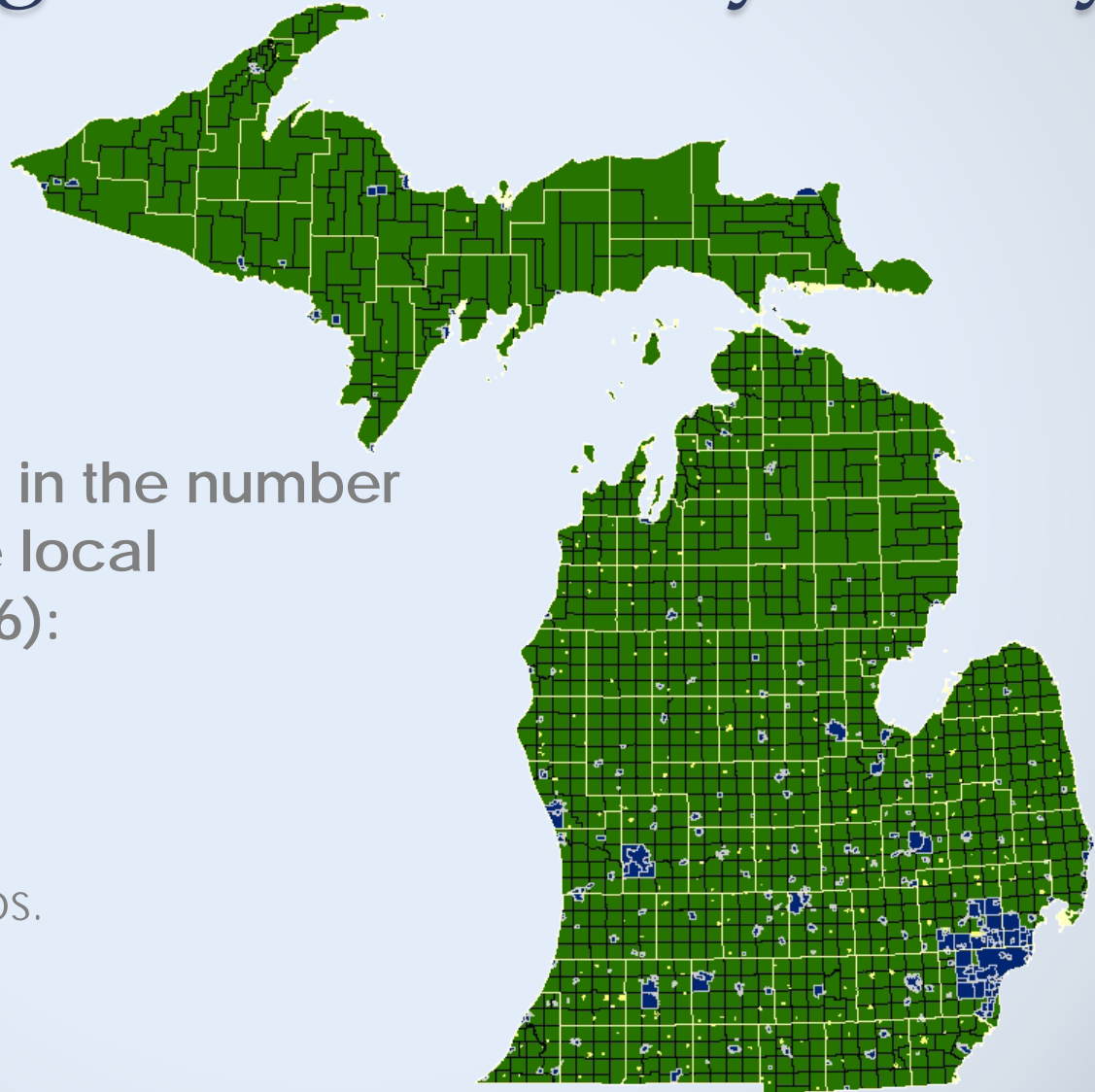


# Local Leaders' Assessments of Police-Community Relations in Michigan

Presented to the League of Women Voters Troy Area  
September 22, 2016

# 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 (in Oakland Co: 87%)
- **Transparency**
  - Questionnaires online
  - Pre-run data tables online
  - Sharing of (anonymized) datasets with other researchers
- Expert advisors on questionnaire content such as MTA, MML, and state gov't officials.
- Borrow from other proven sources such as National League of Cities and ICMA

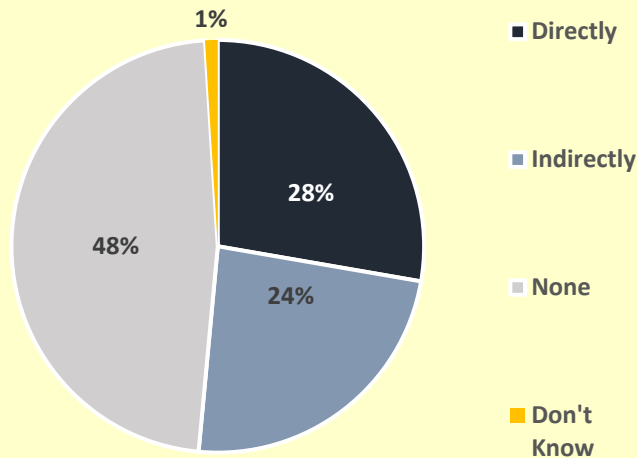
# What does the MPFS aim to do?

