

# Local Leaders' Assessments of Police-Community Relations in Michigan

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# The Michigan Public Policy Survey



Michigan ranks 7th in the number of general purpose local governments (1,856):

- 83 counties
- 256 villages
- 277 cities
- 1,240 townships.

# The Michigan Public Policy Survey

- **Census survey** – all counties, cities, villages, and townships
- **Respondents** – chief elected and appointed officials
- **Administered** – online and via hardcopy
- **Timing** – Spring and Fall each year
- **Topics** – wide range, such as fiscal health, budget priorities, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation, employee policies, labor unions, state relations, roads, environmental sustainability, citizen engagement, much more.

# MPPS is not a typical opinion poll

- **70+% response rates**
- **Transparency**
  - Questionnaires online
  - Pre-run data tables online
  - Sharing of (anonymized) datasets with other researchers
- **Expert advisors on questionnaire content**
- **Borrow from other proven sources such as NLC and ICMA**

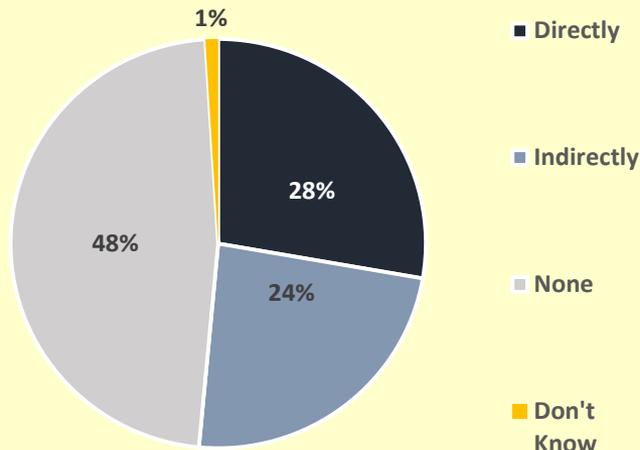
# What does the MPPS aim to do?

- **Improve understanding** of local government to help improve policymaking and quality of life
- **Inform local leaders** about peers across the state: challenges and responses
- **Inform state policymakers** and other stakeholders with data about local level challenges and responses not available from any other source
- **Build a longitudinal data archive** to allow tracking of fundamental changes (such as the economic transition, aging population, etc.)
- Foster **academic research and teaching** on local government issues

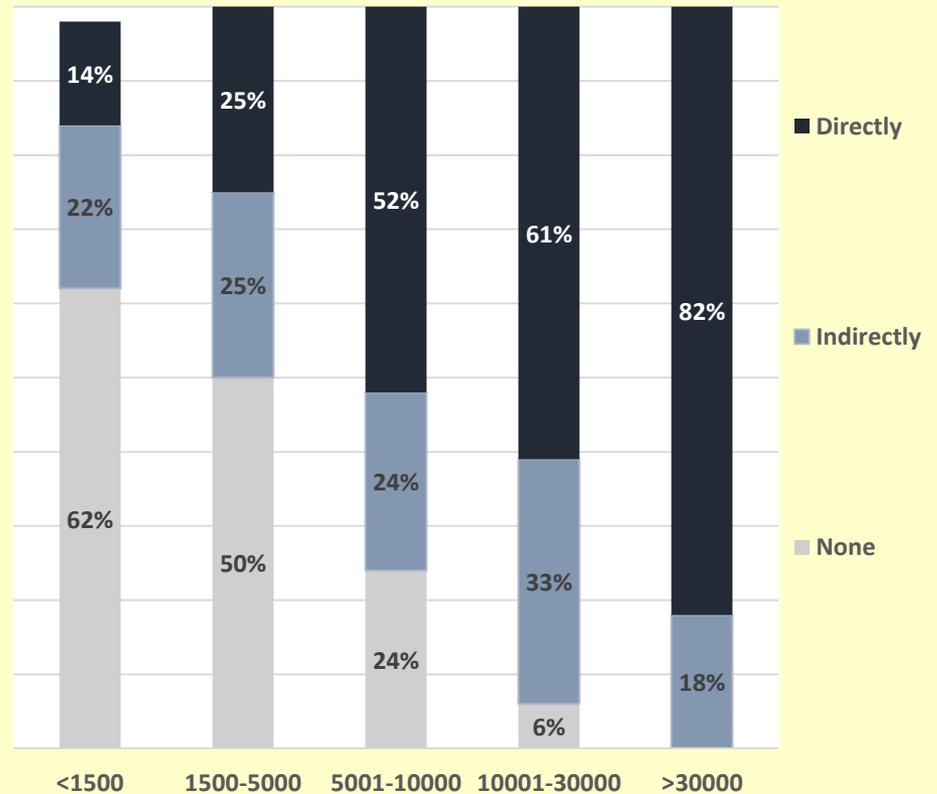
# Police-Community Relations In Michigan communities

# How Law Enforcement Services are Delivered

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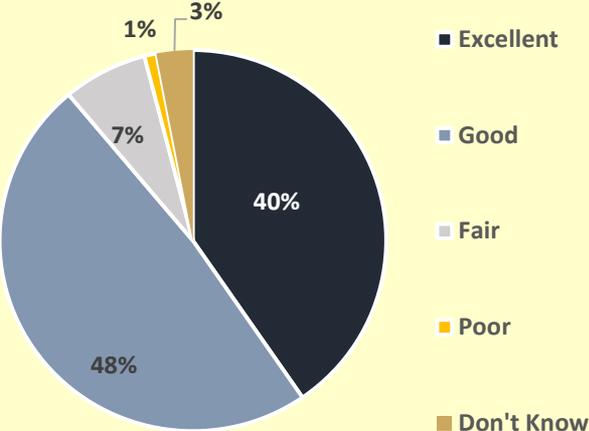


