

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From September 3 to 13, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 506 likely 2023 voters in Fairfax County, VA using SMS and 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 ± 5 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=457 unless otherwise specified.

This report is filtered to respondents: **Fairfax County**

[1] Do you support or oppose implementing alternative sentencing, such as participation in drug rehabilitation and mental health programs, in place of incarceration for individuals charged with misdemeanors or non-violent felonies?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
Strongly support	51	70	48	18	56	46	61	47	50	52	49
Somewhat support	35	25	37	51	33	37	24	39	32	36	37
Somewhat oppose	6	0	9	14	7	6	5	7	7	6	6
Strongly oppose	5	3	4	11	2	9	6	5	9	3	5
Don't know	2	1	3	6	3	2	3	2	2	3	3
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	86	95	85	69	89	83	85	86	82	88	86
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	3	13	25	9	15	11	12	16	9	11
SUPPORT (NET)	+75	+92	+72	+44	+80	+68	+74	+74	+66	+79	+75
Weighted N	457	203	153	101	238	219	133	322	150	307	318

[2] Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
Prosecutors should ensure that the punishment matches the crime in each case in order to create a fairer system for all residents while also promoting safety.	84	92	79	75	85	82	86	83	82	85	85
Prosecutors should actively seek the toughest punishments for a given crime in order to prevent future crimes and keep our communities safe.	13	5	17	24	11	15	9	15	16	12	13
Don't know	3	3	4	1	3	3	5	2	3	3	2
(NET)	+71	+87	+62	+51	+74	+67	+77	+68	+66	+73	+72
Weighted N	457	203	153	101	238	219	133	322	150	307	318

[3] How concerned or not concerned are you about racial disparities in the enforcement of laws in Virginia?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
Very concerned	47	77	33	8	51	42	50	46	47	47	43
Somewhat concerned	25	20	32	25	26	24	24	26	19	28	27
Only a little concerned	9	2	15	15	10	8	9	9	10	9	11
Not at all concerned	17	1	16	50	12	23	15	18	20	15	18
Don't know	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	2
Weighted N	457	203	153	101	238	219	133	322	150	307	318

[4] Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
The state should play an active role in addressing racial inequality across multiple aspects of society.	68	94	61	25	73	62	71	66	64	69	66
Racial inequality is a thing of the past and does not represent a significant obstacle to residents in my state.	28	4	32	69	23	33	23	30	30	27	29
Don't know	5	2	7	6	5	5	6	4	5	4	5
(NET)	+40	+90	+29	-44	+50	+29	+48	+36	+34	+42	+37
Weighted N	457	203	153	101	238	219	133	322	150	307	318

[5] Under current law, many crimes are subject to mandatory minimums, a policy that requires that individuals convicted of specific crimes be sentenced to a minimum amount of time in prison regardless of the specifics of the case or the discretion of the presiding judge. Knowing what you do now, do you support or oppose **eliminating the use of mandatory minimums** in the state's criminal justice system?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
Strongly support	32	48	22	14	31	32	38	29	19	38	35
Somewhat support	33	29	40	31	38	28	28	35	36	31	34
Somewhat oppose	16	11	15	27	14	18	16	16	22	13	14
Strongly oppose	11	6	13	19	8	15	9	12	16	9	11
Don't know	8	7	10	9	9	7	9	8	8	8	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	65	77	62	45	69	60	66	64	55	69	69
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	27	17	28	46	22	33	25	28	38	22	25
SUPPORT (NET)	+38	+60	+34	-1	+47	+27	+41	+36	+17	+47	+44
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[6] The use of cash bail is a practice by which the court requires a community member accused of a crime to pay a certain amount of money to avoid being detained before their trial. Some local prosecutors have stopped seeking cash bail except in cases that pose significant danger to community members.

Supporters of cash bail argue that it helps keep potential criminals off of the street and prevents them from fleeing the state's jurisdiction.

Opponents of cash bail argue that it only targets low-income defendants, regardless of their innocence, who can't afford to go home and jeopardizes their jobs unfairly.

Do you support or oppose **the use of cash bail**?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White
Strongly support	20	7	19	48	20	20	17	22	27	17	20
Somewhat support	20	16	20	28	12	28	18	21	21	19	19
Somewhat oppose	32	37	36	17	36	28	33	32	22	37	33
Strongly oppose	22	37	16	4	24	21	28	20	22	22	22
Don't know	5	3	10	3	8	3	5	6	8	4	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	40	23	39	76	32	48	35	43	48	36	39
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	54	74	52	21	60	49	61	52	44	59	55
SUPPORT (NET)	-14	-51	-13	+55	-28	-1	-26	-9	+4	-23	-16
Weighted N	457	203	153	101	238	219	133	322	150	307	318