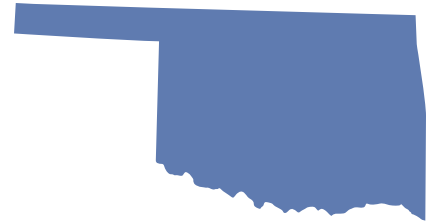


# Oklahoma Public Safety Opinion Survey



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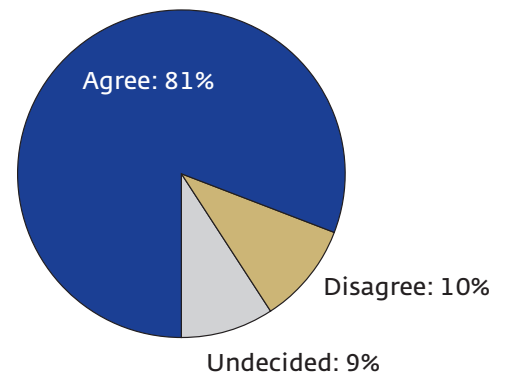
Oklahoma voters support public safety strategies that keep their communities safe and hold offenders accountable. They believe this can be achieved by focusing resources on preventing violent crime, mandatory post-incarceration supervision, and substance abuse treatment. Voters prefer to strengthen the system through these alternative means rather than spending money solely on incarcerating more criminals.

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## VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION

“Oklahoma has one of the highest incarceration rates in the country yet we haven’t seen our violent crime rate fall.

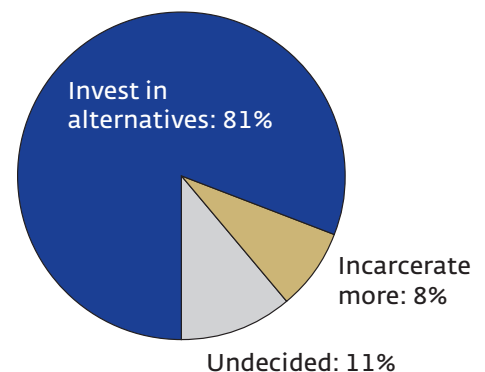
To change that, we need to do more to support efforts to prevent and reduce crime, rather than just keep increasing punishment for criminals after the crime has been committed.”



## PUBLIC SAFETY SPENDING

“Which of these two options should Oklahoma pursue? Either:

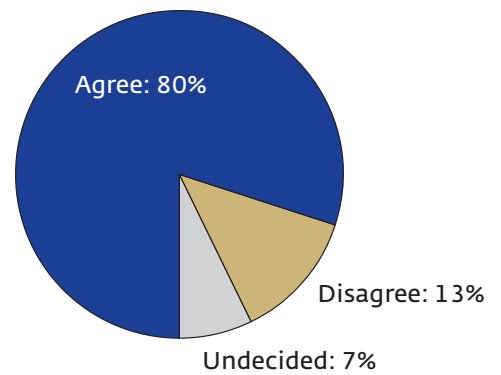
1. Increase the prison budget by \$259 million over the next 10 years and spend that money entirely on incarcerating more criminals.
2. Invest less than half as much, \$110 million over the next 10 years, in services that prevent crime, increase supervision and control prison growth.”



## MANDATORY POST- INCARCERATION SUPERVISION

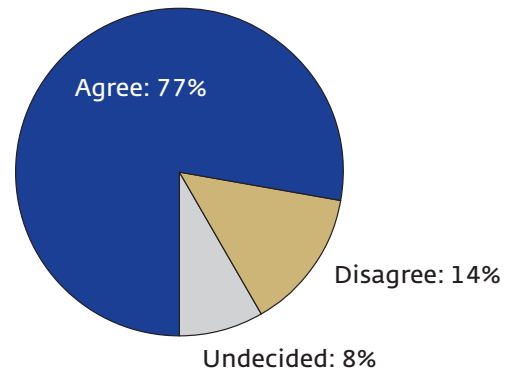
“Each year in Oklahoma, over 4,000 people finish their prison terms and are released without any supervision back on the streets.

If we are serious about public safety, we need to require these offenders to be supervised and held accountable after they serve time in prison.”



## HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

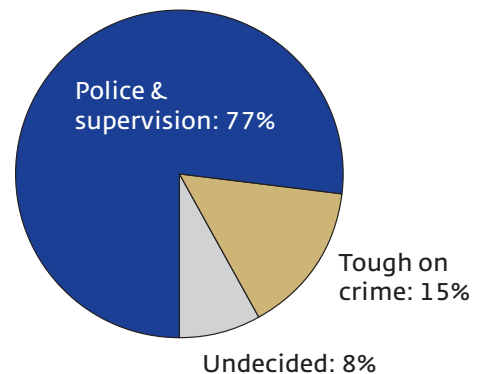
“A violent offender should be required to serve 85 percent of their sentence in prison before being released, and we should use that last 15 percent to hold them even longer and punish them for behavior or for not participating in programs in prison.”



## PREFERRED TYPE OF LEGISLATOR

“What type of state legislator are you more likely to vote for?”

1. Someone who supported police and mandated supervision for offenders while making more effective use of taxpayer dollars.
2. Someone who says they want to be tough on crime by increasing prison sentences.”



## METHODOLOGY

The poll of 500 registered Oklahoma voters was conducted by Pat McFerron, a Republican pollster and consultant with CMA Strategies in Oklahoma City and has a margin of error of +/- 4.3%.

### *Poll Respondent Demographics*

- 43% registered Republicans
- 7% registered Independents
- 64% are 55 years or older.
- 57% voted in each of the last four general elections.
- 32% identify or support the Tea Party