Law Enforcement Service Provision, by Community Size

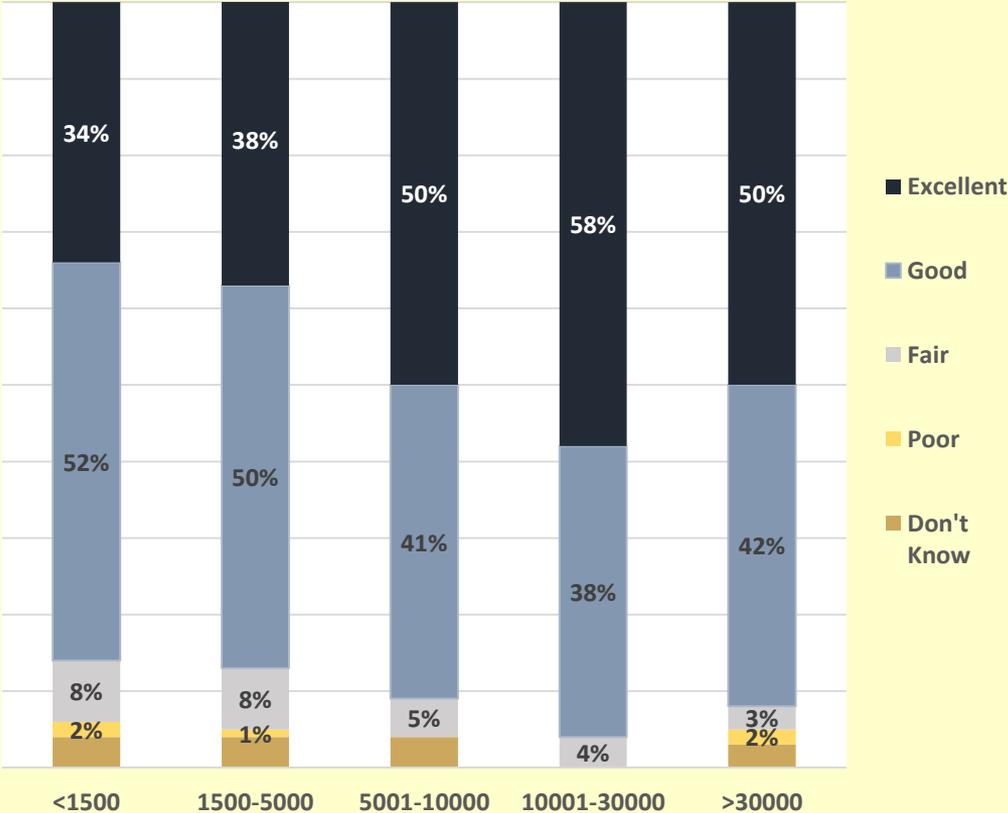


# Relationship between Officers and Citizens

Police-Community Relations, Overall

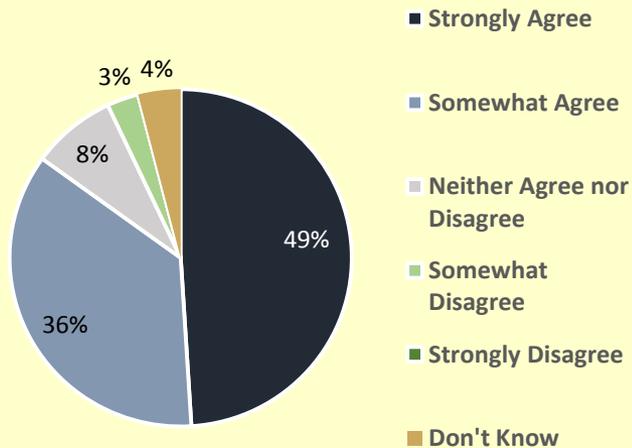


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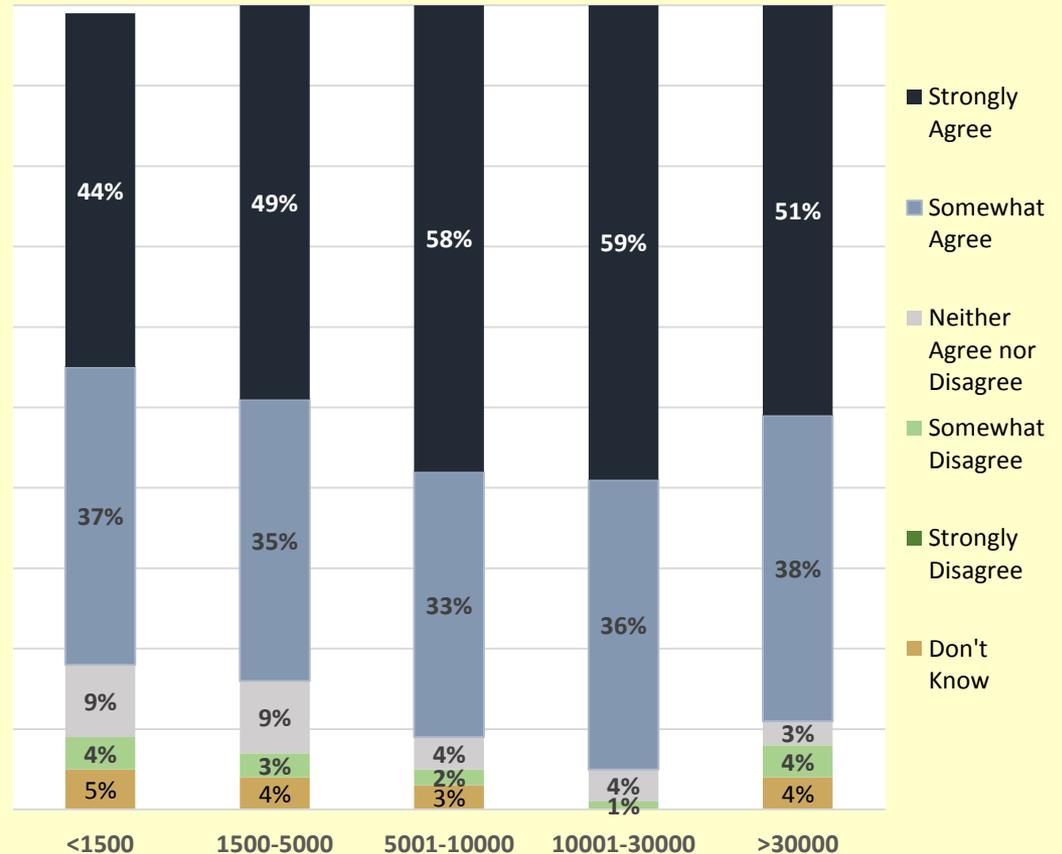


