

THE NGCRC 2020 ADULT CORRECTIONS SURVEY

1. Should Congress pass federal legislation that would allow correctional institutions to use cell phone signal jamming technology as a counter-measure for inmates who use smuggled cell phones? ___Yes ___No
2. Do you feel your agency receives adequate funding? ___Yes ___No
3. Do you believe prisoners can meet their religious needs individually without group worship?
___Yes ___No
4. Do you feel we need tougher laws to control the gang problem in prison? ___Yes ___No
5. Please estimate what percentage of inmates were gang members before they came to your institution?
_____% of the males in this institution were probably gang members on the streets
_____% of the females in this institution were probably gang members on the streets
6. A. Do you feel it would be useful to have a national program aimed at helping correctional officers deal with exposure to trauma and stress on the job? ___Yes ___No
B. Are suicide attempts by inmates a problem in your facility? ___Yes ___No
C. Are suicide attempts by correctional officers a problem in your facility? ___Yes ___No
7. Does your facility have specific disciplinary rules that prohibit gang recruitment? ___Yes ___No
8. Do you believe that some inmates may have voluntarily joined (sought out) or may have been recruited into a gang while incarcerated.
___Yes ___No
9. Please estimate what percentage of inmates were not gang members on the streets, but who did in fact join a gang or an STG after entering your institution?
_____% of the males in this institution first joined a gang or STG while incarcerated in your facility
_____% of the females in this institution first joined a gang or STG while incarcerated in your facility
10. Do you believe that a "gang tattoo removal program" for inmates who want to quit gang life would help with their reentry into society?
___Yes ___No
11. Does your facility have a "gang renouncement" or gang renunciation program or any program designed to help inmates get out of gang life? ___Yes ___No
If Yes, what is the name of the program: _____
12. Does your facility have a special program that is able to get gang inmates to quit their gang?
___Yes ___No
If yes, what percentage of the inmates who come in as gang members actually quit their gang?
_____% of the inmates who come in as gang members quit their gang in this facility
13. Does your facility have inmates who could be considered military-trained gang members? ___Yes ___No
14. Have you seen an increase or decrease in the radicalization of the inmates in your facility during the last year? ___Increase
___Decrease
15. Overall, considering the percentage who were gang members before they came to your institution and considering the percentage who joined or quit after they came to your institution, what percentage of the inmates in your facility are gang members?
_____% of the males in this institution are probably gang members
_____% of the females in this institution are probably gang members
16. Do white inmates have a separate gang or gangs? ___Yes ___No
If yes, list gang names _____
17. Have any of the inmates in your facility requested or have actually ordered and possessed as their property in your facility any of the following materials?
 - A. *The White Man's Bible* by Ben Klassen ___Yes ___No
 - B. *The Satanic Bible* by Anton Le Vey ___Yes ___No
 - C. *Temple of Woton: The Holy Book of the Aryan Tribes* by the 14 Word Press ___Yes ___No
18. Are there any materials not listed above (question 14) that should be? Please list: _____
19. Have any inmates in your facility requested to conduct the *Blod Rite* in your facility? ___Yes ___No

20. Has your facility received any "prison ministry literature" from any of the following groups:
 A. Kingdom Identity Ministries (Christian Identity) ___Yes ___No
 B. Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Christian Identity) ___Yes ___No
 C. World Church of the Creator or Creativity (WCOTC) ___Yes ___No
 D. Any literature from groups not listed above that should be listed? Please list groups here: _____
21. What are the top three largest white racist extremist "religious" front groups that attempt to recruit inmates in your facility?

