



Community Survey

Gun Violence Prevention in Leon County

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Executive Summary

From May through October of 2025, SalterMitchell PR (SMPR) conducted research on behalf of the Council on the Status of Men and Boys (CSMB) to gather community insights and recommendations to curb gun violence and homicides in Leon County. This report contains our findings and, based on a previous 2023 study on this same topic, also offers a point of comparison to identify changes in perceptions and experiences.

The goals of this research were to: 1.) Document Leon County residents' perception of safety in relation to local gun violence and homicides, 2.) Receive feedback on key issues and contributing factors related to the gun violence and homicides occurring in Leon County, and 3.) Receive input from residents on strategies and initiatives to address the issue of gun violence and homicides in Leon County.

The research campaign was open to all Leon County residents for participation. However, SMPR placed a special focus on residents in target zip codes 32301, 32304 and 32310, which represent about 34 percent of the total 18+ population. These were identified in the Leon County Sheriff's Office "Anatomy of a Homicide" Report as areas where gun violence and homicides predominantly occur.

The data collection method utilized to implement this research was one (1) online survey.

Goal 1: Perception of Safety

- The majority of respondents felt safe in their neighborhoods during the day (91 percent) and night (77 percent). The percentage of individuals who felt safe during the night is up 4 percent from 2023.
- Two-thirds (66 percent) of respondents reported that they or someone close to them have not been threatened, injured or killed by a gun in the past year, while one-third reported some exposure. These findings remain consistent from 2023.
- Twenty-six percent of respondents indicated that gun violence in the area where they live has increased in the past year, which is a 7 percent decrease from 2023.
- Forty percent of respondents indicated no change in gun violence frequency, which is slightly higher than the findings in 2023.
- Less than half (45 percent) of respondents have avoided certain areas at night due to concern about crime and gun violence in or near the area; 35 percent use video doorbells or cameras, 26 percent use home security systems, and 24 percent added lights or locks to their home.



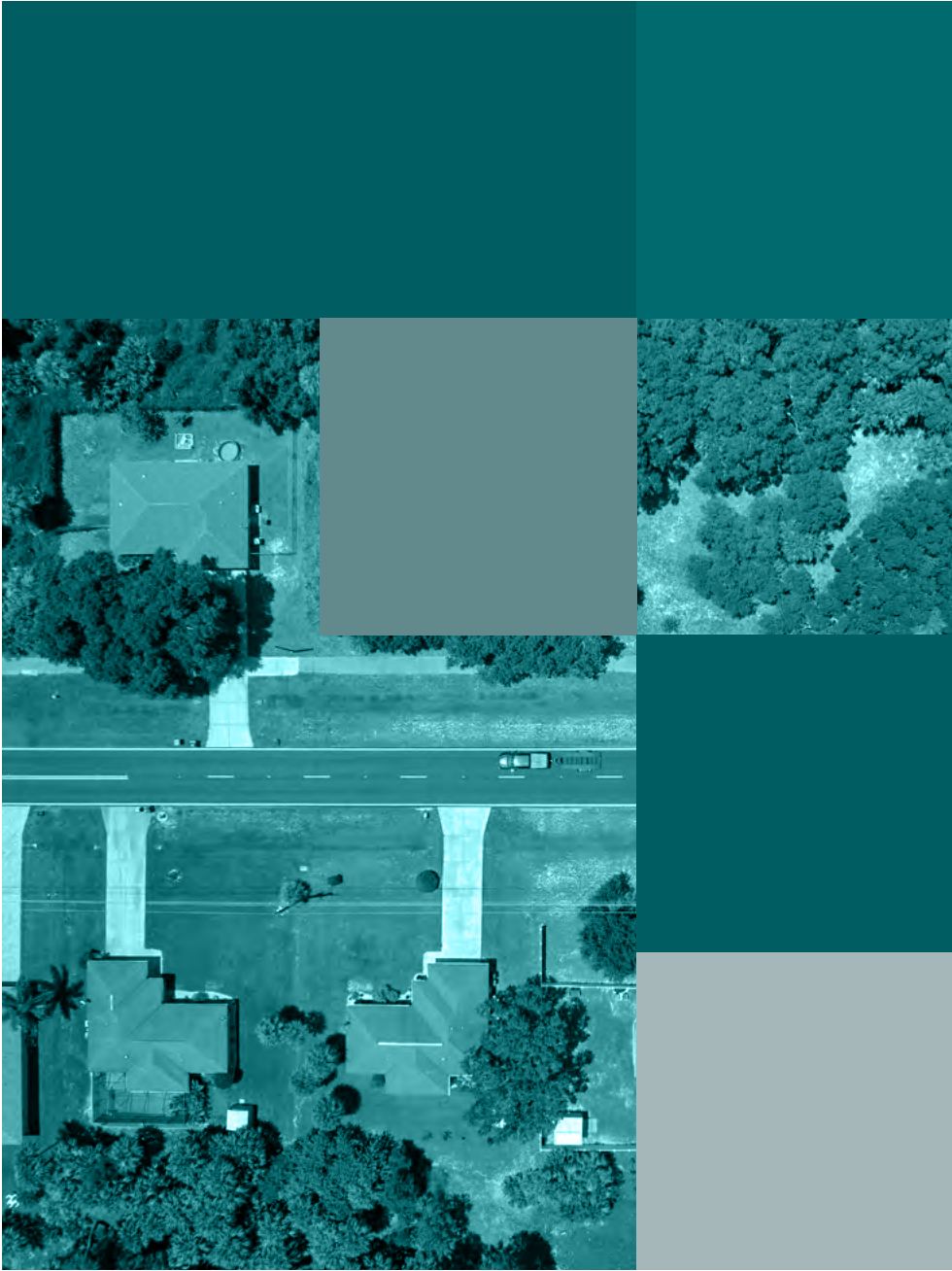
Goal 2: Main Causes

- The majority of respondents selected “anger and retaliation between individuals” (42 percent), “gang activity” (41 percent) and “drug activity” (38 percent) as the main causes of local gun violence and homicides.

Goal 3: Potential Solutions

- Respondents suggested programs, education, interventions and/or support (27 percent) as solutions to reduce gun violence. Examples included youth intervention programs, gun safety education, public awareness campaigns, and professional development opportunities.
- Mental health resources and community wellness initiatives also emerged as solutions to combat gun violence at its root, a change from the survey responses in 2023 which suggested addressing poverty, food insecurity, and housing as the primary solutions.
- Decreasing gang activity (91 percent) and drug activity (90 percent) were also popular solutions identified by respondents.

Online Survey



Online Survey

404

online survey responses

The online survey was distributed to Tallahassee/Leon County residents aged 18 years or older via online promotion, television promotion, radio promotion, word of mouth and community outreach.

The survey was anonymous and included 20 questions grouped into four sections. Three sections addressed the goals of the research campaign and the fourth section addressed user demographic information. Questions remained the same from the previous 2023 online survey to allow for cross-analysis of responses. Survey participation was incentivized by multiple gift card giveaways.

In total, the online survey received 442 responses. SMPR combed through each response to confirm authenticity and removed fake or spam responses from the survey data. This left 404 responses for analysis.

SMPR calculated the goal survey sample size (the number of people who took the survey), confidence level, and margin of error based on Tallahassee's 18+ population size of 236,320. This population was pulled from the

[2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles.](#)

Confidence level represents the probability that a sample size accurately represents the attitudes of a population. The industry standard is 95 percent. Margin of error measures the effectiveness of a survey. The smaller the margin of error, the more confidence one may have in the results. The industry standard is 5 percent.

Based on a sample size of 404, the survey achieved a confidence level of 95 percent with a margin of error of 5 percent. A 5 percent margin of error means survey percentages may vary by +/- 5 percent in the overall population.

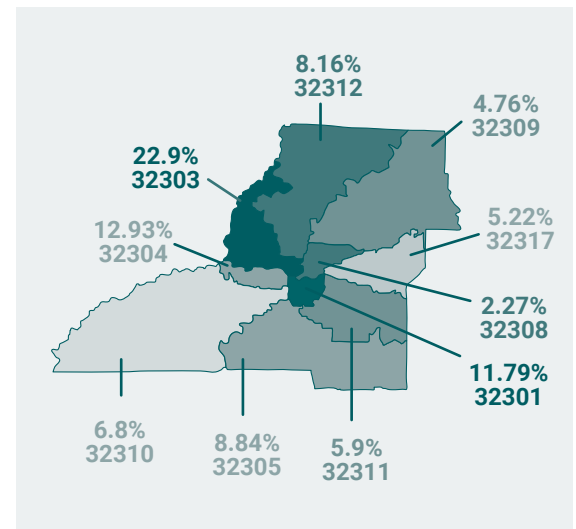
The majority of zip codes in Tallahassee were represented by the survey data. Approximately 139 respondents resided in the neighborhoods identified by the Leon County Sheriff's Office "Anatomy of a Homicide" Report¹ as areas with the highest density per square mile of homicide incidents.

These neighborhoods² are:

- Apalachee Ridge**
- Bond & Providence**
- Chapel Ridge**
- Frenchtown**
- Griffin Heights**
- Jake Gaither**
- Seminole Manor**
- South City**

Furthermore, 31 percent of survey respondents represented the target zip codes of 32301, 32304 and 32310. These zip code areas account for 34 percent of Tallahassee's 18+ population (236,320).

SMPR met its goal of achieving a 20-30 percent sample size of individuals located in these zip codes to proportionally represent the greater population of these areas.



Leon County Zip Codes

¹ The Leon County Sheriff's Office "Anatomy of a Homicide" report is an exploratory review of the homicides reported in Leon County between 2015-2020.

² The "Anatomy of a Homicide" review analyzed density by neighborhood represented by the number of incidents per square mile. This mapping style only recognizes homicides that happened within certain neighborhood borders. Incidents that occurred in surrounding areas (outside the neighborhood boundaries) were not captured in the density calculations.



Research Limitations

It is important to note a few variances that may have impacted the findings of this survey.

External Factors

This community survey launched soon after a mass shooting occurred at Florida State University, which is located in Leon County. This event may have influenced survey participation and responses.

Respondent Demographics

When evaluating the respondent demographics from 2023 to 2025, there was a slight shift in the percentage of respondents representing the target zip codes of 32301, 32304 and 32310. This group represented 22 percent of the overall responses in 2023 and 31 percent of the overall responses in 2025.

Self-Selection Bias

To maintain consistency, the survey questions remained the same from the 2023 survey to the 2025 survey. Surveys are subject to self-selection bias which may skew results. Self-selection bias refers to a survey's likelihood of attracting responses from individuals with strong opinions or specific characteristics.

Singular Research Method

In 2023, a variety of research methodologies were used to gather insights from the community. In 2025, only one research methodology was used: an online survey. In this report, only the 2023 online survey findings were used to compare and contrast with the 2025 online survey findings.

Perceptions of Safety

The first section of the survey addressed the following research goal: Document Leon County residents' perception of safety in relation to local gun violence and homicides.

91%

feel safe during the day

To establish an understanding of residents' overall sense of safety, the survey began by asking questions about how safe or unsafe they feel in the area where they live.

77%

feel safe during the night

- When asked how safe or unsafe they feel during the day, 91 percent said "safe."
- When asked how safe or unsafe they feel at night, 77 percent said "safe" while 23 percent said "unsafe."

The majority of respondents (69 percent) felt the area where they live has "stayed the same" in the past year in regards to safety. This is a slight increase from 2023 (68 percent). Twenty-two percent felt the area where they live has become less safe, a decrease from 2023 (28 percent).

Using a Likert scale format, respondents were then asked how concerned they are that they will experience gun violence or criminal offenses in or near the area where they live. Respondents graded each statement from "not at all concerned" to "extremely concerned."

This included:

- Being arrested
- A close friend or family member being arrested
- Going to jail or prison
- A close friend or family member going to jail or prison
- Getting shot
- Losing a close friend or family member to gun violence

Overall, the majority of respondents expressed a lesser degree of concern or no concern at all about experiencing most of these incidents. However,

40 percent of respondents were “somewhat concerned,” “moderately concerned” or “extremely concerned” in regards to “losing a close friend or family member to gun violence.”

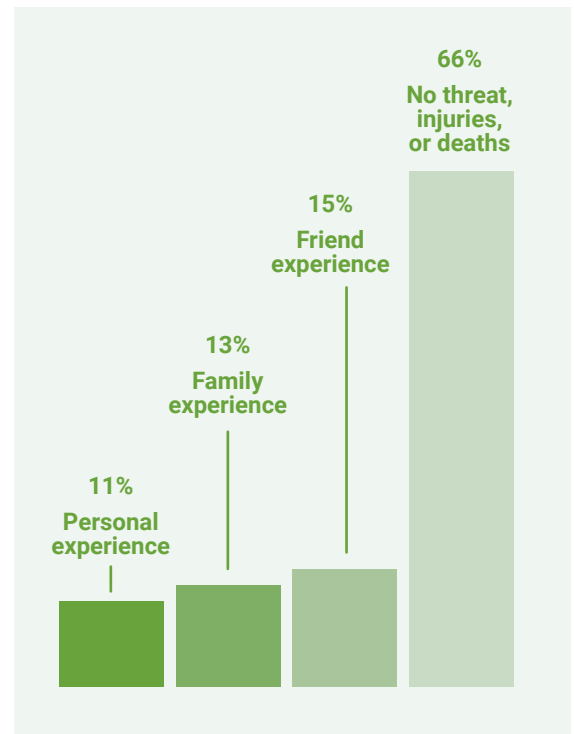
In regards to “getting shot,” 36 percent of respondents were “somewhat concerned,” “moderately concerned” or “extremely concerned.”

