

# YouGov Survey Results

## Crime

*Prepared for The Mirror*

Sample Size: 1817  
Fieldwork: 3-4 July 2003

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**Which of these is the most important problem for the Government to tackle in your area?**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Crime            | 37% |
| Health service   | 26% |
| Schools          | 11% |
| Public transport | 10% |
| Unemployment     | 7%  |
| Poverty          | 4%  |
| Don't know       | 4%  |

**Have you personally been a victim of crime in the past 12 months?**

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 20% |
| No  | 79% |

**(If yes) Which of the following crimes have you been a victim of in the past 12 months?**  
**(Please tick all that apply)**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Car crime   | 39% |
| Vandalism / Graffiti / Anti-social behaviour      | 32% |
| Theft (having something stolen away from home)    | 20% |
| Burglary (having something stolen from your home) | 20% |
| Minor assault                                     | 7%  |
| Domestic violence                                 | 4%  |
| Credit or other card fraud                        | 4%  |
| Rape / sexual attack                              | 3%  |
| Mugging   | 3%  |
| Racially motivated crime                          | 2%  |
| Major assault (other than sexual attack)          | 1%  |
| Gun crime   | 0%  |
| Arson   | 1%  |
| Other   | 8%  |

**Have other members of your immediate family been a victim of crime in the past 12 months?**

|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 26% |
| No  | 74% |

**(If yes) Which of the following crimes have other members of your immediate family been a victim of in the past 12 months? (Please tick all that apply)**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Car crime                                      | 33% |
| Theft (having something stolen away from home) | 27% |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Vandalism / Graffiti / Anti-social behaviour      | 25% |
| Burglary (having something stolen from your home) | 21% |
| Minor assault                                     | 13% |
| Mugging   | 10% |
| Credit or other card fraud                        | 6%  |
| Major assault (other than sexual attack)          | 5%  |
| Domestic violence                                 | 3%  |
| Gun crime   | 1%  |
| Racially motivated crime                          | 1%  |
| Rape / sexual attack                              | 0%  |
| Arson   | 0%  |
| Other   | 6%  |

**How confident are you that the police would catch someone who committed a serious crime against you?**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very confident       | 1%  |
| Quite confident      | 20% |
| Not very confident   | 50% |
| Not at all confident | 28% |
| Don't know           | 1%  |

**How safe do you feel on your own street after dark?**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Very safe       | 10% |
| Fairly safe     | 51% |
| Not very safe   | 27% |
| Not at all safe | 12% |
| Don't know      | 0%  |

**Over the last five years do you think the overall amount of crime in Britain has. . . ?**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Risen a lot           | 46% |
| Risen a little        | 32% |
| Stayed about the same | 16% |
| Fallen a little       | 4%  |
| Fallen a lot          | 0%  |
| Don't know            | 1%  |

**How do you think that the present Government's performance in tackling crime compares with the performance of the last Conservative government?**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Present Labour government better        | 15% |
| Previous Conservative government better | 21% |
| Neither better                          | 57% |
| Don't know                              | 7%  |

**Do you think the police are paid sufficient for the job that they do?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Are paid sufficient     | 55% |
| Are not paid sufficient | 30% |
| Don't know              | 15% |

**Would you be prepared to pay higher taxes in order to pay the police higher wages?**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Would be prepared     | 21% |
| Would not be prepared | 63% |
| Don't know            | 15% |

**Would you be prepared to pay higher taxes in order to recruit more police officers?**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Would be prepared     | 46% |
| Would not be prepared | 42% |
| Don't know            | 11% |

**Do you think judges are generally too lenient or too strict in the sentences they impose on non-violent criminals such as burglars?**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Too strict | 2% |
|------------|----|

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Too lenient | 77% |
| About right | 14% |
| Don't know  | 6%  |

**Do you think judges are generally too lenient or too strict in the sentences they impose on violent criminals?**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Too strict  | 1%  |
| Too lenient | 86% |
| About right | 9%  |
| Don't know  | 4%  |

**Do you think the overall level of crimes such as muggings, burglaries and assault in your area will rise over the next few years, fall, or stay about the same?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Rise           | 62% |
| Fall           | 2%  |
| About the same | 36% |

**Do you think that, in general, courts should impose longer sentences?**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Yes        | 77% |
| No         | 13% |
| Don't know | 9%  |

**Do you think that, in general, there should be more use of alternatives to jail, e.g. community service orders (where people are required to work for a number of hours on tasks such as cleaning graffiti)?**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Yes        | 53% |
| No         | 40% |
| Don't know | 6%  |

**Which of the following measures would you like to see used more? (Please tick all that apply)**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| More police officers on the beat  | 86% |
| Rehabilitation programmes for drug addicts  | 72% |
| Parenting orders (where a parent of an offending child may be required to attend parenting classes and to ensure their child attends school / obeys a curfew) | 69% |
| Educational programmes in prisons   | 57% |
| Probation (where the offender is required to report regularly to officers and may face other restrictions on activities)                                      | 48% |
| Restorative justice (where the offender has to meet the victim and do something for them)   | 46% |
| Community service orders  | 38% |
| None of these   | 1%  |
| Don't know  | 1%  |