

Quality of Life Survey

Community Safety

Summary



Quality of Life – Community Safety

1. Introduction

The purpose of the series of Quality of Life themed surveys is to establish a reliable set of data recording the views and experiences of South Ayrshire residents on a range of issues. This particular survey was about Community Safety. It's expected the results of this survey will help the Community Planning Partnership to assess the public's attitude to crimes and other issues that impact on our communities and help focus on where improvement should be made. The survey opened on the 21st October 2020 and closed six weeks later on the 30th November 2020. There was a total of 244 responses of which 162 were from SA1000 panel members.

This Community Safety themed survey consisted of 30 questions divided into four sections:

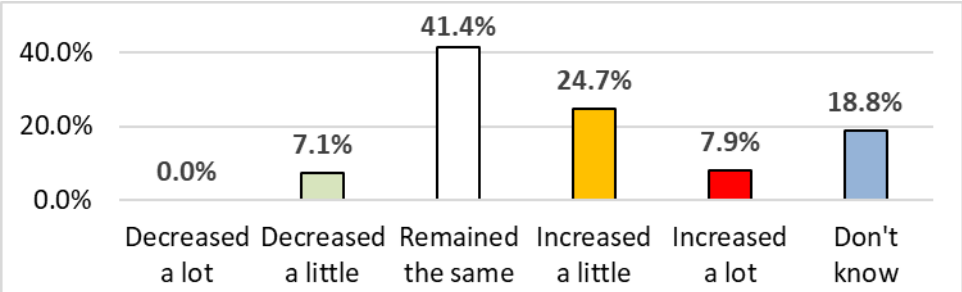
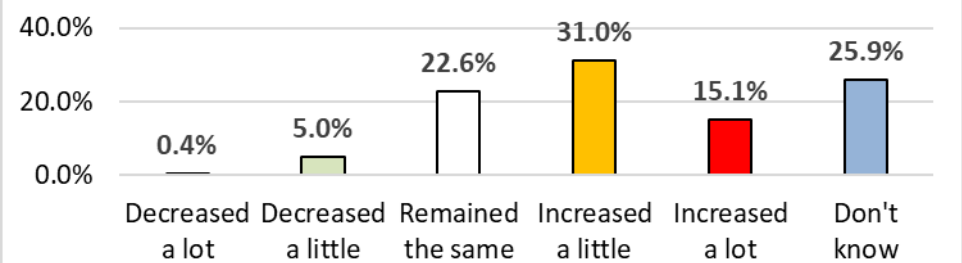
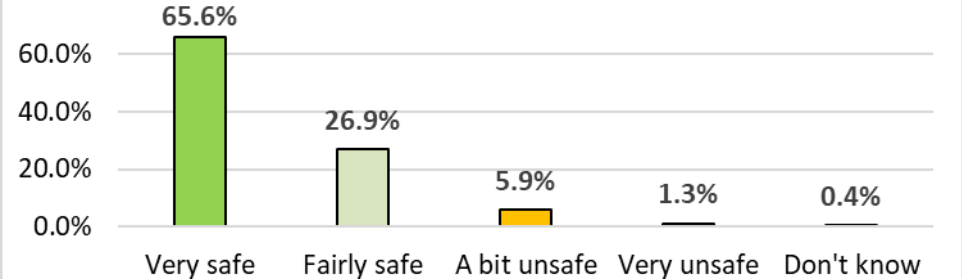
- SA1000 panel membership number if a member (1 Q),
- Perception of crime (6 Qs),
- Confidence in Police (6 Qs),
- Safety measures (9 Qs), and
- Demographics of respondent (8 Qs).

