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This draft report is prepared for the Johnson County Board of Supervisor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee regarding **Community Perspectives on the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail**. This draft report summarizes processes implemented and deliverables provided by the Center for Social Science Innovation regarding the first phase of the project: **Survey of Johnson County Residents**.

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## Project Overview

### Project Objective

The current project is responsive to the request from the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to provide services that may assist the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) in its work to develop a plan for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail. According to the CJCC Agenda on Thursday, January 9, 2025, "the mission of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee is to create a responsible, thorough, and inclusive plan to replace the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail by relying on subject matter experts, best practices, and data informed decision making with public input. As a committee, we will strive to prioritize public safety, mental health supports, and community trust. By collaborating with key stakeholders, we aim to address the need for a safe and modern detention and law enforcement facility that meets the needs of staff, incarcerated persons, and the community."

The Center for Social Science Innovation (CSSI) proposed a mixed mode data collection project to assist CJCC in its work to develop a plan for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail. The project goal was to use a scientific approach to (1) poll a representative sample of Johnson County residents to estimate public input regarding the plan to replace the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail and public perceptions of public safety, mental health supports, and community trust, and (2) moderate focus groups with key partners to develop an in-depth understanding of the needs of staff, incarcerated persons, and the community.

***This DRAFT report summarizes processes implemented and the deliverables provided by the Center for Social Science Innovation regarding the first phase of the project: Survey of Johnson County Residents.***

## Survey Data Collection

For details regarding the survey development and deployment, see [Appendix 1](#). With support from CSSI staff, the CJCC subcommittee developed a forty-item survey instrument for distribution to Johnson County, Iowa residents (see [Appendix 2](#)). Mail surveys were printed and mailed on May 22, 2025 to a random sample of 3,859 address-based Johnson County records. A postcard reminder was sent to non-respondents on June 12, 2025 and CSSI field staff conducted phone call follow-ups between June 20, 2025 and July 18, 2025.

The survey deployment effort resulted in 751 overall completes and a response rate of 19.46%. The majority of completes were from the mail survey deployment (n = 548), followed by web survey completes (n = 165), and then phone survey completes (n = 38). Table 1 shows a summary of dispositions by mode.

**Table 1: Summary of Dispositions for All Modes**

|                             | Number | Percent of Sample | English n(%) | Spanish n(%) |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Mail Sample</b>          | 3859   |                   |              |              |
| Complete                    | 548    | 14.20%            | 548 (100.0%) | 0 (0.00%)    |
| Undeliverable               | 467    | 12.10%            | N/A          | N/A          |
| <b>Web Sample</b>           |        |                   |              |              |
| Complete                    | 165    | 4.28%             | 165 (100.0%) | 0 (0.00%)    |
| Incomplete                  | 14     | 0.36%             | 14 (100.0%)  | 0 (0.00%)    |
| <b>Phone Sample*</b>        | 2127   |                   |              |              |
| Complete                    | 38     | 0.98%             | 38 (100.0%)  | N/A          |
| Incomplete                  | 3      | 0.08%             | 3 (100.0%)   | N/A          |
| Refused                     | 310    | 8.03%             | 310 (100.0%) | N/A          |
| <b>Total</b>                |        |                   |              |              |
| Complete                    | 751    | 19.46%            | 751 (100.0%) | 0 (0.00%)    |
| Incomplete                  | 22     | 0.57%             | 22 (100.0%)  | 0 (0.00%)    |
| Refused                     | 320    | 8.29%             | 320 (100.0%) | 0 (0.00%)    |
| <b>Focus Group Interest</b> | 89     | 2.31%             | 89 (100.0%)  | 0 (0.00%)    |

\*Non-respondents of mail survey

## Survey Data Analysis

Data tables summarizing responses for each question within the survey can be found in [Appendix 3](#). CSSI staff conducted several statistical analyses to provide a more comprehensive preliminary understanding of the survey data results. Statistical tests, such as the chi-square test and analysis of variance, were used to identify if differences across specific groups were more than just random chance. In other words, while some variation is expected in any group or population, these tests identified whether differences were statistically significant (a measure of reliability of findings).

Additionally, three questions on the survey offered respondents opportunities to write open-end responses to prompts developed by the CJCC subcommittee. The open-end responses, as written, are provided in [Appendix 4](#). To synthesize the open-end responses, CSSI field staff reviewed all responses and identified themes within the response content using a list of response codes (see [Appendix 4](#)). Responses were then categorized by vote preference.

In the following section, “Thematic Findings,” results are organized under four themes: (1) initial vote, (2) information and sources, (3) revote, and (4) qualitative findings. Within each theme, several findings are summarized that are responsive to key questions regarding public views on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors’ plan to construct a new building for the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office and Jail. Notes about figures, including variable recodes, can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

## Thematic Findings

### Theme 1. Initial Vote

#### How do Johnson County residents expect to vote on constructing a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

At the beginning of the survey, respondents were informed that the Johnson County Board of Supervisors plans to ask Johnson County residents to vote on constructing a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail in November 2026. Respondents were then asked how they would vote if they had to vote today. Overall, 74% of survey respondents indicated that they would definitely vote "yes" (30%) or probably vote "yes" (44%) to support constructing the new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail.

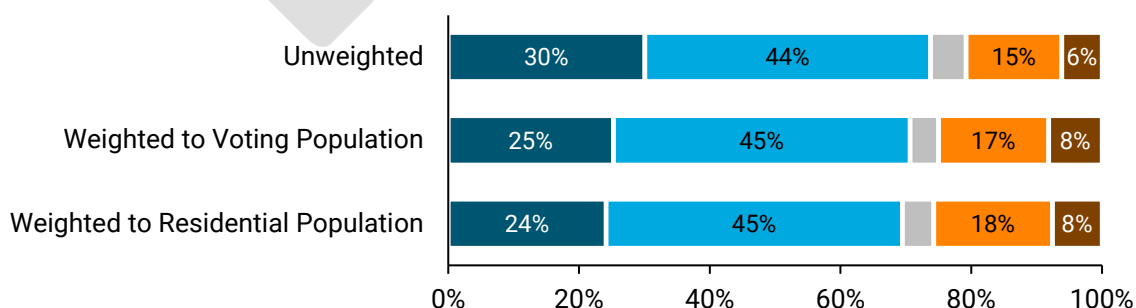
Approximately 70% of the weighted samples (Figure 1) would definitely or probably vote "yes" to support constructing the new building. The weighted results estimate the distribution of survey responses after adjusting the sample to more closely match the characteristics of the voting population and full residential population of Johnson County.

The initial vote distribution is disaggregated by individual characteristics in Figure 2 (the labeled percentage reflects the percent of each group that intends to vote "yes"). As shown, among all disaggregated groups, more than 50% of respondents would definitely or probably vote "yes" to support the construction of the building. Statistically significant differences were noted by age group, political affiliation, and previous experiences of victimization of a violent crime. Respondents aged 18-29 and 30-49 were more likely to definitely vote "no" while respondents aged 65+ were more likely to definitely vote "yes." Respondents who identified as having an "other or no" political affiliation were more likely to definitely vote "no" compared to those who identified as Democrats, Republicans, or Independents. Finally, respondents who reported being a victim of a violent crime were more likely to definitely vote "no" compared to those who reported not being a victim. Even with these differences, across all groups, respondents were more likely to vote "yes".

**Figure 1. Initial Vote Distribution**

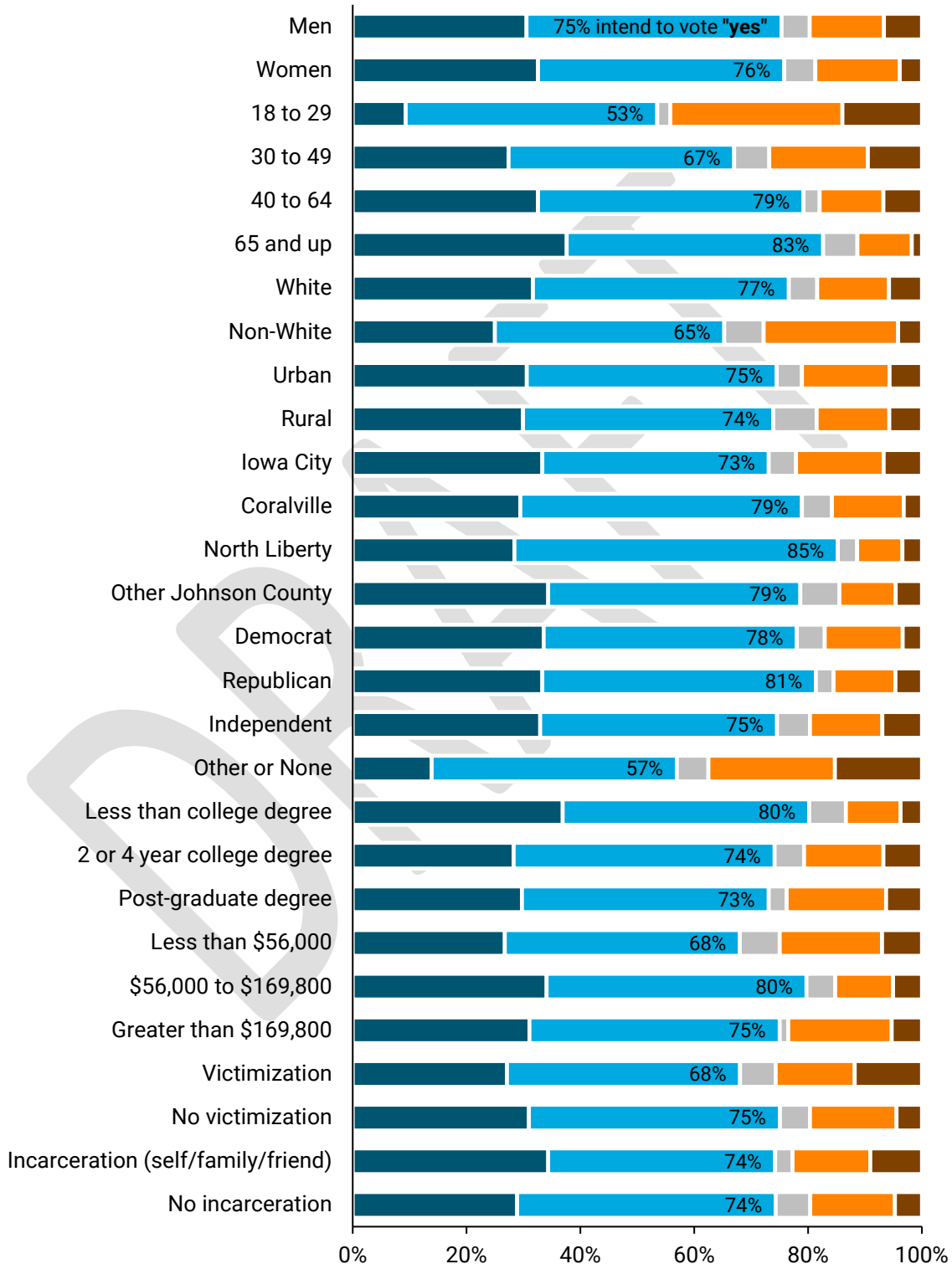
**Survey Question:** The Johnson County Board of Supervisors plans to ask Johnson County residents to vote on constructing a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail in November 2026. If you had to vote today, would you vote "yes" to support constructing the new building or "no" to oppose it?

**VOTING BLOCKS:** DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | NEITHER | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE



**Figure 2. Initial Vote Distribution, by Individual Characteristics.**

VOTING BLOCKS: DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | NEITHER | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE



## Theme 2. Information and Sources

### How much information about the Sheriff's Office and Jail do Johnson County residents currently have?

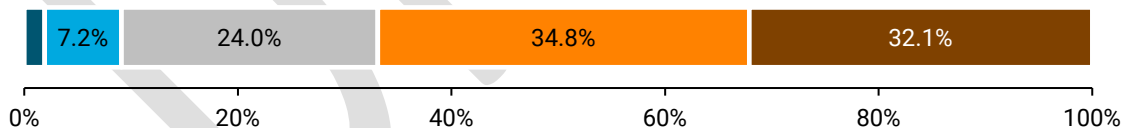
Information about the Sheriff's Office and Jail was estimated using four components of the survey:

- (1) **"Familiarity"** - A single item question about the respondent's level of familiarity with the Sheriff's Office and Jail building (Figure 3). Approximately one third of respondents were "not at all familiar" (32%), another third were "slightly familiar" (35%), and another third were at least moderately familiar (33%).
- (2) **"Awareness of Construction"** - The percentage of respondents aware of the goal to construct a new building (Figure 4). Approximately 58% of respondents were aware of the county's goal to construct a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail.
- (3) **"Knowledge"** - The accuracy of responses to four factual questions (Figure 5). Approximately 82% correctly identified the location of the current building, whereas 47% correctly estimated the age of the building, 30% correctly estimated the number of people that work for the Sheriff's Office and Jail, and 34% correctly estimated the number of inmates held in the current Johnson County Jail on a typical day.
- (4) **"Awareness of Issues"** - The level of awareness of six different issues identified by the Board of Supervisors (Figure 6). Respondents were most aware that "due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county" (59%) and that "the building is currently deteriorating" (58%), followed by "the building currently lacks space for inmates to receive services and participate in programming," (47%), "the conditions of the jail are unsafe for staff" (41%), "the conditions of the jail are unsafe for inmates" (38%), and "the jail does not meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)" (37%).

#### Figure 3. Familiarity with Sheriff's Office and Jail Building

**Survey Question:** How familiar are you with the current Sheriff's Office and Jail building?

EXTREMELY FAMILIAR | VERY FAMILIAR | MODERATELY FAMILIAR | SLIGHTLY FAMILIAR | NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR



#### Figure 4. Awareness of Construction Goal

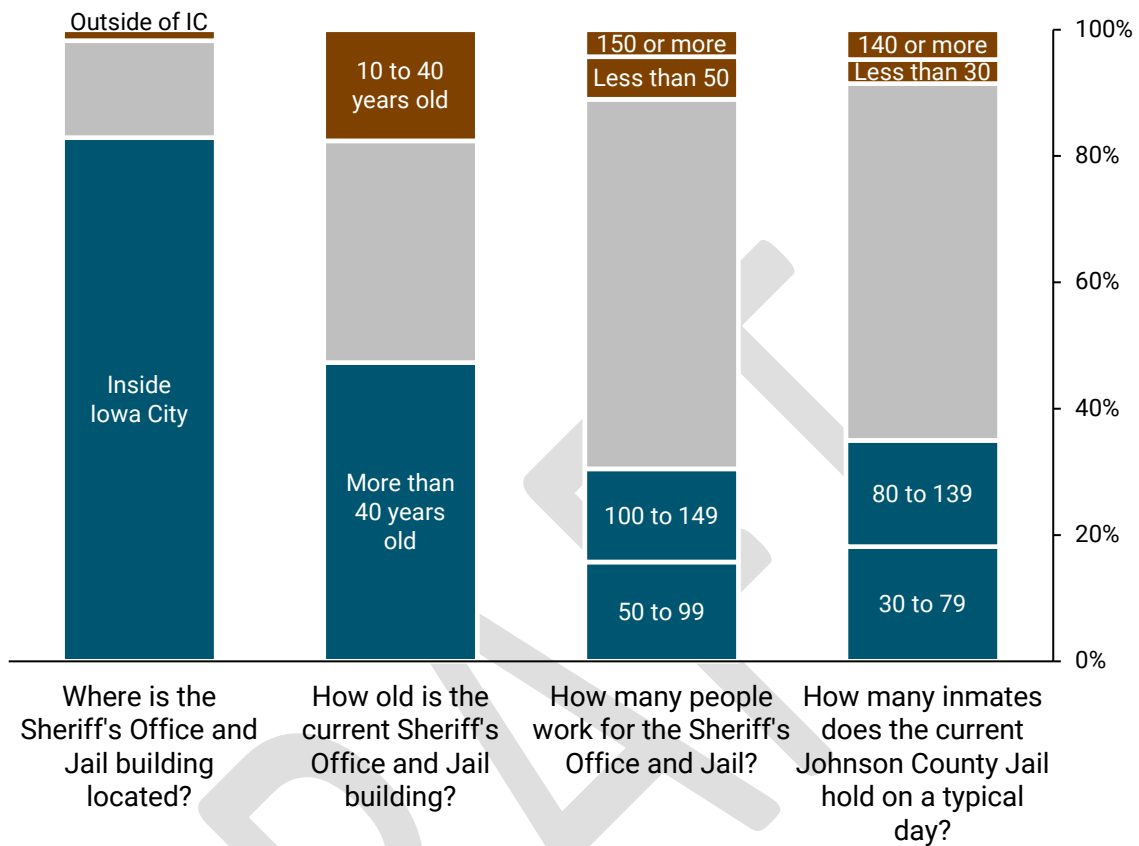
**Survey Question:** Before receiving this survey, were you aware of the county's goal to construct a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

YES | NO



**Figure 5. Knowledge about Sheriff's Office and Jail Building**

**CORRECT\* RESPONSE** | **DON'T KNOW** | **INCORRECT RESPONSE**

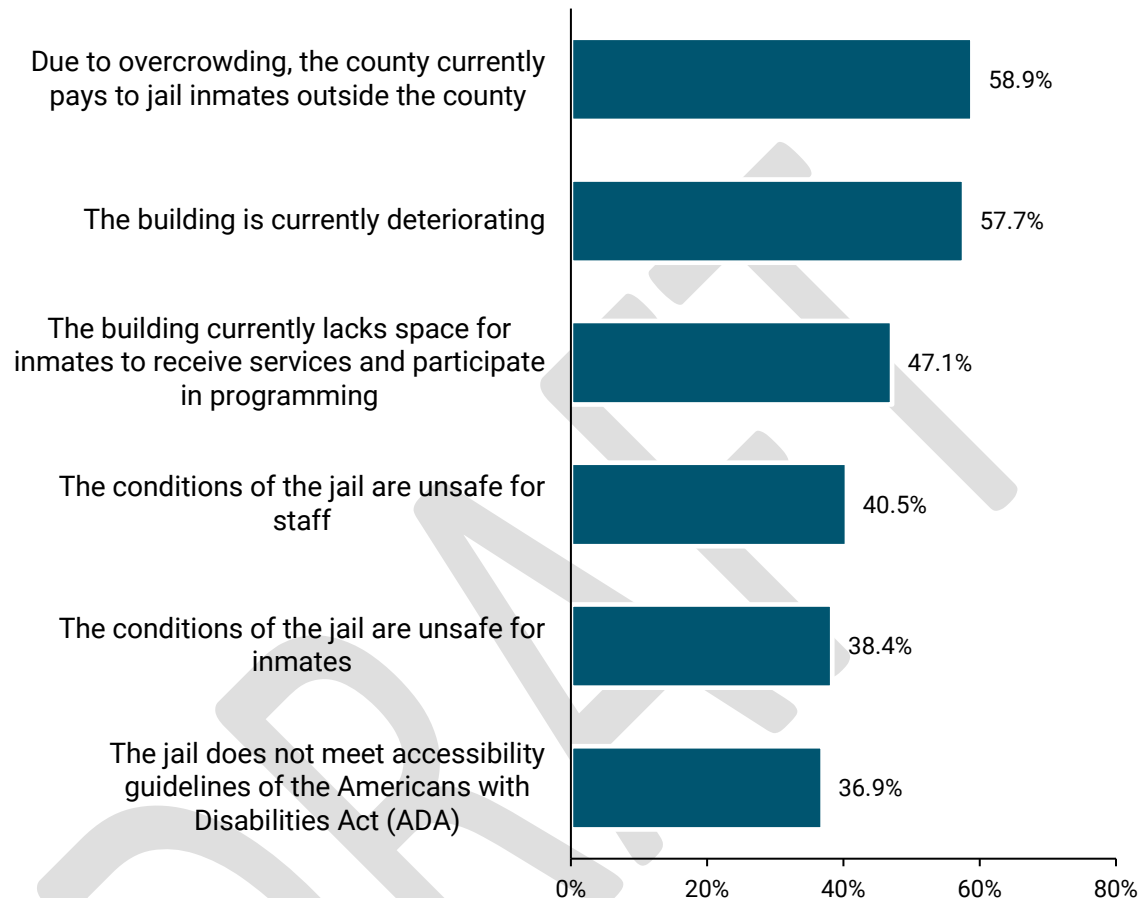


*\*For number of people that work for the Sheriff's Office and Jail, we treat both "50 to 99" and "100 to 149" as correct responses. For number of inmates, we treat both "30 to 79" and "80 to 139" as correct responses.*

**Figure 6. Awareness of Issues Regarding Sheriff's Office and Jail Building**

**Survey Question:** Were you aware of the following issues regarding the current building identified by the Board of Supervisors?

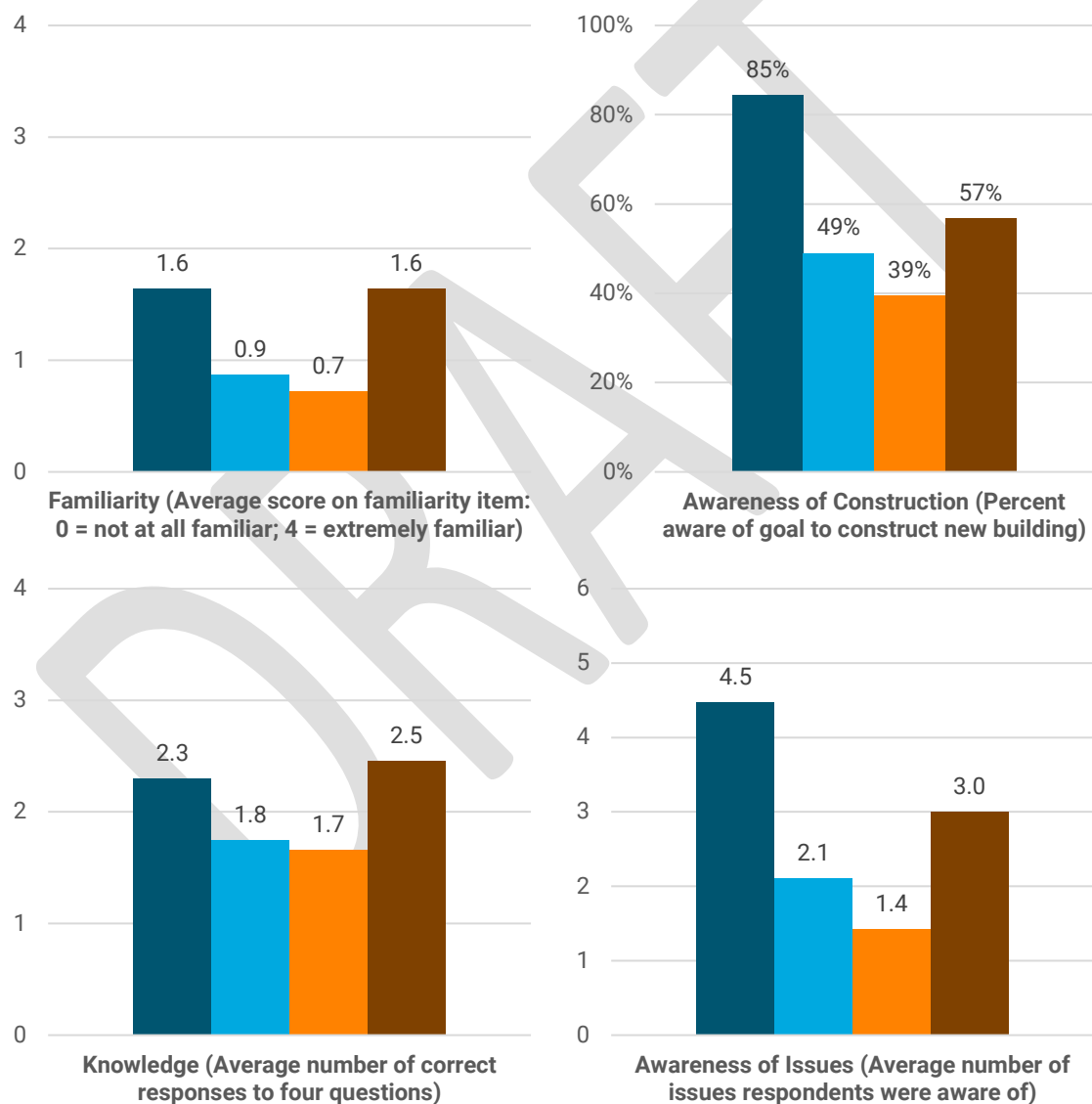
PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS AWARE (SELECTED "YES") OF EACH ISSUE



## Does the level of information about the Sheriff's Office and Jail vary by Johnson County residents' initial voting intentions?

Respondents' level of information differed by initial voting intentions. Respondents who definitely vote "yes" and definitely vote "no" had higher levels of familiarity and knowledge than both "probably" groups. Respondents who definitely vote "yes" had greater awareness of construction and issues compared to all other groups.

