

DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From September 3 to 13, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 595 likely voters in Virginia using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=595 unless otherwise specified.

[1] In recent years, legislators in Virginia have pushed for reforms to the state's criminal justice system, including ending the death penalty and decriminalizing marijuana for adults.

Do you think that these reforms have made your community **more** safe, **less** safe, or has there been **no change**?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| My community is more safe after the reforms | 17 | 27 | 11 | 12 |
| There has been no change | 49 | 53 | 50 | 44 |
| My community is less safe after the reforms | 23 | 9 | 27 | 37 |
| Don't know | 10 | 12 | 13 | 6 |
| Weighted N | 595 | 231 | 168 | 196 |

[2] The Commonwealth of Virginia has allocated around \$5 million to fund violence prevention and other crime diversion programs during FY 2022.

When thinking about the criminal justice system in Virginia, should the state government be spending **more** or **less** on violence prevention and other crime diversion programs or do you think that it is spending the right amount?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| The government should be spending more | 39 | 49 | 38 | 28 |
| The government is spending the right amount | 32 | 33 | 30 | 32 |
| The government should be spending less | 17 | 7 | 17 | 28 |
| Don't know | 12 | 11 | 15 | 12 |
| Weighted N | 595 | 231 | 168 | 196 |

[3] Studies have found that community-led, evidence-based violence prevention efforts like mentorship programs, re-entry programs, trauma-informed care, and substance use treatment are effective at reducing crime.

Knowing what you do now, do you support or oppose funding evidence-based violence prevention programs?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 37 | 53 | 43 | 13 |
| Somewhat support | 40 | 29 | 34 | 57 |
| Somewhat oppose | 7 | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| Strongly oppose | 5 | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| Don't know | 12 | 11 | 14 | 11 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 77 | 82 | 77 | 70 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 12 | 7 | 10 | 19 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | +65 | +75 | +67 | +51 |
| Weighted N | 595 | 231 | 168 | 196 |

[4] Research has shown that the majority of individuals who commit acts of violence or other crimes were previously victims of crime or violence themselves.

Knowing what you do now, do you support or oppose the state government increasing funding for violence prevention and other crime diversion programs?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 33 | 51 | 33 | 11 |
| Somewhat support | 42 | 30 | 39 | 59 |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 | 7 | 8 | 14 |
| Strongly oppose | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Don't know | 11 | 10 | 16 | 10 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 75 | 81 | 72 | 70 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 13 | 10 | 12 | 21 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | +62 | +71 | +60 | +49 |
| Weighted N | 595 | 231 | 168 | 196 |

[5] As a result of abolishing the death penalty in Virginia earlier this year, the state government is on track to save \$3.8 million dollars per year. Do you support or oppose redirecting these savings to fund violence prevention and other crime diversion programs?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 37 | 55 | 38 | 14 |
| Somewhat support | 40 | 33 | 35 | 53 |
| Somewhat oppose | 11 | 4 | 12 | 17 |
| Strongly oppose | 4 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Don't know | 8 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 77 | 88 | 73 | 67 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 15 | 5 | 18 | 24 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | +62 | +83 | +55 | +43 |
| Weighted N | 595 | 231 | 168 | 196 |

[6] Under current law, Virginians with a first-time drug possession charge can enter probation and have their charge dismissed only if they meet all the requirements of the 251 Diversion Program which can include provisions such as mandatory counseling and community service.

Do you support or oppose creating other types of diversion programs for other types of charges that are not related to drug possession?

| Response | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 31 | 45 | 32 | 16 |
| Somewhat support | 42 | 40 | 41 | 45 |
| Somewhat oppose | 11 | 5 | 8 | 20 |
| Strongly oppose | 6 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| Don't know | 9 | 8 | 12 | 8 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 73 | 85 | 73 | 61 |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 17 | 7 | 14 | 31 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | +56 | +78 | +59 | +30 |
| Weighted N | 595 | 231 | 168 | 196 |