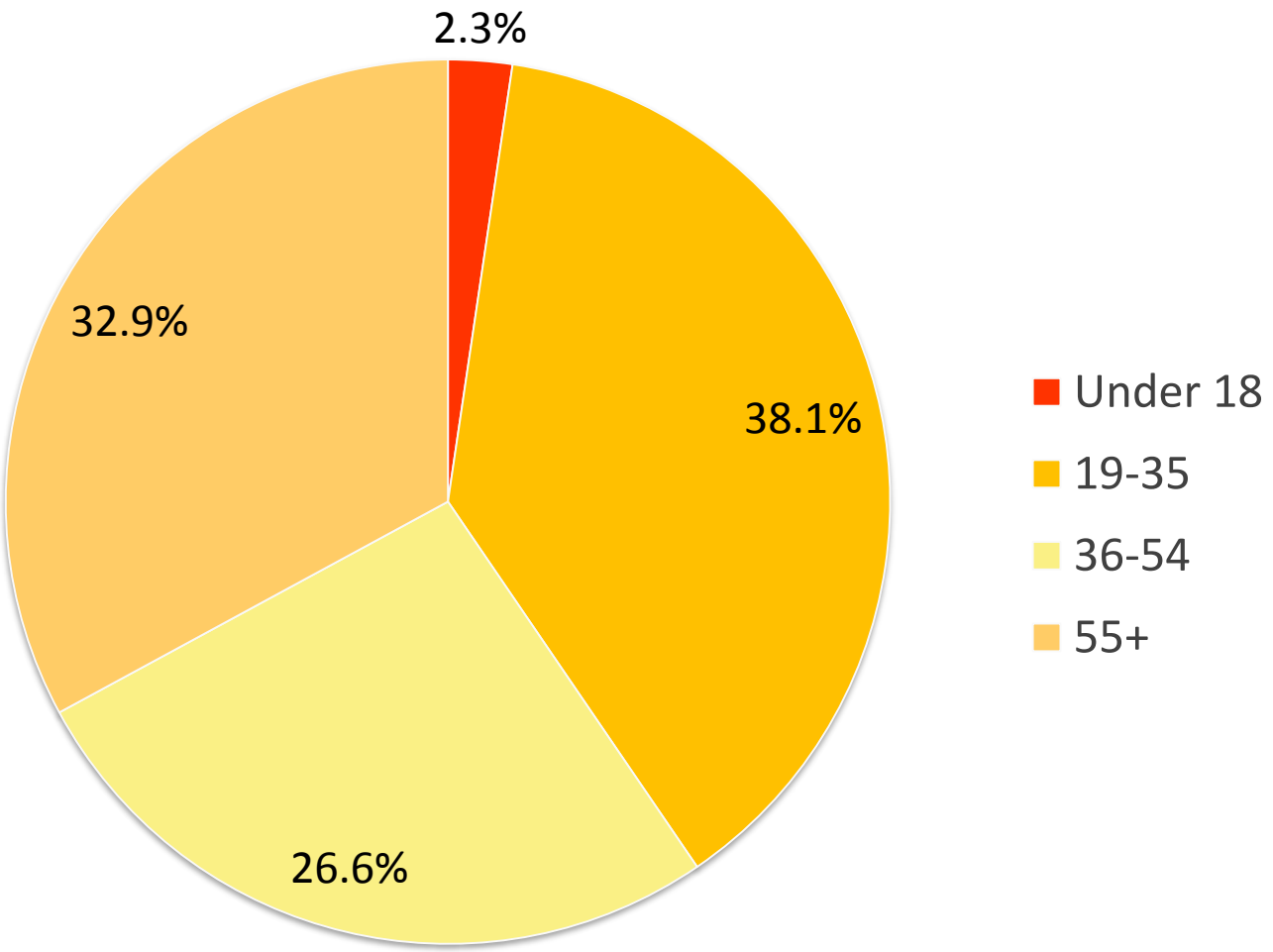
2018 Chinatown International District

IMPROVING SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

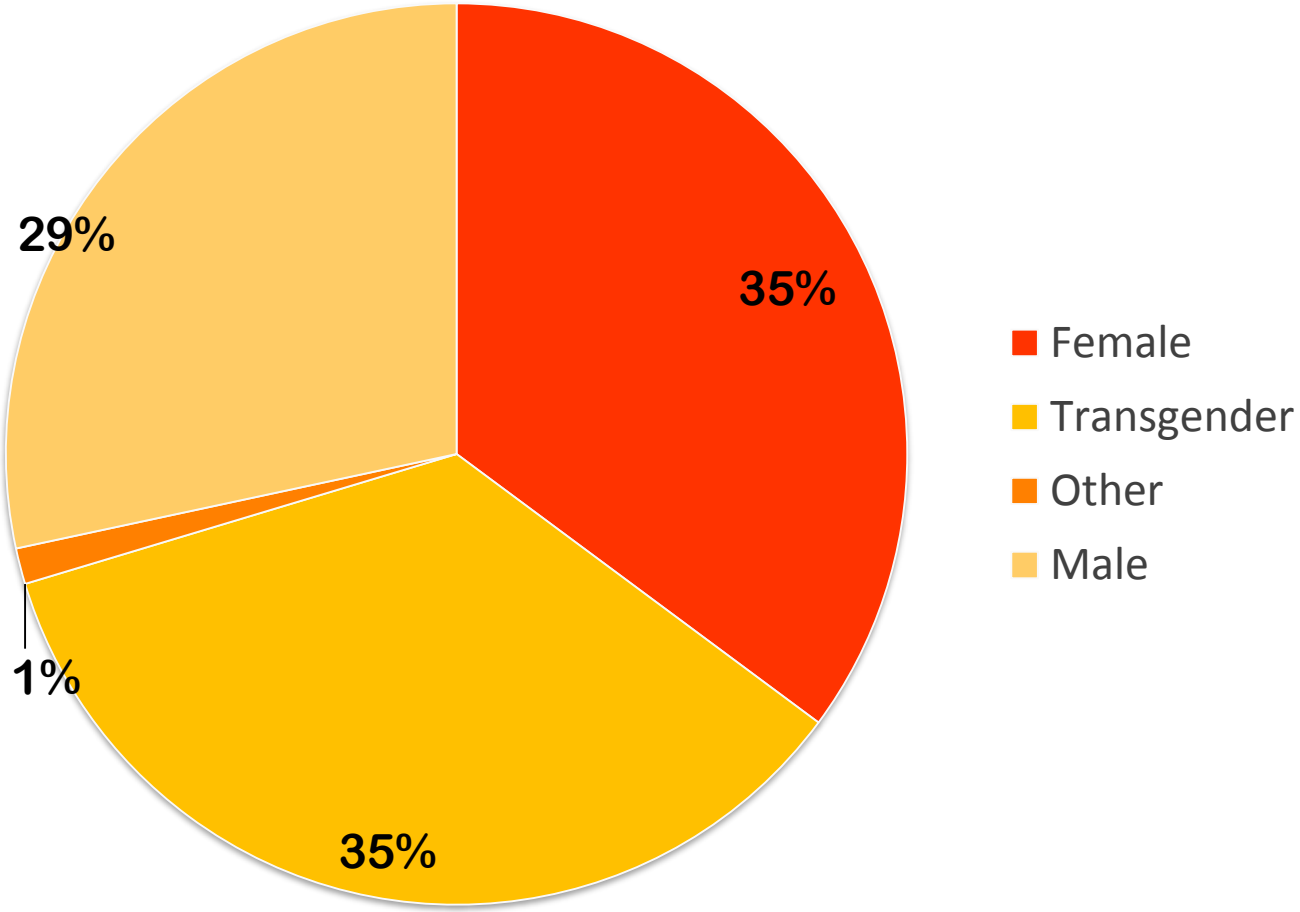
2018 Public Safety Survey

- Conducted in Jan-Mar 2018 by the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda)
- 588 respondents
- Range of ages, languages, and time affiliated with CID
- Survey conducted in English, Chinese, and Vietnamese online and via paper surveys

