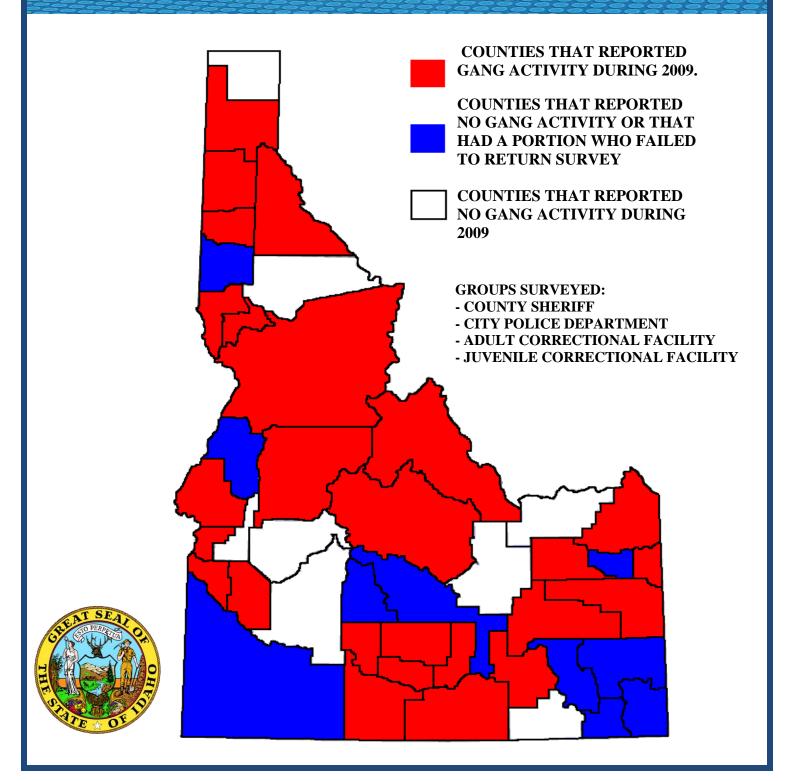
# IDAHO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION 2010 IDAHO GANG SURVEY RESULTS



## 2010 Idaho Gang Survey for 2009 activity

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#### **Survey Analysis Overview**

Law Enforcement as well as communities of Idaho need to know about gang activity in their state. For too long, people have thought of gangs as the problem of bigger cities. Many times Idaho community members see gang members that display gang colors and say, "they are just wannabes." Many of these so-called "wannabes" are becoming increasingly violent and recruit new members daily.

This 2010 Idaho Gang survey is the second one conducted by the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission. The answers to the two surveys should obtain the facts about the State of Idaho's gangs and gang activities.

The 2010 Survey was divided into two surveys. The first survey was sent to county sheriff departments and all city police departments and asked 19 questions. The second survey was sent to adult correctional facilities and juvenile detention centers and asked 21 questions. The survey asked some questions differently. These can be found in appendices D and E.

The original purpose of the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission survey has remained unchanged: to furnish policy makers and the general public with a better understanding of the environment in which today's gangs operate.

Though this survey had questions pertaining to the identity of individual gangs, that information was not included in this report.

The information within this report provides members of the general public and policy makers with a clear picture about what the gang problem is within the State of Idaho. This awareness can facilitate the support of the communities to implement positive change in the design and implementation of laws and policies related to the causes, symptoms, and presence of gangs in Idaho communities.

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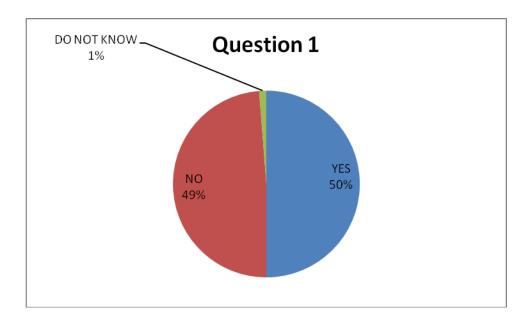
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Police Departments. The following are 19 questions and the Departments' responses.					
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Question 1 - In 2009, were any gangs (as defined in the Survey Instructions) active in the city, town, or county served by your agency? \*





#### Respondents' answers:

- A. 1% reported do not know on whether they had active gangs in their jurisdiction during 2009.
- B. 50% reported having active gangs in their jurisdiction during 2009.
- C. 49% reported having active gangs in their jurisdiction during 2009.

## Additional information:

Any respondent who answered "No" to this question, no longer participated in the survey and returned their survey. However if the respondent answered "Yes" or "Do not know" they continued with the survey. There were 76 % of law enforcement agencies within the State of Idaho who responded back. This compares to 7% answering the survey conducted the previous

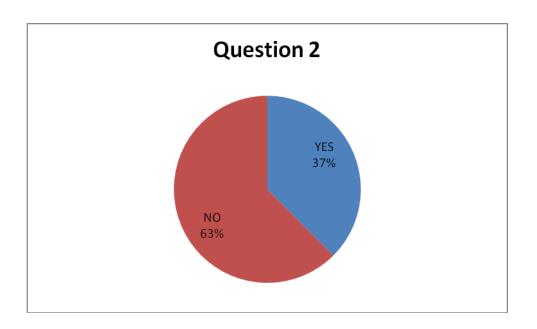
year. Of the 134 agencies that were contacted for this survey, 102 responded. Although a total of 1% answered "Do not know" to question one, one aberrant respondent that answered "Do not know" also reported 7 active gangs in their jurisdiction during the survey period.

The reasons given for a "No" answer, was that one agency only had one part time officer and they relied on the county agency to handle any situations such as gangs', or they did not have anyone tasked with keeping track of whether there were gang members or gang activity present in their community.

Most agencies that could not define whether they had gang activity or not, had agencies within their patrol area or bordering their patrol area that stated there was gang activity.

Many agencies reported having gang members but no active gang-related crimes. They do not recognize that any crime committed by a gang member is gang related. On the other hand National Law Enforcement Agencies consider a gang member that commits a crime, whether sanctioned by the gang or not, as his or her means to move up within the gang or to promote their gang within the community.

Question 2 – Does your department or agency have a system in place for tracking gang-related crime?



## Respondents' answers:

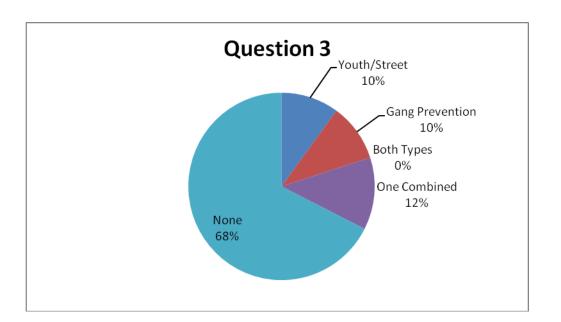
- A. 37% reported having a system in place for tracking gang-related crime.
- B. 63% reported not having a system in place for tracking gang-related crime.

#### Additional information:

In one jurisdiction, there was no formal system in place but some of the officers in the department were keeping written notes on encounters with known and suspected gang members. Of those that reported having a system in place to track gang related crimes, 61% stated that their system was computerized and 33% said that it was not computerized. Only 26% of agencies with a computerized system in place, required officers to contribute data to the system.

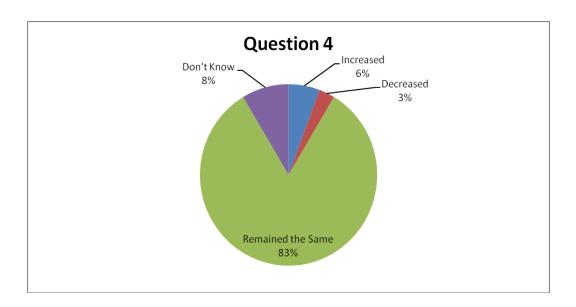
The average percentage for officers contributing data to a gang tracking system was 54.1%.

