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# Newport News Community Assessment: An Overview

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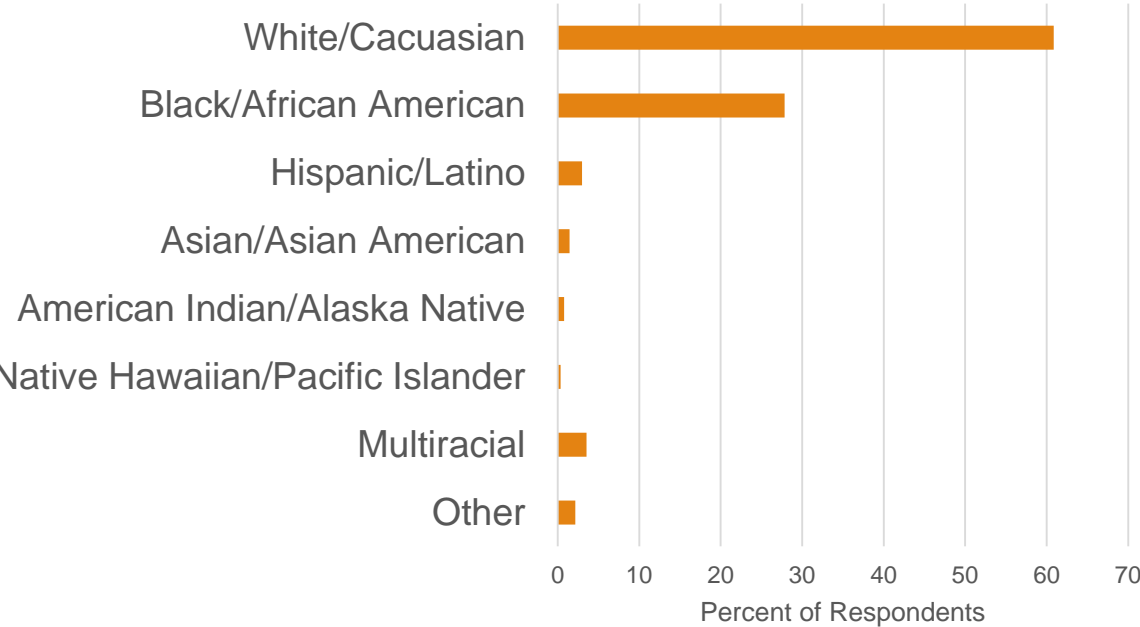
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Christopher Newport University

# Methodology

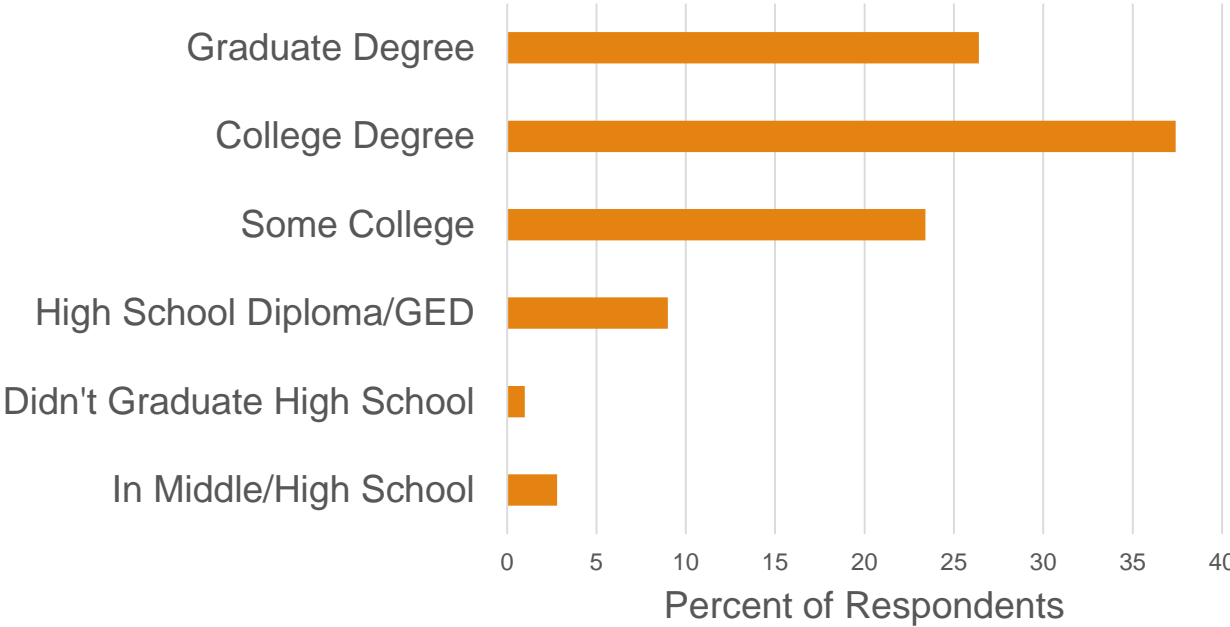
- Census based sampling approach
- Surveys conducted on Qualtrics--Paper option available.
- Survey remained open approximately 1 month--1,969 total usable responses digitally
- Data viewed weekly to identify participant response gaps
- Results communicated to city officials
- Contained 36 total questions--largely multiple choice with some short answer
- Questions originate from other assessments done across country--tailored to fit city
- Data analyzed using various quantitative analytic techniques
- Preliminary results presented today--detailed results contained in final report

# Respondent Demographics

## Race of Respondents

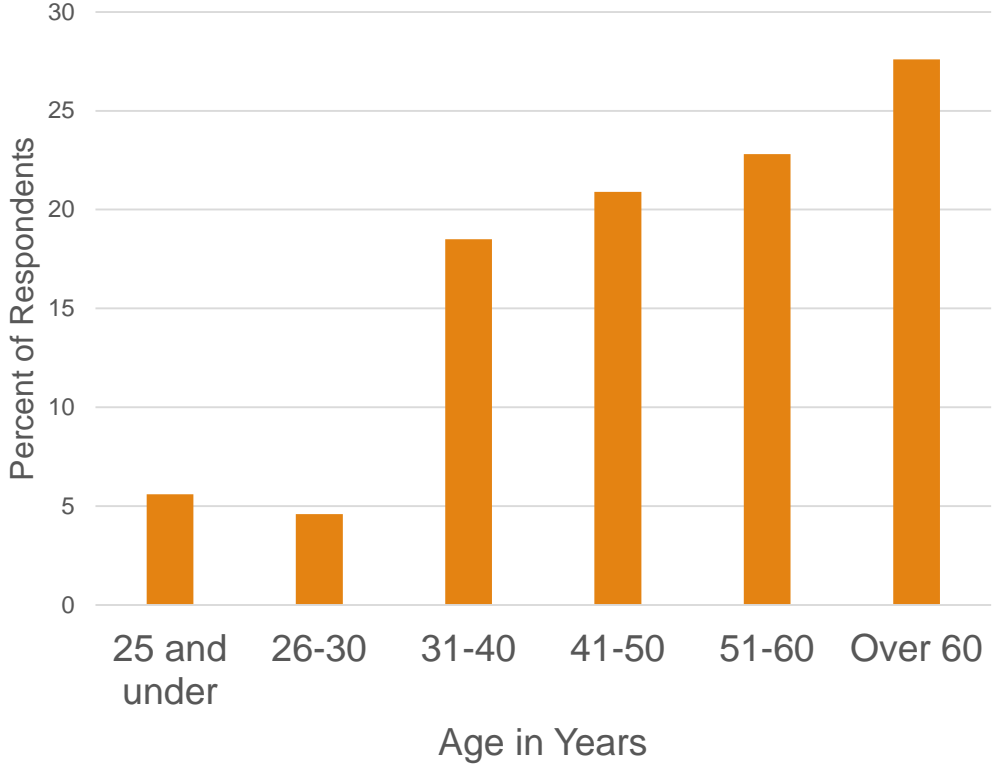


## Education Level of Respondents

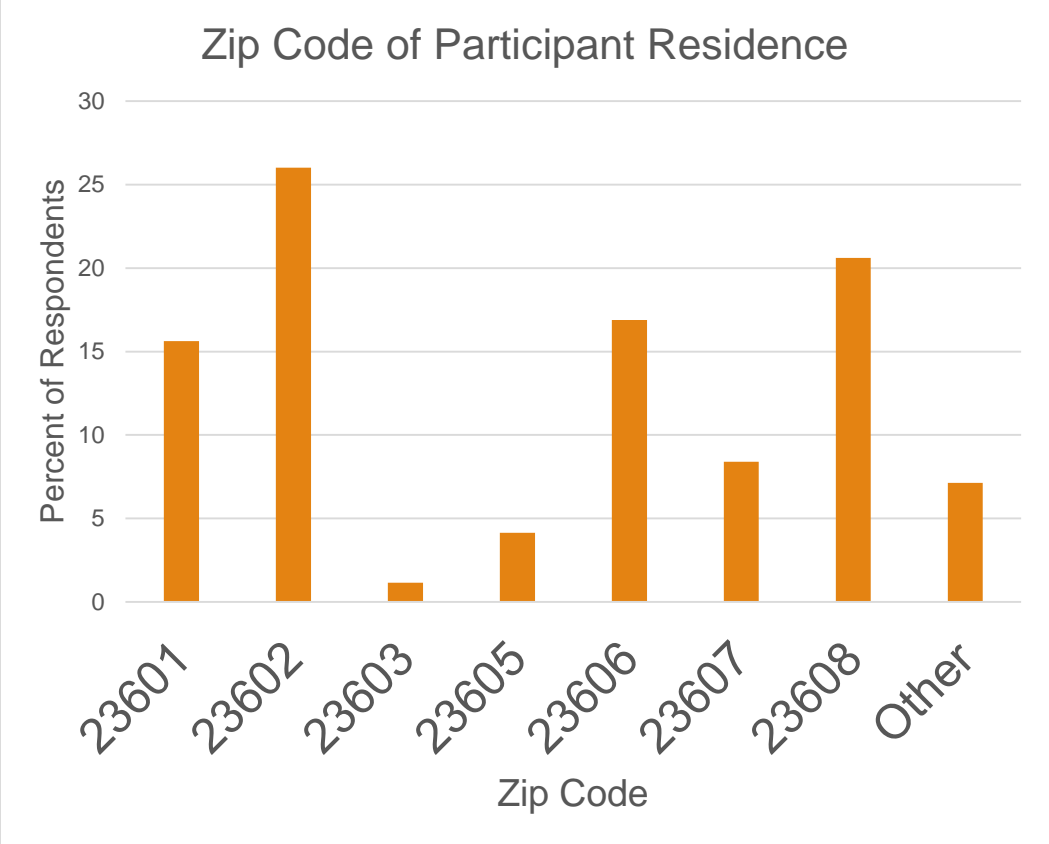


# Respondent Demographics

## Age of Respondents



## Zip Code of Participant Residence





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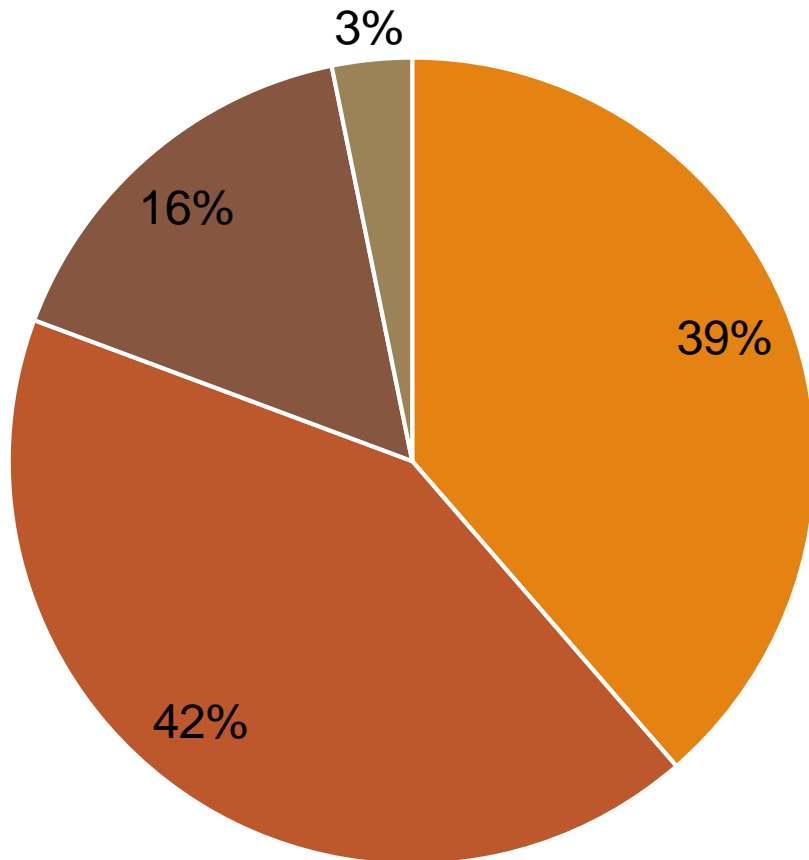
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# Perceptions of Safety

