In spring 2016, Open Buffalo administered the Community Policing Survey to 2,018 residents of Buffalo. Conducting brief, in-person interviews, surveyors engaged a truly diverse cross-section of the city population – men and women of different races, ages, genders, and class statuses, who reside in neighborhoods that span over thirty zip codes. They surveyed residents at grocery stores, metro stops, community events, neighborhood meetings, and other sites and venues across the city. The Community Policing Survey was also translated into Spanish, Burmese, Karen, and Nepali to reach many of the city’s foreign language speakers.

The goal of the survey was to talk with as many residents as possible, with special attention to groups that have had particular difficulties in police interactions, including people of color, youth, LGBTQ people, refugees, etc. Thus, the survey does not represent a demographic cross-section of the city. For example, 50 percent of respondents were black, whereas roughly 39 percent of the city’s population is black. Therefore, the survey should not be used to generalize about how the City of Buffalo as a whole feels about policing. However, it contains rich and useful information about how over 2,000 Buffalo residents feel about policing.

Data from the survey is summarized below.

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**Q1**

![Pie chart showing a diverse range of zip codes]

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Q4

What do you consider your racial/ethnic background?

- White or Caucasian: 50.0%
- Black or African American: 24.5%
- Asian or Asian American: 8.3%
- American Indian, Aleut, Inuit: 4.5%
- Hispanic or Latino (i.e. Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban): 3.7%
- Middle Eastern: 1.8%
- Bi-Racial: 0.9%
- Other: 0.8%
- No answer/leave blank: 0.0%

Q5

Are you a person with disabilities?

- Yes: 11.4%
- No: 77.4%
- Decline: 2.4%
- No answer: 8.8%

Q6

Do you have any mental health diagnosis?

- Yes: 7.1%
- No: 86.3%
- Decline: 4.3%
- No answer: 2.3%
Q7

**I identify my gender as:**

- **Man** 38.7%
- **Woman** 55.5%
- **Transgender man** 0.3%
- **Transgender woman** 0.3%
- **Gender Queer** 0.7%
- **Other** 0.2%
- **Prefer not to answer** 1.3%
- **No answer** 3.0%

Q8

**I identify as:**

- **Lesbian** 1.8%
- **Gay** 2.3%
- **Bisexual** 3.9%
- **Queer** 0.8%
- **Questioning** 1.0%
- **Straight** 76.0%
- **Other** 1.2%
- **No answer/left blank** 12.9%

Q9

**What was your total household income (before taxes) in 2015?**

- **$10-25K** 15.6%
- **$25-50K** 15.5%
- **$51-75K** 5.2%
- **$76-100K** 9.4%
- **$101-150K** 3.3%
- **$151-200K** 1.7%
- **$200K+** 11%
- **Do not know** 14.8%
- **No answer/left blank** 4%
Q1

Do you think that you can trust the police to help you when you need it?

![Graph showing trust in the police](graph1)

Do you think that you can trust the police to help you when you need it?

![Graph showing trust in the police by race](graph2)

Do you think that you can trust the police to help you when you need it?

![Graph showing trust in the police by gender](graph3)
Q2

Do you think that your neighborhood works well with the police?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Checked both yes and no
- No answer

Do you think that your neighborhood works well with the police?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic

Do you think that your neighborhood works well with the police?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

- White men
- White women
- Black men
- Black women
In the past 6 months, have you been stopped by the police?

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**
- **Checked both yes and no**
- **No answer**

In the past 6 months, have you been stopped by the police?

- **White**
- **Black**
- **Asian**

In the past 6 months, have you been stopped by the police?

- **White men**
- **White women**
- **Black men**
- **Black women**
Do you feel that the police were fair?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Checked both yes and no
- No answer

Do you feel that the police were fair by ethnicity?

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic

Do you feel that the police were fair by gender?

- White men
- White women
- Black men
- Black women
Q4

Have you called the police in the past 6 months?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Checked both yes and no
- No answer

Have you called the police in the past 6 months?

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic

Have you called the police in the past 6 months?

- White men
- White women
- Black men
- Black women
Q5

Have the police helped you in the past 6 months?

- Yes: [Percentage]
- No: [Percentage]
- Do not know: [Percentage]
- Checked both yes and no: [Percentage]
- No answer: [Percentage]

Have the police helped you in the last 6 months?

- Yes: [Percentage]
- No: [Percentage]
- Do not know: [Percentage]

Have the police helped you in the past 6 months?

