

San Diego County Issues Barometer Poll

CRIME

n=504 San Diego County Residents

Margin of Sampling Error +/- 4.4%

September 2-10, 2022

Weighted on turnout, party, race, Hispanic, gender, region, age

Hello is ____ there? Hi this is _____ with Competitive Edge Research, a national polling firm and we're calling the good folks of San Diego to ask your opinion on local issues. We are not selling anything. Most people find it interesting, and all your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Please let me begin by asking...

Q1. To help us better understand what's important in different areas of San Diego County, what is your ZIP code?

	%
Central	20.3
East County	0.8
East Suburban	14.9
North City	24.8
North County East	13.5
North County West	13.3
South Suburban	12.3

Q2. And in what year were you born?

	%
18-24	10.6
25-34	21.4
35-44	16.6
45-54	16.5
55-64	15.9
65-74	10.8
75+	8.1
Average	47

Q3. Do you think things in San Diego County are moving in the right direction or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	June %	Sept %
Right direction, strongly	5.9	6.2
Right direction, somewhat	29.6	35.2
Wrong track, somewhat	17.4	16.1
Wrong track, strongly	28.8	23.8
Mixed (<i>Not read</i>)	3.2	4.0
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	14.2	14.2
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	1.0	0.5

Q4. What is the most important issue facing people in San Diego County?

	June %	Sept %
Homelessness	22.1	22.2
Housing affordability	18.2	20.4
Cost of living	8.9	9.8
Housing availability	3.5	6.4
Water scarcity	1.5	4.3
Economy and jobs	2.9	3.7
Inflation	6.4	3.7
Crime and safety	2.6	3.0
Environment and climate change	2.2	3.6
Gasoline prices	9.3	2.8
Infrastructure/Road repair	0.0	2.5
Schools/Education	3.1	2.4
Bad political leadership	2.0	2.4
Illegal immigration/Border	3.1	1.9
Taxes	1.4	1.7
Traffic	1.4	1.6
Overdevelopment/Overpopulation	1.7	0.5
Other	4.4	4.6
Nothing/Don't know	5.4	2.6

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On another topic...

Q9. Do you think crime in San Diego County has increased, decreased, or remained about the same since last year?

	%
Increased a lot	29.7
Increased a little	25.2
Decreased a little	3.0
Decreased a lot	1.5
Stayed the same	29.7
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	10.8

Q10. When compared to crime in other big cities, do you think San Diego County is generally safer, less safe or about the same?

	%
Much safer	21.9
A little safer	39.0
About the same	26.6
A little less safe	4.7
Much less safe	5.2
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	2.6

Q11. Thinking about crime in your neighborhood, do you generally feel safe, or do you not feel safe?

	%
Feel very safe	46.8
Feel somewhat safe	35.1
Do not feel safe, somewhat	12.1
Do not feel safe at all	4.1
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	1.9

Q12. In the past year, have you been a victim of property crime, violent crime, organized crime, white collar crime, or identity theft while in San Diego County or have you not been a crime victim?

	%
Property	10.2
Identity theft	5.8
Violent	1.4
White collar	0.6
Organized	0.1
Not a crime victim	79.9
Multiple (<i>Not read</i>)	0.5
Unsure (<i>Not read</i>)	1.5

Q13. There have been a few proposals to reduce crime in San Diego County. Please tell me which of the following, if any, would be the most effective. (*Answer choices were randomized*)

	%
More funding for mental health programs	33.6
Stricter enforcement of laws	16.0
More funding for education	15.6
More policing	12.6
Longer sentencing or harsher punishment for criminals	11.4
Expand law enforcement's use of drones and cameras	3.9
Less policing	0.6
Unsure/Depends (<i>Not read</i>)	5.1
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	1.1

Thanks. Now I have some demographic questions to ensure we have a representative sample...

Q19. And do you reside in...

	%
An apartment	14.7
A condo that you rent	3.6
A condo that you own	8.1
A house that you rent	18.2
A house that you own	53.8
A mobile home	1.3
Refused (<i>Not read</i>)	0.4

Q20. Are/were either of your parents Hispanic?

	%
No	70.4
Yes	29.6

Q21. Is your racial heritage mainly

	%
White or Caucasian	66.5
Black or African American	6.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	12.1
Native American	1.0
Other/Multiracial	14.0

Thanks for your time and your opinion counts, goodbye.

22. SEX

	%
Male	50.0
Female	50.0

23. LANGAUGE

	%
English	97.6
Spanish	2.4

24. POLITICAL PARTY

	%
Democrat	33.6
Republican	22.1
Non-partisan	18.4
Minor party	7.2
Non-registrants	18.7