2. Key Points

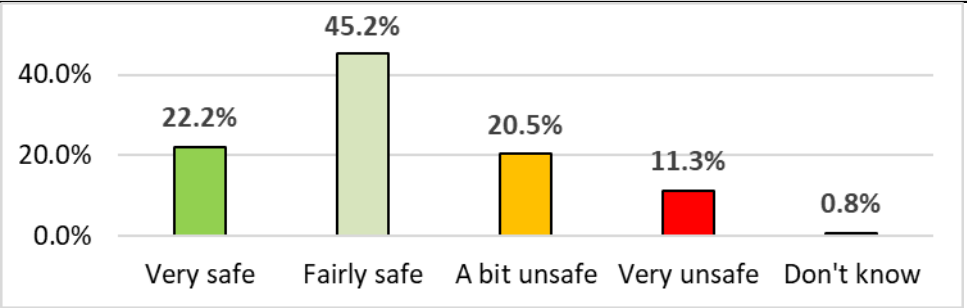
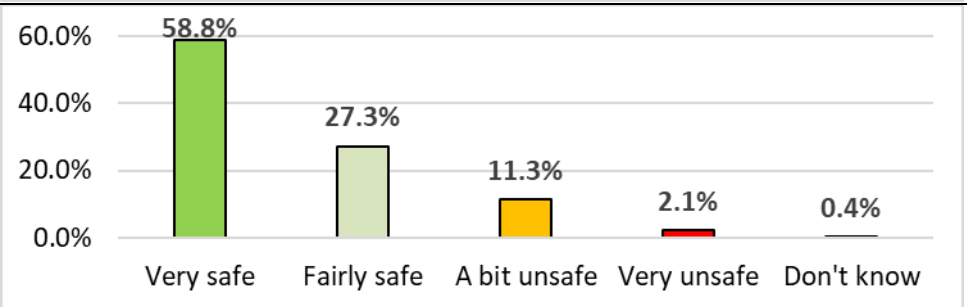
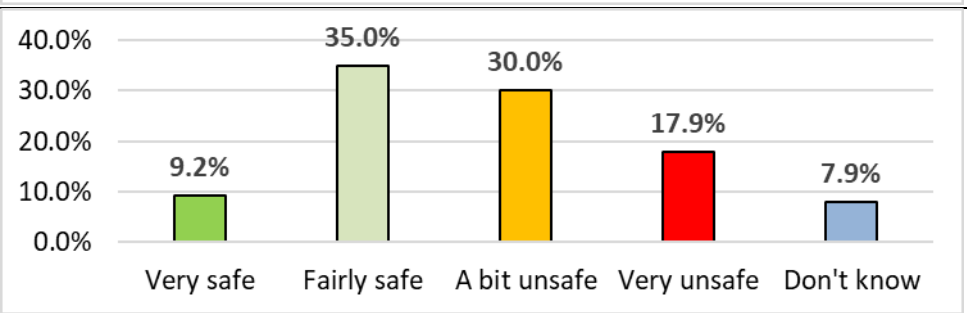
- Survey not completed by a diverse group of people.
 - 96.8% of respondents white, <3% gay or bisexual, <2% not Christian.
 - Low response from young people. 7.5% of respondents under 45 years of age.
 - 50% of respondents from Ayr/Prestwick area.
- There's been a slight increase in the perception of crime over the last two years.
 - A majority of people (41.4%) believe the crime rate has remained the same in their local area over the last two years but a majority (46.1%) feel it has increased across South Ayrshire.
 - A large majority of people (92.5%) feel very safe walking alone in their local area and a majority (86.1%) feel safe in their local town centre during the day.
 - A majority of people (67.4%) feel safe walking alone in their local area in the dark, however, there is a small majority (47.9%) that feel unsafe walking alone in the dark in their local town centre.

- Most people have confidence in their local Police.
 - The majority of people (53.8%) are confident the local Police can prevent crime and a small majority (46.8% vs 45.2%) believe Police respond quickly to calls or information from the public.
 - The majority of people (54.4%) are confident the local Police can deal with incidents as they occur and (49.1%) investigate incidents after they occur.
 - A small majority of people are confident local Police can solve crimes (47.9% vs 42.8%) but not so confident (46.6% vs 44.9%) Police can catch criminals.
- People (82.6%) feel safe or reassured when they see Police in their local area.
- People's top five priorities for Police to tackle are:
 - ASB and disorder
 - Drug dealing or misuse
 - Homes broken into
 - Child abuse including child sexual exploitation
 - Dangerous and or anti-social driving (including quad bikes and off road vehicles)
- 6.1% of people believe they have been a victim of hate crime but only 1 in 8 people who have either been a victim or witnessed hate crime have reported it to Police. Almost half of those that didn't report the hate crime (47.1%) didn't know how or who to report it to.
- A large majority of people (88.7%) know how, where or who to report any type of crime they witness or experience.
- One in 4 people (26.9%) are either unsure or don't know what to do or where/who to report their concerns for the wellbeing of a child or young person.
- One in 3 people (35.1%) are either unsure or don't know what to do or where/who to report their concerns for the wellbeing of a vulnerable adult.
- People's top five measures to improve safety in their local area are:
 - More facilities or activities developed with communities
 - Neighbourhood watch schemes
 - Improved lighting on streets, back courts, etc.
 - Traffic calming measures
 - Community warden service