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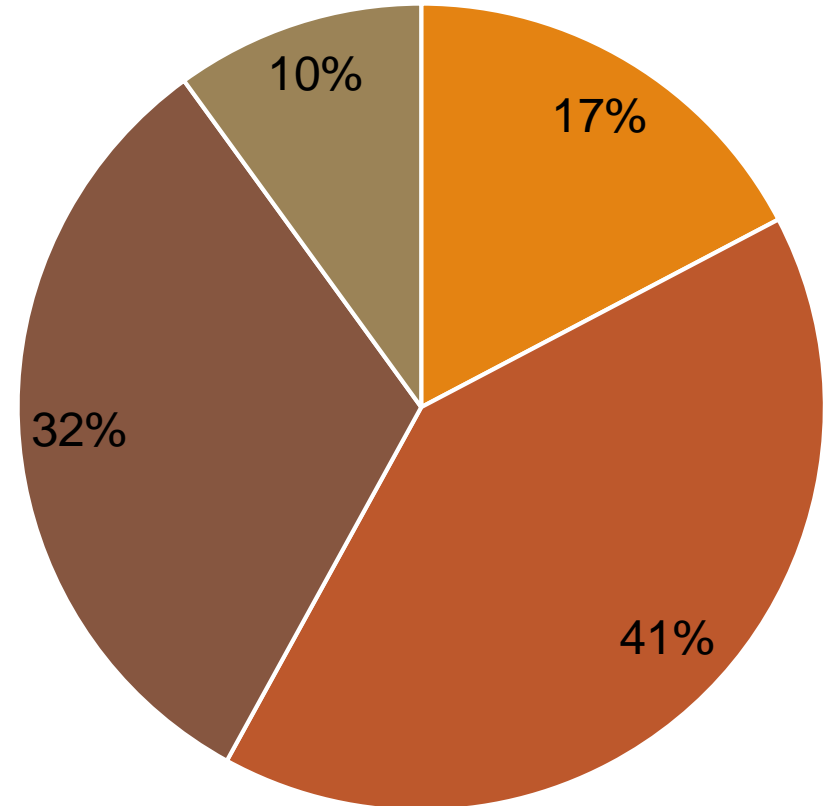
# Perceptions of Safety Across All Respondents

## Feeling of Safety During the Day



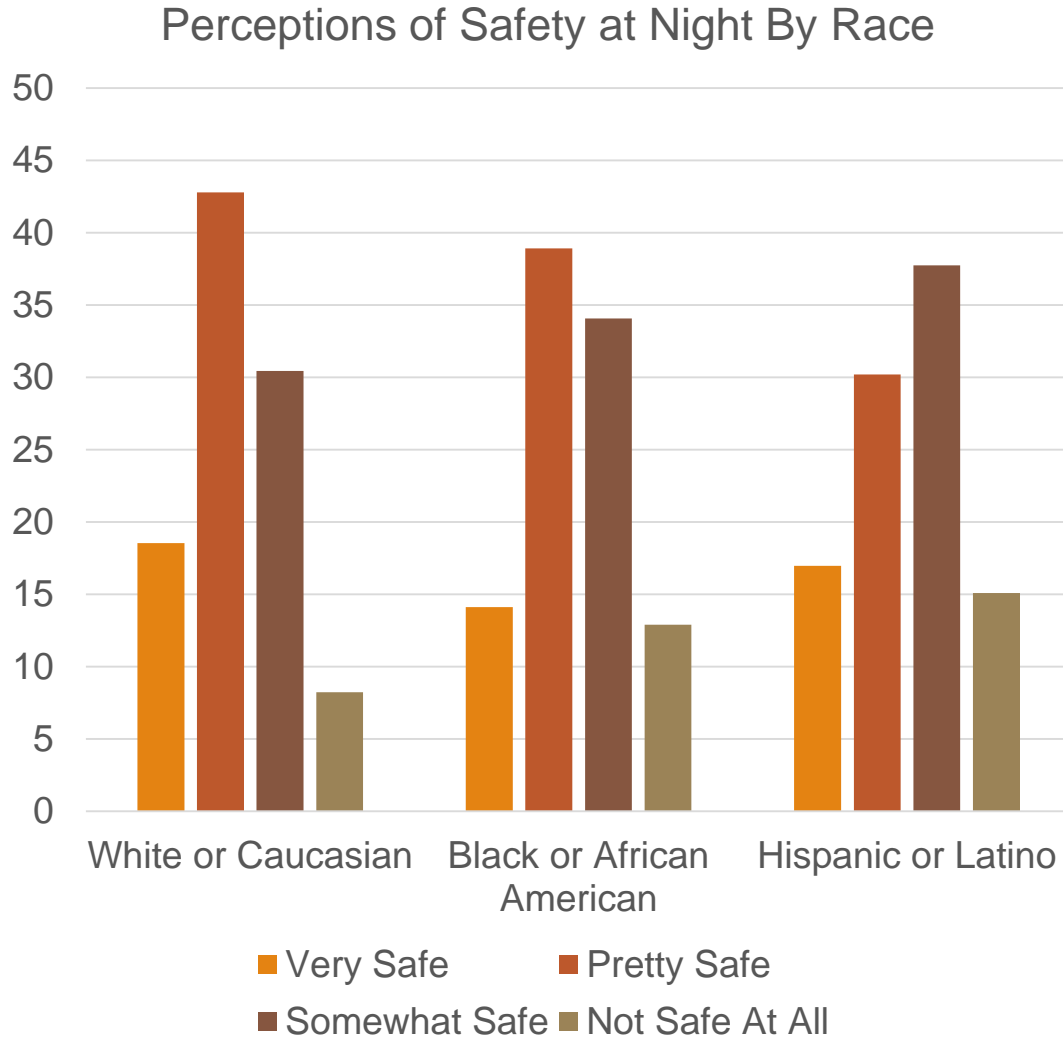
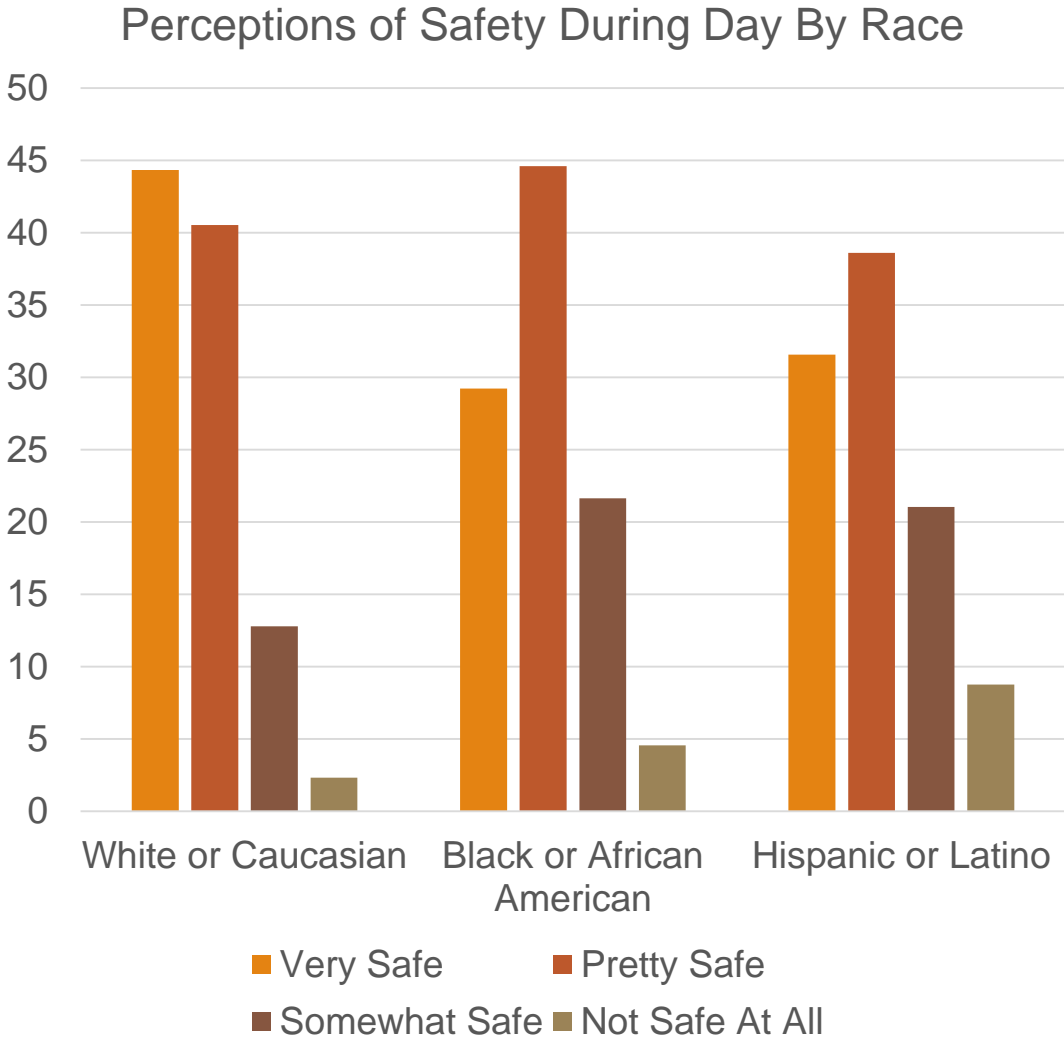
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- Pretty Safe
- Somewhat Safe
- Not Safe At All

## Feeling of Safety During the Night



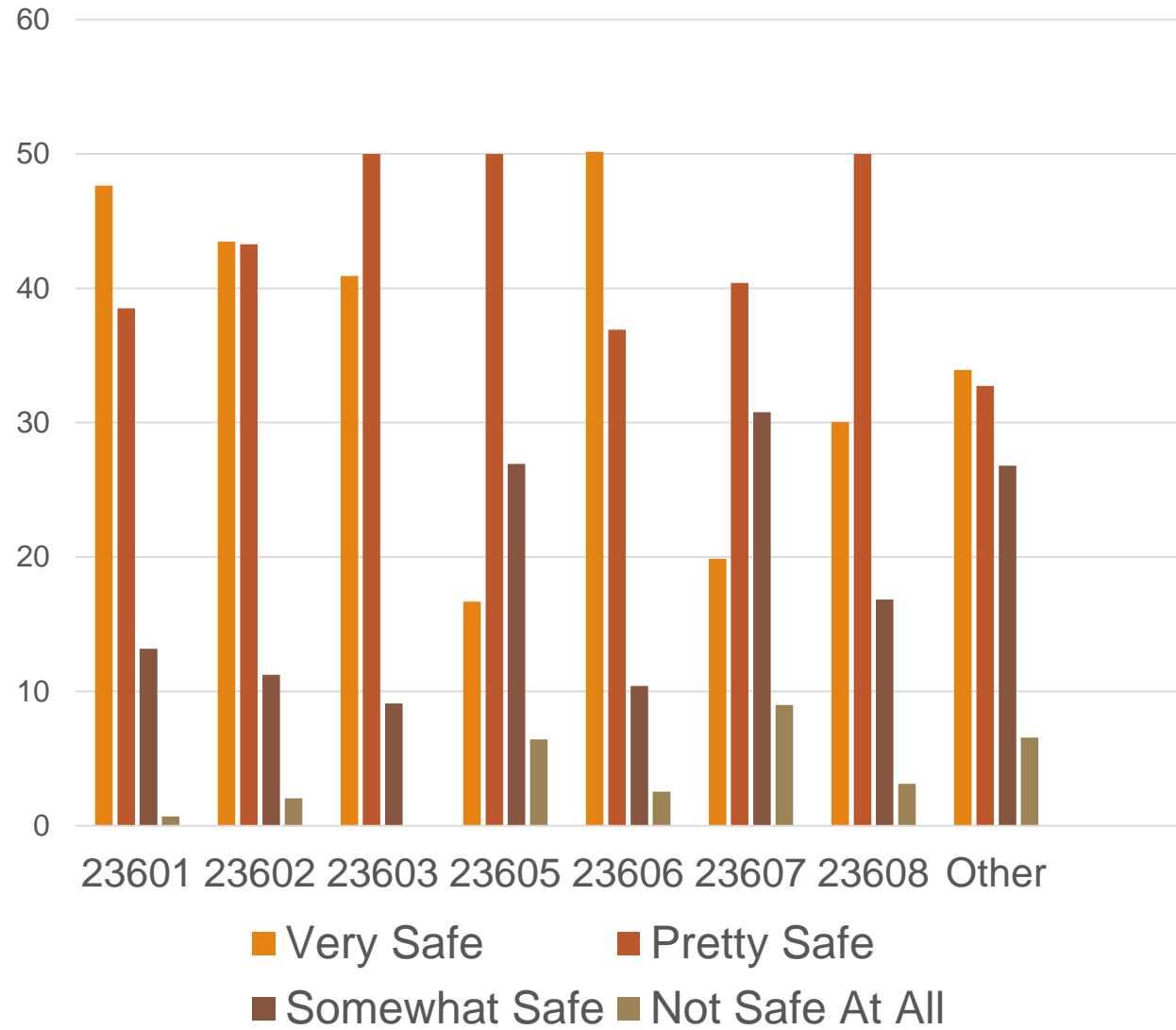
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# Perceptions of Safety By Race