- **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

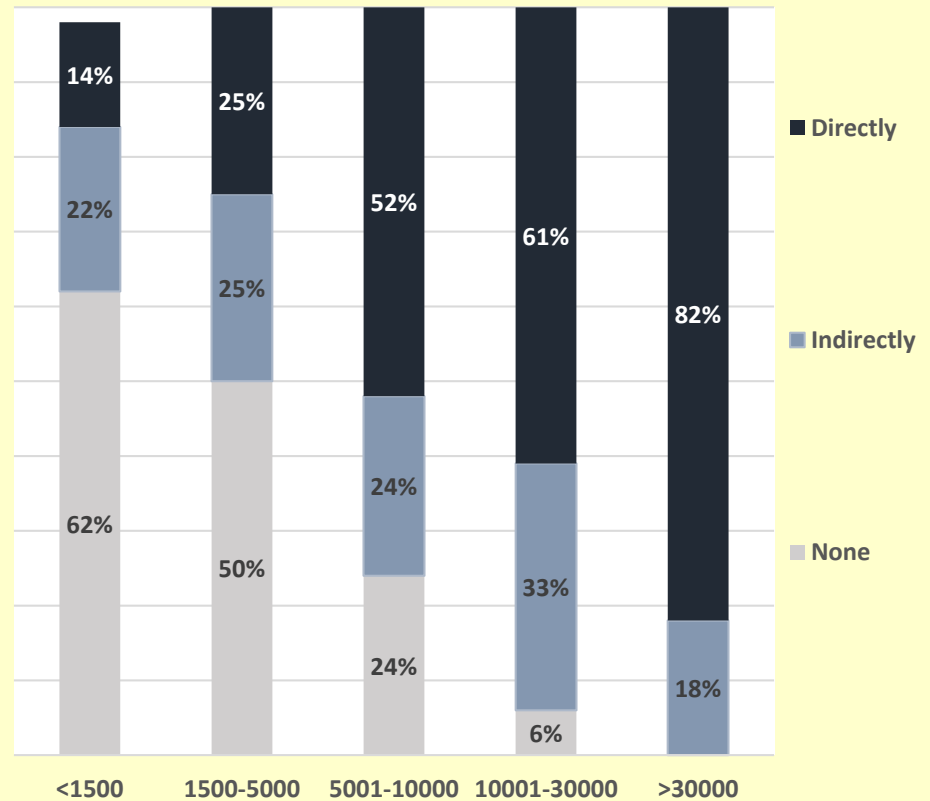
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Law Enforcement Service Provision,  
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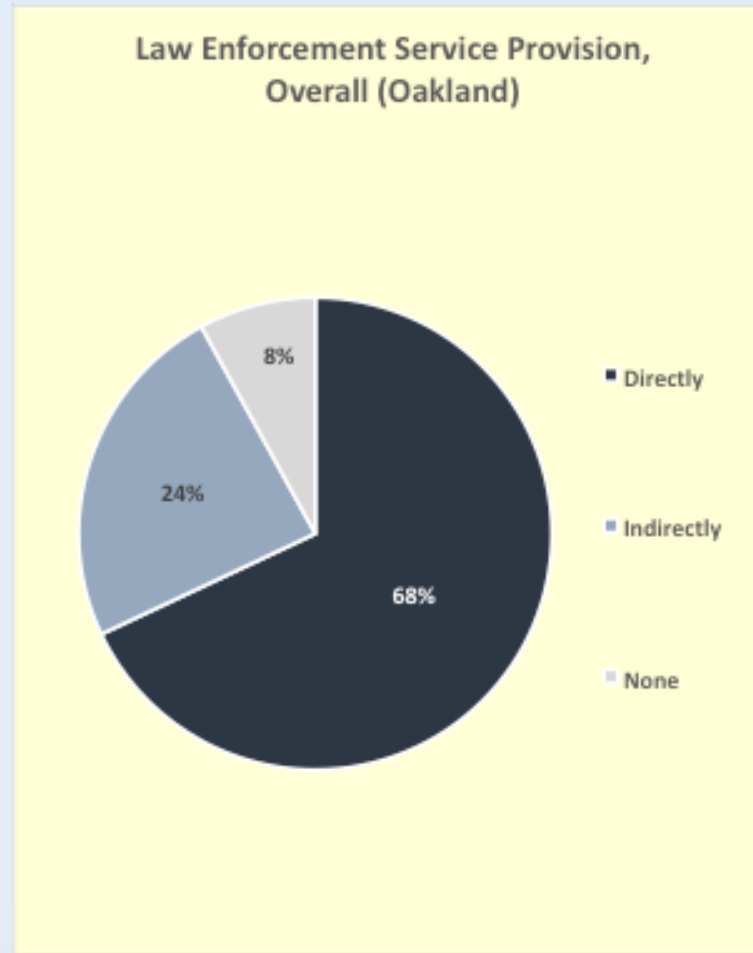
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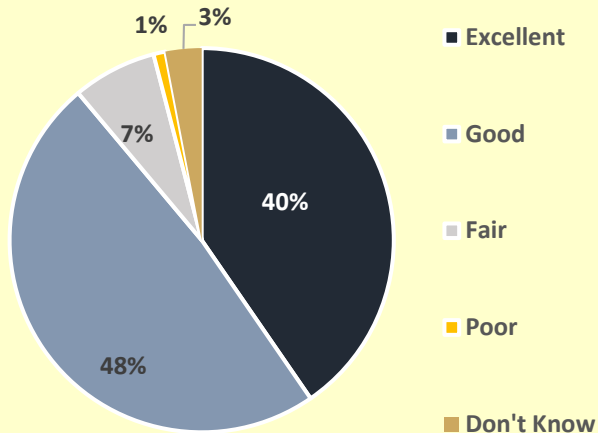
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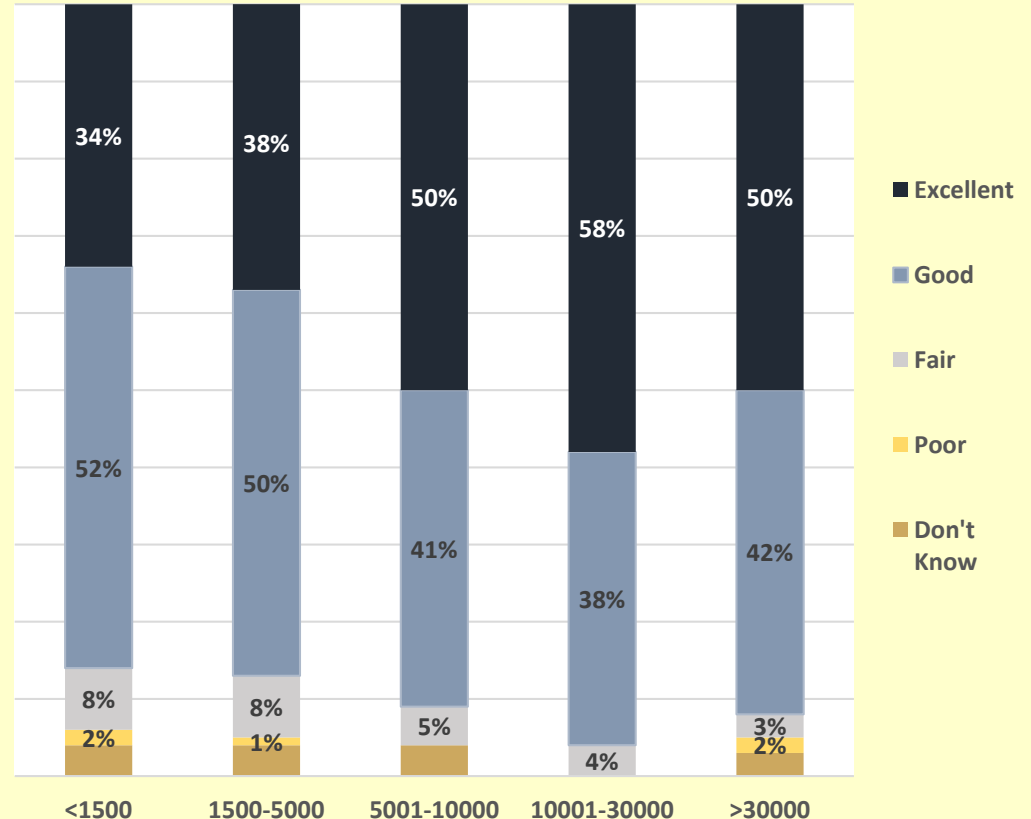


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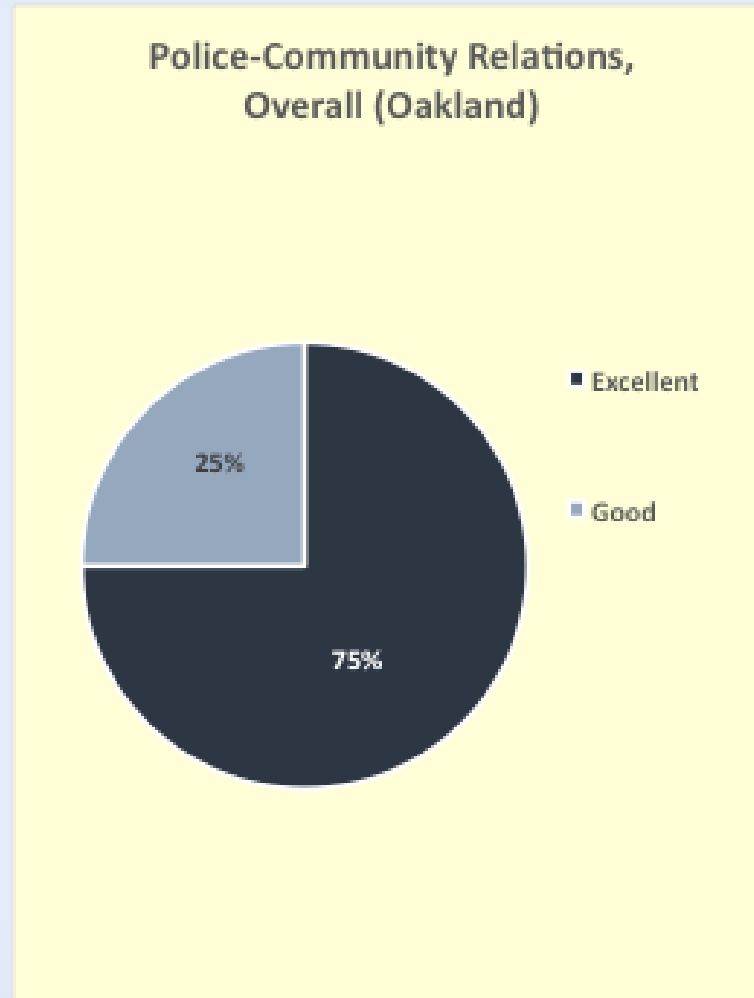


