

YouGov Conjoint Experiment Results

Sample Size: 4322 adults in GB Fieldwork: 2nd April - 7th May 2025

Policy	Picked Overall (%)
Thinking about how we deal with those who commit violent / non-violent crimes, which of the following proposals for a new prison policy would you MOST like to see?	
Invest in support for children vulnerable to crime	68
Investment in purposeful activities in prisons (e.g. education, employment)	63
Invest in education around crime in schools	61
Invest in support for preparing and getting prisoners into work	60
Invest in drug and addiction facilities	57
Invest in health (including mental health) facilities within prisons	55
Increase court processing capabilities to reduce time prisoners spend on remand	54
Invest in probation services and support	53
Build more prisons across the UK to house more prisoners	52
Increase the use of prison recalls for prisons who breach their license	49
Decrease the use of early release schemes from prisons	45
Increase the length of prison sentences	45
Increase the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) tags instead of recalling ex-prisoners	44
Invest in making prison officer roles more appealing	43
Increase the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) tags instead of a prison sentence	41
Renovate prisons to create safer environments	40
Increase the severity of a license breach needed to recall a prisoner	40
Increase the use of community orders instead of a prison sentence	36
Increase the use of community orders instead of recalling ex-prisoners	35
Increase the number and use of open prisons	33
Increase the use of fines instead of a prison sentence	26
Decrease the number and use of open prisons	25
Increase the use of fines instead of recalling ex-prisoners	24
Increase the use of early release schemes from prisons	15
Reduce the length of prison sentences	11
[Post-Hoc Categorisation]	
Prevention	64
Improve prison environment	54
Rehabilitation/Staff	52
Tougher sentences	43
Alternatives to recall	36
Alternatives to prison	34
More lenient sentences	20



Crime		
Violent	Non-Violent	
67	70	
61	65	
61	60	
57	62	
54	59	
56	55	
53	55	
51	54	
58	46	
56	42	
55 50	36	
58 41	32 47	
41 45	47 41	
45 35	41 47	
42	38	
41	39	
26	45	
29	39	
32	35	
19	33	
31	20	
20	29	
10	20	
7	15	
64	65	
54	54	
52	53	
51	35	
33	39	
27	42	
16	23	