**Figure 7. Familiarity, Knowledge, and Awareness about Sheriff's Office and Jail Building, by Initial Voting Block**



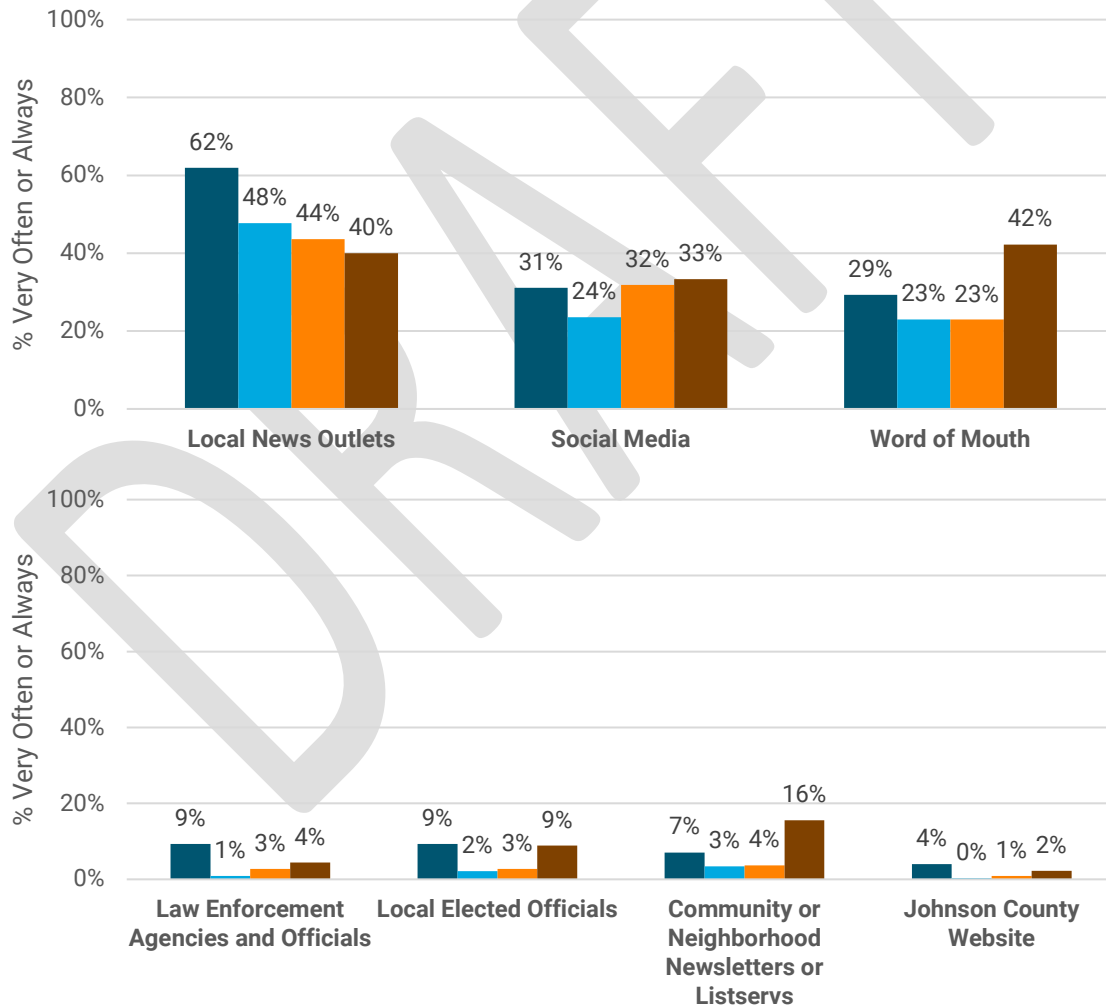
**VOTING BLOCKS: DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE**

## Do the sources of information about local issues vary by Johnson County residents' voting intentions?

Respondents' sources of information differed by initial voting intention, with clear distinctions between respondents who definitely vote "yes" and definitely vote "no". Respondents who definitely vote "yes" were more likely to get information from local news outlets, law enforcement agencies and officials, local elected officials, and the Johnson County website. Respondents who definitely vote "no" were more likely to get information from word of mouth and community or neighborhood newsletters of listservs. Overall, local news outlets, social media, and word of mouth were the most common sources of information for respondents.

**Figure 8. Information Sources, by Initial Voting Block**

**Survey Question:** How often do you get news and information about local issues from each of the following sources?



**VOTING BLOCKS:** DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE

### Theme 3. Revote

## How do Johnson County residents change their votes after being informed about the conditions of the current building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

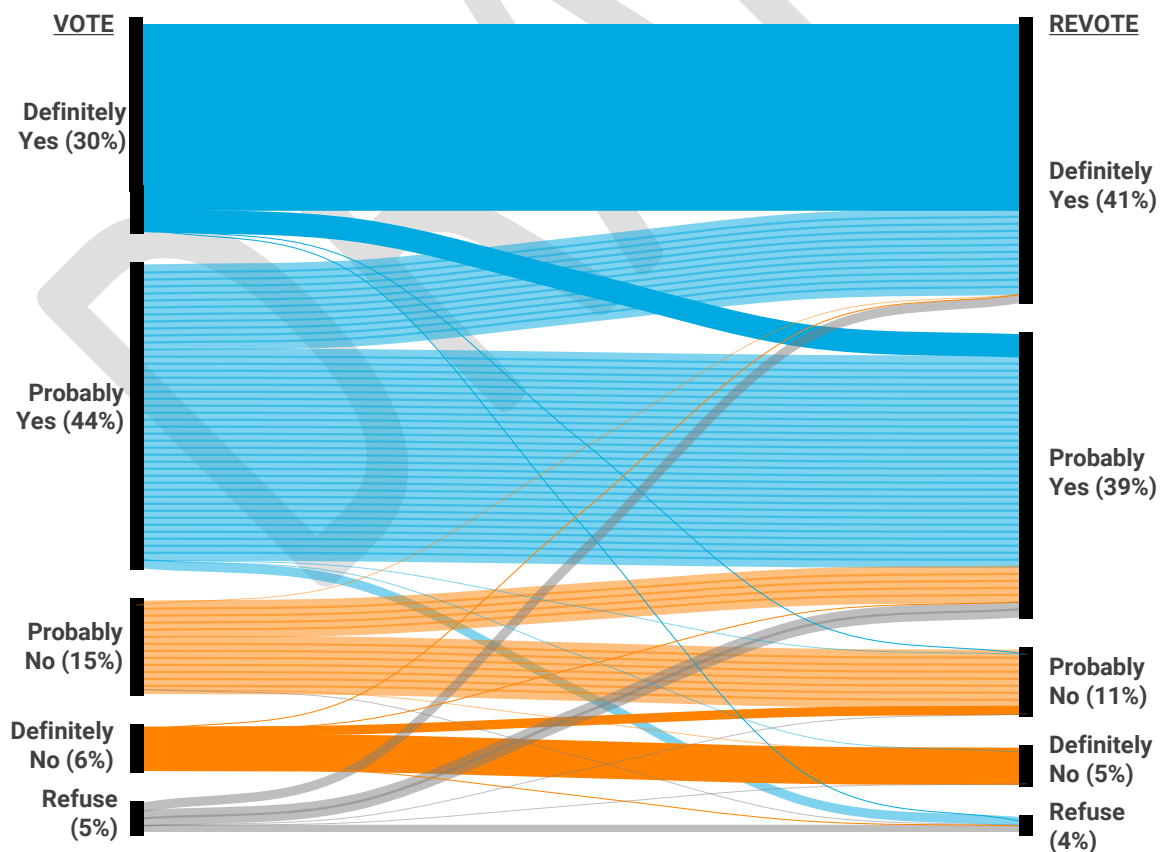
After being informed about several issues with the current building for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail, respondents were asked to vote again. In the revote, 80% of respondents indicated that they would definitely vote "yes" (41%) or probably vote "yes" (39%), up from 74% during the initial vote (Figure 9).

**Change in Favorability.** Overall, approximately 18% of respondents provided a more favorable vote during the revote compared to the initial vote (e.g., probably yes to definitely yes), whereas 4% of respondents provided a less favorable vote (e.g. definitely yes to probably yes).

**Change in Vote.** Most respondents (87%) did not change their vote – 72% remained a "yes" vote (either definitely or probably) and 15% remained a "no" vote (either definitely or probably). Another 5% initially voted "no," then revoted "yes." Five respondents (<1%) initially voted "yes," then revoted "no."

**Figure 9. Change from Initial Vote to Revote**

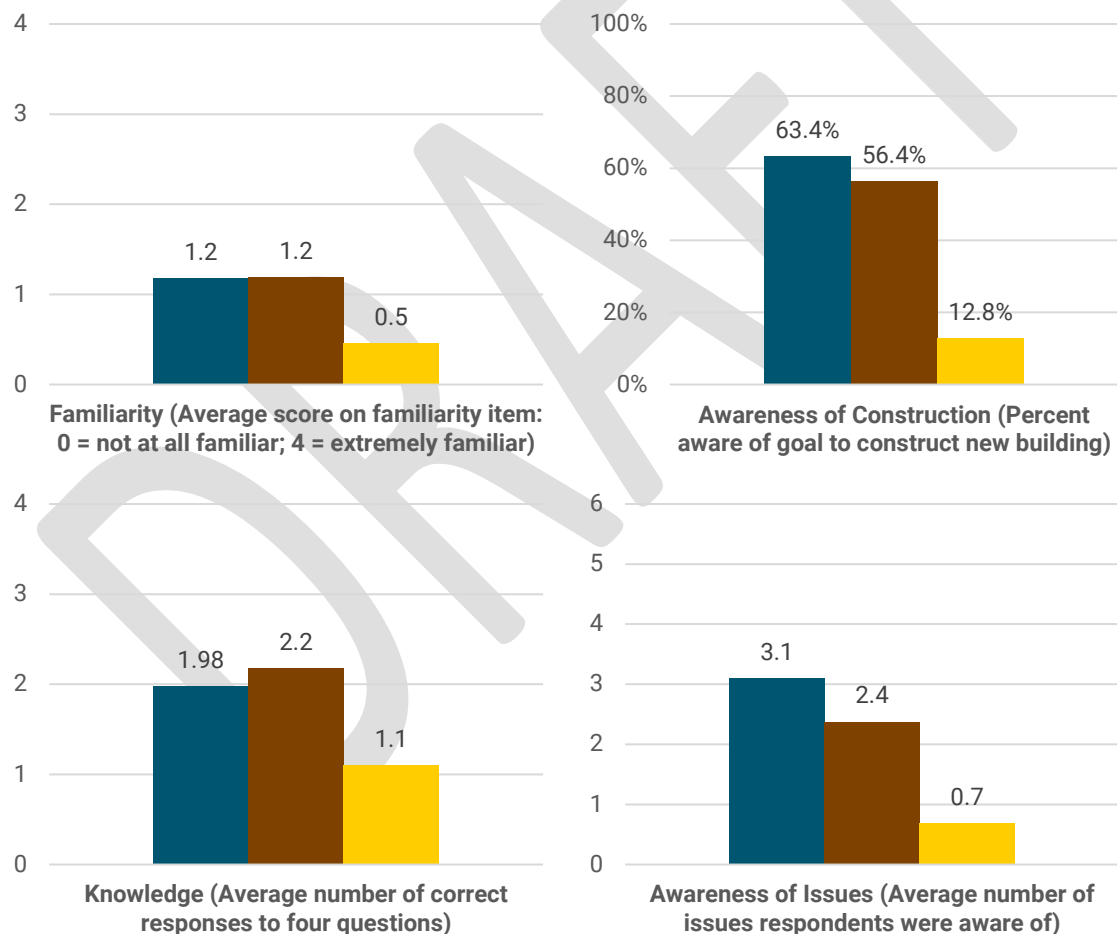
**Survey Question:** Now knowing about the conditions of the current building, if you had to vote today, would you vote "yes" to support constructing a new building or "no" to oppose it?



## Are Johnson County residents that change their votes initially more or less informed about the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

Respondents who changed their votes from "no" to "yes" indicated less familiarity, knowledge, and awareness of construction and issues compared to respondents whose votes remained "yes" or "no." For example, 56% of respondents who had stable "no" votes were aware of the goal to construct a new building, while 13% of respondents who moved their vote from "no" to "yes" were aware. The differences in scores between respondents whose votes stayed "yes" or "no" were marginal (i.e., not different at a statistically significant level).

**Figure 10. Familiarity, Knowledge, and Awareness about Sheriff's Office and Jail Building, by Vote Change**

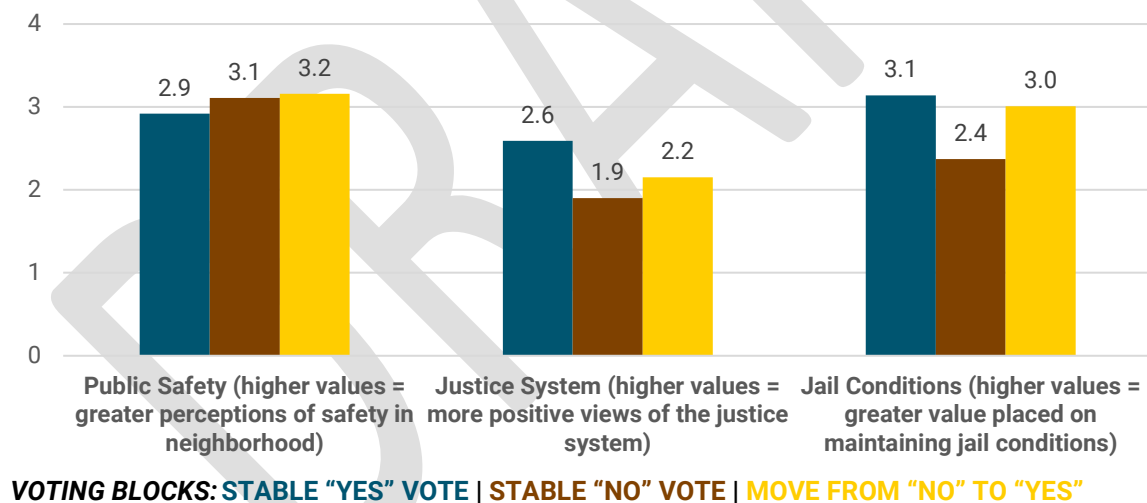


**VOTING BLOCKS: STABLE "YES" VOTE | STABLE "NO" VOTE | MOVE FROM "NO" TO "YES"**

## Do general perceptions about public safety, the justice system, and the importance of jail conditions vary by Johnson County residents' voting intentions?

Perceptions of public safety were similar across all respondents. However, there were differences in perceptions about the justice system and importance of jail conditions. Respondents who had a stable "yes" vote had more positive views of the justice system and placed greater value on maintaining jail conditions compared to respondents who had a stable "no" vote. Respondents who changed from "no" to "yes" were more similar to stable "no" voters in their perceptions of the justice system but were more similar to the stable "yes" voters in their perceptions of the importance of jail conditions. See [Appendix 5](#) for results by initial vote intentions.

**Figure 11. Perceptions of Public Safety and Criminal Justice System, by Vote Change**



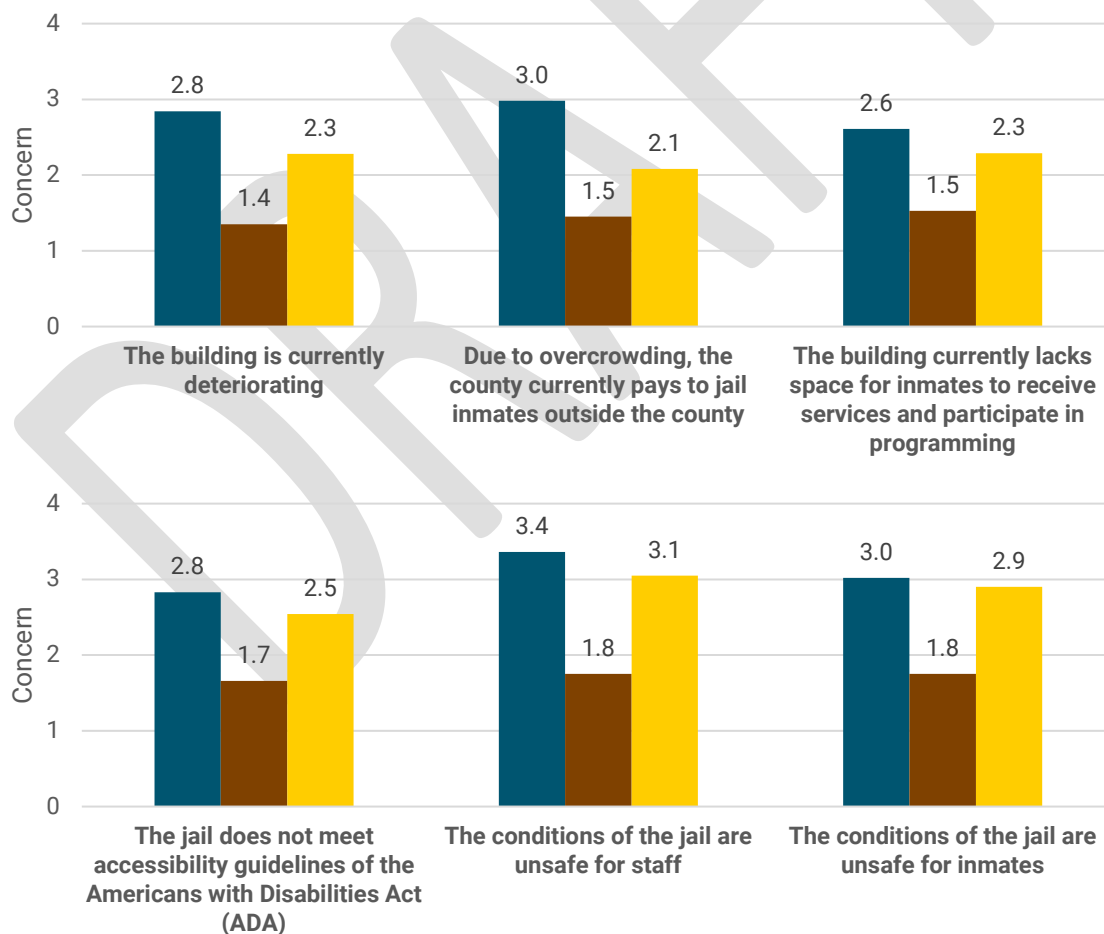
## Does concern about issues identified by the Board of Supervisors vary by Johnson County residents' voting intentions?

Overall, the level of concern about the safety of the jail for staff and for inmates ranked highest, while the concern about the lack of space for services and programming ranked lowest.

Respondents who had stable "yes" votes and respondents that moved from "no" to "yes" rated all six issues as greater concerns than those with stable "no" votes. Compared to respondents with stable "yes" votes, respondents who moved from "no" to "yes" rated two issues as a lesser concern: (1) "the building is currently deteriorating" and (2) "Due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county." However, the respondents who moved from "no" to "yes" rated the remaining four issues as a similar level of concern as those with stable "yes" votes. See [Appendix 5](#) for results by initial vote intentions.

**Figure 12. Concerns about Building Issues, by Vote Change**

**Survey Question:** How concerning are each of these issues to you?



**VOTING BLOCKS:** STABLE "YES" VOTE | STABLE "NO" VOTE | MOVE FROM "NO" TO "YES"

## Does the importance of specific factors related to the construction of the new building vary by Johnson County residents' voting intentions?

Overall, staffing needs, size and capacity, and cost were rated as the most importance factors related to the construction of the new building.

Respondents who had stable "yes" votes rated five of the six factors as more important than those with stable "no" votes. To these respondents, "staffing needs" and "size and capacity" were the most important factors. In contrast, respondents with stable "no" votes rated "cost of the construction project" as more important than those with stable "yes" votes. To these respondents, cost was the most important factor. Respondents who changed their vote from "no" to "yes," rated the following factors as more important than those with stable "no" votes: (1) space for services and programs, and (2) meeting staffing needs. Still, to these respondents, cost was the most important factor. See [Appendix 5](#) for results by initial vote intentions.

**Figure 13. Importance of Specific Factors, by Vote Change**

**Survey Question:** How important are each of the following factors when considering how to vote for the construction of a new Sheriff's Office and Jail Building?



**VOTING BLOCKS:** STABLE "YES" VOTE | STABLE "NO" VOTE | MOVE FROM "NO" TO "YES"

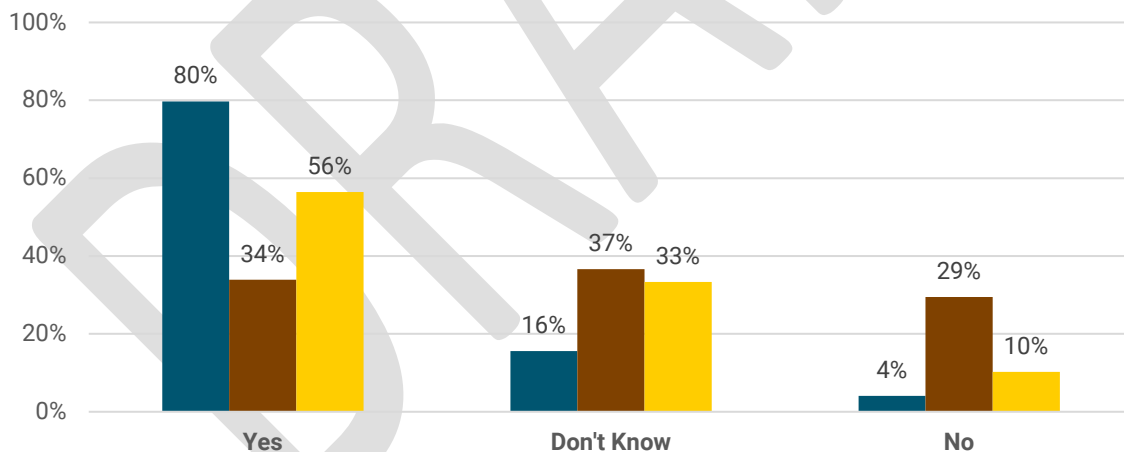
## Does support for exploring a joint law enforcement building with the Iowa City Police Department vary by Johnson County residents' voting intentions?

Overall, 70% of survey respondents indicated that they would be supportive of the possibility of a joint law enforcement building that shares space with the Iowa City Police Department (ICPD).

When disaggregated by voting intentions, respondents with stable "yes" votes and those who changed from "no" to "yes" were more likely to support exploring the combined space. One third of respondents who changed from "no" to "yes" were unsure of their support and an additional 10% were opposed to exploring the combined space. Respondents with stable "no" votes were largely split regarding their support for exploring a combined space, with 34% supportive, 37% unsure, and 29% opposed. See [Appendix 5](#) for results by initial vote intentions.

**Figure 14. Support for Joint Building with ICPD, by Vote Change**

**Survey Question:** Would you be supportive of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors exploring the possibility of a joint law enforcement building that shares space with the Iowa City Police Department?



**VOTING BLOCKS:** STABLE "YES" VOTE | STABLE "NO" VOTE | MOVE FROM "NO" TO "YES"

## Theme 4. Qualitative Findings

### How do Johnson County Residents explain their vote?

After being asked to revote, survey respondents were asked to explain why they would vote “yes” or “no” and were provided space to give a brief open-ended response. All responses, as written, are available in [Appendix 4](#).

Common themes from respondents with **stable “yes” votes** included statements about the conditions of the jail for staff (125 responses), conditions of the jail for inmates (107 responses), overall need of a new jail (94 responses), the poor condition of the jail (84 responses), and the size and capacity of the jail (49 responses).

*“Why do we continue to wait? The situations is not going to improve and the maintenance costs make no sense to continue. Lack of safety is a huge concern. Our law enforcement staff deserves to be safe and comfortable. They are serving our community.”*

*“I’d vote Yes. The conditions sound worse than I realized; also, the lack of ADA and services for inmates, coupled with unsafe conditions for staff, definitely changes my “probably” yes to a definite yes.”*

*“it seems the building is in need of major repair, especially if it is unsafe for staff and inmates. The lack of spaces is also not helping the current situation, both for programs and holding space.”*

Common themes from respondents with **stable “no” votes** included statements about cost (32 responses), over criminalization (24 responses), increased taxes (24 responses), that the county should use money elsewhere (21 responses), and requests for more information (18 responses).

*“it is a very expensive project. I am sure johnson co taxpayers would prefer to spend the money on a better project.”*

*“spending money on community programs (non-police) that bring opportunities and a social safety net would prevent crime & reduce the need for a jail at all. Programs are a better use of my tax money. If joco builds a new jail then the cops will fill it! This cycle of incarceration does not end via an ada jail – it ends with a stronger, more connected community!”*

*“the county should spend more time considering renovation or expansion of the current facility”*

Common themes from respondents who **moved from “no” to “yes”** included statements about the conditions of the jail for inmates (12 responses), conditions of the jail for staff (11 responses), overall need of a new jail (7 responses), the poor condition of the jail (6 responses), and requests for more information (5 responses).

*“Voted probably yes because incarceration is not the best option, and building a larger space means more incarceration but i support inmates safety and wellbeing and Johnson County jail is not in the best shape.”*

*“If the building truly is unsafe for inmates and staff, that needs to be corrected.”*

*“Inmates have a constitutional right to safety in their imprisonment and treatment. Lack of ADA accommodations, ability to do rehabilitation programs, and general safety flies in defiance of that.”*

## What additional information do Johnson County Residents need to make an informed decision about voting for the construction of a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

Survey respondents were asked what additional information they would need to make an informed decision about voting for the construction of a new building the Sheriff's Office and Jail and were provided space to give a brief open-ended response. All responses, as written, are available in [Appendix 4](#).

Common themes from respondents with **stable "yes" votes** included statements about cost (104 responses), location (48 responses), increased taxes (36 responses), joint space with ICPD (34 responses), no clear explanation (25 responses), and requests for more information (25 responses).

*"please show how many years before costs to build would be paid for by housing prisoners from other counties. johnson county seems so concerned about the cost to build the facility."*

*"More publicized information on how things would be with the ICPD and Sheriffs Dept in the same building."*

*"proximity/transportation to courthouse."*

Common themes from respondents with **stable "no" votes** included statements about cost (32 responses), increased taxes (15 responses), size and capacity (10 responses), that county should use money elsewhere (10 responses), government overreach/distrust of law enforcement (8 responses), and overcriminalization (8 responses).

*"Cost. What the payback is. How a new facility could save both city and county recurring money each year."*

*"How much it costs and what percentage of the taxpayers budget is being put towards it. Additionally, knowing what other projects are in the works, rather than building a big nice building for inmates. They are there for a reason!"*

*"none- because laws are to suppress freedom"*

Common themes from respondents who **moved from "no" to "yes"** included statements about cost (12 responses), services and programs space (8 responses), requests for more information (6 responses), size and capacity (6 responses), requests for arrest data (4 responses), and staff needs (4 responses).

*"Average number of inmates, staff count, current size of building, cost of new building, proposed location, tax payer impact"*

*"I would like to see an information packet explaining the need and cost. I'd also like to see what programs and efforts are made to keep people out of jails to begin with."*

*Proposed budgets, what new programming is expected in these designs, and what will happen to the old property"*

## What do Johnson County Residents feel is most important for Board of Supervisors to consider when developing the measure for the ballot?

Survey respondents were asked “what is the most important thing you would like the Board of Supervisors to consider when developing the measure for the ballot?” and were provided space to give a brief open-ended response. All responses, as written, are available in [Appendix 4](#).