Police-Community Relationships, by Community Size



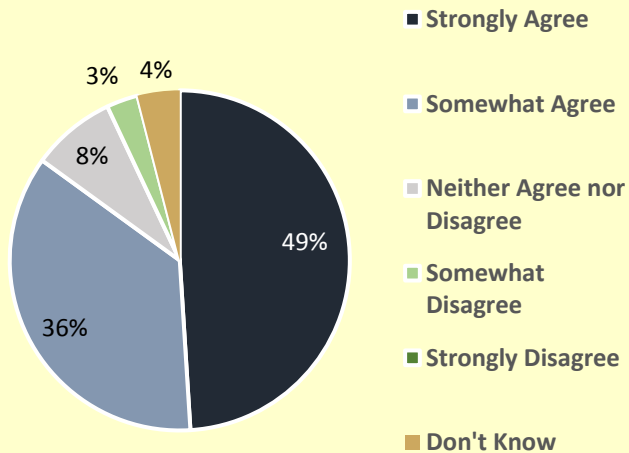
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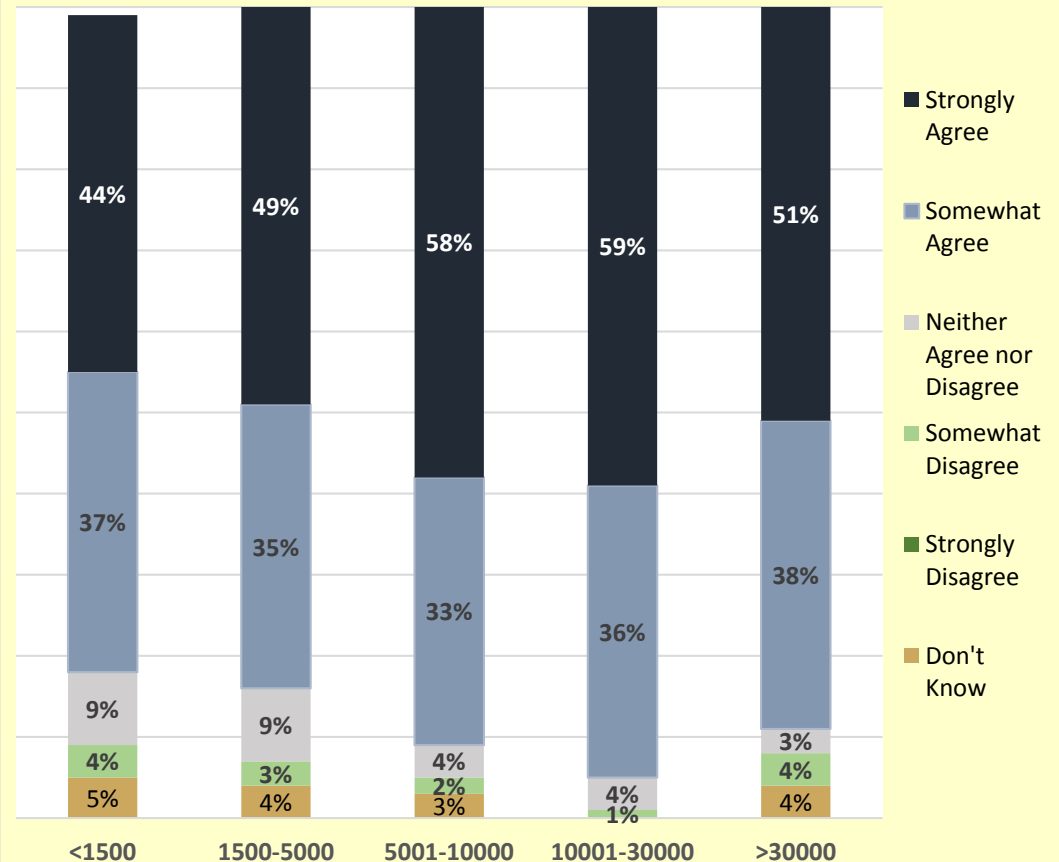


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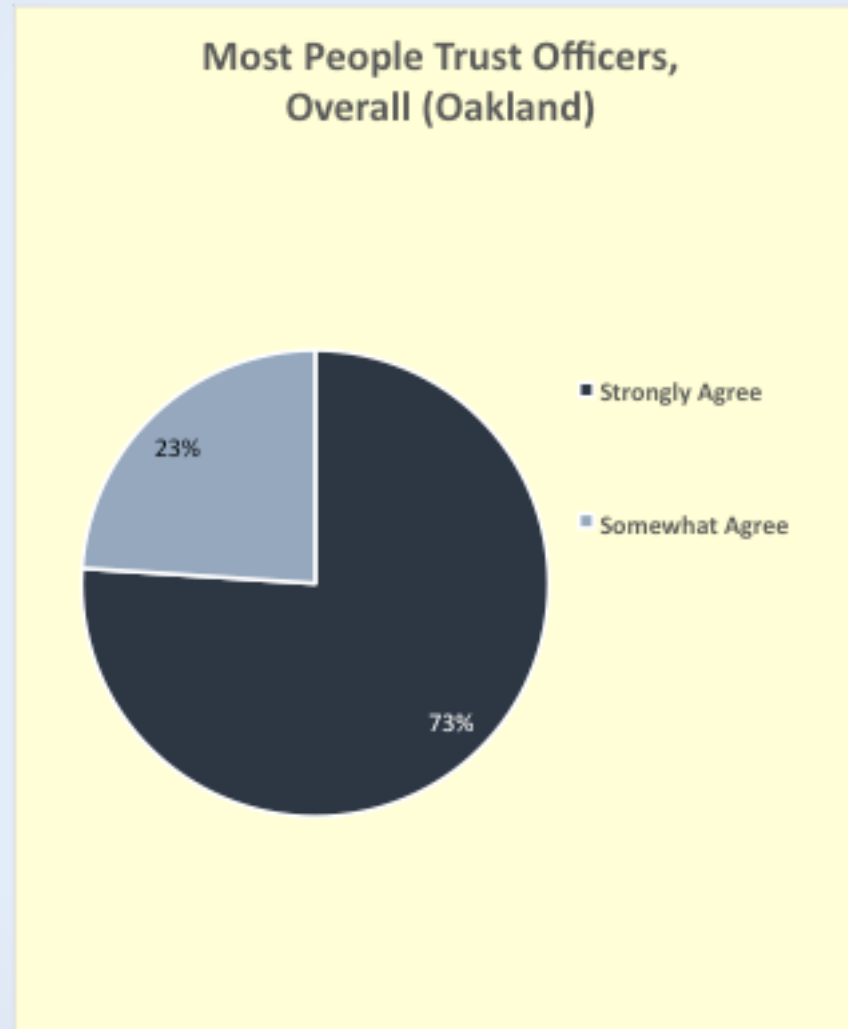


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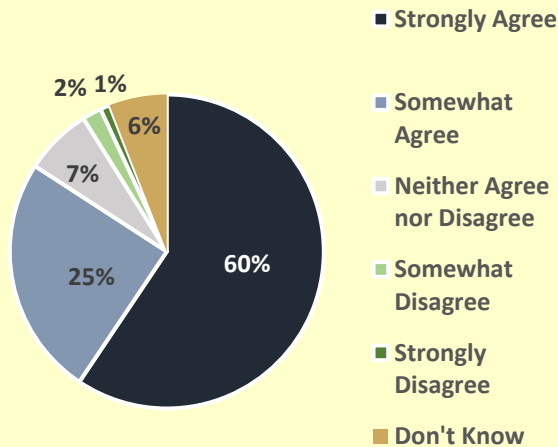
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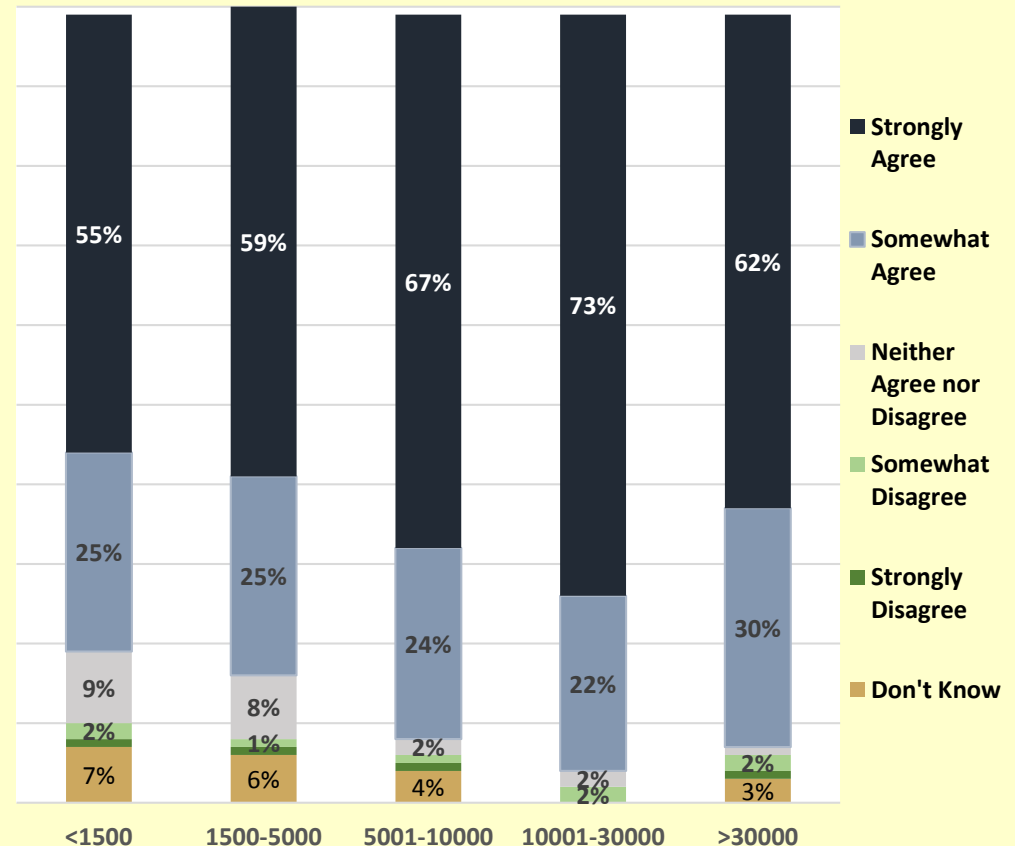


