



Wisconsin Professional Police Association Coronavirus / COVID-19 Study – May 1-12, 2020 N=500

All results below are drawn from an online sample of Wisconsin residents over age 18. The sample is weighted to reflect the racial-ethnic, gender, and age demographics of Wisconsin adults with access to the Internet. Question 14 is only asked of those who reported disapprove or not sure for Question 13. The margin of error is $\pm 4.5\%$. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

A recent WPPA poll of Wisconsin adults find that police are rising to the challenge during the global pandemic. More than 25% say their local police force is performing above average and only 6% say performance has been below average.

Wisconsin residents are in favor of increased support during the pandemic, with more than 70% (34% strongly agree) agreeing that first responders and police officers should receive hazard pay or additional compensation given their increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. There is little support for reducing law enforcement benefits given the current economic challenges, and more than half of Wisconsin adults disagree that first responders need to prove they contracted the virus while working to receive worker's compensation. Similarly, there is very strong support for police officer access to personal protective equipment (PPE). Only 4% say PPE is not too or not at all important.

Recent protests of the safer-at-home policy are supported by only 26% of Wisconsinites; the vast majority, 72%, oppose the protests.

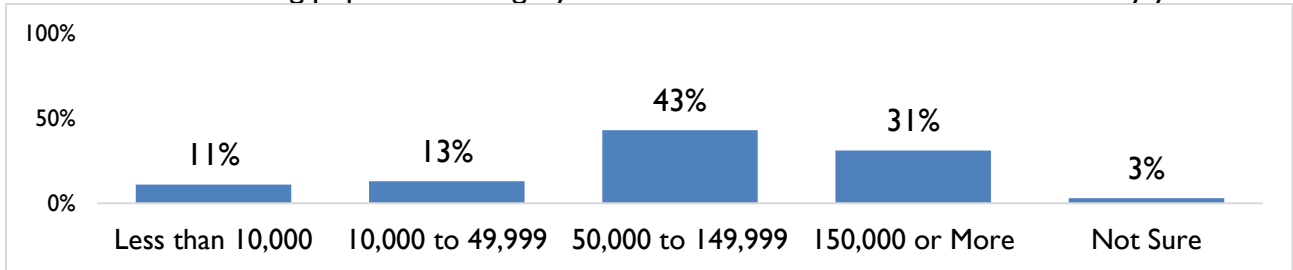
As of May 12, most Wisconsin residents approved of the safer-at-home order. Forty-eight percent strongly approve, 26% somewhat approve, and 25% somewhat or strongly disapprove. Chief among those who disapprove are concerns over negative economic impact from delayed reopening of workplaces.

Frequency Questionnaire

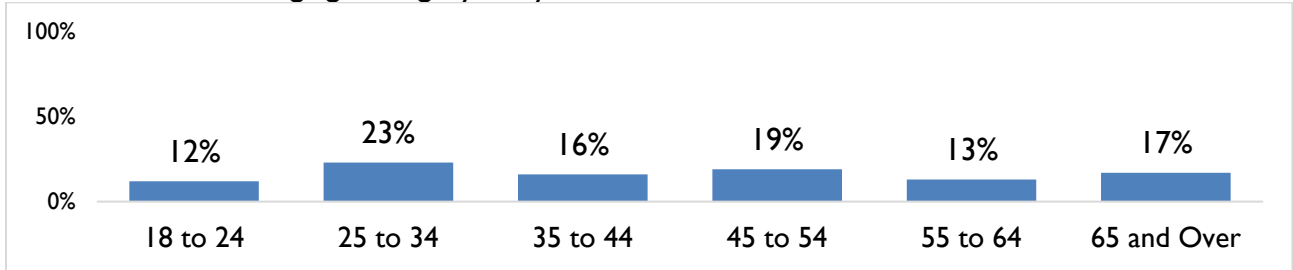
We are conducting a public opinion survey in Wisconsin. The purpose of the survey is to determine how people feel about local governmental services and the Coronavirus or COVID-19. This survey will only take a short time and the responses are completely confidential.

