

2019 Louisiana Survey  
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Now we would like to ask you about criminal justice in Louisiana. Please tell me whether you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with each of the following statements. First - Louisiana's current criminal justice system is fair.

|                                   | Agree | Disagree | Neither | DK/Ref (Vol.) | Total | N   |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <b>Total</b>                      | 32    | 54       | 11      | 3             | 100   | 917 |
| <b>Gender</b>                     |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| Male                              | 38    | 51       | 9       | 2             | 100   | 453 |
| Female                            | 26    | 57       | 13      | 4             | 100   | 463 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 0     | 100      | 0       | 0             | 100   | 1   |
| <b>Age</b>                        |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| 18-29                             | 25    | 65       | 8       | 2             | 100   | 86  |
| 30-49                             | 28    | 61       | 8       | 3             | 100   | 216 |
| 50-64                             | 32    | 51       | 15      | 1             | 100   | 244 |
| 65+                               | 43    | 43       | 10      | 4             | 100   | 357 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 7     | 34       | 54      | 5             | 100   | 14  |
| <b>Race</b>                       |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| White                             | 36    | 50       | 12      | 2             | 100   | 650 |
| African American                  | 26    | 63       | 8       | 2             | 100   | 187 |
| Other                             | 17    | 67       | 12      | 4             | 100   | 63  |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 22    | 47       | 17      | 13            | 100   | 17  |
| <b>Highest level of education</b> |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| High school or less               | 34    | 51       | 12      | 2             | 100   | 248 |
| Some College/Two year degree      | 30    | 58       | 9       | 3             | 100   | 329 |
| Four year degree or more          | 31    | 55       | 11      | 3             | 100   | 338 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 0     | 53       | 0       | 47            | 100   | 2   |
| <b>Household income</b>           |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| Under \$25,000                    | 28    | 58       | 13      | 1             | 100   | 180 |
| \$25,000-\$49,999                 | 30    | 61       | 6       | 4             | 100   | 170 |
| \$50,000-\$99,999                 | 32    | 50       | 15      | 3             | 100   | 231 |
| \$100,000 or more                 | 41    | 49       | 9       | 2             | 100   | 183 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 29    | 54       | 11      | 6             | 100   | 153 |
| <b>Region</b>                     |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| Metro BR                          | 35    | 56       | 8       | 1             | 100   | 198 |
| Metro NO                          | 30    | 58       | 10      | 2             | 100   | 245 |
| South                             | 30    | 52       | 14      | 3             | 100   | 234 |
| Northwest                         | 34    | 47       | 10      | 9             | 100   | 113 |
| Northeast                         | 33    | 54       | 12      | 1             | 100   | 115 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 33    | 44       | 18      | 5             | 100   | 12  |
| <b>Party identification</b>       |       |          |         |               |       | 298 |
| Democrat                          | 23    | 66       | 8       | 3             | 100   | 427 |
| Republican                        | 43    | 44       | 9       | 4             | 100   | 168 |
| Neither                           | 30    | 56       | 13      | 1             | 100   | 24  |

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| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 25 | 33 | 31 | 11 | 100 |     |
| <b>Party identification (with leaners)</b> |    |    |    |    |     | 243 |
| Democrat                                   | 23 | 65 | 10 | 3  | 100 | 323 |
| Republican                                 | 44 | 44 | 9  | 3  | 100 | 318 |
| Neither                                    | 26 | 61 | 13 | 1  | 100 | 33  |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 20 | 31 | 37 | 12 | 100 |     |
| <b>Ideology</b>                            |    |    |    |    |     |     |
| Liberal                                    | 19 | 69 | 10 | 3  | 100 | 179 |
| Moderate                                   | 26 | 60 | 11 | 3  | 100 | 194 |
| Conservative                               | 40 | 47 | 11 | 3  | 100 | 494 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 30 | 47 | 20 | 3  | 100 | 50  |

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**Next - Louisiana's current criminal justice system is effective at keeping communities safe.**

|                                   | Agree | Disagree | Neither | DK/Ref (Vol.) | Total | N   |
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| <b>Gender</b>                     |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| Male                              | 34    | 54       | 10      | 2             | 100   | 453 |
| Female                            | 31    | 55       | 14      | 1             | 100   | 463 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 0     | 0        | 100     | 0             | 100   | 1   |
| <b>Age</b>                        |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| 18-29                             | 37    | 49       | 13      | 0             | 100   | 86  |
| 30-49                             | 26    | 63       | 10      | 0             | 100   | 216 |
| 50-64                             | 32    | 52       | 15      | 1             | 100   | 244 |
| 65+                               | 36    | 50       | 11      | 3             | 100   | 357 |
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| <b>Race</b>                       |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| White                             | 33    | 53       | 13      | 1             | 100   | 650 |
| African American                  | 31    | 59       | 10      | 1             | 100   | 187 |
| Other                             | 31    | 55       | 14      | 1             | 100   | 63  |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 13    | 70       | 14      | 4             | 100   | 17  |
| <b>Highest level of education</b> |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| High school or less               | 41    | 49       | 9       | 1             | 100   | 248 |
| Some College/Two year degree      | 26    | 58       | 15      | 1             | 100   | 329 |
| Four year degree or more          | 27    | 59       | 13      | 1             | 100   | 338 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 0     | 53       | 0       | 47            | 100   | 2   |
| <b>Household income</b>           |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| Under \$25,000                    | 40    | 51       | 9       | 0             | 100   | 180 |
| \$25,000-\$49,999                 | 30    | 61       | 9       | 0             | 100   | 170 |
| \$50,000-\$99,999                 | 29    | 56       | 15      | 1             | 100   | 231 |
| \$100,000 or more                 | 27    | 59       | 15      | 0             | 100   | 183 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 35    | 44       | 15      | 6             | 100   | 153 |
| <b>Region</b>                     |       |          |         |               |       |     |
| Metro BR                          | 31    | 58       | 11      | 0             | 100   | 198 |
| Metro NO                          | 28    | 62       | 10      | 1             | 100   | 245 |
| South                             | 34    | 49       | 16      | 2             | 100   | 234 |
| Northwest                         | 40    | 47       | 10      | 3             | 100   | 113 |
| Northeast                         | 31    | 55       | 13      | 1             | 100   | 115 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 57    | 29       | 14      | 0             | 100   | 12  |
| <b>Party identification</b>       |       |          |         |               |       | 298 |
| Democrat                          | 30    | 60       | 8       | 1             | 100   | 427 |
| Republican                        | 34    | 52       | 12      | 2             | 100   | 168 |
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| <b>Party identification (with leaners)</b> |    |    |    |   |     | 243 |
| Democrat                                   | 31 | 59 | 8  | 1 | 100 | 323 |
| Republican                                 | 34 | 52 | 13 | 1 | 100 | 318 |
| Neither                                    | 31 | 57 | 12 | 0 | 100 | 33  |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 28 | 30 | 40 | 2 | 100 |     |
| <b>Ideology</b>                            |    |    |    |   |     |     |
| Liberal                                    | 27 | 65 | 8  | 0 | 100 | 179 |
| Moderate                                   | 31 | 55 | 13 | 0 | 100 | 194 |
| Conservative                               | 34 | 51 | 13 | 2 | 100 | 494 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 35 | 47 | 17 | 2 | 100 | 50  |