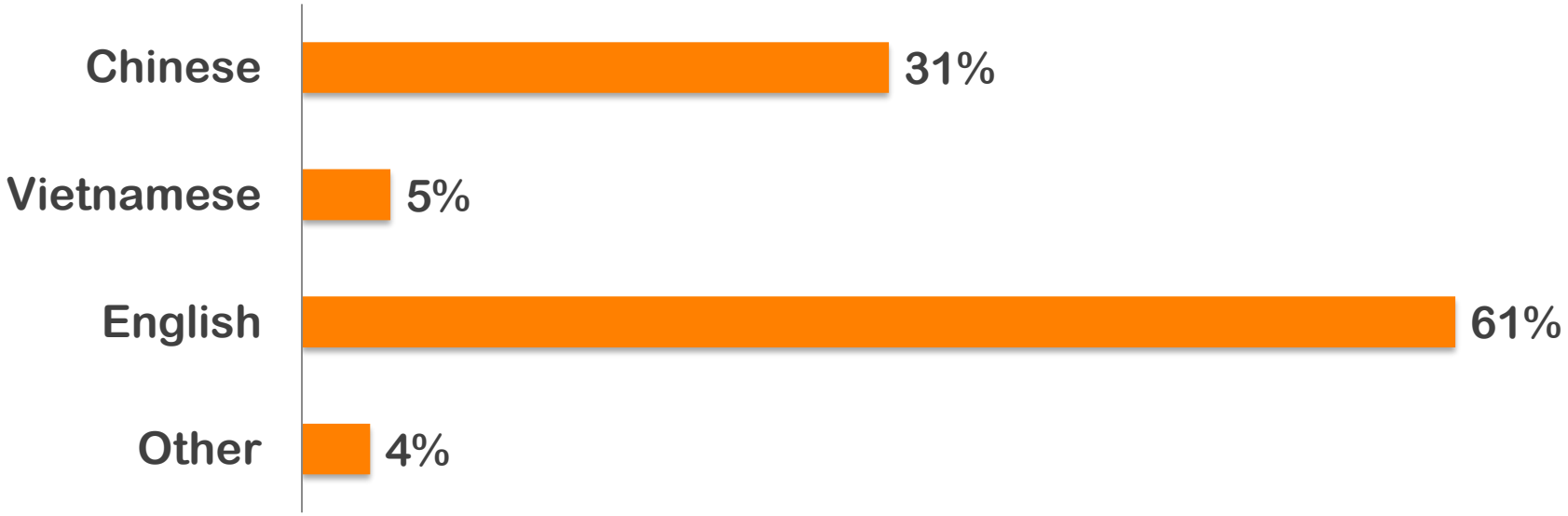
Demographics: Age



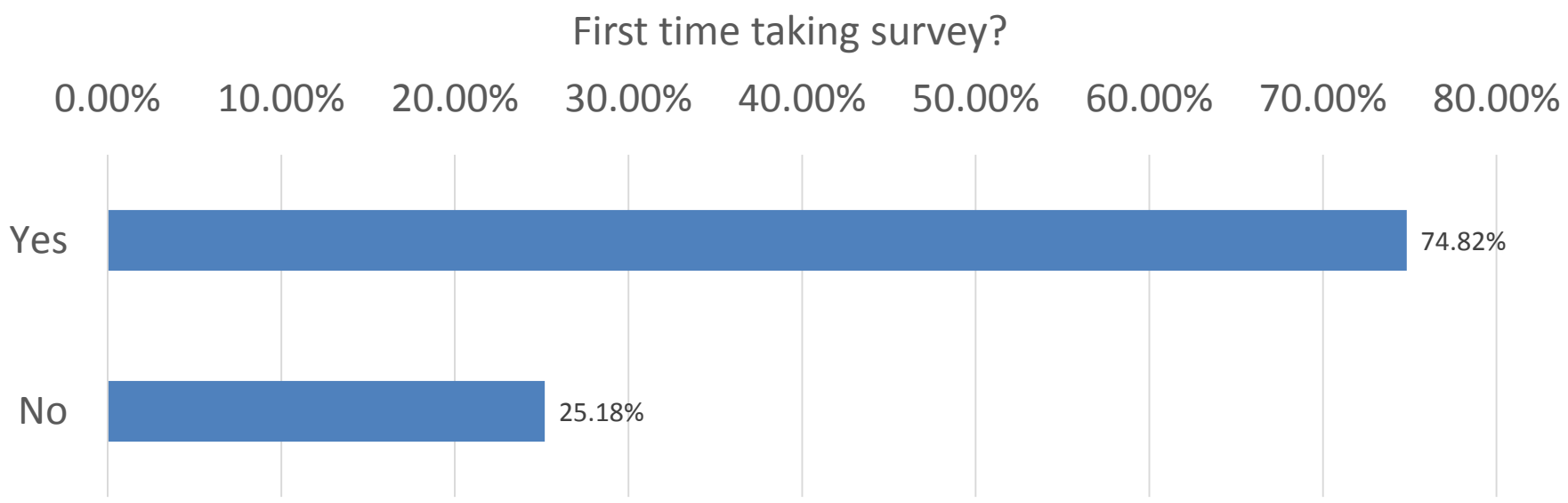
Demographics: Gender