Question 3 – Does your agency/facility have the following? Youth/Street Gang Unit or Officer, Gang Prevention Unit or Officers, Both Types, One Combined Type, None.



- A. 10% reported having youth/street gang unit or officers.
- B. 10% reported having gang prevention unit or officers.
- C. 0% reported having both types.
- D. 12% reported one combined.
- E. 68% reported not having any gang officers.

Question 4 – Has the number of officers in your gang unit increased or decreased over the past two years?



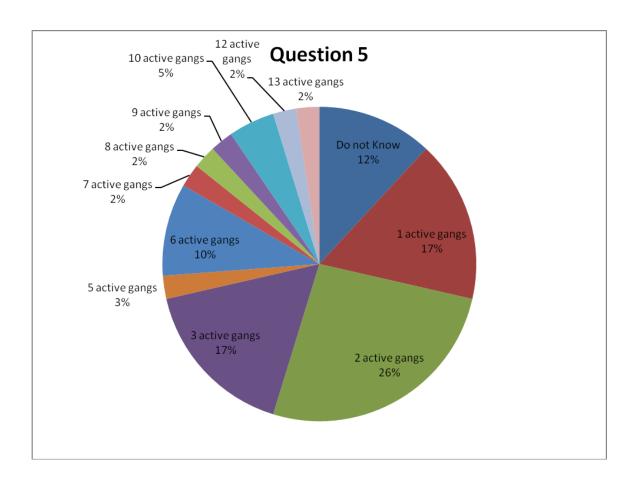
## Respondents' answers:

- A. 6% reported an increased number of officers in their gang unit over the past two years.
- B. 3% reported a decreased number of officers in their gang unit over the past two years.
- C. 83% reported the numbers of officers in their gang unit over the past two years remained the same.
- D. 8% reported "don't know" about whether the number of officers in their gang unit increased or decreased over the past two years.

#### Additional information:

Many agencies in the State of Idaho have scaled back many of their operations in the last few years due to reduced funding. The answers to question 4 measure the correlation between the number of officers ratio to the number of gang members. The answers help gauge how law enforcement is responding to the financial reductions and the gang presence in their area. Most of the agencies who reported that their numbers stayed the same also reported that they did not have any officers involved in gang prevention or suppression.

Question 5 – How many gangs were active in your jurisdiction/facility during 2009?



- A. 12% reported that they "do not know" how many gangs were active in their jurisdiction during 2009.
- B. 17% reported one active gang during 2009.
- C. 26% reported two active gangs during 2009.
- D. 17% reported three active gangs during 2009.
- E. 3% reported five active gangs during 2009.
- F. 10% reported six active gangs during 2009.
- G. 2% reported seven active gangs during 2009.

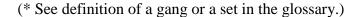
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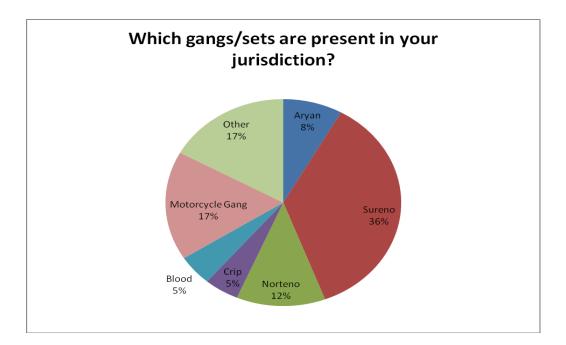
- H. 2% reported eight active gangs during 2009.
- I. 2% reported nine active gangs during 2009.
- J. 5% reported ten active gangs during 2009.
- K. 2% reported twelve active gangs during 2009.
- L. 2% reported thirteen active gangs during 2009.

#### Additional information:

The average number of gangs that any given law enforcement agency within the State of Idaho has to deal with at any given time is 3. Even though this number might seem low, it can become overpowering when you take into account that since 68% of law enforcement agencies in Idaho do not have an officer that is used for fighting gang activity, and the average number or reported members of any particular gang is 22.

QUESTION 6 – Which gangs/sets are present in your jurisdiction? How many members are in the gang? What is the percentage of male and female members? What is the approximate age of gang members? \*





#### Respondents' answers:

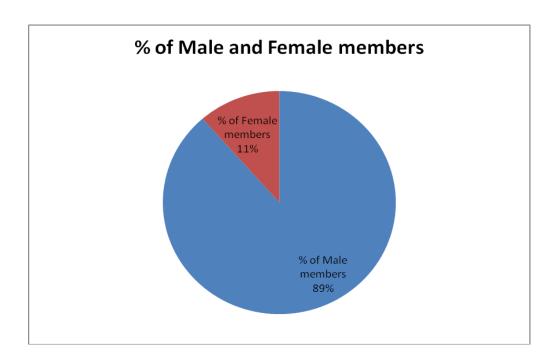
- A. 8% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Aryan gangs.
- B. 36% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Sureño gangs.
- C. 12% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Norteño gangs.
- D. 5% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Crip gangs.
- E. 5% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Blood gangs.
- F. 17% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Motorcycle Gangs.
- G. 17% gang members in Idaho are affiliated with "other" gangs than those listed.

#### Additional information:

Question six asks five questions and requires ten answers. Major gangs are Aryan, Sureno, Norteno, Crip, Blood, Folk Nation, People Nation, Motorcycle Gang, and Other. According to the results of the 2010 Idaho Gang Survey, the most active gang in Idaho is Sureno with 53

reported individual sets. The second most active gangs in Idaho are motorcycle gangs and "other" with 25 sets apiece.

Respondents reported that on average gangs had 22 members. There were 2408 reported gang members in the State of Idaho during 2009.

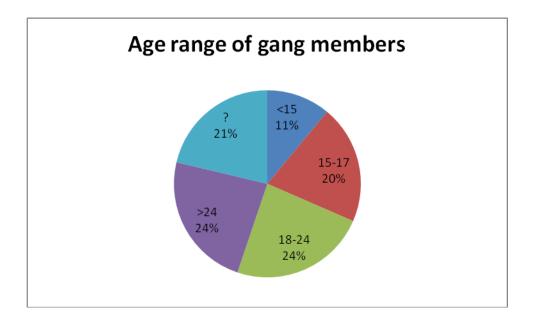


## Respondents' answers:

- A. 89% of Idaho gang members are male.
- B. 11% of Idaho gang members are female.

#### Additional information:

Changes are occurring between the percent of male and female in gangs. In the past, most crimes were committed by men. Today gangs have more female members who will begin to commit more crimes proportionately.



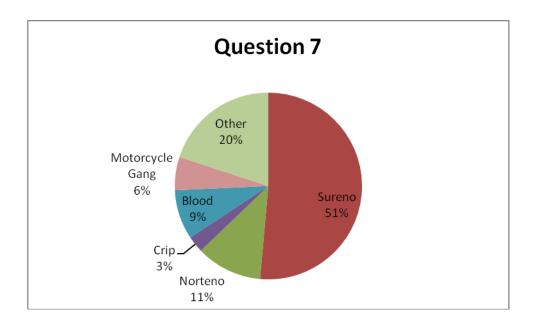
## Respondents' answers:

- A. 11% of Idaho gang members are younger than fifteen years old.
- B. 20% of Idaho gang members are between the ages of fifteen and seventeen.
- C. 24% of Idaho gang members are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four.
- D. 24% of Idaho gang members are older than twenty-four.
- E. 21% are unsure about the ages of Idaho gang members.

#### Additional information:

Percentage-wise, the most active age group for gangs is 18-24, with age ranges 15-17 and 24-plus falling close behind.