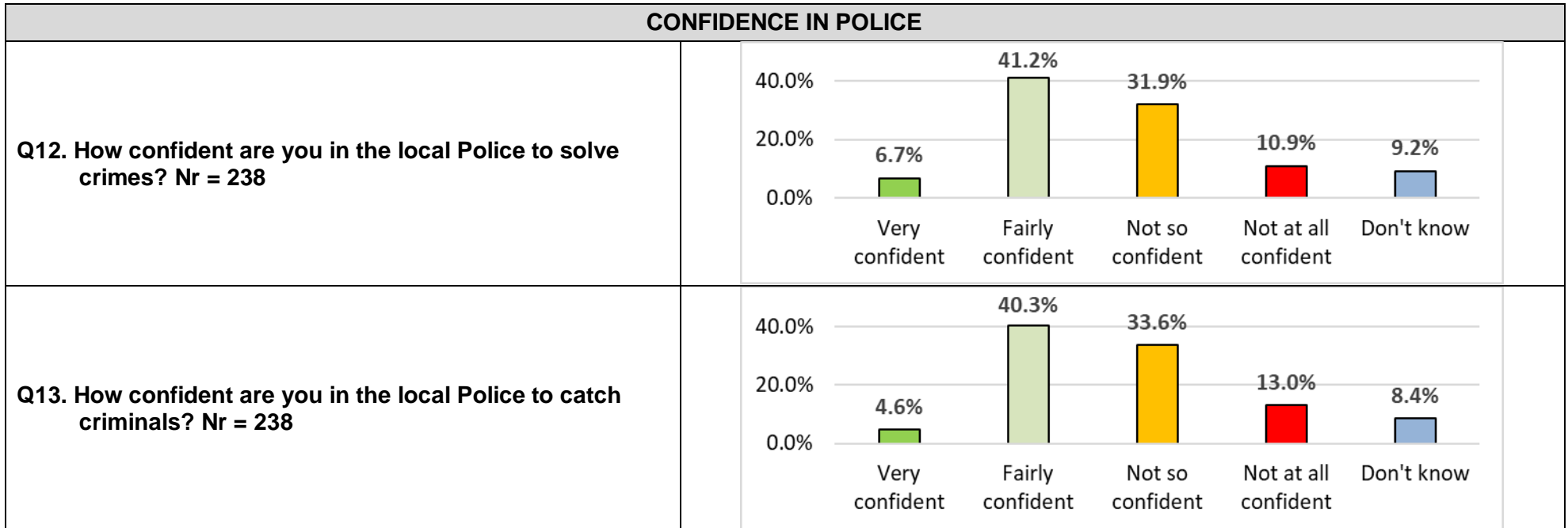
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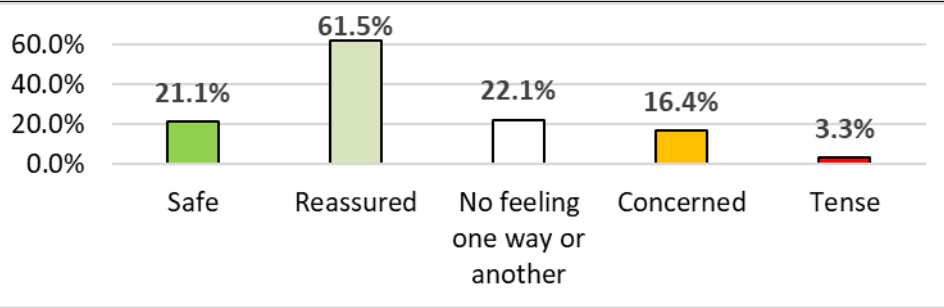
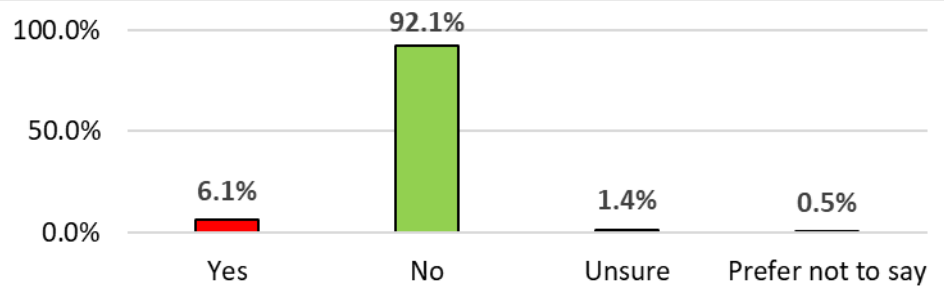
