

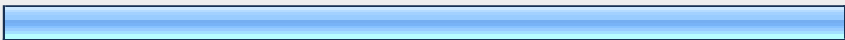




# Grant County Public Safety Survey 2009

1. Your Gender?			Response Percent	Response Count
Male			41.0%	532
<b>Female</b>			<b>59.0%</b>	<b>766</b>
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,298</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>15</b>


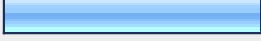











2. In which of the following age categories do you fall?			Response Percent	Response Count
19-24			2.4%	31
25-34			18.7%	243
35-44			25.7%	334
45-54			25.3%	329
<b>55 and older</b>			<b>28.0%</b>	<b>364</b>
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,301</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>12</b>

3. How many people are in your household?			Response Percent	Response Count
1-2			43.0%	559
<b>3-5</b>			<b>50.5%</b>	<b>656</b>
6-10			6.5%	85
10+			0.0%	0
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,300</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>13</b>

**4. Your ethnic group/race?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Caucasian</b>		<b>92.9%</b>	<b>1,184</b>
Hispanic/Latino		7.0%	89
African American		0.7%	9
Asian		0.5%	6
Native American		1.5%	19
Other (please specify)			26
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,275</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>38</b>

**5. Your neighborhood in Grant County?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Moses Lake</b>		<b>48.3%</b>	<b>584</b>
Quincy		7.8%	94
Ephrata		28.0%	339
Hartline		0.3%	4
Winchester		0.7%	8
Coulee City		1.1%	13
Grand Coulee		0.5%	6
Electric City		0.3%	4
George		1.9%	23
Royal City		2.7%	33
Mattawa		2.6%	32
Othello		0.3%	4
Marlin		0.5%	6
Warden		4.5%	54

Wilson Creek		0.4%	5
		Other (please specify)	107
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,209</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>104</b>

**6. Your E-mail address? Please provide your email address if you would like to receive future survey notifications or the results of this survey via email. Doing so will not alter the anonymous nature of this survey.**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Email Address:	100.0%	641
		<b>answered question</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>
		<b>641</b>
		<b>672</b>

**7. How serious of a problem are the following crimes in Grant County?**

	Very Serious Problem	A Serious Problem	Not a Problem	Don't Know	Response Count
Gangs	<b>52.1% (642)</b>	38.9% (480)	2.2% (27)	6.8% (84)	1,233
Burglary / Robbery	<b>46.8% (579)</b>	44.9% (555)	2.3% (28)	6.1% (75)	1,237
Assaults	18.1% (219)	<b>54.0% (652)</b>	9.7% (117)	18.1% (219)	1,207
Graffiti	29.4% (360)	<b>54.4% (666)</b>	7.7% (94)	8.6% (105)	1,225
Driving Under the Influence	30.9% (379)	<b>49.6% (608)</b>	7.5% (92)	11.9% (146)	1,225
Juvenile Crime	35.0% (428)	<b>51.6% (631)</b>	3.0% (37)	10.4% (127)	1,223
Other (please specify)					94
					<b>answered question</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>
					<b>1,254</b>
					<b>59</b>

**8. How serious of a problem are the following crimes in Grant County?**

	<b>Very Serious Problem</b>	<b>A Serious Problem</b>	<b>Not a Problem</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Wire Theft	17.1% (209)	<b>41.8% (509)</b>	9.6% (117)	31.5% (384)	1,219
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	21.3% (262)	<b>48.9% (601)</b>	13.3% (164)	16.5% (203)	1,230
Marijuana Possession	22.6% (276)	<b>42.2% (515)</b>	17.7% (216)	17.5% (214)	1,221
Meth Use	<b>62.5% (770)</b>	26.8% (330)	1.6% (20)	9.1% (112)	1,232
Crime in or around schools	18.3% (222)	<b>46.9% (568)</b>	12.0% (146)	22.8% (276)	1,212
Other (please specify)					36
<b>answered question</b>					<b>1,245</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>68</b>


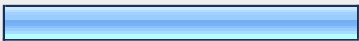
**9. For each of the following locations, indicate the extent to which you feel safe during the DAY.**

