

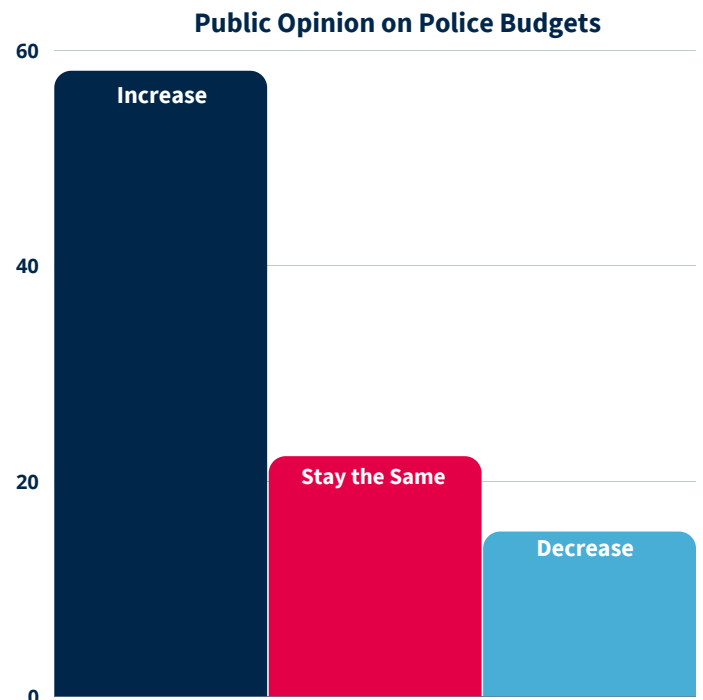
Texas Police Facts

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Over the past year, the public discourse surrounding law enforcement reform has been dictated largely by emotion rather than facts and data. This presents an ineffective and dangerous way to shape policy and has obscured the fact that **72% of Texans have a favorable opinion of their local police departments.**

Officers accept the challenges that come with the job, but knee-jerk policy shifts at the local level are causing many officers to retire early and prospective cadets to reconsider. This has created a statewide recruitment crisis for police departments. This is a critical problem, especially considering **47% of Texans believe the state has become less safe than it was five to ten years ago.**

Contrary to reports that claim widespread support for defunding police, **58% of Texans want their local police budget to be increased**, and 63% want to see more officers deployed to protect their communities.



The Texas Legislature is considering reforms that would make it harder for officers to do their jobs, unnecessarily puts their safety at risk, and make Texas more dangerous. **Sixty percent of Texans believe** these reforms could make their **communities LESS safe.**

Legislators, like police officers, are responsible for serving and protecting their constituents. The Texas Municipal Police Association, the Texas Fraternal Order of Police, the Dallas Police Association, the Houston Police Officers' Union and the Harris County Deputies' Organization pledge our commitment to working closely with lawmakers to ensure that as reforms are discussed, they are informed by facts rather than emotion, and they prioritize the safety of the public and our brave law enforcement officers.

