

YouGov Survey Results

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Which of the following, if any, do you think should be the typical punishment for someone convicted of each of the following crimes?

Murder

A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-2 years prison sentence	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
3-4 years prison sentence	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5-9 years prison sentence	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	2
10-14 years prison sentence	2	2	3	3	6	2	2	2
15-20 years prison sentence	6	6	7	5	81	6	6	7
Over 20 years prison sentence	82	81	81	88	7	80	79	84
Other	6	7	8	3	3	8	9	2
Don't know	3	3	1	1	0	3	3	3

Rape

A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-2 years prison sentence	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
3-4 years prison sentence	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	2
5-9 years prison sentence	10	10	9	11	10	10	9	10
10-14 years prison sentence	17	16	22	17	17	20	18	13
15-20 years prison sentence	20	21	18	12	21	18	22	22
Over 20 years prison sentence	43	43	36	52	42	42	42	49
Other	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	1
Don't know	4	4	6	3	4	4	4	3

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Burglary of the home

A fine	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	3	3	4	3	2	5	4	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	4	2
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	6	6	6	4	6	3	7	5	7	4	3	5	6	7	6	6
1-2 years prison sentence	18	18	19	18	16	25	20	16	17	19	20	16	18	19	17	19
3-4 years prison sentence	25	27	23	33	27	21	24	28	26	24	25	22	24	31	25	25
5-9 years prison sentence	23	23	25	23	18	28	22	23	22	23	24	25	22	19	23	22
10-14 years prison sentence	12	12	10	8	16	6	11	12	11	12	8	13	13	10	12	12
15-20 years prison sentence	4	6	3	5	6	2	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	3
Over 20 years prison sentence	3	1	2	1	5	0	2	4	4	2	3	4	3	1	3	3
Other	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Don't know	6	3	6	3	3	8	5	5	6	6	6	7	5	4	5	7

Shoplifting

A fine	8	6	9	8	7	7	9	5	9	7	16	8	7	5	7	8
Community service	35	26	44	50	21	49	44	27	31	38	37	36	38	29	40	29
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	20	24	16	15	28	20	17	25	22	18	16	18	18	25	17	23
1-2 years prison sentence	18	23	15	15	24	13	14	21	19	18	15	17	18	23	18	18
3-4 years prison sentence	7	8	6	6	10	4	6	10	6	8	5	6	8	9	7	8
5-9 years prison sentence	4	7	2	1	5	1	2	4	4	4	1	4	4	5	3	4
10-14 years prison sentence	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
15-20 years prison sentence	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Over 20 years prison sentence	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1
Other	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't know	6	3	6	2	4	6	4	5	6	5	6	8	4	3	5	6

Serious violent assault

A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
1-2 years prison sentence	3	3	4	5	5	4	4	2	5	2	6	4	3	3	4	3
3-4 years prison sentence	9	10	9	11	8	6	9	8	10	8	7	9	8	10	8	9
5-9 years prison sentence	20	22	18	20	22	27	22	20	23	18	22	18	22	22	21	20
10-14 years prison sentence	22	22	25	21	22	25	22	24	21	23	24	21	23	23	23	21
15-20 years prison sentence	20	22	19	21	17	22	21	19	18	22	19	17	20	24	21	19
Over 20 years prison sentence	18	18	16	19	20	11	15	19	15	21	17	21	18	13	17	20
Other	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	5	3	6	2	3	5	4	5	5	4	4	6	4	3	4	6

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Burglary of the home									
A fine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	3	3	3	4	3	4	2	2	4
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	6	5	4	8	5	5	6	9	4
1-2 years prison sentence	18	18	21	15	18	21	16	14	18
3-4 years prison sentence	25	25	22	22	25	27	23	28	25
5-9 years prison sentence	23	23	22	19	23	20	26	21	25
10-14 years prison sentence	12	11	14	12	12	11	11	12	12
15-20 years prison sentence	4	4	4	6	4	3	6	7	3
Over 20 years prison sentence	3	3	4	5	3	3	3	2	3
Other	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
Don't know	6	6	5	7	6	6	6	5	5
Shoplifting									
A fine	8	8	9	8	8	7	4	13	8
Community service	35	34	38	39	35	34	30	33	37
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	20	20	20	19	20	23	23	14	18
1-2 years prison sentence	18	19	12	17	18	20	19	17	18
3-4 years prison sentence	7	7	9	5	7	8	8	7	6
5-9 years prison sentence	4	4	2	3	4	2	6	7	3
10-14 years prison sentence	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
15-20 years prison sentence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Over 20 years prison sentence	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1
Other	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	2
Don't know	6	5	6	7	5	5	7	6	5
Serious violent assault									
A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	4	2	1	1	0	2	1
1-2 years prison sentence	3	4	4	2	4	3	5	3	3
3-4 years prison sentence	9	9	8	7	9	7	10	7	11
5-9 years prison sentence	20	20	23	21	20	25	14	20	20
10-14 years prison sentence	22	22	25	21	22	22	22	26	21
15-20 years prison sentence	20	20	17	22	20	18	23	20	20
Over 20 years prison sentence	18	18	15	18	18	19	19	19	18
Other	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't know	5	5	4	6	5	5	5	3	5