	<b>very safe</b>	<b>safe</b>	<b>unsafe</b>	<b>very unsafe</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
In your home	<b>55.1% (685)</b>	42.3% (526)	2.3% (29)	0.2% (3)	1,243
In your neighborhood	39.2% (486)	<b>54.3% (673)</b>	6.0% (74)	0.6% (7)	1,240
In school	28.8% (321)	<b>58.1% (647)</b>	11.3% (126)	1.7% (19)	1,113
In local parks	20.4% (249)	<b>63.1% (772)</b>	15.3% (187)	1.2% (15)	1,223
In the stores or local businesses	38.3% (474)	<b>58.2% (721)</b>	3.2% (40)	0.2% (3)	1,238
In the downtown area	34.4% (426)	<b>60.6% (751)</b>	4.8% (60)	0.2% (2)	1,239
<b>answered question</b>					<b>1,246</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>67</b>

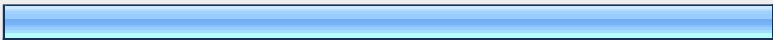
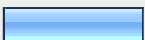
**10. For each of the following locations, indicate the extent to which you feel safe during the NIGHT.**

	very safe	safe	unsafe	very unsafe	Response Count
In your home	40.6% (503)	<b>53.7% (665)</b>	5.2% (65)	0.5% (6)	1,239
In your neighborhood	21.5% (265)	<b>58.9% (727)</b>	18.1% (223)	1.5% (19)	1,234
In school	15.7% (172)	<b>62.5% (684)</b>	19.1% (209)	2.7% (29)	1,094
In local parks	4.4% (53)	30.1% (365)	<b>50.3% (610)</b>	15.2% (184)	1,212
In the stores or local businesses	19.9% (245)	<b>66.1% (813)</b>	12.8% (157)	1.2% (15)	1,230
In the downtown area	10.5% (128)	<b>55.8% (683)</b>	30.6% (374)	3.2% (39)	1,224
	<i>answered question</i>				<b>1,247</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>				<b>66</b>


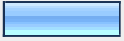
**11. A crime against property is considered a "felony" when the damages exceed \$250. This threshold was set by the legislature in the 1970s. Would you support adjusting that amount to account for inflation since 1970?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		61.0%	738
No		39.0%	471
	<i>answered question</i>		<b>1,209</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>		<b>104</b>


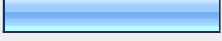
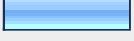

**12. Should the Prosecutor's Office pursue diversion programs focused on treatment and community service for first time non-violent offenders?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		85.0%	1,022
No		15.0%	180
	<i>answered question</i>		<b>1,202</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>		<b>111</b>



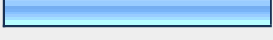
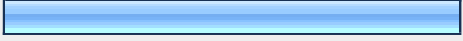
**13. Should the Prosecutor's Office pursue diversion programs focused on treatment and community service for those 18 – 21 who are charged with first offense Minor in Possession of Alcohol?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		87.5%	1,060
No		12.5%	152
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,212</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>101</b>

**14. Which is the best method of measuring the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice system?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Reduction in crime rate		54.2%	647
Decrease in recidivism		23.5%	280
Public feeling of safety		13.7%	163
Keeping people in jail longer, and off the streets		8.7%	104
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,194</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>119</b>




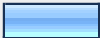
**15. Which is the LEAST best method of measuring the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice system?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Reduction in crime rate		5.2%	59
Decrease in recidivism		15.3%	174
Public feeling of safety		29.3%	334
Keeping people in jail longer, and off the streets		50.2%	572
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,139</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>174</b>