# Citizen Trust in their Police Officers

Most People Trust Officers, Overall

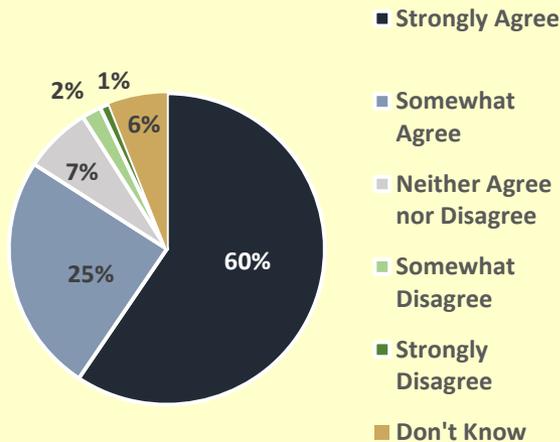


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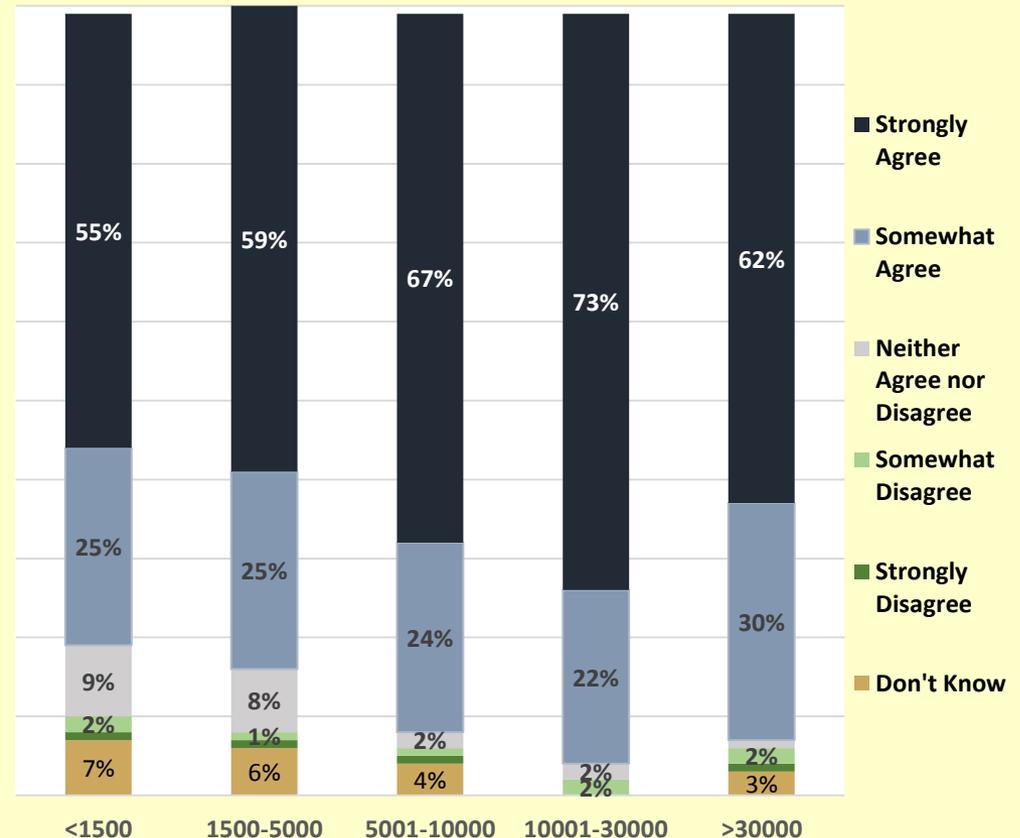


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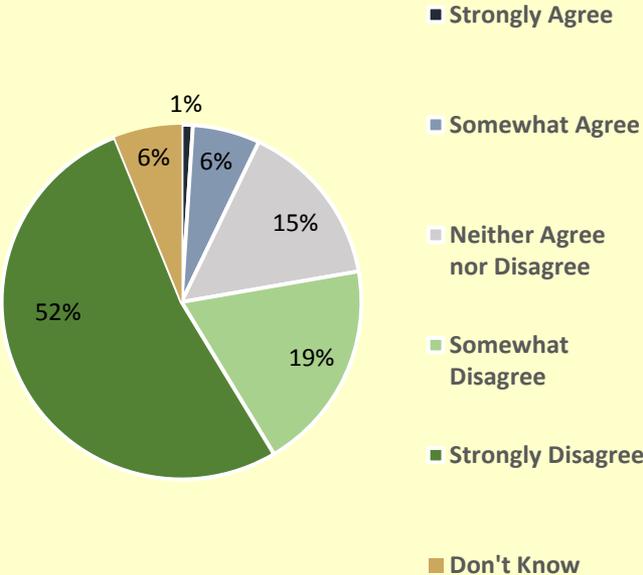


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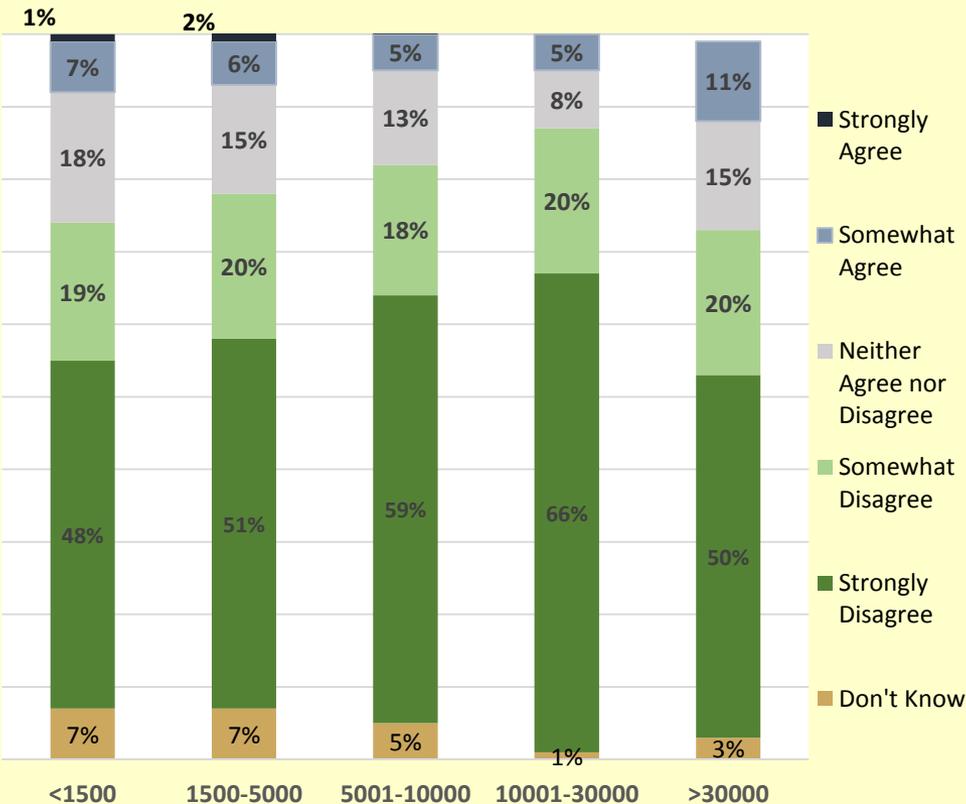


