

YouGov Results: Youth Crime

Fieldwork: 19th - 20th January 2020
Sample Size: 1660 Adults in GB



Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

Total	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade	
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE
1660	563	412	149	639	684	803	857	183	699	395	383	946	714
1660	586	450	175	748	674	721	939	140	693	421	406	983	677
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

To what extent, if at all, do you think that youth crime is an issue in YOUR area?

Youth crime is a major issue in my area	10	10	10	8	7	12	10	10	10	11	11	6	10	11
Youth crime is a somewhat of an issue in my area	33	36	38	30	35	35	32	35	24	36	34	33	31	37
Youth crime is a minor issue in my area	35	37	33	41	36	36	38	33	35	32	36	42	39	31
Youth crime is not an issue in my area	12	9	10	15	13	9	11	12	16	11	11	12	12	11
Don't know	10	8	9	7	8	8	10	10	15	10	8	8	9	10

To what extent, if at all, do you think that youth crime is an issue for the country as a whole?

Youth crime is a major issue in the UK	43	51	38	31	36	50	44	41	34	39	48	47	40	46
Youth crime is a somewhat of an issue in the UK	43	40	46	57	49	41	38	48	38	45	42	45	46	40
Youth crime is a minor issue in the UK	7	4	10	9	10	4	8	5	13	7	5	5	8	5
Youth crime is not an issue in the UK	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1
Don't know	7	5	6	2	5	5	8	6	14	8	5	3	6	8

Thinking about youth crime, in your opinion which of the following options are the best ways to discourage children becoming involved in crime? (select up to three)

Increased funding for youth clubs / extra-curricular programmes	51	43	65	60	63	41	45	56	55	54	48	45	56	44
Increased police presence on the streets	49	60	43	40	43	61	53	45	31	42	58	60	46	54
Lessons in schools to discourage involvement in gangs	31	31	34	34	34	29	27	34	28	27	33	37	31	31
Harsher prison sentences for offenders	29	37	17	15	20	36	32	26	25	28	31	29	27	31
Education for parents on how to spot signs of criminal activity in their children	25	28	25	29	25	25	21	28	25	21	24	31	24	26
Increased use of "stop and search" by the police	23	38	11	13	15	35	28	19	13	19	28	32	23	24
Sentencing offenders to community work rather than prison time	21	22	23	29	25	20	18	24	16	20	24	22	24	18
Community outreach by the police	18	13	26	28	24	14	17	18	19	18	18	17	20	15
Increased funding for social care workers	16	6	31	19	26	7	16	16	25	21	11	8	20	11
Other [See Tab 1]	4	3	3	7	3	4	4	4	1	5	4	3	4	4
Don't know	5	2	2	4	2	4	5	5	12	6	2	1	3	7

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Total	Region					Is youth crime an issue in the UK?			
	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Is a major issue	Is somewhat an issue	Is a minor issue	Is not an issue
1660	199	558	360	400	143	706	718	110	15
1660	166	574	368	403	149	698	742	116	9
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

To what extent, if at all, do you think that youth crime is an issue in YOUR area?

Youth crime is a major issue in my area	10	23	8	11	9	3	21	2	0	0
Youth crime is a somewhat of an issue in my area	33	38	31	29	39	33	43	33	6	0
Youth crime is a minor issue in my area	35	28	41	35	31	38	24	46	58	36
Youth crime is not an issue in my area	12	3	12	13	12	15	7	11	28	54
Don't know	10	9	8	13	10	11	5	8	8	10

To what extent, if at all, do you think that youth crime is an issue for the country as a whole?

Youth crime is a major issue in the UK	43	52	42	45	38	39	100	0	0	0
Youth crime is a somewhat of an issue in the UK	43	40	43	41	47	43	0	100	0	0
Youth crime is a minor issue in the UK	7	5	6	7	7	9	0	0	100	0
Youth crime is not an issue in the UK	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	100
Don't know	7	3	8	5	7	9	0	0	0	0

Thinking about youth crime, in your opinion which of the following options are the best ways to discourage children becoming involved in crime? (select up to three)

Increased funding for youth clubs / extra-curricular programmes	51	55	53	48	45	60	45	56	67	43
Increased police presence on the streets	49	45	51	46	51	49	60	46	31	3
Lessons in schools to discourage involvement in gangs	31	34	31	32	26	34	30	32	30	0
Harsher prison sentences for offenders	29	26	26	28	35	28	42	21	11	34
Education for parents on how to spot signs of criminal activity in their children	25	23	29	22	23	21	25	26	22	10
Increased use of "stop and search" by the police	23	26	21	24	27	15	30	21	11	8
Sentencing offenders to community work rather than prison time	21	21	22	22	19	21	18	26	23	4
Community outreach by the police	18	18	18	19	16	21	15	20	25	32
Increased funding for social care workers	16	25	16	15	12	18	10	18	33	42
Other [See Tab 1]	4	5	5	3	3	2	3	5	4	0
Don't know	5	2	4	6	7	5	2	4	2	5