1. First of all, what county in Wisconsin do you live in? _____

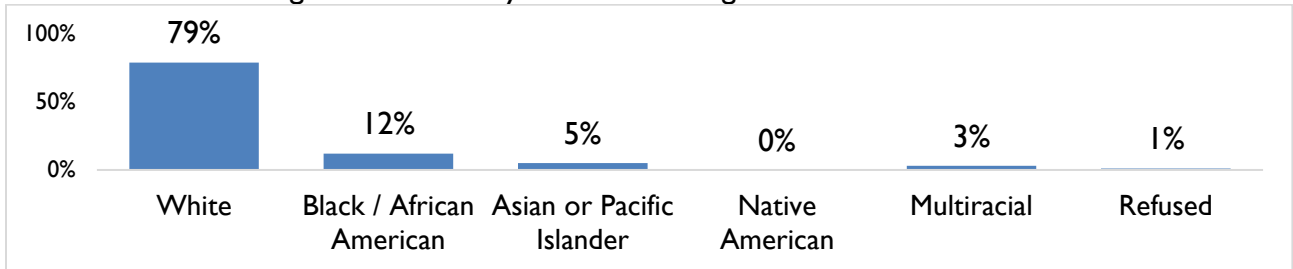
2. Which of the following population category comes closest to the size of the community you live in?



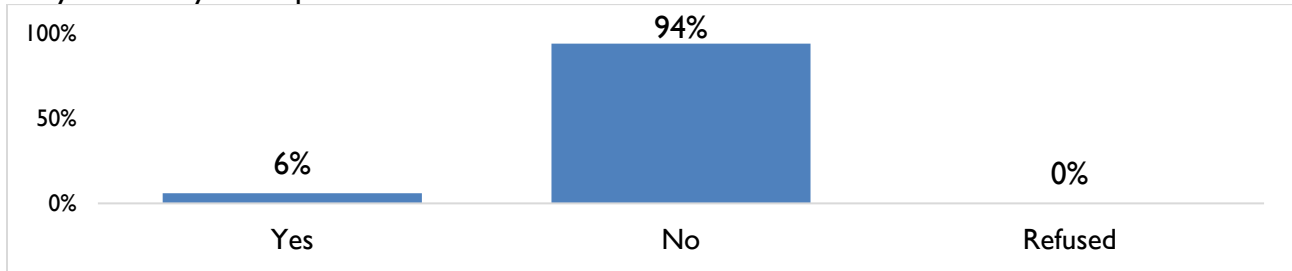
3. Which of the following age category are you in?



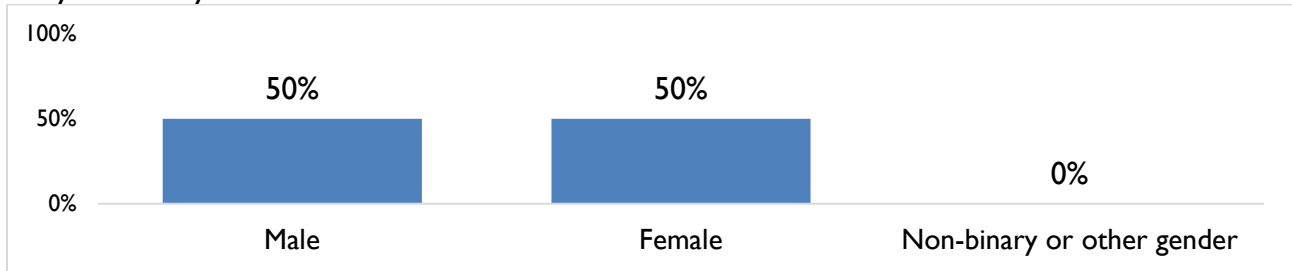
4. Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?



