

Survey Results: Prison

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These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

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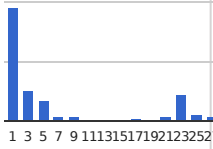
Total Participants

103 of 222 initially invited (46%)
2 others
Margin of error: ± 10%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Participants for filter:
85

Response Time (hours)



Started:
Apr 25, 2023 11:10am PDT

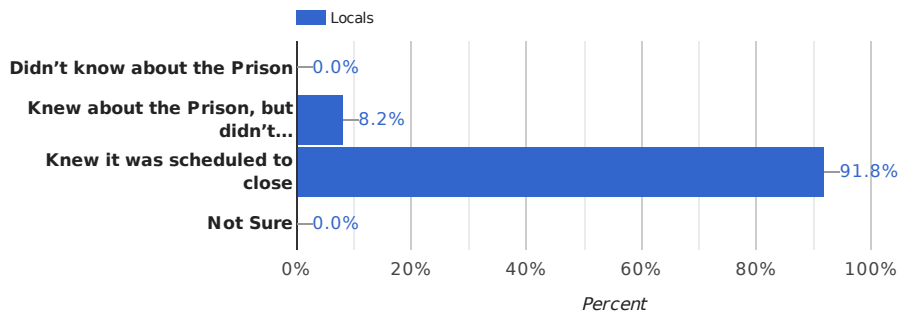
Ended:
Apr 27, 2023 11:07am PDT

Target Participants:
All Blythe

Q1 Chuckawalla Valley State Prison opened in Blythe in 1988 and currently employs 852 people. On December 6, 2022 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation announced that Chuckawalla Prison was scheduled to close in March 2025.

Prior to reading this, which best describes what you knew about the Chuckawalla Prison?
(85 responses by)

Options	Locals (85)
Didn't know about the Prison	0.0% (0)
Knew about the Prison, but didn't know it was scheduled to close in 2025	8.2% (7)
Knew it was scheduled to close	91.8% (78)
Not Sure	0.0% (0)

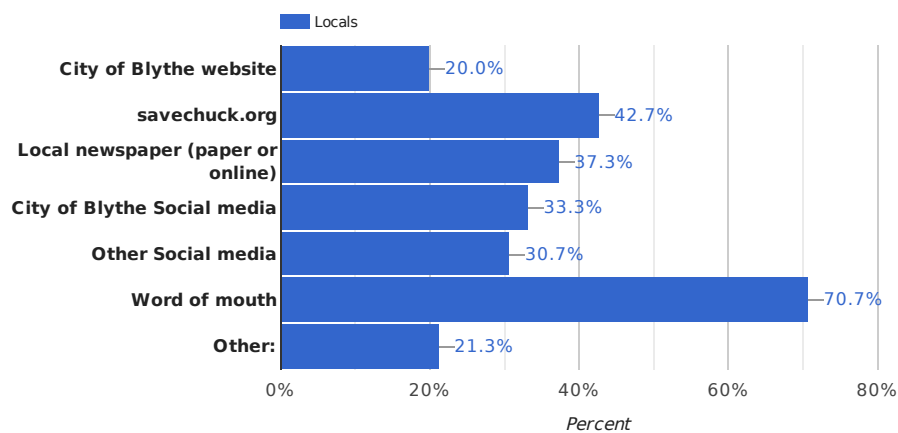


Q2 Which of the following have you used to learn about the Prison closing? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(75 responses by)

Options	Locals (75)
City of Blythe website	20.0% (15)
savechuck.org	42.7% (32)
Local newspaper (paper or online)	37.3% (28)
City of Blythe Social media	33.3% (25)
Other Social media	30.7% (23)

Options	Locals (75)
Word of mouth	70.7% (53)
Other:	21.3% (16)



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 sites **employee** website https
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 news **work** council local
 ironwood **cdcr** **state** daughter
 fiancé employed husband member 1000
 relatives cchcs_lifeline sharepoint supervisor town

- Council member
- Friends
- Husband & friends employed there
- I am a CDCR employee
- I work there
- I work there
- I work there
- KJMB
- My daughter works there.
- My fiancé is an employee at Chuckawalla State Prison
- News orgs
- SEIU Local 1000 and State of California