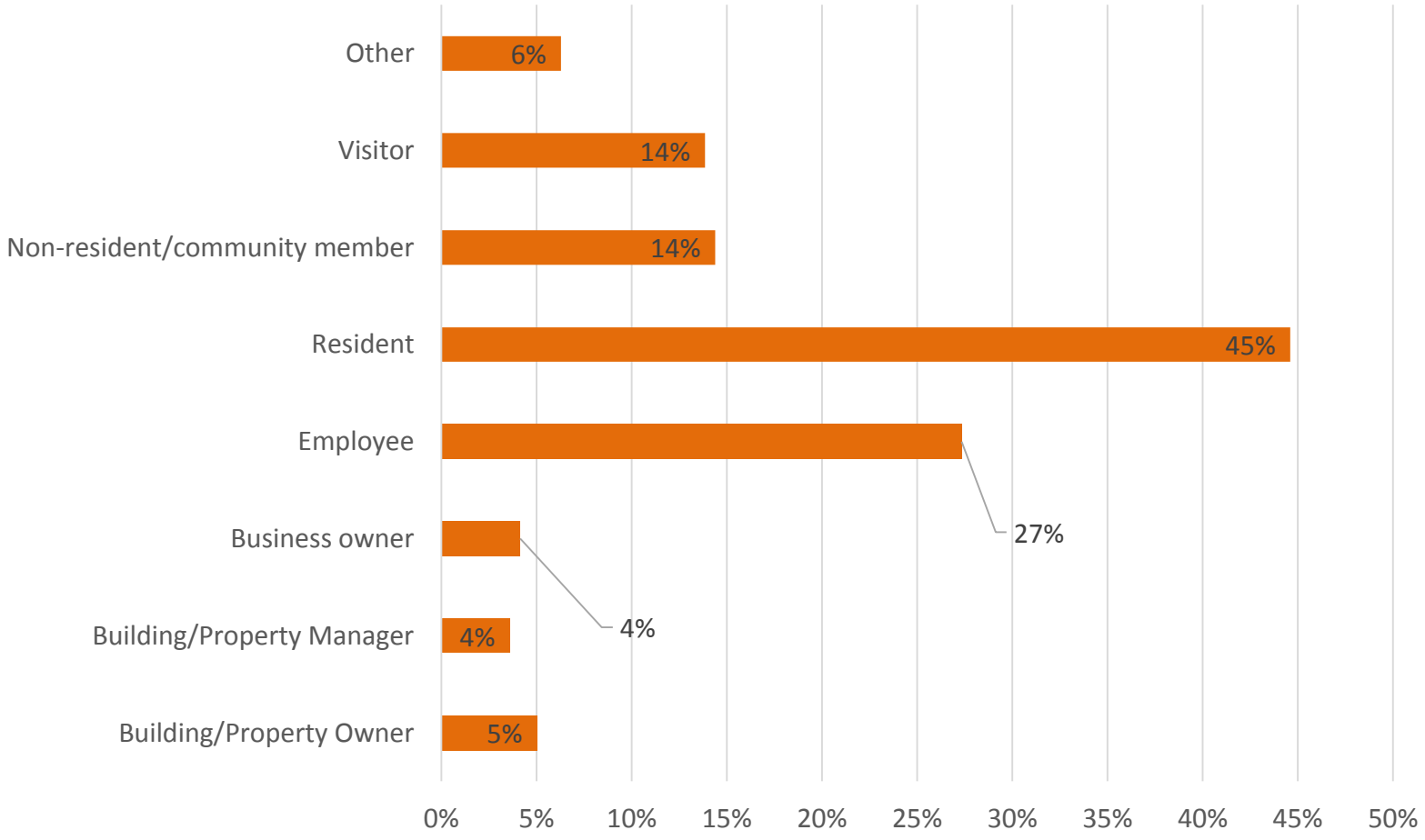
Demographics: Primary Language



Demographics: Is this your first time taking the survey?

