

# Community Survey Results

Views of the Newark community on public safety issues

## BACKGROUND

In June 2013, researchers and local residents surveyed 577 Newark community members about the justice system, crime, and quality of life in Newark.

## WHO RESPONDED

Surveyors spoke to 577 Newark community members:

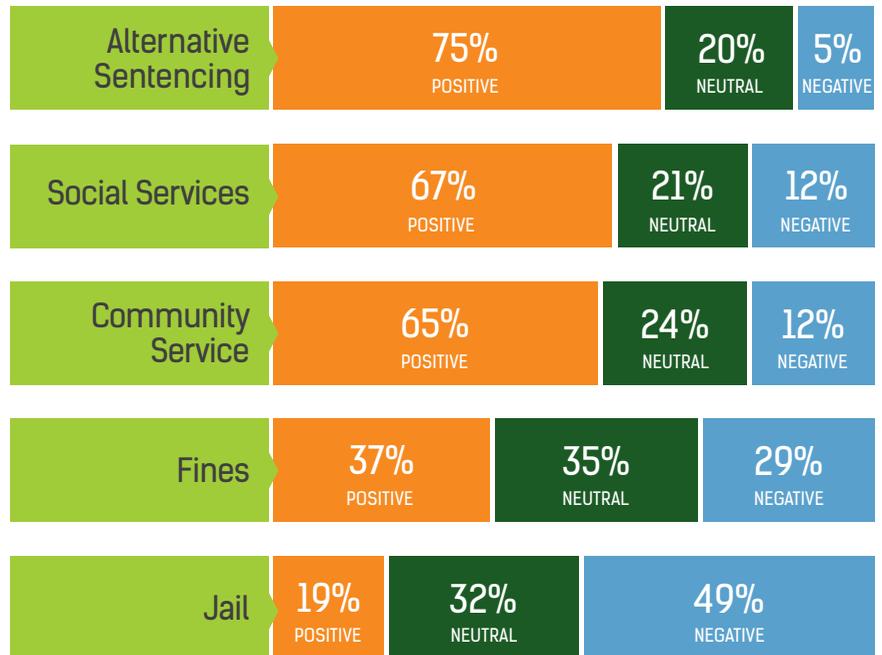
- 48% were male; 52% were female.
- 83% were black or Latino.
- 77% were Newark residents.
- 60% were employed.
- Average age was 38 years.
- Average length of time respondent had lived or worked in Newark was 26 years.

## WHAT IS NEWARK COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS?

Newark Community Solutions is a community justice initiative that applies a problem-solving approach to low-level cases in Newark Municipal Court. By providing judges with alternative sentencing options for non-violent offenses, Newark Community Solutions seeks to promote the use of community service and social services, reduce the court's reliance on ineffective fines and expensive short-term jail sentences, and build public confidence in justice.

## SENTENCING

How do you feel about the following sentencing options for low-level, nonviolent offenses?

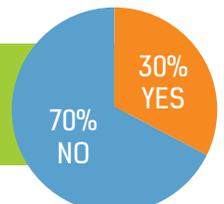


### GREATEST STRENGTH OF NEWARK

31% of those who responded cited "the people of Newark" as the greatest strength of the city.

## HEARD OF NEWARK COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS?

Most respondents had not heard of Newark Community Solutions before the survey.



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### POLICE



### WHAT ARE THE TOP PROBLEMS IN NEWARK?

Economic Issues:	Unemployment, Homelessness, Abandoned Buildings, Foreclosures and Evictions
Public Safety:	Drug Selling, Drug Use, Guns, Gang Activity, Mugging/Theft/Robbery
Health Issues:	Obesity, Asthma, Depression, Trauma

### WHAT ARE THE TOP PROBLEMS FOR NEWARK YOUTH (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)?

Youth Issues:	Few Adult Role Models, Bullying, Teen Pregnancy, Nothing To Do After School
Economic Issues:	Unemployment, Homelessness
Public Safety:	Drug Selling, Drug Use, Guns, Gang Activity, Mugging/Theft/Robbery
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### SOLUTIONS: MENTORING AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

When asked how to address top problems in Newark, 54% of those who responded called for more community resources, especially high-quality mentoring and after-school programs for youth.

For more information, go to:

NEWARK COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS:  
[www.courtinnovation.org/project/newark-community-solutions](http://www.courtinnovation.org/project/newark-community-solutions)

FULL REPORT:  
[www.courtinnovation.org/NewarkCommunitySurvey.pdf](http://www.courtinnovation.org/NewarkCommunitySurvey.pdf)

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