- Yes: [Percentage]
- No: [Percentage]
- Do not know: [Percentage]

- White men: [Percentage]
- White women: [Percentage]
- Black men: [Percentage]
- Black women: [Percentage]
- Asian: [Percentage]
- Hispanic: [Percentage]
Q6

**Do the police respond quickly in your neighborhood?**

- Yes: [30%]
- No: [50%]
- Do not know: [20%]
- Checked both yes and no: [0%]
- No answer: [0%]

**Do the police respond quickly to your neighborhood?**

- Yes: [40%]
- No: [30%]
- Do not know: [20%]

**Do the police respond quickly to your neighborhood?**

- Yes: [50%]
- No: [20%]
- Do not know: [30%]

**Do the police respond quickly to your neighborhood?**

- Yes: [60%]
- No: [10%]
- Do not know: [30%]
Q7

In general, do you respect the police?

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Yes
No
Do not know
Checked both yes and no
No answer

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In general, do you respect the police?

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Yes
No
Do not know

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White
Black
Asian
Hispanic

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In general, do you respect the police?

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Yes
No
Do not know

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White men
White women
Black men
Black women
Q8

In general, do you think that police respect youth?

[Bar chart showing responses to the question: Yes, No, Do not know, Checked both yes and no, No answer.]

In general, do you think that police respect youth?

[Bar chart showing responses to the question by race: White, Black, Asian, Hispanic.]

In general, do you think that police respect youth?

[Bar chart showing responses to the question by gender: White men, White women, Black men, Black women.]
In general, do you think that police respect people of color?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Checked both yes and no
- No answer

In general, do you think that police respect people of color?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

In general, do you think that police respect people of color?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

Options: White, Black, Asian, Hispanic, White men, White women, Black men, Black women
In general, do you think that police respect women?

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**
- **Checked both yes and no**
- **No answer**

**White**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**Black**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**Asian**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**Hispanic**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**White men**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**White women**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**Black men**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

**Black women**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Do not know**

Q10
In general, do you think that police respect people in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know
- Checked both yes and no
- No answer

In general, do you think that police respect people in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic

In general, do you think that police respect people in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No

- White men
- White women
- Black men
- Black women
Q12

Are you a part of a block club?

- Yes: 20%
- No: 80%
- Do not know: 0%
- Checked both yes and no: 0%
- No answer: 0%

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Are you a part of your block club?

- Yes: 80%
- No: 20%
- Do not know: 0%

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Are you part of a block club?

- Yes: 20%
- No: 80%
- Do not know: 0%

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- White men: 20%
- White women: 80%
- Black men: 0%
- Black women: 0%
Overall, would you say the level of crime in your neighborhood has decreased, increased or stayed the same from a year ago?

- Increased
- Decreased
- Stayed the same
- NA - recently moved to the neighborhood
- Refused
- No answer/left blank

Overall, would you say the level of crime in your neighborhood has decreased, increased or stayed the same from a year ago?

- Increased
- Decreased
- Stayed the same
- NA - recently moved to the neighborhood

Overall, would you say the level of crime in your neighborhood has decreased, increased or stayed the same from a year ago?

- Increased
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- Stayed the same
- NA - recently moved to the neighborhood

White | Black | Asian | Hispanic
Increased | | | |
Decreased | | | |
Stayed the same | | | |
NA - recently moved to the neighborhood | | | |

White men | White women | Black men | Black women
Increased | | | |
Decreased | | | |
Stayed the same | | | |
NA - recently moved to the neighborhood | | | |
Q14

Would you say your overall impression of the Buffalo Police Department is:

Would you say your overall impression of the BPD is:

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How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: working with the community to reduce crime

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How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: working with community members to prevent crime?

How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: working with the community to prevent crime?

How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: working with the community to prevent crime?
Q15C

How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: creating partnerships with the community

How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: creating partnerships in the community

How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: creating partnerships in the community

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor
- Don't know
- No answer
How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas: responding to the community's concerns

How would you rate the Buffalo Police Department in the following areas:

White men  White women  Black men  Black women
Q16 [Respondents were allowed to choose more than one response.]

How would you like the Buffalo Police Department to share information on programs or initiatives?

- Traditional Media (newspaper, radio, TV)
- Buffalo Police Department website
- Email
- Social Media (Facebook, twitter, etc.)
- Other
- No answer/left blank

How would you like the Buffalo Police Department to share information on programs or initiatives?

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic

How would you like the Buffalo Police Department to share information on programs or initiatives?

- White men
- White women
- Black men
- Black women
Q17 [Respondents were allowed to choose more than one response.]

If you noticed something or knew something violent was about to happen, what would you do?

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If you noticed something or knew something violent was about to happen, what would you do?
When you know that there is a crime or violent problem in your community, how often do you call the police?

When you know that there is a crime or violent problem in your community, how often do you call the police?

- Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never
- Refused/do not know
- No answer/blank

When you know that there is a crime or violent problem in your community, how often do you call the police?

- Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Seldom
- Never

- White
- Black
- Asian
- Hispanic

When you know that there is a crime or violent problem in your community, how often do you call the police?

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- White men
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- Black women