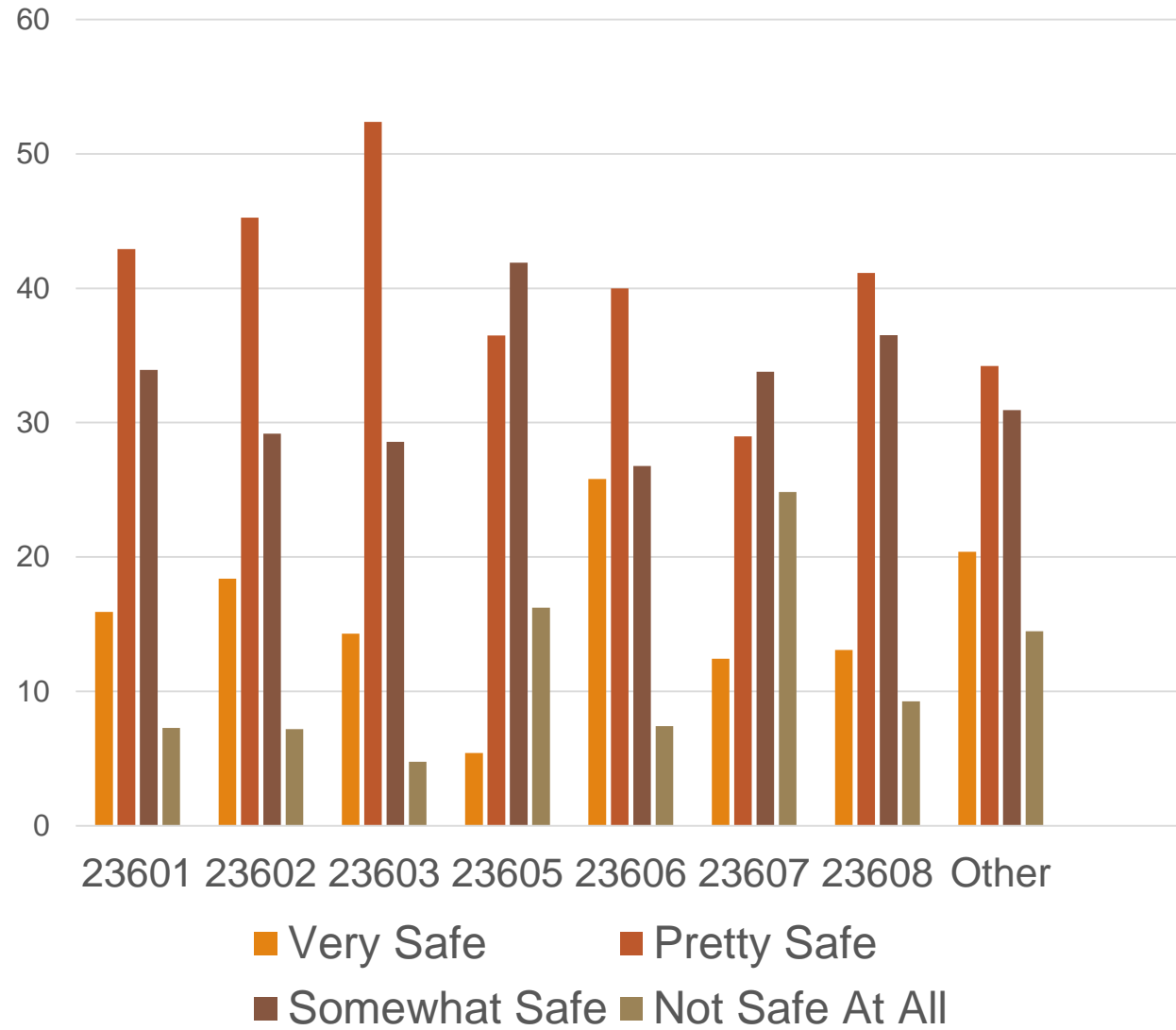


# Perceptions of Safety By Zip Code

## Perceptions of Safety During Day

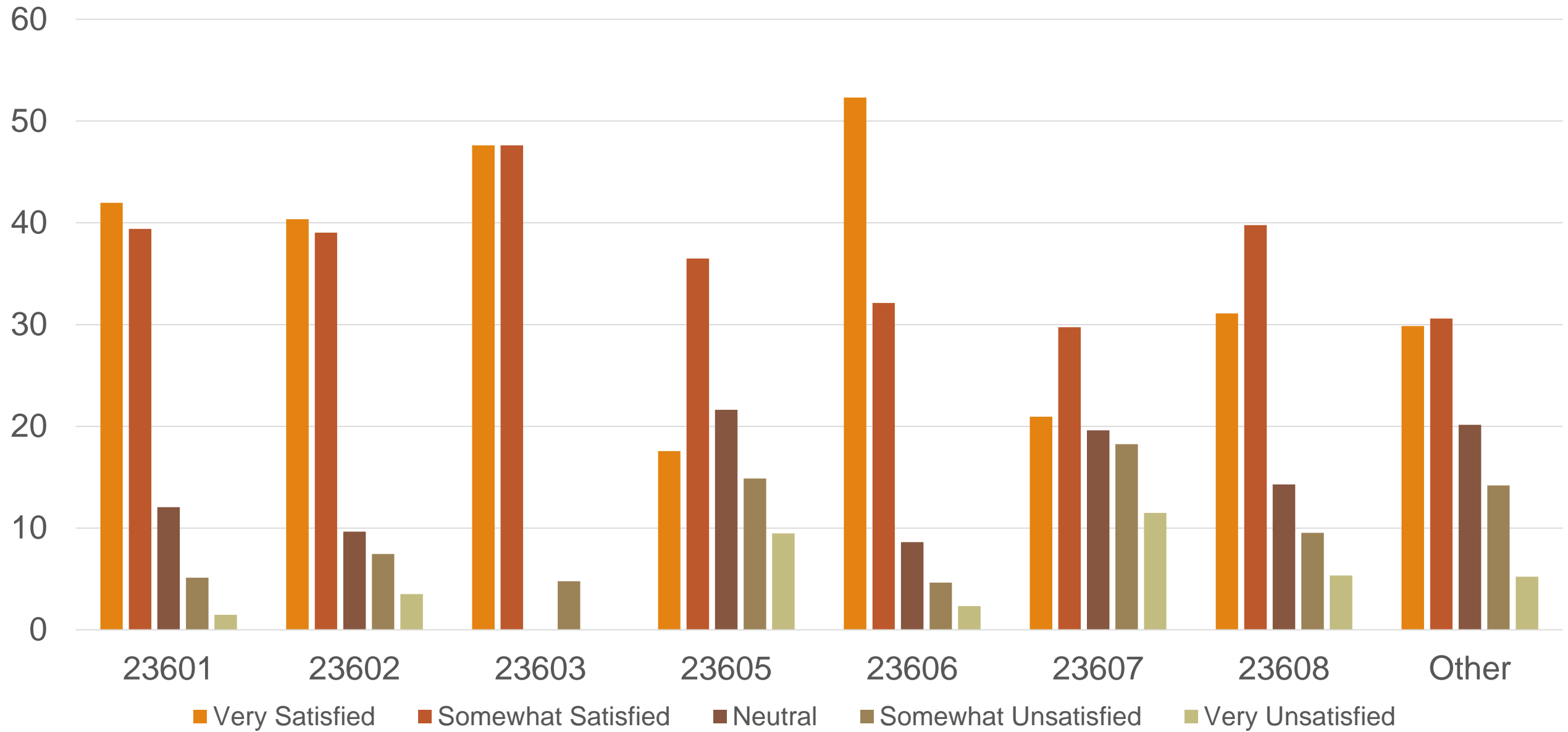


## Perceptions of Safety at Night





Perception of Satisfaction with Neighborhood As Place to Work and Live by Zip Code





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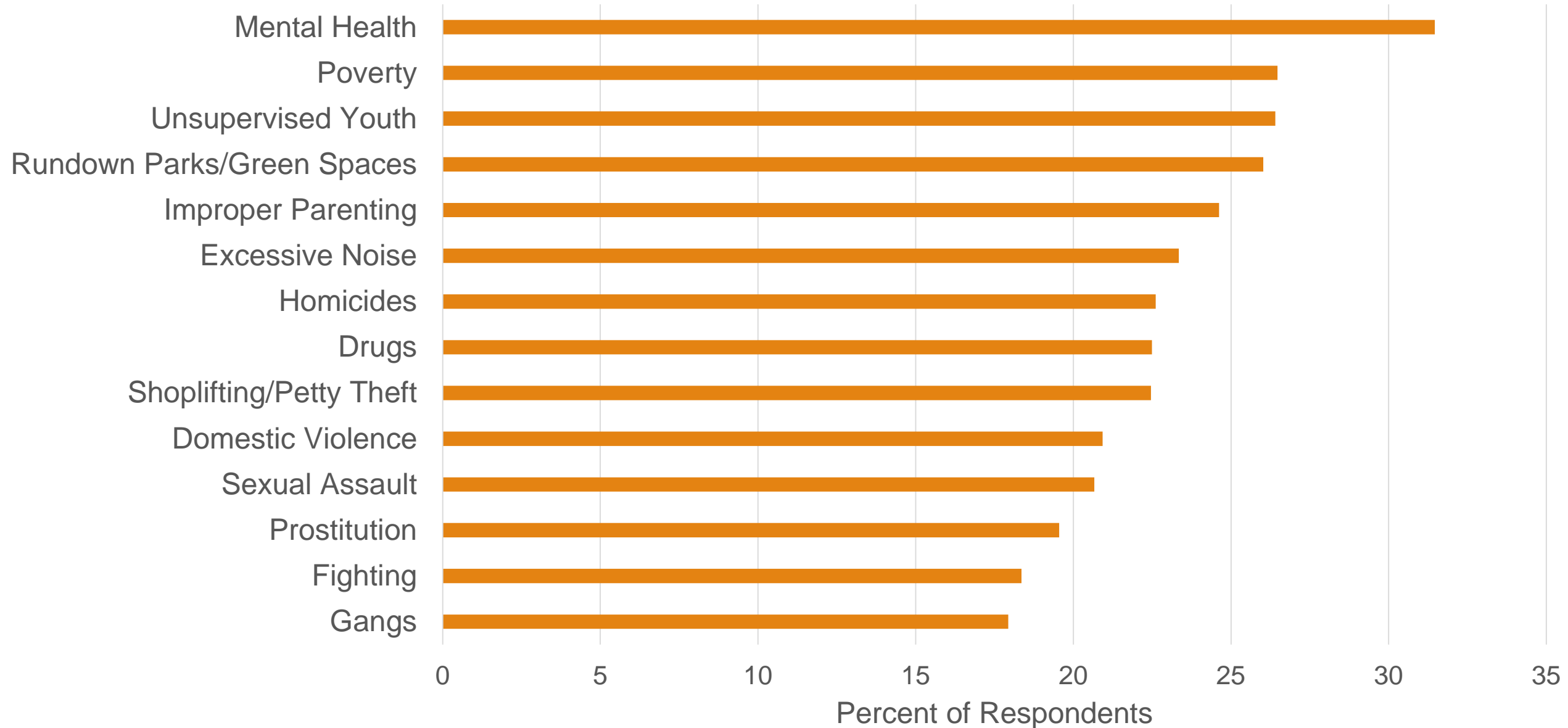
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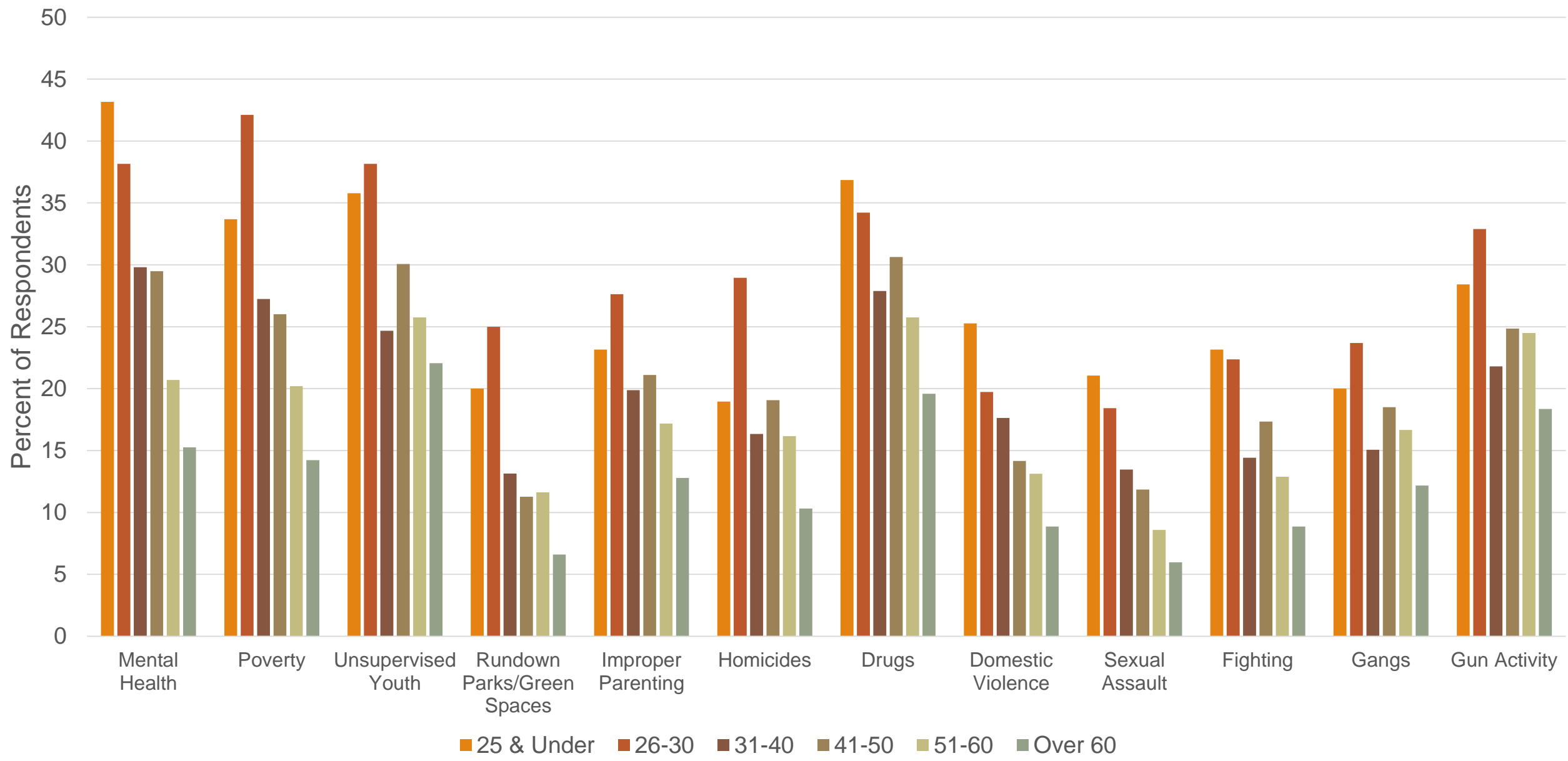
# Perceptions of Neighborhood Problems