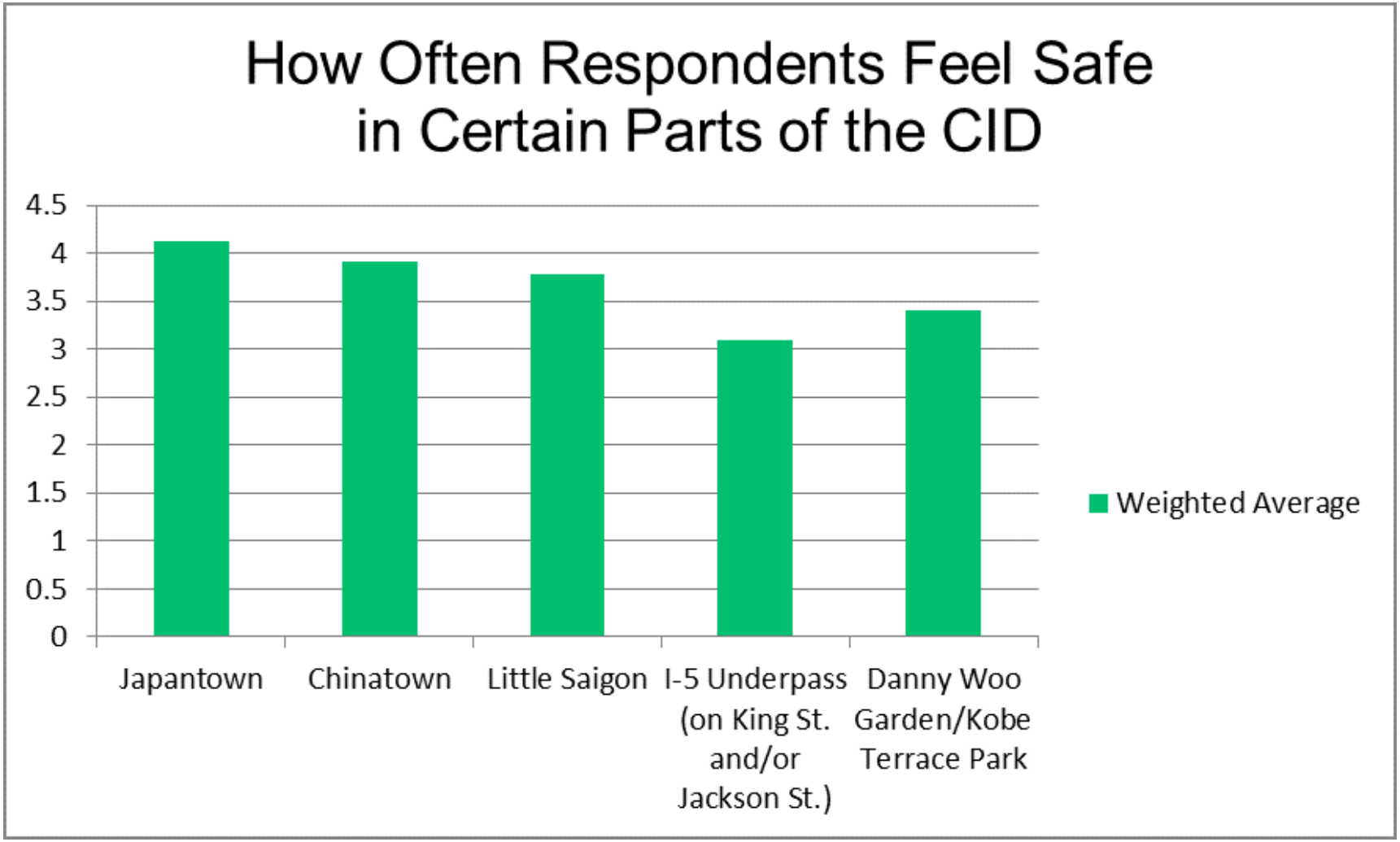


Demographics: Main CID Affiliation

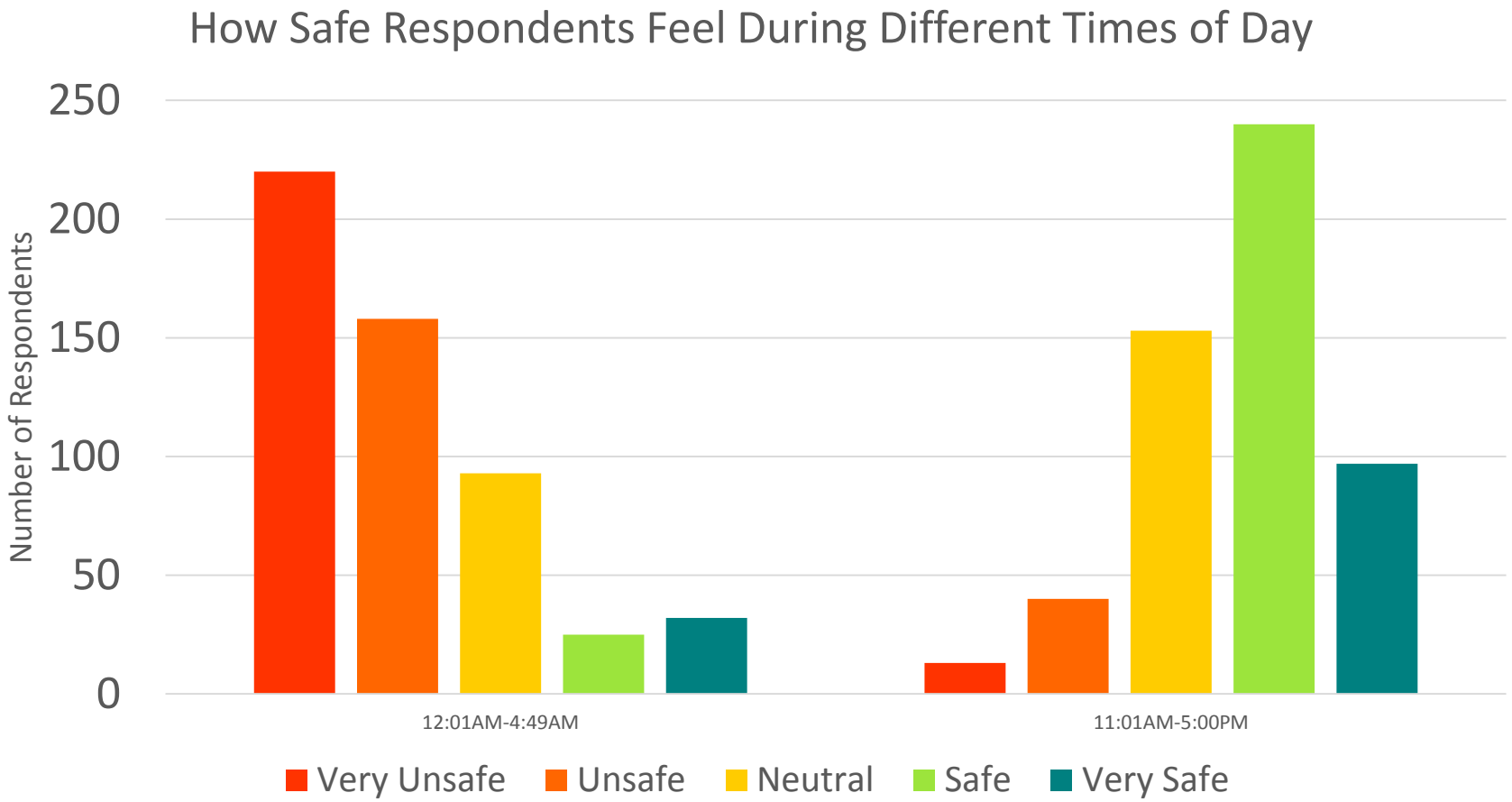


