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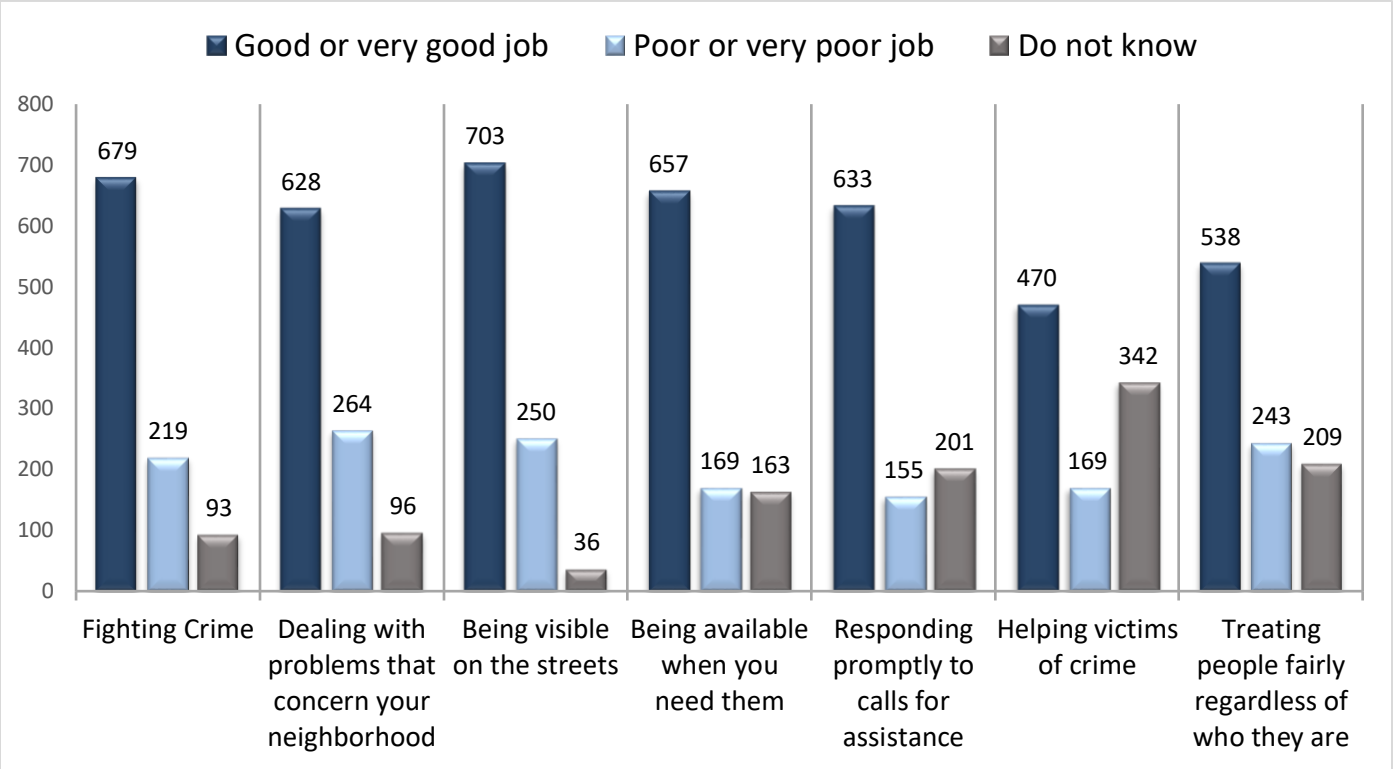
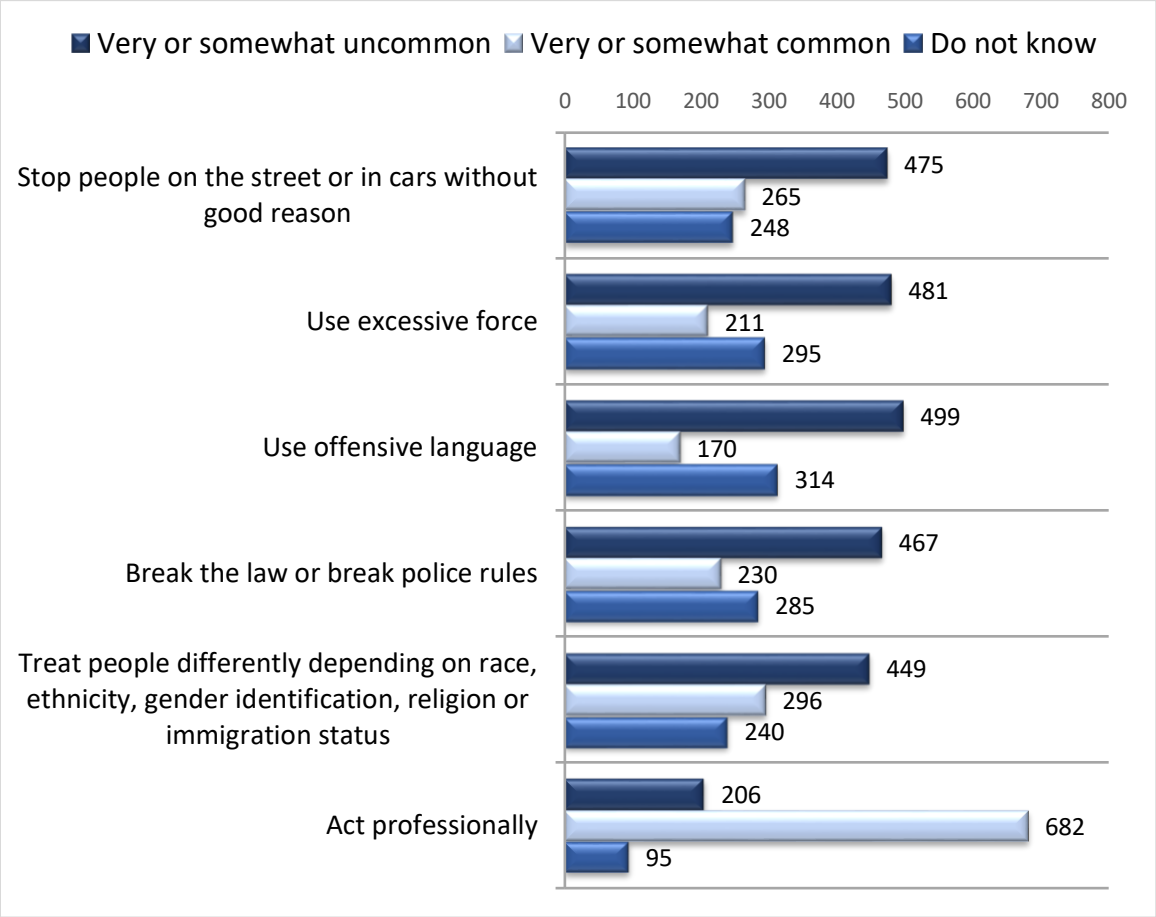
# Community Survey
# North Charleston, SC (1408 responses, 929 completed)