22. What are the top three Islamic extremist "religious" front groups that attempt to recruit inmates in your facility?

23. In your opinion, would an official who tries to bargain with an inmate gang leader be similar to negotiating with terrorists? ___Yes ___No
24. What are the names of the top two motorcycle gangs represented among inmates in your facility?
 1. _____
 2. _____
- 25 A. Do you believe that housing all members of one gang together could make that gang stronger and more powerful? ___Yes ___No
 B. Do you believe that housing all members of one gang together could result in a reduction of violence in your facility? ___Yes ___No
 C. Do you believe that housing all members of one gang together could reduce the racial conflict among inmates in your facility?
 ___Yes ___No
26. Do you feel that gangs or gang leaders are able to influence politicians in your state? ___Yes ___No
27. What are the names of the top three largest gangs that are represented among inmates in your facility?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
28. In what year did gangs first become recognized as a problem in your facility?
 19____ or 200____ or ___Never (not yet: no gangs in this facility)
29. Do you believe federal agencies should play a greater role in the investigation and prosecution of gang crimes? ___Yes ___No
30. What kind of economic "rackets" do gangs try to operate or control in your facility? (check ALL that apply)
 ___Drugs ___Sex ___Food ___Clothing ___Loan sharking ___Gambling ___Extortion ___Protection ___Recreational area usage (e.g., weight pits)
31. What was the largest amount of cash seized from gang member inmates during the last one year period? \$_____dollars
32. Do you believe that gang members generally have a stronger affiliation with their gang after serving time? ___Yes ___No
33. Does your facility have any programs for inmates which seek to improve race relations among inmates? ___Yes ___No
34. Do inmates have access to computers or the internet to access their email? ___Yes ___No
35. Do you feel that inmate access to the internet creates a new type of danger and security problem for your facility? ___Yes ___No
36. Does your state have a separate correctional facility for confidential informants? ___Yes ___No
37. Have inmates attempted to use religious services as a front for a Security Threat Group or gang?
 ___Yes ___No
38. Do you have a staff person physically in the room during all religious services? ___Yes ___No
39. Do you have auditory/visual supervision of all religious services? ___Yes ___No
40. Is militaristic behavior allowed by "religious groups" in your facility (e.g., saluting, marching, cadence, etc)? ___Yes ___No
41. Do you allow prisoners to lead services when volunteers/chaplains are not qualified/available for services? ___Yes ___No
42. Do you allow prisoners to refer to themselves with religious titles of power or authority (Caliph, Imam, Supreme Pontificate, etc)?
 ___Yes ___No
43. Do you allow prisoners to exchange funds with each other? ___Yes ___No
44. How many different religious groups are being provided time and space for group worship meetings in your facility? _____

- 45a. Is prisoner to prisoner mail allowed in your facility? ___Yes ___No
 b. Is prison to prisoner email allowed in your facility? ___Yes ___No
 c. In your opinion is prisoner to prisoner mail a major potential security problem in the field of corrections? ___Yes ___No
46. Has your facility experienced any abuses of religious freedoms as a result of the RLUIPA?
 ___Yes ___No
47. In your opinion, have gangs/STG's tended to result in more cell phones being smuggled in for use by inmates in your facility? ___Yes ___No
48. Please estimate what percentage of the inmates in your facility are mentally ill. ___Percent
49. Do you receive any pressure from state officials to "play down" gang activity? ___Yes ___No
50. A. During the last twelve month period, have there been any disturbances related to gang members in your facility? ___Yes ___No
 B. During the last twelve month period, have there been any disturbances related to racial conflict in your facility? ___Yes ___No
 C. During the last twelve month period, have there been any disturbances related to religious conflicts in your facility?
 ___Yes ___No
51. Do staff in your facility sometimes find it necessary to negotiate with gang members in order to keep the peace? ___Yes ___No
52. In the last one year period, how many contraband cell phones were recovered in your facility?

53. When was the last time your facility had a hostage situation involving inmates and staff?
 19____ or 200____ Or ___Never
54. Have most of your staff and employees received training in cultural diversity? ___Yes ___No
55. For your entire state correctional system, when was the last major inmate riot?
 19____ or 200____ (Please indicate year) Or ___Never
56. Do you feel that prisoners could practice their religious beliefs in the privacy of their cell/room (or by means of closed-circuit televised broadcast), without the need for group participation? ___Yes ___No
57. The "threshold" or density of gang inmates refers to the percentage of the inmate population who are gang members. At what percentage of the inmate population (% who are members of gangs or STGs) would you feel that a severe gang problem exists? _____%
58. Do the more dangerous security threat groups that exist in your facility also exist by the same name in communities outside of the correctional environment? ___Yes ___No
59. Hypothetically, if you could do anything you wanted to make your facility SAFER, what would you do about the gang/STG problem:

60. In your opinion, have gangs/STGs tended to result in more improvised weapons production (e.g., shanks, etc) among inmates in your facility? ___Yes ___No
61. A. Do your staff receive formalized training in dealing with the gang/STG problem? ___Yes ___No
 B. If YES, how many hours is the gang training session? _____hours
 C. If YES, estimate what percentage of your staff have received this training? _____%
- 62 A.. Have gang members been a problem in terms of assaults on your staff? ___Yes ___No
 B. Have gang members been a problem in terms of THREATS ON STAFF? ___Yes ___No
63. Do you believe a program that sought to improve race relations among inmates could reduce the gang violence problem in your facility? ___Yes ___No
64. In your estimate, what percentage of all institutional management problems in your facility are caused by gangs or gang members?
 _____%
65. In your estimate, what percentage of all violence among inmates in your facility is caused by gangs or gang members? _____%
66. In your opinion is telephone monitoring an effective technique to prevent gang leaders from maintaining their ties to outside gang members? ___Yes ___no
67. In your opinion is mail monitoring an effective technique to prevent gang leaders from maintaining their ties to outside gang members?
 ___Yes ___No

68. Do you think anything can be done to reduce racial conflicts among inmates? Yes No
69. Does your facility have a special program for inmates who want to renounce gang life and live gang free? Yes No
70. What is the total inmate population (count) for your institution as of today?
 _____ total inmates. Of which _____ are males and _____ are females
71. What level of security is your institution? (Check one only)
 Minimum security Medium security Maximum security
72. Do you believe that providing tuition support for staff could help control the prison gang problem? Yes No
73. What percentage of the inmates in your facility are so hostile towards their society that if they were approached by a foreign terrorist organization, what we call today's inmates might be tomorrow's terrorists.
 In my opinion _____% of the inmates in this facility would fit that profile
74. Does your institution have any full-time staff person who serves as a STG intelligence coordinator? Yes No
75. a. In your opinion, do gang members tend to have a higher recidivism rate? Yes No
 b. Does your institutional classification system take gang membership into account? Yes No
76. Do you believe "no human contact status" is effective for the control of gang members? Yes No
77. What strategies does your facility use to control gangs? (check all those that apply)
 Use of informers Segregation Isolating leaders prosecution
 interrupting communications case by case dealings ignoring their existence infiltration
 transferring members to different facilities meeting with gang leaders on "as needed" basis joint meetings between various gang leaders
 balance number of rival gang members living in the same unit Monitor mail Monitor phone calls
 Task Force to monitor/track gang members Locking up gang leaders in high security facilities
 Constant vigilance and constant intel gathering on STG members
 The "Perkins" Technique Gang Renunciation Program Shakedown of Inmate Property
 other: _____
78. In your best estimate, what percentage of the inmates confined in your institution have served time before? _____%
79. Do you believe that the gang members have significantly affected your correctional environment?
 Yes No
80. In your opinion, what percentage of all illicit drugs are brought into your facility by prison gang members? _____%
81. In your opinion, what percentage of the illicit drug trade in your facility is controlled by prison gang members? _____%
82. Are any of the medical or dental services for inmates in your facility privatized (performed by independent contractors)? Yes No
83. Generally, is overcrowding a problem in your facility? Yes No
84. Have drones been used at your facility to smuggle contraband (e.g., cellphones and drugs) into the facility? Yes No
85. A zero-tolerance policy is the best approach for dealing with gangs and gang members.
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree
86. Please estimate what percentage of the inmate-against-inmate assaults involve gang members? _____%
87. Do Islamic inmates have a separate gang? Yes No
 If yes, what is it called?

88. Do gang members generally tend to file more law suits against your institution than non-gang member inmates?
 Yes No
89. In general, which type of gang group poses more danger to your facility: a street gang (has its origins outside of prison), or a prison gang (has its origins inside of prison) or are they about the same?
 Street gang Prison gang About the same
90. Have gang members tried to control any religious program choices at your facility? Yes No
91. Do you get complaints from non-gang inmates that gangs or STG's are trying to recruit them while incarcerated? Yes No

92. Has your facility developed written standards and guidelines for religious staff and visiting chaplains regarding what is appropriate behavior and language for a secure correctional environment? ___Yes ___No

93: What grade would you give the federal government for leadership in responding to the gang problem in America during the last year?
___A ___B ___C ___D ___F

94. In your opinion, do you expect the gang problem in corrections to increase or decrease in the next few years, or do you think the problem will remain at the same level it is now?
___Increase ___Decrease ___Remain at same level