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# Issues Respondents Cited as 'Big Problem' or 'Very Big Problem'



# Issues Cited as 'Big Problem' or 'Very Big Problem' By Age



25 & Under 26-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 Over 60



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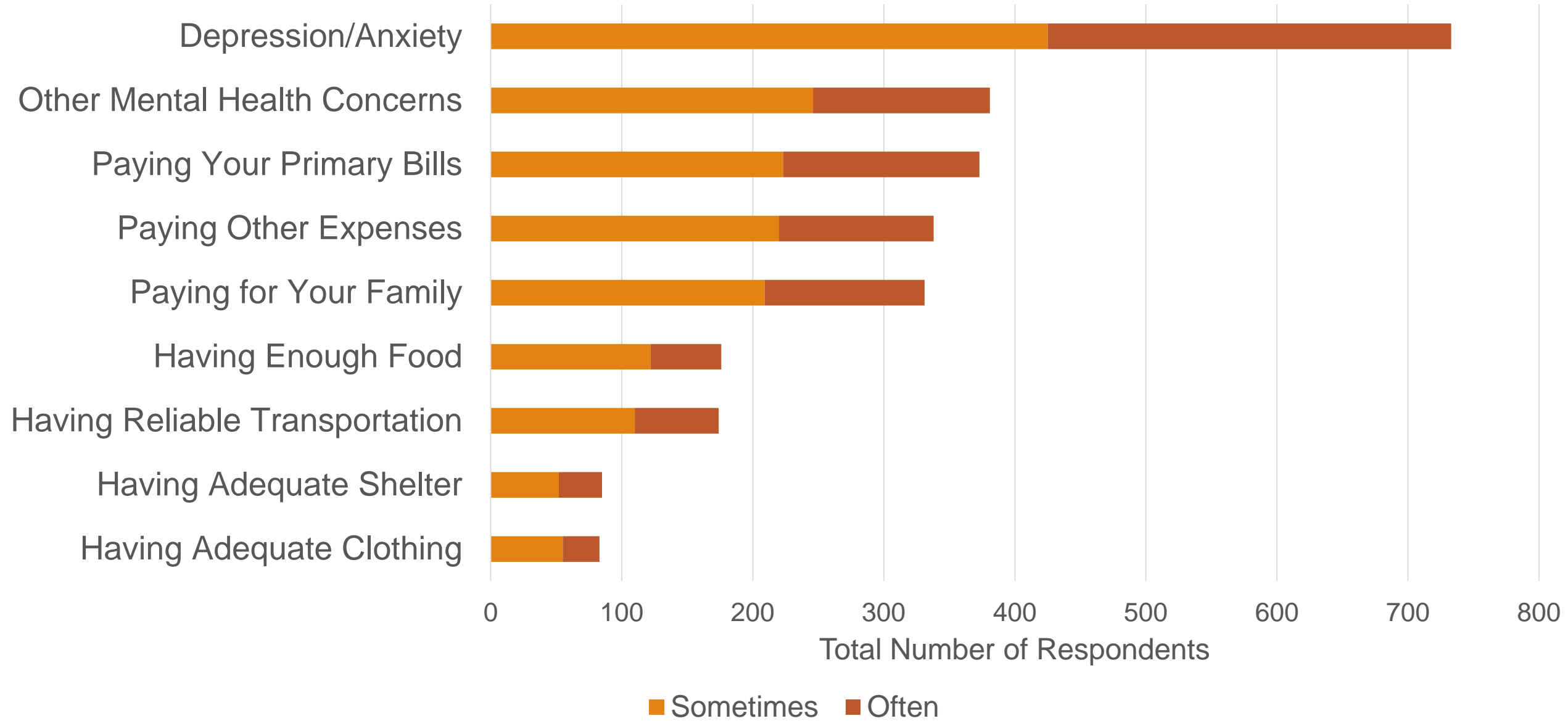
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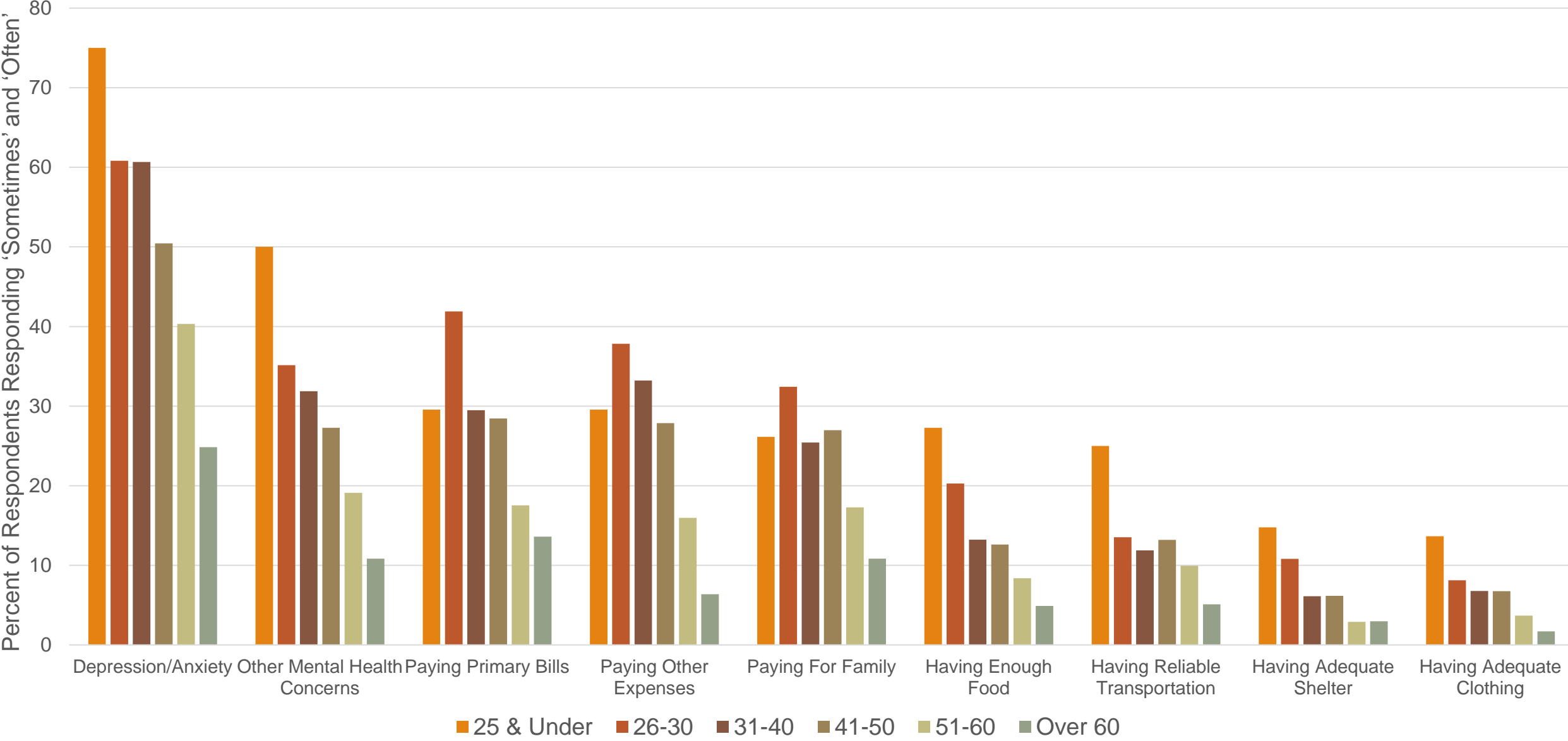
# Personal Concerns and Challenges

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# Daily Challenges Faced By Respondents



# Daily Challenges Faced By Age



# Concerns Among Respondents

Losing Someone Close to Gun Violence

Getting Shot

Someone Close Being Arrested

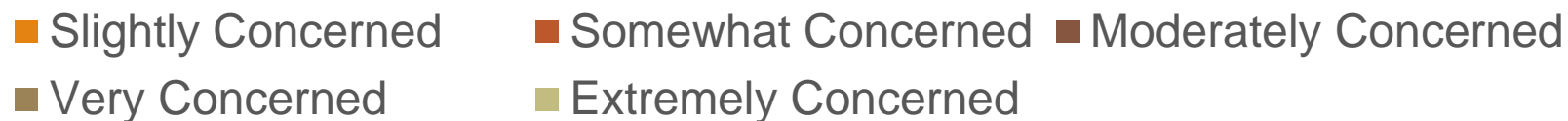
Some Close Going to Jail/Prison

Being Arrested

Going to Jail/Prison

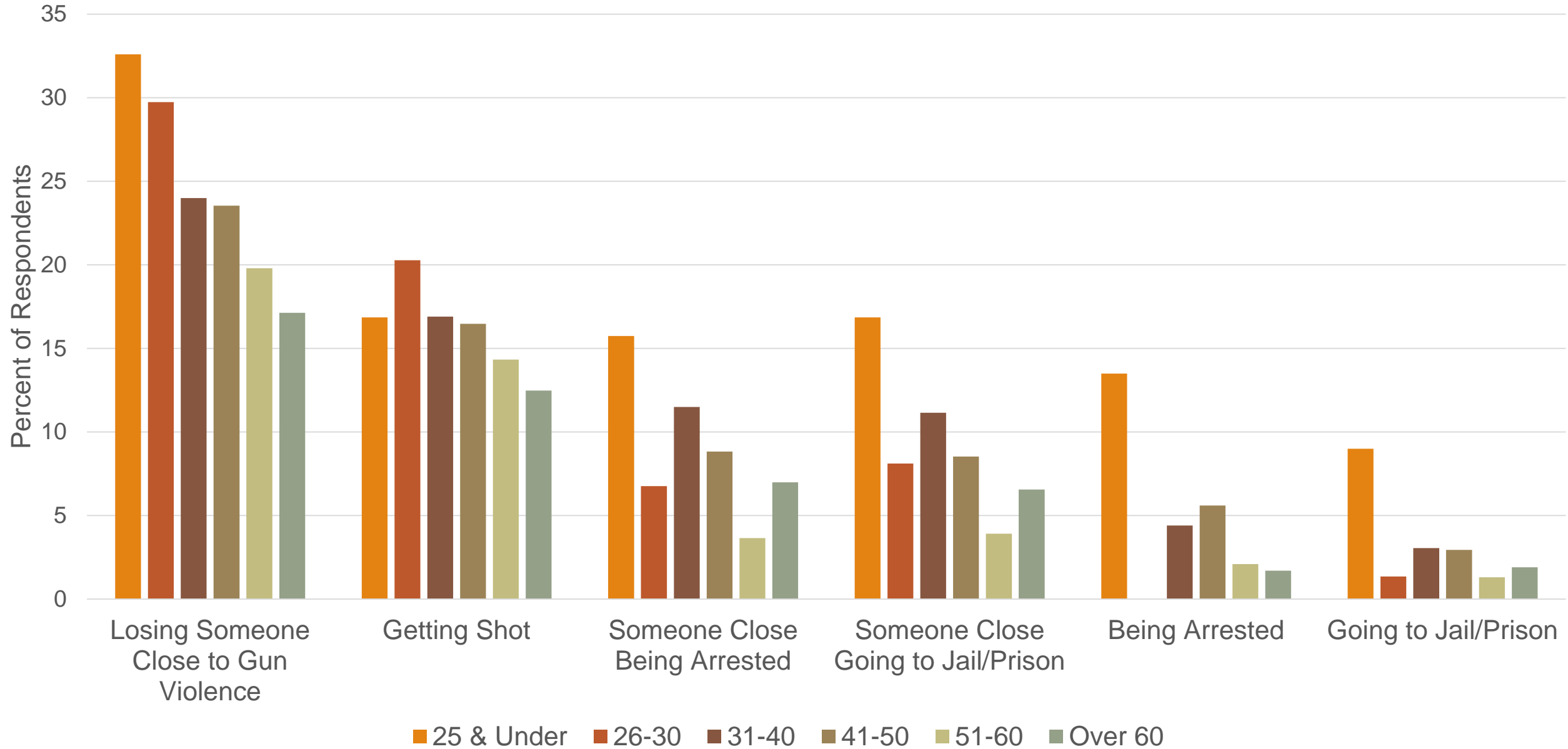
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Total Number of Respondents