Common themes from respondents with **stable “yes” votes** included statements about cost (92 responses), conditions of the jail for staff (49 responses), conditions of the jail for inmates (40 responses), the long-term sustainability of a new building (38 responses), and public safety (29 responses).

*“Explain well how any proposed increase in property taxes is justified and beneficial to those who are taxed.”*

*“i hope the supervisors can propose an adequate and safe facility that is not excessively costly to build and operate*

*The longevity of a massive project like a new jail. If a new jail is built tomorrow, will it be effective in 20 years? 40 years? I would rather not see another plea for a new jail in my lifetime.”*

Common themes from respondents with **stable “no” votes** included statements about cost (30 responses), that county should use money elsewhere (19 responses), prison abolishment/reform (16 responses), increased taxes (9 responses), and overcriminalization (9 responses).

*“My property taxes have more than doubled in the last 10 years. I cannot support raising taxes further.”*

*“i fear a “bigger better” jail will take away attention and resources from people who need them most.”*

*“More money towards rehabilitation services and extremely less to none towards incarceration and militarization of our police department.”*

Common themes from respondents who **moved from “no” to “yes”** included statements about cost (10 responses), conditions of the jail for inmates (3 responses), staff needs (3 responses), conditions of the jail for staff (3 responses), transparency of county about plans and process for new building (2 responses), county should use money elsewhere (2 responses), location (2 responses), increased taxes (2 responses), and mental health/root causes of crime (2 responses).

*“Long-term cost reductions and maximal safety for inmates and staff”*

*“Budget and the rights of people being jailed.”*

*“Safety and treatment of inmates and staff”*

## **Appendix 1. Methodology**

### **Project Design**

#### **Overview**

CSSI proposed a mixed mode design – survey and focus groups - to best meet the project objective. Our overall methods operated from a community engaged research orientation (e.g. Israel et al., 1998; Minkler 2000, 2005; Wallerstein et al., 2020), with CJCC as an integral part of the iterative development and implementation process. The key principles of community engaged research highlight: 1) community as a central unit of analysis; 2) the strengths and resources within communities to create solutions; 3) collaborative partnerships, mutual benefit, and co-learning in all phases of the project; and 4) the cyclical and iterative nature of community-based work. CSSI strived to integrate community engaged principles throughout the project to ensure that the methods selected yielded outcomes representative of the needs and perspectives of key partners and communities. Furthermore, our methods adhered to best practices in survey methodology (e.g., Dillman et al., 2009; Messer & Dillman, 2011; Millmar & Dillman, 2011) that have established evidence-based recommendations for sampling strategies and modes of data collection to minimize error in reporting and increase the scientific integrity of results.

#### **Population and Setting**

The project sampled residents, 18 years and older, living in Johnson County, Iowa. Based on U.S. Census Population estimates (2023), the population of Johnson County, Iowa is 157,528 comprised of 62,214 household units. Looking at demographics, 19.10% of the population are persons under 18 years, 80.9% of the population are over 18 years, and 13.80% are persons over 65 years. Approximately 49.60% of the population is male and 76% are white alone. A majority (86%) of the population resides in incorporated areas.

#### **Survey Development**

CSSI staff provided consultation to the CJCC sub-committee to assist with survey development in close accordance with standards and best practices established by the American Association of Public Opinion Researchers (AAPOR). The team is well versed in survey instrument development and testing. Staff experience includes the construction of questionnaires, including content development and framing, sensitivity concerns, and general best practices in question format, language choice, and flow.

Survey questions were developed in collaboration with CJCC. Survey topics included a baseline voting measure, general knowledge about the Sheriff's Office and jail, information sources, questions about awareness and concern of the facility, a re-assessment of voting preference, perceptions about planning factors and considerations, perceptions about community safety and justice, demographics questions, and a question to determine interest in participating in future focus groups.

A forty-item instrument was developed for mail, web, and phone data collection. Items consisted of Likert type scales, single select options, and open response questions. Survey questions were crafted neutrally to reduce leading or bias of the respondents and provide clear and concise questions wording. Response options were designed to be balanced and to elicit the most meaningful responses. Staff provided suggestions to clarify the content of the survey to promote quality exchanges in all modes of deployment.

Additionally, to recognize the language differences within the county and be responsive to budgetary needs, the survey cover letter included instructions, in Spanish, for potential Spanish-speaking respondents to request a Spanish-language survey packet be mailed to them or to complete the survey online via quick response (QR) code. Any respondent, regardless of language, was also able to complete the survey online in their preferred language (English or Spanish).

Prior to survey deployment, the CSSI team performed an in-house quality assurance review and quality control testing of the survey instrument to ensure that the questions were free from errors, sequencing of survey questions follows the appropriate flow, the content was relevant and clearly presented, and the survey accurately captured the data requested by the county. CSSI project specialists conducted weekly quality control assessments of project data and provided additional training to field staff weekly or as needed.

The survey was finalized for deployment on May 9, 2025. A copy of the mail survey instrument and postcard is available in [Appendix 2](#).

## Survey Deployment

**Sample.** After completion of the survey instrument, CSSI staff assisted with sampling and deployment for the survey. We targeted 400 completed surveys, which based on the total population of Johnson County, represents the minimum recommended size to produce representative results with a 5% margin of error. In other words, because it is not feasible to survey the entire population, using a sample of 400 respondents will increase the likelihood that the outcomes are close to the real population value.

A random sample of 3,859 address-based Johnson County records were purchased from Dynata, a reputable sample provider. Most records included a name for mailing; however, 129 records did not include a name associated and were addressed to "Current Resident." Landline and cell phone numbers were appended to each record if available. University of Iowa Campus mail removed 13 records prior to printing and distribution due to invalid mailing addresses.

One limitation of an address-based sample is that areas which have more apartment buildings tend to have high occupant turnover and are much more likely to have an out-of-date name associated with the record. These are more likely to come back undeliverable from the United States Postal Service.

**Mailing #1.** Surveys were printed in English and consisted of a 6-page survey instrument printed booklet style with a pre-perforated 1-page consent cover letter (eight pages total); The booklet was sized to be 8.5" x 11". The survey packets were sent to a sample of 3,846 on May 22, 2025, using a 9" x 12" window envelope with the Iowa logo and included the survey booklet, a \$1 pre-incentive, and a 6.5" x 9.5" pre-paid business reply envelope addressed to the Center for Social Science Innovation (CSSI) for use by the respondent when returning survey. The unique survey identification number was printed on the footer of the survey for tracking purposes.

**Postcard Reminder.** A postcard reminder was sent on June 12, 2025, approximately three weeks following mailing #1, and sent to non-respondents (n= 3,374). The postcard was 8.5" x 5.5" and printed in black ink on sunburst yellow cardstock.

**Phone Call Follow-Up.** CSSI field staff conducted phone call follow-ups to non-respondents with an offer to complete the survey over the phone. Follow-up calls were conducted between June 20, 2025, through July 18, 2025. The calls were conducted using computer-aided telephone interview (CATI) software. For telephone data collection, a total of 1,931 records were attempted, and invited to complete a telephone survey. The maximum number of attempts for any unique records was three, unless a callback request was established. If a callback was

established, the respondent was called back periodically through the end of the study. If a voice mailbox was reached, a message was left at the first and final attempts for all records and included a toll-free number for the respondent to call and complete the survey. If a potential respondent was reached, field staff provided a brief description of why they were calling and collected survey responses via computer-aided telephone interview. The telephone survey was only offered in English.

**Mailing #2.** A second mailing was planned to occur approximately four weeks following the initial mailing but was eliminated as a cost saving measure in light of a better than expected response rate to the first mailing, postcard reminder, and phone call follow-up. The projected costs for this second mailing was reallocated toward the moderation of three community focus groups and transcription to be conducted at a later date.

## Project Administration

### Mail Tracking

The CSSI tracked incoming mail consisting of survey responses using a Microsoft access database. For each survey received, the following information was tracked: date received, version (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing, if applicable), status, completion mode (mail, telephone, web), survey language (English, Spanish), and focus group interest. The following survey statuses were used: undeliverable (no forwarding address available), re-send (forwarding address available), complete, incomplete, refused, deceased, incarcerated, duplicate. Any surveys tracked as “re-send” were re-sent to the participant with the materials described above, and the sample address was updated. All surveys were de-identified and prepared for data entry.

### Data entry and Coding

All surveys were independently double entered by field staff using Qualtrics survey software to store data. Field staff are trained to enter data as written on the survey; therefore, any misspellings or grammatical errors will be present in the raw data. A comparison script was developed using Stata to compare responses across raters and identify data entry discrepancies. Field staff then retrieved the actual survey and recorded the correct value. Incorrect values were re-coded within the data with correct values. Additional quality checks were performed by the project specialist after re-coding.

Open-ended responses were reviewed independently by a team of field staff and a list of response codes were developed so each open response could be categorized numerically. The numeric codes were used to quantify open-ended responses. A table showing a list of response codes, themes identified, and a description of the theme is available in [Appendix 4](#).

### Quality Control Measures

**Translation.** Translation of the survey instruments and materials were conducted by a consultant who is a native Spanish speaker and current Master of Fine Arts candidate in Spanish Creative Writing.

**Data Collection.** To ensure quality, field staff were provided standardized training of mail tracking, data entry, and calling procedures, including voice mail protocols and disposition coding. Field staff also receive project-specific training related to the project background and instrument. Disposition codes are reviewed and cleaned regularly. In-person monitoring and supervision of mail tracking, data entry and interviewing and was implemented during CSSI hours of operation. Additionally, field staff productivity is monitored.

## Incentive Management

**Returned Incentives.** Upon receipt of an undeliverable survey mailing, returned cash incentives (\$1 bill) were tracked in the mail tracking database and deposited according to departmental cash handling procedures. During data collection, 526 incentives were returned due to undeliverable addresses.

## Institutional Review Board

All study procedures were reviewed and deemed non human subjects research by the University of Iowa Institutional Review Board, IRB-02. A copy of the determination is available in [Appendix 6](#).

## Document Storage

CSSI will end data storage on 08/14/2030 and will destroy any hard copy surveys or electronic data sets in a secure manner. The CSSI's standard policy is to retain data for up to five years.

## Project Deliverables to Client

The following files are posted via OneDrive:

| File name                                 | Mode  | File Type      |
|---|-------|----------------|
| CSSI IOWA_DRAFT Report_CJCC Survey        | Mixed | PDF            |
| CJCC Survey Data (CJCC_Final_8-8-25.xlsx) | Mixed | Excel Workbook |

## Acknowledgement in future publications

We request that you acknowledge the research support services offered during this project in papers, reports, or other output relying on these services. Specifically, and in addition to any discussion included in the data or methodology section as appropriate, we ask that our support be noted in the general acknowledgements section. This could be as simple as the following: "Support for [services, e.g., data collection, transcription, statistical analysis] was provided by the Center for Social Science Innovation at the University of Iowa."

We would be excited to learn about publications and presentations arising from this support and can disseminate them through CSSI media channels, if desired.

## Figure Notes

Below, we provide additional notes regarding several figures included in the "Thematic Findings" section of the report.

### Figure 1. Initial Vote Distribution

- Data weights were calculated using the 'anesrake' package in R (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/anesrake/anesrake.pdf>). This package takes the targeted percentages for selected demographic categories and uses an iterative procedure to generate the weights from those targets. It uses the American National Election Studies (ANES) weighting algorithm. Weights were generated for both the voting population and the general population of Johnson County, Iowa, using publicly available data. Using Johnson county voting registration data (<https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/voter-registration-statistics>), a *voting population weight* was developed using party identification, age, and zip code variables. Six hundred fifty-eight (658) responses were weighted, with only the cases where valid responses in all three of the weighting categories were available. Using data from the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey data (<https://data.census.gov>), a *general population weight* was developed using gender, age, and zip code variables. Six hundred seventy-one (671) responses were weighted, with only the cases where valid responses for all three of the weighting categories were available.

### Figure 2. Initial Vote Distribution, by Individual Characteristics

- To comport with research and reporting standards, we do not include groups in which there were ten or fewer respondents. "Refuse to answer" responses were excluded in statistical analyses.
- "White" includes all respondents that identified as "White" and did not report having a Hispanic or Latino origin or background.
- "Non-White" includes all respondents that identified as a racial group other than "White" or reported having a Hispanic or Latino origin or background.
- "Other Johnson County" includes respondents that reside in zip codes not associated with Iowa City, Coralville, or North Liberty.

### Figure 8. Information Sources, by Initial Vote

- Survey responses were recoded to reflect the percentage of respondents that reported that they "very often" or "always" got their news and information about local issues from the list of possible sources.

**Figure 11. Perceptions of Public Safety and Criminal Justice System, by Vote Change**

- The scale “public safety” was measured by calculating the average of responses to three items: “Please indicate how much you agree or disagree (0 = *strongly disagree* to 4 = *strongly agree*) with the following statements about public safety in your neighborhood:” (1) “I feel safe walking in my neighborhood, day or night,” (2) “Violence is not a problem in my neighborhood,” and (3) “My neighborhoods is safe from crime.”
- The scale “justice system” was measured by calculating the average of responses to four items (0 = *never* to 4 = *always*): “Thinking of the justice system, including law enforcement and the courts, how often does the justice system:” (1) “Treat people with respect,” (2) “Treat people fairly,” (3) “Take time to listen to people,” and (4) “Give victims the support they need.”
- The scale “jail conditions” was measured by calculating the average of responses to seven items (0 = *strongly disagree* to 4 = *strongly agree*): “Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the conditions inside jails:” (1) “The government has a responsibility to ensure humane jail conditions,” (2) “Poor jail conditions increase the risk of reoffending after release,” (3) “Everyone, regardless of their crimes, deserves basic standards of living while incarcerated,” (4) “Improving jail conditions should be a priority in criminal justice reform,” (5) “It is important that jails comply with modern standards,” (6) “Spending tax money on improving jail conditions is worthwhile,” and (7) “It is important that jail staff work in safe and sanitary conditions.”

**Figure 12. Concerns about Building Issues, by Vote Change**

- “Concern” for each issue is rated on the following scale: 0 = “not a concern,” 1 = “slight concern,” 2 = “moderate concern,” 3 = “definite concern,” and 4 = “extreme concern.”

**Figure 13. Importance of Specific Factors, by Vote Change**

- “Importance” for each factor is rated on the following scale: 0 = “not important,” 1 = “slightly important,” 2 = “moderately important,” 3 = “definitely important,” and 4 = “extremely important.”

## Appendix 2. Survey and Postcard Reminder

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[FIRST\_NAME] [MI] [LASTNAME]

or Current Resident

[ADDRESS 1], [ADDRESS 2]

[CITY], [STATE\_ABBR] [ZIP]-[ZIP4]



Dear [First\_Name],

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is conducting a survey to evaluate public views on their plan to construct a new building for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail. The goal is to address the need for a safe and modern jail and law enforcement facility that meets the needs of staff, incarcerated persons, and the community. We are inviting you to complete this survey because you are a resident of Johnson County, Iowa.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is working with the University of Iowa Center for Social Science Innovation to deploy this survey. We ask that you complete and return this survey, at your earliest convenience, by using the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. You may also take the survey online by scanning the QR code at the top of this page. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes for you to complete. We will send a reminder postcard in approximately 2 weeks and attempt to contact you by phone to complete the survey during the call.

We will keep the information you provide confidential, and the data collected will be completely de-identified upon receipt of the survey. If we write a report about this study, we will do so in such a way that you cannot be identified.

Enclosed you will find a \$1 bill, yours to keep as a "thank you" for considering this request.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Cassidy Branch at [cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu](mailto:cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu) or 319-335-4091. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Si habla español, puede solicitar una copia impresa o completar la encuesta usando el código QR en la parte superior de la página. Para solicitar una copia impresa o si tiene preguntas sobre la encuesta, comuníquese con Cassidy Branch a la dirección de correo [cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu](mailto:cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu) o al teléfono 319-335-4091. Muchas gracias por su tiempo y consideración.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Branch, Center for Social Science Innovation

ID:

*Instructions: Please answer these questions to the best of your ability, and return the completed survey in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. Select only one answer for each question or item.*

1. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors plans to ask Johnson County residents to vote on constructing a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail in November 2026. If you had to vote today, would you vote "yes" to support constructing the new building or "no" to oppose it?

☐ Definitely vote "No" to oppose     
 ☐ Probably vote "No" to oppose     
 ☐ Probably vote "Yes" to support     
 ☐ Definitely vote "Yes" to support

*Now we would like to ask you some questions about your general knowledge of the current building that holds the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail. Please answer to the best of your ability even if you are unsure.*

2. How familiar are you with the current Sheriff's Office and Jail building?

☐ Not at all familiar     
 ☐ Slightly familiar     
 ☐ Moderately familiar     
 ☐ Very familiar     
 ☐ Extremely familiar

3. Where is the Sheriff's Office and Jail building located?

☐ Inside Iowa City     
 ☐ Outside of Iowa City     
 ☐ Don't know

4. How old is the current Sheriff's Office and Jail building?

☐ Less than 10 years old     
 ☐ 10 to 40 years old     
 ☐ More than 40 years old     
 ☐ Don't know

5. How many people work for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

☐ Less than 50     
 ☐ 50 to 99     
 ☐ 100 to 149     
 ☐ 150 or more     
 ☐ Don't know

6. How many inmates does the current Johnson County Jail hold on a typical day?

☐ Less than 30     
 ☐ 30 to 79     
 ☐ 80 to 139     
 ☐ 140 or more     
 ☐ Don't know

7. Based on what you know about the current Sheriff's Office and Jail building, how would you rate the conditions of the building on the following scale?

☐ Very Poor     
 ☐ Poor     
 ☐ Acceptable     
 ☐ Good     
 ☐ Very Good

8. Before receiving this survey, were you aware of the county's goal to construct a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

☐ Yes     
 ☐ No

9. How often do you get news and information about local issues from each of the following sources?

|  | Never                 | Rarely                | Sometimes             | Very Often            | Always                |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Local news outlets (e.g., newspaper, television, radio)                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Social media   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Word of mouth (Friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, work organizations) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Law enforcement agencies and officials                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Local elected officials  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community or neighborhood newsletters or listservs                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Johnson County website   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other (please specify): _____  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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Now we would like to share some additional information about the conditions of the current Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail building. The Board of Supervisors has identified several issues with the building.

**10. Were you aware of the following issues regarding the current building identified by the Board of Supervisors?**

|   | Yes                   | No                    |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The building is currently deteriorating   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The building currently lacks space for inmates to receive services and participate in programming | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The jail does not meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The conditions of the jail are unsafe for staff   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The conditions of the jail are unsafe for inmates   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**11. How concerning are each of these issues to you?**

|   | Not a Concern         | Slight Concern        | Moderate Concern      | Definite Concern      | Extreme Concern       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The building is currently deteriorating   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The building currently lacks space for inmates to receive services and participate in programming | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The jail does not meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The conditions of the jail are unsafe for staff   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The conditions of the jail are unsafe for inmates   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**12. Now knowing about the conditions of the current building, how much would you agree or disagree that a new Sheriff's Office and Jail building is needed?**

☐ Strongly disagree      ☐ Disagree      ☐ Neither agree nor disagree      ☐ Agree      ☐ Strongly agree

**13. Now knowing about the conditions of the current building, if you had to vote today, would you vote "yes" to support constructing a new building or "no" to oppose it?**

☐ Definitely vote "No" to oppose      ☐ Probably vote "No" to oppose      ☐ Probably vote "Yes" to support      ☐ Definitely vote "Yes" to support

**14. Please explain why you would vote yes or no. (Write your response in the blank space below)**

*The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is exploring different options for constructing a new building to hold the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail. This includes discussions with Iowa City about a potential joint law enforcement building that shares space with the Iowa City Police Department. The following questions are intended to identify what factors are most important to you as a voter as they move forward with these discussions.*

**15. How important are each of the following factors when considering how to vote for the construction of a new Sheriff's Office and Jail building?**

|                                   | Not<br>important      | Slightly<br>important | Moderately<br>important | Definitely<br>important | Extremely<br>important |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Cost of the construction project  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Location of the new building      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Design of the building            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Space for services and programs   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Size and capacity of the building | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  |
| Staffing needs                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  |

**16. Would you be supportive of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors exploring the possibility of a joint law enforcement building that shares space with the Iowa City Police Department?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**17. What additional information would you need to make an informed decision about voting for the construction of a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail? (Write your response in the blank space below)**

**18. What is the one most important thing you would like the Board of Supervisors to consider when developing the measure for the ballot? (Write your response in the blank space below)**

*We would now like to ask you about your general perceptions and experiences regarding community safety and the criminal justice system.*

**19. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about public safety in your neighborhood:**

|  | Strongly<br>disagree  | Disagree              | Neither<br>disagree nor<br>agree | Agree                 | Strongly<br>Agree     |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| I feel safe walking in my neighborhood, day or night | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Violence is not a problem in my neighborhood         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My neighborhood is safe from crime                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

20. Have you ever been a victim of a violent crime such as a robbery, burglary, physical attack or assault?

☐ Yes ☐ No

21. Thinking of the justice system, including law enforcement and the courts, how often does the justice system...

|                                    | Never                 | Rarely                | Sometimes             | Very often            | Always                |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Treat people with respect          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Treat people fairly                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Take time to listen to people      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Give victims the support they need | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

22. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree that the following statements should be the purpose of jails in society.

|  | Strongly disagree     | Disagree              | Neither disagree nor agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| To punish people who break the law                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| To protect the community from crime                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| To deter people from committing crimes                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| To rehabilitate people through treatment and services              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| To serve as a temporary holding place for people accused of crimes | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

23. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the conditions inside jails

|   | Strongly disagree     | Disagree              | Neither disagree nor agree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The government has a responsibility to ensure humane jail conditions                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Poor jail conditions increase the risk of reoffending after release                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Everyone, regardless of their crimes, deserves basic standards of living while incarcerated | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Improving jail conditions should be a priority in criminal justice reform                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| It is important that jails comply with modern standards                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Spending tax money on improving jail conditions is worthwhile                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| It is important that jail staff work in safe and sanitary conditions                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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24. Which of the following best describes you?  
☐ Man  
☐ Woman  
☐ Prefer to self-describe: \_\_\_\_\_
25. What year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What is your marital status?  
☐ Single, never married  
☐ Married, or with a committed partner  
☐ Divorced or separated  
☐ Widowed
27. Including yourself, how many adults ages 18 or over are currently living in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
28. How many children under the age of 18 are currently living in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
29. What is the highest level of school that you have completed?  
☐ Some high school or less  
☐ High school graduate or GED  
☐ Some college, no degree  
☐ 2-year or associate degree  
☐ 4-year or bachelor's degree  
☐ Post-graduate degree
30. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or background? ☐ Yes ☐ No
31. Which of these best describes your race?  
☐ Black or African-American  
☐ Pacific Islander  
☐ Asian or Asian-American  
☐ White  
☐ Native American or American Indian  
☐ Mixed Race  
☐ Some other race: \_\_\_\_\_
32. Do you speak a language other than English at home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
33. Which of the following best describes your employment status?  
☐ Employed or self-employed full-time  
☐ Employed or self-employed part-time  
☐ Not employed, but looking for work  
☐ Not employed and not looking for work  
☐ Not employed, unable to work due to a disability or illness  
☐ Retired  
☐ Student  
☐ Stay-at-home spouse or partner
34. Over the last 12 months, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?  
☐ Less than \$56,600  
☐ \$56,600 to \$169,800  
☐ More than \$169,800
35. What is your ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_
36. Do you consider the address where you live to be urban or rural? ☐ Rural ☐ Urban
37. Have you, a family member, or a friend ever been incarcerated in the Johnson County Jail? ☐ Yes ☐ No
38. Are you currently registered to vote in Johnson County? ☐ Yes ☐ No
39. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a(n):  
☐ Democrat  
☐ Republican  
☐ Independent  
☐ Other or none
- If you are Independent or something else, are your opinions closer to the Democratic or Republican Party?  
☐ Democratic Party  
☐ Republican Party
40. We are interested in further understanding individual's views on the Sheriff's Office and Jail Facility. Are you interested in participating in a 90-minute focus group about this topic? This information will not be linked to your survey responses.  
☐ Yes, I am interested in participating in an interview/focus group.  
 My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact me at this phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact me at this email address: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No, I am not interested in participating in an interview/focus group.

*Thank you for participating in this survey*

Dear [First\_Name],

Recently, the Center for Social Science Innovation and the Johnson County Board of Supervisors mailed you an invitation to complete a survey about the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail building.

If you haven't already, please complete and return the survey you were sent by using the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. Or you can complete the survey using the QR code on this postcard. We will also attempt to reach you by phone in the next few weeks to complete the survey.

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact Cassidy Branch at the Center for Social Science Innovation for assistance:

Email: [cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu](mailto:cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu)

Phone: 855-204-4692

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Si habla español, puede solicitar una copia impresa o completar la encuesta usando el código QR. Para solicitar una copia impresa o si tiene preguntas sobre la encuesta, comuníquese con Cassidy Branch a la dirección de correo [cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu](mailto:cassidy-branch@uiowa.edu) o al teléfono 319-335-4091. Muchas gracias por su tiempo y consideración.



ID: <CSSI\_ID>

## Appendix 3. Quantitative Data (Univariates)

**Notes for reading the tables:** Each question has two sets of tables. The first table provides the descriptive statistics and includes the number of responses, the mean, and the standard deviation. The valid total equals the number of responses excluding the “refuse to answer” responses. The missing total is the number of “refuse to answer” responses. “Refuse to answer” responses were included in the valid total for the two vote questions.

The second table is a frequency table and includes the number of responses (N) and percentage of each selected options.