## QUESTION 7 – Which gang is the most serious problem in your jurisdiction?



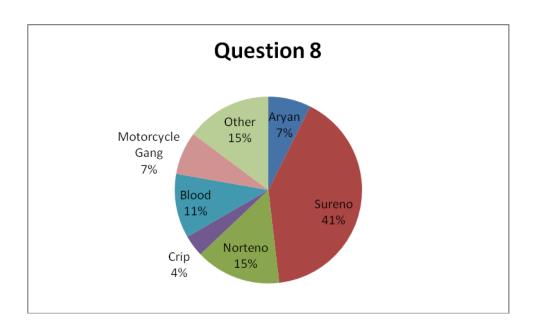
## Respondents' answers:

- A. 51% reported Sureño as the most serious problem in their jurisdiction.
- B. 11% reported Norteño as the most serious problem in their jurisdiction.
- C. 3% reported Crip as the most serious problem in their jurisdiction.
- D. 9% reported Blood as the most serious problem in their jurisdiction.
- E. 6% reported Motorcycle Gangs as the most serious problem in their jurisdiction.
- F. 20% reported "other" as the most serious problem in their jurisdiction.

#### Additional information:

The Sureno gang posed the most serious problem in 51% of respondents' jurisdictions. The "other" gangs came as the second most serious problem for 20% of respondents. In some cases, agencies reported two gangs as their most serious problem.

## **QUESTION 8 – Which gang is most actively recruiting new members?**



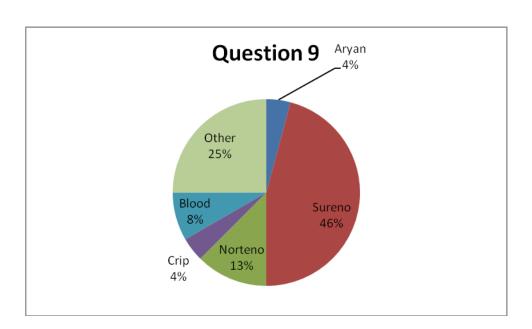
#### Respondents' answers:

- A. 7% reported Aryan as most actively recruiting new members
- B. 41% reported Sureño as most actively recruiting new members.
- C. 15% reported Norteño as most actively recruiting new members.
- D. 4% reported Crip as most actively recruiting new members.
- E. 11% reported Blood as most actively recruiting new members.
- F. 0% reported Folk Nation as most actively recruiting new members.
- G. 0% reported People Nation as most actively recruiting new members.
- H. 7% reported Motorcycle Gang as most actively recruiting new members.
- I. 15% reported "other" as most actively recruiting new members.

#### Additional information:

The Folk and People Nation gangs were not reported as active in the county and city agencies, but were active in correctional facilities.

## **QUESTION 9 – Which gang commits the most violent activity?**



- A. 4% reported that Idaho Aryan gangs committed the most violent activity.
- B. 46% reported that Idaho Sureño gangs committed the most violent activity.
- C. 13% reported that Idaho Norteño gangs committed the most violent activity.
- D. 4% reported that Idaho Crip gangs committed the most violent activity.
- E. 8% reported that Idaho Blood gangs committed the most violent activity.
- F. 25% reported that gangs "other" than those listed committed the most violent activity.

QUESTIONS 10 – What portion of the following offenses were "gang related" in your jurisdiction during 2009? \*

	None (0%)	Few (1-25%)	Some (26-74%)	Most/All (75-100%
Homicide	31	5	1	0
Aggravated Assault	24	15	9	0
Simple Assault	7	18	13	0
Aggravated Battery	15	18	4	0
Simple Battery	9	17	12	1
Robbery	25	8	5	0
Burglary/B&E	13	14	10	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	13	6	0
Larceny/Theft	12	16	10	0
Drug Sales	9	6	13	12
Gun Crimes	15	14	7	2
Prostitution	30	8	0	0
Identity Theft	28	8	2	0
Graffiti	5	9	12	14

(\* Percentages do not total 100% due to the nature of the question.)

- A. 16% of homicide in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- B. 50% of aggravated assault in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- C. 53% of simple assault in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- D. 60% of aggravated battery in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- E. 77% of simple battery in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- F. 33% of robbery in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- G. 24% of burglary in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- H. 50% of motor vehicle theft in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- I. 68% of larceny/theft in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- J. 78% of drug sales in Idaho were gang related during 2009.

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- K. 60% of gun crime in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- L. 8% of prostitution in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- M. 26% of identity theft in Idaho was gang related during 2009.
- N. 88% of graffiti in Idaho was gang related during 2009.

## Additional information:

Gangs are responsible for a significant portion of criminal activity with the State of Idaho. On average 49% of crime is committed by gang members.

# QUESTION 11 – What percentage of the gangs reported in your jurisdiction use drug trafficking as their primary source of profit?

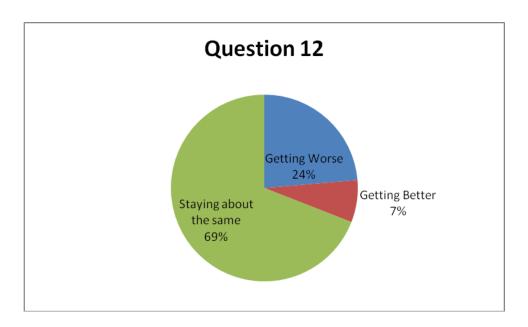
## Respondents' answers:

The average percentage of gangs that use drug trafficking as their primary source of profit in the State of Idaho during 2009 was 53.32%.

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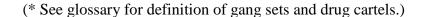
Answers for this question were anywhere from unknown to 100%. In an effort to minimize confusion the average percentage was figured.

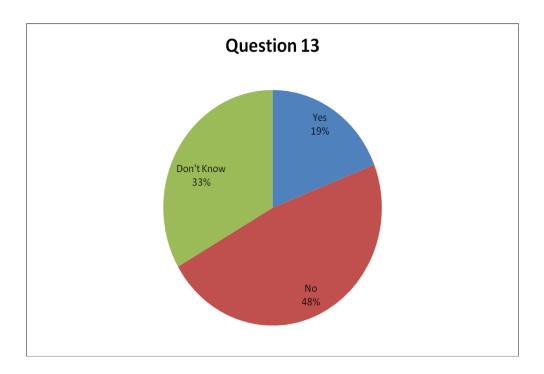
QUESTION 12 – Are the gang problems in your community becoming worse, better, or staying about the same?



- A. 24% reported the gang problem in their community was getting worse.
- B. 7% reported the gang problem in their community was getting better.
- C. 69% reported the gang problem in their community was staying about the same.

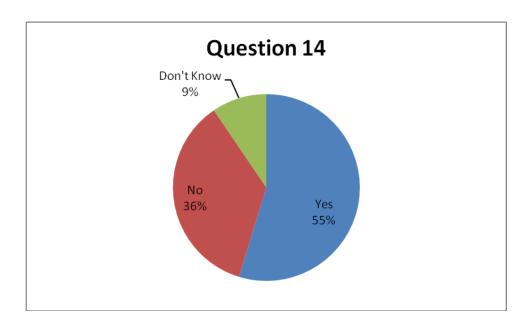
## QUESTION 13 – In the past two years have your local gang "sets" become affiliated with national gangs OR drug cartels? \*





- A. 19% reported that local gangs had become affiliated with national gangs or drug cartels in the past two years.
- B. 48% reported that local gangs had not become affiliated with national gangs or drug cartels in the past two years.
- C. 33% reported that they did not know if gangs had become affiliated with national gangs or drug cartels in the past two years.

QUESTION 14 – During 2009, were there gang-related incidents within, or on the grounds of the schools in your jurisdiction?