## How well are the police in your neighborhood doing at….?



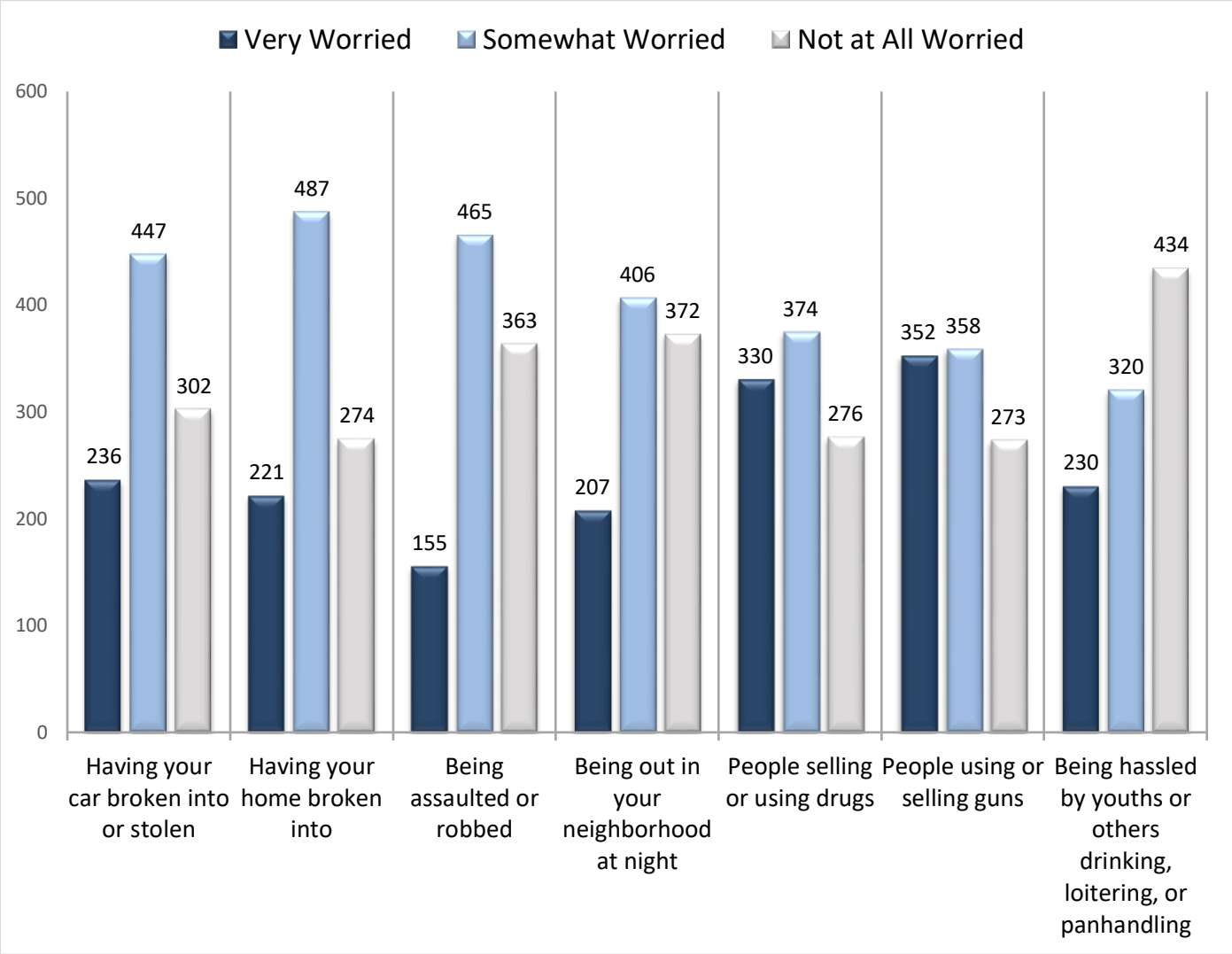

Community members were asked how well their local police were doing at a variety of policing activities. They indicated that the department is doing a good job across the board. The “do not know” option was selected the most for “helping victims of crime”, although overall, community members indicate that the department is doing a good or very good job at this activity.