**Q1. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors plans to ask Johnson County residents to vote on constructing a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail in November 2026. If you had to vote today, would you vote “yes” to support constructing the new building or “no” to oppose it?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 710  |
| Missing | 0    |
| Mean    | 2.13 |
| SD      | 1.08 |

| Response                         | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Definitely vote “Yes” to support | 226 | 30.1%   |
| Probably vote “Yes” to support   | 328 | 43.7%   |
| Probably vote “No” to oppose     | 110 | 14.7%   |
| Definitely vote “No” to oppose   | 46  | 6.5%    |
| Refuse to answer                 | 41  | 5.46%   |

**Q2. How familiar are you with the current Sheriff's Office and Jail Building?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 741  |
| Missing | 10   |
| Mean    | 3.88 |
| SD      | 1.00 |

| Response            | N   | Percent |
|---------------------|-----|---------|
| Extremely familiar  | 14  | 1.9%    |
| Very familiar       | 53  | 7.2%    |
| Moderately familiar | 178 | 24%     |
| Slightly familiar   | 258 | 34.8%   |
| Not at all familiar | 238 | 32.1%   |

**Q3. Where is the Sheriff's Office and Jail building located?**

|         |      |                      |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 744  | Response             | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 7    | Inside Iowa City     | 617 | 82.9%   |
| Mean    | 1.32 | Outside of Iowa City | 13  | 1.7%    |
| SD      | 0.73 | Don't know           | 114 | 15.3%   |

**Q4. How old is the current Sheriff's Office and Jail building?**

|         |      |                        |     |         |
|---------|------|------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 744  | Response               | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 7    | Less than 10 years old | 0   | 0%      |
| Mean    | 3.17 | 10 to 40 years old     | 131 | 17.6%   |
| SD      | 0.70 | More than 40 years old | 352 | 47.3%   |
|         |      | Don't know             | 261 | 35.1%   |

**Q5. How many people work for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?**

|         |      |              |     |         |
|---------|------|--------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 745  | Response     | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 6    | Less than 50 | 50  | 6.7%    |
| Mean    | 3.93 | 50 to 99     | 110 | 14.8%   |
| SD      | 1.39 | 100 to 149   | 117 | 15.7%   |
|         |      | 150 or more  | 32  | 4.3%    |
|         |      | Don't know   | 436 | 58.5%   |

**Q6. How many inmates does the current Johnson County Jail hold on a typical day?**

|         |      |              |     |         |
|---------|------|--------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 738  | Response     | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 13   | Less than 30 | 28  | 3.8%    |
| Mean    | 3.92 | 30 to 79     | 134 | 18.2%   |
| SD      | 1.34 | 80 to 139    | 124 | 16.8%   |
|         |      | 140 or more  | 35  | 4.7%    |
|         |      | Don't know   | 417 | 56.6%   |

**Q7. Based on what you know about the current Sheriff's office and Jail building, how would you rate the conditions of the building on the following scale?**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 740  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 11   | Very Good  | 5   | 0.7%    |
| Mean    | 2.73 | Good       | 19  | 2.8%    |
| SD      | 1.15 | Acceptable | 248 | 36.7%   |
|         |      | Poor       | 313 | 46.3%   |
|         |      | Very Poor  | 91  | 13.5%   |

**Q8. Before receiving the survey, were you aware of the county's goal to construct a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 742  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 9    | Yes      | 433 | 58.4%   |
| Mean    | 1.42 | No       | 309 | 41.6%   |
| SD      | 0.40 |          |     |         |

**Q9. How often do you get news and information about local issues from each of the following sources?**

**Q9a. Local news outlets (e.g., newspaper, television, radio)**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 744  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 7    | Never      | 43  | 5.8%    |
| Mean    | 3.45 | Rarely     | 90  | 12.1%   |
| SD      | 1.09 | Sometimes  | 233 | 31.3%   |
|         |      | Very often | 247 | 33.2%   |
|         |      | Always     | 131 | 17.6%   |

**Q9b. Social Media**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 740  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 11   | Never      | 140 | 18.9%   |
| Mean    | 2.73 | Rarely     | 156 | 21.1%   |
| SD      | 1.15 | Sometimes  | 244 | 33.0%   |
|         |      | Very often | 164 | 22.2%   |
|         |      | Always     | 36  | 4.9%    |

**Q9c. Word of mouth (Friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, work organizations)**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 739  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 12   | Never      | 37  | 5.0%    |
| Mean    | 2.97 | Rarely     | 160 | 21.7%   |
| SD      | 0.88 | Sometimes  | 352 | 47.6%   |
|         |      | Very often | 165 | 22.3%   |
|         |      | Always     | 25  | 3.4%    |

**Q9d. Law enforcement agencies and officials**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 741  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 10   | Never      | 307 | 41.4%   |
| Mean    | 1.83 | Rarely     | 289 | 39.0%   |
| SD      | 0.86 | Sometimes  | 115 | 15.5%   |
|         |      | Very often | 25  | 3.4%    |
|         |      | Always     | 5   | 0.7%    |

**Q9e. Local elected officials**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 741  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 10   | Never      | 261 | 35.2%   |
| Mean    | 1.97 | Rarely     | 282 | 38.1%   |
| SD      | 0.88 | Sometimes  | 162 | 21.9%   |
|         |      | Very often | 34  | 4.6%    |
|         |      | Always     | 2   | 0.3%    |

**Q9f. Community or neighborhood newsletters or listservs**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 742  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 9    | Never      | 291 | 39.2%   |
| Mean    | 1.93 | Rarely     | 252 | 34.0%   |
| SD      | 0.92 | Sometimes  | 161 | 21.7%   |
|         |      | Very often | 33  | 4.4%    |
|         |      | Always     | 5   | 0.7%    |

**Q9g. Johnson County website**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 738  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 13   | Never      | 372 | 50.4%   |
| Mean    | 1.69 | Rarely     | 236 | 32.0%   |
| SD      | 0.86 | Sometimes  | 117 | 15.9%   |
|         |      | Very often | 12  | 1.6%    |
|         |      | Always     | 1   | 0.1%    |

**Q9h. Other** (n=19 unique open-text responses that do not fit within previous categories: TV apps, signs/posters, podcasts, other news outlets, online news, national news, mail, internet search, email, attorney community)

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 243  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 508  | Never      | 177 | 72.8%   |
| Mean    | 1.56 | Rarely     | 21  | 8.6%    |
| SD      | 1.03 | Sometimes  | 26  | 10.7%   |
|         |      | Very often | 14  | 5.8%    |
|         |      | Always     | 5   | 2.1%    |

**Q10. Were you aware of the following issues regarding the current building identified by the Board of Supervisors?**

**Q10a. The building is currently deteriorating**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 735  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 16   | Yes      | 424 | 57.7%   |
| Mean    | 1.42 | No       | 311 | 42.3%   |
| SD      | 0.49 |          |     |         |

**Q10b. Due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 738  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 13   | Yes      | 435 | 58.9%   |
| Mean    | 1.41 | No       | 303 | 41.1%   |
| SD      | 0.49 |          |     |         |

**Q10c. The building currently lacks space for inmates to receive services and participate in programming**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 734  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 17   | Yes      | 346 | 47.1%   |
| Mean    | 1.53 | No       | 388 | 52.9%   |
| SD      | 0.50 |          |     |         |

**Q10d. The jail does not meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 731  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 20   | Yes      | 270 | 36.9%   |
| Mean    | 1.63 | No       | 461 | 63.1%   |
| SD      | 0.48 |          |     |         |

**Q10e. The conditions of the jail are unsafe for staff**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 728  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 23   | Yes      | 295 | 40.5%   |
| Mean    | 1.59 | No       | 433 | 59.5%   |
| SD      | 0.49 |          |     |         |

**Q10f. The conditions of the jail are unsafe for inmates**

|         |      |          |     |         |
|---------|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 727  | Response | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 24   | Yes      | 279 | 38.4%   |
| Mean    | 1.62 | No       | 448 | 61.6%   |
| SD      | 0.49 |          |     |         |

**Q11. How concerning are each of these issues to you?****Q11a. The building is currently deteriorating**

|         |      |                  |     |         |
|---------|------|------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 738  | Response         | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 13   | Not a concern    | 34  | 4.6%    |
| Mean    | 3.56 | Slight concern   | 73  | 9.9%    |
| SD      | 1.00 | Moderate concern | 180 | 24.4%   |
|         |      | Definite concern | 349 | 47.3%   |
|         |      | Extreme concern  | 102 | 13.8%   |

**Q11b. Due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county**

|         |      |                  |     |         |
|---------|------|------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 729  | Response         | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 22   | Not a concern    | 51  | 7.0%    |
| Mean    | 3.65 | Slight concern   | 50  | 6.9%    |
| SD      | 1.11 | Moderate concern | 166 | 22.8%   |
|         |      | Definite concern | 296 | 40.6%   |
|         |      | Extreme concern  | 166 | 22.8%   |

**Q11c. The building currently lacks space for inmates to receive services and participate in programming**

|         |      |                  |     |         |
|---------|------|------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 732  | Response         | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 19   | Not a concern    | 71  | 9.7%    |
| Mean    | 3.40 | Slight concern   | 84  | 11.5%   |
| SD      | 1.18 | Moderate concern | 185 | 25.3%   |
|         |      | Definite concern | 265 | 36.2%   |
|         |      | Extreme concern  | 127 | 17.3%   |

**Q11d. The jail does not meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

|         |      |                  |     |         |
|---------|------|------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 737  | Response         | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 14   | Not a concern    | 46  | 6.2%    |
| Mean    | 3.61 | Slight concern   | 83  | 11.3%   |
| SD      | 1.15 | Moderate concern | 162 | 22.0%   |
|         |      | Definite concern | 265 | 36.0%   |
|         |      | Extreme concern  | 181 | 24.6%   |

**Q11e. The conditions of the jail are unsafe for staff**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 740  |
| Missing | 11   |
| Mean    | 4.08 |
| SD      | 1.05 |

| Response         | N   | Percent |
|------------------|-----|---------|
| Not a concern    | 26  | 3.5%    |
| Slight concern   | 47  | 6.4%    |
| Moderate concern | 86  | 11.6%   |
| Definite concern | 267 | 36.1%   |
| Extreme concern  | 314 | 42.4%   |

**Q11f. The conditions of the jail are unsafe for inmates**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 739  |
| Missing | 12   |
| Mean    | 3.80 |
| SD      | 1.18 |

| Response         | N   | Percent |
|------------------|-----|---------|
| Not a concern    | 51  | 6.9%    |
| Slight concern   | 58  | 7.8%    |
| Moderate concern | 124 | 16.8%   |
| Definite concern | 260 | 35.2%   |
| Extreme concern  | 246 | 33.3%   |

**Q12. Now knowing about the conditions of the current building, how much would you agree or disagree that a new Sheriff's Office and Jail building is needed?**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 739  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 12   | Strongly agree             | 295 | 39.9%   |
| Mean    | 1.94 | Agree                      | 283 | 38.3%   |
| SD      | 1.02 | Neither agree nor disagree | 103 | 13.9%   |
|         |      | Disagree                   | 30  | 4.1%    |
|         |      | Strongly disagree          | 28  | 3.8%    |

**Q13. Now knowing about the conditions of the current building, if you had to vote today, would you vote "yes" to support constructing a new building or "no" to oppose it?**

|         |      |                                  |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 724  | Response                         | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 27   | Definitely vote "Yes" to support | 308 | 41.0%   |
| Mean    | 1.79 | Probably vote "Yes" to support   | 296 | 39.41%  |
| SD      | 0.84 | Probably vote "No" to oppose     | 81  | 10.79%  |
|         |      | Definitely vote "No" to oppose   | 39  | 5.2%    |
|         |      | Refuse to answer                 | 27  | 3.6%    |

**Q15. How important are each of the following factors when considering how to vote for the construction of a new Sheriff's Office and Jail building?**

**Q15a. Cost of the construction project**

|         |      |                      |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 740  | Response             | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 11   | Not important        | 14  | 1.9%    |
| Mean    | 1.79 | Slightly important   | 44  | 5.9%    |
| SD      | 0.84 | Moderately important | 130 | 17.6%   |
|         |      | Definitely important | 338 | 45.7%   |
|         |      | Extremely important  | 214 | 28.9%   |

**Q15b. Location of the new building**

|         |      |                      |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 740  | Response             | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 11   | Not important        | 77  | 10.4%   |
| Mean    | 3.27 | Slightly important   | 89  | 12.0%   |
| SD      | 1.15 | Moderately important | 225 | 30.4%   |
|         |      | Definitely important | 253 | 34.2%   |
|         |      | Extremely important  | 96  | 13.0%   |

**Q15c. Design of the building**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 739  |
| Missing | 12   |
| Mean    | 3.02 |
| SD      | 1.24 |

| Response             | N   | Percent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Not important        | 109 | 14.7%   |
| Slightly important   | 137 | 18.5%   |
| Moderately important | 222 | 30.0%   |
| Definitely important | 173 | 23.4%   |
| Extremely important  | 98  | 13.3%   |

**Q15d. Space for services and programs**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 742  |
| Missing | 9    |
| Mean    | 3.51 |
| SD      | 1.16 |

| Response             | N   | Percent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Not important        | 53  | 7.1%    |
| Slightly important   | 87  | 11.7%   |
| Moderately important | 184 | 24.8%   |
| Definitely important | 261 | 35.2%   |
| Extremely important  | 157 | 21.2%   |

**Q15e. Size and capacity of the building**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 740  |
| Missing | 11   |
| Mean    | 3.94 |
| SD      | 0.96 |

| Response             | N   | Percent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Not important        | 22  | 3.0%    |
| Slightly important   | 31  | 4.2%    |
| Moderately important | 138 | 18.6%   |
| Definitely important | 330 | 44.6%   |
| Extremely important  | 219 | 29.6%   |

**Q15f. Staffing needs**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 741  |
| Missing | 10   |
| Mean    | 4.04 |
| SD      | 0.93 |

| Response             | N   | Percent |
|----------------------|-----|---------|
| Not important        | 17  | 2.3%    |
| Slightly important   | 27  | 3.6%    |
| Moderately important | 123 | 16.6%   |
| Definitely important | 317 | 42.8%   |
| Extremely important  | 257 | 34.7%   |

**Q16. Would you be supportive of the Jonson County Board of Supervisors exploring the possibility of a joint law enforcement building that shares space with the Iowa City Police Department?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 739  |
| Missing | 12   |
| Mean    | 1.50 |
| SD      | 0.82 |

| Response   | N   | Percent |
|------------|-----|---------|
| Yes        | 525 | 71.0%   |
| No         | 60  | 8.1%    |
| Don't know | 154 | 20.8%   |

**Q19. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about public safety in your neighborhood.**

**Q19a. I feel safe walking in my neighborhood, day or night**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 740  |
| Missing | 11   |
| Mean    | 4.16 |
| SD      | 0.91 |

| Response                   | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Strongly Disagree          | 10  | 1.4%    |
| Disagree                   | 38  | 5.1%    |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 79  | 10.7%   |
| Agree                      | 307 | 41.5%   |
| Strongly agree             | 306 | 41.4%   |

**Q19b. Violence is not a problem in my neighborhood**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 740  |
| Missing | 11   |
| Mean    | 3.98 |
| SD      | 1.00 |

| Response                   | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Strongly Disagree          | 18  | 2.4%    |
| Disagree                   | 53  | 7.2%    |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 113 | 15.3%   |
| Agree                      | 299 | 40.4%   |
| Strongly agree             | 257 | 34.7%   |

**Q19c. My neighborhood is safe from crime**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 741  |
| Missing | 10   |
| Mean    | 3.71 |
| SD      | 1.03 |

| Response                   | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Strongly Disagree          | 17  | 2.3%    |
| Disagree                   | 90  | 12.1%   |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 156 | 21.1%   |
| Agree                      | 304 | 41.0%   |
| Strongly agree             | 174 | 23.5%   |

**Q20. Have you ever been a victim of a violent crime such as a robbery, burglary, or physical attack or assault?**

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Valid   | 729 |
| Missing | 22  |
| Mean    | 1.8 |
| SD      | 0.4 |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Yes      | 144 | 19.8%   |
| No       | 585 | 80.2%   |

**Q21. Thinking of the justice system, including law enforcement and the courts, how often does the justice system...**

**Q21a. Treat people with respect**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 718  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 33   | Never      | 6   | 0.8%    |
| Mean    | 3.60 | Rarely     | 44  | 6.1%    |
| SD      | 0.75 | Sometimes  | 231 | 32.2%   |
|         |      | Very often | 384 | 53.5%   |
|         |      | Always     | 53  | 7.4%    |

**Q21b. Treat people fairly**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 715  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 36   | Never      | 17  | 2.4%    |
| Mean    | 3.53 | Rarely     | 39  | 5.5%    |
| SD      | 0.79 | Sometimes  | 250 | 35.0%   |
|         |      | Very often | 365 | 51.0%   |
|         |      | Always     | 44  | 6.2%    |

**Q21c. Take time to listen to people**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 715  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 36   | Never      | 10  | 1.4%    |
| Mean    | 3.40 | Rarely     | 81  | 11.3%   |
| SD      | 0.81 | Sometimes  | 279 | 39.0%   |
|         |      | Very often | 305 | 42.7%   |
|         |      | Always     | 40  | 5.6%    |

**Q21d. Give victims the support they need**

|         |      |            |     |         |
|---------|------|------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 712  | Response   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 39   | Never      | 16  | 2.2%    |
| Mean    | 3.29 | Rarely     | 78  | 11.0%   |
| SD      | 0.81 | Sometimes  | 335 | 47.1%   |
|         |      | Very often | 248 | 34.8%   |
|         |      | Always     | 35  | 4.9%    |

**Q22. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree that the following statements *should* be the purpose of jails in society**

**Q22a. To punish people who break the law**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 740  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 11   | Strongly disagree          | 37  | 5.0%    |
| Mean    | 3.76 | Disagree                   | 60  | 8.1%    |
| SD      | 1.06 | Neither disagree nor agree | 120 | 16.2%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 348 | 47.0%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 175 | 23.6%   |

**Q22b. To protect the community from crime**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 739  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 12   | Strongly disagree          | 11  | 1.5%    |
| Mean    | 4.16 | Disagree                   | 32  | 4.3%    |
| SD      | 0.85 | Neither disagree nor agree | 55  | 7.4%    |
|         |      | Agree                      | 370 | 50.1%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 271 | 36.7%   |

**Q22c. To deter people from committing crimes**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 737  |
| Missing | 14   |
| Mean    | 3.88 |
| SD      | 1.05 |

| Response                   | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Strongly disagree          | 32  | 4.3%    |
| Disagree                   | 50  | 6.8%    |
| Neither disagree nor agree | 113 | 15.3%   |
| Agree                      | 325 | 44.1%   |
| Strongly agree             | 217 | 29.4%   |

**Q22d. To rehabilitate people through treatment and services**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 739  |
| Missing | 12   |
| Mean    | 3.96 |
| SD      | 1.01 |

| Response                   | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Strongly disagree          | 26  | 3.5%    |
| Disagree                   | 38  | 5.1%    |
| Neither disagree nor agree | 124 | 16.8%   |
| Agree                      | 306 | 41.4%   |
| Strongly agree             | 245 | 33.2%   |

**Q22e. To serve as a temporary holding place for people accused of crimes**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 737  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 14   | Strongly disagree          | 16  | 2.2%    |
| Mean    | 3.91 | Disagree                   | 34  | 4.6%    |
| SD      | 0.88 | Neither disagree nor agree | 122 | 16.6%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 395 | 53.6%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 170 | 23.1%   |

**Q23. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the conditions inside jails****Q23a. The government has a responsibility to ensure humane jail conditions**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 738  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 13   | Strongly disagree          | 9   | 1.2%    |
| Mean    | 4.38 | Disagree                   | 6   | 0.8%    |
| SD      | 0.74 | Neither disagree nor agree | 41  | 5.6%    |
|         |      | Agree                      | 321 | 43.5%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 361 | 48.9%   |

**Q23b. Poor jail conditions increase the risk of reoffending after release**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 735  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 16   | Strongly disagree          | 47  | 6.4%    |
| Mean    | 3.36 | Disagree                   | 110 | 15.0%   |
| SD      | 1.13 | Neither disagree nor agree | 243 | 33.1%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 202 | 27.5%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 133 | 18.1%   |

**Q23c. Everyone, regardless of their crimes, deserves basic standards of living while incarcerated**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 740  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 11   | Strongly disagree          | 11  | 1.5%    |
| Mean    | 4.15 | Disagree                   | 26  | 3.5%    |
| SD      | 0.86 | Neither disagree nor agree | 81  | 10.9%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 345 | 46.6%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 277 | 37.4%   |

**Q23d. Improving jail conditions should be a priority in criminal justice reform**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 736  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 15   | Strongly disagree          | 15  | 2.0%    |
| Mean    | 3.77 | Disagree                   | 52  | 7.1%    |
| SD      | 0.94 | Neither disagree nor agree | 183 | 24.9%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 323 | 43.9%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 163 | 22.1%   |

**Q23e. It is important that jails comply with modern standards**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 734  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 17   | Strongly disagree          | 6   | 0.8%    |
| Mean    | 4.01 | Disagree                   | 37  | 5.0%    |
| SD      | 0.84 | Neither disagree nor agree | 106 | 14.4%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 379 | 51.6%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 206 | 28.1%   |

**Q23f. Spending tax money on improving jail conditions is worthwhile**

|         |      |                            |     |         |
|---------|------|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 733  | Response                   | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 18   | Strongly disagree          | 21  | 2.8%    |
| Mean    | 3.78 | Disagree                   | 1   | 0.1%    |
| SD      | 0.96 | Neither disagree nor agree | 148 | 20.2%   |
|         |      | Agree                      | 352 | 48.0%   |
|         |      | Strongly agree             | 158 | 21.6%   |

**Q23g. It is important that jail staff work in safe and sanitary conditions**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 738  |
| Missing | 13   |
| Mean    | 4.52 |
| SD      | 0.64 |

| Response                   | N   | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Strongly disagree          | 6   | 0.8%    |
| Disagree                   | 1   | 0.1%    |
| Neither disagree nor agree | 21  | 2.8%    |
| Agree                      | 285 | 38.6%   |
| Strongly agree             | 425 | 57.6%   |

**Q24. Which of the following best describes you?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 722  |
| Missing | 29   |
| Mean    | 1.45 |
| SD      | 0.51 |

| Response                 | N   | Percent |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|
| Man                      | 406 | 56.2%   |
| Woman                    | 310 | 42.9%   |
| Prefer to self-describe* | 6   | 0.8%    |

\*Trans man (n=1), Non-binary (n=3)

**Q25. What year were you born? (Calculated Age Category)**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 682  |
| Missing | 69   |
| Mean    | 3.02 |
| SD      | 0.96 |

| Response    | N   | Percent |
|-------------|-----|---------|
| 18 to 29    | 43  | 6.3%    |
| 30 to 49    | 179 | 26.3%   |
| 50 to 64    | 178 | 26.1%   |
| 65 or older | 282 | 41.3%   |

**Q26. What is your marital status?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 726  |
| Missing | 25   |
| Mean    | 2.15 |
| SD      | 0.79 |

| Response                             | N   | Percent |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Single, never married                | 112 | 15.4%   |
| Married, or with a committed partner | 461 | 63.5%   |
| Divorced or separated                | 85  | 11.7%   |
| Widowed                              | 68  | 9.4%    |

**Q27. Including yourself, how many adults ages 18 or over are currently living in your household?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 729  |
| Missing | 22   |
| Mean    | 1.85 |
| SD      | .75  |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| 1        | 226 | 31.0%   |
| 2        | 414 | 56.8%   |
| 3        | 67  | 9.2%    |
| 4        | 14  | 1.9     |
| 5        | 7   | 0.96%   |
| 6        | 1   | 0.1%    |

**Q28. How many children under the age of 18 are currently living in your household?**

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Valid   | 729 |
| Missing | 22  |
| Mean    | .37 |
| SD      | .87 |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| 0        | 581 | 79.7%   |
| 1        | 68  | 9.3%    |
| 2        | 50  | 6.9%    |
| 3        | 20  | 2.7%    |
| 4        | 8   | 1.1%    |
| 5        | 0   | 0.0%    |
| 6        | 2   | 0.3%    |

**Q29. What is the highest level of school that you have completed?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 724  |
| Missing | 27   |
| Mean    | 4.68 |
| SD      | 1.43 |

| Response                    | N   | Percent |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------|
| Some high school or less    | 8   | 1.1%    |
| High school graduate or GED | 74  | 10.2%   |
| Some college, no degree     | 105 | 14.5%   |
| 2-year or associate degree  | 51  | 7.0%    |
| 4-year or bachelor degree   | 200 | 27.6%   |
| Post-graduate degree        | 286 | 39.5%   |

**Q30. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or background?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 711  |
| Missing | 40   |
| Mean    | 1.98 |
| SD      | 0.12 |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Yes      | 11  | 1.5%    |
| No       | 700 | 98.5%   |

**Q31. Which of these best describes your race?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 712  |
| Missing | 39   |
| Mean    | 3.90 |
| SD      | 0.65 |

| Response                           | N   | Percent |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Black or African-American          | 23  | 3.2%    |
| Pacific Islander                   | 1   | 0.1%    |
| Asian or Asian-American            | 29  | 4.1%    |
| White                              | 647 | 90.9%   |
| Native American or American Indian | 0   | 0.0%    |
| Mixed Race                         | 8   | 1.1%    |
| Some other race*                   | 4   | 0.6%    |

*\* Respondents did not provide valid race response*

**Q32. Do you speak a language other than English at home?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 719  |
| Missing | 32   |
| Mean    | 1.89 |
| SD      | 0.31 |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Yes      | 78  | 10.8%   |
| No       | 641 | 89.2%   |

**Q33. Which of the following best describes your employment status?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 722  |
| Missing | 29   |
| Mean    | 3.28 |
| SD      | 2.47 |

| Response  | N   | Percent |
|---|-----|---------|
| Employed or self-employed full-time                         | 357 | 49.4%   |
| Employed or self-employed part-time                         | 46  | 6.4%    |
| Not employed, but looking for work                          | 4   | 0.6%    |
| Not employed and not looking for work                       | 2   | 0.3%    |
| Not employed, unable to work due to a disability or illness | 12  | 1.7%    |
| Retired   | 276 | 38.2%   |
| Student   | 20  | 2.8%    |
| Stay-at-home spouse or partner                              | 5   | 0.7%    |