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Anti-social behaviour

A fine	5	5	5	6	2	5	6	4	7	5	10	6	4	3	6	5
Community service	46	44	53	56	42	57	53	40	46	47	51	48	47	41	48	45
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	13	16	12	14	15	10	11	19	13	13	8	12	14	17	13	13
1-2 years prison sentence	14	17	12	8	18	15	12	16	13	15	11	12	14	19	14	14
3-4 years prison sentence	7	9	7	7	8	2	7	8	6	8	5	6	9	9	8	7
5-9 years prison sentence	3	3	2	2	7	1	3	5	3	3	1	3	4	5	3	4
10-14 years prison sentence	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1
15-20 years prison sentence	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Over 20 years prison sentence	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Other	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Don't know	7	2	7	3	4	8	5	5	7	6	12	9	4	3	5	8

Sexual assault

A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1
1-2 years prison sentence	4	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	3	3
3-4 years prison sentence	11	17	9	11	11	6	12	12	12	11	9	10	10	16	10	13
5-9 years prison sentence	19	18	22	20	22	19	22	19	20	18	13	19	19	21	19	20
10-14 years prison sentence	18	20	19	19	17	19	19	19	20	17	15	17	19	23	18	19
15-20 years prison sentence	15	16	16	15	16	16	16	15	12	17	11	13	18	15	16	13
Over 20 years prison sentence	24	19	22	24	23	27	19	22	23	25	40	27	23	12	25	22
Other	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1
Don't know	6	3	5	4	4	7	5	5	7	5	5	8	5	4	5	7

Phone/internet scams

A fine	4	2	5	4	4	6	5	3	4	4	3	5	3	2	4	4
Community service	5	4	5	4	3	6	6	3	5	4	9	4	4	4	5	4
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	7	9	9	8	6	7	8	6	8	7	11	7	6	7	8	6
1-2 years prison sentence	17	15	16	17	19	19	16	16	19	15	19	17	17	15	16	17
3-4 years prison sentence	21	23	22	24	18	23	23	20	21	22	24	21	20	22	23	20
5-9 years prison sentence	19	20	19	16	22	15	18	23	16	21	9	18	22	22	18	20
10-14 years prison sentence	11	14	8	13	13	6	10	12	10	12	9	10	9	15	10	12
15-20 years prison sentence	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	2	3	4	4	3
Over 20 years prison sentence	5	4	4	5	6	3	4	7	6	4	1	5	6	4	4	6
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1
Don't know	7	4	7	5	4	12	6	6	7	7	11	8	6	5	6	8

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Anti-social behaviour									
A fine	5	5	4	6	5	4	4	6	7
Community service	46	46	53	45	47	45	46	45	47
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	13	13	11	14	13	15	14	9	13
1-2 years prison sentence	14	14	13	14	14	17	13	15	12
3-4 years prison sentence	7	7	8	6	7	7	7	11	7
5-9 years prison sentence	3	3	1	5	3	4	4	3	3
10-14 years prison sentence	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1
15-20 years prison sentence	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Over 20 years prison sentence	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1
Other	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know	7	7	5	8	6	6	7	7	7
Sexual assault									
A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1
1-2 years prison sentence	4	4	5	3	4	3	3	3	5
3-4 years prison sentence	11	11	14	9	11	11	10	13	12
5-9 years prison sentence	19	19	20	23	19	18	17	19	19
10-14 years prison sentence	18	19	20	15	19	18	18	21	18
15-20 years prison sentence	15	15	17	12	15	16	17	15	13
Over 20 years prison sentence	24	24	16	29	24	23	25	23	24
Other	2	2	2	0	2	3	1	1	1
Don't know	6	6	5	7	6	6	7	3	6
Phone/internet scams									
A fine	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	4	3
Community service	5	5	4	6	4	3	4	5	5
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	7	8	8	3	17	7	7	10	8
1-2 years prison sentence	17	17	19	17	22	19	16	13	17
3-4 years prison sentence	21	21	28	18	19	18	22	26	21
5-9 years prison sentence	19	19	16	21	10	21	20	17	17
10-14 years prison sentence	11	11	4	14	3	12	9	8	12
15-20 years prison sentence	3	3	2	2	5	2	5	7	3
Over 20 years prison sentence	5	5	7	5	1	5	6	3	5
Other	1	1	2	1	7	1	1	0	1
Don't know	7	7	5	8	8	7	8	7	7

