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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-16, 2025, with a random sample of –1,000— adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –500—national adults in Form A and the sample of –500- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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44. Next, we'd like to ask you about several aspects of the prison system in the United States. For each one, please say whether you think prisons are doing an excellent, good, only fair or poor job. How about … [ROTATED]

A. Maintaining high security to keep prisoners from escaping

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	No opinion
2025 Oct 1-16	16	46	26	8	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	18	49	23	8	2

B. Rehabilitating inmates so they are less likely to commit crimes in the future

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	No opinion
2025 Oct 1-16	3	13	32	47	5
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	2	12	34	48	4

C. Maintaining a safe environment for inmates in prison

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	No opinion
2025 Oct 1-16	4	20	33	33	9
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	5	25	37	26	7

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QN44A: US prison system: high security to prevent escapes BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Excellent	16%	19%	13%	15%	17%	18%	20%	12%	18%	14%	16%	19%	15%	16%	15%	17%	19%
Good	46%	49%	43%	49%	40%	46%	47%	45%	50%	46%	42%	45%	46%	46%	41%	44%	51%
Only fair	26%	22%	31%	25%	28%	26%	24%	28%	25%	26%	27%	25%	28%	25%	30%	28%	21%
Poor	8%	7%	8%	6%	11%	8%	5%	10%	4%	9%	11%	8%	7%	9%	9%	9%	6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%

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QN44B: US prison system: Rehabbing inmates to prevent future crimes BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Excellent	3%	3%	4%	1%	7%	4%	5%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	1%
Good	13%	11%	14%	10%	17%	17%	10%	13%	8%	11%	18%	15%	12%	12%	18%	11%	8%
Only fair	32%	33%	31%	35%	26%	24%	32%	36%	37%	33%	25%	33%	31%	33%	33%	29%	33%
Poor	47%	50%	44%	50%	43%	55%	46%	43%	48%	48%	46%	45%	48%	47%	37%	55%	54%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	5%	4%	7%	4%	7%	1%	7%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	7%	1%	4%

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QN44C: US prison system: Safe environment for inmates BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than $50,000	$50,000-100,000	$100,000+
Excellent	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	7%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%
Good	20%	23%	17%	20%	19%	16%	18%	24%	16%	20%	24%	27%	21%	11%	24%	13%	20%
Only fair	33%	34%	33%	36%	28%	28%	31%	38%	36%	35%	29%	40%	28%	37%	32%	44%	29%
Poor	33%	31%	35%	30%	40%	45%	36%	24%	35%	34%	32%	19%	37%	41%	31%	34%	38%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	9%	8%	10%	10%	7%	6%	10%	10%	10%	6%	10%	7%	10%	8%	9%	5%	8%

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