**Q34. Over the last 12 months, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?**

|         |      |                        |     |         |
|---------|------|------------------------|-----|---------|
| Valid   | 659  | Response               | N   | Percent |
| Missing | 92   | Less than \$56,600     | 172 | 26.1%   |
| Mean    | 1.94 | \$56,600 to \$169,800  | 355 | 53.9%   |
| SD      | 0.68 | Greater than \$169,800 | 132 | 20.0%   |

**Q35 What is your Zip code (Categorized)**

| Response | N   | Percent | Response | N  | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|----------|----|---------|
| 50266    | 1   | 0.1%    | 52317    | 94 | 12.9%   |
| 52203    | 1   | 0.1%    | 52322    | 17 | 2.3%    |
| 52214    | 1   | 0.1%    | 52327    | 3  | 0.4%    |
| 52217    | 1   | 0.1%    | 52333    | 45 | 6.2%    |
| 52235    | 5   | 0.7%    | 52338    | 20 | 2.8%    |
| 52240    | 150 | 20.6%   | 52340    | 29 | 4.0%    |
| 52241    | 101 | 13.9%   | 52356    | 2  | 0.3%    |
| 52242    | 1   | 0.1%    | 52358    | 2  | 0.3%    |
| 52245    | 135 | 18.6%   | 52404    | 1  | 0.1%    |
| 52246    | 97  | 13.3%   | 52446    | 1  | 0.1%    |
| 52247    | 10  | 1.4%    | 52755    | 5  | 0.7%    |
| 52253    | 1   | 0.1%    | 55240    | 1  | 0.1%    |
| 52314    | 2   | 0.3%    |          |    |         |

**Q36. Do you consider the address where you live to be urban or rural?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 719  |
| Missing | 32   |
| Mean    | 1.22 |
| SD      | 0.41 |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Urban    | 562 | 78.2%   |
| Rural    | 157 | 21.8%   |

**Q37. Have you, a family member, or a friend ever been incarcerated in the Johnson County Jail?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 728  |
| Missing | 23   |
| Mean    | 1.73 |
| SD      | 0.45 |

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Yes      | 198 | 27.2%   |
| No       | 530 | 72.8%   |

**Q38. Are you currently registered to vote in Johnson County?**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 734  |
| Missing | 17   |
| Mean    | 1.07 |
| SD      | 0.29 |

| Response       | N   | Percent |
|----------------|-----|---------|
| Registered     | 690 | 94.0%   |
| Not registered | 37  | 5.0%    |
| Don't know     | 7   | 1.0%    |

**Q39. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a(n):**

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 702  |
| Missing | 49   |
| Mean    | 1.98 |
| SD      | 1.06 |

| Response      | N   | Percent |
|---------------|-----|---------|
| Democrat      | 328 | 46.7%   |
| Republican    | 129 | 18.4%   |
| Independent   | 173 | 24.6%   |
| Other or none | 72  | 10.3%   |

***If you are Independent or something else, are your opinions closer to the Democratic or Republican Party?***

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| Valid   | 202  |
| Missing | 549  |
| Mean    | 1.69 |
| SD      | 0.72 |

| Response             | N  | Percent |
|----------------------|----|---------|
| The Democratic Party | 93 | 46.0%   |
| The Republican Party | 78 | 38.6%   |
| Neither              | 31 | 15.3%   |

**Q40. We are interested in further understanding individual's views on the Sheriff's Office and Jail Facility. Are you interested in participating in a 90-minute focus group about this topic?**

| Response | N   | Percent |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Yes      | 89  | 11.9%   |
| No       | 662 | 88.1%   |

## Appendix 4. Qualitative Data

The table below lists the codes used by CSSI staff when assessing common themes in the text responses to three open-ended questions (Q14, Q17, Q18).

| Code | Themes   | Description   |
|------|--|---|
| 1    | Poor condition   | The building is currently deteriorating   |
| 2    | Savings by not paying to house inmates outside of county | Due to overcrowding, the county currently pays to jail inmates outside the county   |
| 3    | Accessibility issues                                     | The jail does not meet accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  |
| 4    | Conditions for staff (safety)                            | The conditions of the jail are unsafe for staff   |
| 5    | Conditions for inmates (safety)                          | The conditions of the jail are unsafe for inmates   |
| 6    | Cost   | Cost of the construction project  |
| 7    | Location   | Location of the new building  |
| 8    | Design   | Design of the building  |
| 9    | Services and programs space                              | Space for services and programs / The building currently lacks space for inmates to receive services and participate in programming |
| 10   | Size and capacity  | Size and capacity of the building   |
| 11   | Staff needs  | Staffing needs/ staff requests  |
| 12   | Inmate needs   | Inmate needs/ conditions  |
| 13   | Overall need   | Unspecified needs, e.g. "it is needed"  |
| 14   | Need more information                                    | Requests more information for budget, plans of building, and statistics   |

| Code | Themes   | Description   |
|------|--|---|
| 15   | Familiar with issues                               | Specifies personal experience or knowledge regarding building   |
| 16   | Joint space with ICPD                              | Mentions impact of joint buildings  |
| 17   | Mentions renovating / maintenance instead          | Discusses renovating or upgrading old building rather than building a new facility  |
| 18   | New building not needed- conditions are acceptable | Expresses that the current conditions are manageable/fixable with their existing budget   |
| 19   | JoCo should use money elsewhere                    | Money for a new jail should be used for social services/other public services   |
| 20   | Prison abolishment/reform                          | Against prisons/advocates for alternatives to prison- building a new facility should not be the most pressing justice reform issue  |
| 21   | Government overreach/distrust of law enforcement   | Worried about expanding federal/local government's power by building new prison   |
| 22   | Long overdue                                       | Specifies that the project is long overdue but doesn't specify reason for supporting new facility- e.g. 'it's about time!', 'get it on the ballot!'   |
| 23   | Over criminalization                               | Mentions residents of JoCo are over criminalized by law enforcement   |
| 24   | Mental health/root causes of crime                 | Mentions directing attention toward mental health and other social problems that lead to crimes is necessary  |
| 25   | Public safety                                      | Emphasizes the importance of a new facility that improves safety of the citizens of JoCo and benefits to the community because of a new facility (unrelated to staff/inmate safety regarding the building itself) |
| 26   | Increased taxes                                    | Mentions the impact of the project on their taxes   |
| 27   | No clear explanation                               | No exact reason provided for their vote   |
| 28   | Racial disparities                                 | Mentions racial disparities in prison population in JoCo  |

| Code | Themes  | Description  |
|------|---|--|
| 29   | Need for increased law enforcement and detention              | Specifies that they want a new building for the purpose of increasing arrest numbers/greater potential to work with ICE to increase detentions of JoCo residents |
| 30   | Long-term sustainability of new building                      | Future of how the building will be used, maintained, or upkeep   |
| 31   | Resources used/environmental impact                           | Source of resources and impact on environment (unrelated to funding sources)   |
| 32   | Contractor  | Who is contracting the construction and use of local labor   |
| 33   | Timeframe of construction                                     | When the project would start and when it would be finished   |
| 34   | Requests arrest data  | Want to know data for arrests  |
| 35   | Requests information comparison                               | Wants to know JoCo current jail vs. new jail on issues, other county jails vs. JoCo, issues if the ICPD and JoCo joined vs if they stayed separate, etc.         |
| 36   | Plans for old building  | What will be done with the old building if a new one is constructed  |
| 37   | Transparency of JoCo about plans and process for new building | Specifies that overall/general transparency from the county is wanted/needed and how their plan will address the issues  |
| 38   | Efficiency  | Unspecified want for efficiency  |
| 39   | Spreading public awareness                                    | Discusses continuing to make the public aware of the voting, conditions, and situation regarding the jail  |
| 40   | Unbiased/clear wording on the ballot                          | Discusses the importance/impact of the language used on the ballot   |

Responses to all three open-ended questions asked in the survey are listed below.

For each open-ended question, responses were categorized into the following sections:

- 1) those who would vote “yes” both when asked at the beginning of the survey and after learning about conditions
- 2) those who would vote “no” both when asked at the beginning of the survey and after learning about conditions
- 3) those whose vote changed from “no” at the beginning of the survey, to “yes” after learning about conditions
- 4) those whose vote changed from “yes” at the beginning of the survey, to “no” after learning about conditions

### Q14. Please explain why you would vote yes or no.

#### ***Responses from those whose votes were a stable “yes”***

- needed.
- First of all for the administration it would be easier for the public defenders office for them to communicate with clients. It would save money for transporting overflow. It would really serve justice in a more efficiency way and promote justice. It would be better for inmates and employees.
- If the current status of the building is unsafe for staff and inmates as well as it being too small, there needs to be change.
- I would probably vote yes but would like to know the cost and the plan on obtaining that amount of money over x amount of years etc.
- Because staff and inmates deserve a safe and modern facility.
- safety is important.
- the town is growing and reconstruction is everywhere so why not rebuild it.
- staff and inmate safety needs to be a priority
- It all sounds very concerning and sounds like we should get a new building quite quickly
- no need in fixing up on a building that leaks. I have seen pictures of brick or stone deteriorating. a bandaid keeps costing money
- it's obvious the current situation & conditions of the jail are unsustainable.
- need new jail shouldn't have to pay other jails for our prisoners
- every time a vote has been put on the ballot since i have voted yes for a new jail.
- everyone deserves a safe and habitable place to work or to have to be in.
- after i took a tour i realized how very bad of shape its in. our officers & inmates & citizens deserve better & have for years.
- To make law enforcement officers job easier
- Facts and need

- building is literally crumbling & unsafe and staff is in danger daily.
- The ongoing costs of maintenance are a greater burden to taxpayers than the Cost of renovation- for yes, I would need to better understand the board and the Counties position on Criminal justice reform. I know the cost of fixing the old building outweighs the cost of building a new facility, but there's a caveat of how to address these issues and these costs.
- public services do not usually ask for something that is not needed, given the date it will be really ready.
- The question is actually confusing. You just gave me the facts about the condition, and then asked me how I would vote if I didn't know the condition.
- If the building is unsafe for staff due to its deteriorating construction or internal size/layout then there really isn't any other option since safety should be the primary concern
- I've seen the building, it's only a matter of time before it starts collapsing.
- let's not put staff & inmates in harm's way, let's address this & take care of people!
- as a law student studying international human rights law, I am very passionate about ensuring safe, rehabilitative facilities for incarcerated people & a safe working environment for sheriff dept. & jail employees.
- staff and inmates' health are important!
- rights of inmates to have safe housing & to have access to services. rights of employees to be safe at work.
- it doesn't do its job well, that's number one. if it is unsafe for everybody then it's failing and should be renovated or replaced. (I don't know which is more feasible)
- A renovation would improve the quality of life for everyone working and being held there.
- if these statements are true then there is an identified need. next would be what would take care of this need and should it be a unified project that involves Iowa city police dept.
- we need updated facility but not for taking inmates from outside of Johnson county. joint space with ICPD would be appropriate. I am told that arrests and confinement rates are declining. we need to be sure that mental health and other human issues are addressed.
- Citizens have been delaying infrastructure investments for too long
- I know fixes are needed but I want to know how they will be paid for. upping taxes? property or otherwise? state or federal funds? would have to know to fully support this.
- for all of the above reasons and concerns - it's very important that a building is up to date and safe for everyone.
- I would vote yes. for the staff to be safe and inmate too
- new jail has been needed for years it's about time.
- jail is old, very old.
- if it is bigger, built to last many years, & it houses at least Johnson county & Iowa city police - multi jurisdiction facility
- the jail and sheriff's office needs to be updated.
- I know it is very old and lacks space for proper control of inmates.
- definitely move new jail to outskirts of IC maybe IOW by national guard bldg.

- i believe the county should have a safe and adequate space to house and work with prisoners
- the condition of the current facilities is unsustainable
- if true, i see the need for a new building. however, i'd need more than a few lines on a 5 page survey to arrive at a final decision.
- Sound like the building is old and repairing will not meet the standards it should. Building a brand new building is the way to go
- Needed
- a new jail is needed with adequate facilities to accommodate people either with or without disabilities and to help with overcrowding
- Yes it is needed and would save the county money over time
- my biggest concern is the long term costs of housing inmates outside of the county exceeds the cost of building a new facility.
- pre to the buildings deterioration, the safety of the staff is primary concern. the age of the bldg makes it very uneconomical to repair its mast commercial bldgs need a complete rebuild every 0 years but with age of this one at least 0 years and the structure shows signs of major stress and cracks really mandate a new structure
- It sounds like the facility in unsafe & too small to house inmates properly. A newer, larger facility would allow these issues to be resolved for the safety of all involved as well as the community safety.
- I would vote yes because the employees and inmates deserve better conditions.
- The need is pretty clear
- safety and security, physically & for health, are important to operate such a facility
- vote yes if proposal is not excessively ambitious
- new construction is obviously needed
- My wife has worked and represented clients there.
- i would trust the decision makers to make it known when the building needed to be replaced
- It's time to have an updated, safe building for inmates and sheriff staff.
- Improve public safety
- With crime levels going up, there is a need for increased incarceration capacity to serve as a deterrent for crimes, as long as violent criminals are put away in a cell and not released back into our neighborhoods.
- i believe we need good public sergices and a new correction facility is warranted, good expenditure for my taxes to support.
- i feel we need to provide safe space for workers & inmates & should have space so we do not transport people elsewhere
- there is mold in the current jail, the roof leaks every time it rains, the ventilation is horrible! there are not enough holding cells to house inmates who need to be separated from others. there are more than college students and

drunks that go to jail, that yet that's what everyone thinks of they think of the jail/sheriffs office. it is not safe for staff, inmates, or evidence.

- need
- yes: the building needs to be updated to meet current needs of the county and staff. it's unfortunate that the sheriff's staff has to work in the current building's environment
- the building is in terrible condition and is continuing to deteriorate. not fair to the staff or the inmates.
- unsafe conditions
- johnson county is an affluent community, we can afford to build a new jail
- this building currently in use has been inadequate for many years
- safer and healthier for all involved
- It is needed, however, it would depend on reasonable steps to achieve overall goals.
- yes because the issues were not presented with nuance, which i default to believe the jail is overcrowded routinely and the maintenance costs currently are significant.
- updates are often necessary
- because we've needed a new one for yrs. it should be moved to the north (flip places w/ parking lot) and connected to the courthouse by a skywalk, or include a justice center where hearings can be held.
- building is old and needs to be updated! better use of tax payer dollar to build a new facility! waited long enough!
- i've been aware of poor condition for some time.
- i've already voted yes. i don't know why others vote no.
- the county is wasting money transporting prisoners out of the county, and trying to maintain a building that has passed its useful life.
- Concerned about staff and their safety
- i've been aware of these concerns for many years. each time it's on our ballot, i vote "yes" to replace. each time voters vote it down. btw-our courthouse is also falling apart, saw firsthand during jury duty.
- there is nothing to be gained by putting it off - things only get worse as time goes on
- i have been in the jail & the basement area reeks of urine + is unsafe for distressed inmates & their staff. current jail is unsafe for transgender people
- The building looks no safe from outside
- modernization is important for safety
- the safety of inmates and staff is important- and it's important that out public building be kept up.
- If we're choosing to incarcerate people, we need to have a proper facility to do it in. Voting would also depend on how the office and the jail building budgets are connected
- we are a large college campus - uihc - a lot of people coming and going - with a lot of challenges for our city. we need a sheriff office & jail & staff to manage this appropriately!

- I would say the fact that it's been a persistent issue on the ballot for the last several voting sessions and that they hired you to do these interviews is means enough that it's probably important, especially with the issues you're telling me today on this survey
- i would vote yes due to concerns: safety for both staff and inmates. i would like to see adequate programming for inmates and absolutely an ada accessible structure
- I would need to know how it impacts taxes and who will pay for it
- It's overdue.
- these conditions of the jail & sheriff's office will only get worse. i worked in a old building and it was not pleasant
- it's needed
- it is important for all people to have a save place to sleep or work
- the main reason for voting yes would be to provide space and resources for those inmates with mental illness.
- I trust the supervisors and other professionals who have found it necessary to build a new building, especially when safety and wellbeing of both staff and inmates is a concern.
- deputies transporting and a new facility up to date is needed
- because a need exists
- it has to be done.
- If someone must be held in jail for any reason it is a moral obligation to ensure the conditions are safe and reasonably comfortable.
- If the jail has faults, it should be either repaired or reconstructed. My issue is another hefty tax to the residents to pay for update. I would like to first see a breakdown of the county's costs before voting in favor of a new jail.
- safety
- I would need more detail about what makes it unsafe and what the plans for the new building are
- without a functional and safe environment, how do we expect inmates to receive proper processing and allow staff to ensure this processing in an efficient manner?
- A safe building is important for the safety of everyone
- yes i support
- we need to have a safe space for staff and not pay others to take the inmates
- Periodic investment is a necessity
- all public infrastructure needs to be kept in good repair and meet public capacity needs, even if it deals with "less favored" members of the community. public workers also need safe and proper facilities to do their jobs.
- i will vote yes but would prefer our tax dollars support mental health care and rehabilitation programs and for public school counselors
- there are many issues with our current system of incarceration, but better and safer buildings for both staff and inmates is the easiest fix that can be quickly accomplished and still make a positive difference
- i just looked at the photos on your website and that would definitely influence my vote

- I would vote yes because of the unsafe conditions and because of the fact that we are paying to jail inmates in other places
- Inmates are also humans and we should treat them- although they've made mistakes that shouldn't define who they are and allow them to have programming that allows them to grow. The workers deserve to work in a space that is safe for them also.
- mostly concerned with staff safety
- i am 58 years old- our population has nearly tripled or quadrupled since i have grown up & johnson county- i feel this is a necessity
- Safety for staff and inmates.
- Need
- will vote yes due to unsafe conditions for staff & inmates
- need a safe place for staff, visitors, & inmates
- we need adequate facilities to both actuator justice and the rehabilitate offenders
- above concerns seem problematic!
- It's unacceptable to ask our Johnson officials to work in such conditions and inhumane to not provide appropriate treatment for inmates. This isn't that much additional tax for Johnson Co residents to build this facility, we need to just do it.
- new jail and office has been needed for many years
- new jail is needed
- i want to support law enforcement
- To provide more space and a safer environment for inmates and staff and be able to provide the appropriate opportunities for growth
- due to building condition & over crowding
- I believe a new jail has been needed for too many years in order to treat inmates humanely, protect staff, provide more operational efficiency, and save money in the long run.
- the building is way overdue for renovations and upgrades
- it's needed
- condition of current building indicates need for new facility
- i would vote yes because the current building is not safe for inmates nor staff, and we are paying other places to take our inmates! jail should be unpleasant but humane.
- i would vote yes to promote inmate and staff safety
- safety is paramount for inmates and staff. accessibility is essential. sending inmates away from their support circle is dehumanizing.
- j.c. (really more ic) has always been slow to meet correctional needs. it's as if we are held hostage to the "people's republic" mentality. adequate facilities need not and will not result in arresting too many people

- If building is deteriorating and beyond repair then it is logical to construct a new one.
- i hate the fact that we have to pay other cities or counties to jail our inmates
- current jail deteriorated & inadequate
- when i was a student at ui in 1980 i lived in a house directly across the street from the facility, so am aware of how old and small it is. and how much larger the metro is today.
- new jail is needed, but decision must be made in context with budget, competing needs
- it seems there are concerning issues, but i've not been here long (6 months), so i would do a bit more research before voting. but i've done research on corrections and believe safe housing & programming are very important.
- i feel that i should support the sheriff and deputies.
- Need new infrastructure in this town, the same way we need new cities and parks and programs. New jail isn't as sexy but it is necessary and the people inside, both staff and inmates, deserve safe conditions
- different "older" jc jail experience in 97 i was robbed at gunpoint, handcuffed. when perpetrator was caught & put in jc jail, he broke out of the back jail window. caught again in w/ he kicked his way out of sheriff's car. wasn't caught again at least w/in 7 yrs - so i believe in good, safe jail conditions! :)
- Why do we continue to wait? The situation is not going to improve and the maintenance costs make no sense to continue. Lack of safety for staff is a huge concern. Our law enforcement staff deserves to be safe and comfortable. They are serving our community.
- Safety and cost efficiency.
- we need it!
- it will only cost more to wait
- sounds like its needed
- building conditions and space are very important.
- the conditions at the current building are not safe for inmates or staff.
- sheriff presentation to a church mens group explained the problems with the current building and its safety issues.
- this issue has dragged on too long. get the job done and build a new jail!
- Violent crime has gone from an occasional incident in Iowa City to a daily fact of life. We need to incarcerate these people.
- i know they have been trying to get a new facility for years, it needs to happen
- The deficiencies of this building have been present for years and in need of action. I know improvements have been made in the past years but I also know that larger issues remain.
- it would relieve overcrowding, money spent sending inmates elsewhere could be put to better use, building is falling apart.
- The state of incarceration whether short or long-term in this country is already terrible across the board. Public money should be directed towards improving conditions in the facilities where we detain, process, and conduct the business of law enforcement. That's precisely why we pay taxes as citizens. My vote would be yes.

- for decades we have spent millions of dollars sending our inmates to other county jails. the opposition to this vote believes leo will arrest more college kids with more room in a jail. this is simply not true. we need a safe place for inmates and those who care for them. a new jail will provide this service, and save taxpayer dollars.
- i feel that it is our communities obligation to house our own "offenders" and under a safe + sanitary environment.
- yes because of everything we have gone over
- i know that the county has needed a new jail for a long time. inmates and staff have to be in a safe environment. there has to be space for services.
- because we need it!
- Old jail not safe. Supporting law enforcement is vital to our community
- It is good to have a new building up to date than the old one
- it's not good that the county is paying other locations to jail joco. inmates; time + \$ spent on transportation + jail costs would be better served locally. particularly if this has an impact on who is sent to other facilities; how is that decided? how long are they jailed at the other facilities, etc. safety for staff + for the inmates is extremely important!
- Overall good for the community
- \$ how much
- I think the jail conditions are important to address. This makes me think it is important to build a new jail. I'm concerned that adding capacity will increase the incarceration rate. We will fill the available space regardless of how big we go. That points to a problem.
- I am aware that we need a new building and will likely vote in favor of that but feel a little conflicted not knowing what the new building would entail or who all is involved (is it joint entity?)
- For all the reasons listed in this survey. How can we expect to keep great staff employed and engaged in the recovery and rehabilitation process if the conditions they work in are subpar at best. Likewise, how can we expect inmates to want to better themselves if not given every opportunity to do so. I understand it's jail and not a vacation, but if the true objective is to educate, rehabilitate and improve people while giving them opportunities to succeed. For some for the first time in their life, why shouldn't we.
- I'd vote Yes. The conditions sound worse than I realized; also, the lack of ADA and services for inmates, coupled with unsafe conditions for staff, definitely changes my "probably" yes to a definite yes.
- I would vote yes, the only thing that would cause me to hesitate would be the scope and the size of the project. I do think they need a new jail facility. Rooms for services would be great, instead of additional jail cells
- - i voted "yes" to new building before
- Seems like it is about time for a new building. I feel satisfactory about using taxpayers dollars to build it.
- the current facility is inadequate, and is in need of extensive repairs, expansion, and modernization. honestly, i don't understand the resistance to building a new facility.
- i would vote "yes" to support a new jail if the johnson county board would cut spending a lot of taxpayer money on freebie programs. i don't trust any one of them to make rational decisions on spending taxpayer money for anything wise. all they do is make "pro-socialist" decisions.
- Need additional information

- if it's truly needed it would be a responsible use of tax dollars
- need safety for staff and inmates stop spending money housing inmates in different counties
- we have spent millions of dollars jailing inmates outside the county for years. the millions spent would have paid for a new jail. i am disgusted with the people of iowa city who vote no for a new jail.
- the jail is outdated and too small for the inmate population. as such the inmates are being held in inhumane conditions. it also costs taxpayers money housing inmates out of county.
- Seems needed
- In favor is supporting safety of our community members and staff. Being able to expand programming is extremely important.
- it is needed
- good use of my tax \$
- i don't know what the associated cost is
- the city of iowa city is experiencing growing pains & the jail is outdated by todays needs.
- i am not very familiar with local facilities, however if the sheriff's office needs it, i would vote yes.
- it has been a need for our growing community
- definite need based on all above findings.
- It seems like it needed
- Need a better condition facility for our law enforcement personal
- old and out dated
- My main concern is that it is my understanding that the location that has been discussed is a former landfill site, and I would be concerned about constructing a major, expensive facility at that location.
- the building will only get worse.
- i'd vote "yes" for the safety of staff and inmates. i'd vote "yes" to reduce the cost(s) of having to house inmates elsewhere at increased costs to johnson co.
- We clearly need a new jail. My certain yes vote would depend on jail location, total cost and transparency with tax payers. For example, what other city/county inmates would be housed there and would nearby communities be assessed to contribute if they are housing inmates there on a regular basis?
- conditions of the current jail are not acceptable for inmates or workers.
- i feel that a new jail is needed.
- Seems needed. I'd rather us actually address systemic issues with criminal justice, policing, and imprisonment, but this still feels needed.
- it appears a new building is needed but the price tag would need to be reasonable
- Thank you
- for inmates to better themselves they need to feel supported

- community safety staff safety inmate security
- any building that is unsafe for staff & inmates should be in a new building that is safe
- there is a serious need for a modern correctional facility these days to be built in johnson county. it needs to be safe and secure for all.
- Given current conditions, I want the staff and the inmates to be safe and receive human decency
- jail should be a definite punishment, but even punishment must comply with human dignity, and commit to demonstrate the best values our society has to offer. that includes a decent holding facility that inmates and staff feel "comfortable" with.
- safe for the staff, inmates, and community. ic should be proud of our civic institutions.
- we are wasting money sending inmates to other county jails. i also feel the safety issues are extremely concerning. the longer the city waits, the more expensive this project becomes. please make this a priority for our county.
- why pay to house inmates elsewhere?
- i give talks to law enforcement about mental illness. my peers have not been treated as respectfully & compassionately as i would hope.
- Because they are humans and they do not have enough space. If they do not have space they need need a new building
- Mostly because it doesn't sound safe to inhabit for anyone and sounds like more space is needed to house inmates.
- it's been a need for some time now!
- they need more space for the influx of violent criminals from the southside of chicago & cedar rapids
- the sheriff and his deputies have taken an oath to defend the constitution of iowa and of the usa. therefore, the sheriff and his deputies will be arresting more lawbreakers out of the general population and undocumented/illegal immigrants. i do expect the sheriff to cooperate fully with ice and other state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Yes, if the new building will locate out of center city area
- Time to bring this building and its environment up to support 2025 standards.
- I've heard and seen enough interviews with officials to know that the need is there
- this has been a issue for decades. it will only get worse.
- long overdue to increase safety for staff, inmates & community. current cost in efficiencies waste financial resources.
- need safe conditions for law enforcement staff
- i understand the building needs repair & there is not enough space for inmates.
- yes because i know it's necessary, but difficult to vote to increase law enforcement funding without true police reform.
- If it's unsafe, no one should work under those conditions
- to keep both staff & inmates safe
- The conditions are unsafe for both staff and inmates alike.

