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**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:**  
**CRIME**

**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-13, 2019 with a random sample of –1,526— 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  $\pm 3$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**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 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. 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, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).**

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On the subject of crime,

Q.9-10 ROTATED

9. Is there more crime in your area than there was a year ago, or less?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Oct 1-13	43	40	16	2
2018 Oct 1-10	39	42	16	4
2017 Oct 5-11	40	38	20	3
2016 Oct 5-9	45	33	20	2
2015 Oct 7-11	46	33	18	3
2014 Oct 12-15	44	32	19	5
2013 Oct 3-6	41	33	21	4
2011 Oct 6-9	48	29	18	5
2010 Oct 7-10	49	30	16	5
2009 Oct 1-4	51	29	16	4
2008 Oct 3-5	44	31	19	5
2007 Oct 4-7	51	29	17	4
2006 Oct 9-12	51	30	15	4
2005 Oct 13-16	47	33	18	2
2004 Oct 11-14	37	37	22	4
2003 Oct 6-8	40	39	19	2
2002 Oct 14-17	37	34	24	5
2001 Oct 11-14	26	52	18	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	34	46	15	5
1998 Oct 23-25	31	48	16	5
1997 Aug 22-25	46	32	20	2
1996 Jul 25-28	46	24	25	5
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	54	19	23	4
1990 Sep 10-11	51	18	24	8
1989 Jun 8-11	53	18	22	7
1989 Jan 24-28	47	21	27	5
1983 Jan 28-31	37	17	36	10
1981 Jan 9-12	54	8	29	9
1977 Nov 18-21	43	17	32	8
1975 Jun 27-30	50	12	29	9
1972 Dec 8-11	51	10	27	12

10. Is there more crime in the U.S. than there was a year ago, or less?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Oct 1-13	64	24	9	3
2018 Oct 1-10	60	25	8	7
2017 Oct 5-11	68	19	9	5
2016 Oct 5-9	70	20	6	4
2015 Oct 7-11	70	18	8	4
2014 Oct 12-15	63	21	9	7
2013 Oct 3-6	64	19	9	7
2011 Oct 6-9	68	17	8	8
2010 Oct 7-10	66	17	8	9
2009 Oct 1-4	74	15	6	5
2008 Oct 3-5	67	15	9	9
2007 Oct 4-7	71	14	8	6
2006 Oct 9-12	68	16	8	8
2005 Oct 13-16	67	21	9	3
2004 Oct 11-14	53	28	14	5
2003 Oct 6-8	60	25	11	4
2002 Oct 14-17	62	21	11	6
2001 Oct 11-14	41	43	10	6
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	47	41	7	5
1998 Oct 23-25	52	35	8	5
1997 Aug 22-25	64	25	6	5
1996 Jul 25-28	71	15	8	6
1993 Oct 13-18	87	4	5	4
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	89	3	4	4
1990 Sep 10	84	3	7	6
1989 Jan 24-28	84	5	5	6

12. Overall, how would you describe the problem of crime [ROTATED: in the United States/in the area where you live] -- is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

**A. In the United States**

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Oct 1-13	20	32	41	6	1	1
2018 Oct 1-10	16	32	41	7	1	2
2017 Oct 5-11	26	33	34	6	1	1
2016 Oct 5-9	20	40	32	7	*	1
2015 Oct 7-11	21	38	35	4	1	1
2014 Oct 12-15	18	37	39	4	1	1
2013 Oct 3-6	19	36	38	4	1	2
2011 Oct 6-9	18	36	39	5	1	1
2010 Oct 7-10	21	39	35	3	1	2
2009 Oct 1-4	20	35	40	3	*	1
2008 Oct 3-5	16	35	43	5	*	1
2007 Oct 4-7	20	37	39	2	*	1
2006 Oct 9-12	17	39	41	2	*	1
2005 Oct 13-16	19	30	46	4	*	1
2004 Oct 11-14	13	29	52	5	*	1
2003 Oct 6-8	17	37	40	4	1	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	22	38	35	3	1	1

**B. In the area where you live**

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Oct 1-13	4	9	37	31	19	*
2018 Oct 1-10	2	7	32	36	22	1
2017 Oct 5-11	4	8	29	36	22	1
2016 Oct 5-9	5	9	33	34	20	1
2015 Oct 7-11	4	8	32	38	18	*
2014 Oct 12-15	6	10	34	33	17	*
2013 Oct 3-6	5	8	35	33	18	1
2011 Oct 6-9	4	7	41	32	15	1
2010 Oct 7-10	4	9	37	33	16	1
2009 Oct 1-4	4	8	36	35	16	*
2008 Oct 3-5	3	8	32	35	22	1
2007 Oct 4-7	5	10	34	34	17	1
2006 Oct 9-12	3	9	35	35	18	*
2005 Oct 13-16	5	7	30	39	19	*
2004 Oct 11-14	2	6	31	37	24	*
2003 Oct 6-8	4	7	33	35	21	*
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	3	9	35	35	18	*