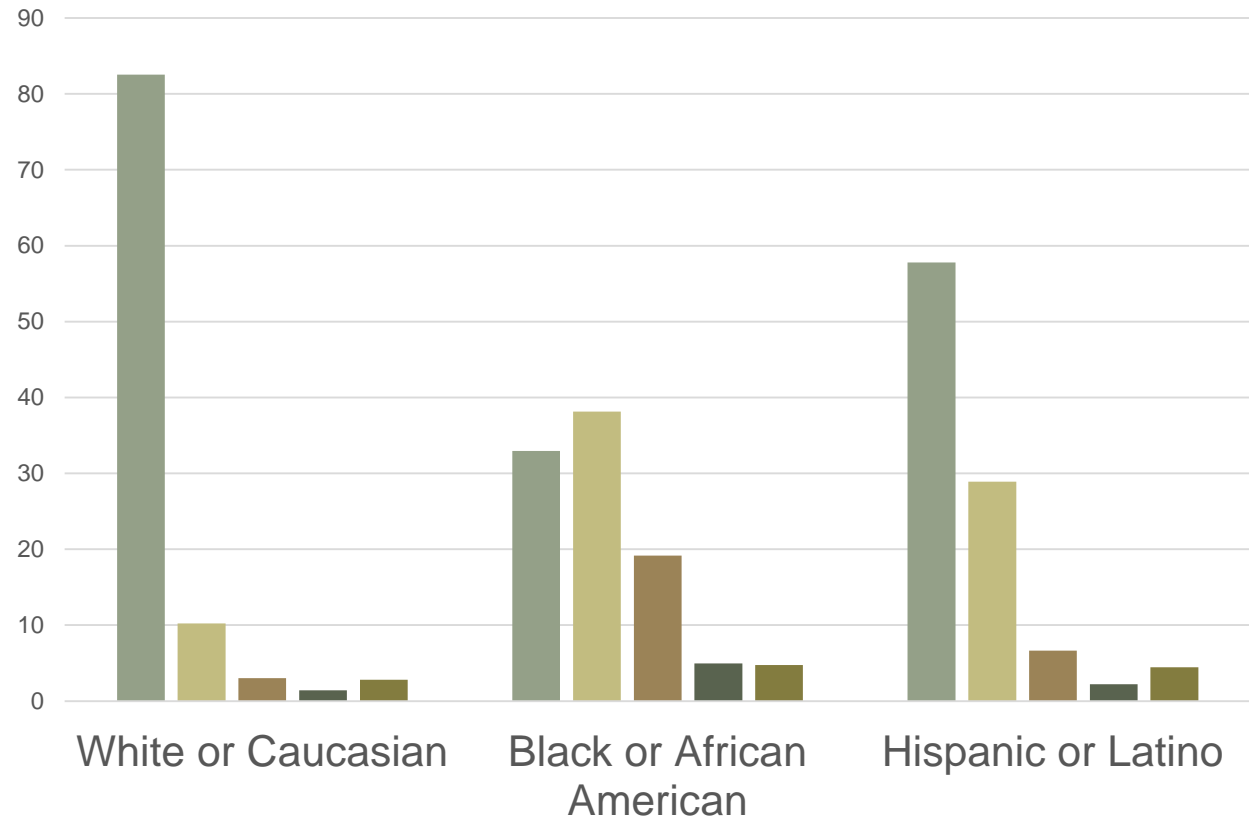




# Concerns Among Respondents By Age

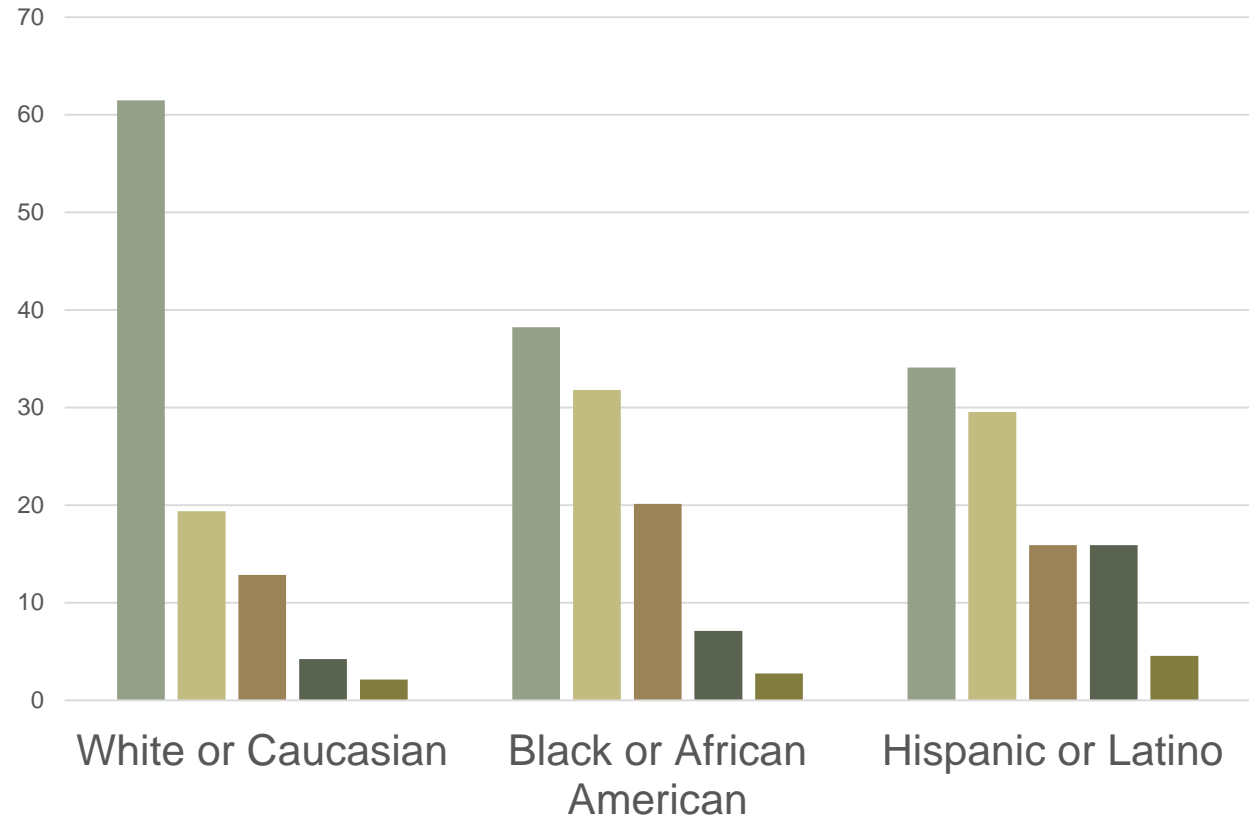


### Experience With Prejudice/Discrimination From Law Enforcement By Race



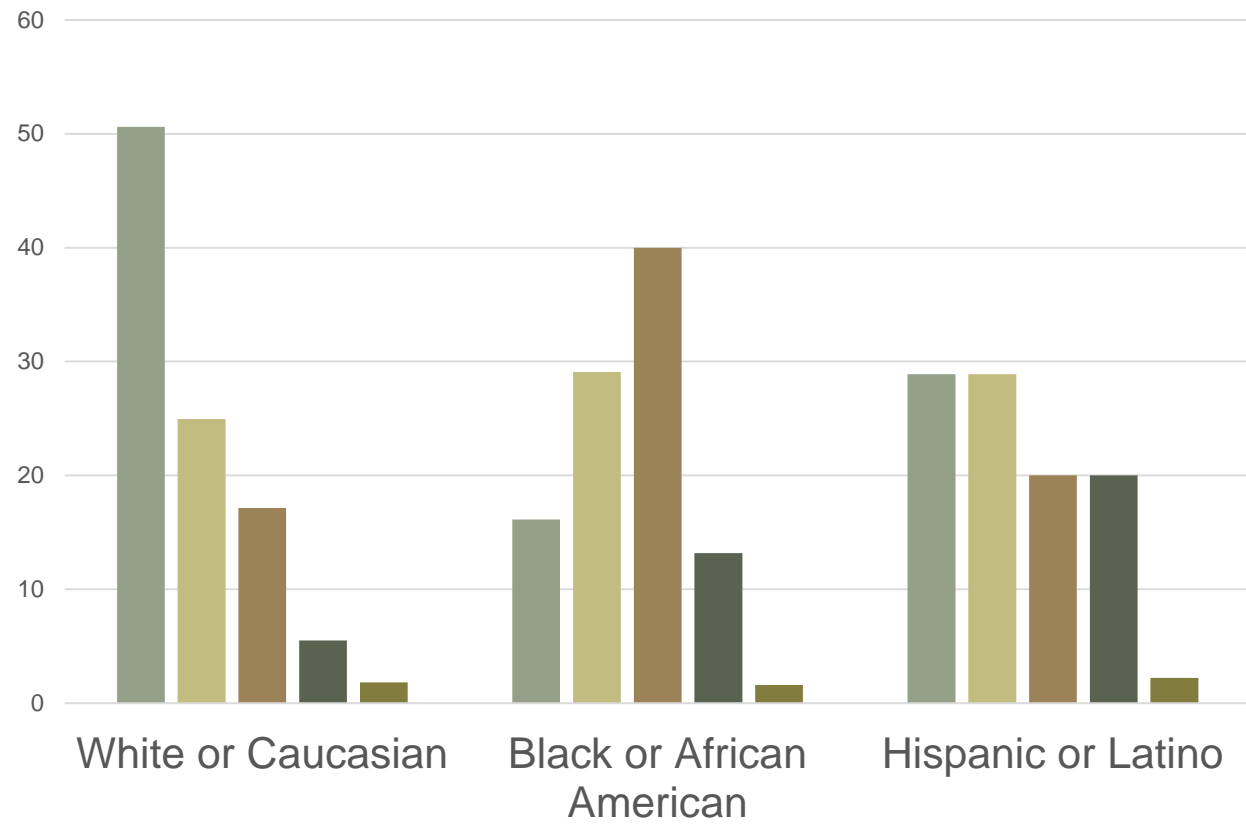
- Never
- Rarely (once or less per year)
- Sometimes (a few times per year)
- Often (once per month or more)
- Does not apply or prefer not to answer

### Experiences With Prejudice/Discrimination From Neighborhood Members By Race



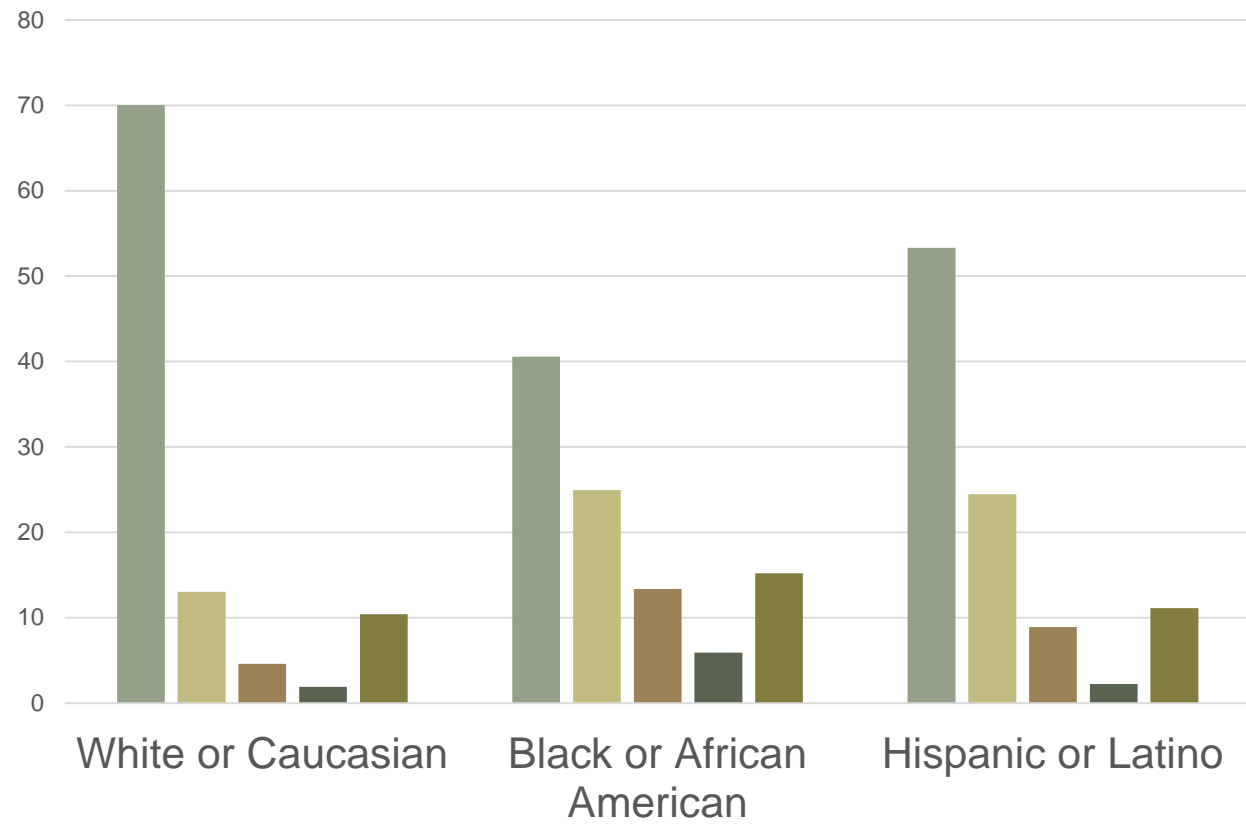
- Never
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## Experiences with Prejudice/Discrimination From Store Employee By Race



