

# MO Statewide Survey

January 15-18, 2022

On behalf of:

The Justice Action Network



### Survey Methodology

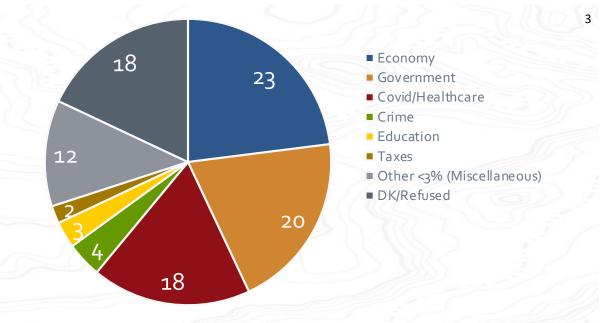
The following survey was conducted by OnMessage Inc. in Missouri on behalf of the Justice Action Network.

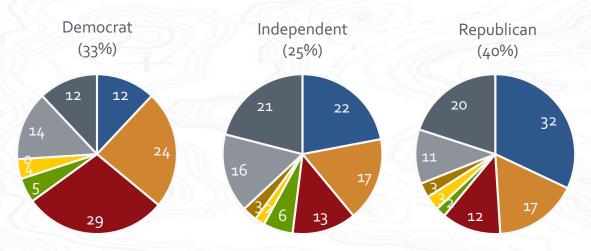
Telephone interviews, by both landline and cell phone, were completed January 15-18, 2022.

The survey consists of 500 likely general election voters and was stratified to reflect historical voter trends. The margin of error is +/- 4.4%.



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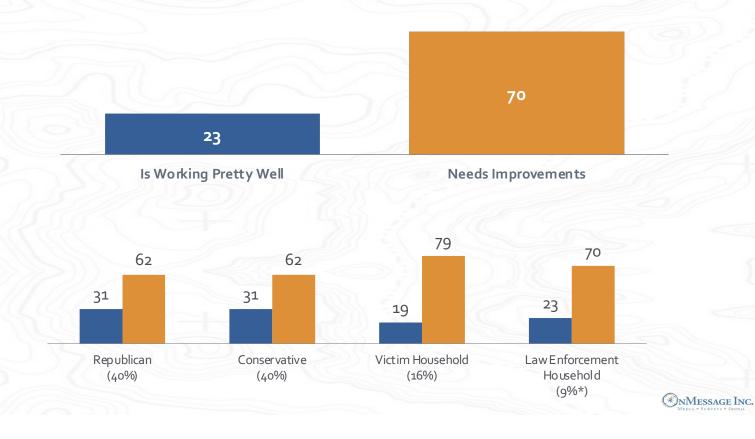






As you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system. Generally speaking, do you think the criminal justice system here in Missouri...

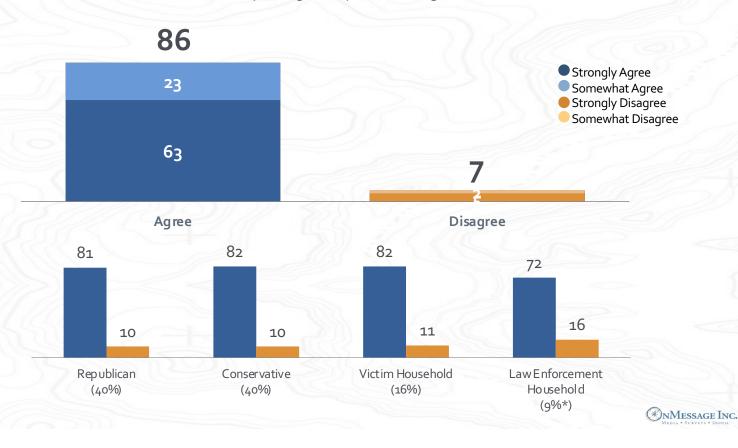
# CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROVAL



REDUCING
BARRIERS
AFTER RELEASE

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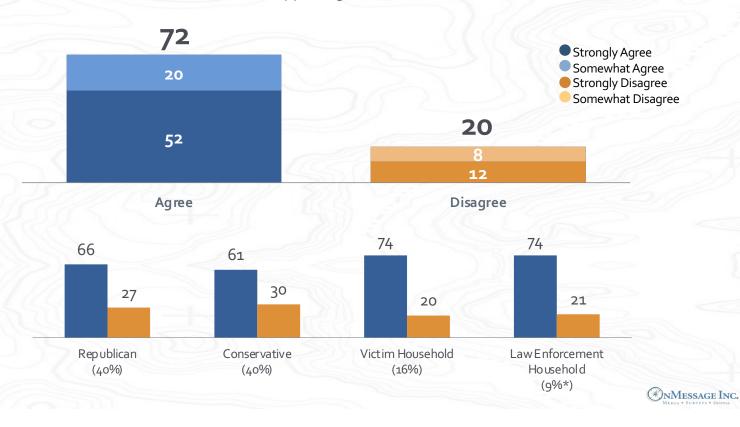
We should break down barriers for people coming out of prison so they can get jobs, support their families, and stop being so dependent on government services.