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**QN9: Crime in your area BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1526	835	691	1132	359	279	403	815	626	537	349	462	612	419	604	531	348
	Weighted n	1526	751	775	1000	502	414	497	587	492	438	588	393	655	450	556	559	373
More		655	283	372	416	228	201	200	238	181	190	281	151	300	196	241	254	150
		43%	38%	48%	42%	46%	49%	40%	41%	37%	43%	48%	39%	46%	43%	43%	45%	40%
Less		603	326	277	379	216	168	193	233	196	184	220	179	250	162	236	208	140
		40%	43%	36%	38%	43%	41%	39%	40%	40%	42%	37%	46%	38%	36%	42%	37%	38%
Same (vol.)		244	129	115	188	52	43	91	108	101	59	83	59	94	85	71	90	75
		16%	17%	15%	19%	10%	10%	18%	18%	21%	14%	14%	15%	14%	19%	13%	16%	20%
(DK)/(Refused)		23	13	10	17	5	2	13	8	13	5	4	3	12	7	8	7	7
		2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

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**QN10: Crime in the U.S. BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1526	835	691	1132	359	279	403	815	626	537	349	462	612	419	604	531	348
	Weighted n	1526	751	775	1000	502	414	497	587	492	438	588	393	655	450	556	559	373
More		976	411	565	615	351	274	291	391	266	290	416	227	410	322	347	357	247
		64%	55%	73%	61%	70%	66%	59%	67%	54%	66%	71%	58%	63%	72%	62%	64%	66%
Less		365	235	130	253	101	100	126	135	151	107	104	126	154	79	158	125	77
		24%	31%	17%	25%	20%	24%	25%	23%	31%	24%	18%	32%	24%	18%	28%	22%	21%
Same (vol.)		139	82	58	103	35	32	59	49	59	30	49	28	69	39	36	58	41
		9%	11%	7%	10%	7%	8%	12%	8%	12%	7%	8%	7%	11%	9%	7%	10%	11%
(DK)/(Refused)		46	23	23	29	15	8	21	13	16	12	19	12	22	10	14	19	6
		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%

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**QN12A: Describe crime in U.S. BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1526	835	691	1132	359	279	403	815	626	537	349	462	612	419	604	531	348
	Weighted n	1526	751	775	1000	502	414	497	587	492	438	588	393	655	450	556	559	373
Extremely serious		305	111	194	170	133	100	87	115	61	95	148	62	130	105	107	109	77
		20%	15%	25%	17%	26%	24%	18%	20%	12%	22%	25%	16%	20%	23%	19%	19%	21%
Very serious		487	229	258	340	138	125	136	214	139	135	210	152	174	153	198	161	119
		32%	31%	33%	34%	27%	30%	27%	37%	28%	31%	36%	39%	27%	34%	36%	29%	32%
Moderately serious		621	329	292	417	193	161	225	223	246	182	188	155	295	162	210	246	149
		41%	44%	38%	42%	38%	39%	45%	38%	50%	42%	32%	39%	45%	36%	38%	44%	40%
Not too serious		85	67	18	52	31	25	36	22	33	21	30	16	45	20	33	36	17
		6%	9%	2%	5%	6%	6%	7%	4%	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	6%	6%	5%
Not serious at all		10	7	3	6	3	2	5	3	2	3	4	1	4	5	2	3	4
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
(DK)/(Refused)		18	8	11	14	3	1	8	9	10	2	7	6	8	4	6	5	6
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

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**QN12B: Describe crime in area you live BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1526	835	691	1132	359	279	403	815	626	537	349	462	612	419	604	531	348
	Weighted n	1526	751	775	1000	502	414	497	587	492	438	588	393	655	450	556	559	373
Extremely serious		63	29	35	27	34	21	26	16	7	23	33	14	30	19	25	20	18
		4%	4%	4%	3%	7%	5%	5%	3%	2%	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Very serious		130	55	74	82	47	43	38	45	41	43	46	33	51	38	45	44	34
		9%	7%	10%	8%	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%
Moderately serious		559	259	300	358	191	183	170	197	170	155	232	142	243	167	197	210	141
		37%	34%	39%	36%	38%	44%	34%	34%	35%	35%	40%	36%	37%	37%	35%	38%	38%
Not too serious		477	242	234	315	156	127	144	194	159	134	180	119	208	140	166	185	120
		31%	32%	30%	32%	31%	31%	29%	33%	32%	31%	31%	30%	32%	31%	30%	33%	32%
Not serious at all		292	164	128	216	72	41	117	130	112	82	95	82	122	84	121	99	59
		19%	22%	16%	22%	14%	10%	24%	22%	23%	19%	16%	21%	19%	19%	22%	18%	16%
(DK)/(Refused)		6	2	4	2	2 -		2	4	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	1	2
		0%	0%	1%	0%	0% -		0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%