

1. Prison Living Condition

In your opinion, are living conditions for people serving sentences in US prisons too easy, about right, or too harsh?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Living conditions are too easy	38%	36%	40%	28%	39%	45%	38%	26%	35%	60%
Living conditions are about right	27%	29%	25%	28%	26%	22%	36%	30%	26%	24%
Living conditions are too harsh	13%	17%	10%	23%	12%	11%	7%	19%	14%	5%
Not sure	22%	19%	25%	22%	23%	22%	20%	25%	25%	11%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (479)	100% (520)	100% (165)	100% (276)	100% (383)	100% (175)	100% (342)	100% (410)	100% (247)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Living conditions are too easy	38%	43%	21%	29%	35%	46%	43%	43%	35%	38%	39%
Living conditions are about right	27%	25%	31%	35%	29%	20%	31%	28%	29%	27%	23%
Living conditions are too harsh	13%	12%	19%	16%	15%	12%	13%	13%	14%	13%	14%
Not sure	22%	21%	30%	20%	21%	22%	13%	15%	23%	23%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (765)	100% (108)	100% (126)	100% (364)	100% (295)	100% (196)	100% (139)	100% (216)	100% (399)	100% (245)

2. Number Imprison

Does the United States imprison too many, too few, or the right number of people who have committed crimes?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Too many	43%	52%	34%	51%	46%	40%	33%	47%	48%	27%
The right number	14%	13%	15%	10%	13%	12%	24%	19%	9%	18%
Too few	23%	21%	26%	15%	21%	29%	27%	14%	24%	35%
Not sure	20%	14%	25%	24%	20%	19%	17%	20%	19%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(479)	(519)	(164)	(276)	(383)	(175)	(343)	(408)	(247)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too many	43%	42%	55%	39%	42%	39%	54%	46%	51%	35%	47%
The right number	14%	12%	11%	27%	12%	15%	14%	20%	14%	13%	11%
Too few	23%	26%	13%	17%	25%	25%	23%	20%	16%	29%	23%
Not sure	20%	20%	20%	18%	20%	21%	10%	14%	19%	23%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(764)	(107)	(127)	(363)	(295)	(196)	(139)	(216)	(399)	(244)

3. Purpose of Prison

What do you think SHOULD be the main purpose of sending people who have committed a crime to prison?

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Punish the criminal and teach him or her a lesson	19%	15%	23%	20%	21%	20%	15%	17%	17%	26%
Get violent criminals off the street	44%	44%	44%	30%	43%	49%	55%	38%	46%	49%
Rehabilitate the morals and skills of criminals	22%	27%	17%	38%	21%	14%	18%	30%	23%	8%
Act as a deterrent to crime	9%	11%	9%	7%	8%	12%	10%	10%	6%	15%
Not sure	5%	3%	8%	6%	8%	5%	3%	6%	7%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (477)	100% (521)	100% (165)	100% (277)	100% (383)	100% (173)	100% (343)	100% (409)	100% (246)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Punish the criminal and teach him or her a lesson	19%	19%	20%	23%	19%	15%	25%	15%	17%	20%	24%
Get violent criminals off the street	44%	46%	44%	32%	45%	51%	40%	53%	43%	45%	36%
Rehabilitate the morals and skills of criminals	22%	20%	21%	31%	21%	20%	21%	22%	24%	20%	23%
Act as a deterrent to crime	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	11%	11%	6%	11%	10%	9%
Not sure	5%	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	7%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (763)	100% (108)	100% (127)	100% (365)	100% (295)	100% (195)	100% (139)	100% (216)	100% (399)	100% (244)

4. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Shoplifting

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	14%	14%	14%	15%	17%	13%	11%	12%	15%	16%
Alternative sentence	79%	80%	79%	79%	72%	81%	87%	85%	76%	77%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	6%	11%	6%	3%	2%	9%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (476)	100% (521)	100% (165)	100% (276)	100% (382)	100% (174)	100% (343)	100% (408)	100% (246)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	14%	12%	12%	26%	15%	13%	15%	18%	8%	17%	12%
Alternative sentence	79%	81%	82%	68%	78%	79%	83%	76%	85%	77%	80%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	5%	7%	8%	3%	6%	6%	6%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (762)	100% (108)	100% (127)	100% (365)	100% (292)	100% (196)	100% (138)	100% (215)	100% (400)	100% (244)

5. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Theft

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	48%	50%	47%	50%	41%	54%	44%	45%	45%	59%
Alternative sentence	41%	40%	42%	41%	41%	38%	47%	48%	42%	30%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%	9%	17%	8%	9%	7%	14%	10%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (477)	100% (518)	100% (165)	100% (277)	100% (379)	100% (174)	100% (341)	100% (409)	100% (245)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	48%	49%	35%	56%	45%	48%	53%	55%	42%	49%	47%
Alternative sentence	41%	41%	55%	30%	43%	40%	41%	33%	47%	40%	44%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	13%	12%	12%	6%	13%	11%	11%	10%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (762)	100% (106)	100% (127)	100% (363)	100% (294)	100% (194)	100% (139)	100% (215)	100% (398)	100% (243)

6. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Drug possession

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	27%	22%	32%	21%	29%	28%	30%	24%	27%	31%
Alternative sentence	66%	72%	60%	72%	61%	68%	63%	71%	64%	62%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	7%	10%	4%	7%	4%	9%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (475)	100% (519)	100% (164)	100% (276)	100% (380)	100% (174)	100% (339)	100% (409)	100% (246)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	27%	25%	30%	37%	33%	24%	23%	30%	21%	34%	19%
Alternative sentence	66%	68%	60%	61%	59%	67%	75%	62%	72%	61%	72%
Not sure	7%	7%	11%	2%	8%	9%	2%	8%	7%	5%	9%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (994)	100% (761)	100% (107)	100% (126)	100% (363)	100% (293)	100% (194)	100% (139)	100% (215)	100% (396)	100% (244)

7. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Drug dealing

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	64%	61%	67%	54%	60%	67%	77%	62%	57%	81%
Alternative sentence	29%	35%	24%	37%	31%	28%	19%	31%	35%	16%
Not sure	7%	4%	9%	9%	9%	5%	4%	7%	8%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (475)	100% (518)	100% (163)	100% (274)	100% (382)	100% (174)	100% (341)	100% (407)	100% (245)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	64%	63%	63%	70%	63%	64%	62%	73%	61%	67%	55%
Alternative sentence	29%	30%	26%	26%	29%	33%	32%	22%	33%	25%	37%
Not sure	7%	6%	11%	4%	8%	3%	6%	5%	6%	7%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (993)	100% (760)	100% (108)	100% (125)	100% (360)	100% (294)	100% (196)	100% (138)	100% (214)	100% (396)	100% (245)

8. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Mugging

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	78%	82%	73%	75%	77%	82%	74%	74%	77%	86%
Alternative sentence	16%	14%	18%	20%	13%	13%	22%	20%	15%	12%
Not sure	7%	4%	9%	5%	11%	5%	4%	6%	9%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (478)	100% (518)	100% (164)	100% (276)	100% (382)	100% (174)	100% (341)	100% (408)	100% (247)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	78%	80%	70%	72%	75%	78%	82%	86%	76%	76%	76%
Alternative sentence	16%	14%	24%	19%	17%	13%	15%	11%	19%	16%	17%
Not sure	7%	6%	6%	9%	8%	9%	3%	3%	6%	8%	7%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (764)	100% (105)	100% (127)	100% (363)	100% (295)	100% (195)	100% (139)	100% (216)	100% (397)	100% (244)

9. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Housebreaking

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	67%	76%	60%	67%	71%	69%	60%	64%	66%	76%
Alternative sentence	25%	19%	31%	26%	20%	25%	33%	28%	25%	20%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	9%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (476)	100% (519)	100% (164)	100% (276)	100% (381)	100% (174)	100% (343)	100% (407)	100% (245)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	67%	68%	62%	70%	66%	66%	75%	78%	67%	68%	59%
Alternative sentence	25%	25%	27%	24%	27%	22%	22%	17%	26%	23%	33%
Not sure	8%	7%	11%	6%	8%	11%	4%	5%	7%	9%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (761)	100% (108)	100% (126)	100% (364)	100% (294)	100% (193)	100% (139)	100% (216)	100% (397)	100% (243)

10. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Stealing a car

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	57%	61%	53%	55%	56%	61%	51%	52%	55%	66%
Alternative sentence	36%	34%	38%	36%	34%	33%	43%	40%	37%	29%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	9%	10%	5%	6%	8%	9%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (475)	100% (517)	100% (163)	100% (275)	100% (381)	100% (173)	100% (338)	100% (407)	100% (247)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	57%	58%	49%	56%	59%	53%	56%	63%	52%	61%	49%
Alternative sentence	36%	34%	44%	38%	35%	40%	35%	33%	44%	30%	41%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	10%	4%	5%	9%	10%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (760)	100% (105)	100% (127)	100% (362)	100% (291)	100% (196)	100% (139)	100% (215)	100% (395)	100% (243)

11. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Assault

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	82%	84%	80%	78%	82%	87%	77%	78%	81%	88%
Alternative sentence	11%	11%	12%	14%	12%	7%	16%	13%	12%	8%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (478)	100% (520)	100% (165)	100% (277)	100% (381)	100% (175)	100% (343)	100% (409)	100% (246)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	82%	84%	74%	78%	79%	85%	87%	85%	83%	81%	80%
Alternative sentence	11%	10%	13%	16%	14%	7%	10%	11%	10%	11%	13%
Not sure	7%	6%	13%	6%	7%	8%	3%	4%	7%	7%	7%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (764)	100% (108)	100% (126)	100% (364)	100% (294)	100% (196)	100% (138)	100% (216)	100% (399)	100% (245)

12. Prison or Alternative Punishment – Sexual assault

If someone is convicted of the following crimes, should they be sent to prison or face an alternative punishment such as community service, probation or court ordered rehabilitation?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Prison	93%	92%	93%	94%	88%	94%	95%	93%	91%	95%
Alternative sentence	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	2%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	3%	8%	2%	2%	2%	5%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (479)	100% (519)	100% (165)	100% (275)	100% (383)	100% (175)	100% (341)	100% (410)	100% (247)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prison	93%	93%	91%	90%	91%	92%	96%	94%	97%	92%	88%
Alternative sentence	4%	3%	5%	7%	4%	5%	3%	1%	0%	5%	7%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (765)	100% (107)	100% (126)	100% (364)	100% (294)	100% (196)	100% (139)	100% (216)	100% (398)	100% (245)

13. Severity of Sentencing

In general, compared to the sentences given to white people, do you think the sentences given to black people who are convicted of the same crimes are:

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
More harsh	36%	37%	34%	47%	33%	32%	34%	55%	34%	14%
About the same	46%	46%	45%	36%	45%	50%	51%	30%	45%	68%
Less harsh	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%
Not sure	15%	13%	17%	14%	17%	15%	10%	11%	18%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (479)	100% (521)	100% (165)	100% (277)	100% (383)	100% (175)	100% (343)	100% (410)	100% (247)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More harsh	36%	28%	78%	41%	34%	37%	39%	34%	35%	36%	38%
About the same	46%	52%	12%	37%	44%	48%	53%	44%	51%	48%	38%
Less harsh	4%	4%	3%	7%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%
Not sure	15%	16%	7%	15%	17%	12%	5%	17%	10%	13%	20%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (765)	100% (108)	100% (127)	100% (365)	100% (295)	100% (196)	100% (139)	100% (216)	100% (400)	100% (245)

14. Violent Crime Rate

Compared with 20 years ago, has the rate of violent crime in the United States increased or decreased?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Increased	54%	43%	64%	44%	54%	59%	56%	55%	51%	58%
Remained the same	14%	15%	13%	15%	14%	11%	16%	13%	13%	16%
Decreased	18%	28%	8%	21%	16%	17%	19%	21%	19%	13%
Not sure	14%	14%	15%	19%	16%	13%	8%	11%	17%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(478)	(518)	(165)	(274)	(383)	(174)	(342)	(409)	(245)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Increased	54%	52%	67%	53%	62%	55%	45%	48%	59%	59%	46%
Remained the same	14%	13%	14%	17%	15%	12%	17%	14%	12%	13%	16%
Decreased	18%	20%	7%	18%	9%	19%	28%	22%	16%	15%	21%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%	12%	14%	13%	10%	17%	13%	13%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(762)	(108)	(126)	(364)	(293)	(196)	(139)	(215)	(399)	(243)