

# WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES



## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND JUSTICE SURVEY — 2026

The Justice Programs Department is asking for your voice. Your answers will shape the Tribe's future, including decisions about a Women's Shelter, a Children's Shelter, Elder protection, a Family Drug Court, Crime Prevention, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and Tribal Law Enforcement. The survey takes about 10 minutes.

*Your responses are anonymous and confidential. Do not write your name. Participation is voluntary, and you may skip any question. Some questions ask about experiences with crime; answer only what you are comfortable sharing. Completed surveys may be returned to Wichita Administration Building and or/volunteer providing the survey form.*

## **Section A: About You**

### **A.1 - Are you enrolled citizen of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes?**

Yes

No - enrolled with another tribal nation

No - not tribally enrolled

### **A.2 What is your age group?**

17 or younger

18-24

25-44

45-64

65 or older

### **A.3 Where do you live?**

Anadarko

Gracemont

Carnegie

Elsewhere in Caddo County

Oklahoma City

Lawton

Elsewhere in Oklahoma

Outside of Oklahoma

### **A.4 Do you have children under 18 in your household?**

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

## **Section B: Community Safety**

### **B.1 Overall, how safe do you feel in your community?**

Very safe

Somewhat safe

Neutral

Somewhat unsafe

Very unsafe

### **B2. How safe do you feel your children and the youth of the community are?**

Very safe

Somewhat safe

Neutral

Somewhat unsafe

Very unsafe

**B3. How safe do you feel the Elders of the community are, including from financial scams and exploitation?**

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Neutral
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe

**B4. In the past year, have you or someone close to you been the victim of a crime?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**If yes, was the crime reported to any law enforcement?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say

**If not reported, why not? (Mark all that apply)**

- Did not trust the police
- Feared retaliation
- Did not think anything would be done
- Did not know who had jurisdiction / who to call
- Wanted to keep it private
- Other:
- Not applicable

### **Section C: Trust and Experience with Current Services**

**C1. How much do you trust the following to treat Wichita citizens fairly?**

**(Mark one per row: A great deal / Somewhat / Very little / Not at all / No experience)**

**Anadarko Police Department:**

- A great deal
- Somewhat
- Very little
- Not at all
- No experience

**Caddo County Sheriff:**

- A great deal
- Somewhat
- Very little
- Not at all
- No experience

**BIA Law Enforcement:**

A great deal  
Somewhat  
Very little  
Not at all  
No experience

**State Courts:**

A great deal  
Somewhat  
Very little  
Not at all  
No experience

**CFR / Tribal Court:**

A great deal  
Somewhat  
Very little  
Not at all  
No experience

**C2. When someone in our community needs help from police today, how well does the current response work?**

Very well  
Somewhat well  
Poorly  
Very poorly  
Depends on which agency responds  
No opinion

**C3. Which of the Tribe's Justice Programs have you or your family used or heard of?**

**(Mark all that apply)**

Reintegration Program - used  
Reintegration Program - heard of only  
Transitional Housing - used  
Transitional Housing - heard of only  
Victims of Abuse Services - used  
Victims of Abuse Services - heard of only  
Juvenile Justice - used  
Juvenile Justice - heard of only  
None of these

**C4. If you or your family used any of these programs, how was the experiences?**

**Section D: Community Priorities**

**D1. What are the most serious public safety issues facing our community?**

**(Mark your top THREE)**

Drug and alcohol abuse (including fentanyl and meth)

Domestic and family violence

Child abuse and neglect

Elder abuse and financial exploitation

Missing and murdered Indigenous people (MMIP)

Youth crime and gang activity

Property crime and theft

Lack of police presence or slow response

People returning from prison without support

Suicide and mental health crisis

Other:

**D2. The Tribe is planning seven new initiatives. For each, how important is it to you?**

**(Very important / Somewhat / Not important)**

**Women's Shelter**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**Children's Shelter**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**Elder Protection Program**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**Crime Prevention & MMIP response**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**Family Drug Court / Healing to Wellness Court**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**Wichita Tribal Police Task Force**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court**

Very important

Somewhat

Not important

**D3. If the Tribe operated its own police force -- officers who answer to the Wichita people -- how would that change your willingness to call for help?**

Much more willing to call

Somewhat more willing

No change

Less willing

Not sure

**D4. If the Tribe opened its own shelters and wellness court, would you or someone you know be likely to use them?**

Yes, definitely

Probably

Not sure

Probably not

**D5. What would make tribal justice services feel safe, welcoming, and Wichita to you?**

**(For example: language, ceremony, Elders involved, confidentiality)**

## **Section E: In Your Own Words**

**E1. If you could tell the Wichita Executive Committee one thing about safety and justice in our community, what would it be?**

**E2. What is one strength of our community that the justice system should build on?**

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*Thank you for lending your voice to this work. If any part of this survey brought up difficult experiences, help is available: the Tribe's Victims of Abuse Program and Behavioral Health services can be reached through the tribal offices, the Strong Hearts Native Helpline is available at 1-844-762-8483 (call or text), and the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available by call or text at 988.*