

Survey of Police-Public Relation and Trust in Chicago

This survey is administered by

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City of Chicago



Instructions:

- The survey is conducted by the Office of Inspector General (OIA) to all residents living in Chicago age 18 or above with the aim of grasping an understanding of current police-civilian dynamic and identifying areas that are in the most needs to change.
- To answer a question, simply mark X in the box that best represents your answer. If available, please use a black or blue pen. Unless otherwise specified, select one choice that best fits.
- Completing the survey should take less than 20 minutes. For any questions about survey items, please reach out to Vincent at 651-206-6341 or jliu48@uchicago.edu.

Trigger Warning:

- Note that due to the nature of the questionnaire, the survey may confidential sensitive information. Shall the person without the legal capability, questions should be filled out by a parent or guardian.

Legal Disclaimer:

- Per the law in Chicago, all information will be kept confidential. Using results for business uses is prohibited.

Section 1 Demographic Information

- **Answer all questions below, which ask about your socioeconomic, racial, and political information. Unless explicitly stated, choose one answer only**

Q1: What's your age in years?

years old

Q2: What race do you consider yourself? (Check multiple boxes if you self-identify with more than one race)

- White Black Asian Native
 Other (Please specify)

Q3: Clarify your sex at birth.

- Male Female
 Prefer not to say

Q4: Did you earn any income in the past 12 months? Income may include any earnings pre-tax.

- Yes No

➤ Which of these groups did your earnings pre-tax from for the last 12 months fall in?

- Lower than \$1,000 Between \$1,000 and \$4,999
 Between \$5,000 and \$9,999 Between \$10,000 and \$49,999
 Between \$50,000 and \$99,999 More than \$100,000

Q5: What is the highest grade (or year) of school you have ever attended?

(If you are currently entering a year, enter the grade you are in now. If you did not finish a grade, enter your highest grade)

- Not attending a school
 Nursery School
 Kindergarden
 Elementary to High School (Please specify a number between 1-12)
 years
 College or above (Please specify a number larger than 1)
 years

Q6: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or what?

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent

- Other (please specify) :
- I don't know

Section 2: Police Encounter and Arrest

- **This sections asks about your encountering information with a police officer in the past six months. Select one answer for all questions.**

Q7: In the past 6 months, did you interact with a police officer **face-to-face**? The interaction could be initiated by you or the police officer.

- Yes (answer questions below)
- No (jump to section 3)

➤ Q8: (only if you answered “Yes” to Q7) How many times did this happen during the past six months?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- Other (please specify a number)

➤ Q9 (only if you answered “Yes” to Q7): Did the police officer use stop-and-frisk in the interaction?

(Stop and frisk refers to the tactic of stopping you on the street and patting down your cloth to check for weapons or drugs.)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

➤ Q10 (only if you answered “Yes” to Q7): Were you arrested during the encounter?

(Arrest usually takes the form of handcuffing and detainment)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

➤ Q11 (only if you answered “Yes” to Q7): Was any force involved?

(A force could take on forms beyond shooting, such as unleashing police dogs to order them bark/bite, or restraining personal freedom, such as strangling).

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Section 3: Attitudes about Policing

- This section asks about your attitudes on a number of aspects in policing practice. Select one answer for all questions.

Q12: In the summer of 2020, police officers in the Minneapolis Police Department killed George Floyd, a Black citizen, by strangling him to death. Responding to the police violence, people are calling for governors to “*defund the police*” as a means to **restore police-community relationship** and ensure police fundings are used in the right places. However, some politicians held an opposite view and believed that police funding has little to do with police violence and that doing the opposite – *increasing police funding*- would **improve public safety** to a greater degree.

Thinking about the police department that is responsible for your area, do you think that spending on policing should be:

- Increase a lot
- Increase a little
- Stay the same
- Increase a little
- Increase a lot

- I don't know

Q13: On a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree, do you agree that Blacks are treated less fairly than whites in dealing with the police now?

Strongly disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Strongly Agree		I don't know/No opinion
1	2	3	4	5	99	
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Q14: In a recent speech, a Chicago politician declared gun as the common enemy of Chicagoans and called for a new round of police reforms to build public safety.

Thinking about the police-civilian dynamics in recent days, on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree, do you agree that restoring police-community relationships should be on top of this politician’s agenda list?

Strongly disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Strongly Agree	I don’t know/No opinion
1	2	3	4	5	99
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q15: Thinking about the police officers in your area, do you think police officers in your community are doing an adequate amount of job to protect people from crimes?

(This could reflect on police presence and the degree of policing practice, eg are they doing a reasonable job to stop suspicious behaviors?)

- There should have **fewer** police jobs
- There are just **the right amount** of police jobs
- There should have **more** police jobs

- I don’t know

Q16: Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement written below.

The disproportionate number of BIPOC citizens involving in police violence cases is reflective of more systematic problems happening in the nation

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

- I don’t know

Q17: On scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being strongly disfavor and 5 being strong favor, how would you rank yourself when it comes to:

	Strongly disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree		I don't know
Change the current policing system in Chicago (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support more community elements in police reforms (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highlight police accountability in department codes (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highlight violence de-escalation in police training (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(1): This could reflect on multiple aspects, for example, police budgeting and police transparency.

(2): Community policing refers to the doctrine that put community members at the heart of policing practice.

(3): By doing this, officers with incidents of misuse of power will receive disciplines including fines, paid leaves, suspension, and sent to a court

(4): The opposite of this may include pedagogies, such as warrior ideology and fear-based training, that promotes the use of force as the direct solution and teaches officers to be soldiers rather than guardians

Thank you for your participation!

Your response is important for building a safer community and a more equitable police system. On behalf of the Office of Inspector General and the City of Chicago, I would like to thank you for your participation and truthful answers.

The completed survey should be sealed and mailed to the following person and address:

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