YouGov Survey: Views on Development

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Sample   1120 U.S. adult citizens
Conducted   February 13 - 18, 2025
Margin of Error ±3.8%

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1. Which comes closer to your view?

People should be free to buy land and develop real estate where they please 53%
The government should limit where people are allowed to build things 47%

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2. Which comes closer to your view?

It's better for the environment if houses are built closer together 27%
It's better for the environment if houses are built farther apart 73%

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3. Which comes closer to your view?

Higher-density development creates more traffic since people are living closer together . 57%
Higher-density development creates less traffic by making it easier to walk and use public transit
....43%

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4. Compared to less densely populated areas, do you think high-density areas have. . . ?

Lower crime rates 10%
Higher crime rates 66%
No difference in crime rates 24%

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Number of respondents	1120
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.8% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	91 questions not reported.

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1. Government Development Restrictions
Which comes closer to your view?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
People should be free to buy land and develop real estate where they please	53%	56%	50%	53%	54%	55%	48%	51%	59%	63%	45%
The government should limit where people are allowed to build things	47%	44%	50%	47%	46%	45%	52%	49%	41%	37%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,113)	(541)	(572)	(253)	(210)	(385)	(265)	(670)	(142)	(181)	(120)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
People should be free to buy land and develop real estate where they please	53%	40%	55%	62%	34%	59%	55%	50%	47%	53%	56%	54%	48%
The government should limit where people are allowed to build things	47%	60%	45%	38%	66%	41%	45%	50%	53%	47%	44%	46%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,113)	(371)	(426)	(316)	(455)	(398)	(468)	(324)	(214)	(188)	(243)	(399)	(283)

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2. Density Impact on Environment
Which comes closer to your view?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It's better for the environment if houses are built closer together	27%	35%	19%	40%	30%	23%	16%	25%	22%	33%	35%
It's better for the environment if houses are built farther apart	73%	65%	81%	60%	70%	77%	84%	75%	78%	67%	65%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,108)	(539)	(569)	(255)	(208)	(381)	(264)	(668)	(141)	(181)	(118)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It's better for the environment if houses are built closer together	27%	29%	29%	21%	33%	21%	24%	27%	30%	21%	21%	26%	37%
It's better for the environment if houses are built farther apart	73%	71%	71%	79%	67%	79%	76%	73%	70%	79%	79%	74%	63%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,108)	(369)	(425)	(314)	(452)	(395)	(470)	(318)	(214)	(186)	(243)	(402)	(277)

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3. Density Impact on Traffic
Which comes closer to your view?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Higher-density development creates more traffic since people are living closer together	57%	58%	55%	42%	55%	61%	66%	58%	45%	57%	60%
Higher-density development creates less traffic by making it easier to walk and use public transit	43%	42%	45%	58%	45%	39%	34%	42%	55%	43%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(539)	(567)	(252)	(210)	(381)	(263)	(664)	(143)	(180)	(119)

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Higher-density development creates more traffic since people are living closer together	57%	44%	56%	69%	47%	73%	53%	60%	63%	58%	57%	56%	57%
Higher-density development creates less traffic by making it easier to walk and use public transit	43%	56%	44%	31%	53%	27%	47%	40%	37%	42%	43%	44%	43%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Unweighted N	(1,106)	(369)	(426)	(311)	(454)	(394)	(467)	(319)	(212)	(186)	(241)	(397)	(282)

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4. Density Impact on Crime
Compared to less densely populated areas, do you think high-density areas have...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Lower crime rates	10%	12%	8%	14%	16%	7%	4%	8%	13%	17%	8%
Higher crime rates	66%	64%	67%	58%	58%	72%	72%	72%	42%	57%	69%
No difference in crime rates	24%	23%	25%	28%	26%	21%	24%	20%	45%	26%	23%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,113)	(540)	(573)	(253)	(211)	(382)	(267)	(667)	(143)	(183)	(120)

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Lower crime rates	10%	11%	8%	12%	9%	11%	11%	12%	6%	11%	7%	12%	9%
Higher crime rates	66%	52%	68%	76%	55%	77%	63%	67%	74%	71%	69%	63%	62%
No difference in crime rates	24%	37%	24%	13%	35%	12%	26%	21%	19%	18%	24%	25%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,113)	(372)	(426)	(315)	(455)	(397)	(471)	(323)	(213)	(186)	(244)	(402)	(281)

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