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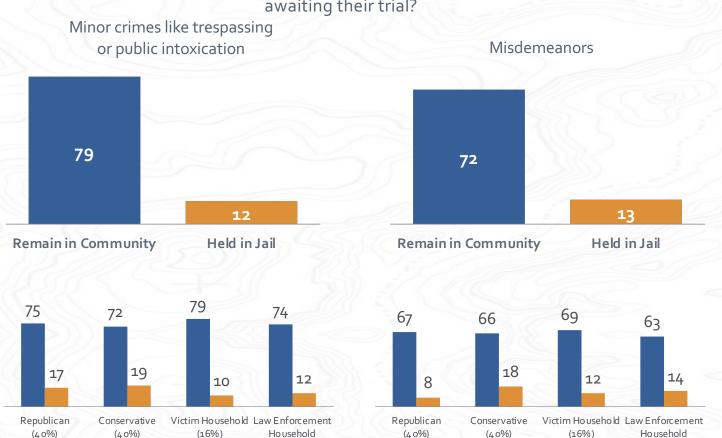
Missouri should allow people with less serious criminal records, who have remained crime-free for a period of time, to seal or expunge their records so they have a better shot of finding jobs and supporting their families.

### RECORD EXPUNGEMENT



### REMAIN IN COMMUNITY?

Next, I am going to read you descriptions of different types of crimes. For each one, please tell me if you think people charged with these types of crimes should generally be held in jail while awaiting their trial, or should remain in the community while awaiting their trial?



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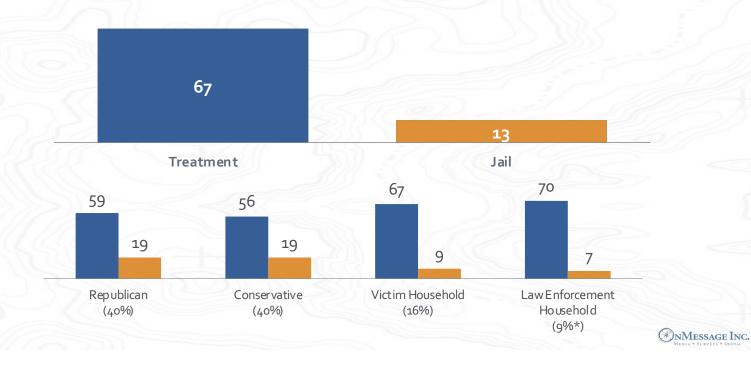
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Sometimes, law enforcement officers encounter people accused of low-level crimes that may be linked to their mental illness or addiction. Which of the following scenarios comes closest to your view on what should happen in these cases?

Rather than face arrest by the police, people with mental illness or addiction accused of low-level crimes should be diverted to treatment that addresses what led to their behavior.

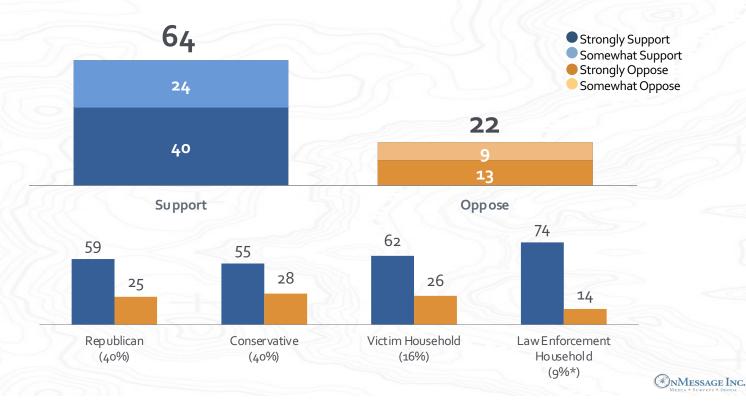
People accused of these crimes should be held in jail while they await trial.

## MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE



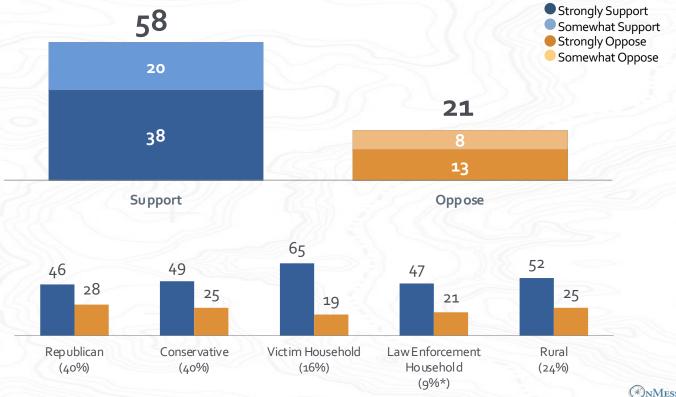
# 18 MONTH MISDEMEANOR MAXIMUM

As you may know, in Missouri, if someone is convicted for a felony and placed on probation, for every month of "good behavior" on probation, a month is knocked off their sentence potentially cutting the probation sentence in half. However, this policy currently does not apply for much less serious crimes like misdemeanors or municipal ordinance violations. There is currently a proposal being debated in the State Legislature that would set the maximum sentence for misdemeanors and ordinance violations to 18 months. With this in mind, do you support or oppose this proposal?



### No Arrests FOR FINES

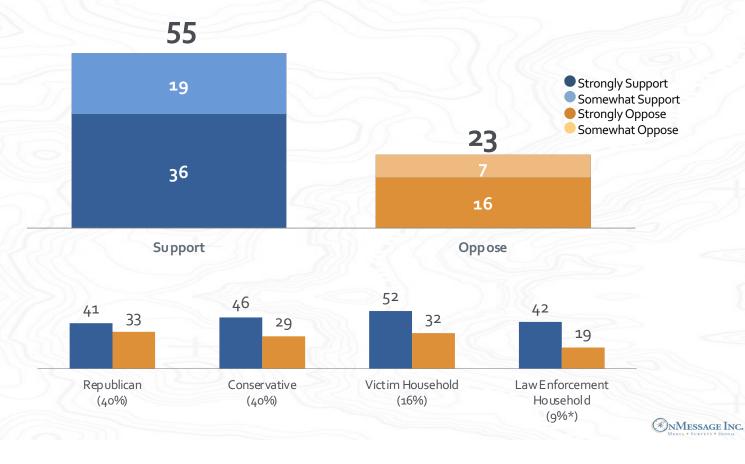
Unlike in other states, in Missouri, a court may issue a warrant of arrest if a person fails to appear in court for traffic ticket violations or fails to pay a fine assessed for a minor traffic violation. These warrants can clog up valuable court resources otherwise reserved for serious public safety issues. A proposal under consideration from the State Legislature would prohibit these bench warrants or arrests, while still allowing fines to be referred to collections. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

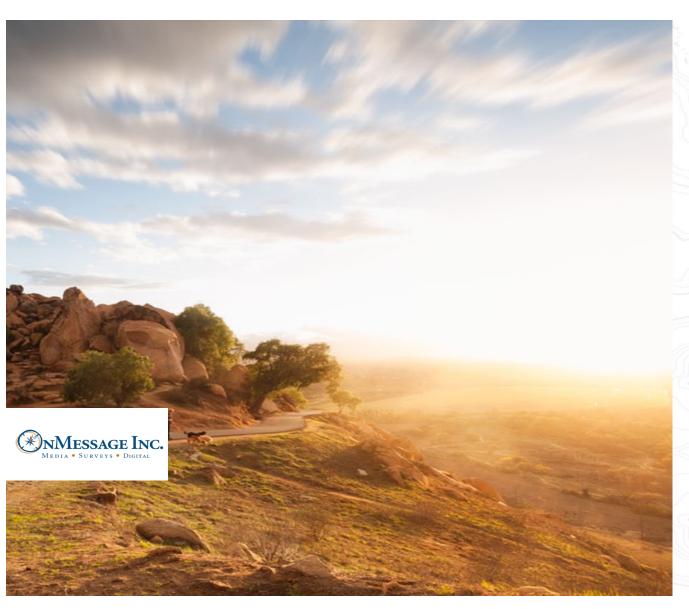




#### Nursery Care Program

As you may have heard, there is a proposal being debated by the State Legislature that would require the Missouri Department of Corrections to establish a Correctional Center Nursery Program that would allow inmates who are mothers of infants to reside with their infant children for up to 18 months. Do you support or oppose this proposal?





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