



## Survey: Most MT Voters Concerned about Negative Short-Term Rental Impact

Large majorities of Montana residents are concerned about the negative impact of short-term rentals in their communities, according to a new survey conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of the Alliance for Stronger Communities.

**71% of Montana voters believe it is important for local officials to actively monitor short-term rental properties to deter criminal activity in residential areas.**

**53%** of Montana voters agree that the presence of short-term rental properties in residential communities is harmful to a neighborhood's sense of community.

**58% of Montana voters agree that the presence of commercial short-term rental properties in residential communities raises concerns about neighborhood safety.**

Among the top concerns about short-term rental properties...

- ⇒ **62%** of voters are concerned about noise disturbances.
- ⇒ **54%** of voters are concerned about party houses.
- ⇒ **51%** of voters are concerned about parking issues.

**83% agree that lawmakers should prioritize the interests of homeowners and renters in residential areas above those of out-of-state commercial investors.**

**50%** agree that the presence of short-term rental properties in residential communities would deter them from buying or renting in a certain neighborhood.

**76% think that active oversight is important to ensure short-term rental owners and companies pay their fair share of taxes.**

**79%** of Montana voters support preserving local control of short-term rentals.

**67%** of voters agree that residential areas should be inhabited by people who intend to live there for more than a few days.

***Morning Consult Survey Methodology:** This poll was conducted between March 11-21, 2023, among a sample of 239 registered voters from Montana. Interviews were conducted online and weighted to approximate a sample of Montana RVs based on age, gender, education, and 2020 presidential vote choice. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 6 percentage points.*