Additionally, 31 percent were “somewhat concerned,” “moderately concerned” or “extremely concerned” of “a close friend or family member being arrested.”

Although 66 percent of respondents indicated that they or someone close to them have not been threatened, injured or killed by a gun in the past

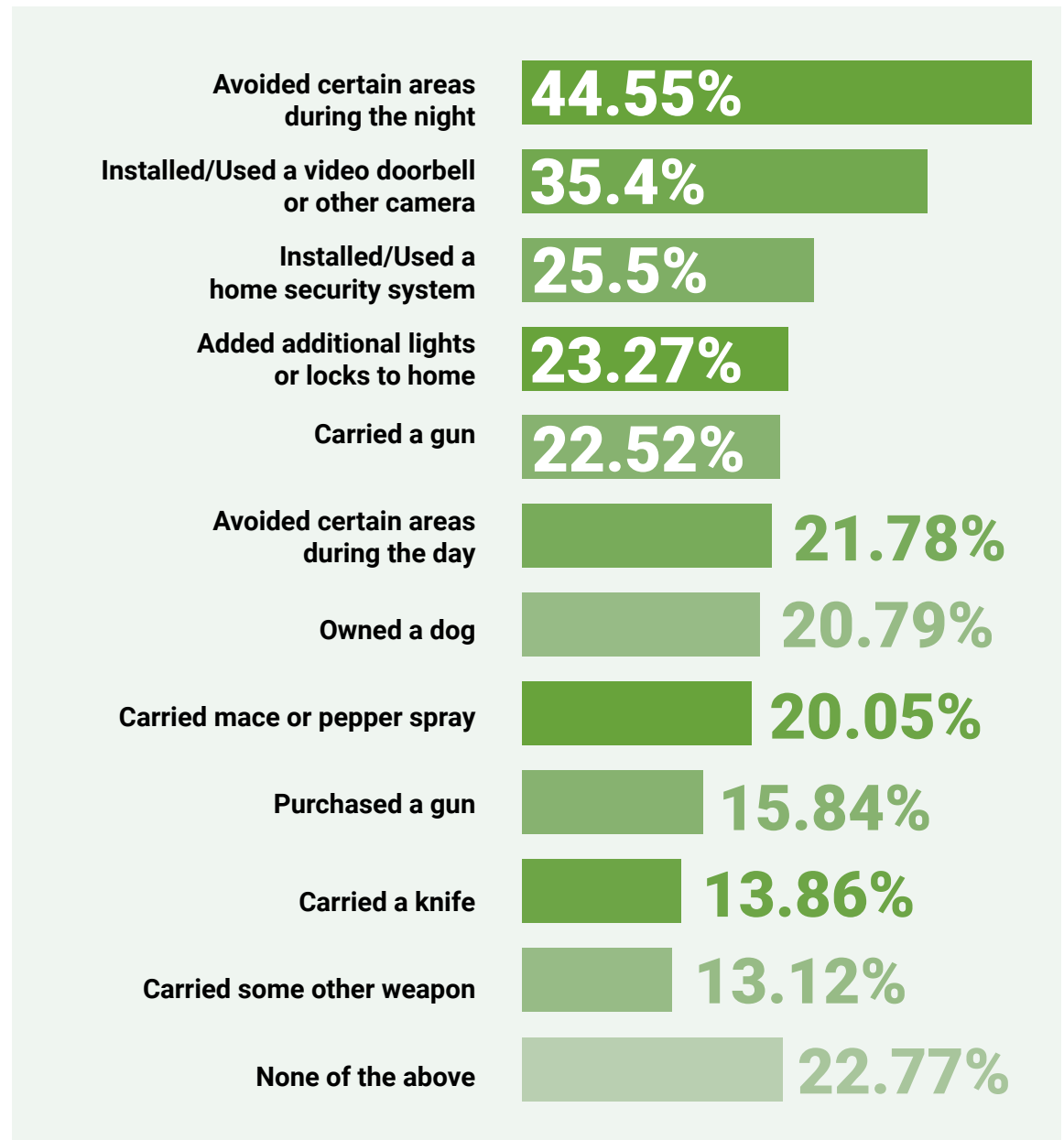
year, 15 percent have had a friend experience this, 13 percent have had someone in their family experience this, and 11 percent of respondents have personally experienced this. (Note: respondents were instructed to select all options that apply to them for this question.)

Furthermore, 26 percent of respondents indicated that gun violence in the area where they live has increased in the past year, a slight decrease from 2023 (33 percent). Approximately 40 percent indicated gun violence has stayed the same, six percent indicated gun violence has decreased, and 28 percent indicated they do not experience gun violence where they live.



Experience with Gun Violence

Respondents were then asked what safety measures they have taken because they were concerned about crime and gun violence in or near the area where they live:



The top response was “avoided certain areas during the night” (45 percent). This was followed by “installed/used a video doorbell or other camera” (35 percent), “installed/used a home

security system” (26 percent) and “added additional lights or locks to home” (23 percent).

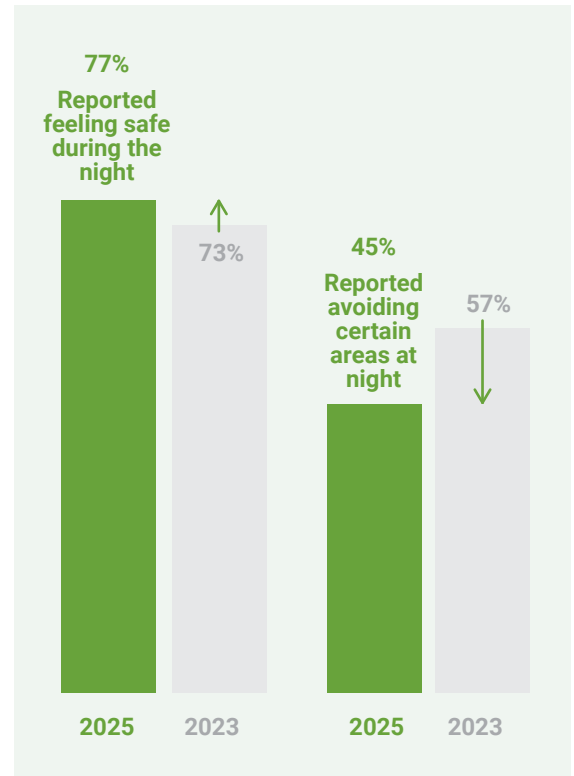
Summary & Comparison

Overall, Leon County residents report feeling safe where they live, especially during the day (91 percent). **Furthermore, 77 percent reported feeling safe during the night, which is a slight increase from 2023 (73 percent).** Most say neighborhood safety has stayed the same over the past year (69 percent), with 22 percent perceiving a decline in safety.

Concern about most specific risks is generally low, but many worry about serious harm: 40 percent fear losing a loved one to gun violence, 36 percent fear being shot, and 31 percent fear a loved one being arrested.

Two-thirds report no recent gun-related threats or injuries to themselves or close contacts, while a smaller share has experienced them firsthand or through friends and family.

Views on local gun violence trends are mixed, and many residents take practical steps to protect themselves like adding home security measures such as cameras and locks. Notably, 45 percent of respondents reported avoiding certain areas at night, **down 12 percent from 2023.**



Percentage Comparison: 2025 vs 2023

69%

say neighborhood safety has stayed the same over the past year

22%

perceiving a decline in safety

2/3

report no recent gun-related threats or injuries to themselves or close contacts

Main Causes of Gun Violence

The second section of the survey addressed the following research goal: Receive feedback on key issues and contributing factors related to the gun violence and homicides occurring in Leon County.

42%

selected anger and retaliation between individuals

To uncover some of the main causes of gun violence in Leon County, users were asked to select their **top three** contributing factors.

- Gang activity
- Drug activity
- Vandalism and property crime (e.g., robbery, theft, mugging)
- Unemployment
- Housing insecurity (e.g., housing costs, rent costs, homelessness)
- Mental health and behavioral issues (e.g., mental illnesses, irrational thinking)
- Anger and retaliation between individuals
- Arguments and fights between individuals
- Impairment caused by drugs or alcohol

- Money and/or debt
- Labor and/or sex trafficking (human trafficking)
- None of the above
- Other (please specify): _____

The top responses were “anger and retaliation between individuals” (42 percent) and “gang activity” (41 percent). These were followed by “drug activity” (38 percent), “mental health and behavioral issues (e.g., mental illnesses, irrational thinking)” (38 percent), and “arguments and fights between individuals” (35 percent).

Summary & Comparison

The top three contributing factors selected for the main causes of gun violence in Leon County were “anger and retaliation between individuals,” “gang activity” and “drug activity.” These differ slightly from the findings in 2023, which were “drug activity” (58 percent), “gang activity” (51 percent), and “mental health and behavioral issues (e.g., mental illnesses, irrational thinking)” (50 percent).

	2025	2023
1	42% Anger and retaliation between individuals	58% ▼ Drug activity
2	41% Gang activity	51% ▼ Gang activity
3	38% Drug activity	50% Mental health and behavioral issues (e.g., mental illnesses, irrational thinking)

Top Three Contributing Factors Selected in 2025 vs 2023

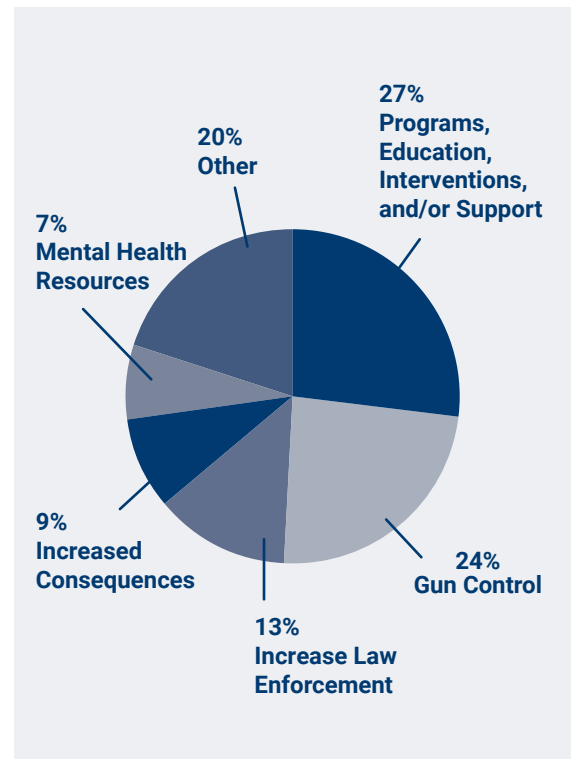
Potential Solutions

The third section of the survey addressed the following research goal: Receive input from residents on strategies and initiatives to address the issue of gun violence and homicides in Leon County.

In an open-ended response format, respondents were asked to describe what they feel would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County. In total, this question received 404 responses. After removing unusable responses (e.g., “N/A”, “I don’t have a good answer really”), 354 responses were left for analysis and grouped into 15 categories to reveal response themes and trends.

Below are the top five most popular response categories with comments provided by survey participants.

- Programs, Education, Interventions and/or Support
- Gun Control
- Increase Law Enforcement
- Increased Consequences
- Mental Health Resources



Grouped responses out of 354

Q

In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

Response Category 1: Programs, Education, Interventions and/or Support

Approximately 27 percent of responses mention some form of community-based intervention and education, such as youth intervention programs, gun safety education, public awareness campaigns, and professional development opportunities. This was the most popular response category.

“Community based prevention programs, partnerships with local government and law enforcement, public awareness campaigns on gun safety and storage, and targeted initiatives to address underlying factors like gang and drug activity.”

“More education is always an essential tool. Reaching out to the youth and young adults regarding the consequences of gun violence. More positive activities within surrounding communities. Give youth more active things to do outside of school.”

“ Prevention: programs put in place for young children, educational opportunities, recreation centers. Job opportunities for ages 18 to 30, including training for trades and vocations. ”

“More positive activities for young people—jobs, skills development programs, athletics, etc.”

“More community awareness and more publicly funded programs that support those most likely to experience gun violence, especially people experiencing homelessness, poverty, and domestic violence.”