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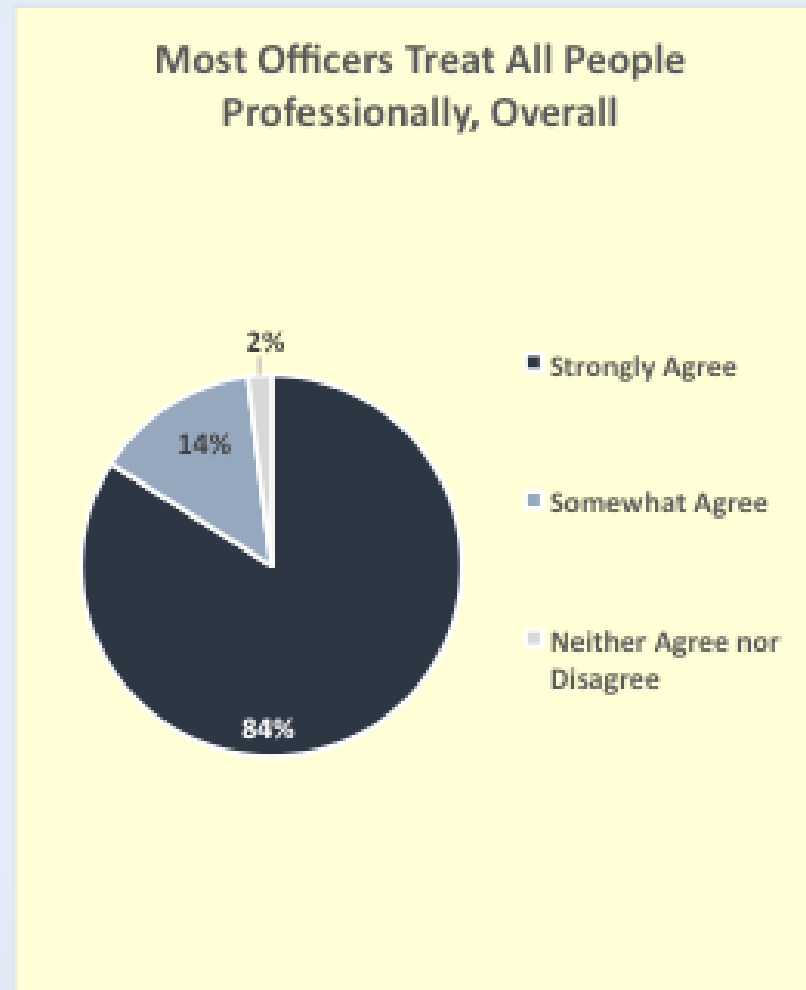


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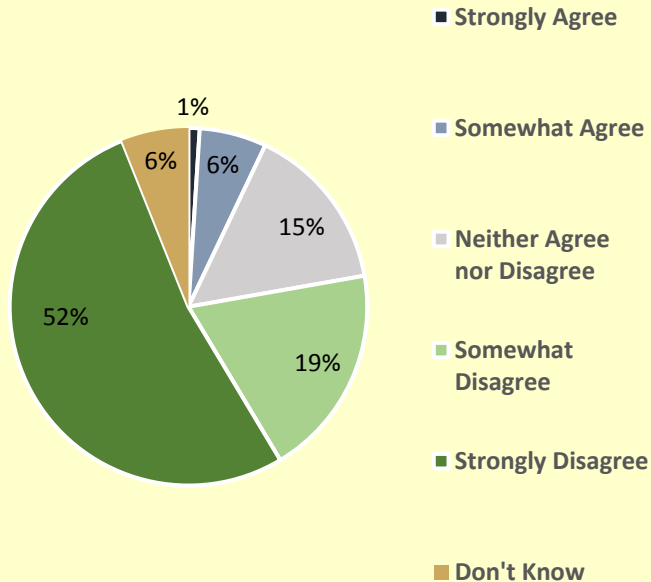
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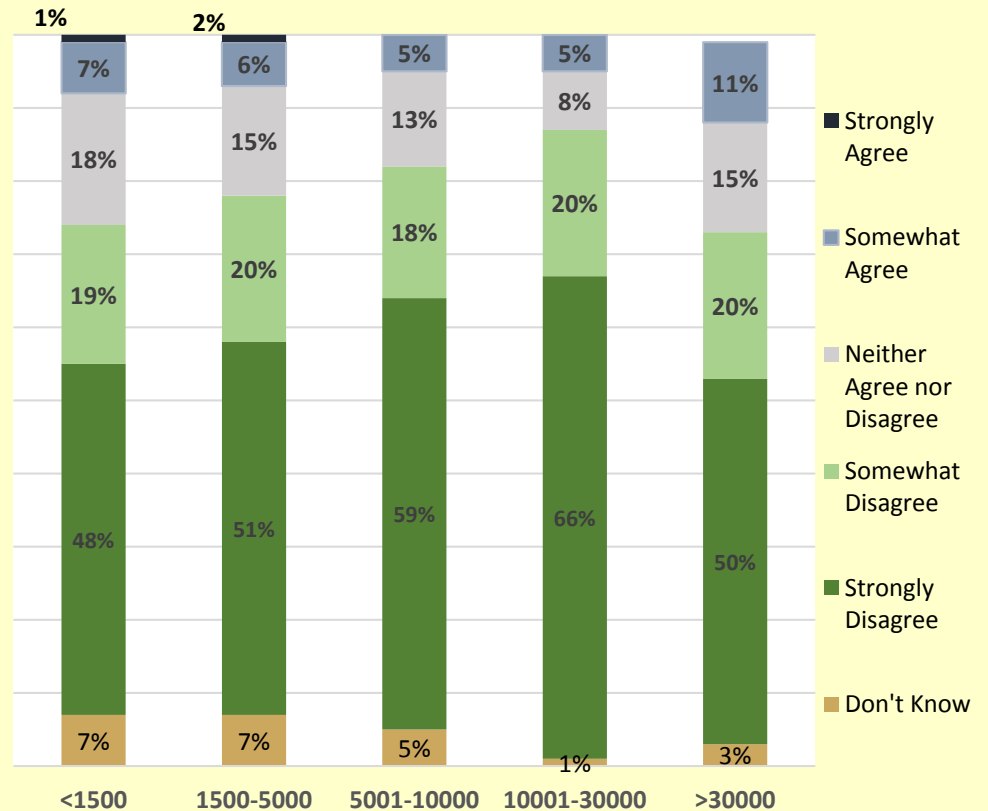