**16. Please select the top three (3) most important changes you would make to improve our Criminal Justice system?**

	First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority	Rating Average	Response Count
Increase funding for treatment programs	10.2% (38)	43.1% (160)	<b>46.6% (173)</b>	2.36	371
Increase programs proven to prevent youth from getting involved in crime	<b>41.7% (372)</b>	32.6% (291)	25.8% (230)	1.84	893
Better management of existing resources	30.2% (225)	30.9% (230)	<b>38.9% (290)</b>	2.09	745
More severe punishment and incarceration	<b>45.5% (326)</b>	27.0% (193)	27.5% (197)	1.82	716
Increase the presence of officers on the streets in specific areas	30.5% (240)	<b>37.9% (299)</b>	31.6% (249)	2.01	788
Other (please specify)					106
<b>answered question</b>					<b>1,207</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>106</b>

**17. Over the past few years, would you say that crime in your community has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Increased		72.8%	863
Decreased		1.6%	19
Stayed about the same		15.4%	183
Not sure/don't know		10.1%	120
<b>answered question</b>			<b>1,185</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>128</b>

18. How important is it to provide each of the following activities for people convicted of NON-VIOLENT crimes.						
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Not sure/don't know	Response Count
Time spent in jail	30.4% (352)	<b>44.3% (512)</b>	15.8% (183)	5.4% (63)	4.0% (46)	1,156
Strict supervision with weekly visits from a probation officer	<b>47.9% (559)</b>	36.8% (430)	9.2% (107)	2.6% (30)	3.5% (41)	1,167
A halfway house	12.0% (138)	<b>39.1% (450)</b>	27.8% (320)	10.2% (117)	10.9% (126)	1,151
House arrest	17.8% (204)	<b>46.6% (533)</b>	19.2% (220)	8.5% (97)	7.9% (90)	1,144
A day reporting center where they undergo mandatory drug treatment for any drug problem	<b>62.6% (733)</b>	28.5% (333)	4.0% (47)	1.5% (17)	3.4% (40)	1,170
	<i>answered question</i>					<b>1,177</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>					<b>136</b>




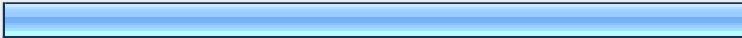

19. How important is it to provide each of the following activities for people convicted of NON-VIOLENT crimes.						
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Not sure/don't know	Response Count
Mandatory treatment for any drug or alcohol problem	<b>70.1% (818)</b>	23.7% (276)	4.2% (49)	0.9% (11)	1.1% (13)	1,167
Mental health treatment for any mental health issues	<b>62.0% (722)</b>	30.8% (359)	4.1% (48)	1.5% (17)	1.5% (18)	1,164
Job training	<b>46.5% (539)</b>	36.6% (425)	10.6% (123)	4.7% (54)	1.6% (19)	1,160
Literacy and GED programs	<b>48.8% (568)</b>	37.5% (436)	7.7% (89)	4.1% (48)	1.9% (22)	1,163
Community Service, e.g. picking up trash, painting over graffiti, or maintaining parks	<b>74.0% (869)</b>	22.7% (266)	2.6% (30)	0.3% (4)	0.4% (5)	1,174
	<i>answered question</i>					<b>1,177</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>					<b>136</b>

20. In the past few years, has Grant County done enough to reduce the chances that convicted offenders will commit new crimes?			Response Percent	Response Count
Doing enough			4.0%	47
<b>Should be doing more</b>			<b>62.5%</b>	<b>736</b>
Not sure/don't know			33.5%	394
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,177</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>136</b>

21. Should Grant County increase spending on programs proven to reduce the chances that offenders will commit new crimes, even if it means a tax increase?			Response Percent	Response Count
Absolutely yes			25.1%	295
<b>Probably yes</b>			<b>44.2%</b>	<b>520</b>
Probably no			14.3%	168
Absolutely no			8.0%	94
Not sure/don't know			8.5%	100
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,177</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>136</b>

22. Please include any comments you would like to make regarding this survey or the Criminal Justice System in Grant County.		Response Count
		398
		<i>answered question</i>
		<b>398</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>
		<b>915</b>

**23. How did you hear about this survey?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
County web page		6.9%	81
County flyer		0.9%	10
Media (radio, newspaper, TV)		4.8%	56
<b>E-mail</b>		<b>81.9%</b>	<b>960</b>
Other		8.4%	99
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>1,172</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>141</b>