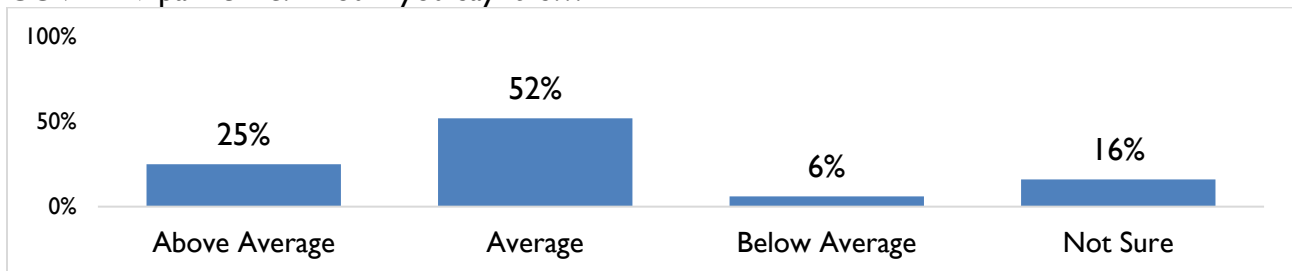
5. Do you identify as Hispanic?



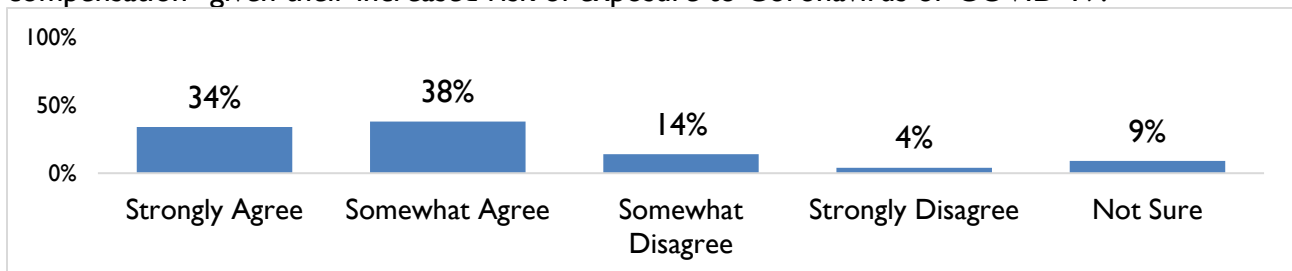
6. Do you identify as...



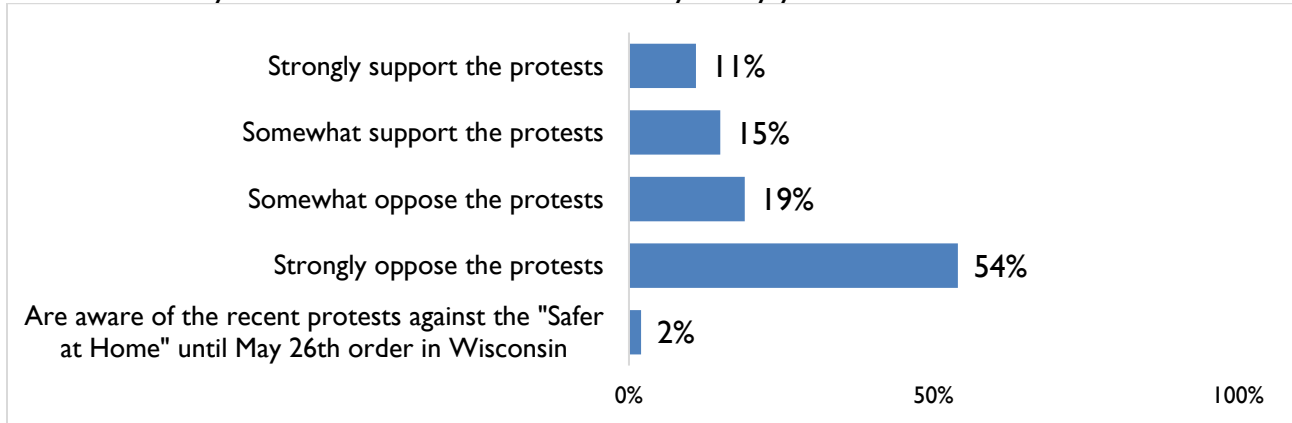
7. How would you rate the performance of your local police force during the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic? Would you say it is...



