE	31	45	14	8	3
E Provide better access to mental health and drug treatment	COUNTY	72	22	2	0	3
	SUBURB	71	23	2	1	3
	SEATTLE	75	20	3	0	1
F Divert people from shelters in the first place with one-time financial assistance, such as money for a rental deposit	COUNTY	16	35	23	20	6
	SUBURB	14	33	27	19	6
	SEATTLE	18	40	18	17	7

8. It is estimated that the combined spending for homeless programs last year in King County was more than $195 million dollars. In your opinion, which of the following is the main reason that the problem does not seem to be getting better, despite the attention and resources being devoted to it?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
Homeless is a difficult and complex problem	31	28	36
Too many resources are spent on the wrong approaches to the problem	23	22	34
Local government is wastes money by being inefficient	19	21	15
Local government is not accountable for how the money is spent	15	17	13
We're not spending enough to really solve the problem	7	6	7
DK/NA	5	6	5

9. Currently Seattle pays 85% of the cost of shelter beds in King County. Which of the following statements comes closest to your thinking about that?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
That seems right, since most of the problem is in Seattle	31	32	29
There should be a more regional approach to funding homelessness programs	60	58	65
DK/NA	8	10	6

10. IF INSIDE SEATTLE: Do you trust the Seattle City Council and Mayor to solve this problem?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
Yes			24
No			68
DK/NA			7

    10.1. IF OUTSIDE SEATTLE: Do you trust the King County Council and County Executive to solve this problem?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
Yes	24	24	
No	70	70	
DK/NA	6	6	

11. Do you personally know anyone who is now, or has been homeless?
IF YES: Is that a family member, acquaintance or perhaps yourself?

MULTIPLE ANSWERS ALLOWED	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
Yes, Self	5	6	4
Yes, Family member	14	16	14
Yes, Acquaintance	48	46	47
No	40	41	43

12. I have just a few last questions for our statistical analysis. How old are you?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
18-35	12	11	13
36-50	24	22	27
51-34	37	38	34
65+	26	26	24
[NO ANS]	2	2	2

13. Do you own or rent the place in which you live?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
Own	75	78	73
Rent	21	19	23
DK/NA	3	3	4

14. Finally, I am going to list four broad categories. Just stop me when I get to the category that best describes your approximate household income - before taxes - for this year.

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
$50,000 or less	18	19	19
$50 to 74,000	14	14	15
$75 to 99,000	16	15	13
$100,000 or more	38	38	39
NA	15	14	15

15. What is your gender?

	COUNTY	"SUBURB"	SEATTLE
MALE	49	49	47
FEMALE	51	51	53

16. As I said earlier, this survey is sponsored by The Seattle Times. A reporter from the Times may wish to call some people back who participated in this survey to talk about these issues in more detail. Would it be all right with you if a reporter called you?

59% Agreed (n=400)

17. COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11%	14%	12%	12%	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%

18. SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14%	13%	13%	15%	15%	17%	14%

There are a number of reasons why someone might be homeless. As you see it, what is the most common reason people are homeless?

	COUNTY	SUBURB	SEATTLE
ADDICTION	**31%**	**30%**	**32%**
Drugs	28	27	27
Addictions	4	3	6
Alcohol	2	2	1
MENTAL ILLNESS	**26%**	**24%**	**30%**
CHOICES	**9%**	**14%**	**7%**
Won't work	3	3	1
Their Choice	6	6	4
Wont Help selves	1	1	1
Poor Choices	1	2	1
Lack of Education	2	2	1
ECONOMICS	**44%**	**40%**	**51%**
Cant Afford Rent	11	11	12
Jobless	11	10	14
Housing Prices	13	10	17
Economics	4	2	5
Low Wages	1	1	2
Cost of Living	9	11	8
OTHER	**13%**	**17%**	**12%**
Family Problems	1	1	3
Too Many Programs	3	3	2
Lack of Services	4	6	1
Too Many Issues	1	*	1
Misc.	5	7	4
NO ANSWER	**3%**	**2%**	**2%**