

64% walk the sidewalks of downtown every day and 88% at least several times per week

73% are concerned about their safety walking downtown at night and take precautions Only 19% always feel safe at night and 8% avoid going out altogether for safety reasons

62% feel that transient and panhandling issues are worse in Austin than most downtowns in other cities they've visited 10% feel that Austin is better than most and 28% feel Austin is about the same

72% have experienced aggressive or threatening encounters with panhandlers/transients that caused concern for their personal safety

61% experience panhandling or other uncomfortable encounters with panhandlers or transients either often (36%) or very often (25% daily)

84% agree with Chief Acevedo that social services should be moved from downtown

17% have done volunteer work with homeless in downtown

69% have never or have rarely been solicited by non-profit organizations for volunteer opportunities with downtown homeless

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