

New Mexico SAFE seeks to move New Mexico toward a holistic model of public safety – a system that is substantially smaller, smarter, and committed to the personal safety, health, equity, rights, and dignity of individuals and communities. To accomplish this, the public debate around crime and solutions must shift to a discussion fueled less by a desire for punishment and more by an understanding of the need to support our communities. Accordingly, a sharp and pragmatic plan for increasing public safety will address the social and economic factors that have caused our state to have one of the highest crime rates in the country.



75%

Worry about crime and safety in New Mexico.



60%

Have been affected by crime in New Mexico.



92%

Want criminal justice reform in New Mexico.

**3 in 4** New Mexicans say they want a criminal justice system that focuses on **rehabilitation and treatment** over prison.



70%

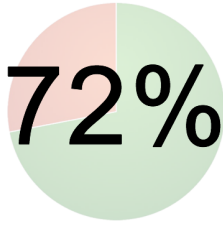
of New Mexicans want a reduction in the prison population.

We believe in legislation that provides New Mexican families with the tools they need to thrive, reforms the broken justice system and creates opportunities for people with justice system involvement to fully reintegrate back into society.

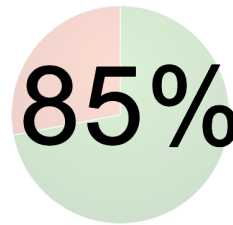
**72%** of New Mexicans want their elected officials to remove **barriers** so that those with convictions can obtain housing, jobs and education.

New Mexicans want prison and parole reform across several issue areas.

- **80%** want **expanded options for early release** for those who have shown they can be rehabilitated.
- **75%** want **rehabilitation and training** over a more punitive approach.
- **65%** want parole boards to **use their discretion** in deciding who in prison doesn't serve max sentences.



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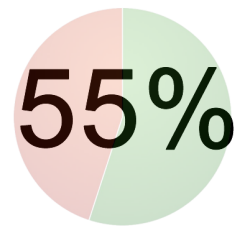
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## What do crime victims say?

**78% of crime victims** believe keeping people locked up who no longer pose a threat to public safety is a waste of taxpayer dollars and resources.

**90% of crime victims** agree that even if people with mental health disabilities commit serious crimes, communities will be safer if they're sent to mental health programs where they can get the treatment they need from professionals.

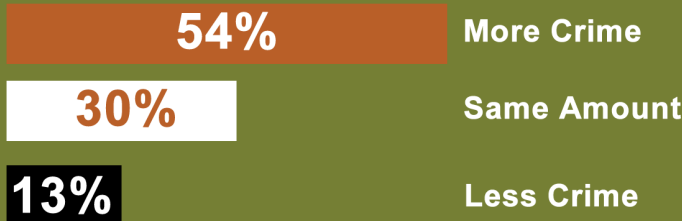
**75% of crime victims** disagree that the vast majority of people convicted of crimes will never change and it's not worth the time and money we spend to try to rehabilitate them.



**55%** agree that **people of color** are incarcerated at higher rates than white Americans **because of bias in policing, prosecution, and sentencing.**

### Perceptions of Crime Trends

Do you believe there is...



### New Mexicans Want Reform

New Mexicans are very conscious of our state's crime problem. Most indicate they or people in their network have been a victim of crime. Most, including most victims of crime, want criminal justice reform that reduces the number of New Mexicans who are incarcerated.

### Looking Ahead

Criminal justice reform solutions that emphasize rehabilitation and training over punitive approaches are what New Mexicans prefer. New Mexicans believe that people can be rehabilitated and that expanding access to treatment is a worthy path to pursue for our state.

### Methodology

Poll numbers courtesy of Latino Decisions/NM Safe poll taken August 22-29, 2018. Sample size was 502 adults with a margin of error +/- 4.4 percentage points. For more information on the NM SAFE Coalition, visit our website at [NMSAFE.org](http://NMSAFE.org).