

YouGov Results

Fieldwork: 20th - 21st January 2020
Sample Size: 1675 Adults in GB



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

Thinking about prison sentences, what do you think the average number of years served in prison for a life sentence CURRENTLY is?

[For full results, see Tab 1]

0 to 5 yrs	5	4	7	7	6	5	5	5	7	6	4	3	6	4	6	5	3	6	7
6 to 10 yrs	17	24	15	16	16	23	17	17	6	13	22	26	18	16	19	20	17	13	14
11 to 15 yrs	26	29	25	26	28	28	28	24	8	24	36	26	26	25	21	25	26	26	29
16 to 20 yrs	13	12	14	20	15	10	12	13	20	12	11	12	14	11	9	13	11	13	17
21 to 25 yrs	8	7	11	7	7	8	6	10	10	10	7	5	6	11	5	8	12	8	5
26 to 30 yrs	5	5	4	7	4	5	5	5	11	4	2	6	5	4	9	3	5	5	3
30+ yrs	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2
Don't know	25	17	21	16	23	20	26	24	34	30	17	21	23	28	29	23	25	27	25

For some crimes, people found guilty may be sentenced to a "whole life order" which means they spend the rest of their life in prison, without any possibility of parole or conditional release. Which, if any, of the following crimes should carry the possibility of a whole life order if found guilty?

Murder of an adult

It should always result in a whole life order	45	52	33	34	36	54	43	47	30	49	42	48	41	50	37	41	49	49	50
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	48	46	60	59	57	43	48	48	54	43	53	48	52	43	54	52	44	43	46
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	2	1	2	5	3	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	0
Don't know	6	2	5	3	4	2	7	4	17	6	3	2	5	7	7	5	7	6	4

Murder of more than one adult

It should always result in a whole life order	67	76	58	59	58	77	65	69	56	67	65	74	63	72	63	66	69	68	68
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	26	22	35	36	36	21	26	26	27	26	31	23	30	21	29	28	23	25	28
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	6	1	5	3	5	2	8	4	17	7	3	2	5	7	7	5	6	6	4

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Murder of a child																			
It should always result in a whole life order	70	80	61	58	60	82	69	72	53	71	70	78	66	77	61	68	73	74	76
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	23	18	32	38	34	15	22	24	27	22	26	19	28	16	31	26	20	19	19
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	1	0	3	2	2	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Don't know	5	1	4	3	4	3	7	4	20	6	2	2	5	6	6	6	6	5	4
Manslaughter																			
It should always result in a whole life order	10	9	9	3	7	9	8	12	13	12	8	8	8	14	13	9	10	11	12
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	52	61	45	49	48	59	49	55	44	51	53	55	53	51	43	52	52	55	54
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	30	28	41	44	39	27	35	26	26	28	35	33	33	27	36	32	31	27	26
Don't know	8	3	6	4	6	4	9	7	17	9	4	4	6	9	8	7	8	8	8
Arson																			
It should always result in a whole life order	8	8	7	2	6	8	6	10	7	10	6	8	7	11	14	6	9	8	9
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	52	58	49	48	53	56	52	53	44	48	59	56	53	51	40	55	50	55	59
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	29	28	36	45	33	29	32	26	25	30	28	29	31	26	34	30	29	26	22
Don't know	10	7	9	5	8	7	10	11	23	12	6	7	9	12	12	9	12	11	10
Rape																			
It should always result in a whole life order	27	26	24	20	22	26	24	30	36	32	20	21	24	31	26	25	27	30	28
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	54	56	58	62	59	56	52	55	44	50	63	55	58	47	52	57	54	49	57
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	12	15	12	13	14	13	15	10	6	10	13	18	12	13	15	11	11	14	10
Don't know	7	3	5	5	5	5	9	6	14	8	3	6	6	9	7	7	9	6	5
Treason																			
It should always result in a whole life order	26	40	13	12	16	37	30	22	14	16	29	45	23	30	15	29	29	25	21
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	35	35	37	45	40	34	34	37	37	35	36	34	38	32	40	37	33	32	35
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	24	19	35	34	32	20	24	24	19	29	26	15	26	21	29	23	23	25	24
Don't know	15	6	15	10	13	9	13	17	30	19	9	6	13	17	15	12	14	19	19
Grievous bodily harm																			
It should always result in a whole life order	6	6	4	4	4	5	5	7	9	6	5	6	5	8	8	6	7	5	4
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	46	52	43	47	46	50	42	50	47	45	44	49	47	45	41	47	49	43	50
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	38	38	47	45	42	40	43	33	23	38	45	39	40	36	39	39	35	40	37
Don't know	10	4	7	4	7	6	10	10	22	11	5	6	8	12	12	8	9	12	9

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Terrorism offences																			
It should always result in a whole life order	58	72	42	46	42	71	56	60	55	54	55	70	54	63	48	59	59	61	59
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	34	25	47	48	50	25	33	34	26	36	40	26	38	27	41	35	32	30	34
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	3	1	5	4	3	2	4	1	4	3	2	1	2	3	4	1	3	4	2
Don't know	6	1	6	3	5	2	7	5	16	7	3	2	5	7	8	5	6	6	5
Kidnapping																			
It should always result in a whole life order	24	28	16	14	16	28	22	26	25	23	18	31	21	27	22	24	26	23	25
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	52	54	56	59	59	51	51	53	52	51	58	48	55	49	50	55	51	50	54
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	15	15	20	22	19	15	19	12	6	16	17	17	17	14	19	13	14	18	13
Don't know	8	4	8	5	7	6	9	8	18	10	6	4	7	10	9	7	9	9	8
Armed robbery																			
It should always result in a whole life order	20	25	10	15	13	27	19	20	10	17	22	28	17	24	11	21	24	18	22
It should be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime if the circumstances are serious enough	52	56	55	53	56	51	50	55	53	51	55	51	53	51	51	55	51	52	46
It should not be possible to receive a whole life order for this crime	20	16	27	27	25	17	23	16	17	22	18	18	23	16	29	17	17	20	23
Don't know	8	3	8	5	6	5	8	9	21	9	5	4	7	10	9	7	8	10	8