## How common is it for the police to…?



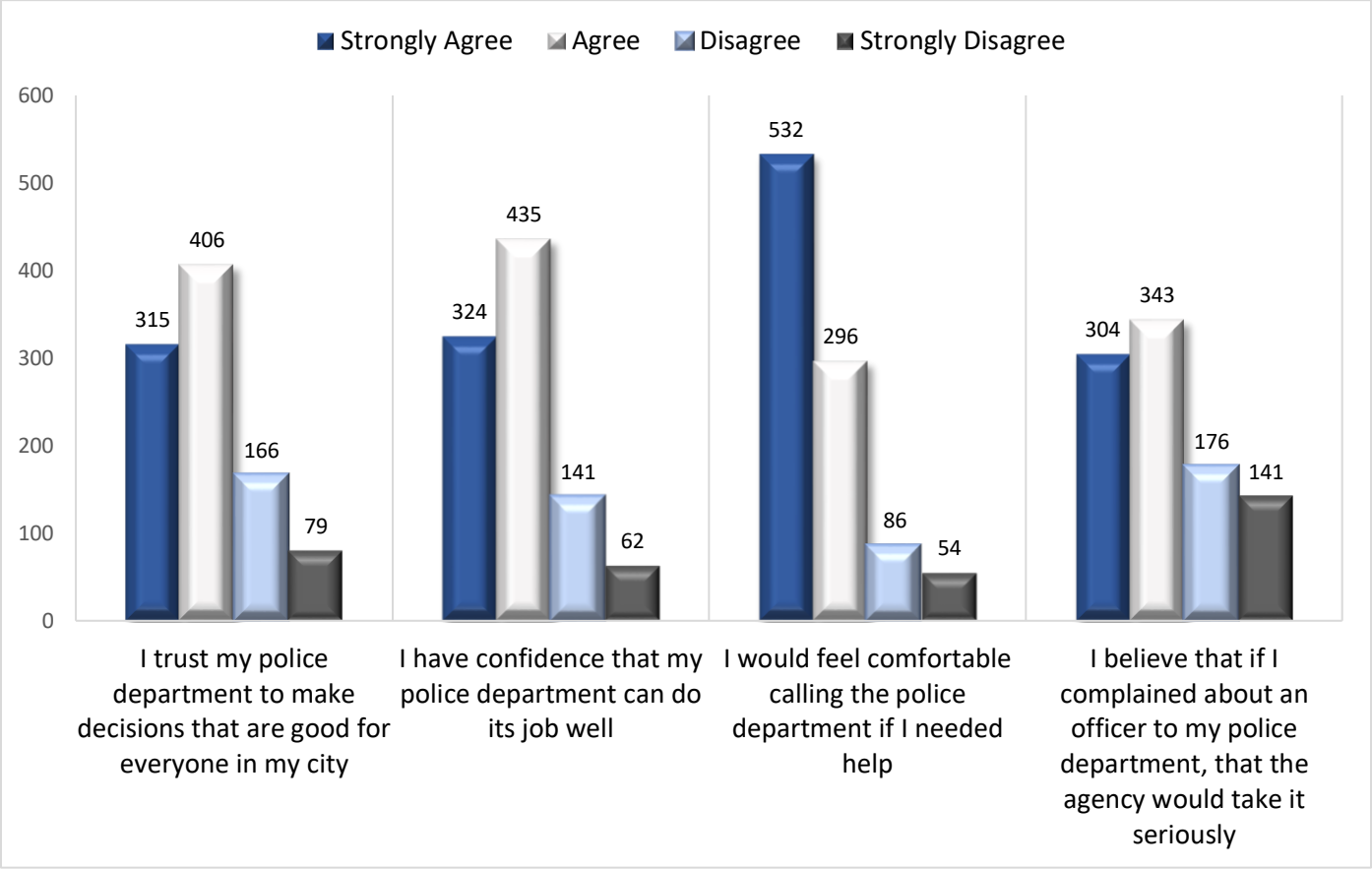

Community members were asked how common certain behaviors were for local police officers to engage in. The majority of responses indicated that these activities are very or somewhat uncommon, with the exception of "acting professionally", in which community members mostly indicated that this is very or somewhat common (almost 50% rated this item as "very common"). With the exception of "acting professionally", community members indicated that they do not know how common these behaviors are about 25-30% of the time.