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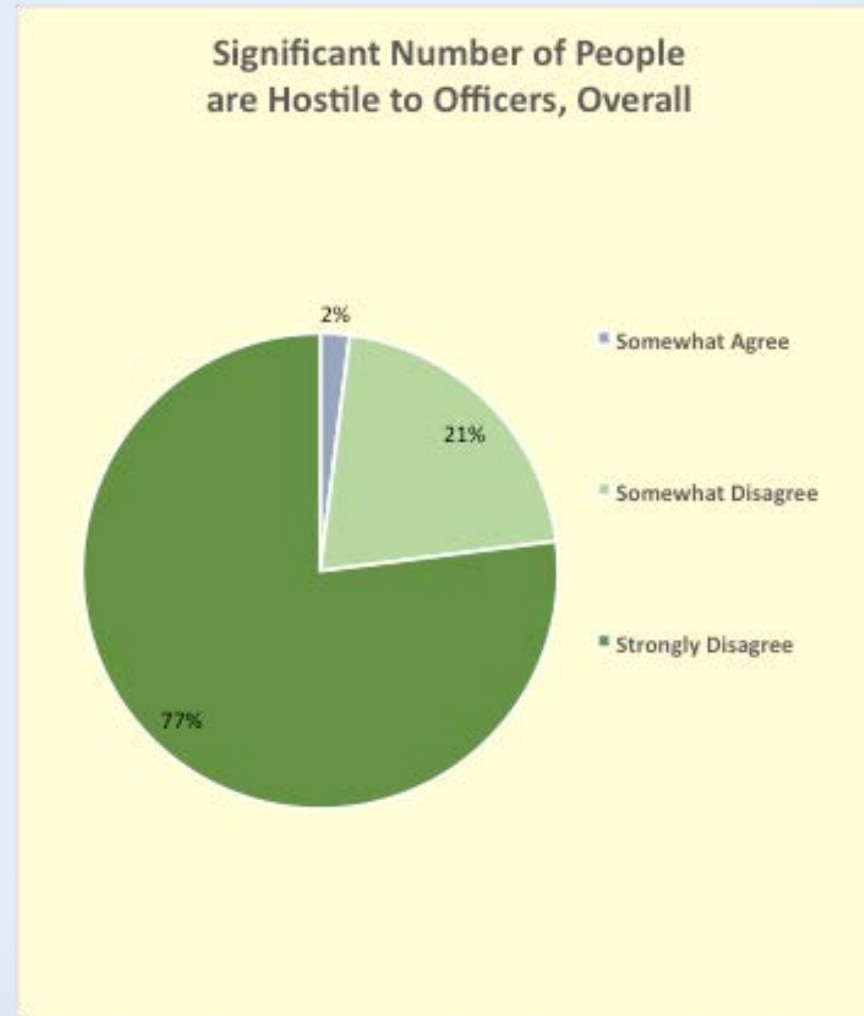
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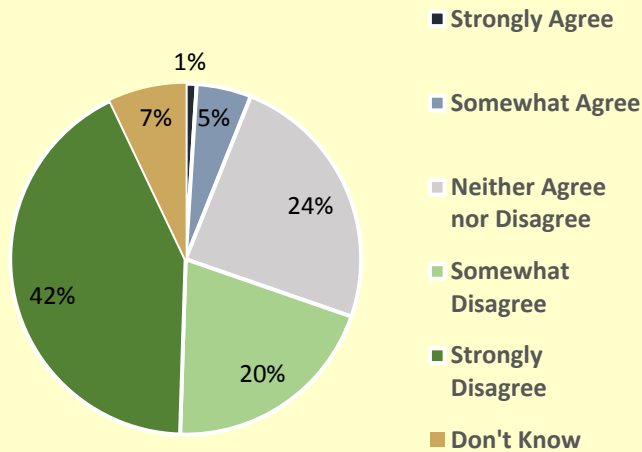
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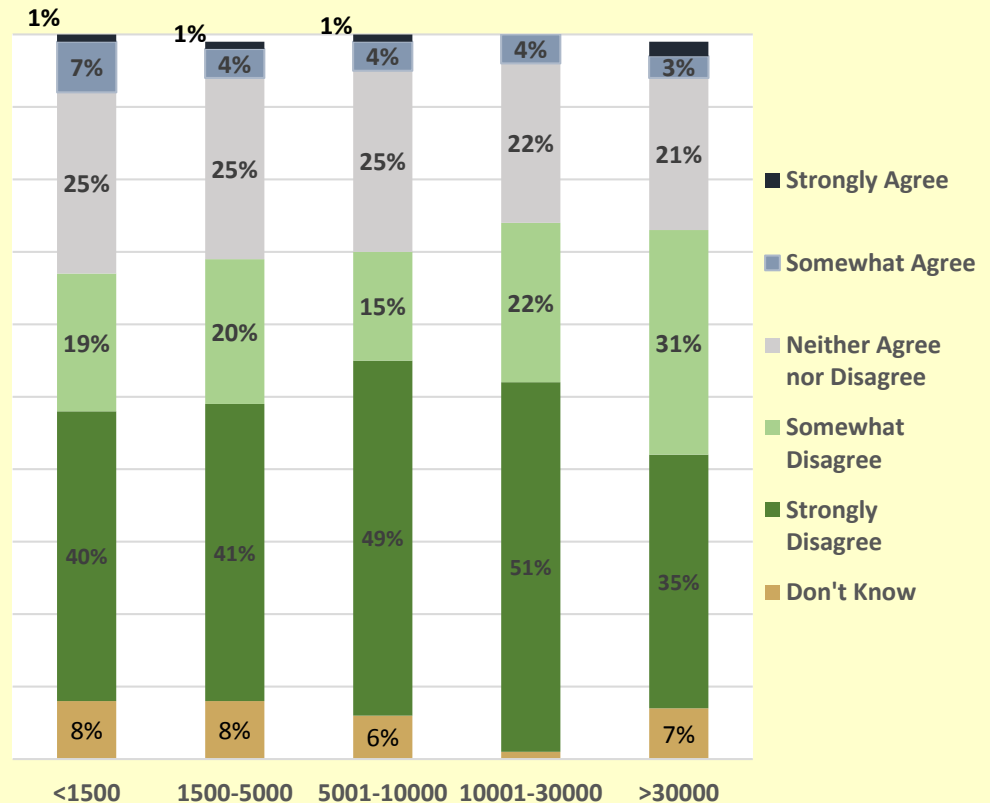


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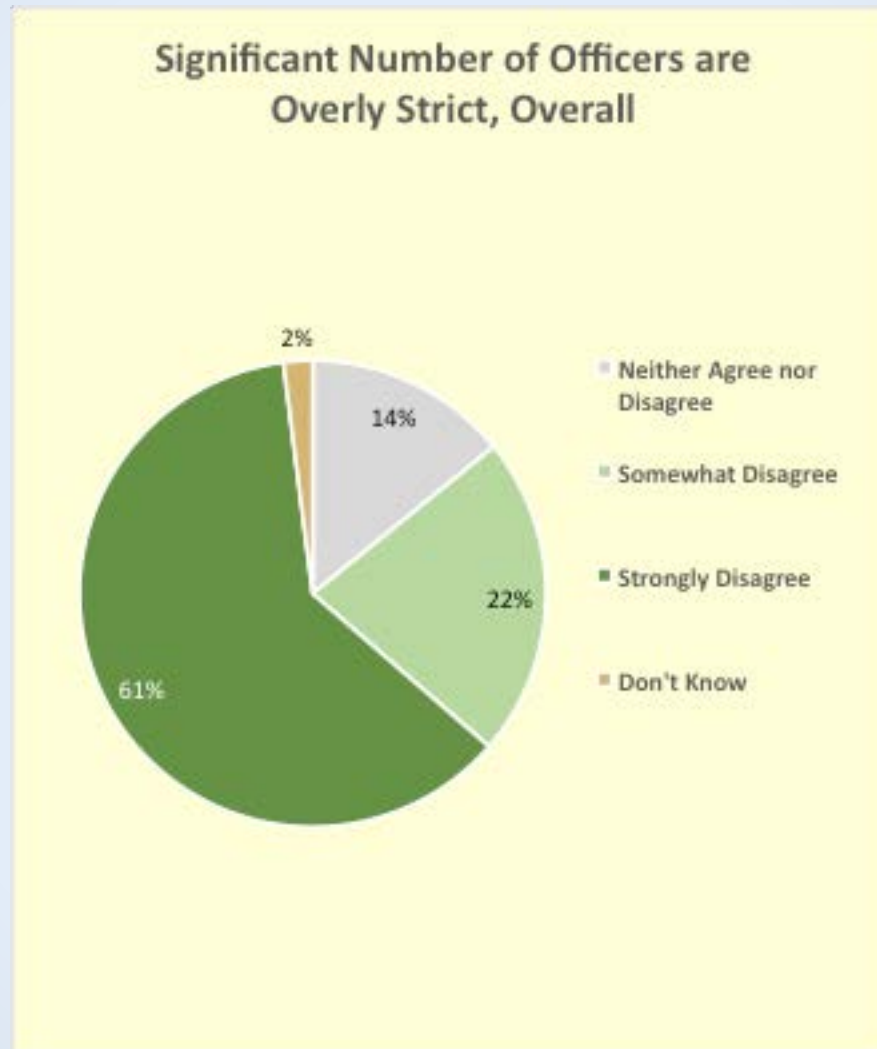