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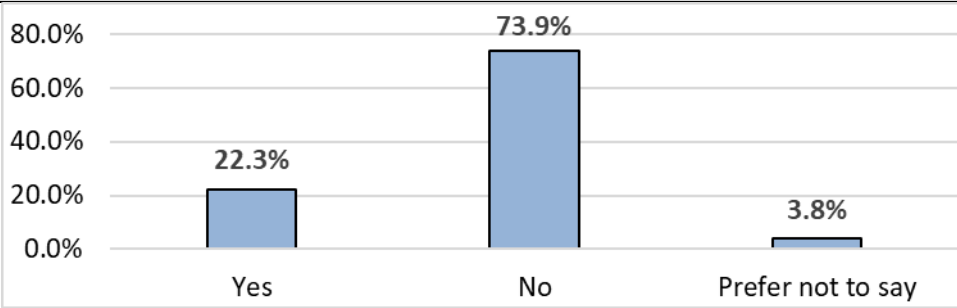
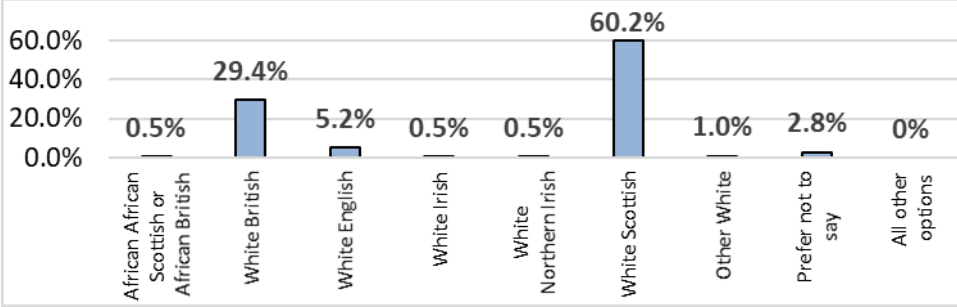
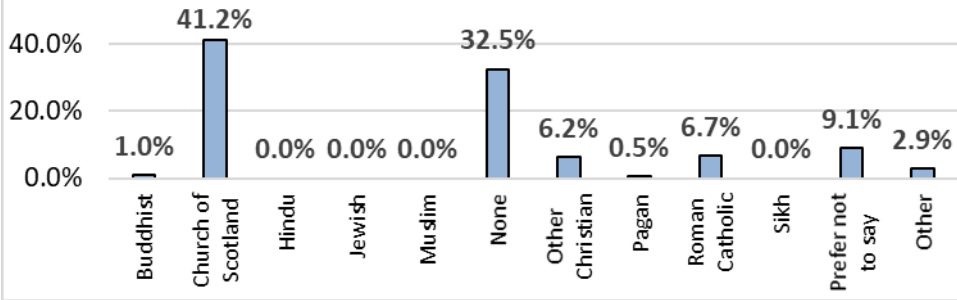
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