## How worried are you about…?



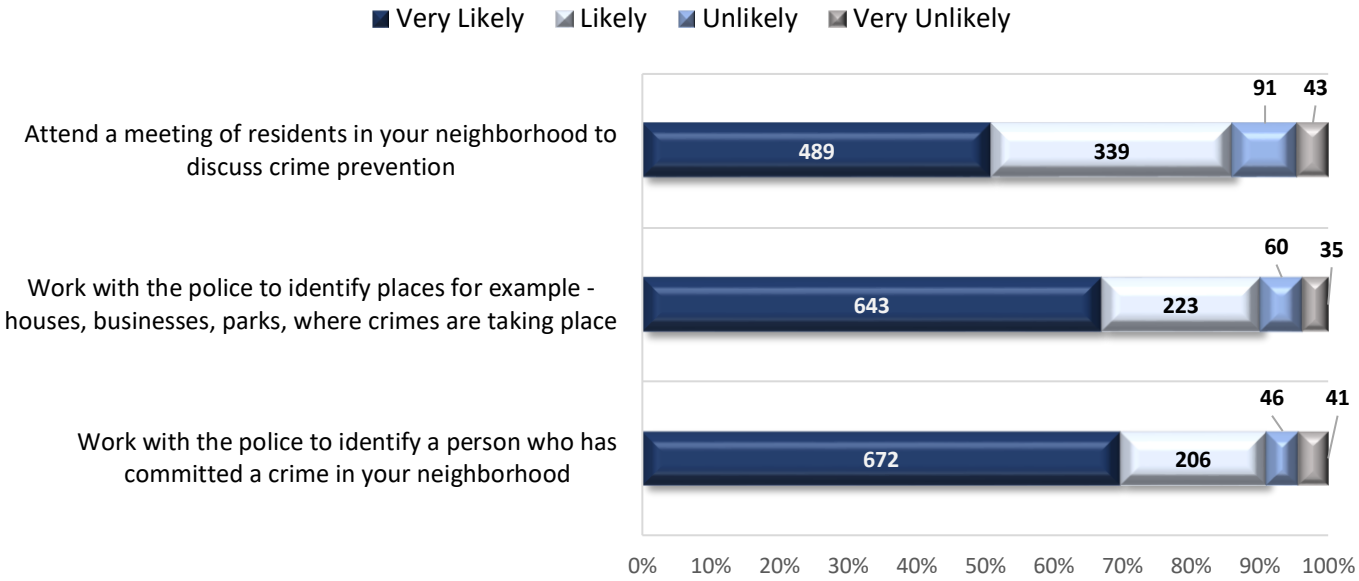

Community members were asked how worried they are about a variety of neighborhood concerns. They mostly indicated that they are somewhat worried about the various activities, with the exception of "being hassled by youths or others", in which respondents mostly indicated they are not at all worried. More than any other concern, community members indicated they are very worried about people using or selling guns.

## Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.




Community members were asked how much they agree with statements relating to working with and trusting in their local department. They agree or strongly agree with statements about trust, confidence, and being taken seriously. An overwhelming amount of community members strongly agree that they would feel comfortable calling the department if they needed help.

## How likely would you be to…?




Community members were asked how likely they would be to engage in community policing partnership activities. They indicated that they would be very likely or likely to engage in all the listed activities.

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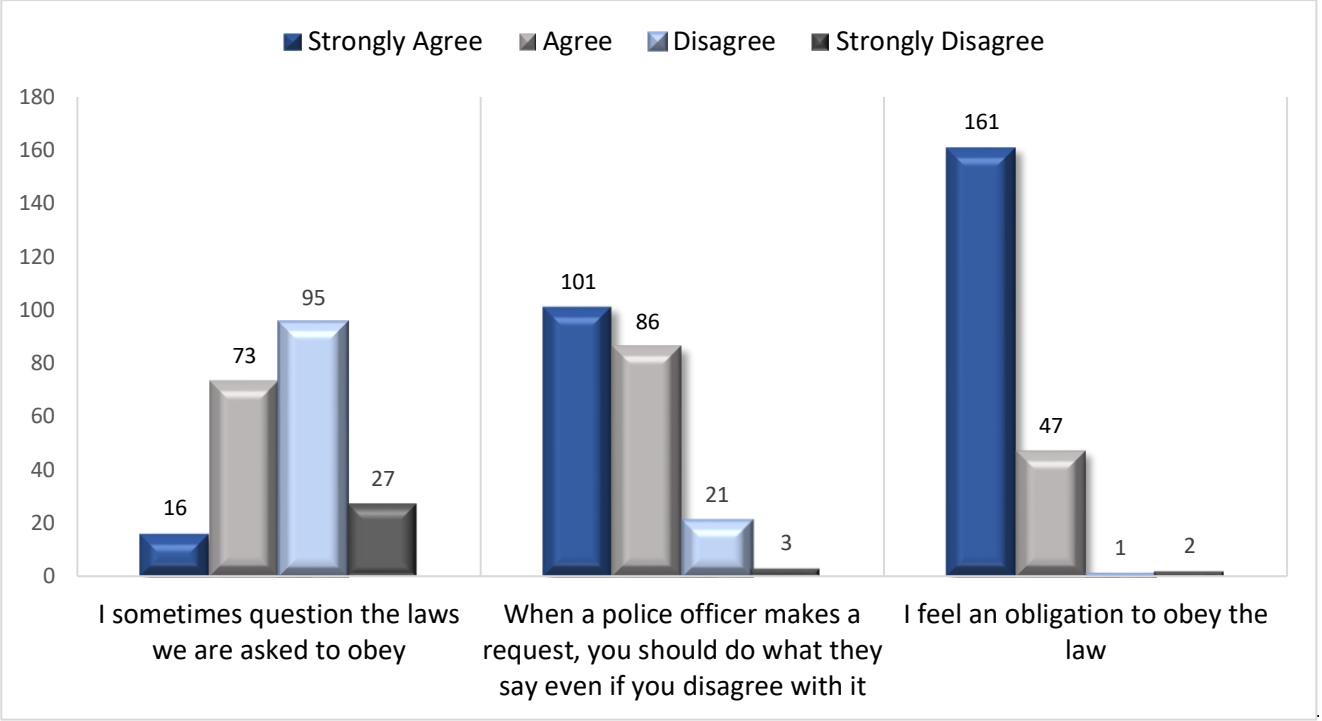
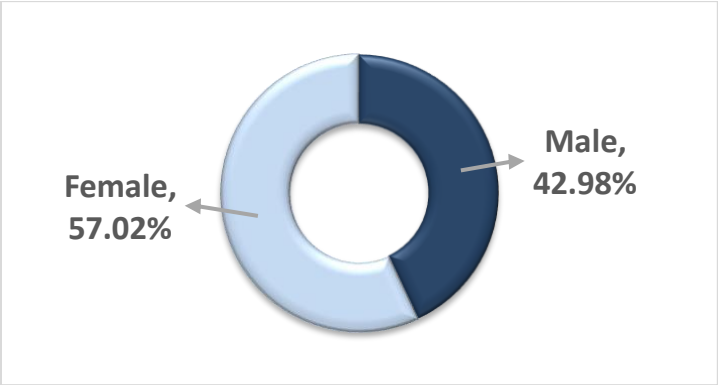


