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### **HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED**

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from February 1 through February 4, 2021. A total of 625 registered Kentucky voters were interviewed statewide by telephone**

**Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Kentucky voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or party grouping.**

**QUESTION: When a person in Kentucky is convicted of a felony they automatically lose the right to vote. Do you think a person who has completed all terms of their felony sentence, including probation or parole, should or should not have their right to vote restored automatically?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>5%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	79%	14%	7%
Lexington/Blue Grass	72%	25%	3%
Northern Kentucky	65%	32%	3%
Eastern Kentucky	57%	35%	8%
Western Kentucky	61%	36%	3%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	63%	34%	3%
Women	71%	22%	7%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	84%	9%	7%
35-49	68%	29%	3%
50-64	64%	34%	2%
65+	59%	32%	9%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	64%	31%	5%
Black	90%	8%	2%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	76%	19%	5%
Republican	56%	40%	4%
Independent	65%	28%	7%

I am going to read you several statements. After each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with it.

- "Persons who have completed all terms of their felony sentence should have the right to vote because we should give people a second chance". (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	51%	26%	8%	11%	4%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	61%	21%	6%	7%	5%
Lexington/Bluegrass	56%	26%	5%	7%	6%
Northern Kentucky	52%	24%	8%	11%	5%
Eastern Kentucky	43%	32%	10%	13%	2%
Western Kentucky	44%	27%	10%	16%	3%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	47%	25%	11%	15%	2%
Women	55%	26%	5%	8%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	77%	7%	7%	8%	1%
35-49	45%	27%	10%	11%	7%
50-64	48%	25%	12%	10%	5%
65+	45%	38%	3%	13%	1%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	47%	28%	9%	12%	4%
Black	90%	8%	2%	-	-

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	58%	30%	5%	5%	2%
Republican	43%	23%	11%	17%	6%
Independent	47%	27%	7%	12%	7%

- “Persons who have completed all terms of their felony sentence should have the right to vote because once a person has paid their debt to society they should be allowed to vote”. (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	63%	23%	7%	2%	5%
Lexington/Bluegrass	56%	30%	5%	6%	3%
Northern Kentucky	55%	25%	12%	5%	3%
Eastern Kentucky	50%	30%	7%	12%	1%
Western Kentucky	47%	31%	6%	13%	3%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	50%	29%	7%	12%	2%
Women	58%	27%	7%	5%	3%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	75%	10%	6%	8%	1%
35-49	53%	26%	7%	10%	4%
50-64	49%	35%	7%	7%	2%
65+	47%	30%	12%	7%	4%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	52%	29%	7%	9%	3%
Black	82%	15%	3%	-	-

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	65%	24%	3%	5%	3%
Republican	43%	31%	10%	12%	4%
Independent	47%	27%	13%	10%	3%

- “Persons who have completed all terms of their felony sentence should have the right to vote because voting is a right that should be given to all citizens”. (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	51%	24%	8%	12%	5%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	53%	22%	5%	11%	9%
Lexington/Bluegrass	53%	28%	5%	11%	3%
Northern Kentucky	47%	20%	13%	13%	7%
Eastern Kentucky	49%	24%	10%	13%	4%
Western Kentucky	47%	27%	9%	15%	2%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	45%	27%	7%	15%	6%
Women	57%	21%	9%	8%	5%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	68%	18%	5%	8%	1%
35-49	53%	15%	10%	14%	8%
50-64	46%	31%	8%	12%	3%
65+	43%	30%	8%	12%	7%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	47%	26%	9%	13%	5%
Black	87%	10%	3%	-	-

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	63%	20%	9%	5%	3%
Republican	39%	27%	7%	19%	6%
Independent	45%	23%	7%	18%	7%

- Persons who have completed all terms of their felony sentence should have the right to vote because it helps them become invested in their communities". (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>6%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	61%	22%	6%	2%	9%
Lexington/Bluegrass	56%	22%	8%	9%	5%
Northern Kentucky	56%	23%	5%	8%	8%
Eastern Kentucky	47%	28%	5%	17%	3%
Western Kentucky	43%	31%	7%	13%	6%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	48%	28%	6%	12%	6%
Women	55%	25%	6%	8%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	61%	24%	5%	8%	2%
35-49	49%	26%	6%	11%	8%
50-64	55%	28%	8%	5%	4%
65+	46%	25%	5%	15%	9%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	48%	28%	6%	11%	7%
Black	90%	7%	3%	-	-