- for every reason outlined in question
- we need to renew jail for better condition
- If there are funds to build a new building to address the issues listed previously, then why not build a new one. People deserve a nice home or place of work
- I have a friend who used to work at the jail and he'd be excited for this, so I'd vote yes.
- the current building is a money pit. the state of the building and cost to house prisoners in other counties.
- The need has been there for a long time and the steps to prolong the life of the building are inadequate.
- Public and inmates safety
- Based on information provided, it sounds like a new facility is needed to provide a safe environment for both the guards and the inmates.
- need safety for all
- it's an important part of making sure our law enforcement system works to ensure the safety of all residents, students and visitors to our iowa city community.
- need jail staff and inmates to be safe
- if the bldg. is deteriorating & you're paying washington co. to house your inmates, then it makes sense to build a new structure.
- if it's needed then build it.
- In my opinion everything has blown up around here (crime, etc.) very important to have this.
- if conditions are posing a safety issue for staff and inmates, action needs to take place.
- i would support having a safe and roomy space for inmates and a good work environment for the staff.
- cost, size, future needs included in planning. funding sources.
- the above concerns merit it.
- This is a long overdue need for the area
- We need it
- They need more space and wasiting money sending inmates elsewhere
- We have needed a new jail for a long time due to overcrowding, deteriorating conditions, and the money spent to house inmates in other counties.
- Safety concerns
- i want to live in a community where i feel safe.
- It's time to expand!
- no one ever wants to support money for jails, etc i know this will be tough to overcome. i promise not to stand in the way of the. i'll vote yes!
- north liberty just built new bldg for all city agencies & new jail. i can see how this has led to improvement in services & satisfaction

- Safety
- Need for safety
- risk of unwanted incident affecting staff or inmates is present. an incident would likely be very costly and could involve litigation.
- each county should have adequate space to house inmates & have safe space for staff.
- sounds like it's needed.
- It's a question of by making the changes, how much do we save annually? Is it paid for with property taxes or local taxes? I would be more against property taxes, everybody should be taxed equally, local tax would make it easier. How much money is this going to save us by having inmates not transferred to other counties. What are the pros and cons of the cost of building a new jail and the money going elsewhere to other counties.
- safety of public services employees is very important
- This has been an issue for a long time. While it will be large expense, it will eliminate paying to house elsewhere, allow for more activities (i.e. Medical visits for inmates, safer areas for both staff and inmates), and state of the art offices and technology.
- Enforcing the law is a very important aspect for our safety. You have to have the facilities in order to incarcerate the criminals. Paying another county for this service is a waste of our taxpayer dollars. With our current tax rate in this county, public safety should be one of the top priorities for funding.
- sounds like your current facility is a shit hole.
- all inmates deserve to be safe
- i believe this facility should be safe for both inmates & staff.
- need a safe place to keep inmates & staff.
- How will it be paid for?
- Because of Staff safety as well as Inmates safety.
- We need a nice building for sheriff
- I would vote yes for safety reasons.
- I would vote yes because the current jail is unsafe and in terrible condition and it's more financially responsible to build or refurbish current jail rather than continue to pay other counties to take inmates.
- For the improved safety of employees and inmates
- if not safe for staff & inmates, new building needed plus extra cost to jail inmates outside county
- i worked with local law enforcement to establish the guidelink center for emergency mental health services. during that time i was given a tour of the jail. even then it was apparent the facility was in poor shape. seven years later and still no fixes is terrible. our johnson county sheriffs do a wonderful job for the community it's a disgrace our community is not backing them on a much needed new building.
- nobody should have to work in unsafe working conditions. our law enforcement should feel secure and safe to do their jobs effectively. without having what they need to work effectively its a safety issue for the whole county.

- sounds like it is necessary, curious to know how much money is paid to house our inmates elsewhere.
- Yes because it will make difference in other people lives
- Building deteriorating
- it has been needed for a long time.
- public buildings must be safe for all concerned
- i know the building is outdated & inadequate for our growing population
- it seems the building is in need of major repair, especially if it is unsafe for staff and inmates. the lack of space is also not helping the current situation, both for programs and holding space.
- Need a facility that is safe for staff & inmates.
- Safety for our officers and inmates are the number one priority
- it is a definite need as crime rates are high and they can't always hold needed criminals
- county is spending a lot of money to house inmates elsewhere.
- been needed for a long time!
- i don't vote! don't understand it
- i support police and law enforcement.
- if it's no longer effective or safe to use a new one should be built.
- safety, accessibility, sufficient space, & space to provide classes & programming are extremely important.
- what i have read in the press citizen convinced me.
- unsafe for deputies - paying other counties to house our inmates is not financially beneficial to our county
- unsafe conditions
- necessary thing, the overcrowding. I wasn't aware of the unsafe issue, but it is definitely cold and old and small. I supported as long as they don't raise my taxes
- staff and inmates deserve a decent building w/ up to date accommodations regardless
- sounds like it is needed
- "it's time to move forward"
- need for physical as well as mental health.
- the jail needs to be safe for employees and inmates.
- I would vote yes, because jail needs to be safe place for those who work there, and higher security for detentions.
- seems like a new jail is needed
- safety of staff & inmates, much needed working space for employees of the sheriffs office
- It is needed
- keep johnson county safe.

- To save money, keep people safe who are in the building, to have program space to help reduce recidivism, and to have pride in our public servants and the buildings in which they do business on our behalf.
- yes. it's an old building & it's too small
- Capacity
- a safe space is necessary
- if needed for safety of inmates and staff it would be yes.
- The building is old and makes it difficult to maintain safe housing for the inmates which causes issues to staff and inmate safety.
- Much needed.
- the current building is costly to maintain and seems to lack support for staff to provide for their safety as they care for our community.
- I'm a teacher who also works in deteriorating buildings. I can understand the need for a new sheriff's building.
- I've been a resident of Johnson County since '0 and I can't remember the last time that building got an upgrade
- Pass
- we have needed a new building for years! trust your sheriffs office. get them what they need! please!!
- yes - we do need a jail - i've always voted yes when it was on the ballot.
- if structurally needed then one should be built.
- Safety of the officers and the inmates. We shouldnt be paying to house inmates elsewhere. We should do it on our own and if we build it big enough we can collect revenue to house inmates from other counties. Safety is the big priority
- much more important than frivolous expenditures currently being made by supervisors
- depends if it is combined with the iowa city police department. a new building is needed for a joint law enforcement agency. if the sheriff department remains alone, then the county should replace the old houses across the street with a modern pod-style inmate facility. then link it to the current building with a skywalk. the current building could then be remodeled for employees and services for inmates and attendees.
- It sounds like the building is undersized and outdated and makes the staff and inmates unsafe
- Because you know people are human and they all deserve something well. We all deserve second chances. We all deserve something something good. If the building is deteriorating we need to put up another one.
- Based on how much the county is growing, it is needed.
- I have a lot of confidence in the prison sheriff. I have been reasind in the news and seeing pictures of the building deteriorating. I do not like paying other counties to jail inmates
- we need a place for criminals to be housed. i do have a problem with the current building being in such bad deteriorated condition after less than 50 years.

- i'm familiar with brad kunkel from his service as a solon city council member years ago. i trust that he is truthful in stating the needs for a new building. brad understands what is best for his community and those who he is responsible for.
- it is long overdue.
- surveys like polls are unreliable. no one knows the honesty of the person answering the question or taking the poll.
- i can see the need for safety for law enforcement people to safely do their jobs.
- the jail building does not meet the need of our increasing population in the county. also is probably dated in a lot of aspects!
- this is an overdue and much needed project.
- it is past time for a larger, modern facility for the safety of all.
- i believe what our sheriff's are telling us. we need to update!
- a a county we need to provide a safe jail for our employees and we should not be paying other counties to house inmates. we have the size and \$ in our county to do better. the location in the middle of iowa city also could be more safe if located in rural johnson county.
- because of all the issues listed in question #
- i toured the jail many years ago with a scout troop & i felt it needed updates/changes at that time.
- what employee wants to go to work at a workplace that is not safe and "falling down" around them? i wouldn't. i support our officers in blue and their staff.
- staff safety
- obviously. i would want to see the proposal before definitely voting yes
- for the safety of the staff, inmates, public.
- based on what i have hears, the current building is decrepit and undersized. cost to the taxpayer is a concern, but i agree a new facility is needed.
- it needs to be updated.
- vote yes if better understanding of the need for including what sets our sheriff's dept different/better than theirs
- more efficient building need.
- the need is very clear and urgent for a building that meets all needs, is safe, and will be current.
- because we pay other counties to house our inmates.
- i've only lived here a short while. i'm learning a lot from this survey!
- it's needed!!
- Believe in law enforcement safety
- because the people who work there and the inmate need to be insafe conditons and its important that the people in there have an opportunity to better themselves
- to better improve the county facility

- i like to support law enforcement & making sure justice is adequately administered.
- The current building is unsafe for what it's used for.
- spend the money and not "band-aid" money
- economic and humane reasons seem strong enough to demand adequate conditions for all involved.
- its a clear need. its dumb to send prisoners to other places \$\$.
- safety for both inmates & staff in concerning & the county financial burden to send inmates to other counties
- building is old and not to standards
- you have a definite need.
- Costs continue to go up. You can pay now or pay more later
- would like to see one like the cedar county correction center

### ***Responses of those whose votes were a stable "no"***

- i am not aware of the current facility's shortcomings. would vote no, pending an engineer's assessment.
- local taxes are high enough!
- it is a very expensive project. I am sure johnson co taxpayers would prefer to spend the money on a better project
- prisons are a capitalist scheme to preserve the current power structure
- worried about trump & associates..national guard call-up and those two things leaking down to our local level
- I voted no because I would need to see what is the plan to rebuild, what are the new plans to improve rehabilitation resources, cost saving measures planned over what's currently spent on transportation, etc. I'm concerned any large contract created will be over budget to what realistically could be completed. In summary, I would only vote yes if there was a comparison of other similar projects and their associated budget.
- jailing your people is not how you resolve the lack of community or other resources they need.
- Tough economy
- my question is not if a new building is probably needed, but whether these county funds may be better used for rehabilitation programs, investing back into jc public education, affordable housing... things that would be a long-term fix, not a band-aid.
- based on this survey, i'm not sure why it's necessary to build an entirely new building. that seems excessive. i also believe in reducing the need to criminalize citizens. let's do better!
- spending money on community programs (non-police) that bring opportunities and a social safety net would prevent crime & reduce the need for a jail at all. programs are a better use of my tax money. if joco builds a new jail then the cops will fill it! this cycle of incarceration does not end via an ada jail - it ends with a stronger, more connected community!
- a new jail must be frugally built. more focus needs to be put on funding & creating spaces that provide resources & services that prevent recidivism &/or the need for having a jail at all. sales pitching a jail design as if it was a probable landmark & point of pride is offensive. prisons dont fix problems. they only contain & hide problems.

- the current building should be repaired and the solution to space issues is to stop needlessly holding so many people.
- Unfortunately, I spent an evening there a couple of years ago and thought the conditions were satisfactory.
- no
- I don't believe we should continue to jail people especially minorities. Iowa is ranked the 41th on the list of cities with highest police violence against protestors. black folks make up 1% of our population but 10% of homicide victims and our prison population. black iowans make up about 60% of the victims of police murder. they are also 38 times more likely than their counterparts to be shot at in their lifetimes. So no, I don't believe we need a new jail. I believe we need to defund the police and rehabilitate people before they go to jail. We give all of the money in this town to bullshit landlords and restaurant owners and the cops. We have a homeless population and a severe lack of housing for the lower income population. This town only cares about hurting black people and protestors through police force. I refuse with every fiber in my being of their being a new jail or ANY money being given to the police or sheriff or any other racist patriarchal institution in this city/state. SHAME ON ALL OF YOU. put the money into our community, our children, our impoverished, our disabled, our people. NOT TO WHITE SUPREMACIST INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE POLICE FORCE
- too costly to taxpayers -esp- county residents ask habitate for humanity to build new jail & sheriff office. residents can donate labor & money
- this has been going on for a long time. the problems should have been addressed years ago. someone should have had the foresight to initiate repairs and build on to the current building. everyone in this county wants a new building. every time there is a problem with a building the solution seems to be to build new. fix things when they ended it. my property taxes are way to high the way it is.
- it's my understanding the bos has approved approx 00k to design an estimated fix to many of the problems.
- upgrade old jail
- i think they can fix what they have!
- i would need to know specifically what the funding would be going toward (the jail cells, ada compliance, safer building, etc)
- the county should spend more time considering renovation or expansion of the current facility
- There are many options that would relieve the issues without the construction of a new jail. One we currently do: Shipping them out to other jails. There are other options. Going nuclear and burdening the taxpayers with making a nice home for inmates is absurd.
- i am overtaxed
- The city needs to focus on other things like road repairs and technology. Iowa is years behind most other states.
- I don't want my tax money going to incarcerating people that you will not rehabilitate.
- This money could be preventative, in the community or mental health. I also just don't like the manipulation aspect of these questions and it makes me want to support it less.
- ridiculous state laws & government! everything about "jail or prison" is for profit!
- building could be updated

- how will the proposed new building be funded? prisons shouldn't be too comfortable. that would defeat the deterring effect of prison.
- I would only vote yes if it does not increase property taxes
- i do not want a higher capacity jail in town. the 00 it sits at now is fine. make less arrests. if you want the people to approve a new jail it has to have a similar capacity to the current jail and the new jail should have more services and programming. the jail should also remain near where it is. don't move it out of town. everyone is already pissed about the dmU and where they have to pick their towed vehicles up from now.
- Not the highest priority. There is plenty of opportunity to make the city/county budget more efficient.
- Need more information about the sheriff's intent. We do not want to keep a full jail, or arrest more people, so expanded capacity is not a valid reason.
- We may need an updated facility, but additional beds will only be used for malicious purposes.
- need to know more details and other potential options to retrofit, also; what is the cost of jailed inmates outside of county in contrast to cost + other variables of upgrading or replacing jail? perhaps outsourcing is better for a number of reasons....
- financial strain on property owners (tax)
- I would need more details backed by statistics. Examples help. I haven't heard of anything bad happening at the jail, and its location is good. A new jail would be out on the western edge of town, right?
- i am not convinced that enough effort and resources are dedicated to jail diversion programs. i am purely concerned at the racial disparity in jail admission. the most recent census figures indicate african american represent 8% of johnson county population yet a lesser proportion of inmates come from the community.
- dude. the us incarcerates a greater % of our population than any other country. black people + other people of color as well as mentally ill people are arrested + incarcerated in wildly disproportionate #s. literally the last thing johnson county needs is to waste \$ on a jail, which they will be monetized to keep full for decades. hard pass.
- property taxes are too high
- need more info beyond an assertion that it's unsafe - how is it unsafe? i need to make my own decisions based on facts not an a assertion. how is the building deteriorating?
- depends on what it would cost me- it's important, but assessments and taxes keep going up, and there is a limit to how much can be stretched given inflation, tariffs, etc.
- do not believe we need to hold so many people in jail. if they are not a threat to themselves or the community, release them to the community and family and work. jail and prison do not rehabilitated people. if they need to be punished(?) figure out a way that does not hurt their families-
- just your opinion in above statements, w/o facts to support
- funding for social safety net + schools [up arrow] need for incarcerations [down arrow] make rich people pay taxes
- too expensive
- No new jails. Fund prevention.
- i believe in the abolition of all jails, prisons, "correctional" facilities. until the officers in and around iowa city show the moral courage necessary to quit and completely change their worldviews, i will be voting no.

- I think the dollar amount is not correct and they should look for a new location and they should be more things they should look at before they push this ballot through. Put more money into mental health locations so that we do not have many people in or jails.
- Because it probably will make my taxes go up and they have been going up every year.
- it would probably raise taxes, which would never go down again. it would probably be cheaper just to remodel it.
- need to combine ic police and sheriff & staff, plus jail into one building...the cost assumption would be to raise taxes to pay for it. citizens of ic/johnson county already get hammered by property taxes!!!
- Would vote no because it does not align with what I think the priorities for the county should be.
- they are more pressing public needs.
- arrest fewer people and when the numbers are down, i will support
- because no information on how this building will be funded, needed explanation
- need to know costs for new jail vs cost to house inmates to go elsewhere need to know costs & feasibility of remodel &/or repair. need to know services & programming needed.
- we should keep fewer people in jail for less time.
- Unnecessary expenses in a prison system that does nothing to re-integrate and rehab inmates, instead continues to punish them making the problem worse
- I was at a meeting where they discussed construction of the new jail. There should be more focus on alternatives to incarceration rather than "better" incarceration. This same funding could go toward community programs that divert people from the criminal legal system entirely. I support improvements to the facility, but I don't support an expanded carceral system.
- taxes
- i need to know more: -what is the plan for activating services and programs? a big new jail with inadequate/unprepared services would be :( -if the location changes, what us the plan for the space? i have more...
- I do not support the current ongoing system of punitive punishment toward incarcerated peoples. It is cruel and unjust.
- local iowa city property taxes just jumped meaningfully. local groups need to work together around financing.
- New jail and building equals new taxes to Johnson county residents
- There's bigger issues this money could be going to- no more jails.
- I assume this will increase taxes. Property taxes and other city, county, state, and federal taxes have increased significantly in recent years with cuts to public services. Under a new federal administration and with reprieve of from the recent increases, I would support this tax. But right now, I cannot.
- taxes
- The main concern is the money. I would like plans to house less inmates and no need a jail of much size. And the cost I've seen to house inmates in other jails does not seem to be more than paying for a new jail over years. I support less inmates and smaller more affordable facilities.

- no information provided about construction cost, operating cost, staff increases or decreases, current capacity, degree of criminality of people held in jail.....
- localities with expanded capacity for inmates have an adverse incentive for practical policing and justice reform.
- inmates don't have to have everything so so
- need more detailed information & need ensure that the continues efforts of law enforcement are to support & protect the public - not to harass i am more worried about how i could be treated by law enforcement than i am violence/safety in my neighborhood
- stop the financial bleeding for taxpayers. johnson county already has issues with financial malfeasance with county officials. the trust, hearts and minds needs to be regained before there is any more spending and taxation. the board of supervisors needs to strongly vent energy toward more ways to cut costs or create revenue for county tax payers
- A new facility would cost lots of money. I'm not sure if there are actual issues that require a new facility or if some people just want a new one.
- This survey makes assertions without supporting data. Do all of these inmates need to be in jail? We need investment in community resources that prevent crime, not investment in facilitates that do nothing to address root causes.
- It always spending spending spending.
- I feel like it could be two seperate buildings, don't have to be one all together. The sheriffs office could have a new building and the inmates can stay in other counties, that is fine with me
- Not sure about the current building conditions
- No need has been demonstrated
- taxes in johnson county are already exorbitant. adding more taxes for a new jail is too onerous a tax burden. if funding other than taxpayers' money, then no problem with new jail.
- not sure how new facility would impact me financially.
- taxes are already too high. many dui prisoners shouldn't be in jail. put an ankle bracelet on them and make them stay at home. that should clear a lot of jail space.
- i don't think what you think is unsafe are really unsafe. the conditions aren't supposed to be a hotel for inmates. staff are armed and if not armed why is that?
- what isn't being proposed as an option is updating the facility to meet ada requirements and improve safety for staff and inmates.
- Taxes
- sheriff and department actively participate in campaign commercials and vocally endorse democrats. the same group (democrats) that defund police and open borders.
- we are over taxed currently
- vote "no" due to trend to use local law enforcement to implement ice as unlawful detention of persons without warrant.
- i think modifications could be made to existing & other jails could cont. to house. taxes? economy already bad.

- should be taking better care of the building. just because my home is old doesn't mean i need a new one. maintenance is what it takes! no
- i need to do my own research on the subject
- expense
- Every proposal I have seen put forward in the past lacks common sense...we don't need to spend untold amounts of money on some palace. Build a functional, modern jail and spend more money on preventing people from ending up in the jail. I don't disagree on the premise we need the building, but every other time it has come up I feel the proposed solution has been outlandish.
- as i noted i don't have enough detailed information on what is specifically wrong
- don't think it's that bad
- johnson county supervisors spend too much on nonessential projects. use that money to build a jail.
- I don't know anything about this issue. One sentence descriptions were added in this survey but there is no "backing" provided for the simple statements. If you are needing to pass this than very serious effort should be put in place to inform voters of the actual issues and true reasoning behind the needs
- The building was poorly constructed from the beginning and has not been maintained
- it is a jail. inmates do not need to be housed in a taj mahal worth million of dollars.

### ***Responses of those whose votes changed to "yes"***

- Concerned about staff and tax payers' dollars, but I give no shits about the inmates. Don't do the crime, if you can't do the time.
- Voted probably yes because incarceration is not the best option, and building a larger space means more incarceration but i support inmates safety and wellbeing and Johnson County jail is not in the best shape.
- the schools also need more funds, but those taxes are being cut. lots of need, not enough help for everything; need to weigh many dif problems. open to more info
- keep inmates well cared for
- inmate care & staff safety should be prioritized
- While I would prefer that jails didn't exist at all, I understand that the current situation is a safety concern.
- Seems more necessary when you learn it is over capacity and unsafe.
- If it would provide a space for inmates to receive adequate resources, especially for nonviolent criminals, i would be in support
- i have heard from friends that a new jail needs to be able to accommodate more inmates. we are losing money to pay another county to incarcerate johnson co inmates
- Yes because there have been clear examples now given of why the jail/office is needed. I would like to know why it is considered unsafe though.
- If the building truly is unsafe for inmates and staff, that needs to be corrected.

- if all the issues in question apply to the current office/building, then i'd vote yes to make it safer for everyone all around. also, why is it not ada accessible?! disabled people don't work there or even commit crimes?!
- I think there is an increase of incarcerated people
- if conditions are as bad as you suggest, then a new building is likely needed
- Probably would vote yes if I knew how this could impact taxes, how money would be spent specifically, etc
- this is something we need/should support as a civic duty
- I don't want people to be in an unsafe building whether they're incarcerated or not. Plus, all buildings should be ADA compliant
- Because it appears the building is actually needed
- whether it's a prison jail home restaurant university- every establishment should never increase with rehab/state of long housing/problems.
- we can't have people living and working in unsafe conditions
- Inmates have a constitutional right to safety in their imprisonment and treatment. Lack of ADA accommodations, ability to do rehabilitation programs, and general safety flies in defiance of that.
- i want the jail to be safe, but i want more information from independent sources
- The need for a new building was adequately supported by the information in this survey
- self explanatory
- would need more about the issue (pros & cons) before actual voting in
- Seems like it's not functioning the way that it should be so that's an issue.
- If the old building is not safe it should be demolished
- For the staff
- want staff and inmates to be safe.
- the current building doesn't seem safe to use.
- didn't know it is in such poor condition.

### ***Responses of those whose votes changed to "no"***

- if i were not aware of any problems or concerns with the building, i may not understand the motivation behind constructing a new building and therefore might be more likely to vote "no".
- i would want more info - who made the "list of issues" - the board mbrs or some paid architect firm?
- if someone thinks the jail is in good condition, i think that overcrowding & paying to house inmates elsewhere is not a big enough reason to support building a new jail. i feel that knowing about the building's unsafe condition is essential to a yes vote.

## Q17. What additional information would you need to know to make an informed decision about voting for the construction of a new building for the Sheriff's Office and Jail?

### *Responses of those whose votes were a stable "yes"*

- Location
- How it would affect the common Iowa city individually.
- what will go unfunded if we build?
- proximity/transportation to courthouse
- would like to see layout and what the cost of everything would entail
- its ability to meet future needs
- how it would accommodate both agencies.
- cost and size proposal
- please show how many years before costs to build would be paid for by housing prisoners from other counties. johnson county seems so concerned about the cost to build the facility.
- don't really need any additional information.
- just plan of bldg & location
- collaborative effort w ic police. cost & financing plan for the project.
- Even as I'm hearing the questions, the unsafe conditions are vague to me and that seems important, and excluded from the current questions. Conditions around services are also vague, are they rehab? Are they for family? Are we making investments in the needs around mental health and criminal justice?
- touring old offices and check for need
- I would be interested if funds would also be available for non-policing community support options to reduce arrests.
- The overall cost to tax payers and the expected longevity of the new building
- None, when I heard about it being a possibility I became totally for it. The 2 departments work together so why not put them in the same building which should make working together much easier. Might even be able to cut the middle man in passing information needed.
- how long construction & approval will take; what are the pros & cons of sharing space; icpd> would it lead to greater efficiency & effectiveness, and would it be a cost-saving solution.
- i would like to know who is designing the building, the reasons behind their specific design, if the county has hired a private contractor to build it yet, and if so, who?
- when will it be done?
- how exactly the proposed construction addresses the identified issues. how long do they expect the new location to cost.

