



# ILLINOIS STATEWIDE SURVEY: KEY FINDINGS



## VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM

Adults in Illinois believe mental health conditions are a serious public health problem in the state. A majority believe mental health conditions are a “very serious” public health problem.

## MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR MAKING RADICAL OR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

There is a majority of support for making “radical” or “significant” changes to how mental health conditions are handled in Illinois. There is bi-partisan agreement that at least some change needs to be made.



## NEGATIVE STIGMA

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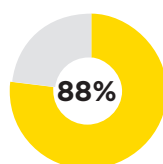
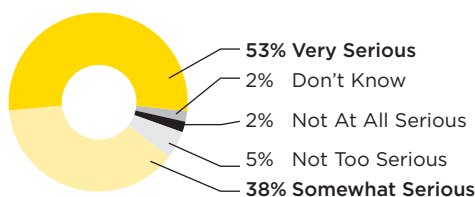
## IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE

Ensuring access to care, to community support services and resources, and improving the quality of care for people with mental health conditions are viewed as very important priorities for mental health in Illinois.

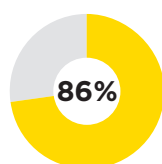
Nine out of ten Illinois adults **believe that mental health conditions are a serious public health problem** in the state today.

Illinoisians of all political parties **believe that mental health is a serious public health problem.**

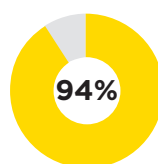
Mental health conditions are seen as a **serious public health problem** across the state.



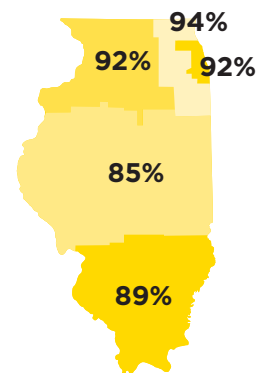
REPUBLICANS



INDEPENDENTS



DEMOCRATS

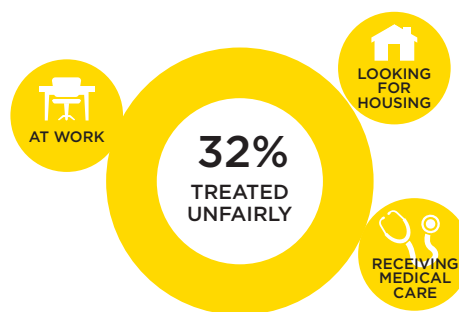


Three out of ten Illinois adults report being affected by mental health conditions, either themselves or someone in their household.

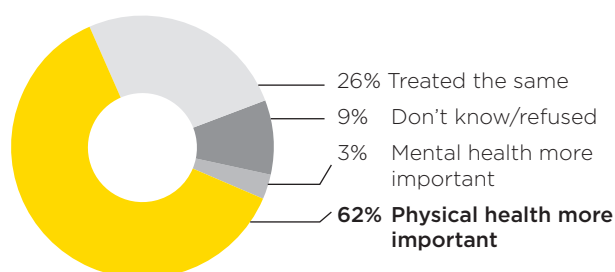
AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION



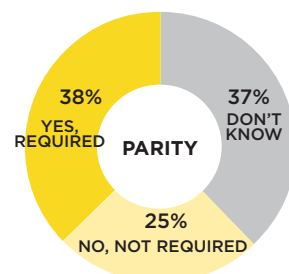
Of the 15% of adults who reported having a mental health condition themselves, **roughly 1/3 believe that they have been treated unfairly because of their condition.**



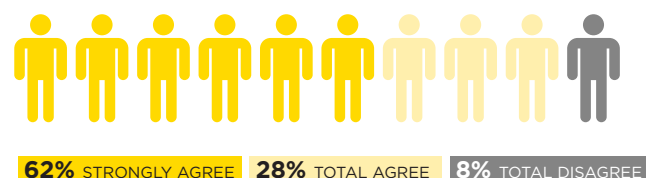
A majority of Illinois adults **believe that physical health is treated with greater importance than mental health** in the current health care system.



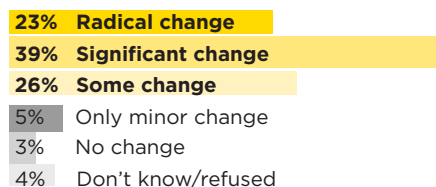
There is **confusion** over whether or not current law provides **parity of coverage for mental health benefits.**



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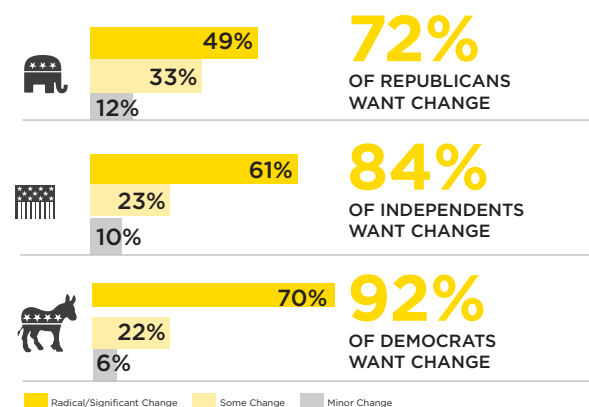


There is **overwhelming support for making changes to the way we are handling mental health conditions** in Illinois today.



Survey respondents were presented with six possible goals for mental health in Illinois. **All six of the goals tested are viewed by a majority of Illinois adults as being very important.**

There is **agreement across parties about the need to change the way** we are handling mental health conditions in Illinois.



<b>ACCESS TO CARE</b> Make sure people with mental health conditions have access to the care they need regardless of where they live, their ethnicity, income or background <b>78%</b>	<b>ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT</b> Make sure people with mental health conditions have access to community support and services <b>73%</b>	<b>INCREASE STATE FUNDING</b> Increase state funding for mental health support services and resources <b>58%</b>
<b>IMPROVE QUALITY OF CARE</b> Improve the quality of care for people with mental health conditions <b>70%</b>	<b>FIND NEW WAYS TO TREAT MENTAL HEALTH</b> Conduct research to find new ways to treat mental health conditions <b>64%</b>	<b>DECREASE NEGATIVE STIGMA</b> Decrease the negative stigma associated with mental health conditions <b>56%</b>