Tasmania Police Community Survey

Top safety concerns in the community



Youth crime (49%)



Theft from homes (36%)



Public order and safety (31%)

Drugs and alcohol came in as the fourth most identified safety concern (**27% overall nominated it as a concern**). Concern was significantly higher in the Northern (**34%**) and Western (**41%**) Districts.

Suggestions for police to increase community safety



Higher police presence or visibility (**35%**)



Increased police patrols (17%)

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Addressing youth crime (10%)

People in Brighton and on the Central Coast were more likely to suggest increased police patrols (**both 29%**).

One in ten respondents (**9%**) also want police to be available more hours (night policing or 24/7 police stations). This was particularly high among residents of Derwent Valley (**39%**) and Kingborough (**26%**).

Perceptions of Tasmania Police

Confidence in Tasmania Police to deliver services:



Respondents were most likely to agree that Tasmania Police are:



Professional (71%)



Trustworthy and honest (66%)



Compassionate (59%)



Fair and equitable (57%)

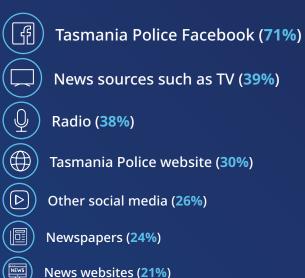
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Among core values, respondents were most likely to agree that Tasmania Police have:

Respect	65%	
Integrity		60%
Support		56%
Accountability		50%



Preferences for receiving community safety information



44% of respondents felt that Tasmania Police keep the community well-informed of issues that impact the community.

Contact with Tasmania Police

Over half (55%) of all survey respondents have had contact with Tasmania Police in the last 12 months.

Younger people (16 to 24 year olds) were most likely to have had contact with police with **65% reporting contact**. They were also most likely to have had in-person contact with a police officer (47%).

Satisfaction with service provided:



Most common methods of contact with Police during the last 12 months:

41%

Calling the Police Assistance Line (131 444) a police officer

In person through

23%

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Calling a police station

Visiting a police station

Perceptions of community safety

Where respondents feel safe:

Respondents felt safest in their homes (67%).

At home (67%)

Outside in the community (daytime) (56%)

Outside in the community (at night) (29%)

On public transport* (25%)

* A large number of respondents do not use public transport so could not provide a rating for perceptions of safety on public transport.

People living in the Southern Police District were significantly less likely to say they felt safe in their homes (62%) compared to those in the Northern and Western Districts (70% and 74%).

Among the Local Government Areas, the majority of those living in the Meander Valley felt safe (85%), while those in the Derwent Valley felt significantly less safe (38%).

Preferences for contacting Police

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crime report

Visiting a police station

Completing an online

56% Calling the Police Assistance Line (131 444)

In person through a police officer

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