

Conducted for the

New Orleans Crime Coalition

Annual Survey 2026, Part II
Civic Priorities and Policymakers

Survey information

- Survey was conducted for the New Orleans Crime. Coalition on January 26-31, 2026 under the direction of Ronald A. Faucheux, Ph.D., CEO of Faucheux Strategies, LLC.
- Survey based on a representative sample of completed interviews with 800 adults (18 and older) in the City of New Orleans.
- Interviews conducted by live, professionally trained telephone interviewers via cell phones (84%) and landlines (16%).
- Margin of error for full sample: +/- 3.46%.
- Survey scheduling: Recent NOCC surveys have been conducted in late May and/or early June of each year. the last survey's survey was conducted in May-June 2025. This year's 2026 survey was timed to provide a baseline on the new city administration, which took office January 12, 2026.
- Because of rounding, some of the data columns do not add up to 100%.
- Racial composition of sample: 56% African American, 36% white, 8% other. Sample targets and weights were based on census data.

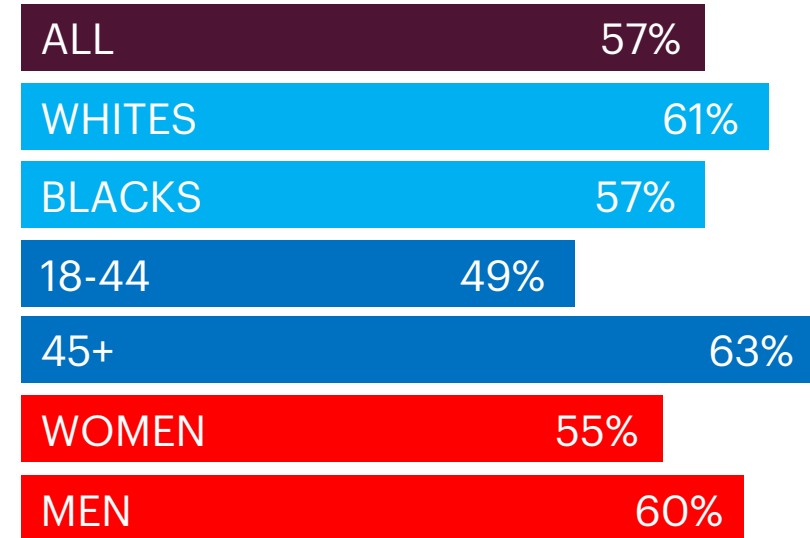
City of New Orleans: Right direction or wrong track?

QUESTION: Overall, do you think the city of New Orleans is moving in the right direction, or do you think it's off on the wrong track?

Right direction 57%
Wrong track 27%

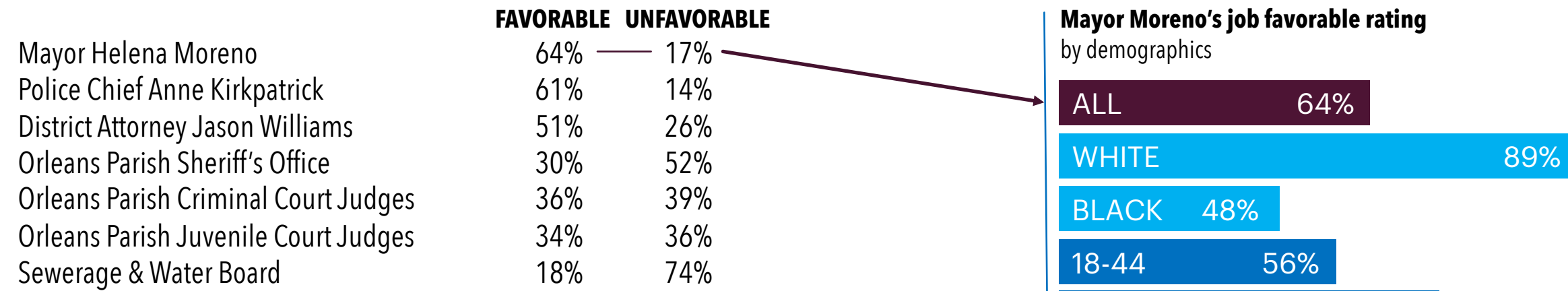
- These results show a dramatic turnaround: a 29-point improvement. In the June 2025 survey, it was 28% right direction and 65% wrong track.
- All demographic groups share more positive perceptions.
- Compared to the last survey, among those saying "right direction," Black residents went up 25 points, White residents went up 42 points, younger residents went up 28 points, older residents went up 30 points, women went up 30 points and men went up 26 points.
- It should be noted that, among residents of other races, it's currently 39% right direction and 34% wrong track.