Q

In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

Response Category 2: Gun Control

Approximately 24 percent of responses mention some form of gun control, such as restricting access to guns, reducing the number of guns, banning guns, or suggested changes to the process for obtaining a gun (e.g., legislation, background checks, mandatory gun safety education, etc).

“Strict gun laws in Florida.”

“Background checks and mental health checks every five years. No more concealed carry by non-LEO. Required registration and background checks before purchases or other ownership transfers.”

“Revise gun laws and perform in-depth background checks prior to purchase. Increase age limit for gun purchase. Increased security at schools (detectors) and mass community functions. More educational classes/seminars/scenarios on the effects of gun safety to youth and some adults.”

“Doing home checks for anyone on parole, probation, or has been incarcerated for violent crimes. Make people go through multiple classes before being approved for a license.”

“ First, I believe that the rules and regulations surrounding gun control need to be stricter. There should be a screening process before purchasing guns and there should be more security in public places as well. ”

Q

In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

Response Category 3: Increase Law Enforcement

The third most popular response category mentioned law enforcement or policing as part of the solution to reducing gun violence (13 percent). The majority of these responses recommended an increase in policing or law enforcement targeted toward specific areas or groups.

“More security in schools and low income areas.”

“More of a police presence in areas where gun violence occurs.”

“ Police being more involved and helping out in the community. ”

“Increasing patrol in known drug crime areas, giving more opportunities for found or illegal weapons to be turned in.”

“Community Police; less aggression with initial contact; studying and understanding certain areas—everything isn’t one size fits all.”

Q

In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

Response Category 4: Increased Consequences

The fourth most popular response category focused on sentencing, punishment or some other form of consequences for offenders (9 percent).

“ Accountability for youth who engage in this type of violence or weapon possession, using restorative practices activities for students to be involved with in the community. ”

“Creating a law that guns in unlocked cars and could be stolen is a felony to the gun owners. Or better yet a law that requires guns to never be left in cars. It needs to stay with the licensed owner.”

“Harsher penalties for juvenile offenses.”

“Increase penalties for all crimes, including petty crimes. Stop the revolving door and actually lock up repeat offenders.”

“Putting people in prison, not giving them probation.”



In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

Response Category 5: Mental Health Resources

The fifth most popular response category (7 percent) identified mental health resources in relation to solving gun violence. The majority of these responses mention offering mental health services and/or supportive environments for conflict resolution, coping skills, healthy emotional expression, emotional regulation, reducing stigma, and processing emotions in order to prevent violence before it happens.

“If a lot of people start talking they’re problems out and getting help about a situation instead of being violent.”

“A place for young men to express their emotions and process them.”

“More free mental health services, especially for teens.”

“Protecting individuals’ mental health and housing, providing resources for mental health care and intervention without police force.”

“ Teaching conflict resolution skills, providing mental health support at free or low costs, conducting restorative justice circles within the community when conflict occurs, providing opportunities for job and financial stability, strengthening community bonds with local events or opportunities for mutual aid. ”



In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

Additional response categories

In addition to the response categories previously highlighted, the following themes were identified.

Poverty, Food Insecurity, Affordable Housing

“Placing the homeless people in homes/ apts. More resources for Leon County need to be distributed.”

Family Involvement

“Emphasize the importance of a 2-parent household. Too many young men are growing up without a male role model in the home.”

Addressing Other Illegal Activity

“If we can cut everyday crimes, drugs, thefts and gang activities we can educate people about the use of gun violence.”

Research

“Continue to provide gun violence research and resources.”

Political Change

“A new governor who actually believes this is an issue too”

Religion or Moral Values

“Spreading God’s love and the importance of keeping peace and being far from Gun violence, more about protecting yourself”

Unease with Police

“I’m an advocate for my children and to be honest.. I don’t even feel safe with the police. I’m afraid of them and I don’t do any wrong. The police aren’t all good police, they abuse power especially in lower income areas.”

Conceal/Open Carry/More Firearms

“If more law-abiding citizens legally owned and carried guns for protection.”

Other

Approximately 4 responses (1 percent) do not fit neatly into any of the above categories.

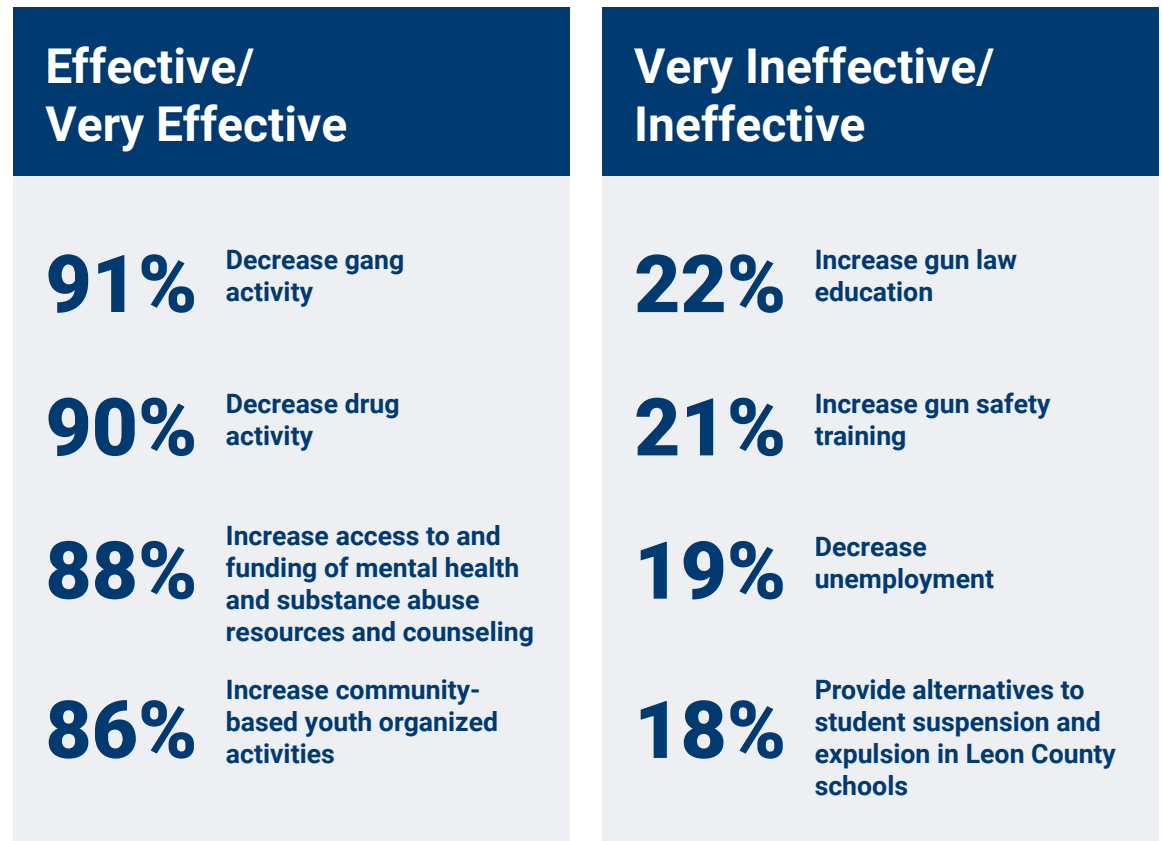
Survey Section Three

Respondents were asked a Likert scale question, which listed **examples of initiatives or measures that could be taken to reduce gun violence in Leon County**. Respondents were directed to grade the effectiveness of the following from “very ineffective” to “very effective.”

- Address poverty, cost of living and food insecurity
- Address housing insecurity and homelessness
- Decrease unemployment
- Increase access to and funding of mental health and substance abuse resources and counseling
- Increase access to and funding of social workers and training
- Increase access to local resources (jobs and career counseling, household goods and tools for rent, etc)
- Provide alternatives to student suspension and expulsion in Leon County schools
- Increase gun safety training
- Increase gun law education
- Increased law enforcement officers presence and patrol of areas with high gun violence and deaths caused by guns
- Increase community-based youth organized activities
- Increase access to supervised childcare
- Decrease gang activity
- Decrease drug activity
- Decrease vandalism and property crime (robbery, theft, mugging)

The vast majority of respondents felt all of the initiatives/measures listed would be “somewhat effective,” “effective” or “very effective.” Those with the most respondents are listed below:

The initiatives/measures that were comparatively graded “very ineffective” and “ineffective” by the most respondents were:



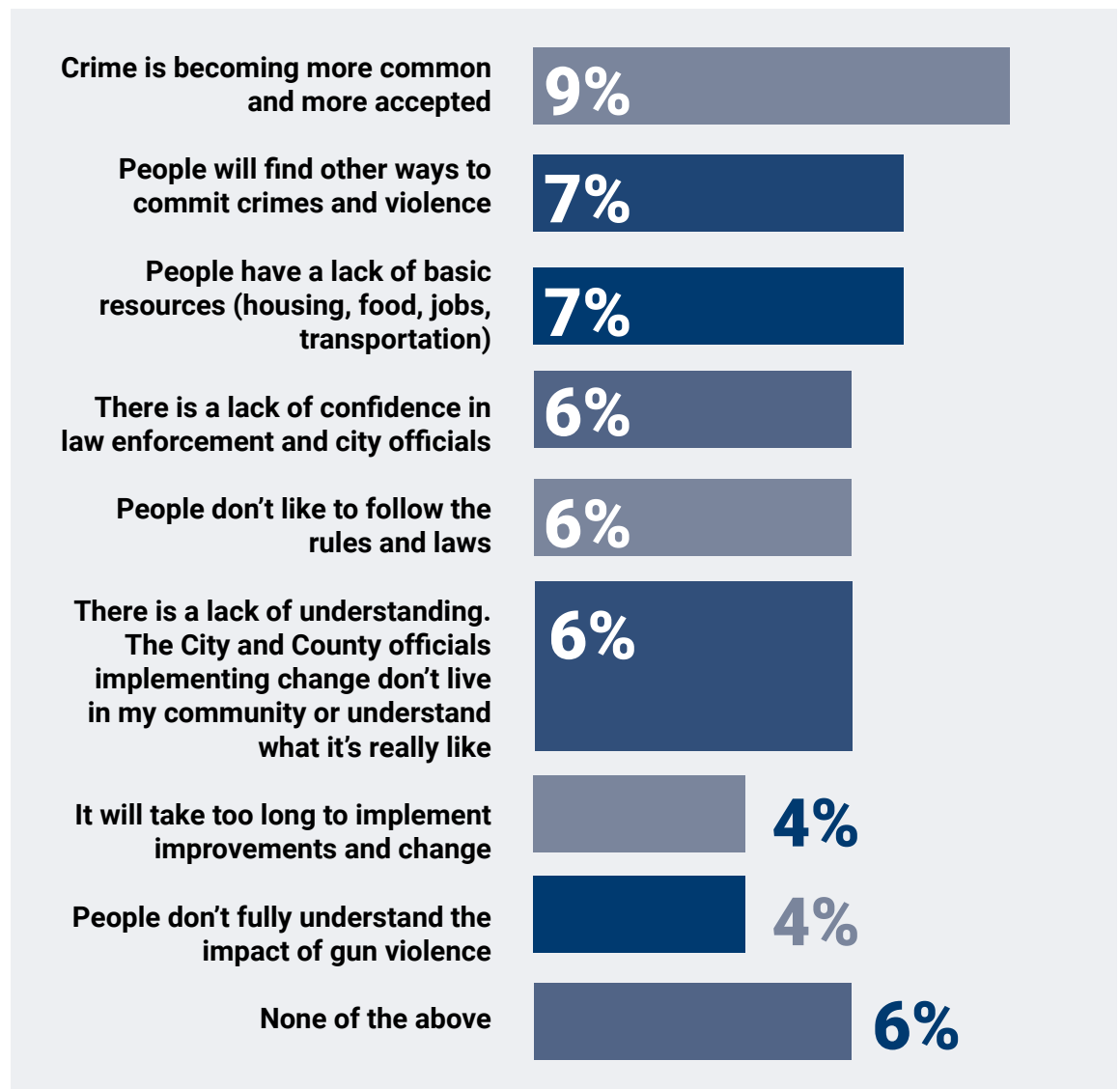
The last question of the survey sought to uncover potential barriers in reducing gun violence in Leon County.

Respondents were asked to select all that apply.

“Guns are too easily purchased and/or stolen” (45 percent) was the top answer choice selected by respondents. The remaining responses were distributed relatively uniform across all other answer choices (including “none of the above”):

45%

Guns are too easily purchased and/or stolen



Summary & Comparison

The main categories that emerged in the open-ended response format were:

- 1 Programs, Education, Interventions, and/or Support**
- 2 Gun Control**
- 3 Increase Law Enforcement**
- 4 Increased Consequences**
- 5 Mental Health Resources**

A number of respondents provided comprehensive solutions that included nearly all of these main response categories. For instance:

“ The most effective way to reduce gun violence is through a combined approach that limits access to firearms for high-risk individuals, invests in community programs that address poverty and opportunity gaps, and uses targeted policing to focus on the small number of people and places driving most shootings. Strategies like universal background checks, violence interruption programs, and focused deterrence have shown the greatest success when used together. This mix addresses both the immediate risks and the root causes of violence. ”

Summary & Comparison

While addressing poverty, food insecurity and housing was another grouped category in this survey, it did not sustain the same popularity in responses as in 2023 where it was the third most frequent response. This category was mentioned in less than five percent of responses, down 10 percent from 2023. Mental health resources and community wellness initiatives emerged as a more prevalent solution to combat gun violence.