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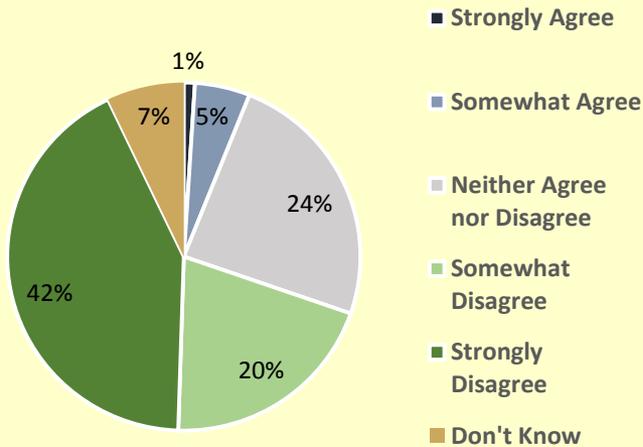


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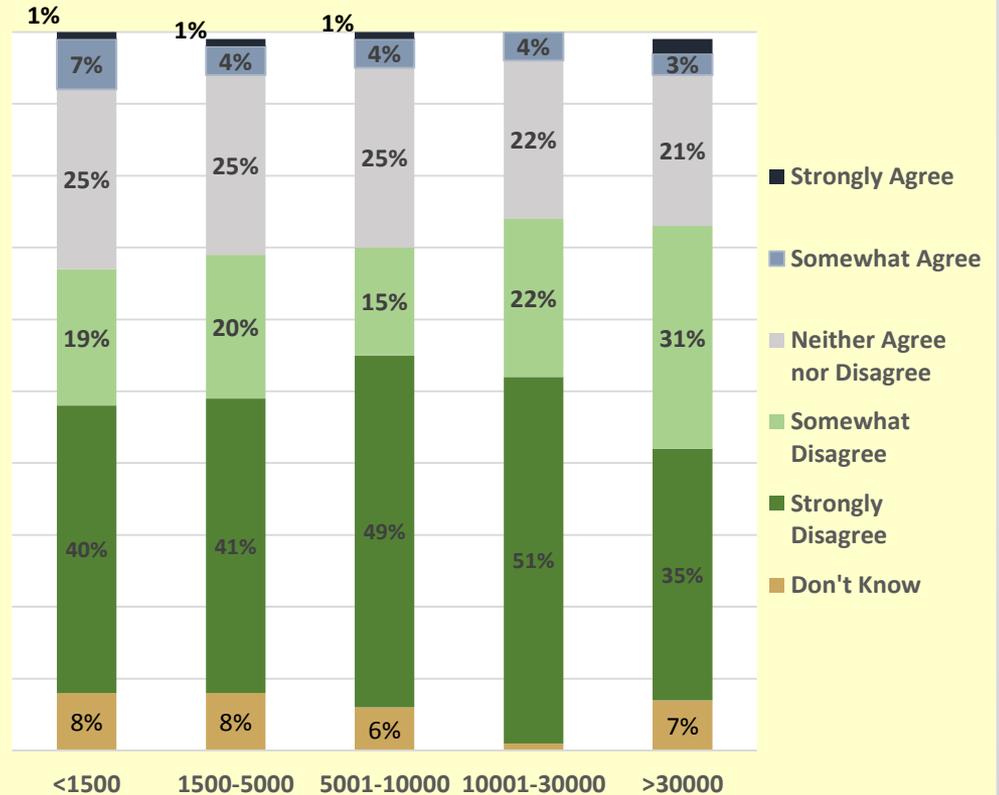