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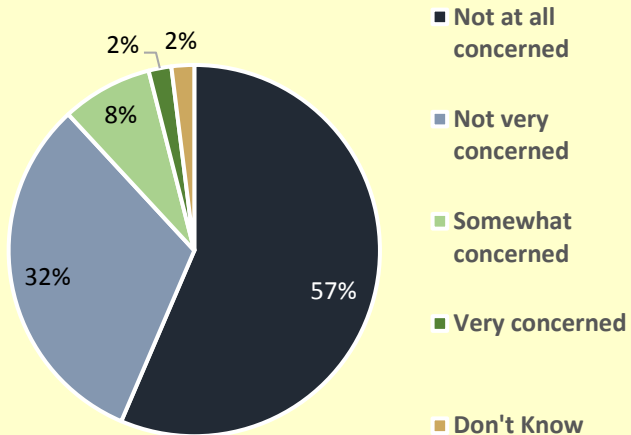
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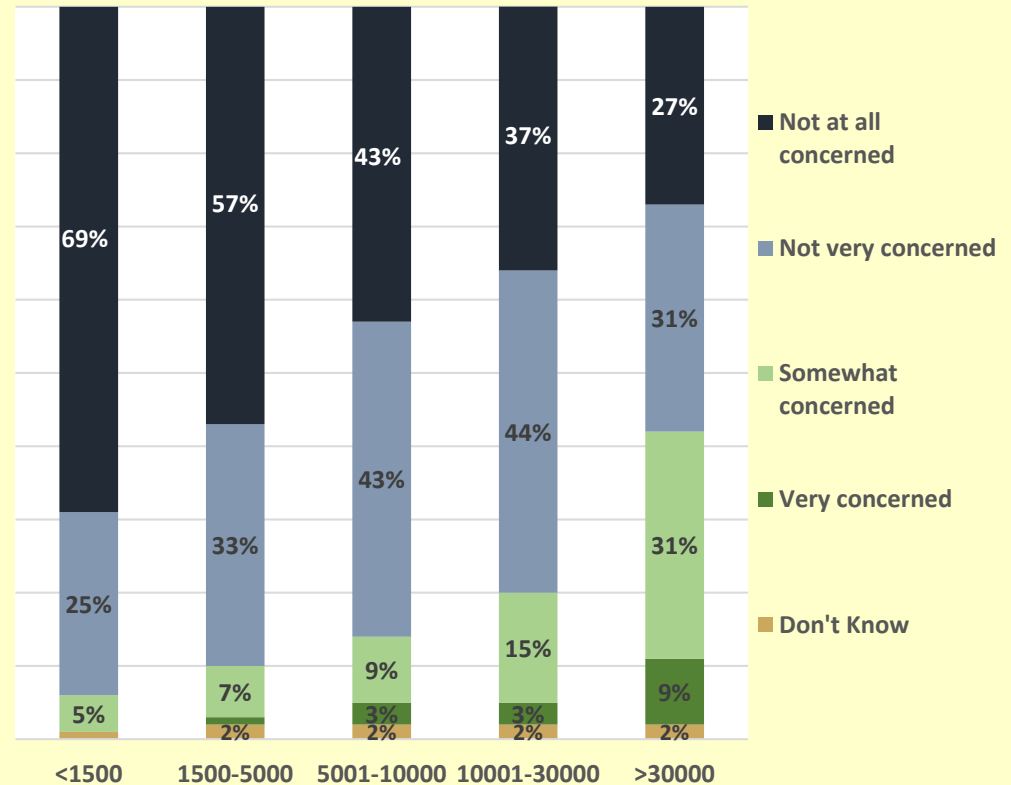
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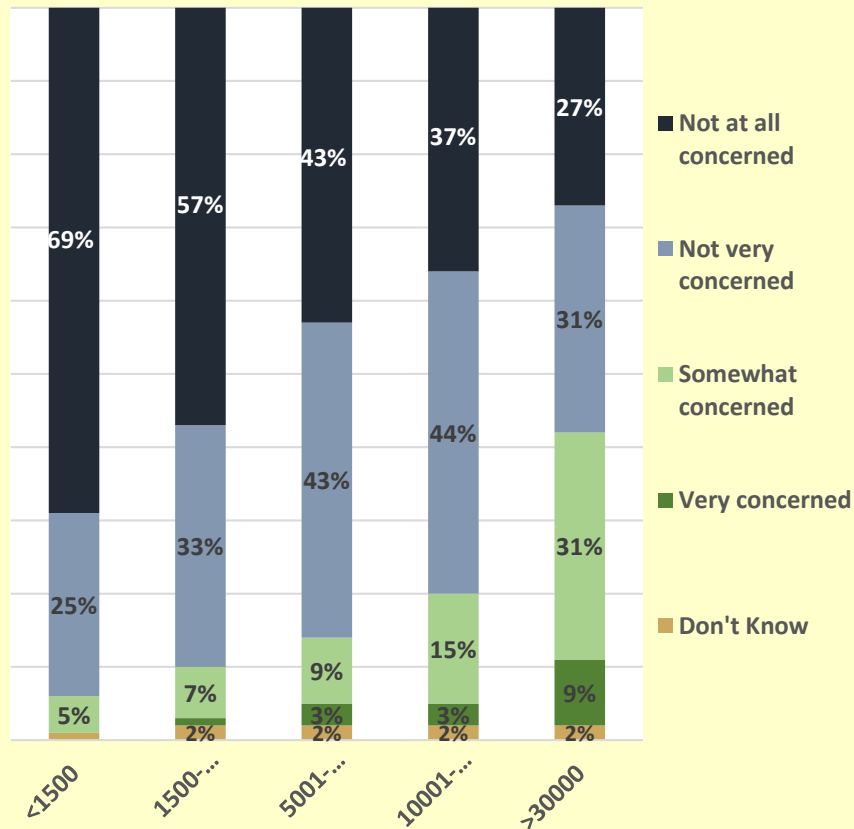


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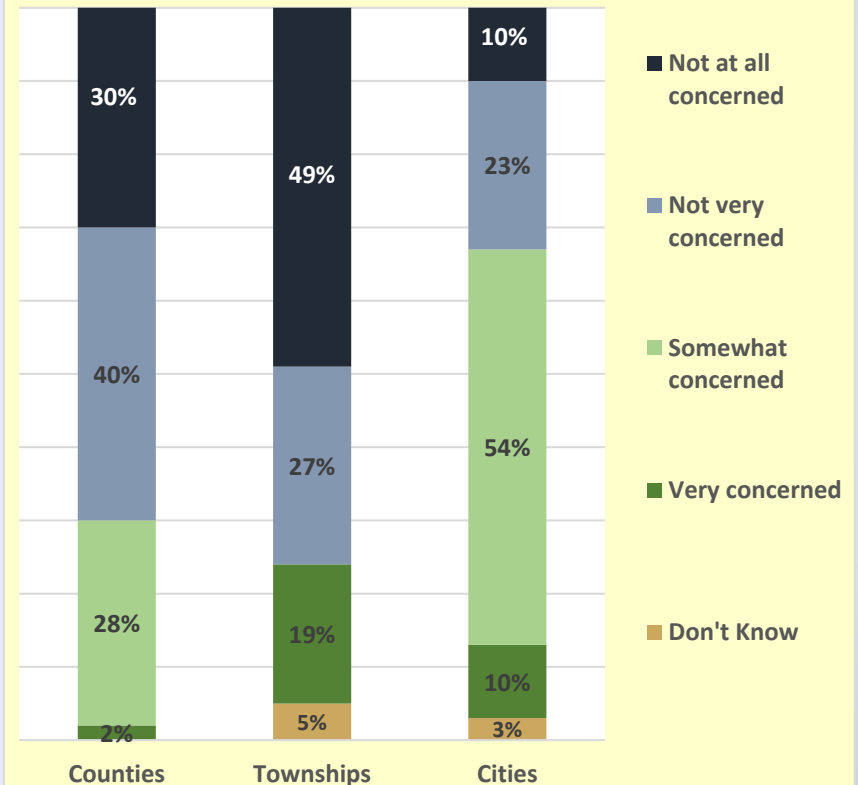


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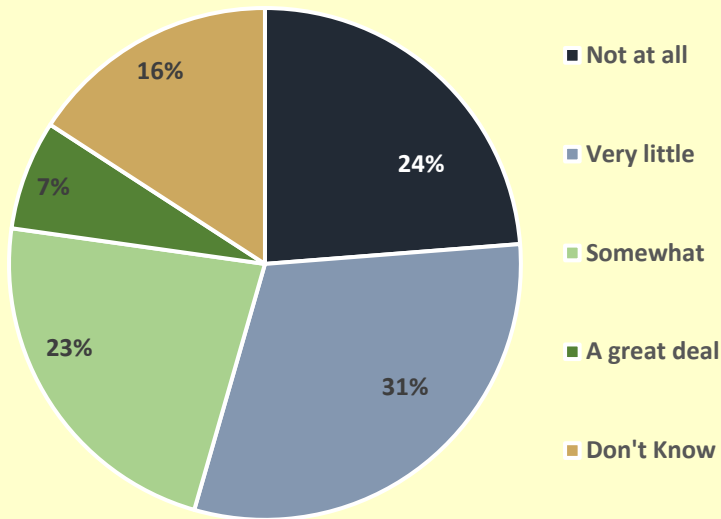


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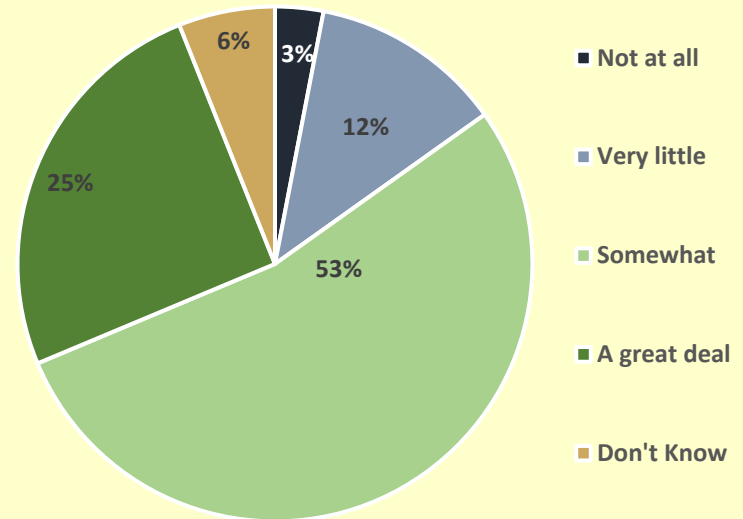