KEY FINDINGS

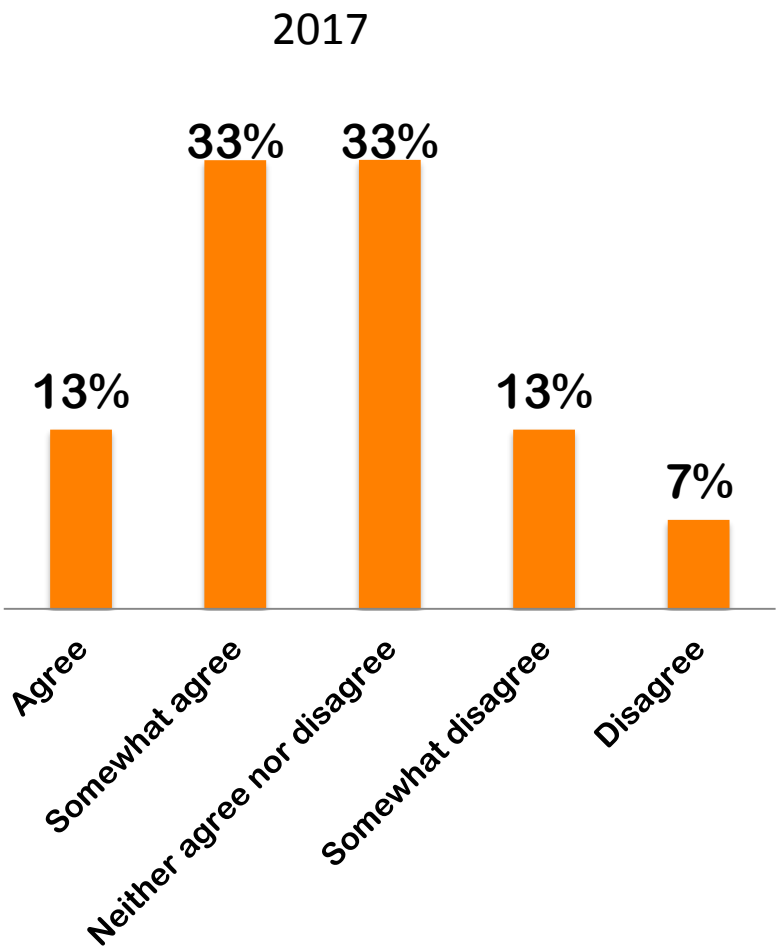
How often residents feel safe in the CID