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	66%	20%	5%	4%	5%
Republican	37%	32%	7%	17%	7%
Independent	48%	30%	7%	10%	5%

- Persons who have completed all terms of their felony sentence should have the right to vote because it reduces racial disparity in who can vote". (Is that strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	44%	33%	5%	6%	12%
Lexington/Bluegrass	46%	25%	7%	11%	11%
Northern Kentucky	40%	20%	12%	21%	7%
Eastern Kentucky	34%	23%	11%	26%	6%
Western Kentucky	37%	17%	15%	27%	4%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	37%	23%	10%	22%	8%
Women	42%	25%	10%	15%	8%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	54%	21%	7%	15%	3%
35-49	43%	28%	11%	14%	4%
50-64	37%	26%	11%	16%	10%
65+	32%	18%	10%	27%	13%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	34%	26%	11%	20%	9%
Black	95%	3%	2%	-	-

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>ST AGREE</u>	<u>SW AGREE</u>	<u>SW DISAGREE</u>	<u>ST DISAGREE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	57%	23%	8%	4%	8%
Republican	21%	25%	12%	33%	9%
Independent	33%	23%	13%	23%	8%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY REGISTRATION:**

<b>Democrat</b>	<b>303 (48%)</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>262 (42%)</b>
<b>Independent or Other</b>	<b>60 (10%)</b>

### **GENDER ID:**

<b>Male</b>	<b>304 (49%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>319 (51%)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>

### **AGE:**

<b>18-34</b>	<b>103 (16%)</b>
<b>35-49</b>	<b>179 (29%)</b>
<b>50-64</b>	<b>180 (29%)</b>
<b>65+</b>	<b>162 (26%)</b>
<b>Refused</b>	<b>1</b>

### **RACE:**

<b>White/Caucasian</b>	<b>549 (88%)</b>
<b>Black/African-American</b>	<b>61 (10%)</b>
<b>Other/Refused</b>	<b>15 (2%)</b>

### **REGION:**

<b>Louisville Metro</b>	<b>150 (24%)</b>
<b>Lexington/Bluegrass</b>	<b>110 (18%)</b>
<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	<b>75 (12%)</b>
<b>Eastern Kentucky</b>	<b>140 (22%)</b>
<b>Western Kentucky</b>	<b>150 (24%)</b>



## KENTUCKY POLL REGIONS

**LOUISVILLE METRO:** Voters in Jefferson, Bullitt, Oldham, Trimble, Henry, Shelby, Spencer and Nelson counties.

**LEXINGTON/BLUEGRASS:** Voters in Fayette, Woodford, Franklin, Anderson, Scott, Harrison, Bourbon, Nicholas, Clark, Madison, Montgomery, Garrard, Jessamine, Boyle, Mercer, Washington, Marion, Powell and Estill counties.

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY:** Voters in Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Gallatin, Carroll, Owen, Grant, Pendleton, Bracken and Robertson counties

**EASTERN KENTUCKY:** Voters in Jackson, Rockcastle, Lincoln, Casey, Taylor, Green, Metcalfe, Adair, Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, McCreary, Whitley, Laurel, Pulaski, Monroe, Mason, Fleming, Bath, Menifee, Wolfe, Breathitt, Perry, Leslie, Harlan, Bell, Knox, Clay, Owsley, Lee, Letcher, Knott, Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson, Magoffin, Morgan, Rowan, Elliott, Lewis, Carter, Greenup, Boyd and Lawrence counties.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY:** Voters in Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Marshall, Calloway, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Crittenden, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Webster, Union, Henderson, Daviess, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Logan, Butler, Ohio, Hancock, Breckinridge, Meade, Hardin, Grayson, Edmonson, Warren, Simpson, Allen, Barren, Hart and LaRue counties.