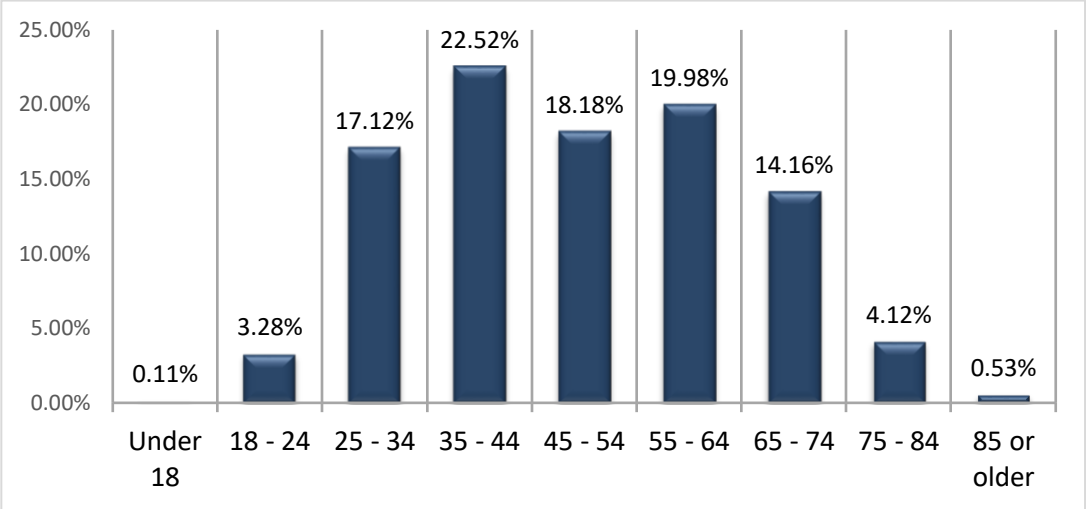

Community members were asked how much they agree with questions relating to compliance and legal cynicism. Most indicated that they disagree with questioning laws, and an overwhelming amount strongly agree that they feel an obligation to obey the law.

# RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

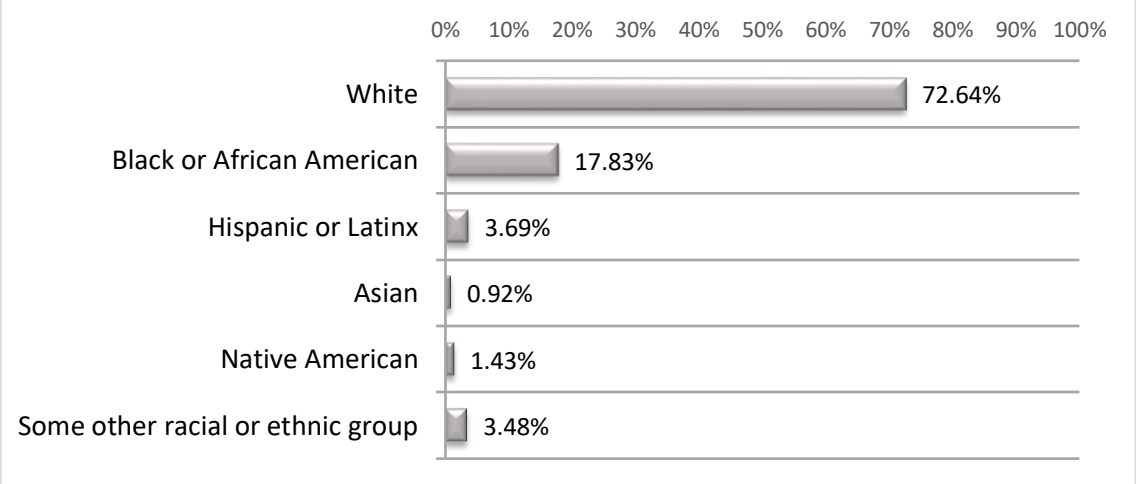
## Gender



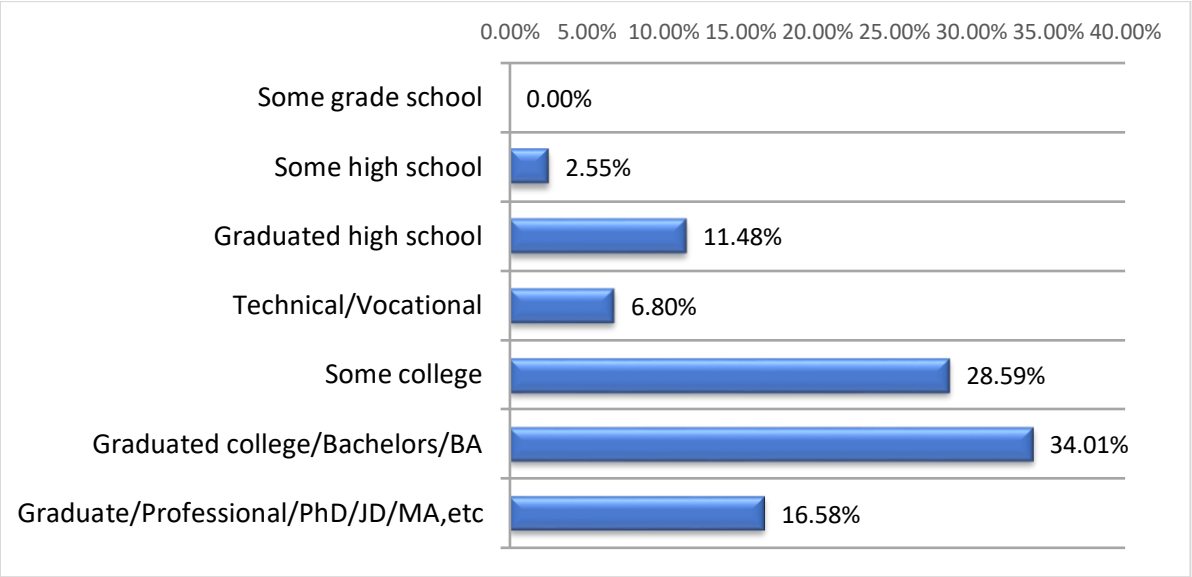

## Age



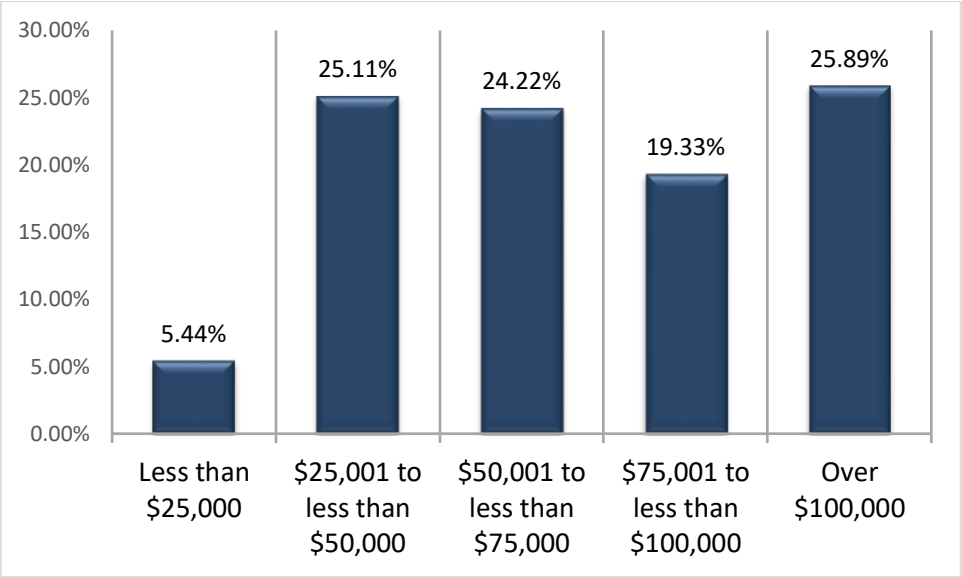

## Race/Ethnicity



## Education




## Household Income



# APPENDIX

| How well are the police in your neighborhood doing at… | Very Good Job | Good Job | Poor Job | Very Poor Job | Do Not Know | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fighting Crime | 189 | 490 | 148 | 71 | 93 | 991 |
| Dealing with problems that concern your neighborhood | 217 | 411 | 177 | 87 | 96 | 988 |
| Being visible on the streets | 248 | 455 | 165 | 85 | 36 | 989 |
| Being available when you need them | 238 | 419 | 111 | 58 | 163 | 989 |
| Responding promptly to calls for assistance | 260 | 373 | 103 | 52 | 201 | 989 |
| Helping victims of crime | 187 | 283 | 91 | 78 | 342 | 981 |
| Treating people fairly regardless of who they are | 249 | 289 | 111 | 132 | 209 | 990 |