95. In your opinion, do you expect the problem of inmate violence from gang members to increase or decrease in the next few years, or do you think the problem will remain at the same level it is now?
___Increase ___Decrease ___Remain at same level

96. In your opinion, do you expect the problem of gang members abusing their religious rights to increase or decrease in the next few years, or do you think the problem will remain at the same level it is now?
___Increase ___Decrease ___Remain at same level

97. In your opinion, do you expect the problem of gang members assaulting correctional officers and staff to increase or decrease in the next few years, or do you think the problem will remain at the same level it is now?
___Increase ___Decrease ___Remain at same level

98. In your opinion, do you expect the problem of radical militancy among inmates to increase or decrease in the next few years, or do you think the problem will remain at the same level it is now?
___Increase ___Decrease ___Remain at same level

99. Do you want to receive a free copy of the preliminary report that will be available in two months sent to you at no charge by the National Gang Crime Research Center? ___Yes ___No
(IF YES, print below who and where the National Gang Crime Research Center should send the report based on findings from a national survey of adult correctional facilities. Or enclose a business card with full mailing information).

Send the report to:

Or attach card with full address here:

PLEASE Mail it to:
The NGCRC 2020 Adult State Corrections Survey Project
National Gang Crime Research Center
P.O. Box 990
Peotone, IL 60468-0990
You can also fax it: (708) 258-9546
You can also email it: gangcrime@aol.com

SURVEY SUPPLEMENT: If you can, please complete this supplemental "check off list" and return it as well with the completed survey.

On this page is a list of gangs, STG's, motorcycle gangs, and extremist groups reported as operating in some law enforcement areas and which are also represented in some of our Nation's correctional institutions. This data comes from the National Gang Crime Research Center watch list started in 1990 and reflects many different national research primary data sources as well as open sources. Please examine this alphabetical list and place a "check" next to each such gang that has been active in any capacity in your area.