When presented with initiatives or measures that could be taken to reduce gun violence in Leon County, respondents' average grade fell between "effective" or "very effective." The top responses selected from the Likert scale question included "Decrease gang activity," "Decrease drug activity," "Increase access to and funding of mental health and substance abuse resources and counseling," and "Increase community-based youth organized activities," rose from 14 percent in perceived effectiveness in 2023 to 20 percent in 2025.

Most Effective Initiatives or Measures

- Decrease gang activity
- Decrease drug activity
- Increase access to and funding of mental health and substance abuse resources and counseling
- Increase community-based youth organized activities

6%

**increase in
perceived
effectiveness
from 2023**

"Effective" or "Very Effective" Initiatives or Measures

Respondent Demographics

The fourth section of the survey addressed respondent demographic information.

65%
of respondents selected that they did not participate in the 2023 survey

Seventy-one percent of participants indicated that their household includes two to four people.

The majority of respondents either completed some college but no degree (21 percent), hold a Bachelor's degree (23 percent), or hold a Graduate degree (24 percent).

21%
of respondents indicated that they did previously participate in the survey

Thirty-three percent of respondents were male while 66 percent were female. The remaining one percent of respondents identified as "other."

14%
of respondents were unsure of their past participation in the survey

The majority of respondents were Black or African American (63 percent) or White (30 percent). Seven percent of respondents were Asian or Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino, and Native American or American Indian. All age ranges from 18-60+ years old were represented. The majority of

respondents were 30-60+ years old (83 percent). The remaining 17 percent of respondents were 18-29 years old.

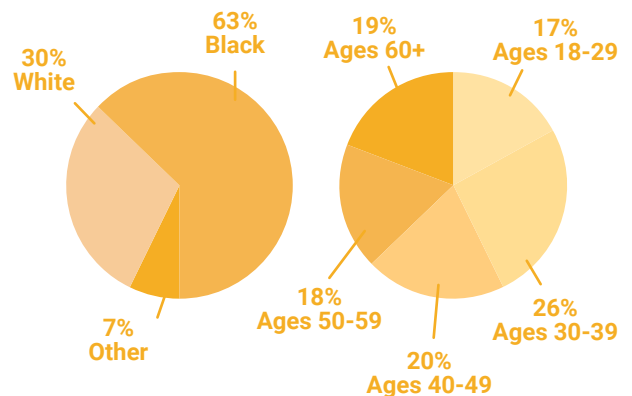
Sixty-five percent of respondents selected that they did not participate in the 2023 survey on gun violence, while 21 percent of respondents indicated that they did previously participate. Fourteen percent of respondents were unsure of their past participation.



71%
household includes 2-4 people



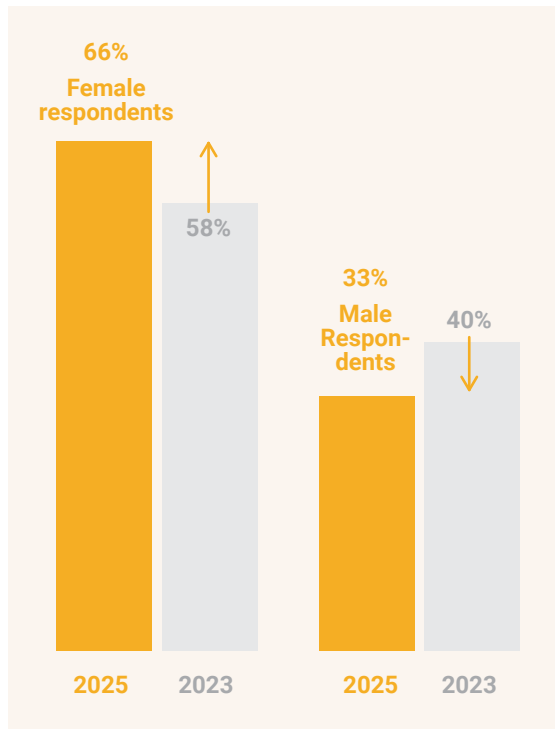
68%
completed some college, a Bachelor or Graduate degree



Summary & Comparison

Demographic information slightly varied from what was reported in the 2023 survey. The majority of respondents in both 2023 and 2025 were female. The percentage of female respondents increased from 58 percent to 66 percent, while male respondents decreased from 40 percent to 33 percent accordingly. The percentage of respondents who identified as “other” remained the same at one percent. The racial identity of the majority of respondents in both 2023 and 2025 were “Black or African American”

and “White.” The percentage of Black or African American-identifying respondents increased from 42 percent in 2023 to 63 percent in 2025, while the percentage of White-identifying respondents decreased from 56 percent in 2023 to 30 percent in 2025. Additionally, “60 or older” was a top age group in 2023 (28 percent) while “30-39” was a top age group (26 percent) in 2025, followed by “40-49” (20 percent), “60 or older” (19 percent), “50-59” (18 percent), “21-29” (10 percent), and “18-20” (7 percent).



Percentage Comparison: 2025 vs 2023

63%▲

Black or African American-identifying respondents

42% in 2023

30%▼

White-identifying respondents

56% in 2023

Conclusion



Conclusion

This research was conducted on behalf of the Leon County Sheriff's Office Council on the Status of Men and Boys to gather community insights and recommendations to curb gun violence and homicides in Leon County.

Overall, perceptions in safety have slightly improved or remained the same from the previous study conducted in 2023.

When identifying the main causes of local gun violence and homicides, common themes among respondents included drug, gang, and other criminal activity, conflict resolution and poverty, unemployment, and economic disparity.

When identifying potential solutions of local gun violence and homicides, the majority of respondents named programs, education, interventions and/or support for youth, families and the community at large.

The results of this research will guide the development of a community action plan to reduce gun violence and homicides in Leon County.

Appendix

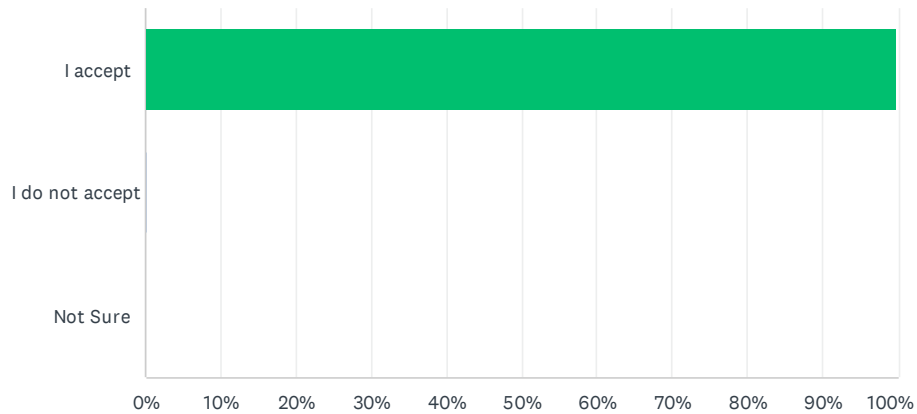


The following pages include a compilation of the online community survey results.

Leon County Gun Violence Community Survey

Q1 Participation in this survey is voluntary. By submitting this survey, you are consenting to the results being analyzed by a team of researchers and confirming that you are at least 18 years of age.

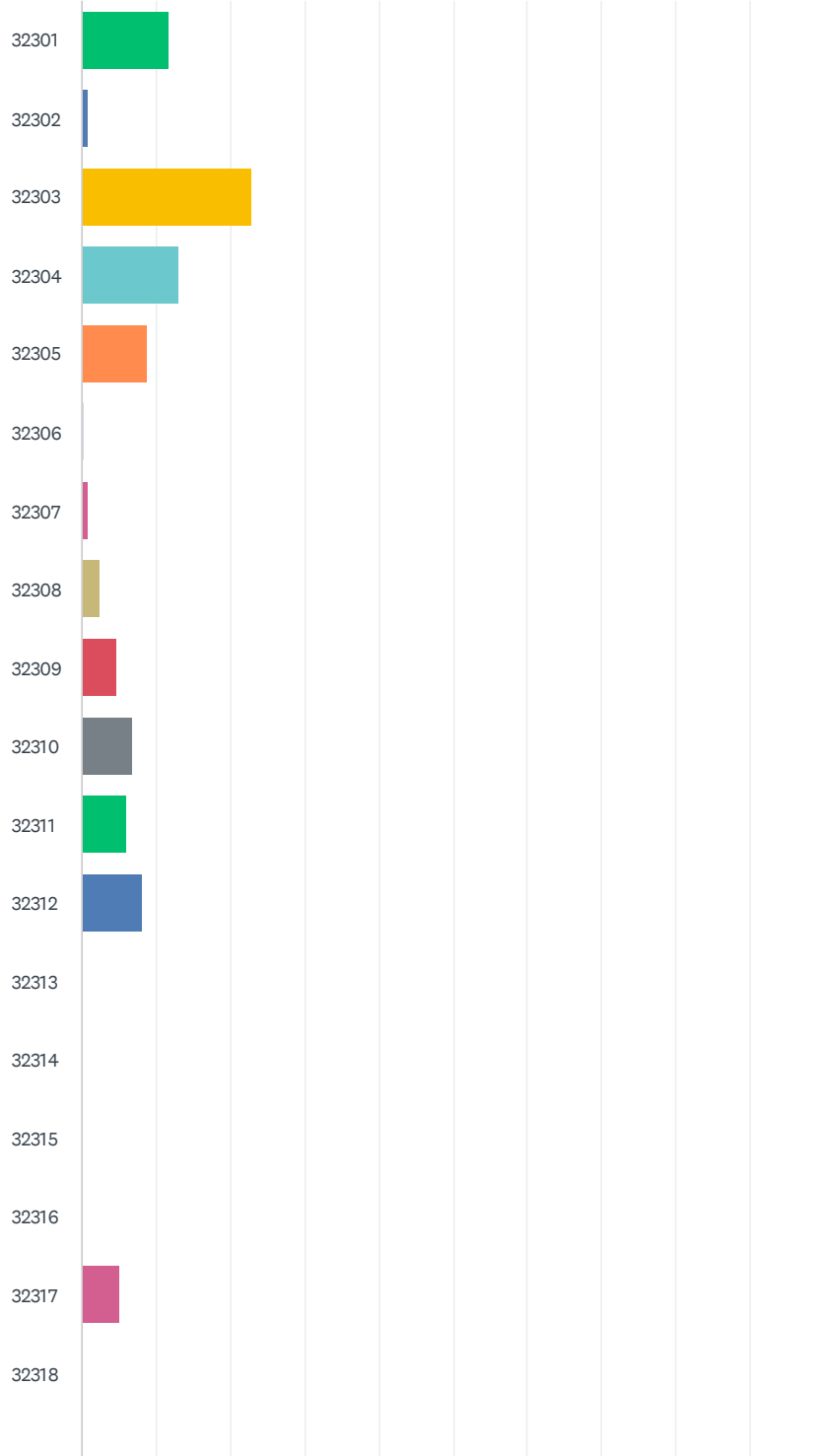
Answered: 442 Skipped: 0



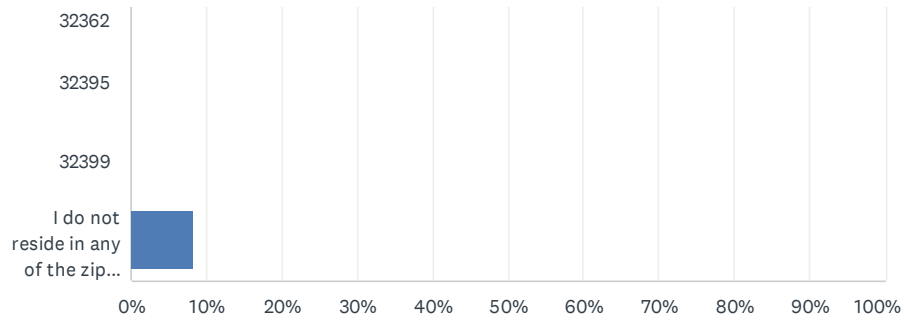
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I accept	99.77%	441
I do not accept	0.23%	1
Not Sure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		442

Q2 What zip code do you reside in?