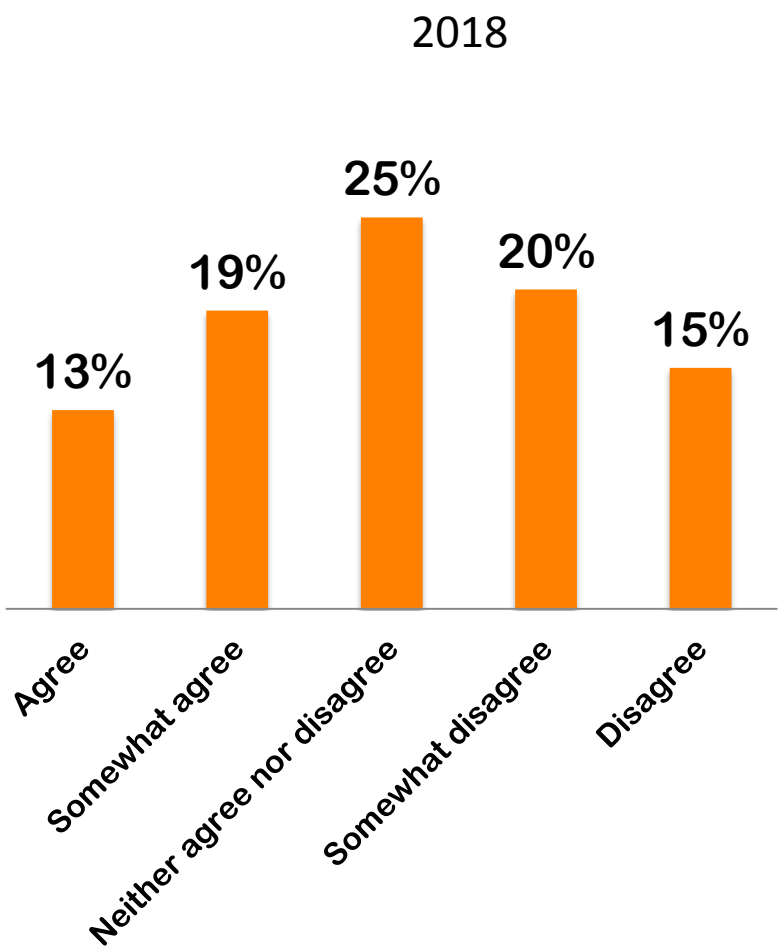


Safety during different times of day

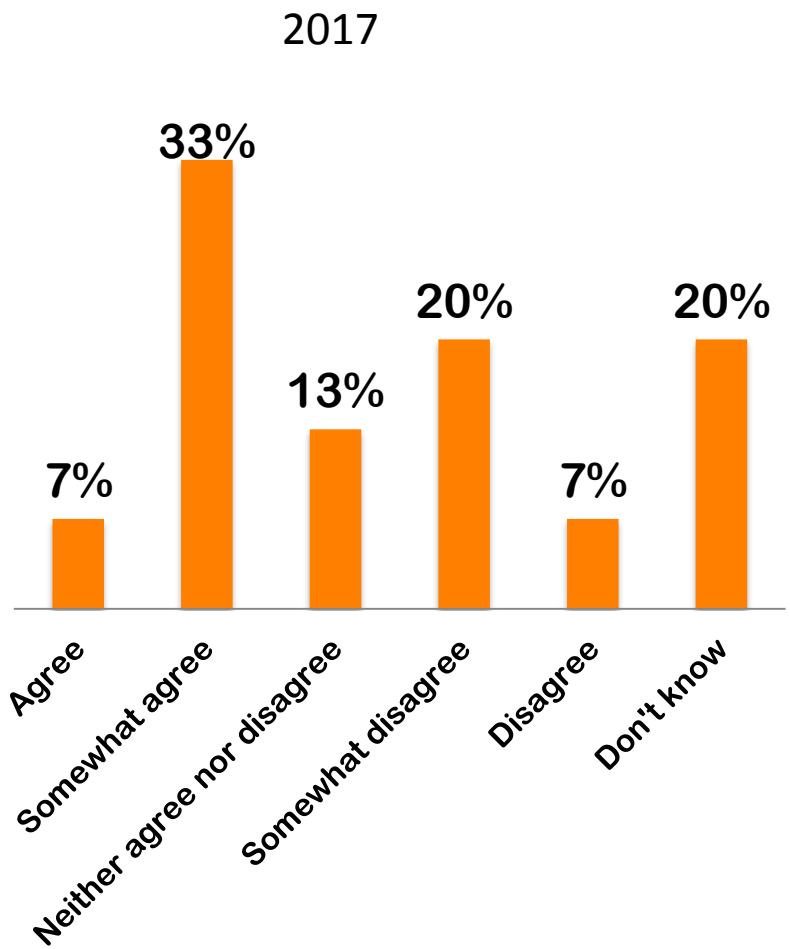


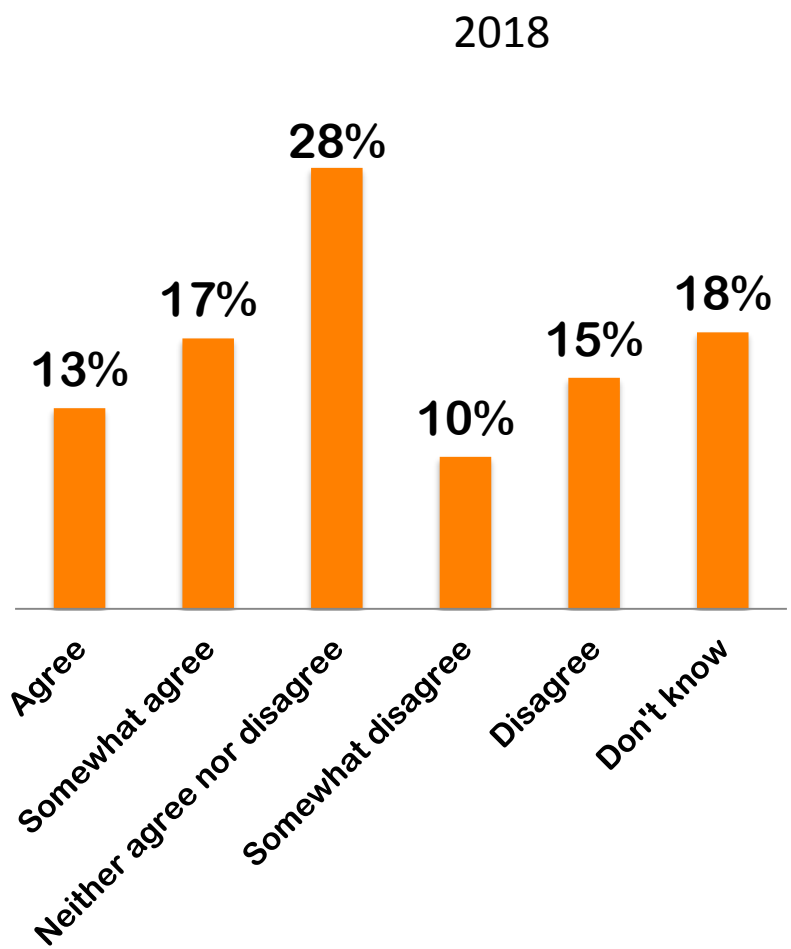
Decline in faith in police





Perceptions of cleanliness mixed

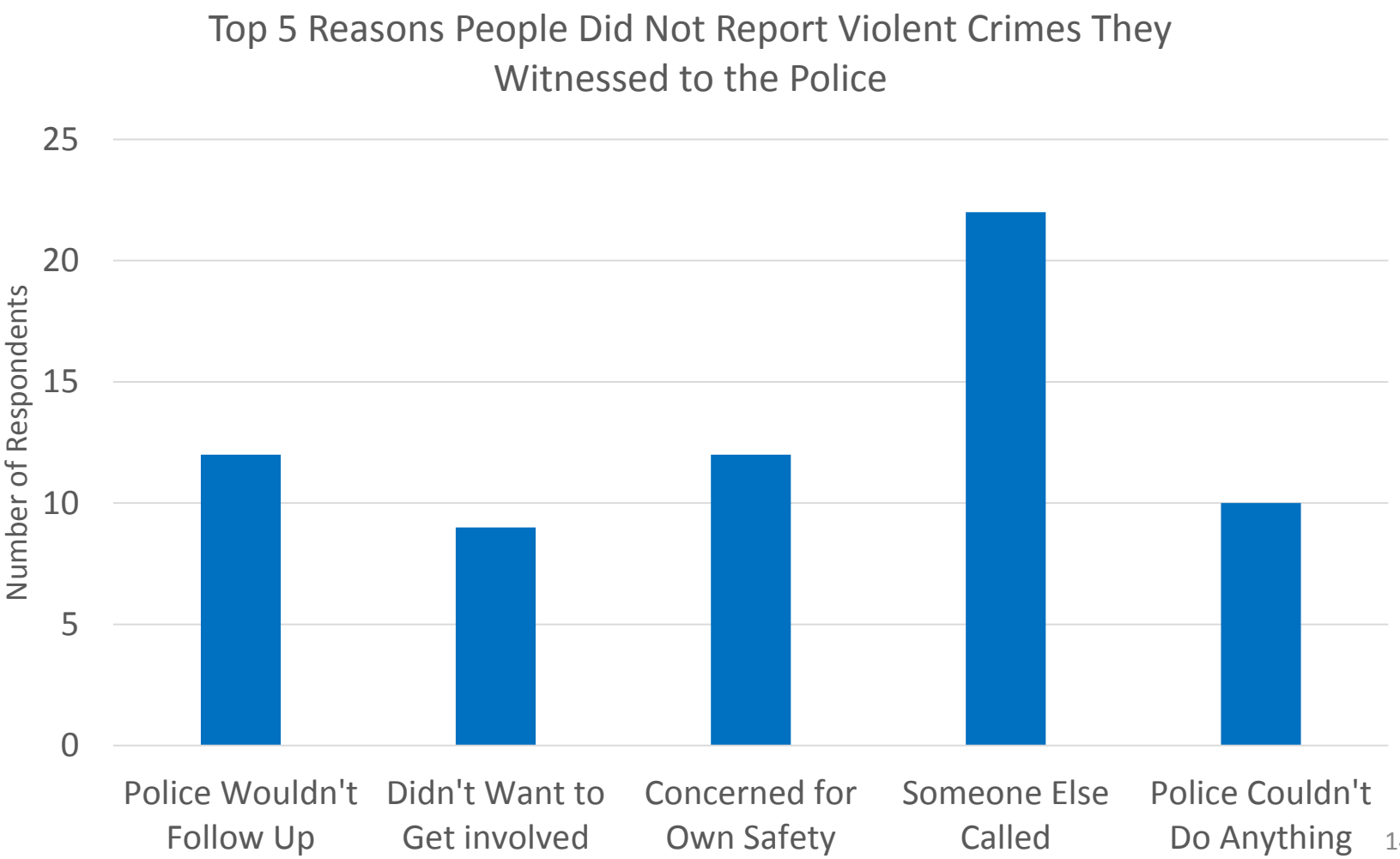




Reasons for Not Reporting Violent Crimes

- **Top reason**: belief someone else already called
- **Respondents 36 and over**: concern for their own safety and belief that someone else already called
- **Chinese language respondents**: someone else called