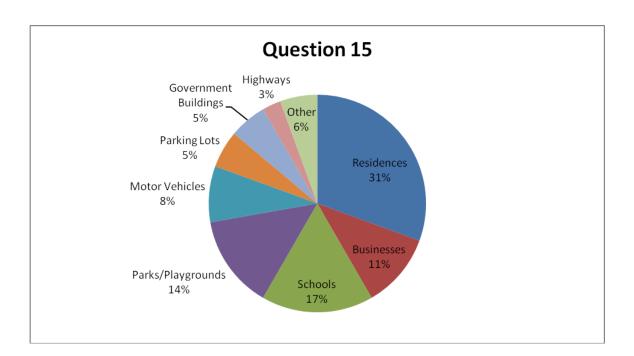
## Respondents' answers:

- A. 55% reported that there were gang-related incidents during 2009 within or on school grounds in their jurisdiction.
- B. 36% reported that there were not any gang-related incidents during 2009 within or on school grounds in their jurisdiction.
- C. 9% responded did not know if there were any gang-related incidents during 2009 within or on school grounds in their jurisdiction.

#### Additional information:

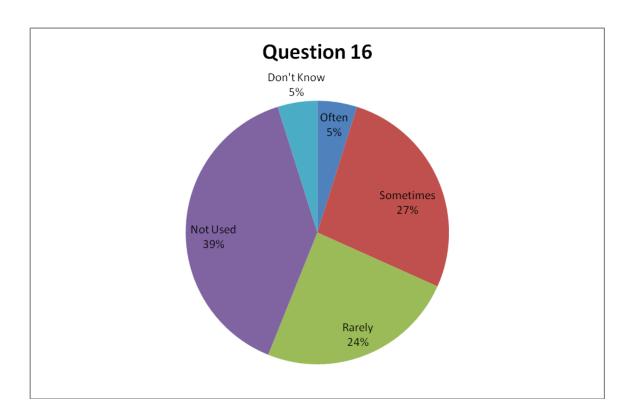
Over half of the respondents (55%), agreed that there were gang related incidents within or on the school grounds. They reported 110 gang related incidents on school grounds in 2009.

## QUESTION 15 – Where is gang activity occurring in your jurisdiction?



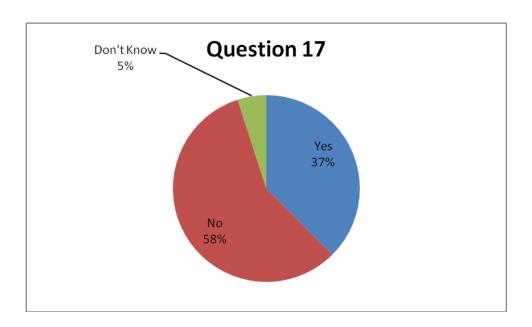
- A. 31% of Idaho gang activity occurred in residences during 2009.
- B. 11% of Idaho gang activity occurred in businesses during 2009.
- C. 17% of Idaho gang activity occurred in schools during 2009.
- D. 14% of Idaho gang activity occurred at parks/playgrounds during 2009.
- E. 8% of Idaho gang activity occurred in motor vehicles during 2009.
- F. 5% of Idaho gang activity occurred in parking lots during 2009.
- G. 5% of Idaho gang activity occurred in government buildings during 2009.
- H. 3% of Idaho gang activity occurred on highways during 2009.
- I. 6% of Idaho gang activity occurred in places other than those listed during 2009.

QUESTION 16 – How often did street gang members use firearms in a commission of crime in your jurisdiction during 2009?



- A. 5% of Idaho gang members often used firearms in the commission of a crime during 2009.
- B. 27% of Idaho gang members sometimes used firearms in the commission of a crime during 2009.
- C. 24% of Idaho gang members rarely used firearms in the commission of a crime during 2009.
- D. 39% of Idaho gang members did not use firearms in the commission of a crime during 2009.
- E. 5% responded did not know if Idaho gang members used firearms in a commission of a crime during 2009.

QUESTION 17 – During 2009, did your agency participate in a formal multiagency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems as a major concern?



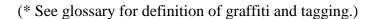
#### Respondents' answers:

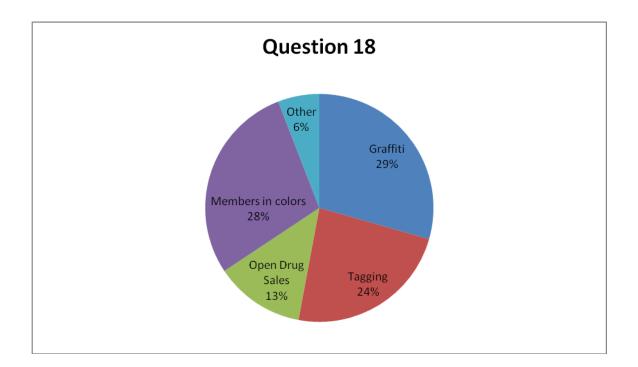
- A. 37% participated in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems during 2009.
- B. 58% did not participate in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems during 2009.
- C. 5% were not sure if their agency participated in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems during 2009.

#### Additional information:

Of the agencies that did participate in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort, 58% of respondents met with other police and sheriff departments; 29% of respondents met with a state or federal law enforcement agency such as court, prosecution, public defense, probation, parole, corrections, juvenile justice; and 13% of respondents met with a federal or state social service agency, federal or state legislature, and city or county government agency.

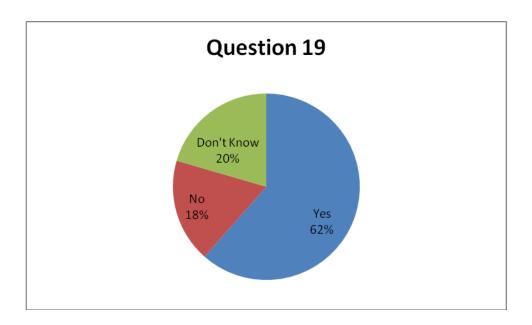
QUESTION 18 – What gang trends have you seen in your community? Graffiti, Tagging, Open drug sales, Members in colors, Other. \*





- A. 29% reported graffiti was a gang trend within their community during 2009.
- B. 24% reported that tagging was a gang trend within their community during 2009.
- C. 13% reported that open drug sales were a gang trend within their community during 2009.
- D. 28% reported that a member in colors was a gang trend within their community during 2009.
- E. 6% reported that they had other gang trends during 2009 than what was listed.

QUESTION 19 – Are gangs in your jurisdiction using technology to facilitate criminal activity (e.g. internet, websites, e-mail, cell phones, and computers)?



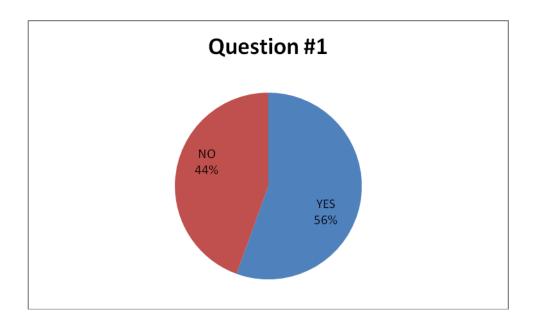
- A. 62% reported that gangs in their jurisdiction used technology to facilitate criminal activity during 2009.
- B. 18% reported that gangs in their jurisdiction did not use technology to facilitate criminal activity during 2009.
- C. 20% reported they did not know if gangs had used technology to facilitate criminal activity during 2009 within their jurisdiction.



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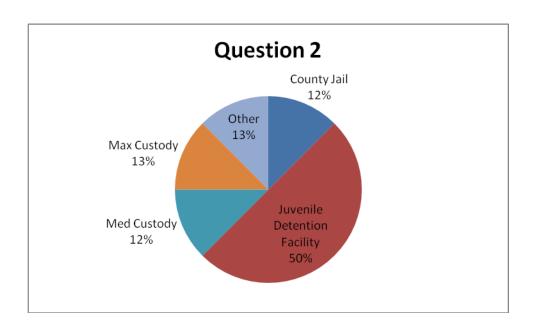
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QUESTION 1-During 2009, were any gangs (as defined in the Survey Instructions) active in your facility?