Answered: 441 Skipped: 1



Leon County Gun Violence Community Survey

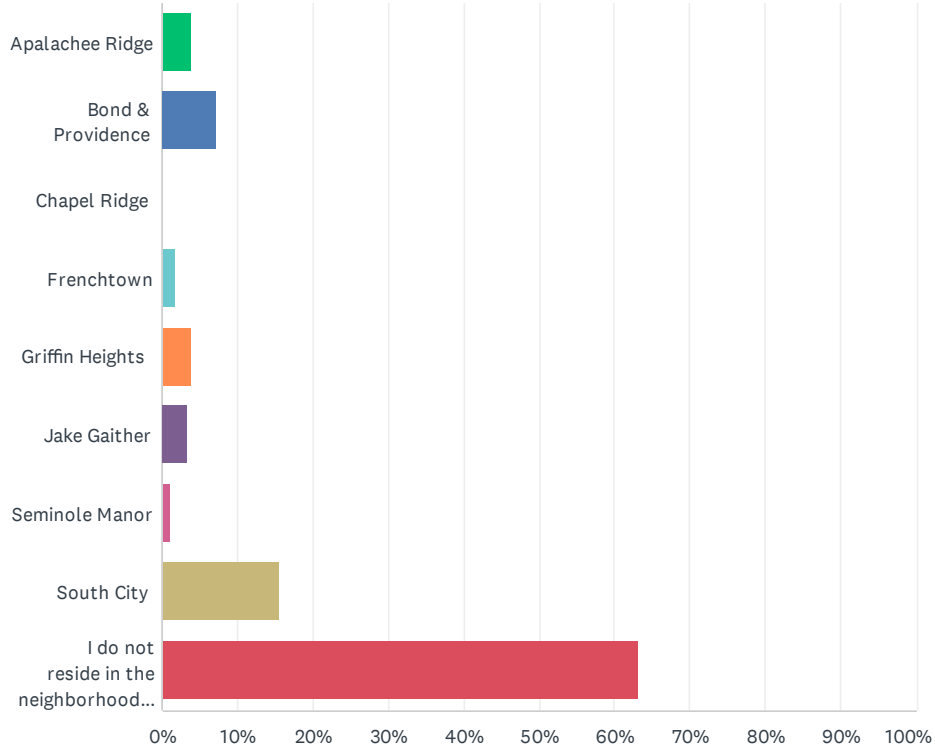


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
32301	11.79%	52
32302	0.91%	4
32303	22.90%	101
32304	12.93%	57
32305	8.84%	39
32306	0.23%	1
32307	0.91%	4
32308	2.27%	10
32309	4.76%	21
32310	6.80%	30
32311	5.90%	26
32312	8.16%	36
32313	0.00%	0
32314	0.00%	0
32315	0.00%	0
32316	0.00%	0
32317	5.22%	23
32318	0.00%	0
32362	0.00%	0
32395	0.00%	0
32399	0.00%	0
I do not reside in any of the zip codes listed above	8.39%	37
TOTAL		441

Leon County Gun Violence Community Survey

Q3 Do you reside in one of these neighborhoods? If yes, select your neighborhood. If no, select “I do not reside in the neighborhoods listed above.”

Answered: 179 Skipped: 263

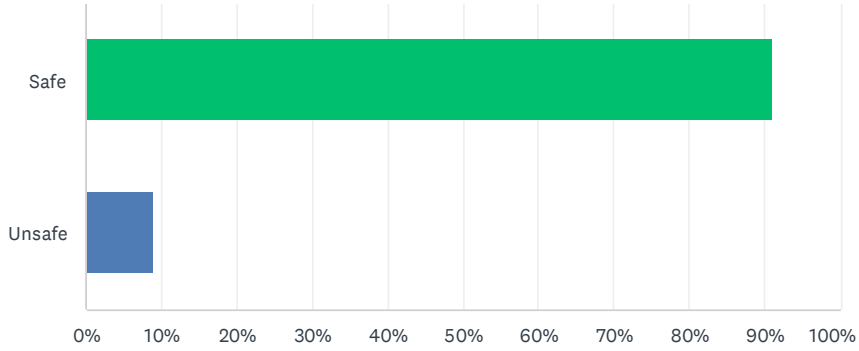


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Apalachee Ridge	3.91% 7
Bond & Providence	7.26% 13
Chapel Ridge	0.00% 0
Frenchtown	1.68% 3
Griffin Heights	3.91% 7
Jake Gaither	3.35% 6
Seminole Manor	1.12% 2
South City	15.64% 28
I do not reside in the neighborhoods listed above	63.13% 113
TOTAL	179

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Q4 During the day, do you feel safe or unsafe when you are outside in the area where you live?

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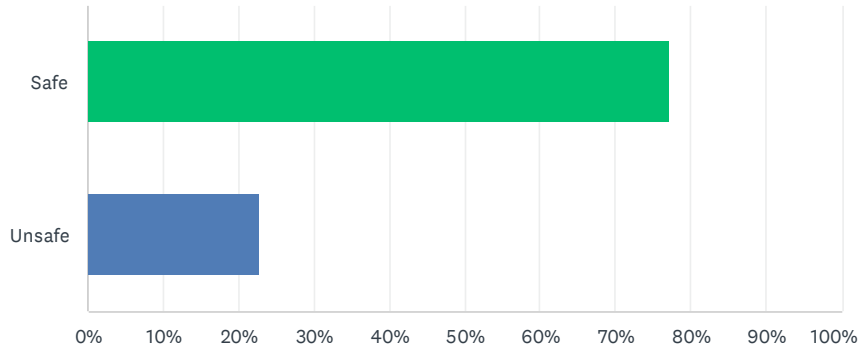


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe	91.09%	368
Unsafe	8.91%	36
TOTAL		404

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Q5 At night, do you feel safe or unsafe when you are outside in the area where you live?

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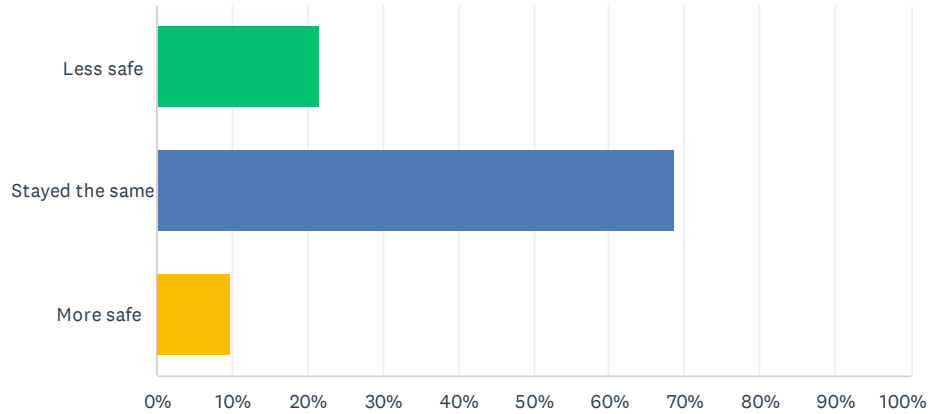


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe	77.23%	312
Unsafe	22.77%	92
TOTAL		404

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Q6 In the past two years, do you feel the area where you live has become less safe, more safe, or stayed the same?

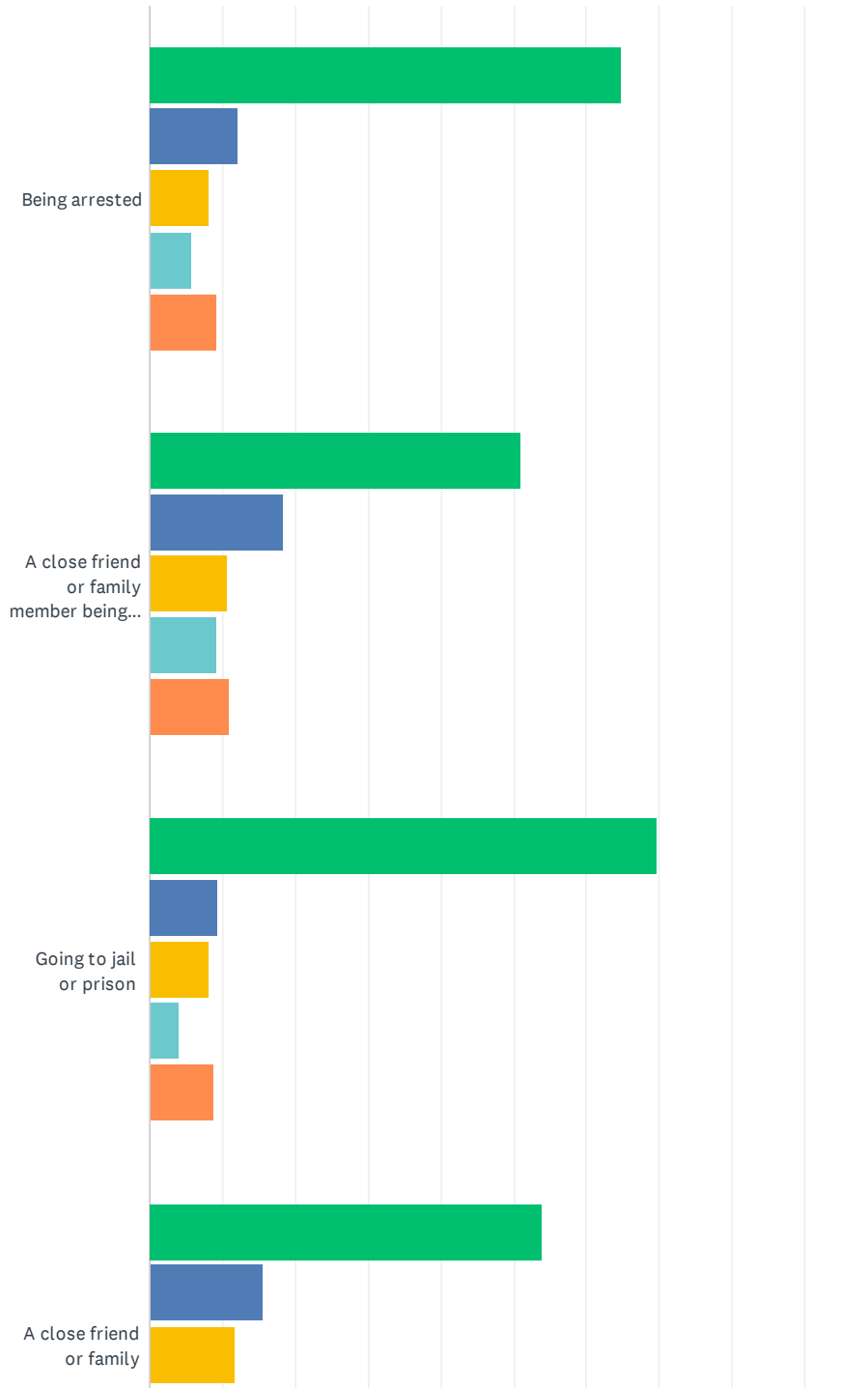
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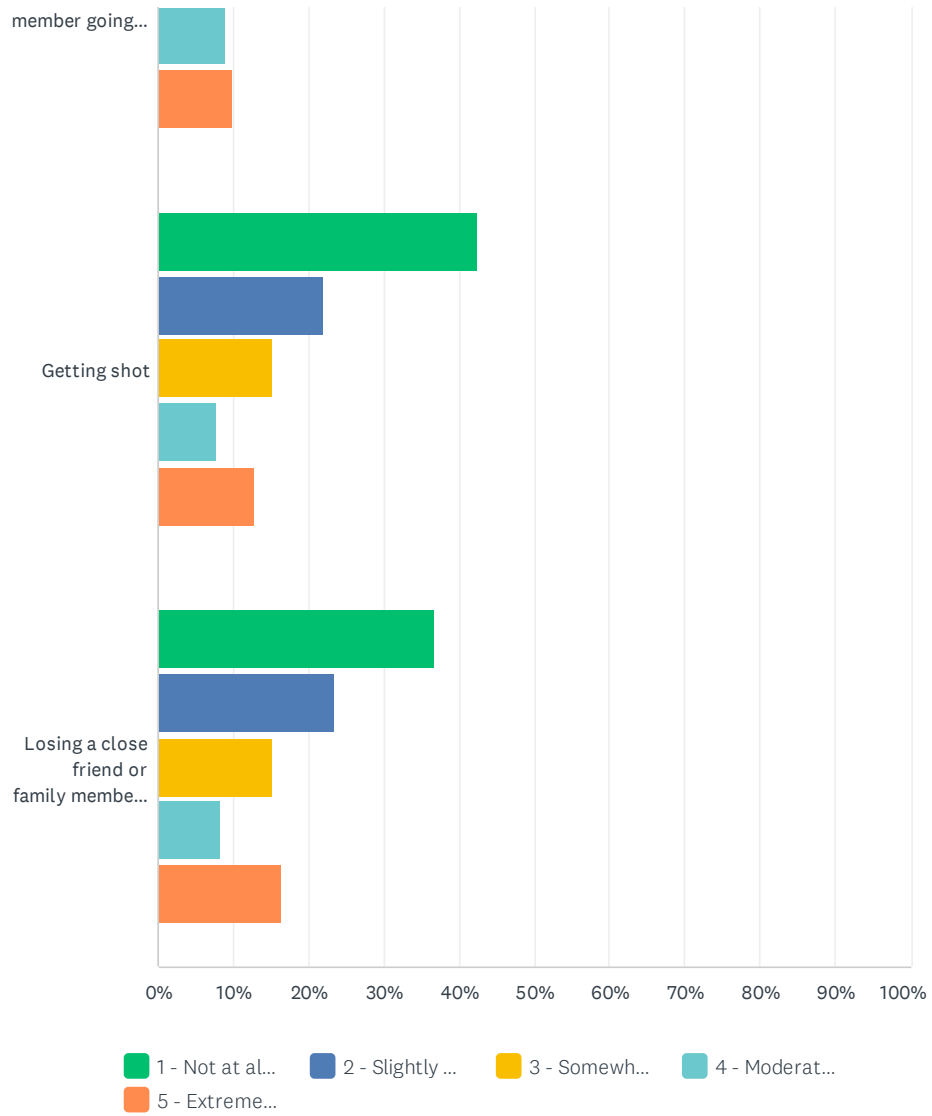
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less safe	21.53% 87
Stayed the same	68.56% 277
More safe	9.90% 40
TOTAL	404

Q7 How concerned are you that you will experience the following issues in or near the area where you live?