State Employee

employee

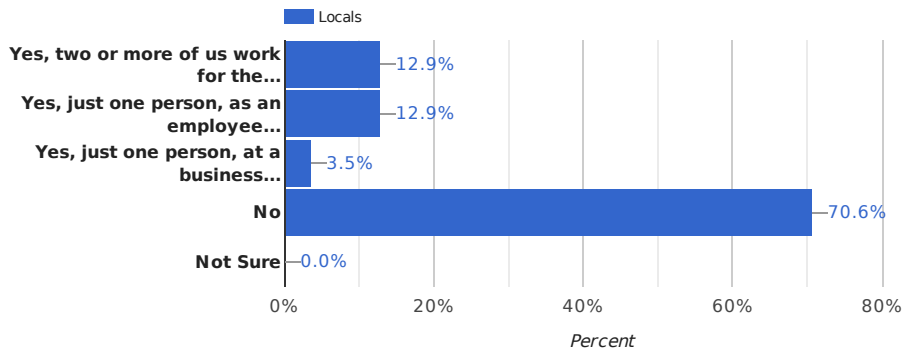
supervisor

the website for employees: https://cdcr.sharepoint.com/sites/cchcs_lifeline

Q3 Do you or anyone in your household work for Chuckawalla Prison or for a business that serves the prison?

(85 responses by)

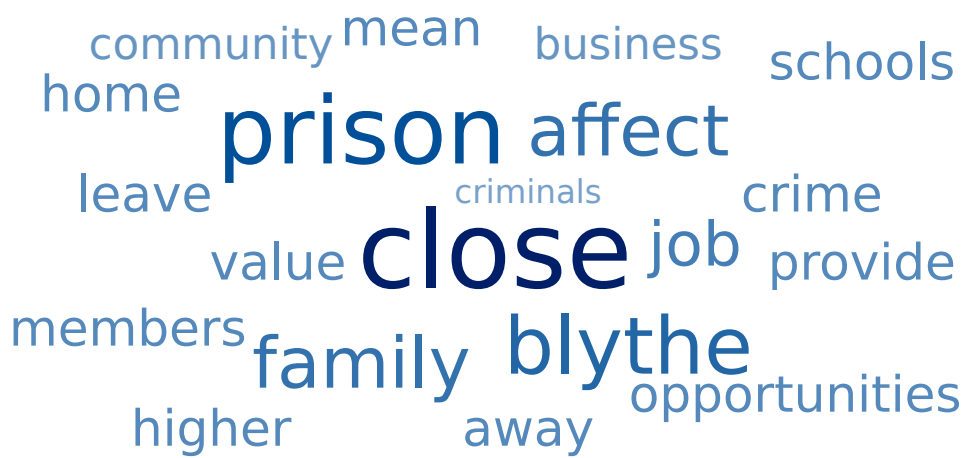
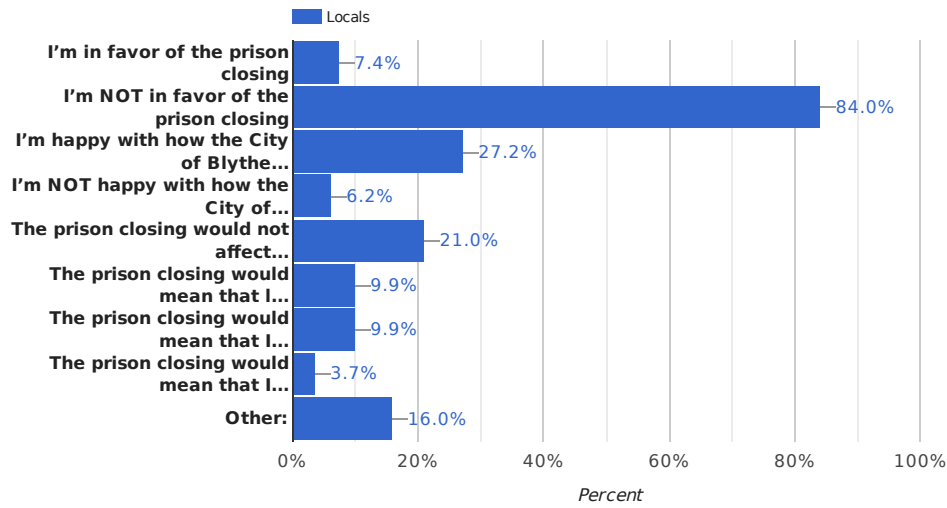
Options	Locals (85)
Yes, two or more of us work for the Prison and/or a business that serves the Prison	12.9% (11)
Yes, just one person, as an employee of the Prison	12.9% (11)
Yes, just one person, at a business that serves the Prison	3.5% (3)
No	70.6% (60)
Not Sure	0.0% (0)



Q4 Which of the following are TRUE for you, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(81 responses by)

Options	Locals (81)
I'm in favor of the prison closing	7.4% (6)
I'm NOT in favor of the prison closing	84.0% (68)
I'm happy with how the City of Blythe is handling the potential closure of the prison	27.2% (22)
I'm NOT happy with how the City of Blythe is handling the potential closure of the prison	6.2% (5)
The prison closing would not affect me or my household that much	21.0% (17)
The prison closing would mean that I have to find another job	9.9% (8)
The prison closing would mean that I have to move	9.9% (8)
The prison closing would mean that I have to lay off employees or close my business	3.7% (3)
Other:	16.0% (13)



I'm worried about property value declining as Blythe has less employment opportunities available.