**Do you support or oppose having more alternatives to prison - such as drug treatment or rehabilitation programs - for people convicted of non-violent offenses?**

|                                   | Support | Oppose | DK/Ref (Vol.) | Total | N   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------|-------|-----|
| <b>Total</b>                      | 88      | 11     | 2             | 100   | 917 |
| <b>Gender</b>                     |         |        |               |       |     |
| Male                              | 85      | 14     | 2             | 100   | 453 |
| Female                            | 90      | 8      | 1             | 100   | 463 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 100     | 0      | 0             | 100   | 1   |
| <b>Age</b>                        |         |        |               |       |     |
| 18-29                             | 92      | 8      | 0             | 100   | 86  |
| 30-49                             | 88      | 11     | 1             | 100   | 216 |
| 50-64                             | 87      | 11     | 1             | 100   | 244 |
| 65+                               | 84      | 12     | 4             | 100   | 357 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 90      | 10     | 0             | 100   | 14  |
| <b>Race</b>                       |         |        |               |       |     |
| White                             | 87      | 11     | 2             | 100   | 650 |
| African American                  | 86      | 12     | 2             | 100   | 187 |
| Other                             | 95      | 5      | 0             | 100   | 63  |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 97      | 3      | 0             | 100   | 17  |
| <b>Highest level of education</b> |         |        |               |       |     |
| High school or less               | 83      | 15     | 2             | 100   | 248 |
| Some College/Two year degree      | 91      | 7      | 2             | 100   | 329 |
| Four year degree or more          | 90      | 9      | 1             | 100   | 338 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 47      | 53     | 0             | 100   | 2   |
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| \$100,000 or more                 | 89      | 9      | 2             | 100   | 183 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 84      | 12     | 3             | 100   | 153 |
| <b>Region</b>                     |         |        |               |       |     |
| Metro BR                          | 89      | 9      | 2             | 100   | 198 |
| Metro NO                          | 92      | 7      | 1             | 100   | 245 |
| South                             | 91      | 8      | 2             | 100   | 234 |
| Northwest                         | 82      | 18     | 1             | 100   | 113 |
| Northeast                         | 77      | 21     | 2             | 100   | 115 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 74      | 18     | 7             | 100   | 12  |
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| Democrat                          | 91      | 8      | 1             | 100   | 243 |

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| Republican                                 | 82 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 323 |
| Neither                                    | 90 | 8  | 2 | 100 | 318 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 82 | 15 | 3 | 100 | 33  |
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| Democrat                                   | 92 | 7  | 1 | 100 | 298 |
| Republican                                 | 82 | 16 | 2 | 100 | 427 |
| Neither                                    | 92 | 7  | 1 | 100 | 168 |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                              | 74 | 22 | 4 | 100 | 24  |
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Recently, Louisiana made several changes to its criminal justice system such as shortening prison sentences for some crimes. Do you approve or disapprove of these changes?

|                                   | Approve | Disapprove | DK/Ref (Vol.) | Total | N   |
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| <b>Gender</b>                     |         |            |               |       |     |
| Male                              | 73      | 19         | 8             | 100   | 453 |
| Female                            | 66      | 24         | 10            | 100   | 463 |
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| African American                  | 80      | 12         | 7             | 100   | 187 |
| Other                             | 80      | 7          | 13            | 100   | 63  |
| DK/Ref (Vol.)                     | 47      | 36         | 17            | 100   | 17  |
| <b>Highest level of education</b> |         |            |               |       |     |
| High school or less               | 64      | 27         | 9             | 100   | 248 |
| Some College/Two year degree      | 72      | 17         | 11            | 100   | 329 |
| Four year degree or more          | 76      | 16         | 8             | 100   | 338 |
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As you may know, mandatory minimum sentences require those convicted of certain crimes to serve a certain length of time in prison. Some people say that instead of mandatory minimums, judges should have the flexibility to determine sentences based on the facts of each case. Do you support or oppose letting judges have the flexibility to set sentences?

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