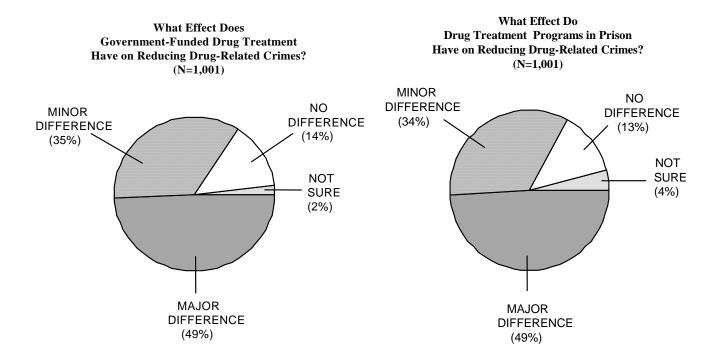


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Public Believes Drug Treatment In and Out of Prison Will Reduce Drug-Related Crimes

A recent national telephone survey of household residents aged 18 and over asked about the effectiveness of drug treatment in combatting drug-related crime. Opinions on providing government-funded drug treatment for everyone who seeks it and on providing drug treatment programs in prison were almost identical: The majority of people believed that both forms of treatment will make a difference in reducing drug-related crimes. It appears that most people believe that drug treatment programs for every person in need will make a difference in reducing drug-related crimes.



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Peter D. Hart Research Associates' telephone survey of 1,001 U.S. residents, February 2-3, 1994. Conducted for Drug Strategies, Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Caroline Polk of Drug Strategies at (202) 663-6090.