- Abductors
 - Abiding Truth Ministry
 - A.B.T. (All Brothers Together)
 - Aces
 - Act for America
 - Airheads
 - American Freedom Party
 - American Guard
 - Antifa
 - Aryan Brotherhood
 - Aryan Circle
 - Aryan Nation
 - Aryan Warriors
 - Assassins, Inc
 - Asatru Folk Assembly
 - Atomwaffen Division
 - Avengers
 - Avondale Crack Monsters
 - Banditos
 - Barrio Azteca
 - Barrio Chicano Locos
 - Basin Street Gang
 - BC Boys
 - BBMF
 - Beirut Dogs
 - BGD's (Black Gangster Disciples)
 - Big Top Locos
 - BKU's
 - Black Disciples
 - Black Dragon
 - Black Gangsters
 - Black Guerilla Family
 - Black Mafia
 - Black Pistons
 - Blades
 - Bloods
 - Blue Hats/Blue Rags
 - Blue Devil Gangsters
 - Blood and Honor
 - Boomie Black Gangsters
 - Boot Boys
 - Border Brothers
 - Born To Kill (BTK)
 - Boston Boys
 - Boyz of Destruction (BOD's)
 - Brick City Outlaws
 - Brothers Behind Bars (BBB)
 - Brothers of the Struggle (B.O.S.)
 - Brothers of White Supremacy (BOWS)
 - Brothers Speed
 - Brown Gangster Disciples
 - Castlegate
 - Center City Locos
 - Chaldean Mafia
 - Chateau Boys
 - Chicago Outlaws
 - Cholos
 - C.I.A. (Criminals in Action)
 - Clara Monte
 - Corbet
 - Cobras
 - Colonia Chiques
 - Crazy White Boys
 - Crips
 - Cross Suns
 - C Street
 - CUBO
 - Davie Boys
 - Dead Man Inc
 - Death Row Posse
 - Devastation Black Boys (DBB's)
 - DBz
 - DBL's
 - Decepticons
 - Diamond Street
 - Dirty White Boys
 - Disciples
 - D. James Kennedy Ministries
 - Down By the Laws (D.B.L.'s)
 - Dragons
 - Dukes
 - DWH
 - Eight Balls
 - Ellenwood Boys
 - Elma Sutre
 - El Rukn's
 - EMC Rattler
 - E.M.E.
 - Empire Villans (EV's)
 - Escambia Arms Posse
 - EVIL
 - Family Values
 - Florencia 13
 - F.B.I.
 - Fila Boys
 - Five Percenters
 - Flying Aces
 - Flying Dragons
 - F.O.B.
 - Folks
 - Foul Play
 - Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse
 - Four Corner Hustlers
 - (The) Fourth Reich
 - Fox Point Posse
 - Franklin Park Giants
 - Freak Blasters
 - Freight Train Riders of America
 - Fruits of Islam
 - F.T.W.
 - F.V.
 - Gangsters
 - Gangster Disciples
 - Gaylords
 - Get Money Gang
 - Ghost Face
 - Ghost Riders
 - Ghost Shadows
 - Ghost Skins
 - Giants
 - G-Street
 - G-Boys
 - Great Millstone
 - Green Street Posse
 - Gypsy Jokers
 - Hammer Gang
 - Hard Tail Riders
 - Hartford Posse
 - Hawaiian Brothers
 - Head Bangers
 - Hell's Angels
 - Hell Raisers
 - Highway Men
 - H.H.B.
 - High Rollers
 - Hilltop Hustlers
 - Hollywood
 - Honky Love
 - Hoods
 - H.T.C.G.
 - Hua Ching (Wah Ching)
 - Humboldt
 - Hydros
 - Identity Evropa
 - Imperial Gangsters
 - Imperial Nation
 - Inca Boys
 - Insane Crips
 - Insane Vice Lords
 - Intervale
 - Iron Coffins
 - Iron Horsemen
 - Iron Order
 - Israelite School of Universal Practical Knowledge
 - Jesters
 - Joe Louis Project
 - Jokers
 - Jr. Boys
 - Jugalo's
 - JVL Posse
 - K-A Posse
 - (The) Kings Posse
 - King Cobra
- why jump in alphabet from K to W
- Sindicato de Nuevo Mexico
 - West End Rockers
 - West Side Posse
 - Wheeler Road Crew
 - Wheels of Soul
 - White Aryan Resistance
 - White Corner Pride
 - White Dragon
 - White Fence
 - White Gangster Disciples
 - White Knights
 - White Peoples Party
 - White Power
 - White Pride
 - White Tigers
 - Wolf Pack
 - WOPS
 - X-Men
 - Young Boys, Inc
 - Zulu
 - A-4
 - F-13
 - K-9 Posse
 - 5th & O Street Crew
 - 8-Balls
 - 8th & H Crew
 - 9th Street Dawgs
 - 14th Street Gang
 - 18th Street Gang
 - 19th Street Gang
 - 25th Neighborhood
 - 26'ers
 - 34th Street Players
 - 39th Street Gang
 - 79th Street Posse
 - 98 Posse
 - 106 Watts

Others that need to be added to the NGCRC's National Watch List: _____

DO YOU WORK IN A STATE ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY? If YES, please complete our anonymous survey.

Jan. 6, 2020

Dear Corrections Professional - - - Warden/Superintendent/STG Coordinator/Union Rep/Concerned CO:

Since 1991 we have surveyed adult state correctional facilities on gang issues. Each time, we have also promptly provided a free copy of the full report to all respondents requesting a copy. Our research has had a positive impact over the years by increasing knowledge of ways to deal with the gang problem — and especially because it has been for the most part the only national research on adult state correctional institutions that could help justify additional funding for corrections. The NGCRC national surveys over the years have unquestionably had a positive impact for correctional administrators and correctional officers. Please take a couple minutes to complete the new and revised 2020 questionnaire that is enclosed. You can even be a recently retired correctional officer from an adult state correctional facility. This is an anonymous survey, we really do not need to check up on you or attribute anything specifically to you or your facility.

Ideally, we would like to pay you for your time. However, this is not a funded project. It is a pro bono project: being undertaken because of the national significance of these issues. This is the sixth national survey of state prisons by our Center. We have always met our promise in the past. So while we cannot pay you, we can provide you with a free copy of the full preliminary report.

Our mission remains the same: to conduct large scale research and to still be able to disseminate full results in a very short period of time. Our track record shows we are successful in this area. Feel free to examine a sample adult corrections report from at our website (www.ngcrc.com) in the reports section.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Cordially,

George W. Knox, Ph.D.
2020 Adult Corrections Survey Principal Investigator

ENC: Questionnaire

[Click here for a PDF printable version of the survey instrument.](#)

Mail or fax the completed survey to:
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