

## Topline Results for AUM Poll (Prisons): September 30 to October 3, 2020

Questions and data provided below are part of a more comprehensive study than that which is presented.

Sample: Registered Alabama Voters

Registered voters sampled: 1,072

Margin of error at 95% confidence (weighted for design effects):  $\pm 4.0$  points

Methodology: Online panel adjusted according to population age, race, gender, education, and income levels using iterative proportional fitting.

### What is your age?

Response	Percent
18-24	12.4
25-34	16.8
35-44	15.9
45-54	17.0
55-64	17.1
65-74	12.3
75 +	8.5

### What is your gender?

Response	Percent
Female	51.6
Male	48.4

### What is your annual household income?

Response	Percent
Less than \$10,000	8.8
\$10,000-14,999	6.3
\$15,000-24,999	12.0
\$25,000-34,999	10.7
\$35,000-49,999	13.5
\$50,000-74,999	17.4
\$75,000-\$99,999	11.5
\$100,000-149,999	11.9

\$150,000-199,999	4.2
\$200,000 +	3.7

**What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

Response	Percent
Some high school or less	14.2
High school or GED	30.9
Some college	21.6
Bachelor's or associate's degree	23.9
Graduate degree	9.3

**What is your ethnicity (select all that apply)?**

Response	Percent
White (Not Hispanic)	68.2
Black or African American	26.6
Other (includes more than one)	5.2

**How liberal or conservative would you say that you are on average?**

Response	Percent
Very liberal	8.1
Somewhat liberal	12.1
Moderate	29.7
Somewhat conservative	20.1
Very conservative	21.7
Don't know	8.4

**Which of the following best reflects your religious affiliation?**

Response	Percent
Catholic	9.5
Evangelical Protestant	38.8
Mainline Protestant	13.9
Jewish	1.0
Muslim	0.8

Other	18.0
None (atheist, agnostic, spiritual but not religious)	18.0

**How would you classify yourself in terms of the political party to which you belong?**

Response	Percent
Strongly Republican	28.3
Somewhat Republican	16.4
Independent (lean Republican)	9.1
Independent	14.6
Independent (lean Democratic)	6.9
Somewhat Democratic	8.7
Strongly Democratic	16.0

**Thinking about the challenges Alabama prisons face with respect to over-crowding and inmate health, which of the following (if any) reforms would you support? (Select all that apply.)**

Proposal	Average
Reduce or eliminate criminal sentences for non-violent crimes.	36.6
Parole inmates convicted of non-violent crimes.	30.3
Increase funding to improve existing prison facilities	25.9
Construct new prisons to be operated by the state.	21.4
Contract with private firms to construct new prisons the state would then lease to operate.	14.5
Increase funding for prison staff such as correctional officers, healthcare providers, educators, etc.	27.5
Increase funding for probation officers.	15.2
I support none of these options	9.9

**Thinking about the challenges Alabama prisons face with respect to over-crowding and inmate health, which of the following (if any) reforms would you support? (Select all that apply.) [By party]**

Proposal	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Reduce or eliminate criminal sentences for non-violent crimes.	48.7	46.7	28.2
Parole inmates convicted of non-violent crimes.	34.1	31.1	27.6
Increase funding to improve existing prison facilities	26.5	25.3	26.2
Construct new prisons to be operated by the state.	14.6	26.7	25.2
Contract with private firms to construct new prisons the state would then lease to operate.	12.0	7.9	18.2
Increase funding for prison staff such as correctional officers, healthcare providers, educators, etc.	29.5	30.9	28.3
Increase funding for probation officers.	15.1	9.3	17.9
I support none of these options	6.2	6.5	9.7

**Thinking about the challenges Alabama prisons face with respect to over-crowding and inmate health, which of the following (if any) reforms would you support? (Select all that apply.) [By race]**

Proposal	White	Black	Other
Reduce or eliminate criminal sentences for non-violent crimes.	34.2	41.2	45.6
Parole inmates convicted of non-violent crimes.	31.4	26.7	33.4
Increase funding to improve existing prison facilities	28.3	19.7	25.5
Construct new prisons to be operated by the state.	24.5	10.7	32.1
Contract with private firms to construct new prisons the state would then lease to operate.	16.8	9.6	9.0
Increase funding for prison staff such as correctional officers, healthcare providers, educators, etc.	28.5	25.9	22.1
Increase funding for probation officers.	18.3	6.3	17.2
I support none of these options	10.5	9.4	5.0

**Thinking about the challenges Alabama prisons face with respect to over-crowding and inmate health, which of the following (if any) reforms would you support? (Select all that apply.) [By age]**

Proposal	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Reduce or eliminate criminal sentences for non-violent crimes.	39.5	47.1	47.8	32.0	30.0	28.1	25.1
Parole inmates convicted of non-violent crimes.	22.5	37.3	41.5	21.7	33.3	28.1	19.9
Increase funding to improve existing prison facilities	31.4	27.0	25.8	23.6	25.7	22.6	26.7
Construct new prisons to be operated by the state.	12.7	18.4	18.9	21.7	20.1	24.4	21.0
Contract with private firms to construct new prisons the state would then lease to operate.	6.2	18.0	11.1	14.7	15.8	11.8	27.4
Increase funding for prison staff such as correctional officers, healthcare providers, educators, etc.	23.1	26.7	35.9	24.9	27.8	29.1	21.3
Increase funding for probation officers.	8.5	18.8	17.9	9.5	18.9	16.6	13.9
I support none of these options	17.3	6.1	7.7	7.4	10.6	8.7	17.2

**Thinking about the challenges Alabama prisons face with respect to over-crowding and inmate health, which of the following (if any) reforms would you support? (Select all that apply.) [By education]**

Proposal	Less than HS	HS or GED	Some College	College	Graduate
Reduce or eliminate criminal sentences for non-violent crimes.	34.3	35.9	44.4	30.8	38.8
Parole inmates convicted of non-violent crimes.	34.3	26.3	34.1	29.8	30.3
Increase funding to improve existing prison facilities	36.4	19.5	27.7	26.6	26.7
Construct new prisons to be operated by the state.	18.5	17.3	19.7	29.7	21.3
Contract with private firms to construct new prisons the state would then lease to operate.	15.4	10.4	13.5	16.7	23.5
Increase funding for prison staff such as correctional officers, healthcare providers, educators, etc.	30.0	23.4	23.5	32.3	34.8
Increase funding for probation officers.	13.5	13.2	15.0	16.0	22.4
I support none of these options	11.2	13.8	9.4	6.9	4.1

**Thinking about the challenges Alabama prisons face with respect to over-crowding and inmate health, which of the following (if any) reforms would you support? (Select all that apply.) [By gender]**

Proposal	Females	Males
Reduce or eliminate criminal sentences for non-violent crimes.	38.6	34.4
Parole inmates convicted of non-violent crimes.	33.3	27.1
Increase funding to improve existing prison facilities	27.6	24.1
Construct new prisons to be operated by the state.	18.3	24.7
Contract with private firms to construct new prisons the state would then lease to operate.	8.4	21.2
Increase funding for prison staff such as correctional officers, healthcare providers, educators, etc.	25.6	30.0
Increase funding for probation officers.	14.2	16.3
I support none of these options	11.7	8.0