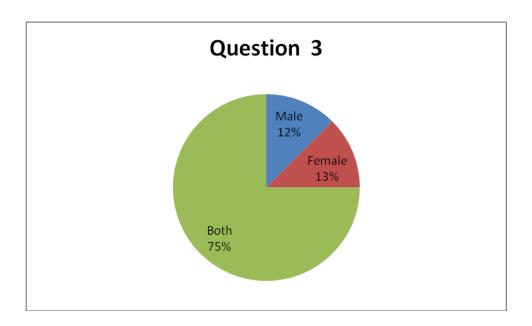
- A. 56% reported having active gangs in their facility during 2009.
- B. 44% reported having active gangs in their facility during 2009.

Question 2 – Which of the following best describes your correctional facility? County Jail, Juvenile Detention Facility, Work Camp, Minimum Custody, Medium Custody, Maximum Custody, Other.



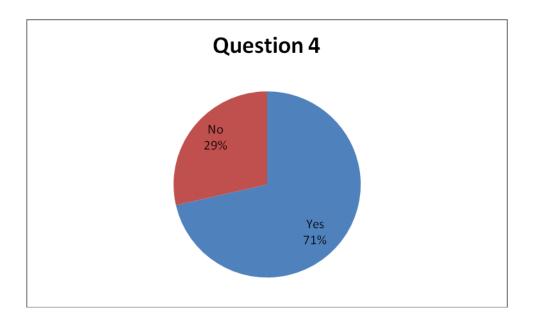
- A. 12% reported their correctional facility is a county jail.
- B. 50% reported their correctional facility is a juvenile detention facility.
- C. 12% reported their correctional facility is a medium custody facility.
- D. 13% reported their correctional facility is a maximum custody facility.
- E. 13% reported their correctional facility is other.
- F. 0% reported their correctional facility is a minimum custody facility.
- G. 0% reported their correctional facility is a work camp.

Question 3 – Does your facility primarily house? Male, Female, Both.



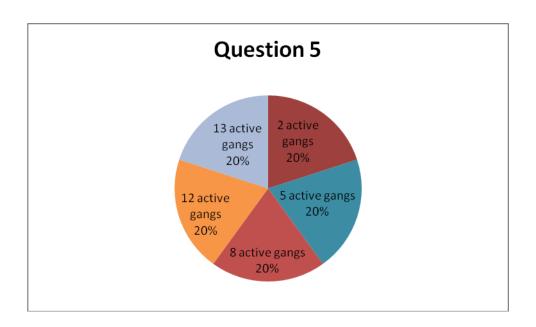
- A. 13% house male inmates.
- B. 13% house female inmates.
- C. 75% house male and female inmates.

Question 4 – Does your department or agency have a system in place for tracking gang-related (member-based) and/or gang-motivated (motive-based) crimes?



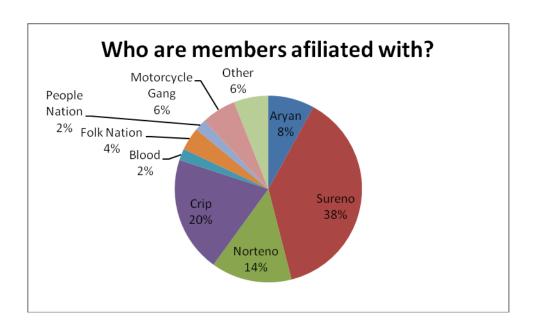
- A. 71% reported having a system in place for tracking gang-related crime.
- B. 29% reported not having a system in place for tracking gang-related crime.

## Question 5 – How many gangs were active in your facility during 2009?

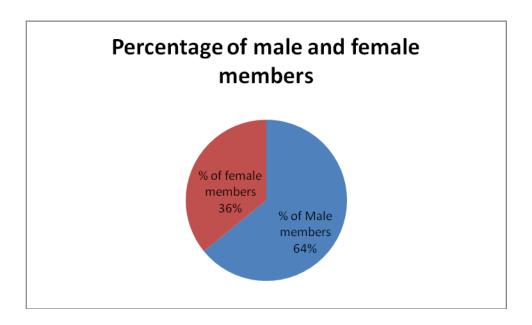


- A. 20% reported having two active gang during 2009.
- B. 20% reported having five active gangs during 2009.
- C. 20% reported having eight active gangs during 2009.
- D. 20% reported having twelve active gangs during 2009.
- E. 20% reported having thirteen active gangs during 2009.

Question 6 – Which gangs/sets are present in your jurisdiction? How many members are in the gang? What is the percentage of male and female members? What is the approximate age of gang members?



- A. 8% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Aryan gangs.
- B. 38% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Sureño gangs.
- C. 14% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Norteño gangs.
- D. 20% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Crip gangs.
- E. 2% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Blood gangs.
- F. 4% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Folk Nation gangs.
- G. 2% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with People Nation gangs
- H. 6% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with Motorcycle Gangs.
- I. 6% of gang members in Idaho are affiliated with gangs other than those listed.

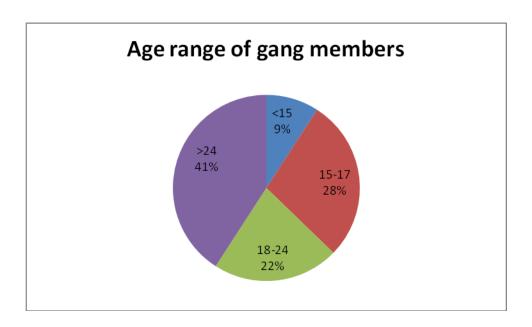


## Respondents' answers:

- A. 64% of Idaho gang members are male.
- B. 36% of Idaho gang members are female.

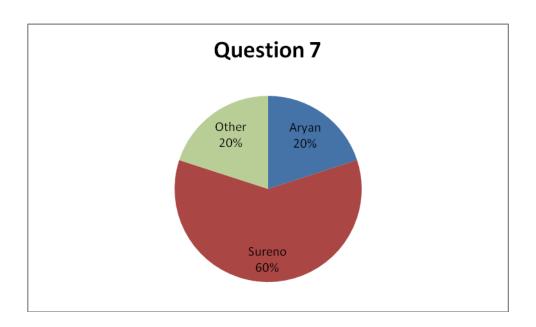
#### Additional information:

Note the difference in the number of women who are gang members in a correctional facility verses the much smaller number of women (11%) who are gang members as reported by the county sheriff and police departments.



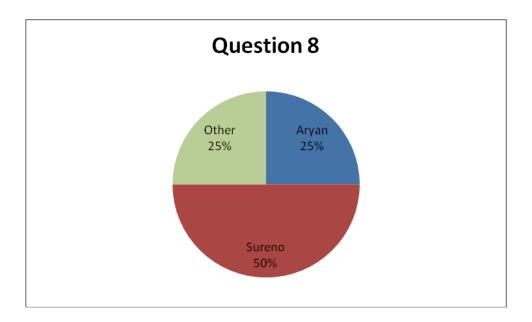
- A. 9% of Idaho gang members are younger than fifteen years old.
- B. 28% of Idaho gang members are between the ages of fifteen and seventeen.
- C. 22% of Idaho gang members are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four.
- D. 41% of Idaho gang members are older than twenty four.

#### Question 7 – Which gang is the most serious problem in your facility?



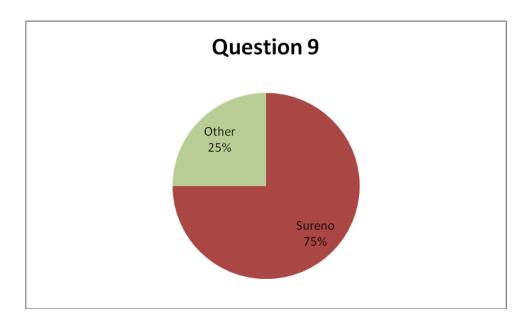
- A. 20% reported Aryan as the most serious problem in their facility.
- B. 60% reported Sureño as the most serious problem in their facility.
- C. 20% reported "other" as the most serious problem in their facility.