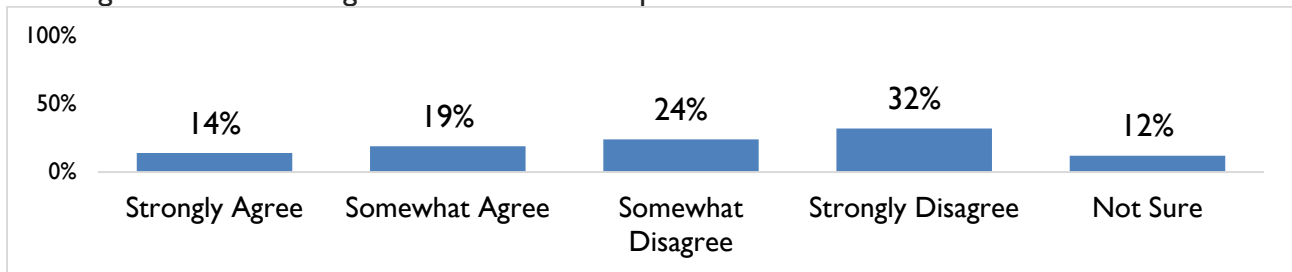
8. First responders are at increased risk for contracting Coronavirus or COVID-19. Do you agree or disagree that first responders and police officers should receive “hazard pay or additional compensation” given their increased risk of exposure to Coronavirus or COVID-19?



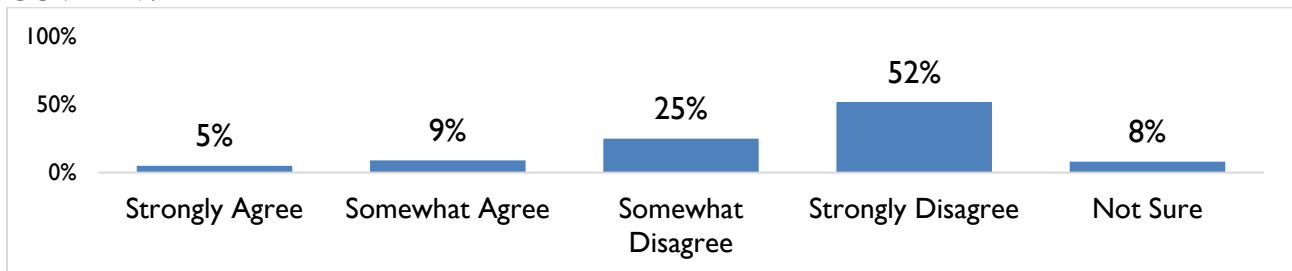
9. How much do you support or oppose the recent in-person protests against the extended “Safer at Home” until May 26th order in Wisconsin? Would you say you...



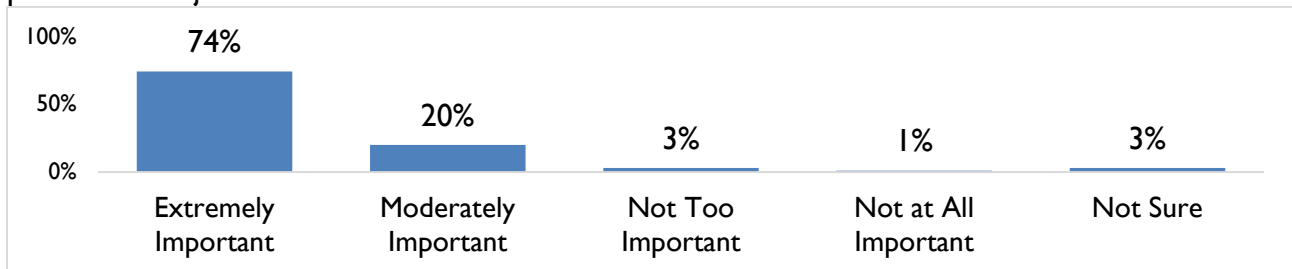
10. How much do you agree or disagree that law enforcement officers or first responders that test positive for Coronavirus or COVID-19 should have to prove that they contracted the virus while working in order to be eligible for worker’s compensation benefits?