| How common is it for the police to… | Very Uncommon | Somewhat Uncommon | Somewhat Common | Very Common | Do Not Know | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stop people on the street or in cars without good reason | 335 | 140 | 120 | 145 | 248 | 988 |
| Use excessive force | 339 | 142 | 110 | 101 | 295 | 987 |
| Use offensive language | 351 | 148 | 81 | 89 | 314 | 983 |
| Break the law or break police rules | 334 | 133 | 116 | 114 | 285 | 982 |
| Treat people differently depending on race, ethnicity, gender identification, religion or immigration status | 335 | 114 | 115 | 181 | 240 | 985 |
| Act professionally | 113 | 93 | 205 | 477 | 95 | 983 |

| How worried are you about… | Very Worried | Somewhat Worried | Not at All Worried | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Having your car broken into or stolen | 236 | 447 | 302 | 985 |
| Having your home broken into | 221 | 487 | 274 | 982 |
| Being assaulted or robbed | 155 | 465 | 363 | 983 |
| Being out in your neighborhood at night | 207 | 406 | 372 | 985 |

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| People selling or using drugs | 330 | 374 | 276 | 980 |
| People using or selling guns | 352 | 358 | 273 | 983 |
| Being hassled by youths or others drinking, loitering, or panhandling | 230 | 320 | 434 | 984 |

| Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I trust my police department to make decisions that are good for everyone in my city | 315 | 406 | 166 | 79 | 966 |
| I have confidence that my police department can do its job well | 324 | 435 | 141 | 62 | 962 |
| I would feel comfortable calling the police department if I needed help | 532 | 296 | 86 | 54 | 968 |
| I believe that if I complained about an officer to my police department, that the agency would take it seriously | 304 | 343 | 176 | 141 | 964 |

| How likely would you be to…? | Very Likely | Likely | Unlikely | Very Unlikely | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Work with the police to identify a person who has committed a crime in your neighborhood | 672 | 206 | 46 | 41 | 965 |
| Work with the police to identify places for example - houses, businesses, parks, where crimes are taking place | 643 | 223 | 60 | 35 | 961 |
| Attend a meeting of residents in your neighborhood to discuss crime prevention | 489 | 339 | 91 | 43 | 962 |

| Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I sometimes question the laws we are asked to obey | 114 | 330 | 350 | 162 | 956 |
| When a police officer makes a request, you should do what they say even if you disagree with it | 417 | 379 | 114 | 45 | 955 |
| I feel an obligation to obey the law | 632 | 285 | 14 | 24 | 955 |

| Gender | % | Count |
|---|---|---|
| Male | 42.98% | 407 |
| Female | 57.02% | 540 |
| Total | 100% | 947 |

| Age | % | Count |
|---|---|---|
| Under 18 | 0.11% | 1 |
| 18 - 24 | 3.28% | 31 |
| 25 - 34 | 17.12% | 162 |
| 35 - 44 | 22.52% | 213 |
| 45 - 54 | 18.18% | 172 |
| 55 - 64 | 19.98% | 189 |
| 65 - 74 | 14.16% | 134 |
| 75 - 84 | 4.12% | 39 |
| 85 or older | 0.53% | 5 |
| Total | 100% | 946 |

| Race | % | Count |
|---|---|---|
| White | 72.64% | 709 |
| Black or African American | 17.83% | 174 |
| Hispanic or Latinx | 3.69% | 36 |
| Asian | 0.92% | 9 |
| Native American | 1.43% | 14 |
| Some other racial or ethnic group | 3.48% | 34 |
| Total | 100% | 976 |

| Highest level of education | % | Count |
|---|---|---|
| Some grade school | 0.00% | 0 |
| Some high school | 2.55% | 24 |
| Graduated high school | 11.48% | 108 |
| Technical/Vocational | 6.80% | 64 |
| Some college | 28.59% | 269 |
| Graduated college/Bachelors/BA | 34.01% | 320 |
| Graduate/Professional/PhD/JD/MA, etc. | 16.58% | 156 |
| Total | 100% | 941 |

| Household salary | % | Count |
|---|---|---|
| Less than $25,000 | 5.44% | 49 |
| $25,001 to less than $50,000 | 25.11% | 226 |
| $50,001 to less than $75,000 | 24.22% | 218 |
| $75,001 to less than $100,000 | 19.33% | 174 |
| Over $100,000 | 25.89% | 233 |
| Total | 100% | 900 |

| Survey Statistics | | |
|---|---|---|
| Survey Dates | Response Rate | Count |
| April 30, 2018 – June 30, 2018 | 1.56% of population | 1408 |