- How long the project would take and the resources needed to complete.
- a plan -- where, what, how much money
- proposed size and kinds of facilities to be included, particularly non-incarceration facilities
- how much it costs & how it would be paid for
- just get on with it
- will local labor be used as much as possible?
- where it would be located.
- where would money come from?? additional taxes? & how much.
- future needs moving mental health to other areas
- whether the cost was reasonable
- more detail: cost, timeline, economic impact to downtown, impact on safety, etc
- Location would not be bad to know but not very important. Budgetary needs since tax dollars will be paying for it.
- cost meets ada requirements adequate staff cameras to observe inmates
- the cost. what will happen with my property tax- how much will it go up!
- I feel well informed
- how do costs compare for renovations to old building vs new building vs continuing to house inmates outside the county
- from the pictures and written stories i have seen or read, i don't really need any more info, but would certainly consider an oversize bldg to accommodate some prisoners from other counties
- Costs that would be passed to the community.
- More publicized information on how things would be with the ICPD and Sheriffs Dept in the same building.
- cost & how it would affect the surrounding area
- input from icpd & other participating partys.
- Cost savings
- cost efficiency - ? shared resources cons i'm not aware of
- None, build it now.
- projections of increasing use
- Where will it be built? Will nearby neighborhoods be affected?
- I have enough information.
- i think the location at riverside dr. and hwy 6 would be an excellent spot with room, access, and central location.
- raise in taxes - how much
- the cost & desirability of location i trust someone else re the design.

- how to pay for it
- cost of housing inmate elsewhere due to overcrowding -current costs to maintain/fix current building issues -safety concerns due to current building conditions
- i would like to see the design first before voting for it
- cost + projected capacity, expansion space, safety
- past news articles has made it clear a new jail is needed
- cost of such a building, will you sell bonds?
- See the particulars.
- that the space is convenient for icpd officers to reach like the current location, and includes space for expansion.
- none- would vote yes regardless!
- cost sharing arrangements
- need more information communicated about terrible condition & need for new jail
- none, it is overdue
- Cost
- don't know
- cost and amount to tax payers
- i'm good with my decision, it's been needed for years
- examples from the staff of times the current conclusion made their jobs more difficult or contributed to unsafe conditions for the inmates.
- location, conditions
- Update every 2 weeks
- staff/inmate ratio
- I would like to see a rough budget breakdown of what the location, the jail part, and the sherriffs part will cost separately, and be able to vote based on what we think should be funded
- what is being considered for the future versus what is now... iowa city can be too "showy", need good basics & space
- community that can grow the facility & needs but not overbrand for "bragging rights"
- I think this survey is giving me all the information I need- I know I've voted on it before, but I've never really done it with much intention or knowledge.
- cost efficiency & safety for all concerned
- i just know that if the old building is not safe for everyone, it needs to have new safe and modern building
- process for construction bids
- location, cost is ia city sharing cost of building
- i think i would vote yes and leave the details to others

- what services would be provided
- Proposed location and impact on other infrastructure
- size and capacity of building
- i don't know
- Ensuring that the needs are met fully with a reasonable consideration for cost.
- I would like a breakdown of the Johnson county sheriff's and ICPD's budget before agreeing to constructing a new jail. Both law enforcement agencies have been known to overspend on outlandish, militaristic vehicles and equipment. The question should be: "Do you agree with a raise in local taxes to offset the cost of a new jail, while the local law enforcement agencies have misused funds to acquire weapons of war to use against the community?"
- 1. # of years before the building is deemed complete unsafe 2. projected cost if we wait
- The details of the new building
- cost, location, clarity
- new building is very good and important
- Continued factual information
- how would it impact cost and safety of staff and inmates
- Size and price and what is gonna cost us in our tax dollars
- I think I have enough information to vote yes
- how much this would cost to me/general residents
- i feel if the police office wants to be part of the johnson county jail, they need to help foot the bill as well
- Cost to taxpayers
- current capacity for inmates & new capacity being planned
- how much extra tax burden will occur
- reasons for/details of new design, cost, impact on taxes
- voting date needs to be advertised better
- cost to taxpayers
- design & price, tax impact on residents
- are politics involved?
- Design plan
- i strongly believe the sheriff & ia city pd should attempt to build a joint facility
- Increase in property tax and the ROI over time, and ancillary services to support alternatives to incarceration and promote rehabilitation.
- explanation of how new building would be of benefit
- i know how i would vote

- how would a new building add effectiveness to services and result in best outcomes (fewer repeat visitors... now having folks in jail for essentially being mentally ill...), which lead to most cost-effective dept. long term? how is the current building situation leading to lost & cost inefficiency?
- open and fair bidding process. open meetings for public comment and concern.
- none. this story has been beat to death. the need is high.
- specifics & facts on the current facility, and if it can still be used for some purpose
- how does ic police feel about this, is there a protocol in place to split costs & solve disagreements between the users?
- read independent investigative reporting by quality source- c.r. gazette, little village
- i have very little knowledge... once on the nextdoor.com social media platform, there was a discussion... otherwise this survey is only the second time i've heard about the need for a newly constructed jcso & jail building
- cost.
- Where it will be located, and if it's close to downtown, how big of a disruption it'll be. Right now it's a little removed from downtown, but if it's added as an expansion to the Iowa City police department, it'll be hard to ignore
- all of the above in #15
- Nothing. I'm on board.
- I think I have the information I need from you and talking with city workers.
- none - go for it!
- cost & location
- cost, location, staffing needs
- beyond cost saving, what are the pros & cons of a joint space?
- will a shared space with ic police delay this decision? what is being done to help voters/community members understand the need for space for services and programs?
- I can't think of anything else.
- sorry, i don't know how to convince others.
- Where the budget is coming from, what the upkeep plan is for the new facility (how maintenance for a joint facility will be covered long term).
- This isn't a cheap or easy undertaking, so I would like to know how conditions would measurably improve for both inmates, law enforcement personnel, and staff.
- where to build/cost comparisons of jcso by itself vs with icpd
- how does this work in other jurisdictions?
- cost
- - size of new building - where will money come from? - expected costs to construct and maintain
- needs are met? cost of project? (total)

- cost to taxpayers/increase in taxes/what will pay for it.
- cost to the taxpayers, location
- Budget and future concessions
- cost
- possible location
- design, size, cost
- If the building size were to grow would that mean we have to explore adding additional staff? I'm more in favor of spending on staff and programs that explore diversion and jail alternatives
- I'd like to understand the joint option with JCSD and ICPD in a single location. It would sound like a better use of public funds, and possibly allow for a better design and build, but I would be guessing on that information. I'd also like to have more information on how the redesign helps with ADA compliance and service needs, and improves the safety of staff while facilitating inmate services locally without requiring them to be sent elsewhere.
- I would just like details about the services that would be housed and provided at the facility- what would be the capacity? How many people are the planning on housing? what services will they provide?
- How this would affect taxpayers.
- the cost of a new facility vs. updates to existing buildings and the cost of housing inmates elsewhere.
- are the jcbs going to make any responsible cuts to their budget to help pay for this endeavor, or is it just higher taxes upon higher to the paying taxpayers.
- More information
- cost, implications for taxes
- cost, location, size
- none- it should have been done years ago.
- cost, location, space for inmates needs, space for attorney/client communication.
- cost & utility of bldg.
- Cost
- Possible long term cost savings to tax payers.
- specific information about existing deficiencies and photos
- time frame for construction
- cost implications
- cost & longevity of the new bldg. & location.
- more info on city and county facilities.
- no more need
- Based on the information provided and the condition of the current building and situation. I would recommend a new facility that benefits our law enforcement officers!

- I think the need has been there for a long time, and I trust that the leaderships that's in place will make wise and informed decisions.
- the new building needs to be functional, not fancy! keep it simple, but able to meet current needs and plan for the future.
- Total number of inmates housed currently. What inmate numbers we have contracted out to other areas to house and the cost.
- do not need additional info - already plan to vote yes
- what if any legal/regulatory limitations are there in combining or sharing facilities between city police & Johnson County Sheriff?
- Thank you
- ensure inmates have adequate space & have access to programs/education to make good use of their time
- location of joint building access to city for police coverage
- definite cost
- cost of project as well as construction companies
- If they're going to make sure it's compliant with ADA, that matters a lot to me
- town hall meeting with all concerned, perhaps a video tour of the facility.
- list of pros & cons
- cost
- I am not sure where the police department is. If they have enough room I do not know why they would need to combine them.
- I am all for a new building. It needs to pass ADA standards.
- will there be less violent criminals on the street & blacks.
- you listed off a bunch of concerns so I would want to know how they address each one, some of them you kinda talked about but didn't reference again so I would wanna know each of the concerns, how would the new building address that?
- the sheriff and his deputies have sworn an oath to defend our constitutions. I need to have assurance that the sheriff, the ICE police chief and the board of supervisors and city council will cooperate with ICE & other federal agencies.
- Cost
- projections on how long the building would last and fulfill needs
- what is the extent of building decay? what is the extent of overcrowding?
- Impact on community
- how will this impact taxes and property values?
- Considering the cost, what would it do for taxes?
- location & what building would accomplish

- easier to coordinate information. better information dispersal in an emergency.
- No additional info needed
- The current conditions and expected price of the construction
- none. the building has been needed for years.
- How would the City of Iowa City utilize the space in the city building the IC Police currently utilize if they moved out into a new building?
- Probably a newsletter that lays everything out in an easy to digest format.
- what do other communities this size have for a sheriff's office and jail? what did they pay for construction/remodeling?
- cost, location, size & capacity
- who is in the bidding pool how expenses are shared between city & county.
- Location and price timeline.
- i don't need any additional information.
- what the advantage and disadvantage of it are.
- No further information
- Just normal, more specific plans, and details
- if the price is reasonable, you have a better chance of passing this.
- Taxes
- details about current status of operations. identify specific needs to be addressed. information on plan for new facility and how needs/issues are addressed/not.
- location & cost
- 0
- A better layout of the actual options for the cost- a system of options and what we can do, what exactly is the money going to. I'm not opposed to paying something, I'd be willing to vote yes for some things, but maybe not for other things. A B C D and not E
- make sure the building is designed for the long term
- Location and possibly sharing space with UI Police and ICPD.
- Impact on our taxes, cost of the building, Sheriff's law enforcement policies and procedures.
- funding for both and where it would come from space-land would state, government come into play for the costs would it raise tax's in any way?
- how many beds would be in the cells for inmates
- taxpayer impact?
- cost, tax increase, do voters get to vote on options for the building?

- Cost
- It seems all the things are covered.
- Where that spece
- Cost, features, advantages, space, location, safety
- Location of new building if not staying in the current spot
- Cost and overall benefits
- i will vote yes no matter what because i know how needed it is.
- the overall cost, location, how much cost to taxpayers
- is there concern about staffing?
- Construction costs
- what conflicts between two factions would occur? operations same for both?
- percentage of who pays what for a joint building and will there be room for expansion in the future
- overall details, but the design is what i'm mostly looking at. since space, safety and programming are all issues, the design would need to be modern and helpful, and made available to the public before voting.
- What is anticipated allocation from property taxes for construction.
- Services provided to inmates. Safety features for officers and staff
- cost to taxpayers. how will it be paid for?
- how it will be funded and over what period of time; how the cost to build will affect my taxes; will law enforcement receive new training to utilize space for programming/services for inmates?
- none, it's overdue and needed
- price, size, impact
- current conditions efforts to end unnecessary jail time for misdemeanors and non-violent crime, drug rehab programs
- size of building
- cost to tax payers.
- transparent in formation on all levels to be successful.
- location.
- location, cost,
- Because is two different departments
- how costs would be shared
- Cost
- cost location

- land for new bldg. future expansion
- How is it going to impact property tax and what is being cut to pay for the project.
- what portion of this is being paid by people other than property owners.
- how it would be financed. property taxes are already too high.
- Not sure
- no additional information is necessary.
- cost, cost sharing, location
- do both agencies see a good fit?
- whether they are joint or not.
- That the Sherrif has input as to the design and needs.
- whether it is a joint facility or a county-only facility
- Proposals, locations, all the stuff. The more information coming out to the communte the better.
- Id really like to know more about it.
- What help will their be for those with substance abuse issues.
- I do not need any other information
- how will it be paid for
- costs. amenities. maintenance.
- reminding us of the expense of transporting and housing the over/excess prison population in other county jails.
- cost to seniors - taxes have increased over the past year or two.
- where it will be located
- what are the services and programs? in detail
- cost, location, capacity, life expectancy
- cost, design
- location, cost, size
- cost, price for taxpayer
- size, cost, location
- the items listen in #15 seem to cover everything.
- cost and cost savings.
- explain why its needed. what does the community get by building it?
- location & more about cost.
- i would vote yes - just make the build secure and safe but does not need all the frills.
- get information out to voters.

- I would need to know if it is in fact giving more space for rehabilitation efforts.
- greater details about the cost and plan
- Where it's being built and how it solves the current issues.
- cost
- buy in by both entities regarding economy of scale and efficiency.
- explanation of what safety concerns exist for staff & inmates & what type of services would be available in the new building
- Unsure
- how much it would cost to upgrade the current facility?

### ***Responses of those whose votes were a stable "no"***

- construction costs: estimated tax increase to fund the project.
- total cost and where money is coming from -
- homes for the homeless
- attitude of co. cops & i.c cops forward inmates...in general
- See previous comment.
- how does this support inmates? have other solutions been explored?
- Cost to taxpayers/is it really necessary?/
- cost of the project and what that amount of money actually equates in the grand scheme of the county budget - would there be an interruption/even more unsafe practices in the transition period?
- i would need to see data that confirmed that we as citizens and local government are working to dismantle systems of incarceration, not maintain them.
- a jail does not make my community safer, it locks my neighbors away & interferes with their lives, disrupts families, schooling, jobs, and people's future.
- a substantive plan on ways to drastically reduce jail population and decrease funding to the office.
- Not much. I don't love the majority of Iowa City Police and Johnson County Sheriffs. Besides Officer Colin. He's fair and amazing. Hire more people like him and then way more folks would be on board with supporting this effort. Even some of the options selectable in this survey are aggressive. Matches the officers in Iowa City's vibe. It's no longer "serve and protect" but "be sneaky and bust." Disappointing and gross.
- I don't need more information on our city pouring money into a bullshit new jail so cops can arrest and kill even more minorities. NO NO NO NO NO. Cops don't stop crime. Jails don't stop crime. None of this is getting to the real issue here.
- are all Iowa city & county residents expected to share costs?
- when our property taxes are going down. if you start lowering property taxes, then i'll vote yes.

- what are actual concerns/problems? can these be addressed by the \$3m fix currently be explored? are there other options than incarceration/shipping off to muscatine for minor offenses?
- the cost
- how many additional jail cells would be added & does this scale with current violent crime rates.
- I can make an informed decision right now.
- why? no university heights jail!
- How much it costs and what percentage of the taxpayers budget is being put towards it. Additionally, knowing what other projects are in the works, rather than building a big nice building for inmates. They are there for a reason!
- When would construction start and where
- Sounds like you'll send me anything to convince me, so I don't know that that matters.
- none- because laws are to suppress freedom
- more info about county benefits (cost/efficiency) of shared facility
- price + method of covering cost (taxes in jc are already high enough)
- how it would be paid for
- location, capacity (i would not vote for anything over 100), services, programming, design. i will not vote for a new building located outside of the city and off bus routes.
- what options are available to decrease the number of incarcerations? what is the tax burden for property owners?
- Expected occupancy rate for the jail.
- How many beds are being added and will they be for rent
- Where would it be? How big? How expensive? Who would be in charge of what: city or county?
- [illegible handwriting] steps to deter offenders from jail.
- i have all the info i need - even this obviously expensive survey is way too much to spend already
- how much tax increase
- in what way does the county believe the jail is unsafe for staff and inmates? what specifically? have there been safety incidents?
- location cost opinion of both county and ic police staff
- how many people are jailed at a time. space enough to keep dignity- one person to a cell.
- a whole lot
- are there rich people willing to pay their fair share in taxes to fund it?
- cost
- as stated previously, it would be reassuring to me to see the sheriff + jail staff totally disavow their complicity in the american machine of death and hatred.
- Budget, and what training the officers are being given that would reduce the needs for such high capacity in our jails

- The cost.
- how much it will cost taxpayers
- cost-cost-cost.
- Efforts being made to reduce arrests and incarceration. Where the building fits with the board's other priorities.
- funding
- # of incarcerated people, humane design
- Cost, he thinks that the rationale of the issue is not factual information like unsafe building for staff and building is deteriorating
- need to know a total cost analysis
- None. Strongly disagree on new prison. Invest on better conditions for people to ensure they don't become criminals
- What kind of programming will be offered at the new facility? Will the programming include practices that reduce recidivism? What kind of rehabilitative models will be used in the new facility that weren't available before?
- Money
- staffing plan -proposed services -capacity/conditions -style -proposed location -plan for old space
- I refuse to answer.
- How will this project be funded?
- How many more people they plan on keeping there as a result of increased capacity.
- Location and cost to residents.
- how it would effect taxes
- Cost. What the payback is. How a new facility could save both city and county recurring money each year.
- cost of construction, cost of operation, capacity "needs", what alternatives are being considered.
- legal obligations under ada vs cost of new building and cost to remedy
- more detail on current issues
- what is this going to cost the county taxpayers? how many years will it take to pay for this endeavor? how long will the project take to completion with guaranteed no deviation? a focus on doing more with less?
- How much of the funding is coming directly out of my pockets.
- Much more data than this survey presents. And counter points that present a fair and balanced perspective of this issue.
- Long term financial study on the impact of the outflow to house them outside of the county now verses the new building and tax wise where the money is coming from.
- For the inmates, what's the average term they're sentenced to? What kind of criminals do we have there?
- Specific information, not vague assurances that there are deficiencies
- where is the funding coming from?

- how the operations of each entity would work.
- cost analysis
- enforce immigration laws and work with ice.
- lower property taxes
- public condemnation of scope creep in support of ice, sale of mrap vehicle
- cost benefit publicized to county residents w/ images of problems. a lot of times problems of public places exaggerates? costs inflated.
- none.
- how will it be funded. will my taxes be raised to fund it?
- expense
- Design, location and how it fits into community policing, prevention and education.
- specific details of the requirements of the new building
- I don't know enough about the initial request. First demonstrate to voters that there is truly a problem that needs addresses
- i will not be voting for a new jail in any shape or form

### ***Responses of those whose votes changed to "yes"***

- Average number of inmates, staff count, current size of building, cost of new building, proposed location, tax payer impact
- what inmates think/what their experience is and what their needs are.
- expected budgets for new building operation compared to current jail operation costs.
- I would like to see an information packet explaining the need and cost. I'd also like to see what programs and efforts are made to keep people out of jails to begin with.
- Need to know what other options there are.
- What the benefit to the community would be — like rehabilitation programs so these people can become productive citizens
- i'd want to know #s of inmates.
- cost of construction, size of proposed new building
- How much it would cost. What are the safety issues currently and how do the challenges plan on being dealt with.
- More information about the design of the new building (how much space is intended for increased capacity vs programming/rehabilitation vs other purposes)
- pictures, maybe a video of such deterioration of the building posted on social media or reported by a news outlet for max coverage. if it's a matter of adding ramps & auto operators then just do that.

- the cost of the construction and who will pay for it
- The trend of arrest rate of the recent year
- more detailed data on # of inmates, recidivism and the success of programming, staff qualifications and turnover, etc. how does jc jail compare to peer cities?
- clear argument, facts & figures, projections as to growth of # of prisoners
- I would like to know how much it will cost
- Unsure
- how this building will benefit the community and what other services it can provide
- definitely need "help."
- Proposed budgets, what new programming is expected in these designs, and what will happen to the old property
- information on rehabilitation efforts, facts & figures on current jail
- cost and how it'd be paid for.
- What programs would be offered to inmates
- Cost, size, programs, employees
- cost, services, safety
- Costco, impact on taxes
- time to complete the new building. what to do with the old building and the land.
- cost, how big to accommodate needs.

### ***Responses of those whose votes changed to "no"***

- cost -budget -contractor -timeline for completion -design -environmental impact
- design + cost! feasibility no tash ma hal government has a vision to build more than they need form a commission!
- the future expectations of how the new jail would function. i would want to vote for a plan that is expected to meet future needs for some time, as well as current needs.

## Q18. What is the most important thing you would like the Board of Supervisors to consider when developing the measure for the ballot?

### *Responses of those whose votes were a stable "yes"*

- Security and the wellbeing and health of the inmates and staff.
- Cost and location.
- Unsure
- keep the community safe and be fiscally responsible
- how it will be paid for
- doesn't have to be fancy just a very serviceable building.
- projected cost
- if it does not include both agencies, i probably am less likely to support
- cost and size
- i especially liked the last plan where the building could be utilized for other purposes depending on jail census.
- safety for staff and inmates.
- possibility of passing better not perfect than not at all
- Building design and capacity
- Safety
- cost
- I would say it would have to be a systems based approach that is about crime prevention and restorative justice, have to be built around systems that don't just put people behind bars.
- Community support programs need to live side by side with policing and punitive options.
- The impact on tax payers
- Let's get it on the ballot
- long-term benefits- better to plan for the long-term instead of putting a band-aid on.
- i would appreciate if government officials, at every step of this process, would refer to the un standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners (nelson mandela rules)
- Funding for this development
- integration of the service roles of police & sheriff
- we don't need people with guns responding to family and mental health issues in the city and county.
- including how it would be paid for
- this issue has gone on way too long

- do it right the first time, give the officers & employees what they need to do their jobs safely & correctly.
- cost
- long term usage
- that the building would be built with the future in mind!
- future needs stop criminalizing mental health. more funds for mental health help.
- i hope the supervisors can propose an adequate and safe facility that is not excessively costly to build and operate.
- safety of staff and inmates
- cost. also, location of the new facility.
- be as detailed and transparent as possible
- to insure public safety and also keep us all safe
- the safety of the staff.
- i know the bldg. and the staffing are important but have my doubts that the measure will pass due to the cost to the taxpayers
- Cost and longevity
- consider the bldg to be oversize to take in some from other counties for addtl increase- as we have been paying over in the past
- Cost effective ways to make a new facility feasible for the city.
- There's no question this is a necessity for Iowa City.
- Clarity of scope and intent, to the extent possible
- cost -need
- cost and efficiency
- Efficiency and capacity planning
- Getting it over the threshold for a yes vote. Whatever gives it the best chance.
- cost
- Location and impact
- location of facility.
- where the money comes from
- keep us informed
- plan for the future, but don't need the taj mahal.
- the safety of both staff and inmates of the sheriffs office/jail
- need for safe and modern jail in order for staff to do their jobs in a professional manner

- i want them to pick a place that makes the police and sheriff available to all areas easily. i also would like them to find a location that is not near the transit facility!!
- long term use, capacity, cost
- safety of staff, officers and the inmates
- location and design
- Similar process as to the development of the aquatic center; proposed plans, interaction with public, assessment ops and adaptability.
- cost
- cost
- that the common lib attitude that if you don't expand and build a new, safe jail, it will keep from arresting people, is stupid & not true.
- get on ballot asap!
- efficiency
- better public communication before the election
- wording the measure in a way that doesn't make the "defund the police" crowd immediately vote no. make sure you stress that a primary objective of the new facility would be to improve conditions for prisoners.
- Building a sufficient jail that will accommodate the natural growth of inmates to population size.
- cost & location
- long term success
- unsure of this
- the opinion of the staff on what is needed
- safety of staff & inmates
- No idea
- safety for the public.
- I would like to see a ranked choice option available- I know it's often not how we vote in Iowa, but it would be nice to see a ballot with a ranked option for budget spending. Like, heres how a 1.5 million dollar jail project would work, heres how a 2 million dollar jail project would work, and being able to vote specifically on the breakdown of what we need rather than just a "yes, new jail" or "no, no new jail".
- Based on the past, I don't know how they would do it any differently. Spreading more information about the conditions like this survey here is doing is the best thing I could think of.
- safety
- the location of the new building it needs maybe to be in country side for safety and security
- Communicate better.
- space for services and programs

- beside cost i think planning for the future needs with space available to expand or refit
- services for inmates with mental illnesses
- Making sure they communicate the 'why'
- county and city budgets and staffing
- not sure
- Making certain that all inmates are held in a safe, clean environment.
- The longevity of a massive project like a new jail. If a new jail is built tomorrow, will it be effective in 20 years? 40 years? I would rather not see another plea for a new jail in my lifetime.
- I want to know if we get in an input on the building itself or if we're just giving them broad permission to make whatever they want
- Time to build vs cost
- cost
- not sure
- Value creation. Best option, lowest cost
- the fact that there may be people held that have not been convicted and therefore are innocent until proven guilty, and for those that have been convicted, one of the main goals is rehabilitation
- safety factors and positive outcomes for repeat offenders. possible through these changes.
- The safety and concerns of the staff and the inmates
- Rehabilitation process for the inmates
- provide safety for staff
- that people can make an informed decision
- Unbiased wording, shared space with IA City
- capacity (current & planned)
- safety of the community
- staff safety
- long term costs. make a plan that saves day-to-day expenses after the building is built
- Make it clear how much it'll cost the average citizen annually.
- common sense!
- the growth of johnson county
- Meeting current guidelines and having appropriate staff and space for services
- same as previous question
- Explain well how any proposed increase in property taxes is justified and beneficial to those who are taxed.