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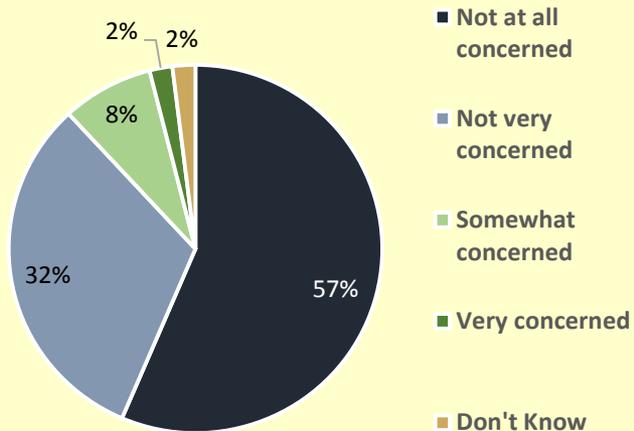
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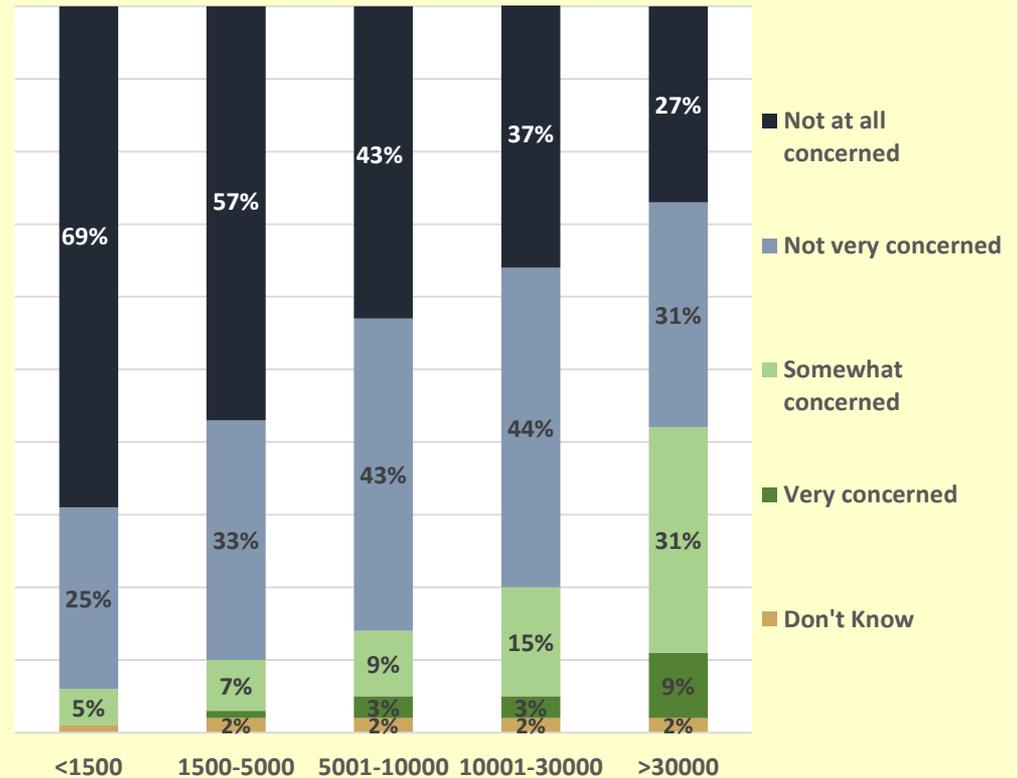
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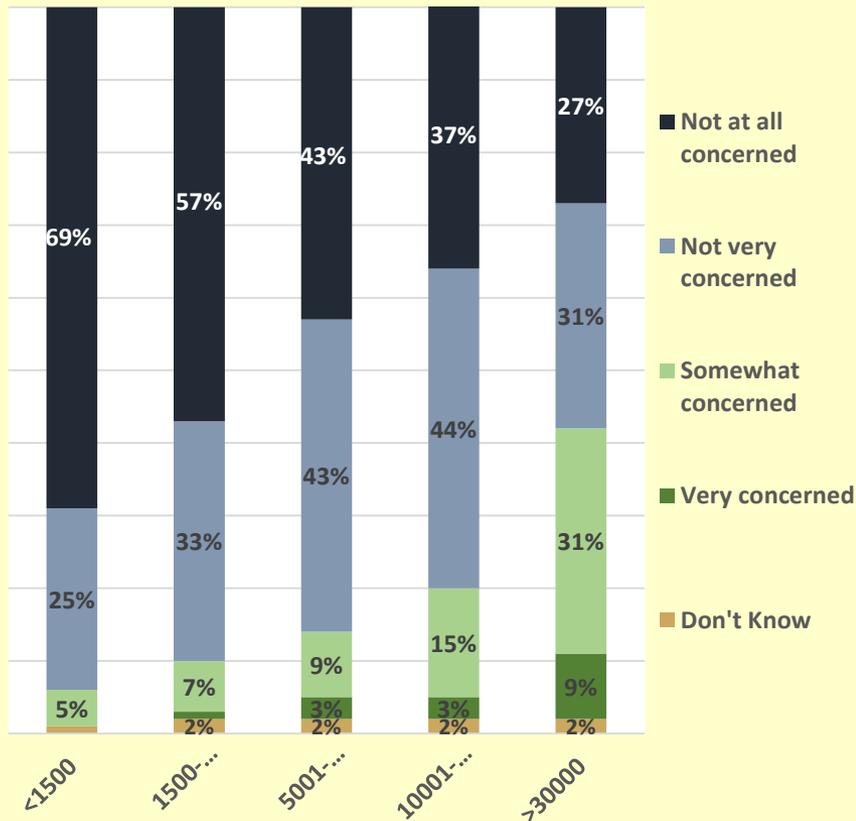


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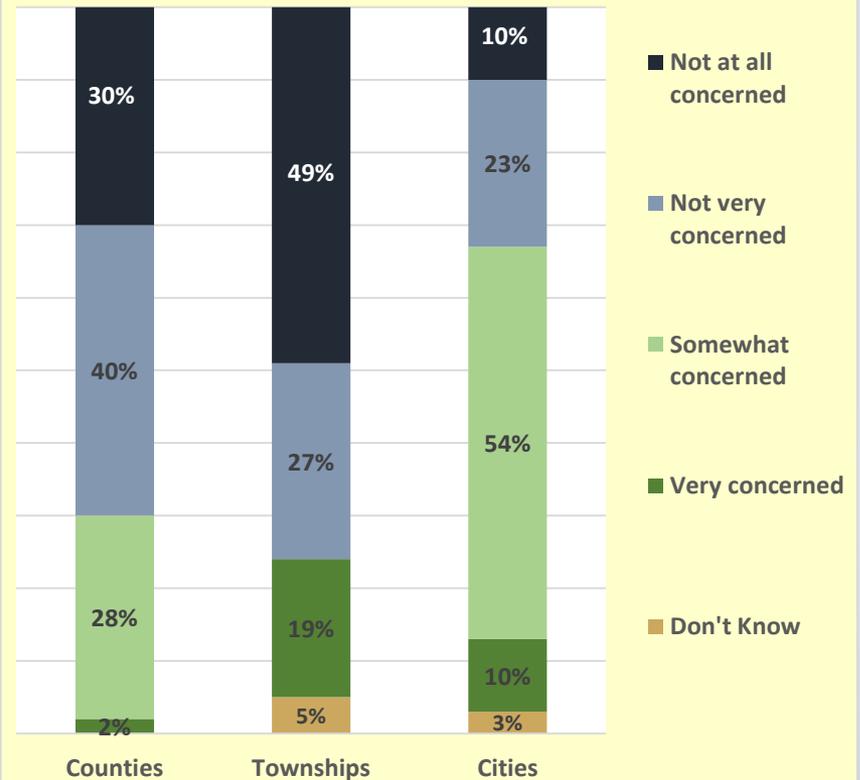


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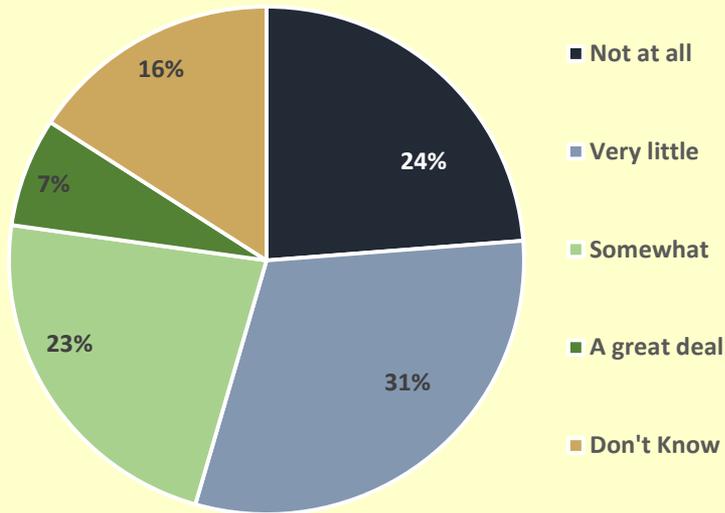