- Never
- Rarely (once or less per year)
- Sometimes (a few times per year)
- Often (once per month or more)
- Does not apply or prefer not to answer

## Experiences with Prejudice/Discrimination From Educator By Race



- Never
- Rarely (once or less per year)
- Sometimes (a few times per year)
- Often (once per month or more)
- Does not apply or prefer not to answer



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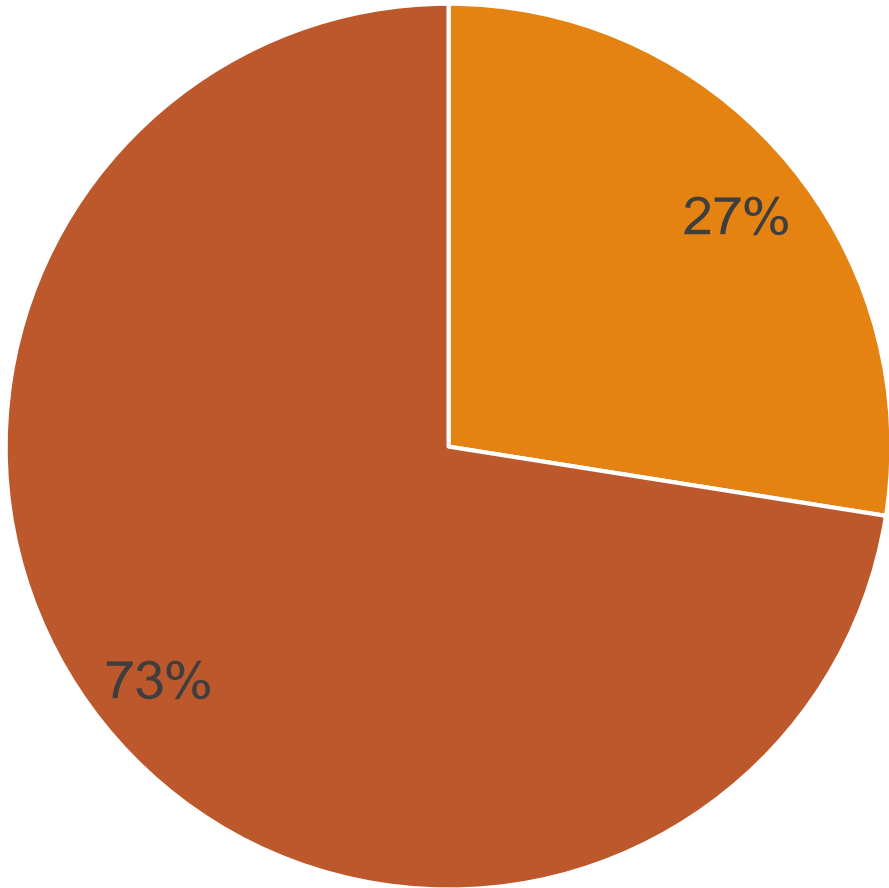
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# Crime Victimization

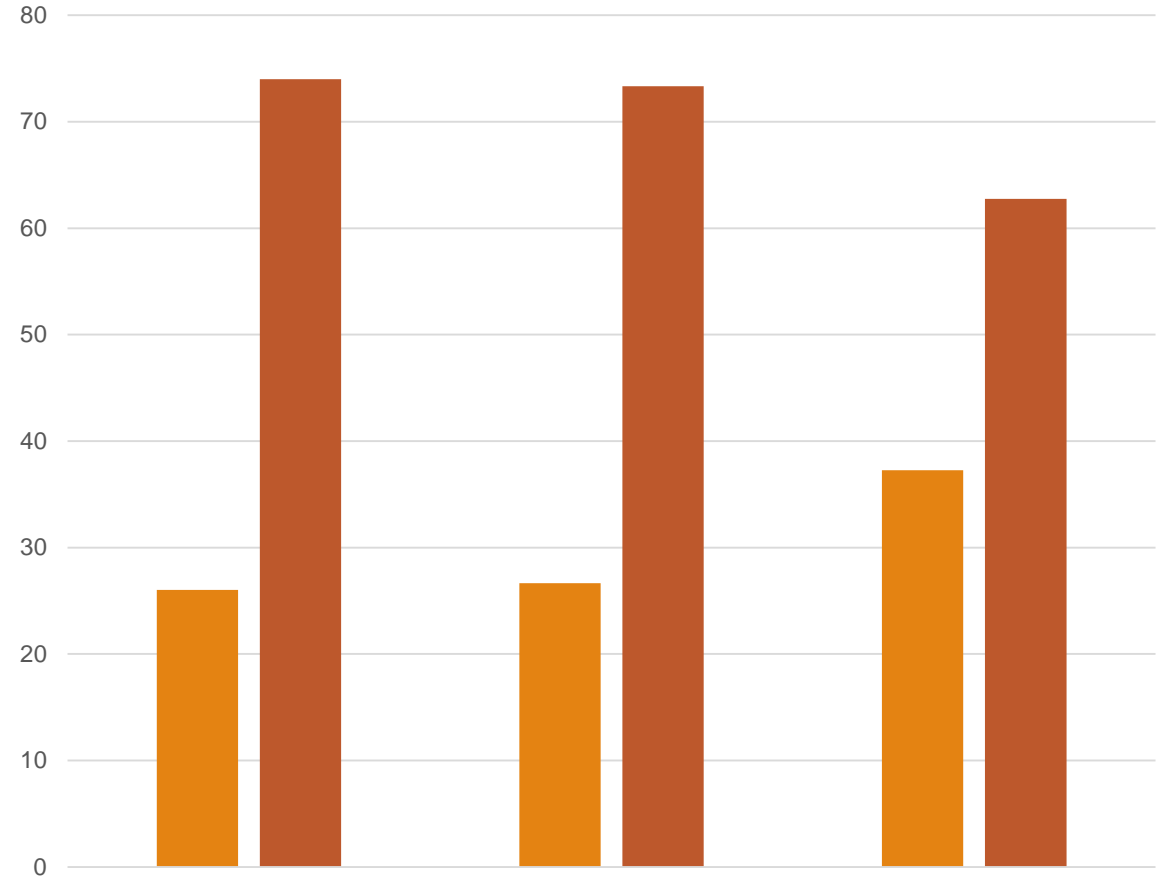
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Victim of Property Crime in Past Year  
Across All Respondents