- public safety
- not sure? i think they would know more about that.
- emphasize improvements to safety
- clear and accurate ballot language
- voters in the county outside city limits, (more votes/lower bond %), costs spent outside jc
- Don't know
- get it done. the need is great. jails always get negative publicity. i believe it should be a priority
- cost
- not sure, maybe projected lifespan of new building- e.g. bond issue should fund jail for next projected 20 yr needs
- the balance between expert advice and citizen concerns
- taxpayers.
- Where it will be and how big of a disruption to downtown
- consensus among members so a cohesive, positive message is sent.
- Safety of staff
- Safety is paramount. I would urge them to build to rehabilitate and help those move forward in a healthy way.
- safety of inmates and staff.
- best use of tax money now and future
- cost-
- safety of staff & inmates.
- safe conditions for all
- get the facts out
- this issue has been kicked down the road too long. the jail is needed
- Cost to taxpayers.
- safety
- Clear, unambiguous wording, clarify needs and danger to public if ignoring this issue further.
- As you all are probably already aware, calling for any kind of improvement of anything related to incarceration is notoriously challenging and even more so in the current political climate. It would be smart to not frame this issue as assisting detained individuals at all. The marketing of this issue should be centered around the safety of law enforcement and staff, potentially saving the city and taxpayers money by reducing maintenance costs, and more. Make this an issue of improving 'law and order' as the people of this state have taken to heart so strongly.
- inform citizens on how much money we have spent sending inmates to muscatine county over last 3 decades
- wording. clarity. "here is the issue." "here is the solution." don't focus on the costs.
- safety and support for staff

- what do you get from the money..
- that the new building will have the space and services needed for families and individuals going through the system.
- staff safety
- Give law enforcement what they need to do job effectively
- cost/taxes/who pays + how
- room for growth
- Funding
- cost
- cost to county residents
- There should be money spent on incarceration diversion programs as well as on a new facility.
- This feels like a project that is required but I hate having to vote in favor of jailing people, the measure will have to be clear about the safety aspects of the renovation
- Keeping all parties interests at mind. Staff, inmates and the public. This survey is a great start.
- Everybody in this building is a human being with needs, even those who have earned a spot behind bars. I want the human factor to be the focus - if taxpayer money is being spent, at least spend it to improve the day-to-day operations for both staff and inmates alike.
- do not know
- I think that the jail is supposed to provide a community service. I think it would say how it should benefit the community- there needs to be more to it than housing prisoners.
- Being transparent about how this affects the average taxpayer. Being upfront about the necessity of a new building.
- highlight the ongoing issues with the current facility, and how a new facility would improve the experience for the inmates, and the staff. also, any cost savings from combining county and city police offices.
- reign in some fiscal responsibility because all they do is handout good money to bad causes.
- Cost and effectiveness
- safety relative to other facilities across iowa
- good value for the cost
- the safety of the people of iowa city + its staff
- location close to courthouse and room for inmate needs
- efficiency of use & dollars spent
- Cost and life time
- Explaining how this benefits the entire community.
- cost
- cost implications

- capacity now & for the future & cost effectiveness of a new building.
- not near high population density areas
- everything has a shelf life. need to build a new jail for safety.
- Safeness
- Sound decisions that have the best cost that would not impact tax payers too much
- Safety
- I believe it's important to work with the City of Iowa City and construct a joint law-enforcement facility.
- functional, not fancy. state of the art building to meet current & future needs.
- Education will be essential. Not making it too complicated with wording.
- cost
- ldk
- clear communication & votesrs regarding needs, goals, options
- Jail capacity
- quality of life for inmates
- large enough to handle growth excellent architect to meet needs & construct a building that would stand for more than a few years
- would it be big enough for both events
- inform us with most up to date information on this project.
- Making sure we're ADA compliant and safety of inmates and staff is the top priority
- understanding the rise in crime in the community is crucial to the needs of a new facility (mental health etc)
- where the money is drawn from and if it impacts other civic services.
- make it cost effective. it doesn't need to be leed certified or so green that all the money goes to those things. stick with priorities in question #15
- utilization to avoid duplication
- Cost
- Cost of the building
- staff/inmate safety.
- getting the blacks & homeless off the streets.
- whether or not the sheriff and ic police chief will support ice and other federal agencies in arresting and detaining illegal immigrants who are residing in the county.
- To not be in the center of the city
- Location and expense.

- Cost
- what will be gained, and for how long.
- cost-affect on taxes
- stress the importance in regard to community safety.
- plan & thinking behind the plan
- Conditions of living
- build over capacity so other communities can bring theirs here and we can make money off them to pay down cost.
- prison location not near houses.
- need a cost
- centerized location, for efficient use of manpower.
- Ensuring that good programs are continued or created for the inmates in a new place for them and that they feel safe and supported
- Price and location. Jails need plenty of space and should be far away from typical residential areas
- location & cost
- Location.
- Refuse to answer
- Sharing the details.
- safety for staff & inmates
- cost for basic necessities.
- safety
- cost & function should balance
- saa
- All the things listed and obviously they need to have a place that they can do their job and be safe. And if they are going to do it, do it right so you don't have to worry about it for a long time.
- treating everyone respectfully and fairly as much as possible.
- safety & rehabilitation promoted
- safety of staff and inmates
- Awareness for why it's overdue to get more voters to agree with the plan
- Just have specific down before the vote
- Asking valuable questions
- Cost
- The current need for a new, bigger space to accommodate staff, prisoners, programming etc.

- this survey is very effective. great idea!
- cost & efficiency of design
- Not sure
- Safety
- thoroughly analyze costs and adequately educate taxpayers on cost/benefit analysis for the local residents/taxpayers.
- near each other is fine, but separate buildings! a tunnel or other connector is fine but if i need to go to the icpd - i do not want to be going to the jail!
- cost.
- I want to know the costs written outright. I would like to be two votes. I want one to be with the options, the first options you don't get to say no, but you get to say what you do want. After that, you can vote for what you want to be put on the ballot. I want to know what I'm committing to. Multiple choice options for what will go on the ballot
- how the project will be funded.
- Cost versus saving
- Build it right the first time (practical) but don't be wasteful on aesthetics to make it look extravagant.
- i'm going to vote yes.
- i am not up to date on this so cannot answer
- don't know
- taxpayer impact?
- cost to taxpayers
- what is the most sustainable option for the longest time duration
- How will it be paid for
- People's safety and the maintenance of Law & Order.
- How many people have the office
- Multi use capabilities
- Don't know
- Cost
- better facilities are not only needed for staff, but could lead to better outcomes for inmates. we are one of the richest counties in iowa, we should have better facilities for law enforcement.
- to not only think of the now need but look down the road a few years and build for that. many people don't want it to come back up "oh now we need more money to expand"
- I don't know
- Security of building

- how is it going to be paid for?
- continued law enforcement by both factions for safety of johnson county residents.
- shared cost
- accidentally answered in #17.
- Good communication with taxpayers.
- Safety is the most important thing for all involved
- transparency. how did the decision get made
- design based on evidence/best practices; true/accurate cost explained to voter on ballot.
- space for services & programs
- safety for deputies + staff
- location
- taxes, don't raise my taxes
- efficiency
- safety of the staff and community
- size and safety.
- information presents of arrests far different crimes - dui's, drugs, mental health
- Safety
- costs
- cost savings for inmates housed outside the jail in other county jails, safety of staff
- Cost
- all important
- take all things into consideration.
- Not to raise property taxes
- Cost
- that part of the funding comes from income tax.
- cost.
- Me good use of the dollars and keep it conservative that matches needs
- cost and location
- Staff safety
- Not sure
- this measure should reflect support for and protection of law enforcement. this facility is simply an extension of law enforcement's mandate to "protect and serve."

- Specifics for how much it would cost
- Make sure there is enough information about the current conditions for the voters to know. I think the employees should feel safe.
- to make sure design & cost are inline so the measure passes
- Cost
- listen to the sheriff!!
- Build it big enough. Everyone builds thing too smal to begin with. You can always charge counties to house their inmates, Build it for the future.
- cost and access to the courthouse
- Separate ballot not attached to anything else that could sway the vote.
- Personally, more windowns and a good scenery.
- Public education on the matter.
- Do it right the first time so when dont haave to do it again so soon
- it should be functional and not extravagant.
- inmates are not to be pampered with un-needed services and equipment. it is not a place people should want to go. no cable tv, no wifi. how will this one be maintained?
- trust the integrity of brad kunkel.
- meeting the needs for the next 30 years.
- again costs - buildings should last more than 50 yrs.
- best location for the building site.
- this is republican iowa - don't need a fancy building. but paying other counties is stupid.
- public meetings
- Cost, safety
- building the needed space with good quality but keeping costs low.
- future needs, i.e. capacity requirements
- looking for future needs and addressing them now
- learn from other counties of similar size and scope. what has worked for them
- include future growth & needs of the county.
- safety for officers. safety of inmates.
- longevity for the future needs
- making sure it will be large enough for future growth
- safety & security of facility for all & society - no jail breaks.

- how this benefits the majority of people who will never enter that building.
- future needs
- cost!
- keeping cost down as much as possible
- Unsure
- To have space for programs to help the people going there better their lives so they can learn how to make different decisions and have the support they need
- Cost
- be fiscally responsible don't go over budget
- nothing! get it done!
- clarity of roles betw. co. & city offices; anticipated conflicts of interest. are there "best practices" examples in other municipalities?
- how this project would benefit the county residents
- time is of the essence
- Have total cost estimate to be very accurate
- it needs to be stated regarding safety and security for johnson county
- don't know

### ***Responses of those whose votes were a stable "no"***

- cost of new jail.
- \$
- healthcare for the poor
- architecture/design
- See previous comment.
- i fear a "bigger better" jail will take away attention and resources from people who need them most.
- Cost
- first, listen to citizens and create a new way to handle community members who make mistakes. look into restorative justice to reduce the need for jail!!!
- bos - consider better use of tax dollars! prevention programs & improved social programs
- what kinds of preventative & anti recidivism programming will be included? what kinds of collaboration will happen w/ other local agencies & relevant university & college programs/departments?
- defunding the sheriff's office and putting those resources towards the people and orgs in the community doing good work
- Maybe we don't need to bring as many folks to the jail.

- no
- The incarceration/mortality rates of black people in this town. The amount of money being spent on "ghost cars" for the police department. The amount of money that goes into the propaganda to support the police in this town. How about nothing happening to them when they maced and tear gassed the students? The cops need defunded. Point blank period. Not more money for a jail so they can continue to harass and kill black people. Put the money into rehabilitation and proper education for minorities. Start at the root of the problem which is NOTHING IS FUNDED FOR THE POOR EXCEPT THE POLICE FORCE TO PUT THEM IN JAIL/PRISON TO CONTINUE THE SLAVE LABOR THEY PRODUCE IN PRISON. IT HAS TO END.
- real cost -who will pay -how will people be assessed. prefer a sales tax hike - not property tax hike
- change the way you are using my tax dollars or pay for it yourself.
- 1) Whether the \$3 million fix will rectify any problems. 2) Whether or not there are legitimate alternatives to the current
- the amount of building a new jail
- violent crime in johnson county has been decreasing, a new building should reflect that.
- The citizens have voted this down twice. Stop asking. Be creative. You are acting like spoiled children who continue to nag after being told no.
- cost
- Is this really the biggest priority the city needs?
- If you build this your legacy will be tied to the only form of legal slavery left in the US
- This survey is being linked to the University of Iowa, so I wonder how people will feel about DEI undersights in the building or programs. You've previewed it, you've used coercion to inform people, and some people will care about that.
- cost
- no money for public schools, but money for a new jail!? ridiculous!
- cost/efficiency/needs tradeoffs with ongoing costs weighed
- same as previous question
- not funding with property taxes
- the city's goal should be a small short term jail, close to the heart of the city (isolation is detrimental), off bus routes so easy visits may occur. a higher capacity jail is a failure on the part of the city. the people want rehabilitative and educational programing. the current system perpetuates a cycle of violence.
- Show more details on total budget efficiency
- scaling of planning to meet the needs of the county & entry for decades
- Consider encouraging the sheriff to not opt to house people in the jail long term
- Open beds encourages filling them up
- its other peoples money

- Do the jail right so we don't have to do this all over again in 40 years.
- what can be done to make the jail population as low as possible
- restorative justice. funding mental health services (no services for people w/ id + mental health co-occurrence in ic??? come on
- cost
- alternatives to jail as a method of reducing jail population
- total impact - what happens to existing facilities, impact on neighborhood of new location, involvement of staff on design (not have "design firm" ignore needs of who will actually work in the building), cost, etc.
- safety of staff and accused
- bonds for schools = good bonds for prisons = bad
- cost
- change the language thusly! "should we down the sheriff's office and jail for good? [] yes [] definitely yes"
- Equality
- QUALITY OF THE BUILDING. WE WANT SOMETHING THAT IS GONNA BE SOLID AND NOT BREAK
- minimize costs
- citizens are already paying for a 30,000,000 conservation board. so now to put a jail/sheriffs offices on top of that. poor timing.
- That how we spend significant amounts of money like this is the best reflection of our true priorities as a community.
- why
- reducing incarceration
- The cost and supporting rationale and how would it be funded
- see above
- There are ways we can keep our community safe without throwing people into jail cells
- Money
- do not do a joint center!!! -bigger project = bigger problems -if icpd needs a new bldg, two projects means better chance of getting a functional building on a budget.
- More money towards rehabilitation services and extremely less to none towards incarceration and militarization of our police department.
- Where is money coming from?
- Taking care of things so that they don't need to be rebuilt.
- Need for it now vs waiting a few years when the economy is more stable
- full transparency of cost to tax payers
- How to inform the voters with facts.

- cost
- cost and police reform
- cost & overall purpose of law enforcement
- costs, contractual building agreement, work orders and location. guaranteed no change in costs by contractor during building strong financial backing and proof from contractors
- I don't know.
- What resources will be eliminated, cut or delayed to invest in incarceration of humans.
- If this is the best use of community money. What is this taking from versus what else it could be used for.
- Efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Produce a plan of construction and operation that will not need to be revisited in the near future. Avoid short term cost savings that bring this back up in less than the current structure's lifetime.
- funding
- cost
- cost and need.
- cost & information.
- cost to tax implication
- Taxpayer impact
- don't raise taxes, quit jacking the assessed value.
- preserve to allow detainment without lawful warrant.
- see 17. solon school district presented excellent evidence to the residents for their case for improvement needs.
- i am 100% behind law enforcement however johnson county so is corrupt and not well trained!! if the building was for training then i might be behind it.
- funding source.
- expense
- Make it sensible...
- transparency of all processes
- make sure it is large enough
- Before getting this on the ballot some serious "leg work" should be done to relay the needs to voters. As a voter, if I know nothing of the problem I will vote no
- My property taxes have more than doubled in the last 10 years. I cannot support raising taxes further.
- we do not need a new building

### ***Responses of those whose votes changed to "yes"***

- Rural Johnson county

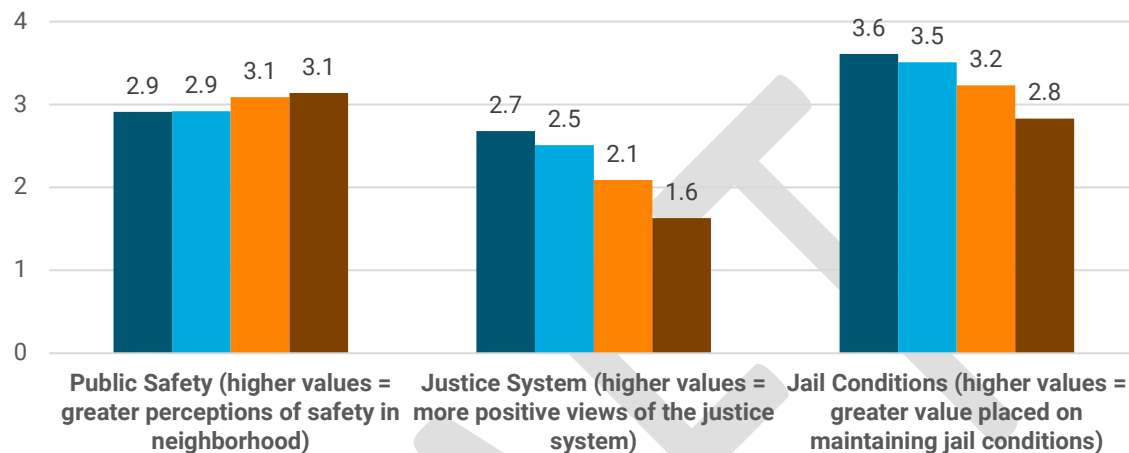
- the wellbeing of inmates
- Public education. Land impact. Avoiding devastation of nature; no more cutting down trees. It's hot enough
- Long-term cost reductions and maximal safety for inmates and staff.
- Who benefits?
- not locate near schools.
- cost of construction
- Cost
- Safety and treatment of inmates and staff.
- most cost-effective way including building on to icpd or using an existing building & making the proper upgrades
- The whole thing
- Don't know
- space for services and programs to offer prisoners opportunity for rehabilitation
- Make it as clear as possible
- Keeping taxes as low as possible
- cost
- Cost from tax payers
- educate voters
- Budget and the rights of people being jailed
- include funding for expanded homeless medical & social services unaffiliated with law enforcement
- That a valid need is being addressed and that the proposed solution meets those needs
- cost of new construction and ways to keep it to a minimum
- How this would better not only the community on the outside but the inmates too
- How much it'll cost and how many it'll hold
- safety for staff
- The staff
- cost
- cost

### ***Responses of those whose votes changed to "no"***

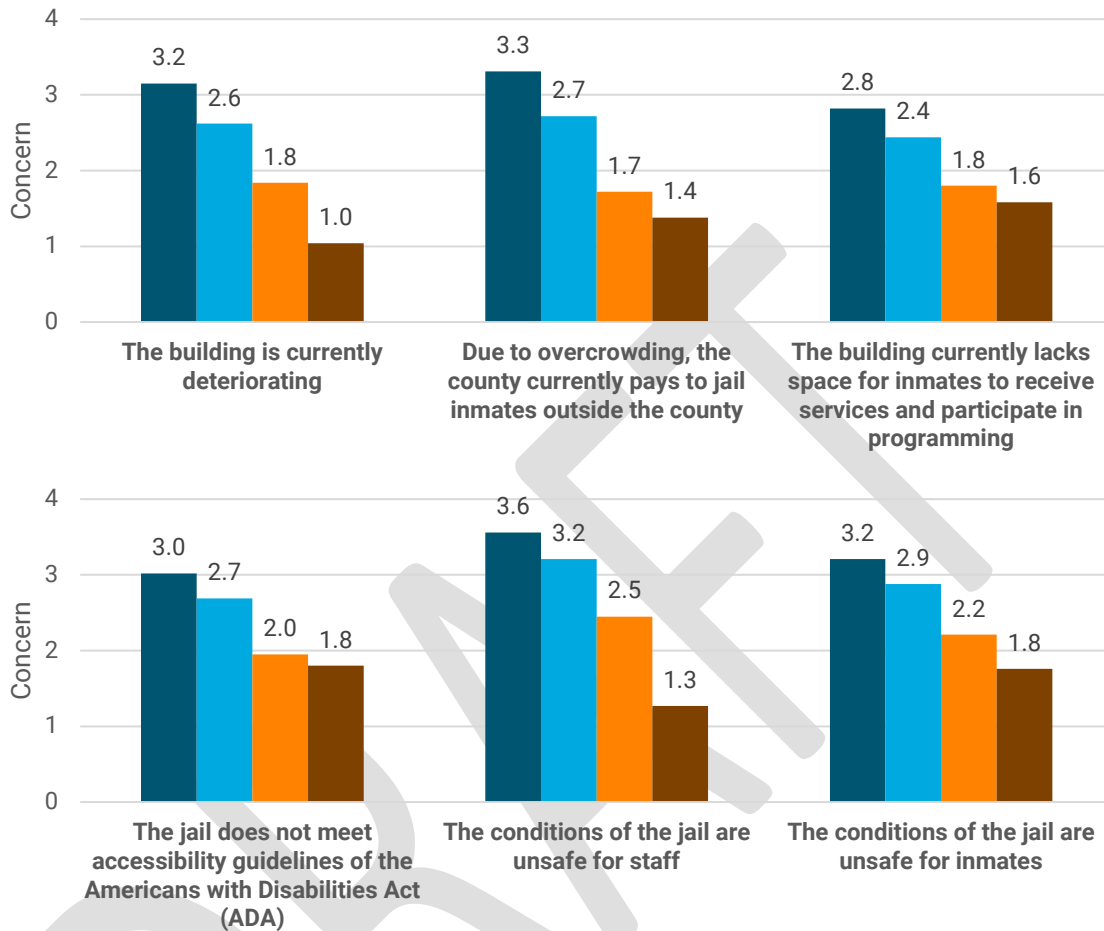
- convey the need clearly; make people aware of the poor conditions and dangers thereof
- language!
- while being concise, giving as much detail about how the new jail & the costs it would incur are necessary & important to keep everyone in the community safe.

## Appendix 5. Perceptions, Concerns, and Priorities, By Initial Voting Block

### Perceptions of Public Safety and Criminal Justice System, by Initial Voting Block



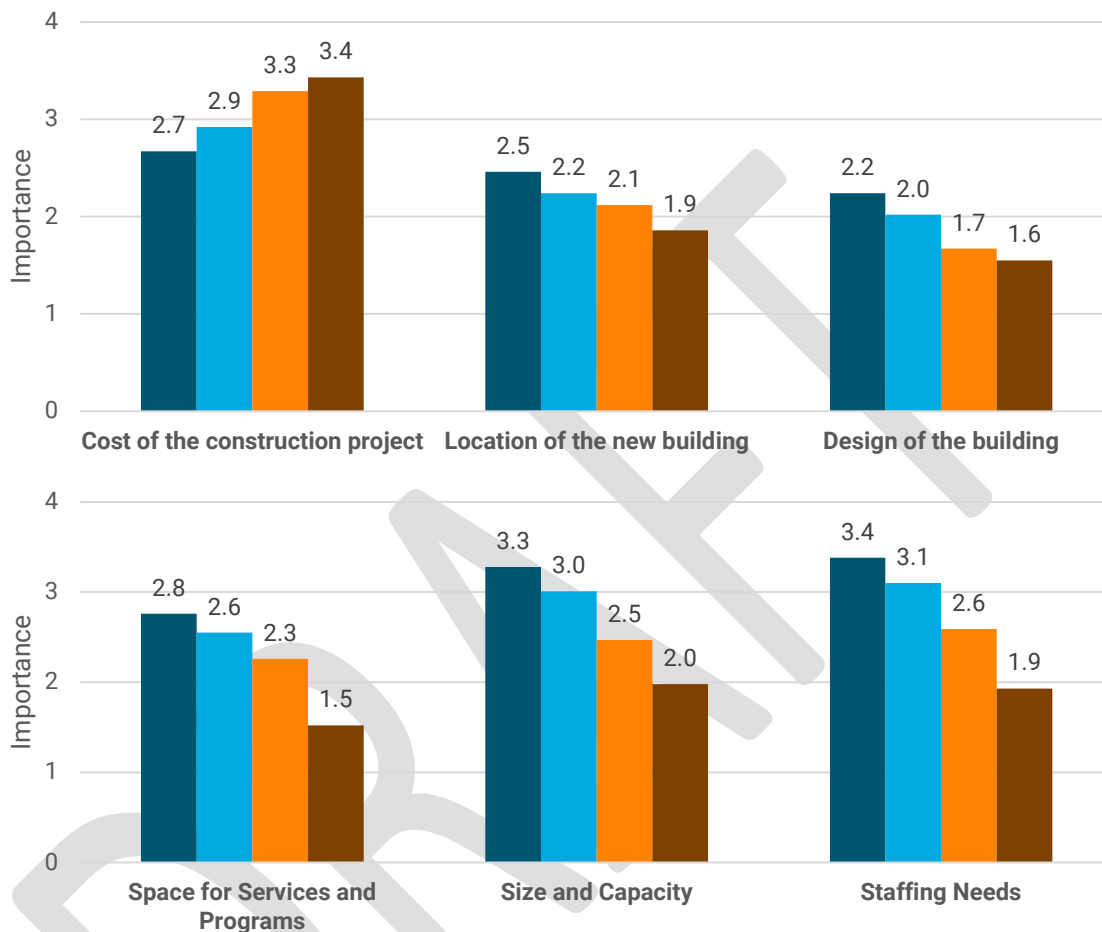
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**Concerns about Building Issues, by Initial Voting Block****Survey Question:** How concerning are each of these issues to you?

**VOTING BLOCKS:** DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE

### Importance of Specific Factors, by Initial Voting Block

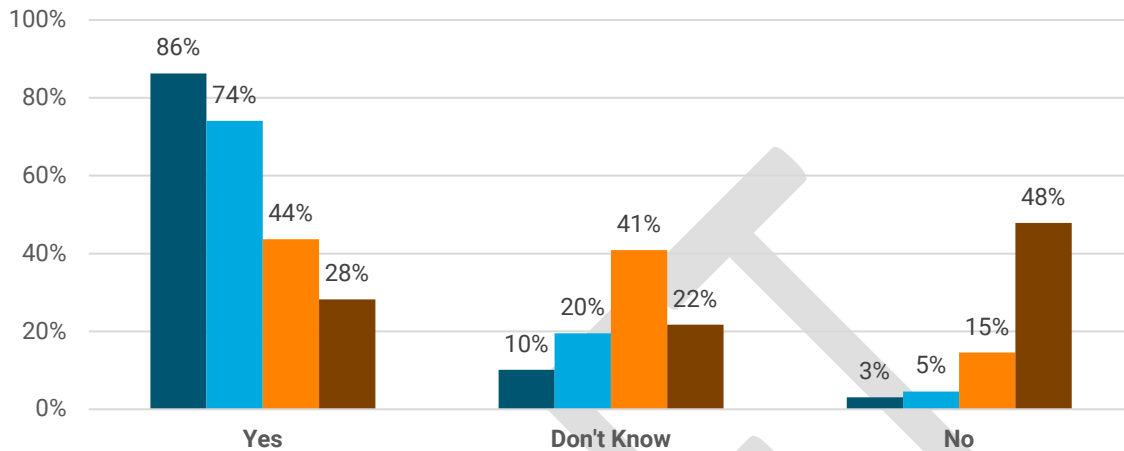
**Survey Question:** How important are each of the following factors when considering how to vote for the construction of a new Sheriff's Office and Jail Building?



**VOTING BLOCKS:** DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE

**Support for Joint Building with ICPD, Initial Voting Block**

**Survey Question:** Would you be supportive of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors exploring the possibility of a joint law enforcement building that shares space with the Iowa City Police Department?



**VOTING BLOCKS:** DEFINITELY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT | PROBABLY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE | DEFINITELY VOTE "NO" TO OPPOSE

## **Appendix 6. Human Subjects Research Determination**

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IRB Chair or Chair Designee

RE: Not Human Subjects Research Determination

I have reviewed the information submitted with your project titled 202503233 Community Perspective on the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail Evaluation (CSSI program evaluation and quality assurance for external client). I have determined that the project described in the application *does not* meet the regulatory definition of human subjects research and does not require review by the IRB, because it is a QI project, collecting data for improving and planning for services.

We appreciate your care in submitting this application to the IRB for review. If the parameters outlined within this Human Subjects Research application request change, re review and/or subsequent IRB review may be required.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. The Human Subjects Office can be reached via phone (319)-335-6564 or email [irb@uiowa.edu](mailto:irb@uiowa.edu).