#### Question 8 – Which gang is most actively recruiting new members?



- A. 25% reported Aryan as most actively recruiting new members
- B. 50% reported Sureño as most actively recruiting new members.
- C. 25% reported "other" as most actively recruiting new members.

#### Question 9 – Which gang commits the most violent activity?



- A. 75% reported that Idaho Sureño gangs committed the most violent activity.
- B. 25% reported that Idaho "other" gangs committed the most violent activity.

### Question 10 -What portion of the following offenses were "gang related" in your facility during 2009?

	None (0%)	Few (1-25%)	Some (26-74%)	Most/All (75-100%
Murder	6	0	0	0
<b>Attempted Murder</b>	9	0	0	0
Simple Assault	3	1	1	1
Aggravated Battery	4	2	0	1
Simple Battery	3	1	1	1
Sexual Battery	5	0	0	0
Other Sex Offenses	5	0	0	0
Theft	5	2	0	0
Intimidation/Extortion	5	1	0	1
Drug Sales	5	1	0	0
Arson	5	0	0	0
Graffiti	2	1	1	2

#### Respondents' answers:

- A. 0% of murders in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- B. 0% of attempted murders in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- C. 50% of simple assaults in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009
- D. 43% of aggravated batteries in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- E. 50% of simple batteries in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- F. 0% of sexual batteries in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- G. 0% of other sex offenses in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- H. 29% of thefts in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- I. 28% of intimidation/extortion in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- J. 17% of drug sales in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- K. 0% of arson in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.
- L. 67% of graffiti in Idaho facilities were gang related during 2009.

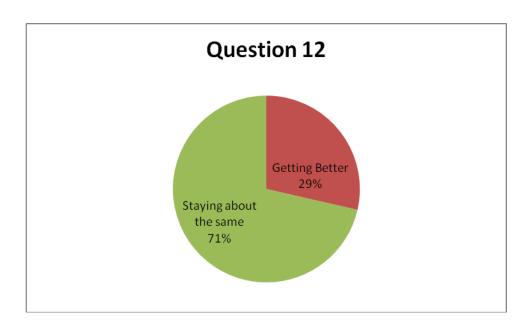
#### Additional information:

On average 24% of criminal activity inside Idaho facilities was gang related during 2009.

Question 11 – What percentage of the gangs reported in your facility use drug trafficking as their primary source of profit?

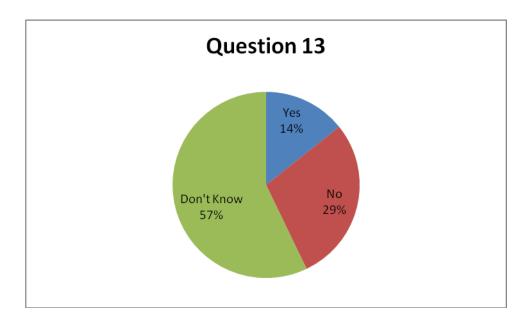
Respondents reported that an average of 90% of gangs within their facility use drug trafficking as their primary source of profit.

Question 12 - Are the gang problems in your facility: Getting better, Getting worse, Staying about the same?



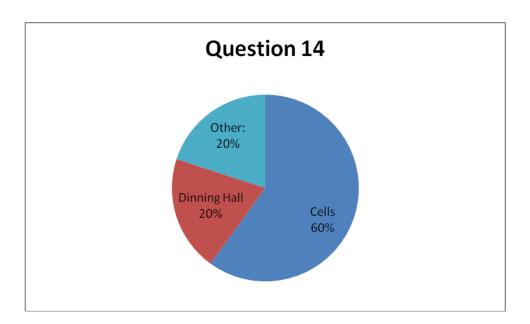
- A. 29% state gang problems within Idaho facilities were getting better during 2009.
- B. 71% state gang problems within Idaho facilities are staying about the same during 2009.

Question 13 – In the past two years have your local gang "sets" become affiliated with national "sets" OR drug cartels?



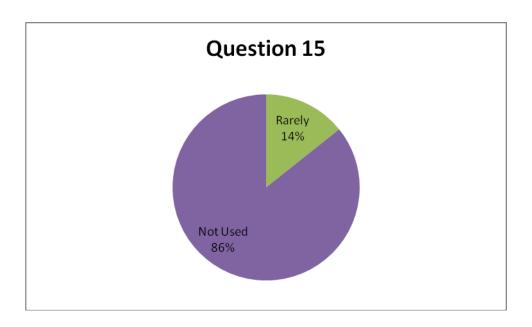
- A. 14% reported that local gangs had become affiliated with national gangs or drug cartels in the past two years.
- B. 29% reported that local gangs had not become affiliated with national gangs or drug cartels in the past two years.
- C. 57% reported that they did not know if gangs had become affiliated with national gangs or drug cartels in the past two years.

Question 14 – Where are criminal gang activities occurring within your facility? Cells, Dining Hall, Recreation Yard, Showers, Other.



- A. 60% of gang activities occurred in cells within correctional facilities during 2009.
- B. 20% of gang activities occurred in the dining hall within correctional facilities during 2009.
- C. 20% of gang activities occurred in areas other than those listed.

Question 15 – How often did street gang members use weapons in assault crimes in your facility?

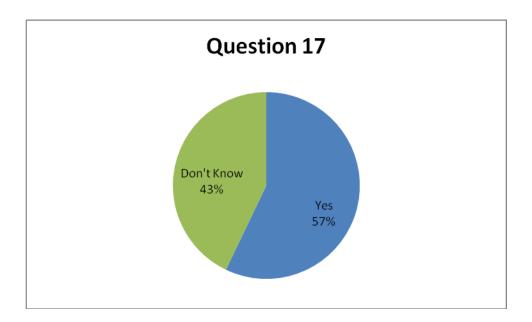


- A. 14% of gang members rarely used weapons in assault crimes in Idaho facilities during 2009.
- B. 86% of gang members did not use weapons in assault crimes in Idaho facilities during 2009.

Question 16 – What types of weapons were involved in crimes? Knives/Blades/Shanks, Razors, Blunt instruments, Other.

Respondents reported that Knives/Blades/Shanks was the only reported type of weapon involved in crimes committed in Idaho facilities.

Question 17 – Are gangs in your jurisdiction using technology to facilitate criminal activity (e.g. internet, websites, e-mail, cell phones, and computers)?



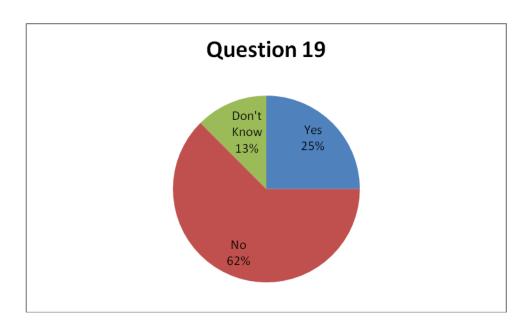
- A. 57% reported that gangs used technology to facilitate criminal activity in Idaho facilities during 2009.
- B. 43% reported not knowing if gangs used technology to facilitate criminal activity in Idaho facilities during 2009.

Question 18 – What is your facility's most significant problem with gangs and gang activity within your facility?

Respondents' answers:

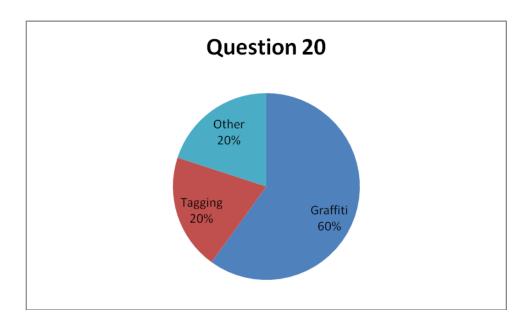
The most significant problems with gangs and gang activity within Idaho facilities was the promotion of the gang lifestyle and graffiti in cells.

Question 19 – During 2009, did your agency participate in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems as a major concern?