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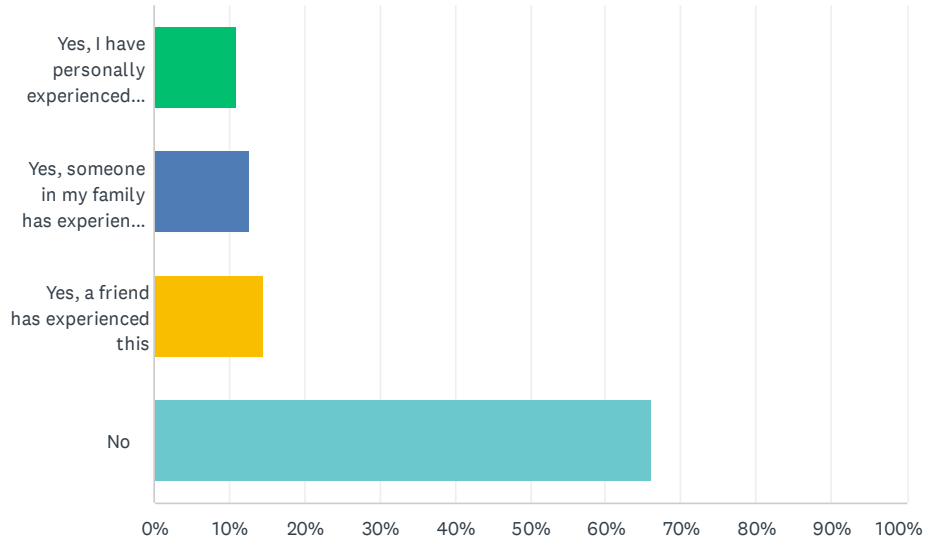
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	1 - NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	2 - SLIGHTLY CONCERNED	3 - SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	4 - MODERATELY CONCERNED	5 - EXTREMELY CONCERNED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Being arrested	64.85% 262	12.13% 49	8.17% 33	5.69% 23	9.16% 37	404	1.82
A close friend or family member being arrested	50.99% 206	18.32% 74	10.64% 43	9.16% 37	10.89% 44	404	2.11
Going to jail or prison	69.80% 282	9.41% 38	8.17% 33	3.96% 16	8.66% 35	404	1.72
A close friend or family member going to jail or prison	53.96% 218	15.59% 63	11.63% 47	8.91% 36	9.90% 40	404	2.05
Getting shot	42.33% 171	22.03% 89	15.10% 61	7.67% 31	12.87% 52	404	2.27
Losing a close friend or family member to gun violence	36.63% 148	23.51% 95	15.10% 61	8.42% 34	16.34% 66	404	2.44

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Q8 In the past year, have you or someone close to you been threatened, injured or killed by a gun? Select all that apply.

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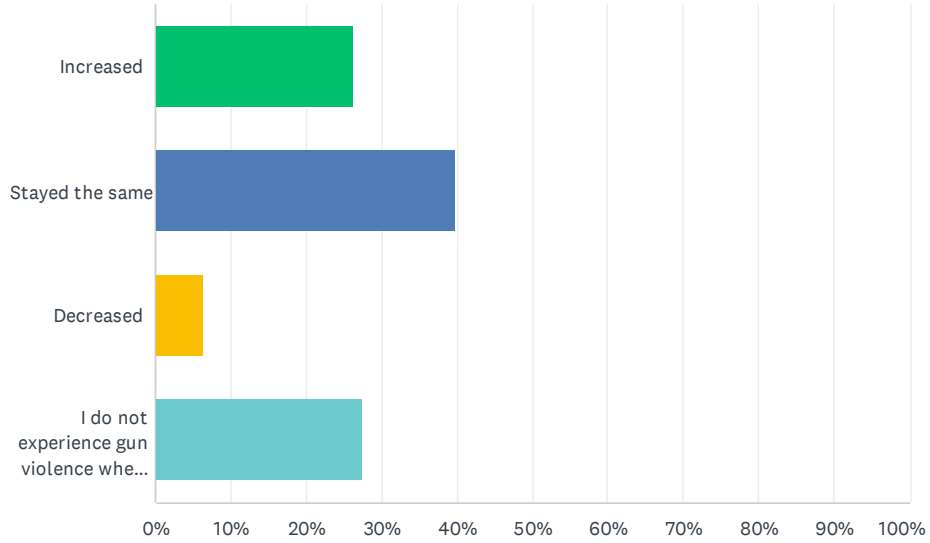


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I have personally experienced this	10.89%	44
Yes, someone in my family has experienced this	12.62%	51
Yes, a friend has experienced this	14.60%	59
No	66.09%	267
Total Respondents: 404		

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Q9 In the past two years, do you feel gun violence in the area where you live has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

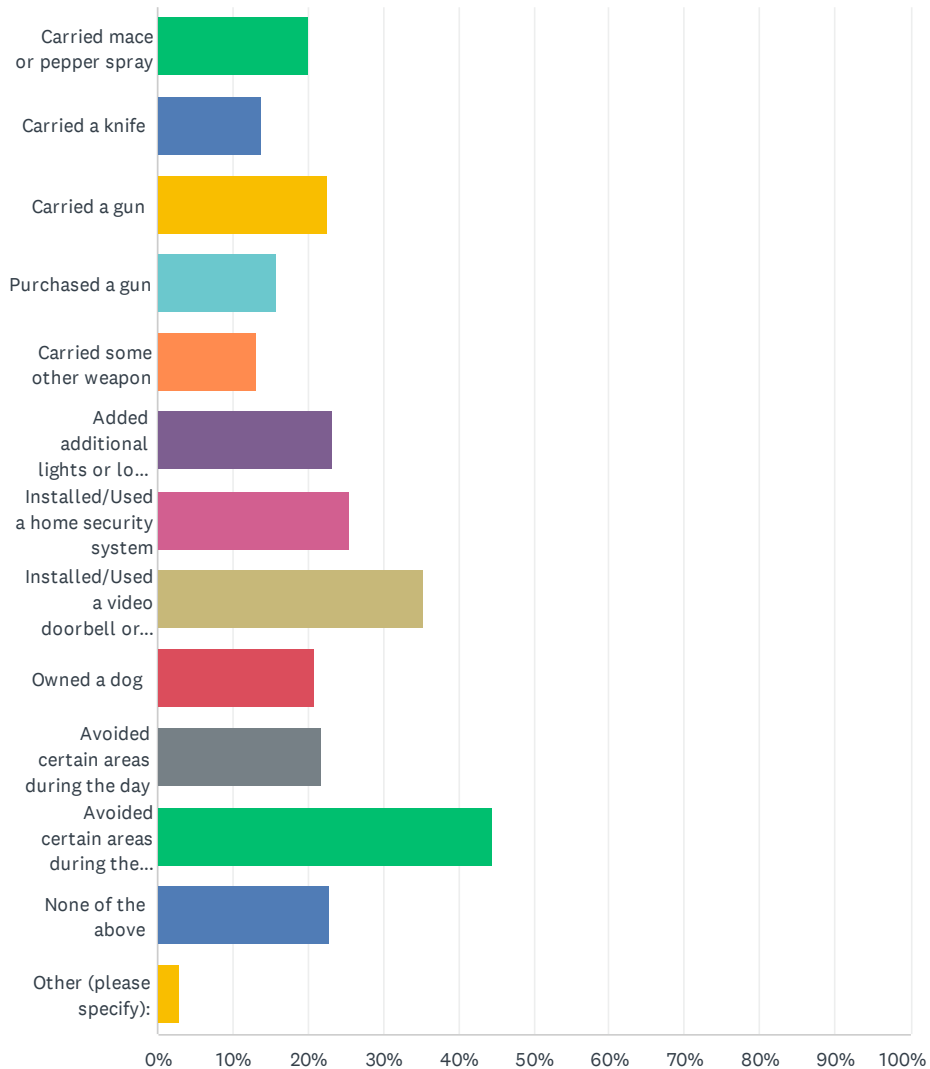
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased	26.24%	106
Stayed the same	39.85%	161
Decreased	6.44%	26
I do not experience gun violence where I live	27.48%	111
TOTAL		404

Q10 Which of the following have you done because you were concerned about crime and gun violence in or near the area where you live? Select all that apply. Remember, this survey is completely ANONYMOUS and CONFIDENTIAL.

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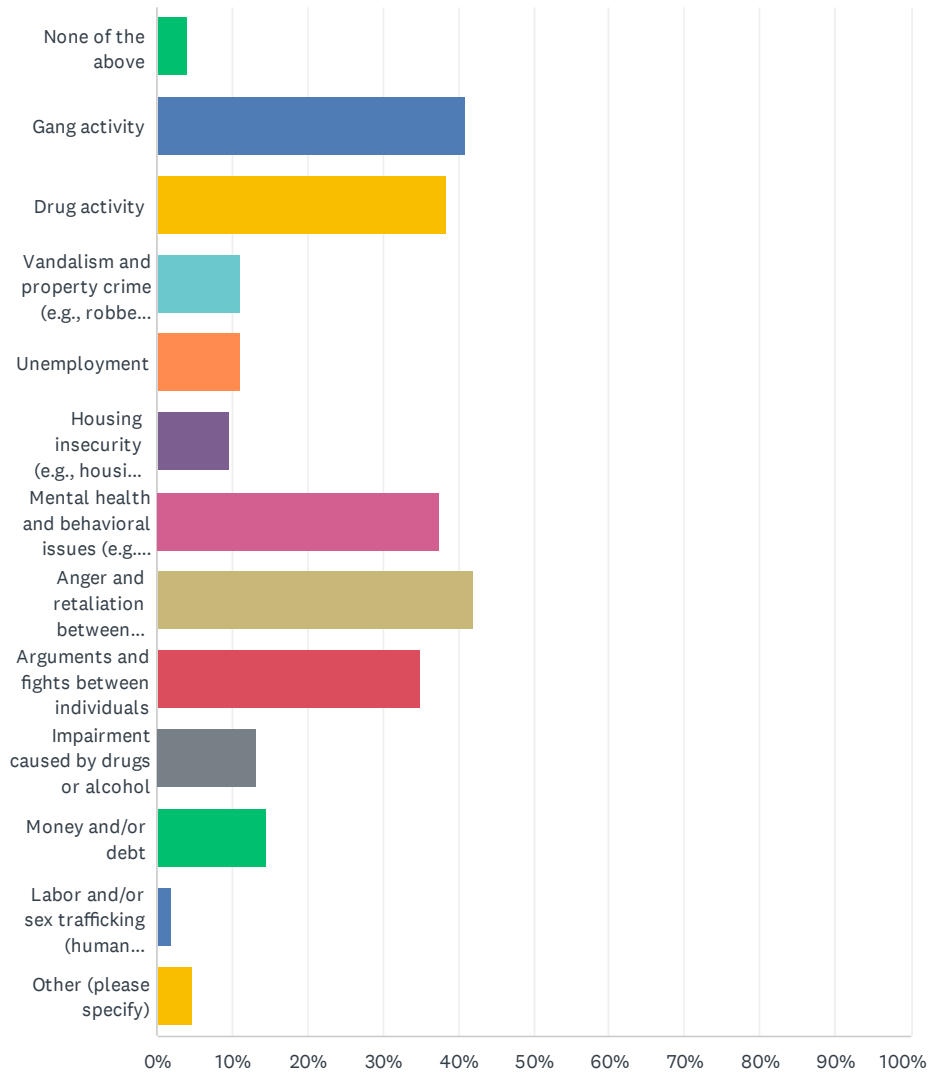


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Carried mace or pepper spray	20.05%	81
Carried a knife	13.86%	56
Carried a gun	22.52%	91
Purchased a gun	15.84%	64
Carried some other weapon	13.12%	53
Added additional lights or locks to home	23.27%	94
Installed/Used a home security system	25.50%	103
Installed/Used a video doorbell or other camera	35.40%	143
Owned a dog	20.79%	84
Avoided certain areas during the day	21.78%	88
Avoided certain areas during the night	44.55%	180
None of the above	22.77%	92
Other (please specify):	2.97%	12
Total Respondents: 404		

Q11 In your opinion, what are the main causes of gun violence in Leon County? Select the top THREE.