## Concern about Potential Civil Unrest, among jurisdictions >30,000

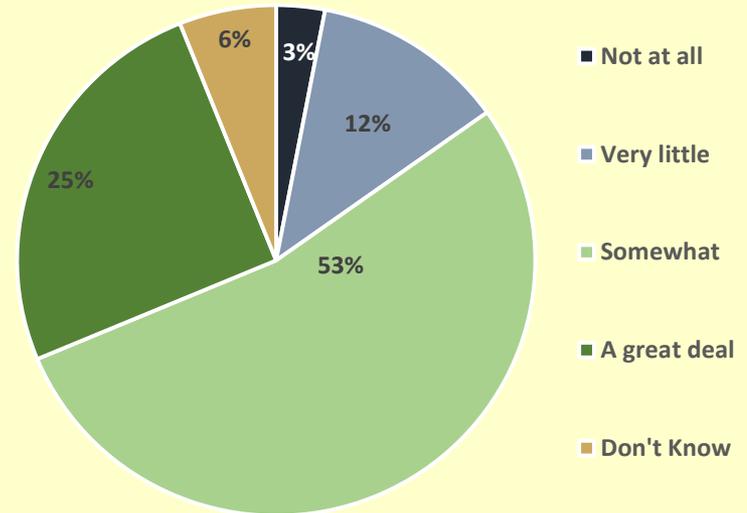


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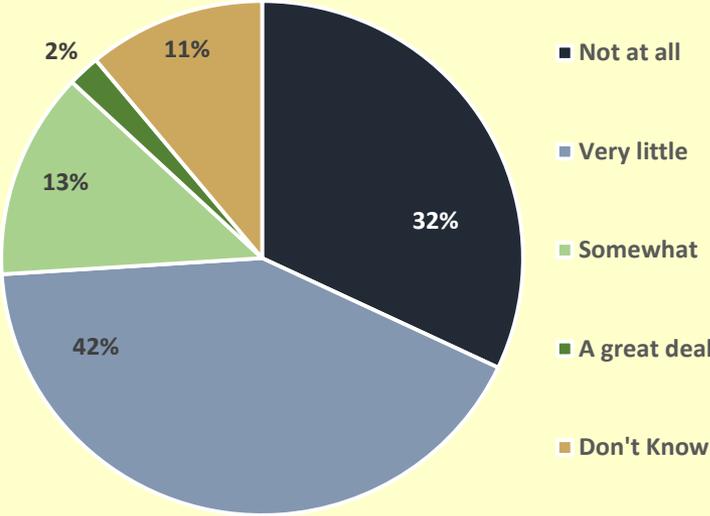


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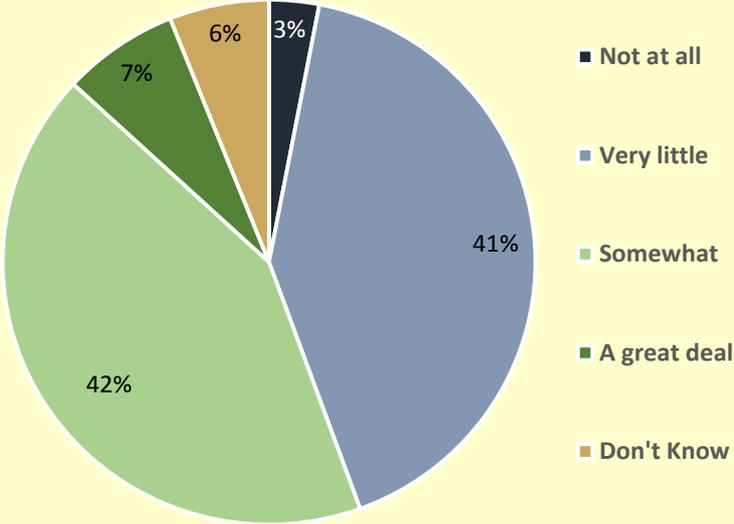


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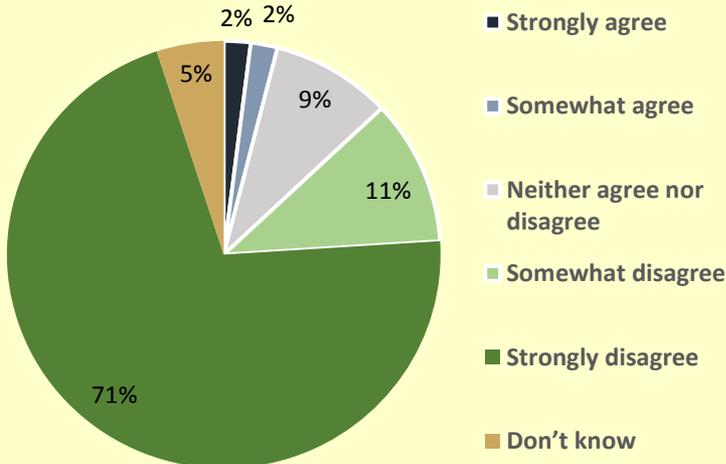


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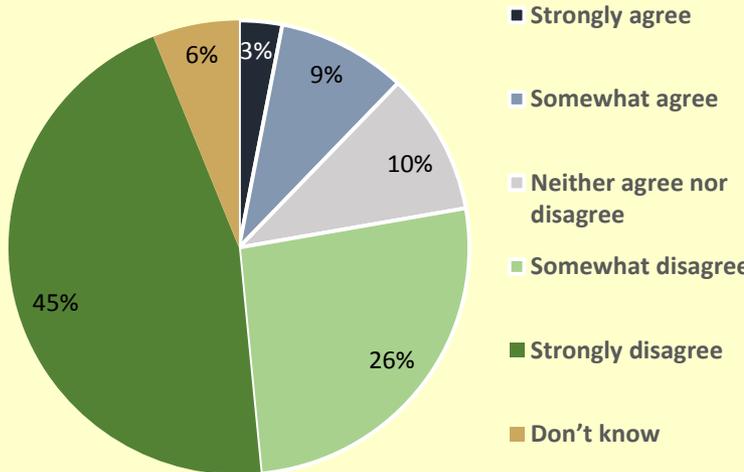