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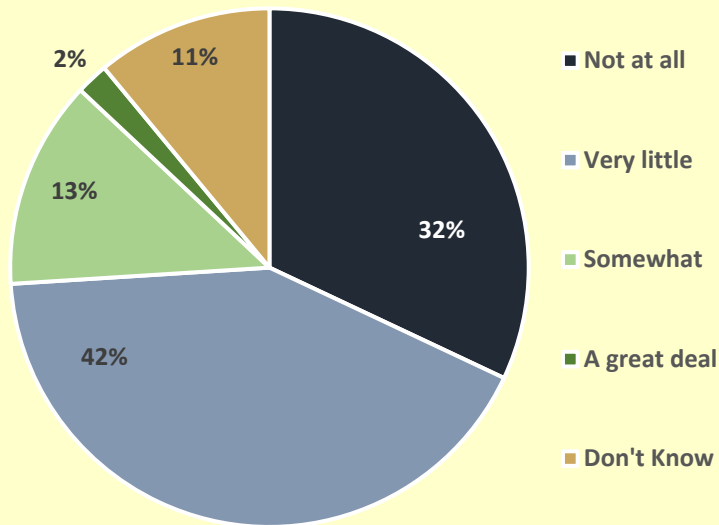
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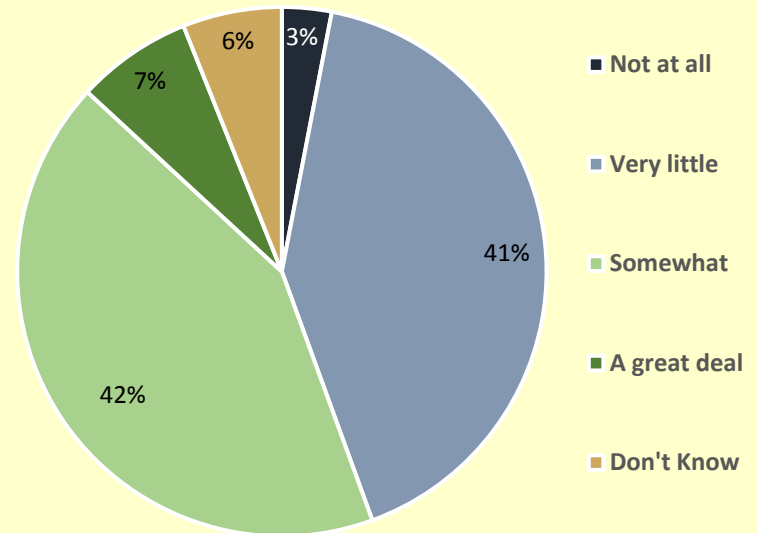


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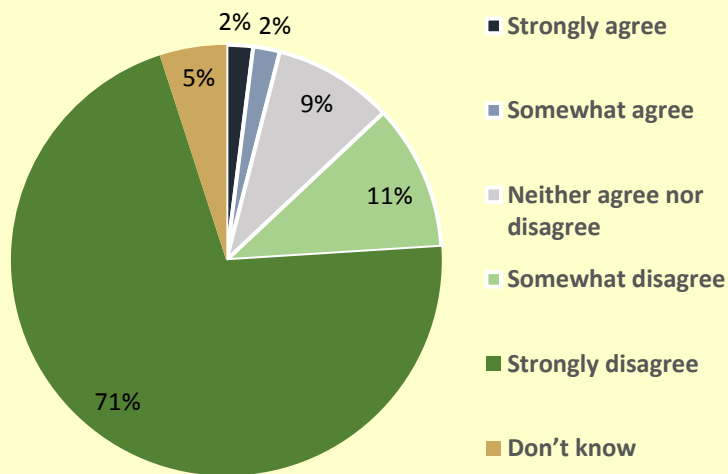


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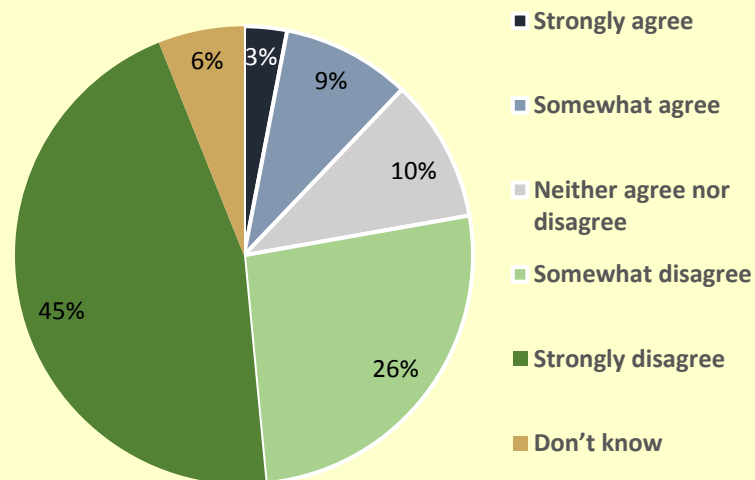


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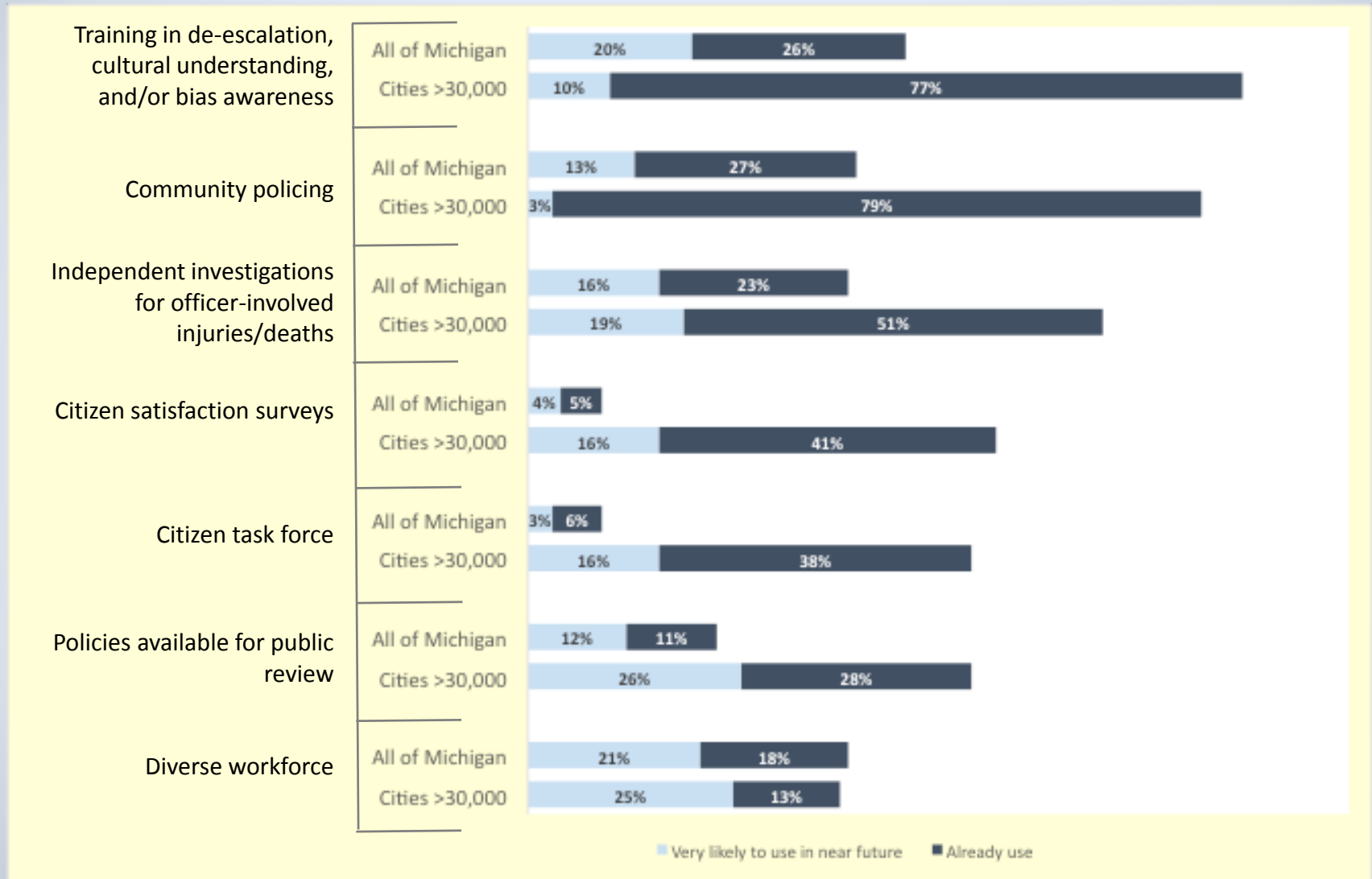