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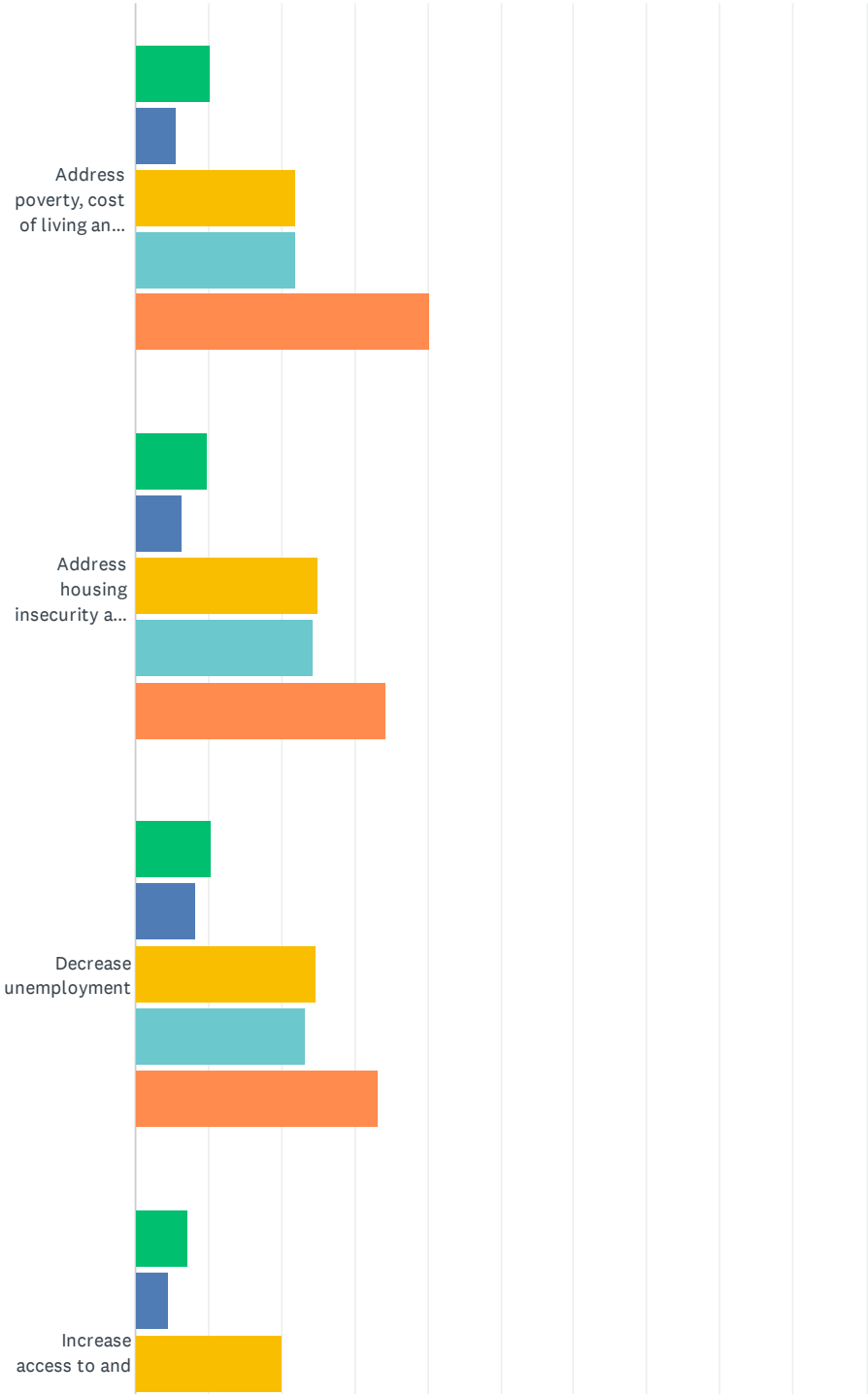
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	3.96%	16
Gang activity	40.84%	165
Drug activity	38.37%	155
Vandalism and property crime (e.g., robbery, theft, mugging)	11.14%	45
Unemployment	11.14%	45
Housing insecurity (e.g., housing costs, rent costs, homelessness)	9.65%	39
Mental health and behavioral issues (e.g., mental illnesses, irrational thinking)	37.62%	152
Anger and retaliation between individuals	42.08%	170
Arguments and fights between individuals	34.90%	141
Impairment caused by drugs or alcohol	13.12%	53
Money and/or debt	14.60%	59
Labor and/or sex trafficking (human trafficking)	1.98%	8
Other (please specify)	4.70%	19
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Q12 In your opinion, what would be most effective in reducing gun violence in Leon County?

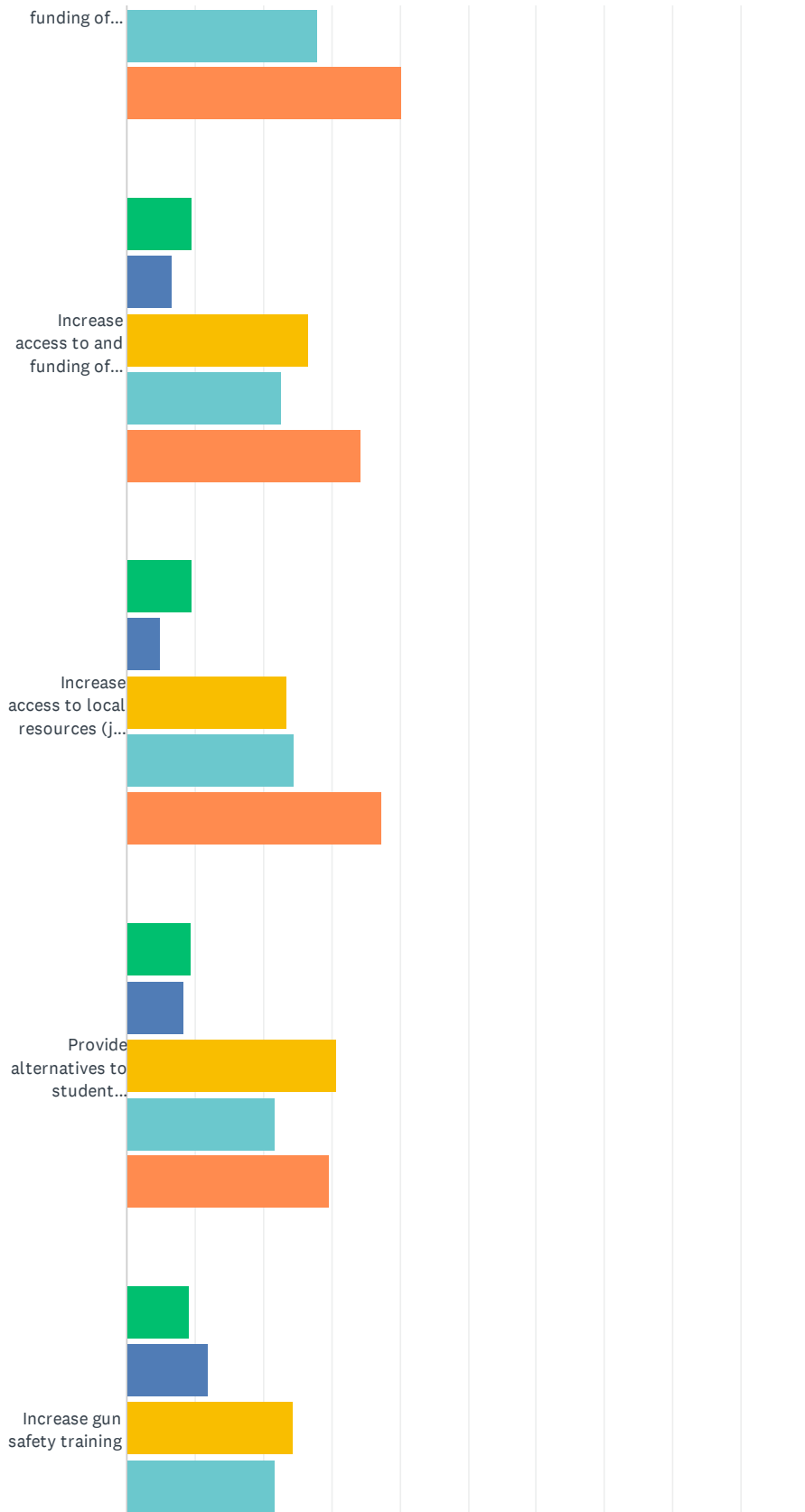
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Q13 How effective do you feel the following would be in reducing gun violence and deaths caused by guns in Leon County?