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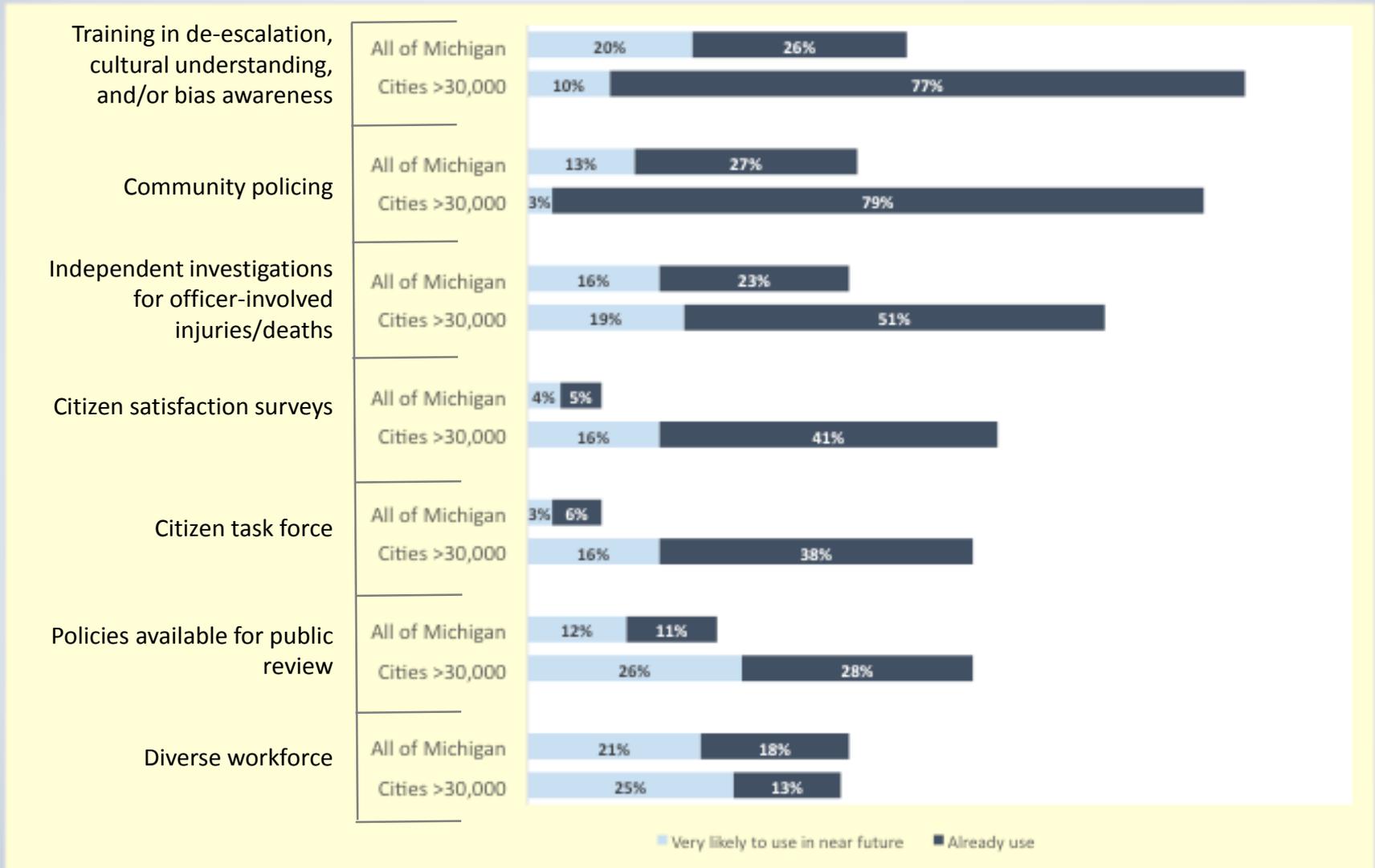


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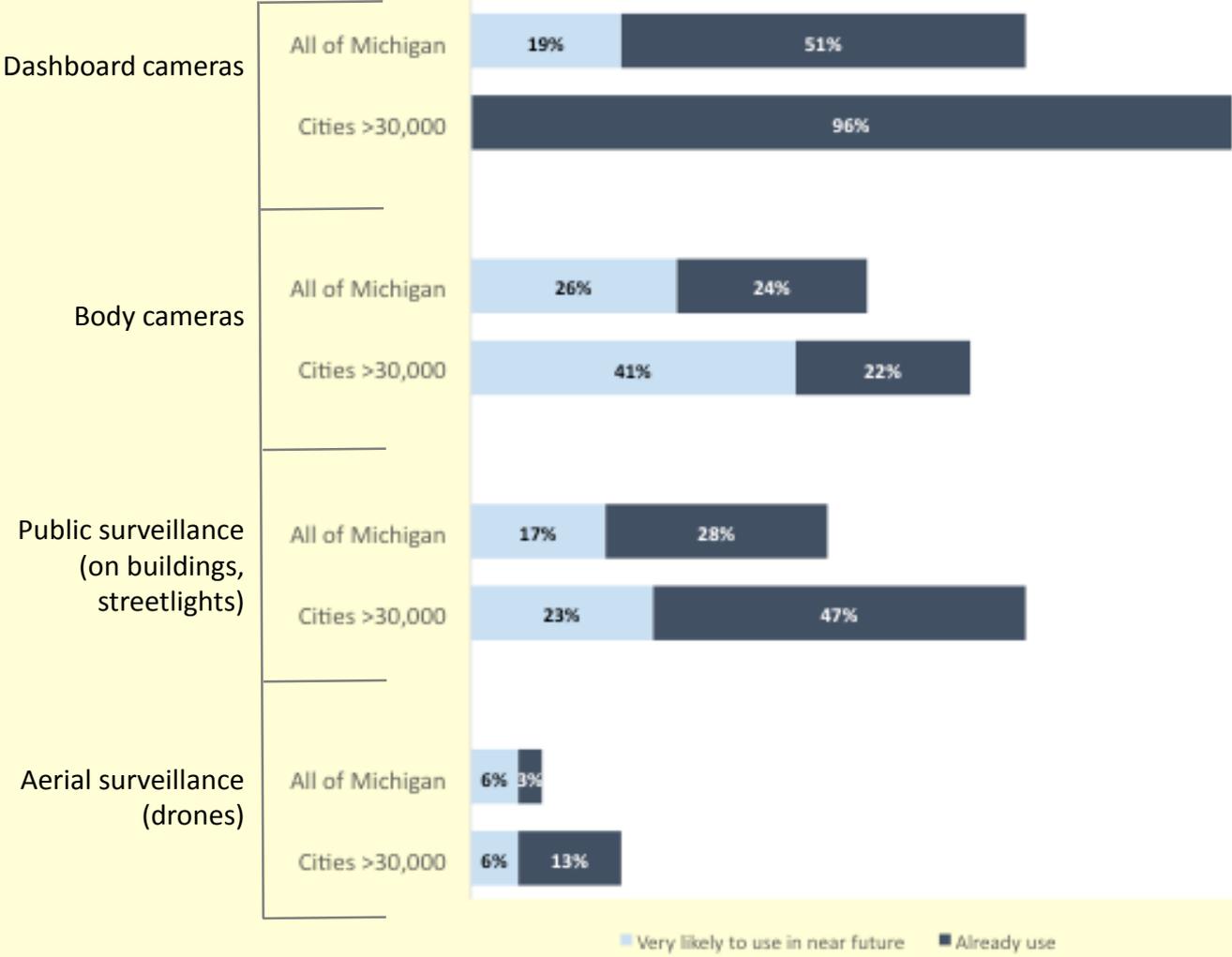
# Large Cities Taking Steps to Address Concerns

