



Survey Results
Law Enforcement Reform in Baltimore

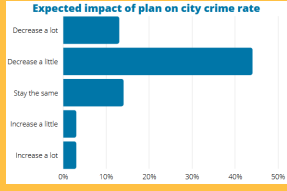


Respondents Have Heard of the Mayor's Proposed Crime Plan and Think It Will Decrease Crime

In February, Mayor Scott's administration released a draft Violence Prevention Framework and Plan through the new Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. You can read more about the plan [here](#).

Three in four respondents had heard about the plan prior to our survey, although most had not read it.

57% of respondents thought it would decrease crime, although most thought it would only have a small effect.

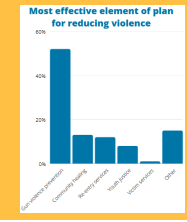


Majorities of Respondents Agreed with the Plan's Views of Crime in Baltimore

The plan looks at violence as a public health crisis and not simply a criminal justice issue – 90% of respondents agreed with this approach.



The plan proposes increasing community and neighborhood engagement as an approach to preventing violence – 93% of respondents agreed.



Gun Violence Prevention Thought Most Effective for Reducing Violence

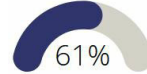
The plan emphasized five activities as part of its "public health approach to violence,"

Of these, our respondents thought that gun violence prevention will be most effective at reducing violence in Baltimore.

Respondents named jobs, social programs and a universal income as "other" measures that could reduce crime.

Plan Expected to Help Reduce Juvenile Crime

One of the plan components is to use community-based mediation efforts for juvenile offenders. Almost half of respondents thought it would decrease crime in their communities by a small amount, another 13% thought it would decrease crime in their communities a lot.



Respondents Support State's Attorney's Plan for Not Prosecuting Some Nonviolent Offenses



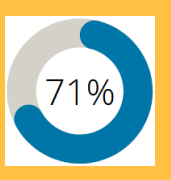
In March, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby announced last month that her office will no longer prosecute certain nonviolent crimes in Baltimore. These include prostitution, drug possession, and trespassing, among others.

Two-thirds of respondents agreed with this approach, while one-third disagreed.

Large Majorities of Respondents Supported Legislative Policing Changes

The Maryland General Assembly passed several bills regarding policing and public safety this year. Respondents were asked if they supported specific parts of the legislation related to police operations and oversight in Baltimore specifically and in Maryland overall.

- * 88% supported the creation of a new process to investigate police misconduct complaints
- * 84% supported the requirement for a study about diverting some 911 calls to non-police services
- * 82% supported the requirement for implicit bias testing and training for police applicants, trainees, and officers
- * 63% supported repealing the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights (LEOBOR)



Respondents Strongly Support City Control of Police

54% of respondents strongly supported Baltimore City's taking full control of its Police Department, and 17% somewhat supported the City taking control. Over half of these respondents cited issues related to "local control" as their reason.

18% of respondents strongly or somewhat opposed the City taking control. The most commonly cited reason was the City's inability to solve other major issues of concern.

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About this survey - This survey was open for responses from April 21-30, 2021. There were 120 respondents. The demographics of the BeHeard Baltimore™ panel do not match those of the city of Baltimore. This leads to skewed responses that likely do not reflect the views of city residents as a whole. The University of Baltimore, the administrators of the BeHeard project, are working to expand survey participation through media and organizational outreach. Due to concerns about the respondents' demographics, the survey results presented here should only be considered reflective of the survey respondents and not city residents as a whole.

About BeHeard Baltimore™: The University of Baltimore launched BeHeard Baltimore™ to gather public opinion from city residents on the issues and events that are most important to them. The Baltimore Sun is the University's media partner for this project. The survey provides members of the community with the opportunity to help inform city leaders about their needs and views. All city residents over 18 years old are encouraged to participate. Interested residents can register to participate at <http://beheardbaltimore.com/>, or call 410-837-6188. There is no cost to participate. For more information, please contact us at BeHeardBaltimore@ubalt.edu or 410-837-6188.