Those who say New Orleans is **moving in the right direction** by demographics



Favorability ratings

QUESTION: Of the following public officials and organizations in the City of New Orleans, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job they're doing—if you haven't heard of them, just say so....



- Mayor **Moreno** starts her mayoral tenure with very strong popularity ratings—they're net positive by 47 points. Among Black residents, her rating is 48% favorable/23% unfavorable. Among Whites, it's 89% favorable/7% unfavorable. In the October election, she received 55% of the vote.
- Chief **Kirkpatrick's** favorable rating is also high, at 61%—second only to Moreno. She has the lowest negative rating, at 14%. Kirkpatrick's favorable rating is 60% among Whites and 62% among Blacks.
- DA **Williams'** favorable rating is 51%. His favorable rating is 47% among Whites and 53% among Blacks.
- The **Sheriff's Office** is 30%/52%. Even though incumbent Sheriff Susan Hutson lost reelection in October, she is still in office. The winner of the election, Michelle Woodfork, will take office on May 4.
- **Criminal Court Judges** and **Juvenile Court Judges** are slightly net negative
- The **Sewerage & Water Board's** rating remains the worst, at 18%/74%, which is 56 points net negative.

New Orleans: Most important issues

QUESTION: Which ONE of the following is the **most important** issue facing New Orleans... [ROTATE] crime and public safety, street repair and maintenance, drainage and flooding, lack of low-income housing, climate change or homelessness?

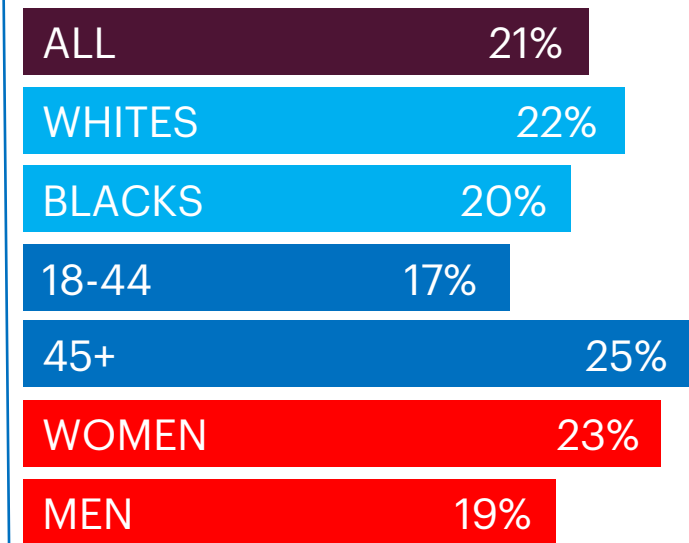
FOLLOW-UP: Which is the **second most important**?

	Most important	Second most important	Total*
Street repair and maintenance	18%	27%	45%
Drainage and flooding	15%	21%	36%
Crime and public safety	21%	13%	34%
Lack of low-income housing	13%	16%	29%
Homelessness	12%	16%	28%
Climate change	6%	6%	12%
All of them (volunteered)	12%	1%	13%
None of them (volunteered)	2%	-	2%

There is little difference on this question from the June 2025 survey results. In the last survey, the totals were 46% for crime, 37% for streets, 30% for drainage, 33% for lack of low-income housing, 23% for homelessness, 13% for climate change

* = combined "most important" and "second most important" choices

Those who say **crime and public safety** is the **most important** issue by demographics



New Orleans: Local flood protection authorities

As you may know, after Hurricane Katrina, the old Levee Boards were replaced by new regional flood protection authorities that oversee levee repair and maintenance and hurricane protection in Orleans Parish....

QUESTION: How important is it that local flood protection authorities are **run by independent experts without political interference**—extremely important, very important, fairly important or not important?

Extremely important	60%
Very important	25%
Fairly important	6%
Not important	8%

85% say "extremely" or "very" important

QUESTION: How important is it that flood authorities **focus only on levees and hurricane protection, and nothing else**—would you say it's extremely important, very important, fairly important or not important?

Extremely important	37%
Very important	32%
Fairly important	18%
Not important	11%

69% say "extremely" or "very" important

- 85% of city residents think it's either "extremely" or "very" important that local flood protection authorities are run by independent experts without political interference; 81% of Black residents and 90% of White residents agree.
- 69% of city residents think it's either "extremely" or "very" important that local flood protection authorities focus only on levees and hurricane protection, and nothing else; 70% of Black residents and 64% of White residents agree.