Top Five Reasons for Not Reporting a Violent Crime



Top Reasons for Not Reporting a Non-violent Crime

-**Top reason for 18+**: Police wouldn't follow up

- **English language respondents**: belief police would not follow up

- **Chinese language respondents**: concern for personal safety and belief that police would not follow-up

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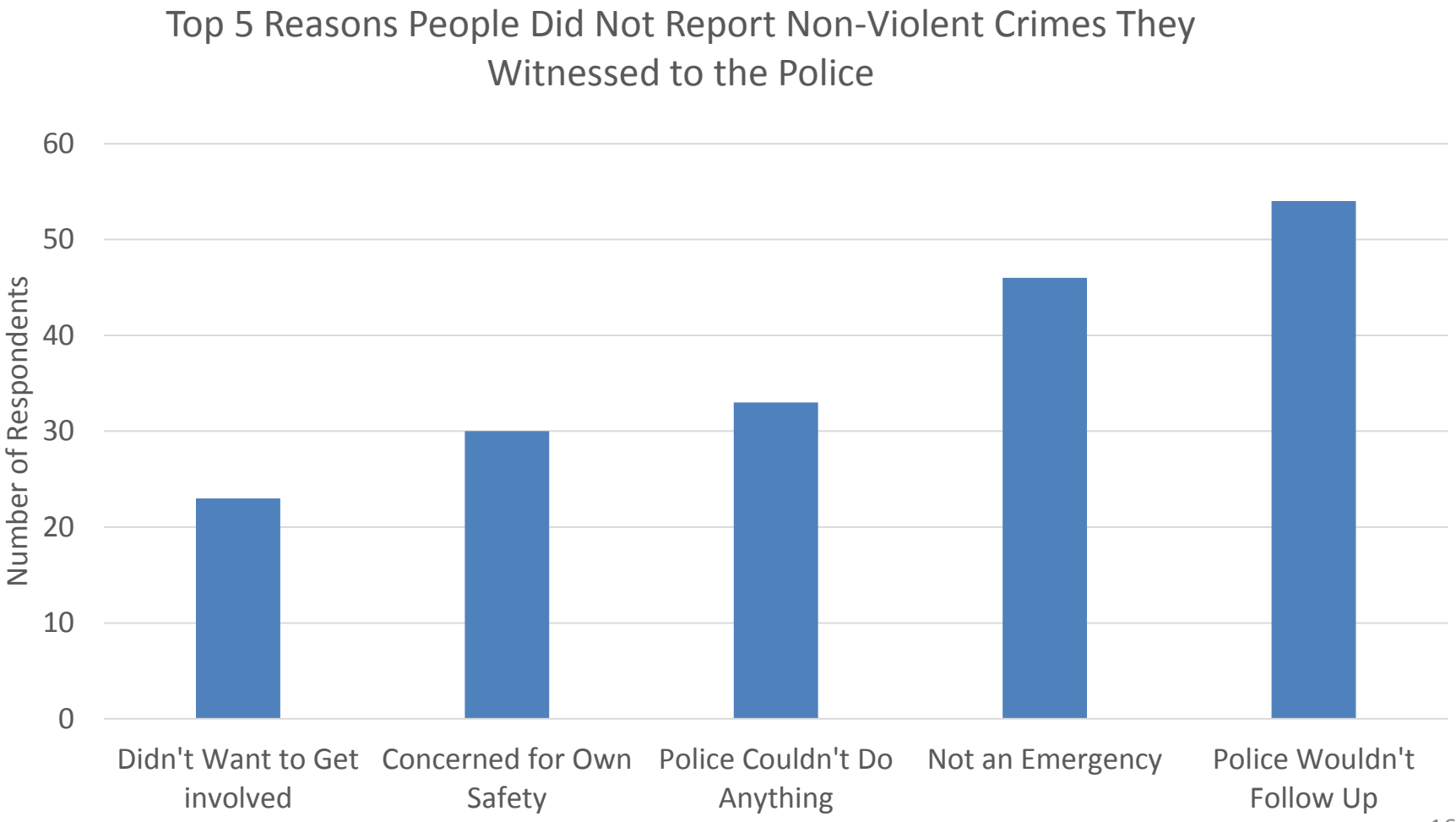

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Building Infrastructure

- Hired and formed Public Safety staff
  - Public Safety Coordinator
  - Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist
  - Community Engagement Strategic Advisor
- Progressed CID Public Safety Task Force Recommendations

Homelessness

- Navigation Center Community Response
- Restoration of MID outreach services
- Monthly local service provider convening

Nightlife Activation

- Completed neighborhood lighting study
- Public Realm Workgroup
- Block Watch

Police-Community Relations

- **Coffee with Cops**
- **Police Chief Search Committee**
- **Strong collaborations with SPD**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation

Fund sanitation in the CID, most especially in Little Saigon

Corresponding key finding(s):

- *71.2% of respondents did not agree or somewhat agree that streets are cleaner in 2018 than in 2017*

Recommendation

Restore funding to geographically-based homeless outreach programs

Corresponding key finding(s):

- *Danny Woo/Kobe Terrace Park and I-5 Underpass are consistently rated the least safe areas in the CID and both have significant homeless populations.*

Recommendation

Fund and support improvements and activation in I-5 underpass area

Corresponding key finding(s):

- *I-5 Underpass was again rated the least safe area in the CID*

Recommendation

Implement improvements and updates to street lighting per recommendations of the lighting study.

Corresponding key finding(s)

- ***Respondents rated darker times of day as significantly less safe than daytime hours***

Recommendation

Improve 911 responsiveness

Corresponding key finding(s):

- ***Most common reason for not reporting a non-violent crime was the belief that police wouldn't follow up.***