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Dangerous driving									
A fine	10	10	6	11	9	9	7	11	11
Community service	13	13	15	13	13	12	12	16	13
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	12	12	12	12	12	9	12	14	12
1-2 years prison sentence	18	18	18	17	18	17	16	14	20
3-4 years prison sentence	15	16	15	9	16	16	16	18	15
5-9 years prison sentence	12	12	11	13	12	14	14	11	10
10-14 years prison sentence	7	6	8	9	6	7	6	5	6
15-20 years prison sentence	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	2
Over 20 years prison sentence	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	1	3
Other	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
Don't know	8	8	7	10	8	7	9	8	7
Robbery (stealing from a person using force or the threat of force)									
A fine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	5	4	4	7	4	4	3	6	4
1-2 years prison sentence	12	12	13	12	12	15	7	15	12
3-4 years prison sentence	21	21	23	18	21	18	23	19	22
5-9 years prison sentence	24	25	24	19	25	27	26	24	23
10-14 years prison sentence	16	16	15	13	16	13	16	15	19
15-20 years prison sentence	8	8	5	10	8	10	10	10	6
Over 20 years prison sentence	6	6	6	8	6	6	8	5	6
Other	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	5	5	6	9	5	5	5	5	5

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Theft (taking someone's property but without the use or threat of force)									
A fine	3	3	2	4	3	2	2	3	4
Community service	16	15	21	18	15	16	11	13	17
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	17	17	12	10	17	18	15	17	18
1-2 years prison sentence	25	24	23	29	24	23	28	24	24
3-4 years prison sentence	16	17	17	13	17	18	22	14	14
5-9 years prison sentence	11	11	10	10	11	12	9	17	11
10-14 years prison sentence	4	4	2	1	4	3	4	3	5
15-20 years prison sentence	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
Over 20 years prison sentence	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1
Other	1	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	1
Don't know	6	5	6	10	5	5	5	5	5
Minor violent assault									
A fine	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	2
Community service	10	10	10	10	10	9	12	12	9
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	16	17	22	10	17	21	12	12	18
1-2 years prison sentence	23	22	20	35	22	21	26	19	22
3-4 years prison sentence	20	20	19	16	20	20	23	20	20
5-9 years prison sentence	12	13	10	9	13	13	9	18	13
10-14 years prison sentence	6	6	5	6	6	7	6	8	5
15-20 years prison sentence	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2
Over 20 years prison sentence	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2
Other	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
Don't know	6	6	6	7	6	6	7	6	6
Attacking someone with a knife									
A fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	3	1
1-2 years prison sentence	4	4	6	8	9	3	4	5	4
3-4 years prison sentence	9	9	5	11	20	8	6	10	11
5-9 years prison sentence	20	20	21	20	22	20	21	20	20
10-14 years prison sentence	22	23	19	17	16	24	24	25	20
15-20 years prison sentence	16	16	13	17	22	17	18	11	16
Over 20 years prison sentence	22	22	26	22	1	21	22	21	23
Other	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	2
Don't know	5	5	7	5	1	5	5	4	5

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Supplying illegal drugs									
A fine	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	2
Community service	4	4	8	3	4	3	5	5	4
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	4
1-2 years prison sentence	11	10	11	13	10	12	8	14	9
3-4 years prison sentence	16	17	9	16	16	16	21	15	17
5-9 years prison sentence	18	18	18	15	18	20	15	21	17
10-14 years prison sentence	17	18	11	12	17	18	19	15	18
15-20 years prison sentence	8	8	9	9	8	6	9	9	8
Over 20 years prison sentence	11	10	11	16	10	12	11	4	10
Other	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2
Don't know	8	8	14	9	8	8	6	7	9
Vandalism									
A fine	6	6	6	9	6	5	7	8	5
Community service	47	45	59	53	46	47	39	42	48
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	12	13	5	11	13	15	15	10	11
1-2 years prison sentence	13	14	12	7	14	12	16	12	15
3-4 years prison sentence	8	8	9	7	8	6	8	14	8
5-9 years prison sentence	4	4	2	4	4	5	4	6	3
10-14 years prison sentence	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	1
15-20 years prison sentence	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Over 20 years prison sentence	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Don't know	6	5	4	7	5	6	5	7	5

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*