# How Jurisdictions are Addressing Concerns



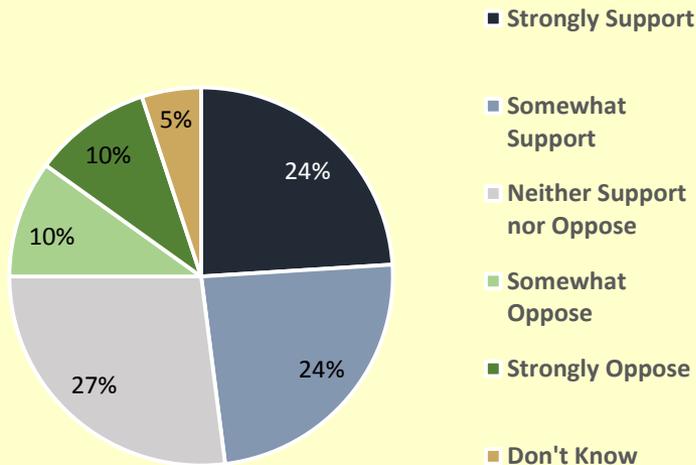
# Other Related Issues

# Use of Surveillance Equipment

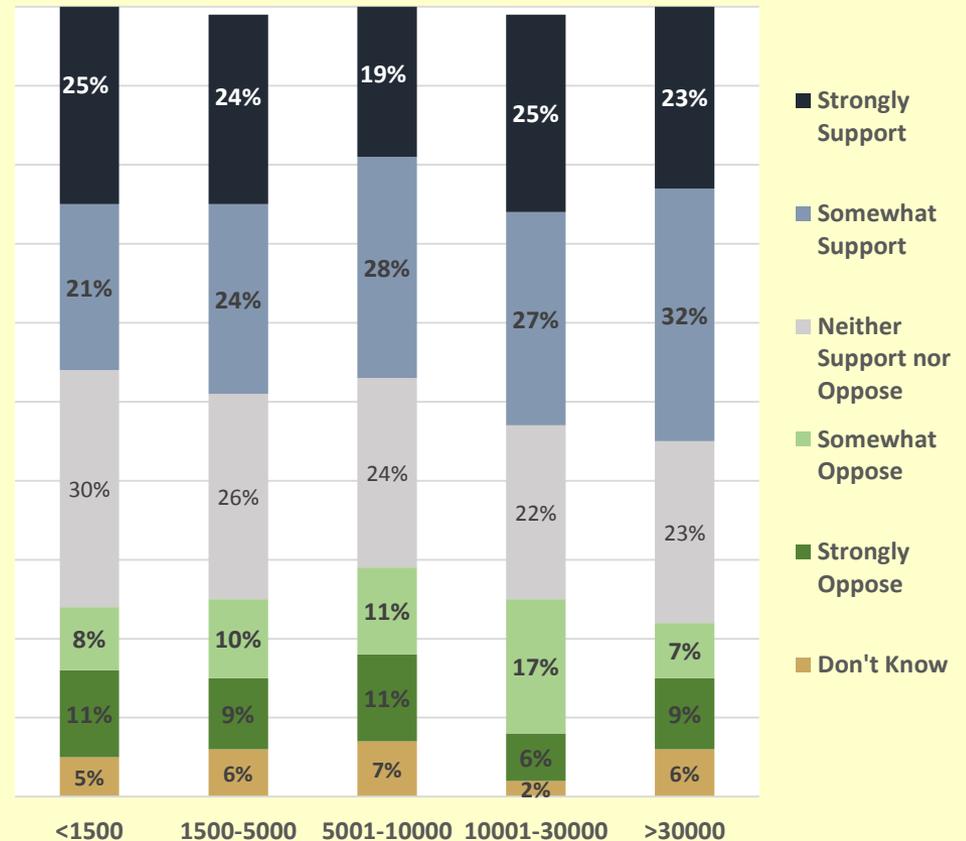


# Support for Military Equipment for Local Police

## Support for Military Equipment, Overall



## Support for Military Equipment, by Community Size



# Key Takeaways

- Statewide, many indicators look positive
- But concerns are more pronounced in bigger places
- Michigan's biggest cities are most likely to express concerns
- But biggest cities are also most likely to be taking actions to address issues

# More from the Michigan Public Policy Survey

# Upcoming reports (Fall 2015 wave)

- Law Enforcement Services
- Fire Services
- EMS Services

# Future waves of the MPPS

- **Spring 2016:**
  - Fiscal and budget policies
  - System of funding local government
  - Tax appeals
  - Water infrastructure
  - State government performance
- **Fall 2016:** Emergency manager law; relationships with other governments, between board and staff, etc.
- **Other survey topics?**
- **How can MPPS better serve policymakers and practitioners?**

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