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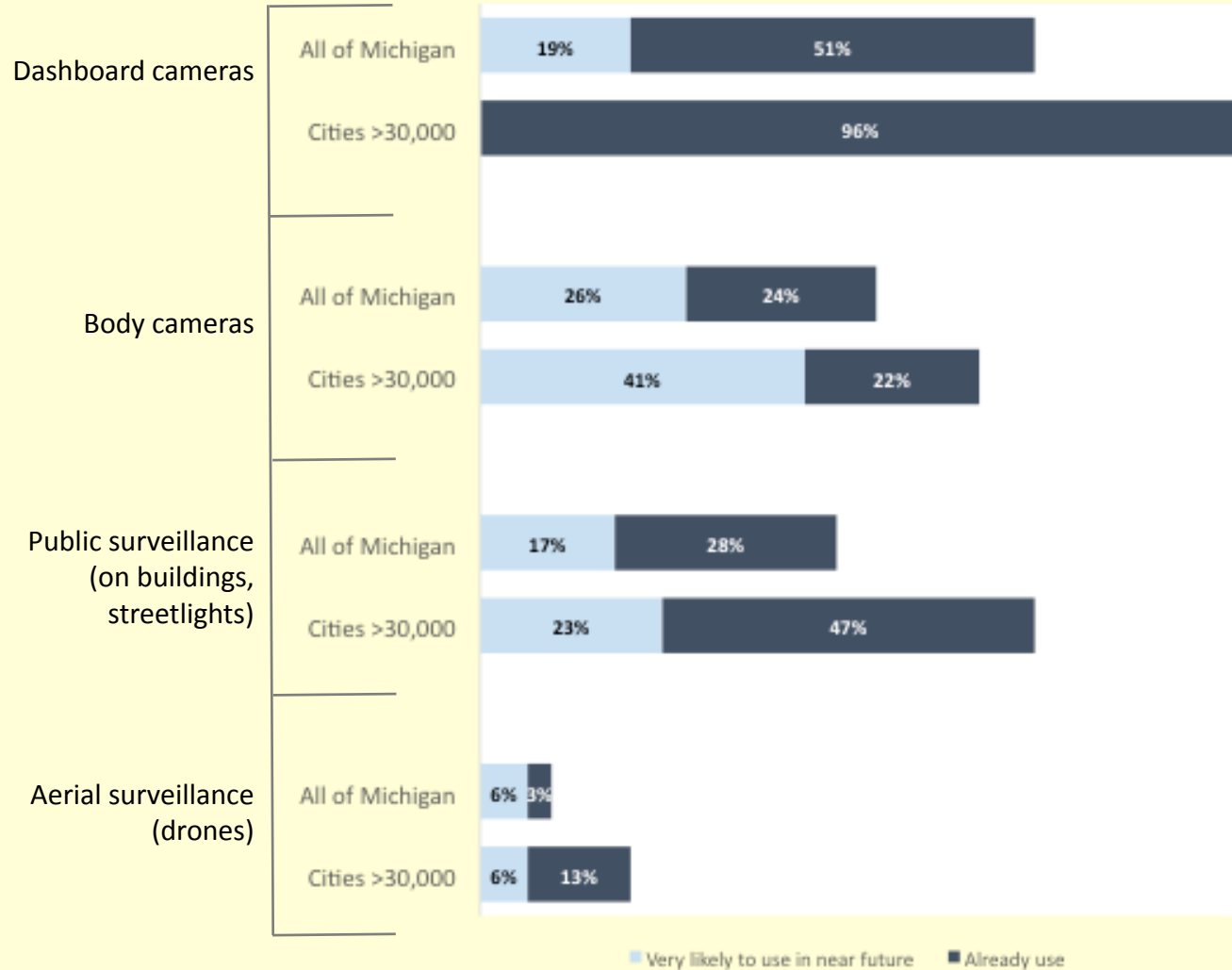
# Large Cities Taking Steps to Address Concerns

# How Jurisdictions are Addressing Concerns



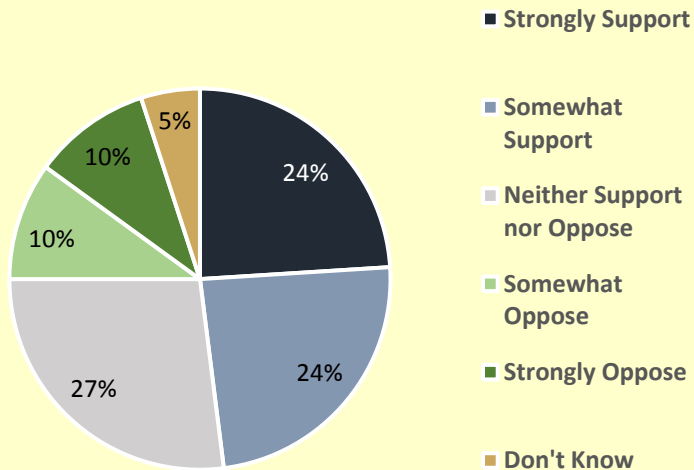
# Other Related Issues

# Use of Surveillance Equipment

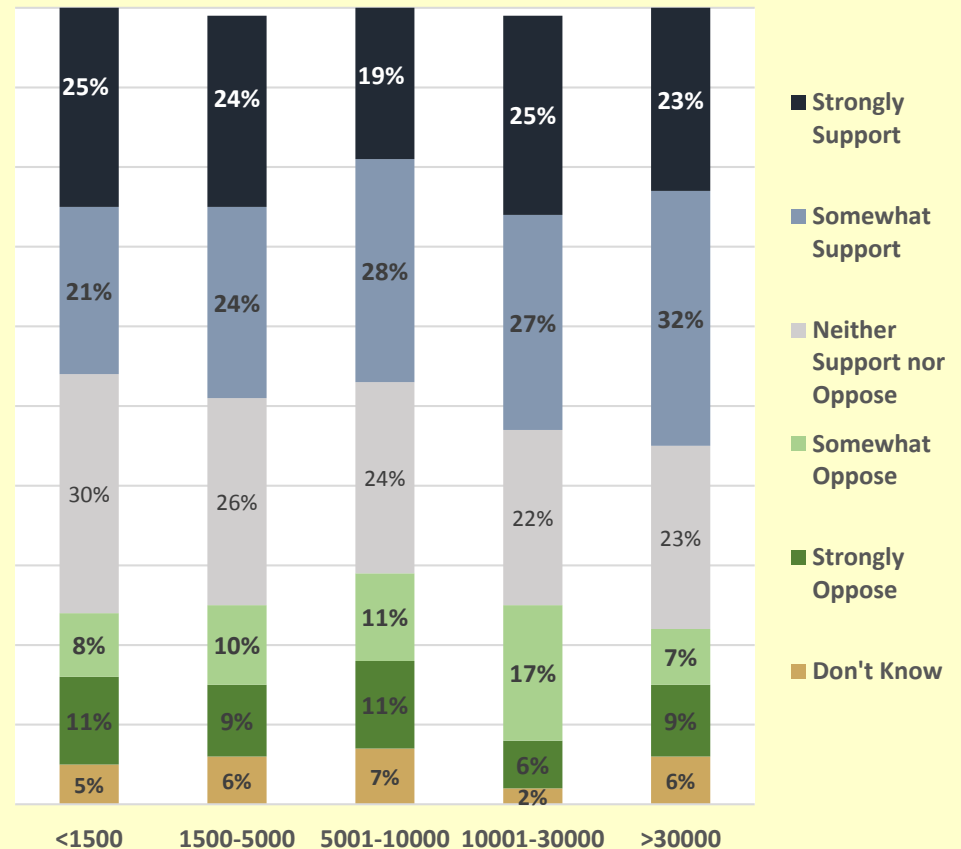


# Support for Military Equipment for Local Police

Support for Military Equipment,  
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Support for Military Equipment,  
by Community Size





# Key Takeaways

- Statewide, many indicators look positive
- In Oakland county, an even higher percentage of positive reports
- But concerns are more pronounced in more populous places
- Michigan's biggest cities are most likely to express concerns
- However, biggest cities are also most likely to be taking actions to address issues

# More from the Michigan Public Policy Survey

# Current waves of the MPPS

- Spring 2016 topics:
  - State government performance (online)
  - Fiscal and budget policies (online)
  - System of funding local government (online)
  - Water infrastructure (report available October 2016)
  - Tax appeals (report available December 2016)
- Fall 2016 topics: 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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