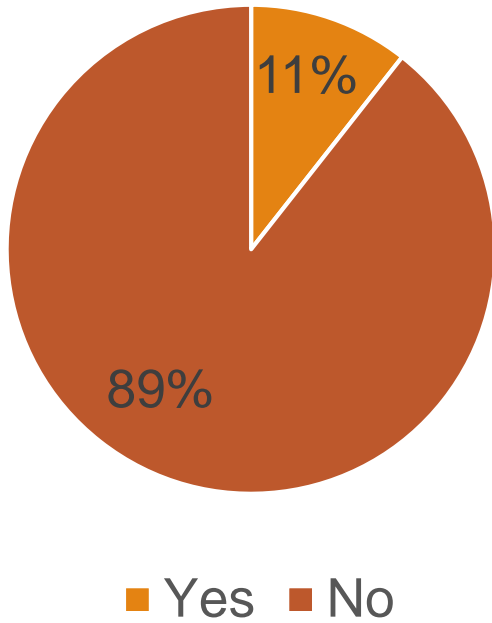
■ Yes ■ No

Experience with Property Crime  
Victimization By Race

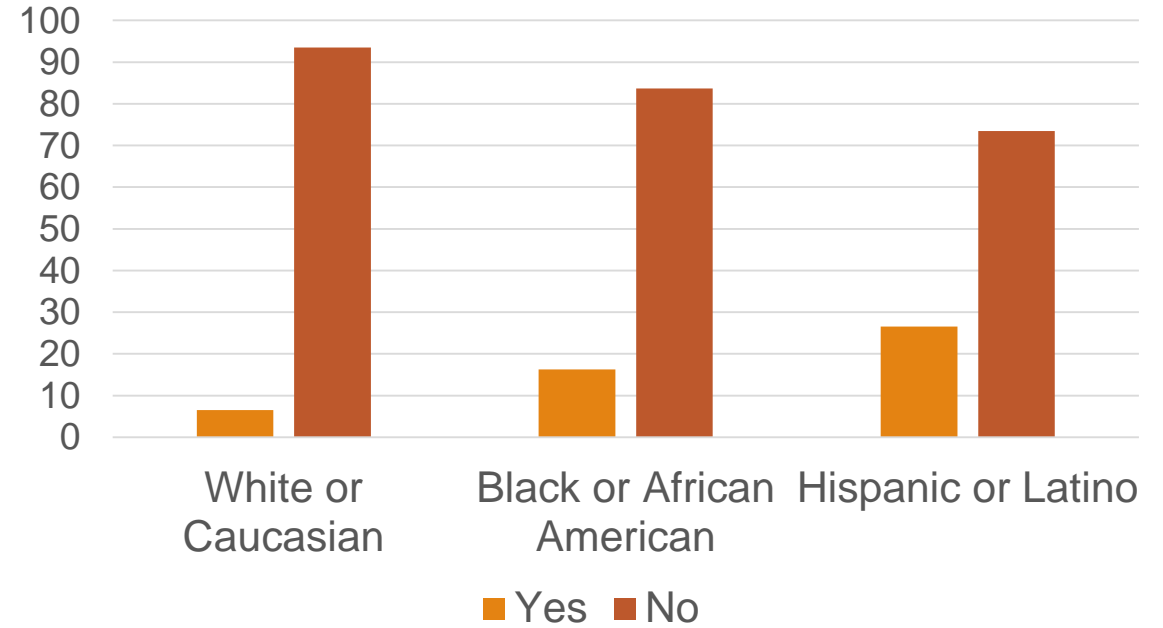


■ Yes ■ No

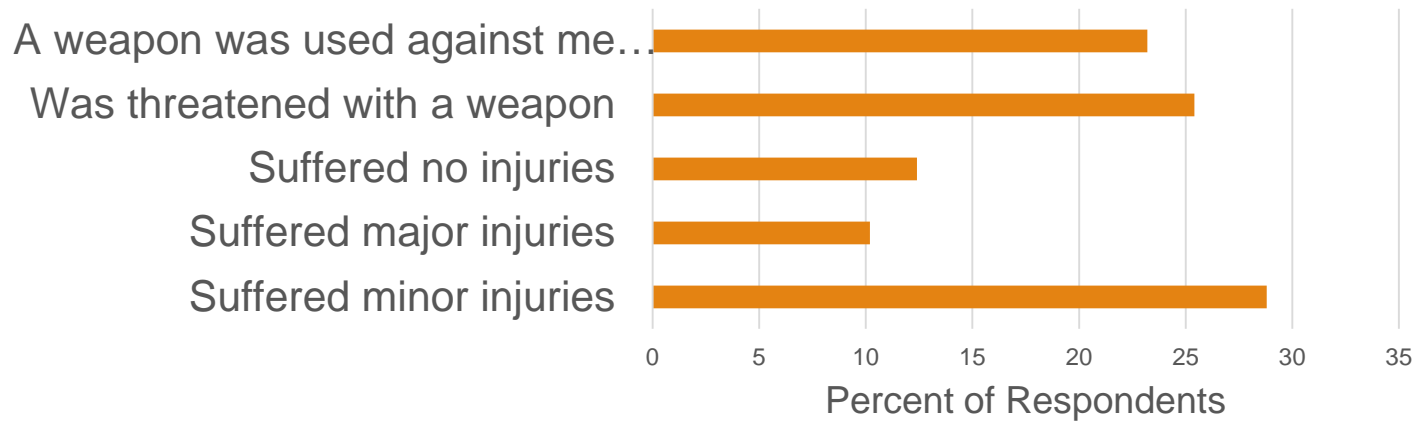
## Victim of Violent Crime in Past Year



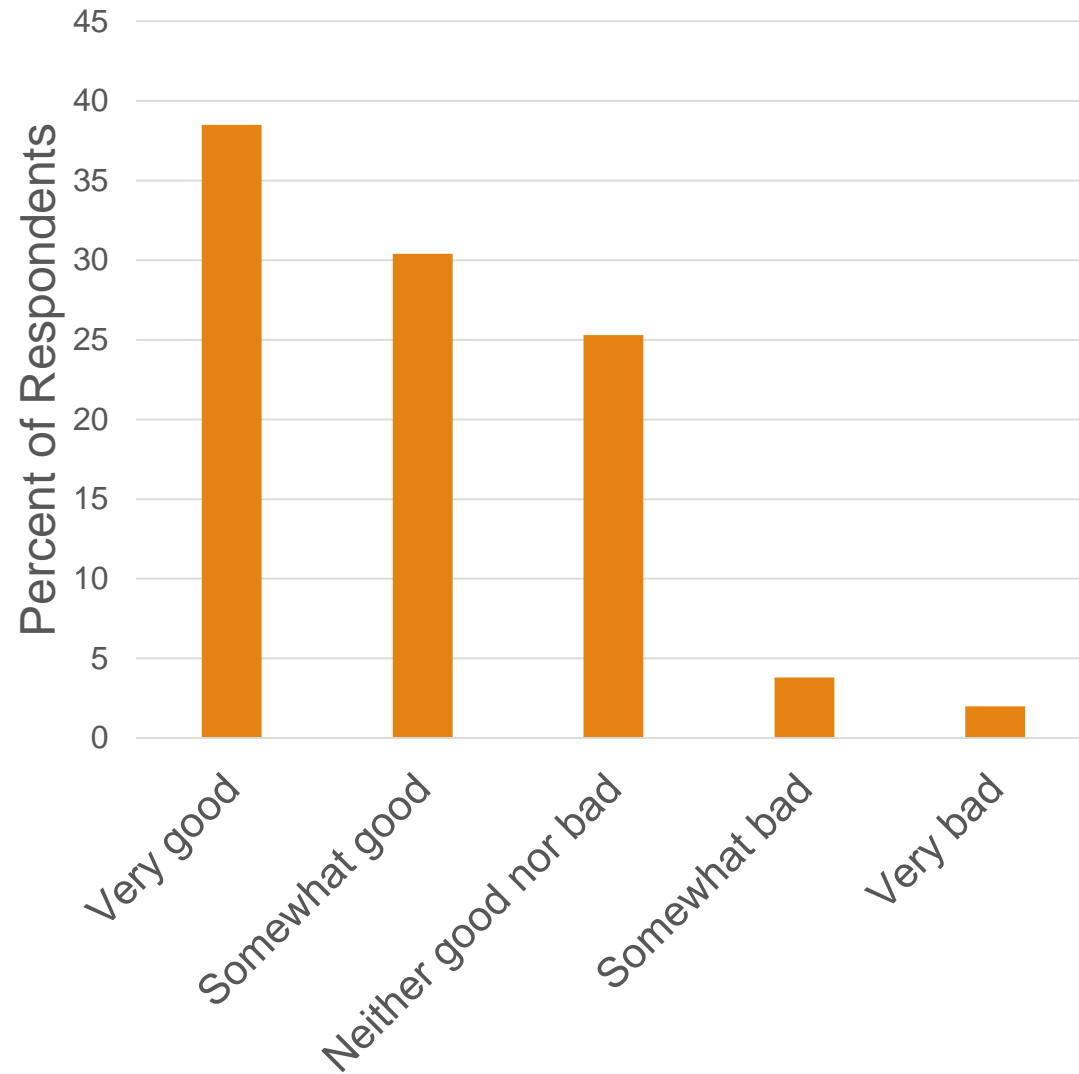
## Experiences With Violent Crime Victimization By Race



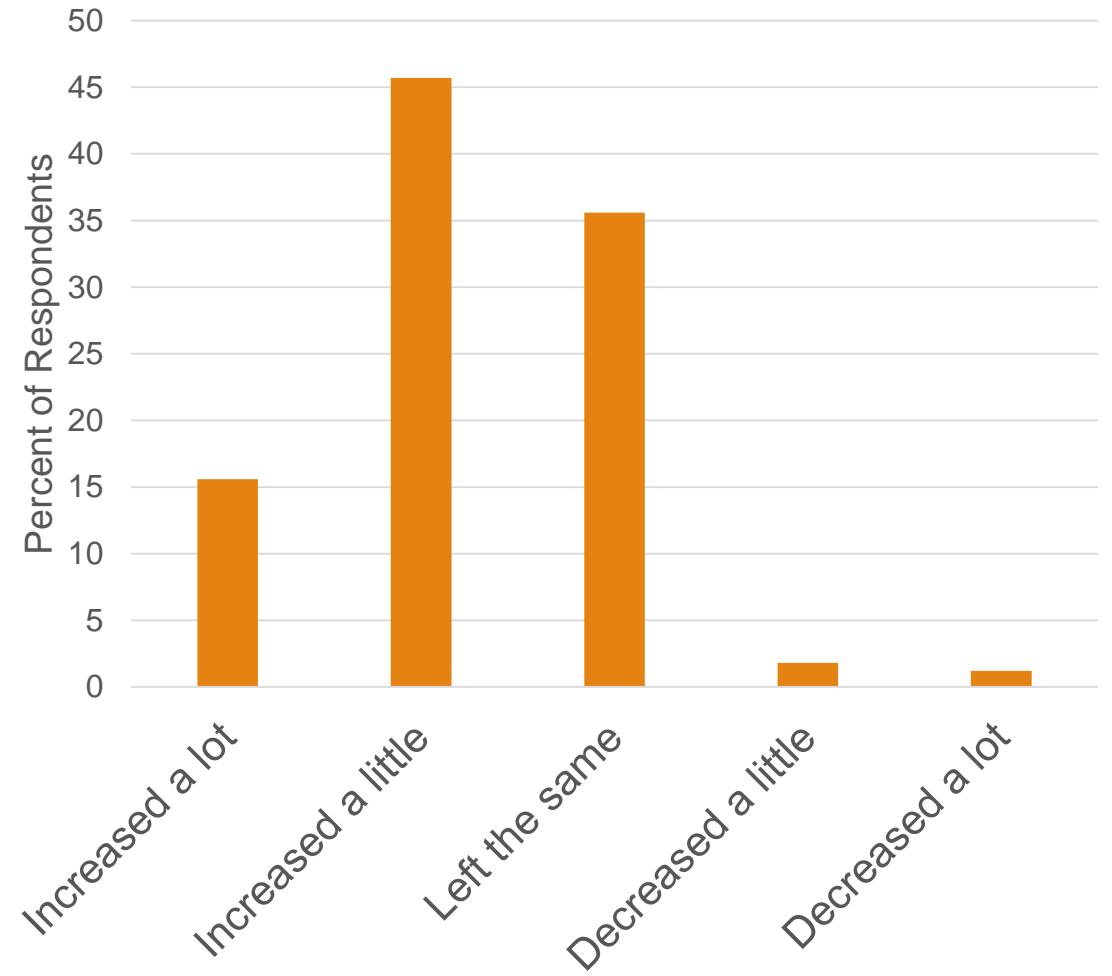
## Details of Violent Victimization



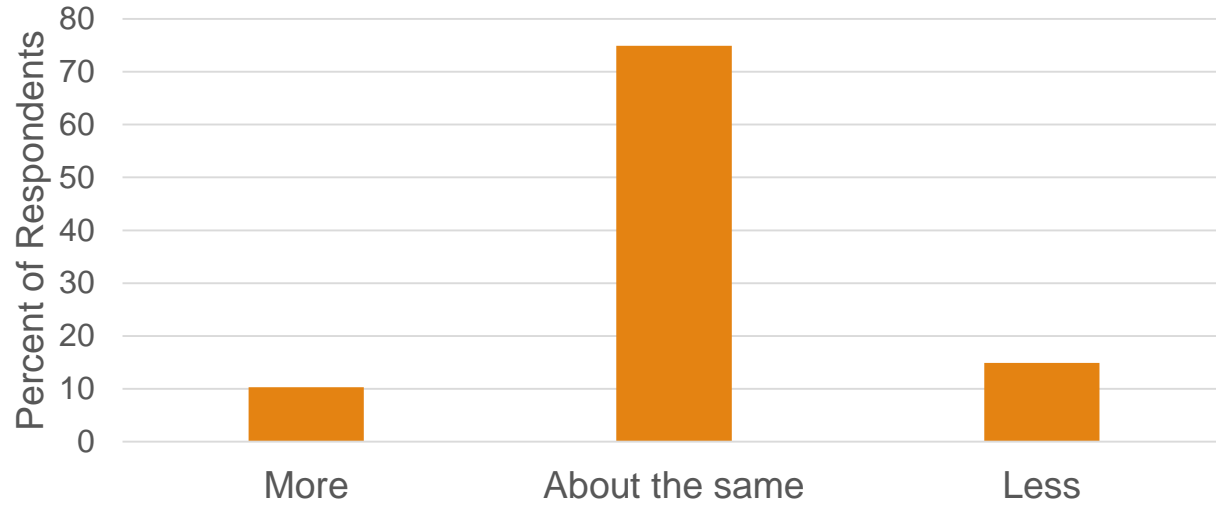
### Perceptions of Police Serving Participant Neighborhood



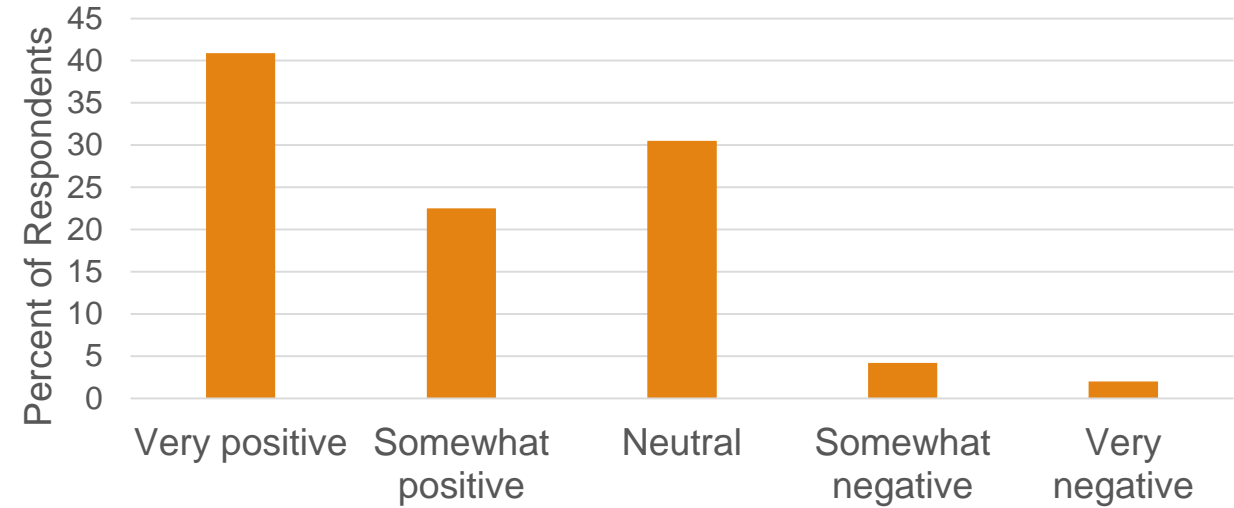
### Perceptions of Need for Police Presence to Increase or Decrease in Respondent Neighborhood



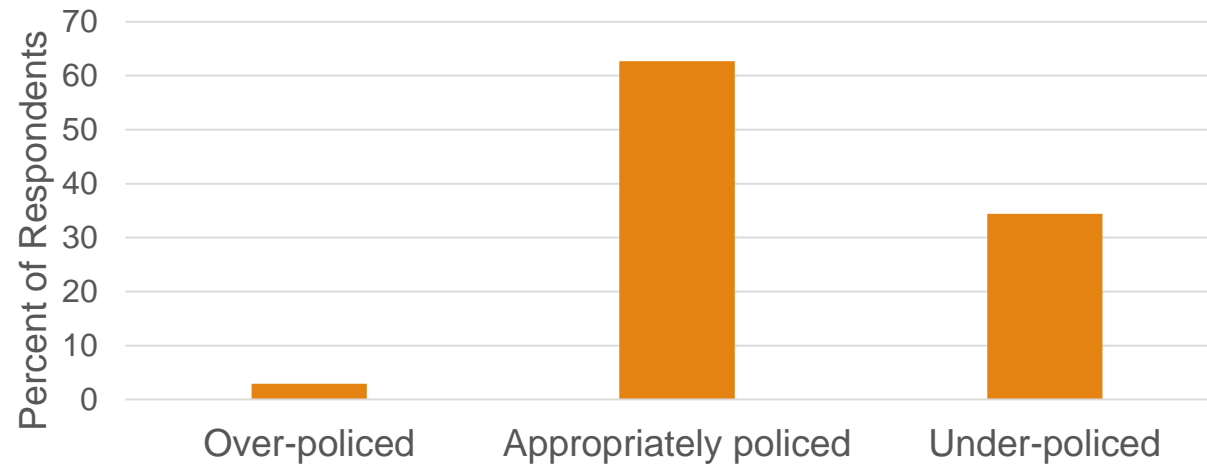
### Police Response in Participant Neighborhood vs. Other Neighborhoods



