

# YouGov / The Centre for Social Justice Survey Results



Sample Size: 1948 English and Welsh Adults  
Fieldwork: 28th May - 1st June 2010

	Gender		Age			Social grade		Region England/ Wales						
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1948</b>	934	1014	565	701	682	1070	876	523	350	205	273	488	107
Unweighted Sample	1948	867	1081	533	615	800	1104	842	492	293	212	291	527	133
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

In England and Wales the age of criminal responsibility is 10 years. This means that children aged 10 and above are dealt with in a criminal court (either a youth court, or a crown court for more serious offences). Those below this age are dealt with through social care proceedings. At what age do you think it is appropriate for a child to appear in a criminal court?

6 or under	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	3
7	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2
8	7	7	7	6	8	8	6	9	9	7	9	4	7	5
9	4	3	4	3	3	5	4	3	5	3	1	3	3	4
10	41	42	41	42	41	40	40	43	41	41	43	40	40	47
11	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	6	5	4
12	14	13	14	15	12	15	16	12	14	16	10	13	15	8
13	7	7	6	6	8	5	6	7	4	6	8	10	7	4
14	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	6	5
15 or above	8	8	9	6	9	9	10	6	8	5	11	9	8	9
Don't know	5	5	5	8	5	3	4	7	3	8	2	7	4	9

74% of young people are reconvicted within 1 year of release from prison. Which of the following do you think are the main reasons for this? Please select up to two.

Young offenders return to the same negative circumstances	38	34	43	39	41	35	42	33	37	40	44	33	38	37
Prison is soft	35	40	31	30	34	41	30	41	39	32	31	31	37	37
Prisons do not rehabilitate young people	34	35	33	36	37	30	37	31	33	29	42	38	35	29
Prisons are universities of crime which further criminalise young people	33	33	33	28	34	36	33	33	33	27	37	33	36	35
There is inadequate support for young people on release	18	16	21	17	17	20	18	19	18	22	18	19	16	16
Prison is less likely to deter young people if they are already familiar with it	11	11	11	13	11	10	10	12	9	15	6	11	14	9
Most young people sent to prison are habitual criminals and will never change	9	10	8	8	9	10	8	10	12	10	3	11	8	11
Young people quickly forget their negative experience of prison following release	6	6	7	5	5	9	7	6	6	8	9	6	5	8
None of these	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1
Don't know	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3