- A. 25% reported participating in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems during 2009.
- B. 62% reported not participating in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems during 2009.
- C. 13% reported not knowing if their facility participated in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems during 2009.

Question 20 – What emerging gang trends have you seen in your facility? Graffiti, Tagging, Open drug sales, Gang members in colors, Others.



- A. 60% reported graffiti as an emerging gang trend within Idaho facilities.
- B. 20% reported tagging as an emerging gang trend within Idaho facilities.
- C. 20% reported other gang trends than those listed as emerging gang trends within Idaho facilities.

Question 21 – What gang interdiction, intervention or suppression strategies have been the most effective in your facility? \*

(\* See glossary for definition of interdiction and intervention.)

#### Respondents' answers:

The most effective gang interdiction, intervention or suppression strategy was therapeutic atmosphere for rehabilitation that was more preferable to continued gang involvement. The second effective method is the use of a zero tolerance policy on gang related activity within facilities.

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**Appendix B: Law Enforcement Agency Contacted** 

Law Enforcement	Respond	led Back	Law Enforcement	Respond	ed Back
Agency	Yes	No	Agency	Yes	No
3-B JDC	Х		Camas County Sheriff	Χ	
5-C JDC	Х		Canyon County Sheriff	Х	
Aberdeen PD		Х	Caribou County Sheriff	Х	
ACJDC		Х	Cascade PD	Χ	
Ada County Sheriff's	Х		Cassia County Sheriff	Х	
Adams County Sheriff		Х	Chubbuck PD	Χ	
American Falls PD	X		Clark County Sheriff	Χ	
Ashton PD		Х	Clearwater County Sheriff	Х	
Bannock County Sheriff	Х		Coeur d'Alene PD		Х
Bear Lake County Sheriff	Х		Coeur d'Alene Tribal PD	Х	
Benewah County Sheriff	Х		Cottonwood PD	Х	
Bingham County Sheriff	Х		Custer County Sheriff	Х	
Blackfoot PD	Х		Elmore County Sheriff		Х
Blaine County Sheriff	Х		Emmett PD	Χ	
Boise County Sheriff	Х		Filer PD	Χ	
Boise PD	X		Fort Hall Tribal PD		Х
Bonner County Sheriff	Х		Franklin County Sheriff		Х
Bonners Ferry PD	х		Fremont County Sheriff	Х	
Bonneville County Sheriff	Х		Fruitland PD	Х	
Boundary County Sheriff	Х		Garden City PD	Х	
Buhl PD	Х		Gem County Sheriff		Х
Butte County Sheriff	Х		Georgetown PD	Х	
Caldwell PD	Х		Gooding County Sheriff	Χ	

Gooding PD	Х		Lemhi County Sheriff	Χ	
Grangeville PD	Χ		Lewis County Sheriff	Χ	
Hagerman PD		Х	Lewiston PD	Χ	
Hailey PD	Χ		Lincoln County Sheriff	Χ	
			Madison County		
Hayden Lake PD	Х		Sheriff	Х	
Heyburn PD	Х		McCall PD	Х	
Homedale PD		X	Meridian PD	Χ	
Horseshoe Bend PD	Χ		Mini-Cassia JDC		Х
Idaho City PD		X	Minidoka County Sheriff	Х	
Idaho County Sheriff	Х		Montpelier PD		Х
Idaho Falls PD	Х		Moscow PD	Х	
IMSI	Х		Mountain Home PD	Х	
Inkom PD		Х	Nampa PD	Х	
Iona PD	Х		Nez Perce County Sheriff	Х	
JCC		Х	Nez Perce Tribal PD	Х	
JCC-Lewiston		Х	Oneida County Sheriff	Х	
JCC-Nampa		Х	Orofino PD	Х	
JCC-St. Anthony		Х	Osburn PD		Х
Jefferson County Sheriff	Х		Owyhee County Sheriff	Х	
Jerome County Sheriff	Х		Parma PD		Х
Jerome PD		Х	Payette County Sheriff	Х	
Kamiah PD	Х		Payette PD	Х	
Kellogg PD	Х		Pinehurst PD		Х
Ketchum PD	Х		Plummer PD	Х	
Kimberly PD	Х		Pocatello PD		Х
Kootenai County Sheriff		х	Ponderay PD	Х	
Latah County Sheriff	Х		Post Falls PD		Х
LCDC	Х				

Power County Sheriff	Х		Soda Springs PD		Х
Preston PD		Х	Spirit Lake PD	Х	
Priest River PD	Χ		SRJDC		Х
PWCC			St. Anthony PD	Χ	
Rathdrum PD	Χ		St. Maries PD		Х
Region 1 JDC		Х	Stanley PD		Х
Region 2 JDC	Х		Sun Valley PD	Χ	
Region 3 JDC	Х		Teton County Sheriff	Х	
Rexburg PD		Х	Troy PD		Х
			Twin Falls County		
Rigby PD	Χ		Sheriff	Χ	
Rupert PD	Χ		Twin Falls PD		Х
Salmon PD	Х		Ucon PD	Χ	
Sandpoint PD	Χ		Valley County Sheriff	Χ	
Shelley PD		Х	VCJDC	Χ	
Shoshone County			Washington County		
Sheriff	Χ		Sheriff	Χ	
Shoshone PD	Χ		Weiser PD	-	Х
SIJDC	Х		Wendell PD	Х	
Soda Springs PD		Х	Wilder PD	-	Х

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**Appendix C: Glossary** 

**Taken from Idaho Statute Title 18 Chapter 85:** 

"Criminal gang" means an ongoing organization, association, or group of three (3) or more

persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name or common identifying sign or

symbol, whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of

criminal gang activity, having as one (1) of its primary activities the commission of one (1) or

more of the criminal acts enumerated in subsection (3) of this section.

"Criminal gang member" means any person who engages in a pattern of criminal gang activity

and who meets two (2) or more of the following criteria:

(a) Admits to gang membership;

(b) Is identified as a gang member;

(c) Resides in or frequents a particular gang's area and adopts its style of dress, its use of

hand signs, or its tattoos, and associates with known gang members;

(d) Has been arrested more than once in the company of identified gang members for

offenses that are consistent with usual gang activity;

(e) Is identified as a gang member by physical evidence such as photographs or other

documentation; or

(f) Has been stopped in the company of known gang members four (4) or more times.

"Pattern of criminal gang activity" means the commission, attempted commission, or

solicitation of two (2) offenses, provided that the offenses are committed on separate occasions

or by two (2) or more gang members:

**General definitions:** 

**Interdiction:** To forbid; prohibit.

**Intervention:** The act of intervening.

Set:

Gang, specifically a subsidiary gang. For example, East Side Locos is a set of the

Sureño Gang.

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**Tagging:** Markings, as initials, slogans, or drawings, written, spray-painted, or sketched on

a sidewalk, wall of a building or public restroom, or the like.

Unlike graffiti, tagging usually takes less time and skill as it is done in one color

with a single can of spray paint or thick marker.

**Graffiti:** The name for images or lettering scratched, scrawled, painted or marked in any

manner on property. Graffiti is any type of public markings that may appear in the

forms of simple written words to elaborate wall paintings

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### IDAHO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION 2010 IDAHO GANG SURVEY

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  criminal activity includes juvenile acts that if committed by an adult would be a
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- "Gang related" refers to any act where a known gang member was involved.



