

HOW OHIOANS FEEL ABOUT BAIL REFORM

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Poll info: The Tarrance Group surveyed N=800 voters (online) across Ohio from December 13-18, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.5% in 95 out of 100 cases.

POLL HIGHLIGHTS

67%

favor “reforming Ohio’s bail system so that release decisions are based on individual circumstances and cases and not how much money someone has.”

75%
of Ohio voters

believe that Ohio’s criminal justice system is in need of reform.

69%

believe in creating a release path for most people to go home on the same day as their arrest if they do not pose a flight risk and are not a threat to anyone else.

77%

favor requiring a hearing on release options and conditions in front of a judge within 48 hours of detention.



OHIOANS SUPPORT

60%

Reforming the system “as soon as possible.”

71%

Providing text reminders of court dates sent to people’s phones for those accused of a crime.

60%

Reforming “the process by which people are released or not released from jail while awaiting trial.” A majority of both **Republicans** and **Democrats** favor such reform.

THIS MATTERS TO OHIOANS BECAUSE

People who remain in jail pre-trial because they cannot afford to pay cash bail *are put at risk* of losing their jobs, their homes and even custody of their children.

65%

Keeping so many people in Ohio’s jails *is a waste of taxpayer dollars*. A recent report shows that bail reform could save as much as \$264 million each year.

62%

▶ Ohio should be a place of freedom and justice for all. We need to reform cash bail so we can ensure each and every Ohioan is treated fairly in the criminal legal system regardless of skin color or ability to pay.

BAIL REFORM NOW