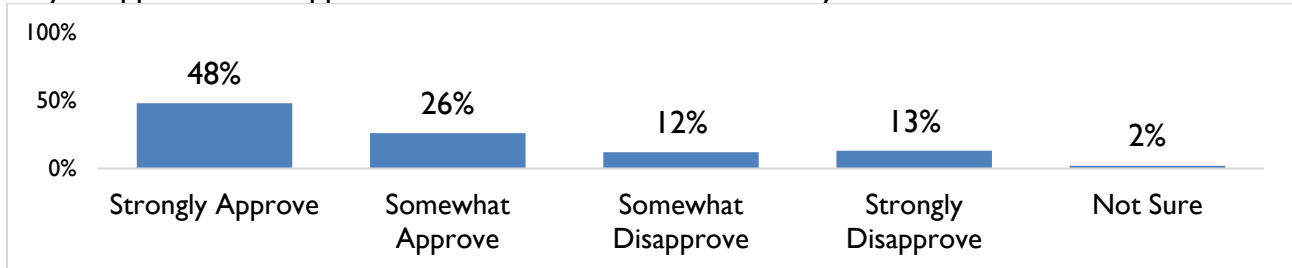
11. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: “law enforcement pay and benefits should be reduced given the economic challenges associated with the Coronavirus or COVID-19.”



12. How important is it that police officers have access to personal protective equipment (PPEs) to perform their jobs?

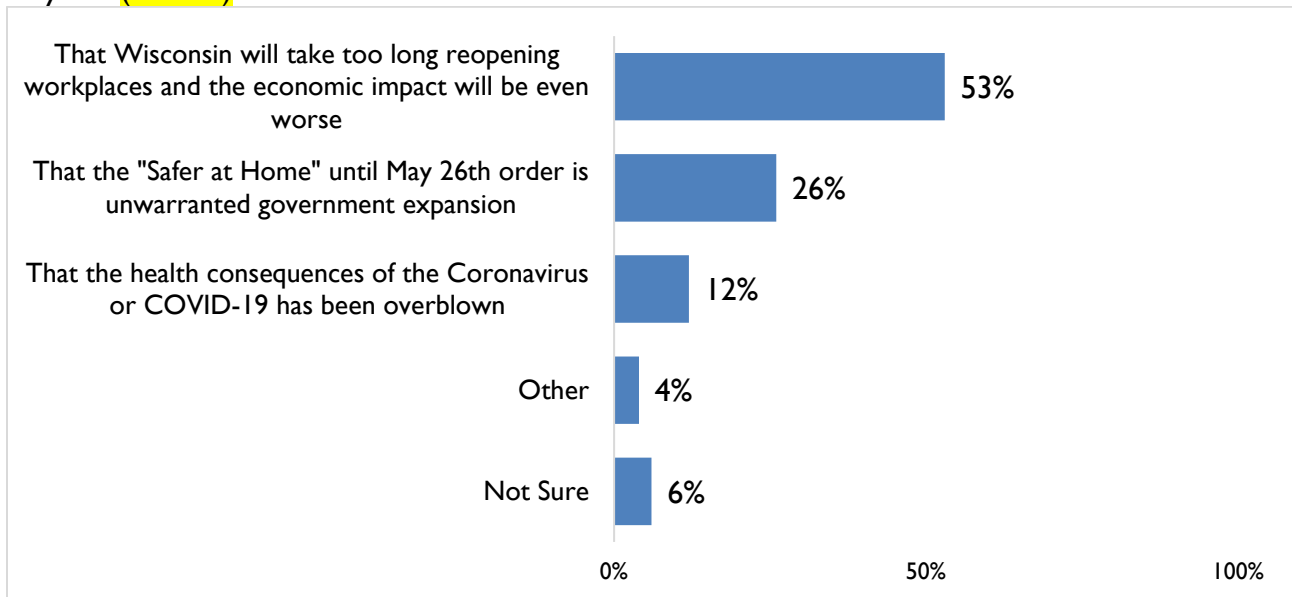


13. Thinking about the way the state of Wisconsin has responded to the Coronavirus or COVID-19, do you approve or disapprove of the “Safer at Home” until May 26 order?



Strongly Approve and Somewhat Approve → Skip to end

14. Which of the following concerns you MOST about the “Safer at Home” order being extended until May 26? (N=133)



Q14 Other (please specify):

- it's not effective/ businesses had to close but i know alot of people going out thus disregarding "stay @ home" putting alot of people at risk
- Should be a shorter extension
- to long at one time
- The whole state doesn't need to be closed. I think just major population areas need to be closed.
- Safer at home orders should be at the county level not state level.