

RALEIGH, WE ASKED. YOU ANSWERED.

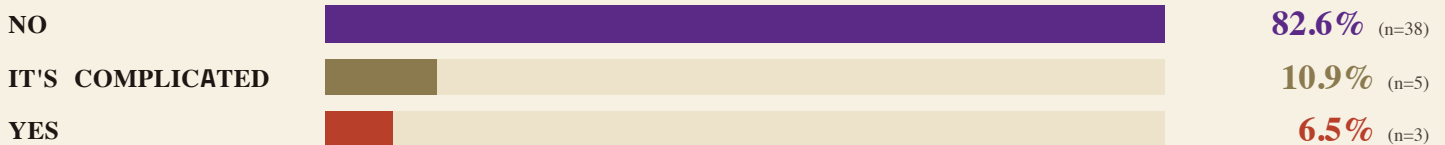
What Raleigh residents are telling us about youth safety and the proposed teen curfew.

46 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

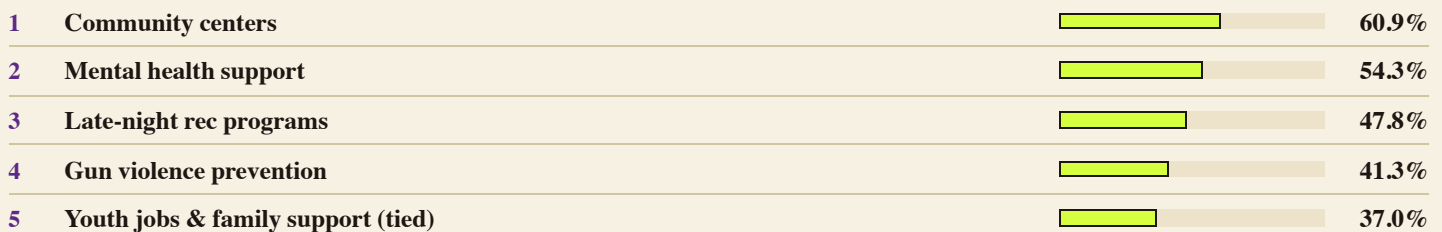
Survey results collected through YAP! (Young Americans Protest). Results reflect respondents to our community survey and are not a scientific poll of all Raleigh residents.

MAIN RESULT

DO YOU SUPPORT A TEEN CURFEW IN RALEIGH?



WHAT SHOULD RALEIGH INVEST IN?



Respondents could select up to five options — percentages are share of all 46 respondents, not share of total picks.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“Putting in a curfew is lazy and only proves incompetence.”
— Survey respondent, age 58, works full-time · opposes curfew

“I understand why it’s safer for the youth to be home... However, this should be the decision of the parents, not the state.”
— Survey respondent, age 28 · “it’s complicated”

“Treat youth as the city’s greatest asset and invest in... education, skill development, job opportunities.”
— Survey respondent, age 50, parent/caregiver · opposes curfew

“I enjoy spending time outside with my friends... I don’t think we all should be punished based off one incident.”
— Survey respondent, age 18 · opposes curfew

“More Gun Safety and Risk Education programs in schools... more mental health counselors and social workers.”
— Survey respondent, age 22 · opposes curfew

“Teens shouldn’t be out and about late at night — it’s dangerous, and getting more dangerous every day...”
— Survey respondent, age 22 · supports curfew

☆ Just 1 in 4 respondents (26.1%) say they already knew about *most* of Raleigh’s existing youth resources — more than half only knew about some.

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THE SURVEY

WHAT IF RALEIGH BUILT SAFETY?

The choice isn't "curfew or do nothing." Communities are building youth safety through opportunity, connection, targeted intervention, and youth power.



A YOUTH SAFETY AGENDA FOR RALEIGH

OPEN Open more places for young people to belong.

Iceland's Planet Youth model invests in protective factors for *every* teen — family time, school belonging, organized activities — not just those already in trouble.

RALEIGH IDEA — A **Raleigh Youth Access Pass**: free or low-cost rec, arts, sports, and teen spaces with evening hours, paired with regular youth surveys so investment follows what young people actually say they need.

CONNECT Put trusted adults where young people already are.

Glasgow's Street Guardians put trained, unarmed community adults — not police — in the city center on weekend nights to de-escalate and connect young people to help.

RALEIGH IDEA — Pilot **Raleigh Night Guides**: youth workers and community mentors in the places teens already gather on Friday/Saturday nights. Not a new patrol — a new kind of adult on the block.

RESPOND Make help easier to reach than punishment.

Bogotá's Parche Seguro gives young people one coordinated path to mental health care, family support, and crisis response — instead of routing every concern through police.

RALEIGH IDEA — A **Youth Safety Response Network**: one number connecting young people and families to mental health, family support, transportation, and violence intervention — before it becomes a police matter.

FOCUS Focus intensive resources where risk is highest.

Richmond, California's Peacemaker Fellowship pairs those at highest risk of gun violence with mentorship, therapy, and paid opportunity. A 2026 study found a 61% drop in firearm violence over 14 years — researchers caution results vary by program and city.

RALEIGH IDEA — Instead of restricting every teen's movement, identify who and where is at highest risk of gun violence, and offer intensive mediation, mentorship, and jobs.

LISTEN + FUND Don't just listen to young people. Give them power.

RALEIGH IDEA — Create a **Raleigh Youth Safety Assembly**: young people, especially from communities most affected by violence, given real city data, direct access to Council, and dollars to fund their own recommendations.

THE QUESTION ISN'T: CURFEW OR DO NOTHING.

Raleigh can build safety by giving young people places to belong, trusted adults nearby, help before punishment, resources where risk is highest, and power over the decisions that affect them.

RALEIGH CAN BUILD SAFETY WITHOUT CRIMINALIZING YOUTH.

OUR ASK TO RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL

- 1 Vote NO on a citywide teen curfew.
- 2 Convene young people and parents from the communities most affected by violence.
- 3 Examine when, where, and why youth-involved violence is actually occurring.
- 4 Develop and fund a Raleigh Youth Safety Agenda focused on evidence-based prevention, opportunity, and targeted intervention.

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