If the prison closes, my fiancé would have to find another job to support our family.

The Higher Education the District provides for Inmates will have to stop hurting student enrollment

The hospital that serves Blythe and the region will be harmed.

The prison closing would affect members of my family and friends as well as the community at large.

The prison closing would affect our schools and our current jobs

The prison closing would mean many unemployed or low income households would leave reduce crime.

The value of my home would drop. Businesses will close. Blythe will suffer.

This is a political move by the Governor. Closing the prison will affect families and our community

This wouldn't directly affect me but it would directly affect family members of mine

Will effect my business

closing may result in relocating, selling home, new job, kids changing schools and college.

devastation of Blythe into the annals of a use to be city

Any other comments or suggestions about the scheduled closure of Chuckawalla Prison?

Q5

(29 responses by)



Apparently before the prison was opened the city used to thrive. I am willing to see it close to see if the city would be brought back to life again.

California should not be closing prisons.

Close Norco prison

Close a prison like Chino where high property values won't suffer as much!

I am not in favor of the prison closing

I believe closing is a bad choice. This will hurt our city and many families. I think all the money put into the remodel of the prison would be a waste.

I have nothing to do with the Prison. But I'm afraid our little town would go too.....

I just bought my first home here the house is perfect.The closure scares me because I know it will effect my city

I think it will have a huge fiscal impact on the city of Blythe. The dying town will probably die

I was involved with the fight to get the prison in Blythe! Closing it doesn't make ANY sense.

I was part of a group that worked very hard to get this prison. It brought life back to Blythe. Now we must work even harder to sustain that life. The Governor should be ashamed of what he is doing to a community that gave nothing but support when it was needed.

I was persuaded by the presentation at the recent Pala Vista college event that Chuckawalla should stay open and a similar institution in the Inland Empire should be shut down. Good presentation.

It should never happen. Blythe needs to build up and losing Chuck will definitely have a negative effect on the city. Blythe already feels like a ghost town with people.

It's completely unprecedented. No REAL facts have been communicated to us! Like a sucker punch to the City gut. The pros definitely do not outweigh the cons. The Chamber of Commerce and many other community members are working hard to help rebirth Blythe - as volunteers. Our blood, sweat and tears regarding these projects will be for nothing. All of the progress we have made will be thwarted. Blythe is finally able to come up for air and be in the positive. That will be ruined and completely set us back if CVSP were to close. The HUMAN FACTOR was not even considered!

Its going to effect this town horribly

Many Blythe residents employed by CVSP that want to stay are able to move to ISP (for the most part). Reducing the population of families in Blythe that are relatives of prisoners would improve the community as many are under employed, homeless, or in need of services Blythe cannot offer. They are better off elsewhere so they are able to have public services available to them for support, travel, and housing.

Our community and most businesses will experience a drastic financial impact if the prison closes. Especially businesses that provide much needed services to our community, that includes our hospital and college.

Please keep fighting to keep it open. Savechuck.org lays out convincingly why it should stay open and how it's closure would negatively impact our community.

Someone needs to schedule an appointment with Newsome to find out why! Instead of writing to him with no answer.

Thank you for these surveys.

The Norco prison should be closed instead we need the jobs in our town

The city council is working diligently to keep the prison open.

The closure to Chuckawalla closing is absolutely catastrophic to our town and community members.

The prison closure would be devastating to our family, neighbors, friends and the entire city of Blythe

We need jobs in blythe and this is terrible idea

Well I think that before we close a prison full of prisoners with a release date, California should execute all the lifers and death row inmates first. If doesn't solve their fiscal problems then move on to the lesser crime prisons.

i am a state of California employee. prior to news of the prisons closing i was looking at transferring to one of the prisons from my position in the Indio area. upon hearing is it's closing i decided i didn't want to risk the transfer as it could take opportunity from someone else that will be affected by the prison closure

if it closes use it for a rehilibating "boarding" mental health and homeless facility

We will loose more residents and likely more businesses.