

# YouGov / The Prison Reform Trust Survey Results

Sample Size: 2089 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 5th - 6th September 2010

	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Generally speaking, what do you believe is the youngest age at which someone who has committed a crime should be imprisoned?

Less than 10 years old	13	15	12	8	14	12	10	13	15	12	12	15	14	14	13	12	12
Between 10 and 11	17	19	16	13	16	19	8	17	19	18	15	20	15	15	17	21	16
Between 12 and 13	18	19	17	22	21	16	22	17	17	19	20	16	22	17	17	17	21
Between 14 and 15 years old	20	21	20	22	21	20	24	21	19	20	21	20	20	21	22	20	15
Between 16 and 17 years old	17	16	19	21	15	18	15	19	15	18	19	14	14	17	18	16	19
Between 18 and 21 years old	6	5	7	8	6	7	7	5	6	8	7	5	7	7	5	6	6
Older than 21	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2
Don't know	7	5	8	4	7	8	13	8	8	4	6	10	6	8	7	6	10

What do you believe is the youngest age at which someone who has committed a non-violent crime should be imprisoned?

Less than 10 years old	6	7	8	3	8	4	4	6	6	7	5	8	8	6	7	6	4
Between 10 and 11	10	11	8	6	10	9	6	10	12	9	8	12	11	10	9	10	8
Between 12 and 13	13	15	11	9	15	11	11	12	14	14	13	13	8	12	10	19	17
Between 14 and 15 years old	19	20	19	18	18	21	25	18	19	18	18	21	24	20	21	17	11
Between 16 and 17 years old	23	22	23	31	23	23	22	27	23	20	25	21	20	20	29	23	23
Between 18 and 21 years old	15	16	16	22	15	16	14	15	14	18	18	12	14	17	12	15	21
Older than 21	3	2	4	4	2	4	2	1	3	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	4
Not applicable, I do not believe anyone should be imprisoned for a non-violent crime	3	2	4	4	3	4	2	3	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	2	3
Don't know	7	6	7	3	7	8	13	8	7	5	6	9	8	8	5	6	8

What should be the youngest age at which someone can be prosecuted for a crime in court?

Less than 10 years old	22	28	19	14	25	19	11	23	23	25	20	25	18	21	26	23	19
Between 10 and 11	24	25	24	22	23	24	15	21	26	27	23	25	23	21	24	28	22
Between 12 and 13	22	23	24	22	22	22	20	18	24	24	25	18	21	25	17	22	24
Between 14 and 15 years old	15	13	13	24	14	15	23	16	14	11	15	14	18	16	13	13	16
Between 16 and 17 years old	8	5	9	12	7	10	9	13	6	8	9	8	8	8	10	7	9
Between 18 and 21 years old	3	1	4	3	2	3	7	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2
Older than 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	6	3	5	4	6	7	16	7	6	2	5	8	8	6	6	5	9

Weighted Sample  
Unweighted Sample

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Thinking now about someone who has committed a crime and is under 18 years old...

How effective, if at all, do you think each of the following would be at preventing further crime?

**Better supervision by parents**

Very effective	52	59	50	46	51	53	35	51	50	64	53	51	53	50	50	56	56
Somewhat effective	30	26	34	37	31	30	39	31	32	23	30	30	31	32	29	30	28
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>
Not very effective	9	9	8	9	8	10	10	9	10	7	9	8	7	11	11	7	8
Not at all effective	5	4	6	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	9	3	3
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	3	2	2	2	4	3	12	4	2	1	2	5	5	3	2	4	6

**Supervised unpaid community work**

Very effective	23	23	25	23	19	28	24	22	23	25	21	27	26	25	20	27	11
Somewhat effective	42	45	43	47	42	42	36	50	40	41	47	36	37	43	42	40	55
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>
Not very effective	23	22	22	22	25	20	22	21	25	22	22	24	24	22	25	23	19
Not at all effective	8	8	8	4	9	6	4	3	10	10	7	8	7	7	11	6	8
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>
Don't know	4	3	2	4	4	3	13	4	3	1	3	5	5	4	2	4	6

**A prison sentence**

Very effective	29	31	29	24	30	28	28	29	30	29	24	36	25	29	29	35	20
Somewhat effective	39	43	38	35	38	41	35	40	40	40	41	37	40	37	42	39	41
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>61</b>
Not very effective	22	20	24	32	22	22	18	22	21	24	25	18	24	24	22	17	26
Not at all effective	5	3	7	7	6	5	6	4	6	6	7	4	6	7	6	3	6
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>
Don't know	4	3	2	3	4	5	13	5	3	2	4	6	7	4	2	6	7

**Treatment to tackle binge drinking**

Very effective	33	32	36	33	27	39	29	27	35	39	30	37	33	33	33	35	29
Somewhat effective	41	40	41	47	41	40	38	43	41	39	45	34	40	41	41	39	43
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>
Not very effective	17	20	14	14	20	14	15	21	15	16	16	18	14	17	18	16	14
Not at all effective	5	5	6	2	7	3	4	5	7	4	5	5	7	4	6	5	5
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>
Don't know	5	3	4	4	5	4	14	5	3	3	4	6	6	4	3	6	8

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**Treatment to tackle drug addiction**

Very effective	38	38	41	42	33	44	27	32	41	45	36	42	37	38	39	41	34
Somewhat effective	39	38	39	43	41	38	44	43	38	35	45	32	39	41	39	37	41
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>
Not very effective	13	15	12	9	15	12	11	17	11	14	12	15	12	13	15	13	13
Not at all effective	5	5	6	2	7	3	4	4	6	4	4	6	6	5	5	4	6
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
Don't know	4	3	3	4	5	4	13	4	3	2	3	6	6	4	2	6	6

**Better mental healthcare**

Very effective	33	28	37	38	27	39	30	30	36	35	31	37	37	34	31	34	31
Somewhat effective	40	44	39	46	41	40	42	43	39	39	45	35	39	39	44	38	48
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>
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Not at all effective	4	5	4	1	5	3	1	3	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Don't know	7	5	6	5	7	7	15	7	6	6	6	9	9	7	6	7	8