### Perceptions of Relationship Between Police and Respondent Neighborhood



### Respondent Perception of Over vs. Under Policing in Neighborhood







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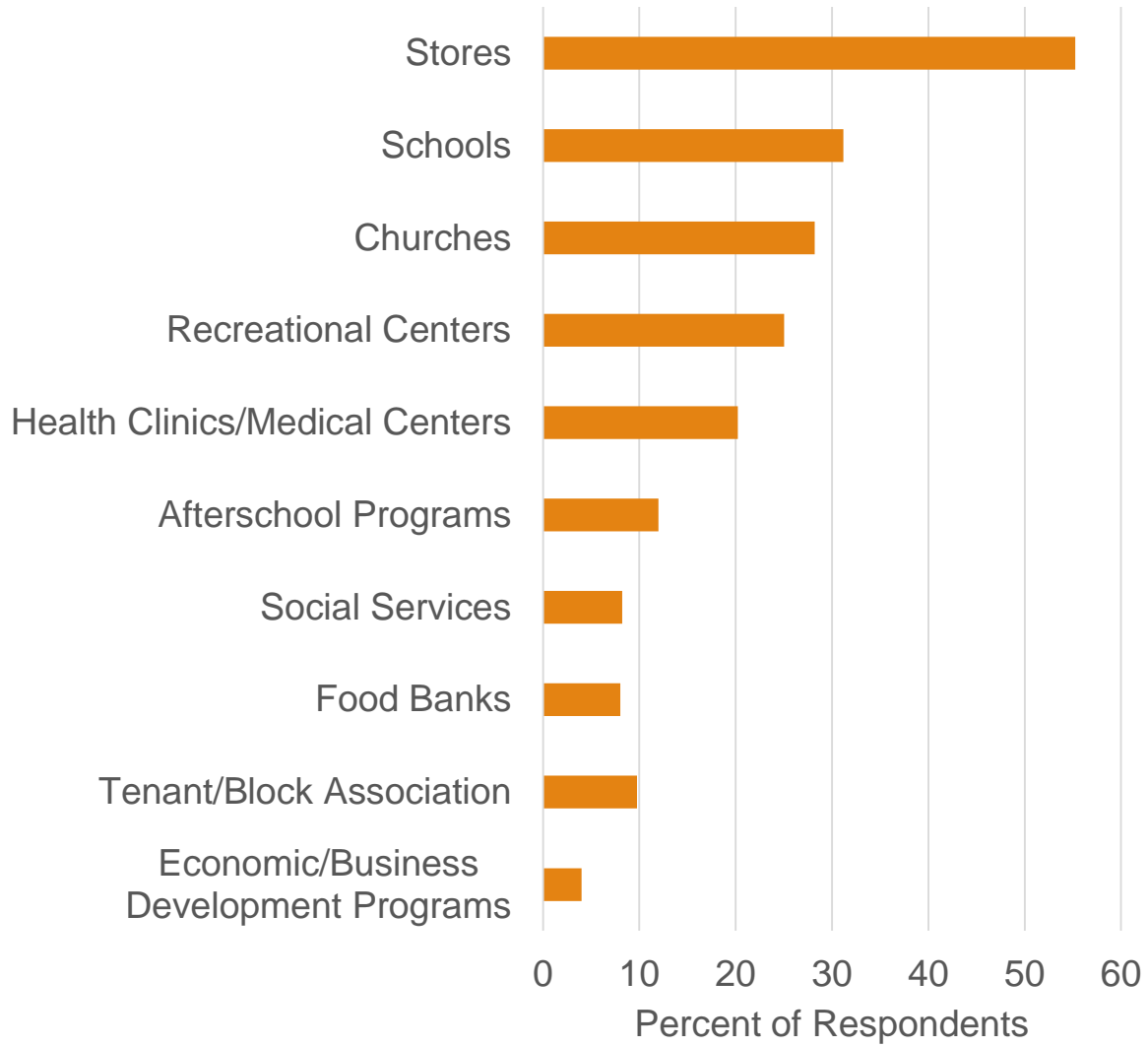
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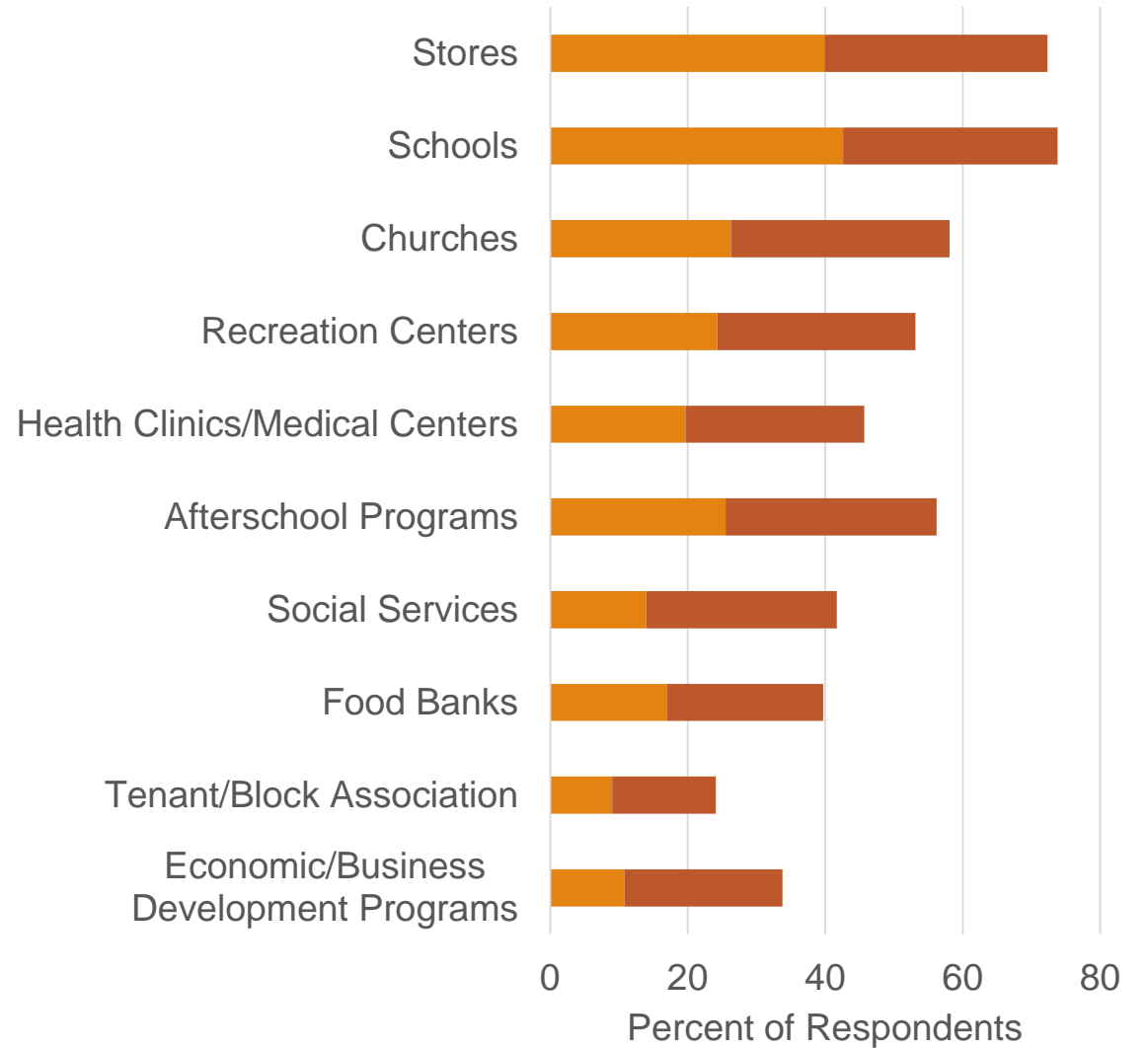
# Community Resources

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## Rate of Respondents that Used Neighborhood Resources

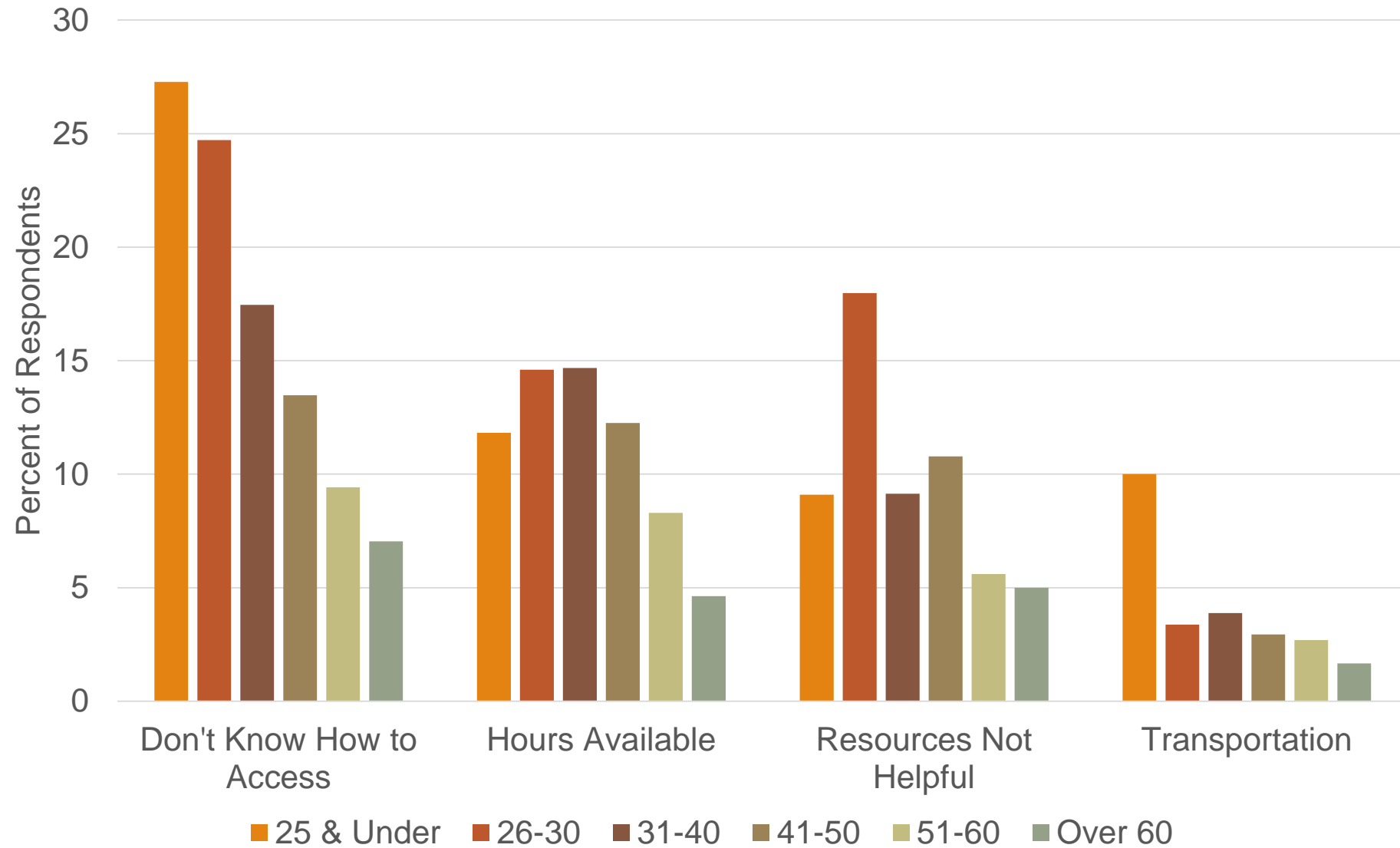


## Resources Respondents Described as Beneficial



■ Great deal of benefit
 ■ Moderate benefit

# Barriers Preventing Access to Resources By Age



# Conclusions

- Residents largely feel safe (*though people of color and younger people feel less safe*)
- Mental health, poverty, unsupervised youth are most likely to be commonly reported as problems (*young people perceive these as bigger problems than older respondents*)
- Mental health issues are the most common concerns, followed by concerns about paying bills (*concerns are highest among young people*)
- Not knowing how to access services was biggest barrier to using community resources, especially for young people

## Potential Implications

- Addressing mental health concerns should be key in prevention and intervention efforts of PIER model.
- Mental health focus lacking in city's strategic plan.
- Concerns regarding poverty/financial burdens are critical tools in prevention, intervention, and reentry efforts of PIER model.
- Community-based organizations should play key role in concerns regarding unsupervised youth (*focus on increasing access*).
- Community policing efforts important in facilitating positive community/police relationships (*should examine geographic areas with less positive perceptions*).

## Next Steps

- Analyze qualitative responses to questions about what respondents believe would reduce crime and about useful community resources
- Focus group interviews with targeted groups
- Explore how responses vary across neighborhoods
- Examine race and age differences in greater detail
- Look at relationships between perceptions of neighborhood problems, personal concerns, and victimization experiences



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## **Gun Violence Intervention Program – Competitive Community Grants**

**Alan K. Archer, Assistant City Manager**



## **Gun Violence Intervention Program Grants**

- Application period began today, May 24
- Interested organizations can visit [www.nnva.gov](http://www.nnva.gov) to access the grant portal
- Applications accepted until Friday, June 24 at 5 p.m.

## **Engagement with Community Organizations**

- 24 organizations have registered on the city's portal to receive regular information on our initiative
- David Duck, Youth Programs and Outreach Supervisor with the Department of Human Services, is engaging with these organizations on a regular basis

## **Grant Pre-Application Session**

- Wednesday, May 25 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center
- City representatives will share information on the grant application and provide insight on funding priorities
- Over 70 organizations/individuals have registered

## **Grants 101 Session**

- Wednesday, June 1 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center
- For organizations that have never responded to a grant application
- 20 individuals/organizations have registered

## Key Dates and Information

- **Monday, July 11:** Notification to awardees – they have until Friday, July 15 to accept the grant award
- **Monday, July 18:** Public Announcement of awardees
- **Monday, August 1, 2022 – Friday, June 30, 2023:** Grant Period
- The city will host regular **Grant Measures Sessions** with Dr. Keener's support to help organizations understand the importance of data collection and measurement.
- Dr. Keener will offer ongoing **technical assistance and support** to grantees to help them with data collection and performance measures

# Questions and Discussion