
- **Pennsylvania voters believe the state’s criminal justice system needs significant reform.** Fully 68% of voters believe the criminal justice system in Pennsylvania “needs significant improvements” versus just 26% who believe it “is working pretty well as it is.”

  By a 93%-5% margin, voters agree that “We should break down barriers for people coming out of prison so they can get jobs, support their families, and stop being so dependent on government services.”

  And, by a 90%-9% margin, voters agree that “The main goal of our criminal justice system should be rehabilitating people to become productive, law-abiding citizens.”

- **Fully three-quarters of Pennsylvania voters support Probation Reform.**

  Voters support the following legislative proposal* to reform probation by a significant 75%-20% margin:
“Now, there’s a proposal being debated in the State Legislature aimed to help those with a criminal record obtain licensing upon their release from prison by removing employment barriers and reducing re-offenses for people with criminal records. Under current law, occupational permits and licenses can be denied to people based on criminal convictions even if they are unrelated to the field in which they are seeking employment. This proposal would ensure that occupational licenses may only be withheld from those with a conviction directly related to the occupation sought, while empowering boards to conduct individualized reviews and consider key factors, including the nature of the offense, the amount of time that has passed since conviction, and other critical considerations.”

And, by a 39%-8% margin, Pennsylvanians say they’d be more likely rather than less likely to vote to re-elect a State Legislator who supported this proposal, with most voters (50%) saying it would make no difference in their vote.