# Agency Information (Please print clearly)

Law Enforcement Agency Name		
Name of Jurisdiction(s) Served (city, to	own, or county)	
Mailing Address		
City	County	ZIP Code
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Title/Rank		_
Unit or Section		
Length of Time at Current Position:	Years	Months
Telephone		
Fax		
E-mail		
or county served by your agency	s defined in the Surve	vey Questions ey Instructions) active in the city, town,
☐ Yes		
□ No		
🗖 Do not know		
If you answered "No" to Questio mail, fax or Email. If you answered "Yes" to Questi	-	he survey. Please return the form by

2.	Does your department or agency have a system in place for tracking gang-related crimes?
	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
	a. If <b>YES</b> , is the system computerized?
	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
	b. Is it mandatory that officers contribute to the system?
	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
	c. What percentage of officers do you estimate contribute to the system?%
3.	Does your agency/facility have the following?
	a. Youth/Street Gang Unit or Officer(s)
	b. Gang Prevention Unit or Officers(s)
	c. Both Types
	d. One Combined Type
	e. None
4.	Has the number of officers in your gang unit increased or decreased over the past two years?
	a. Increased
	b. Decreased
	c. Remained the same
	d. Don't Know
5.	How many gangs were active in your jurisdiction/facility during 2009?
	Number of gangs Do not know

6. Which gangs/sets are present in your jurisdiction? Check the appropriate gang and enter in the set name if known. If you have a particular gang in your area not mentioned, please put the name of the gang and set, in the "set name" area.

For each gang named, please answer the following:									
Set Name How many members		Who are the members affiliated with? (Check all that apply)	What is the (%) of male & female members?	Approximately what percentage (%) of this gang's members fall into the following age categories:					
	are in the gang?	A=Aryan, S=Sureno, N=Norteno, C=Crip, B=Blood, F=Folk Nation, P=People Nation, M=Motorcycle Gang, O=Other	% Male % Female	<15 15-17 18-24 >24		?			
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For each gang named, please answer the following:								
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Additional sheets are available if needed. Please be sure that the number of gangs named above corresponds to the answer to Question 5 regarding the number of gangs.

Which gang commits the most violent activity?						
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Simple Assault						
Aggravated Battery						
Simple Battery						
Robbery						
Burglary/B&E						
Motor Vehicle Theft						
Larceny/Theft						
Drug Sales						
Gun Crimes						
Prostitution						
Identity Theft						
Graffiti						

12. Are the gang problems in your community	<b>7:</b>
a. Getting worse	
b. Getting better	
c. Staying about the same	
13. In the past two years have your local gang gangs OR drug cartels? i.e., Southside 13 – (local gang) become Colo	
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know	
If <b>YES</b> , please give examples.	
Local Gang	National Gang
14. During 2009, were there gang-related incides schools in your jurisdiction?	dents within, or on the grounds of the
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know	
If <b>YES</b> , approximately how many inc	idents occurred?
15. Where is gang activity occurring in your jour of frequency of occurrence)	urisdiction? (Please rank 1, 2, 3 in order
Residences	Parking Lots
Businesses Schools	Government Buildings Highways
Parks/playgrounds  Motor Vehicles	Other: (explain)
Wiotor venicles	

16. How often of jurisdiction			members	use firea	rms in a commis	ssion of crime in your			
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C	<sup>□</sup>	Other government entity (federal or state social service agency, federal or state legislature, city or county government, etc.)							
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18. What gang	trends have you seen in your community?
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If ye	es, Please elaborate

This completes the survey. Thank you for your participation. Please return the completed survey form by mail, fax, or Email to:

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Law Enforcement A	Agency Name			
Name of Jurisdictio	n(s) Served (city, to	wn, or county)		
Mailing Address				
City	County		ZIP Code	
First Name	Name MI		Last Name	
Title/Rank				
<b>Unit or Section</b>				
Length of Time at C	Current Position:	Years	Months	
Telephone				
Fax				
E-mail				

### **2009 Idaho Gang Survey Questions**

1. During 2009, were any gangs (as defined in the Survey Instructions) active in your facility? (Please put an X in corresponding box)

Yes
No
Don't Know

2. Which of the following best describes your correctional faci	2.
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County Jail	Minimum Custody
Juvenile Detention Facility	Medium Custody
Work Camp	Maximum Custody
Other: (please describe)	

3.	<b>Does your</b>	facility	primarily	house?	(please	select all	that appl	ly)
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Male
Female
Both

4. Does your department or agency have a system in place for tracking gang-related (member-based) and/or gang-motivated (motive-based) crimes? (Please put an X in corresponding box)

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	Yes	No	Don't Know

d. If **YES**, is the system computerized?

Yes	No	Don't Know

e. Is it mandatory that officers contribute to the system?

f. What percentage of officers do you estimate contribute to the system?

5. How many gangs were active in your facility during 2009?

Number of gangs \_\_\_\_\_ Do not know

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6. Which gangs/sets are present in your facility? Check the appropriate gang and enter in the set name if known. If you have a particular gang in your area not mentioned, please put the name of the gang and set, in the "set name" area.

	members Who are the members affiliated with? male to a great in the (Please insert the gang name) members			female							
	gang:	Aryan, Sureño, Norteño, Crip, Blood, Folk Nation, People Nation, Motorcycle Gang, Other	% Male % Female		<15	15-17	18-24	>24 ?			

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		For each gang named, please answer the	following:						
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	are in the gang?	Aryan, Sureño, Norteño, Crip, Blood, Folk Nation, People Nation, Motorcycle Gang, Other	% Male % Female		<15	15-17	18-24	>24	?

Additional sheets are available if needed. Please be sure that the number of gangs named above corresponds to the answer to Question 5 regarding the number of gangs.

7. Which gang is the most serious problem in your facility? \_\_\_\_\_

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	None (0%)	Few (1-25%)	Some (26-74%)	Most/All (75-100%)
Murder				
Attempted Murder				
Simple Assault				
Aggravated Battery				
Simple Battery				
Sexual Battery				
Other Sex Offenses				
Theft				
Intimidation/Extortion				
Drug Sales				
Arson				
Graffiti				
Other:				
Other:				

12. Are the gang problems in your facility: (Please put an X in corresponding bo	<b>12.</b>	Are the	gang pi	roblems in	your facility	(Please put an )	( in corresponding bo	x)
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Getting worse
Getting better
Staying about the same

### 13. In the past two years have your local gang "sets" become affiliated with national "sets" OR drug cartels?

i.e., Southside 13 – (local gang) become Colonia Mexican Mafia – (national gang)
(Please put an X in corresponding box)

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Yes	No		Don't Know

If **YES**, please give examples.

Local Gang	National Gang

#### 14. Where are criminal gang activities occurring within your facility?

(Please rank 1,2,3...in order of frequency of occurrence)

Cells	
Dining Hall	
Recreation Yard	
Showers	
Other: (please spe	cify):

	en did street gang ut an X in correspond	_	se weapo	ns in assault crim	es in your facility?
Often	Sometimes	Ra	arely	Not Used	Don't Know
16. What ty	pes of weapons v Knives/Blades/Sł		l in crimes	s? (please check a	all that apply)
	Razors	Idilks			
	Blunt instrument	S			
	Other (please ide	ntify):			
	gs in your jurisdic , websites, e-mai	l, cell phones	, and com		nal activity (e.g.
	Yes	No	D	on't Know	
l	f yes, Please elabo	orate <u>:</u>			
18. What is		st significant	problem	with gangs and g	ang activity within

### 19. During 2009, did your agency participate in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gang problems as a major concern?

(Please put an X in corresponding box)

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Yes	No	Don't Know	

If you answered **YES** to **19**, which of the entities listed below were included? (Please check all that apply)

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Other police or sheriff's department
Other criminal justice agency (federal or state law enforcement, court, prosecution, public defense, probation, parole, corrections, juvenile justice, etc.
Other government entity (federal or state social service agency, federal or state legislature, city or county government, etc.)
Religious institution (church, synagogue, mosque, etc.)
Community-based/citizen group
Private corporation
Other (please identify)

20. What emerging gang trends have you seen in your facility?

(Please put an X in corresponding box)

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Graffiti
Tagging
Open drug sales
Gang members in colors
Others (please specify)

21.	hat gang interdiction, intervention or suppression strategies have been the mo	st
	fective in your facility?	

#### This completes the survey.

Thank you for your participation.

Please return the completed survey form by mail, fax, or Email to:

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