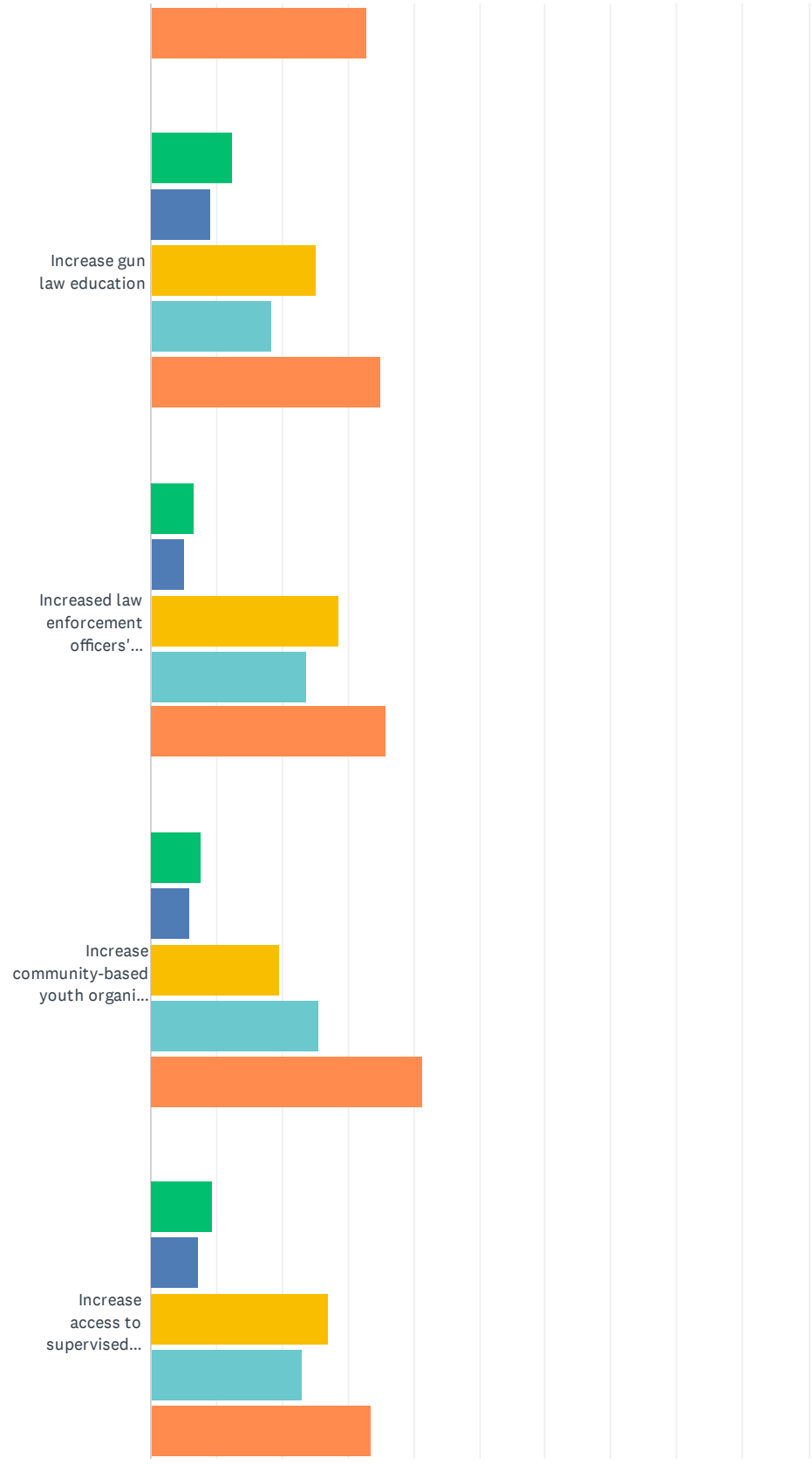
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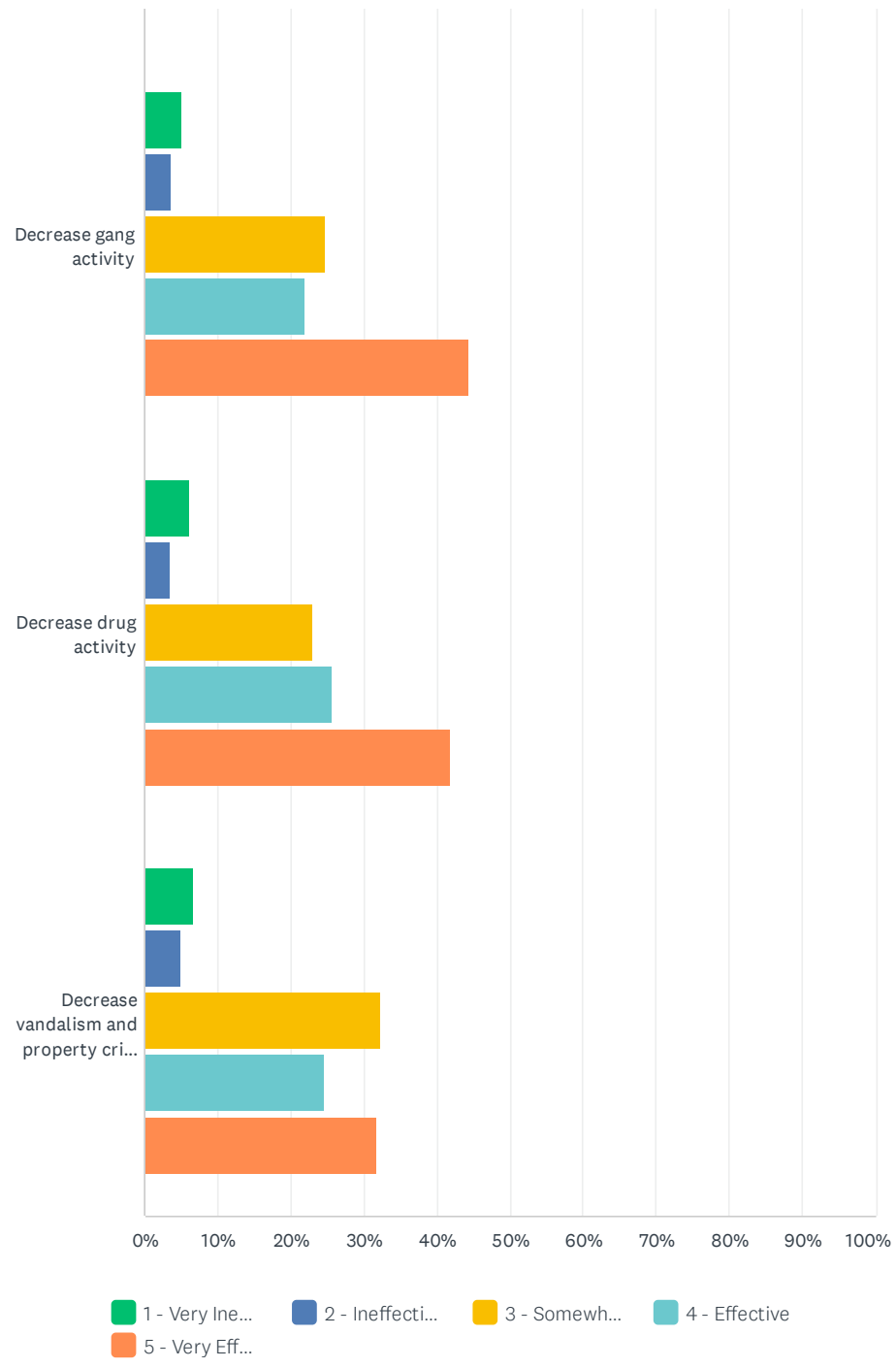
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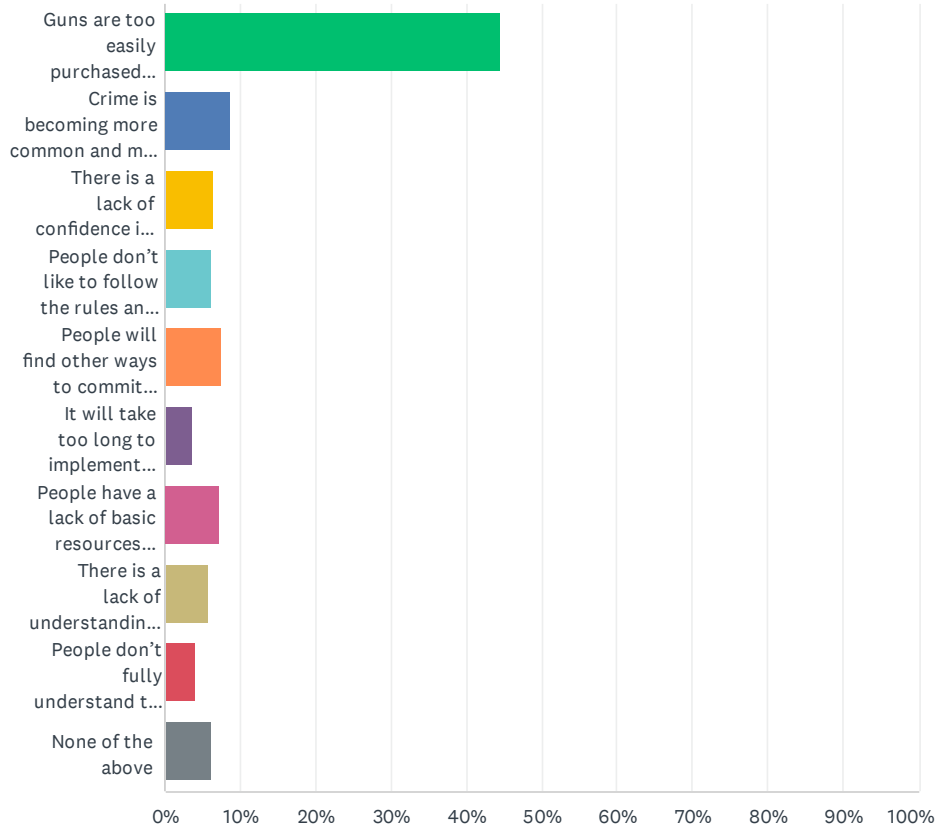


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	1 - VERY INEFFECTIVE	2 - INEFFECTIVE	3 - SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	4 - EFFECTIVE	5 - VERY EFFECTIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Address poverty, cost of living and food insecurity	10.15% 41	5.45% 22	22.03% 89	22.03% 89	40.35% 163	404	3.77
Address housing insecurity and homelessness	9.90% 40	6.44% 26	25.00% 101	24.26% 98	34.41% 139	404	3.67
Decrease unemployment	10.40% 42	8.42% 34	24.75% 100	23.27% 94	33.17% 134	404	3.60
Increase access to and funding of mental health and substance abuse resources and counseling	7.18% 29	4.46% 18	20.05% 81	27.97% 113	40.35% 163	404	3.90
Increase access to and funding of social workers and training	9.65% 39	6.68% 27	26.73% 108	22.52% 91	34.41% 139	404	3.65
Increase access to local resources (jobs and career counseling, household goods and tools for rent, etc.)	9.65% 39	4.95% 20	23.51% 95	24.50% 99	37.38% 151	404	3.75
Provide alternatives to student suspension and expulsion in Leon County schools	9.41% 38	8.42% 34	30.69% 124	21.78% 88	29.70% 120	404	3.54
Increase gun safety training	9.16% 37	11.88% 48	24.26% 98	21.78% 88	32.92% 133	404	3.57
Increase gun law education	12.38% 50	9.16% 37	25.25% 102	18.32% 74	34.90% 141	404	3.54
Increased law enforcement officers' presence and patrol of areas with high gun violence and deaths caused by guns	6.68% 27	5.20% 21	28.47% 115	23.76% 96	35.89% 145	404	3.77
Increase community-based youth organized activities	7.67% 31	5.94% 24	19.55% 79	25.50% 103	41.34% 167	404	3.87
Increase access to supervised childcare	9.41% 38	7.18% 29	26.98% 109	23.02% 93	33.42% 135	404	3.64
Decrease gang activity	5.20% 21	3.71% 15	24.75% 100	22.03% 89	44.31% 179	404	3.97
Decrease drug activity	6.19% 25	3.47% 14	23.02% 93	25.50% 103	41.83% 169	404	3.93
Decrease vandalism and property crime (robbery, theft, mugging)	6.68% 27	4.95% 20	32.18% 130	24.50% 99	31.68% 128	404	3.70

Q14 What do you think might stand in the way of reducing gun violence in Leon County?

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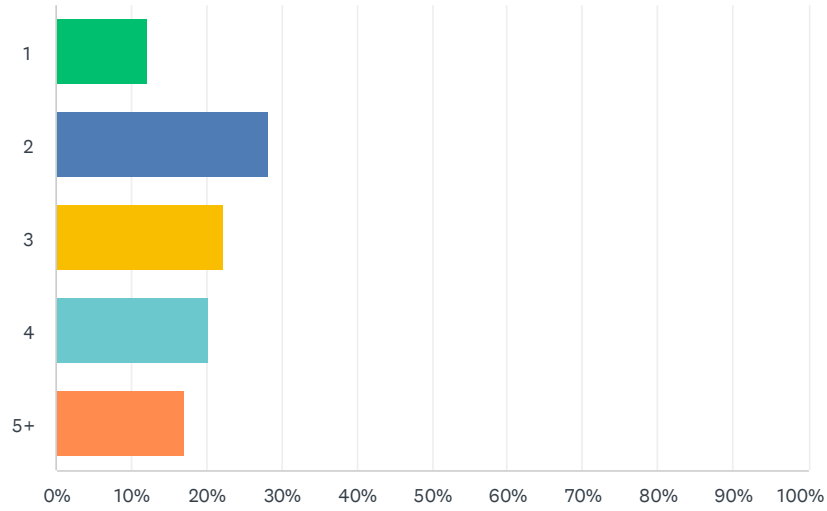


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Guns are too easily purchased and/or stolen	44.55%	180
Crime is becoming more common and more accepted	8.66%	35
There is a lack of confidence in law enforcement and city officials	6.44%	26
People don't like to follow the rules and laws	6.19%	25
People will find other ways to commit crimes and violence	7.43%	30
It will take too long to implement improvements and change	3.71%	15
People have a lack of basic resources (housing, food, jobs, transportation)	7.18%	29
There is a lack of understanding. The City and County officials implementing change don't live in my community or understand what it's really like	5.69%	23
People don't fully understand the impact of gun violence	3.96%	16
None of the above	6.19%	25
TOTAL		404

Q15 How many people live in your home, including yourself?

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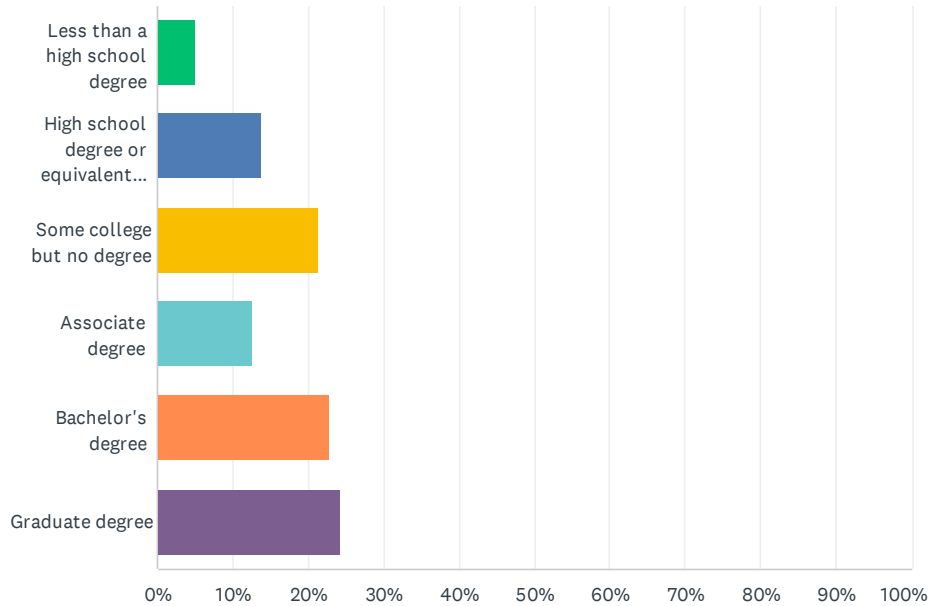


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1	12.13% 49
2	28.22% 114
3	22.28% 90
4	20.30% 82
5+	17.08% 69
TOTAL	404

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Q16 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

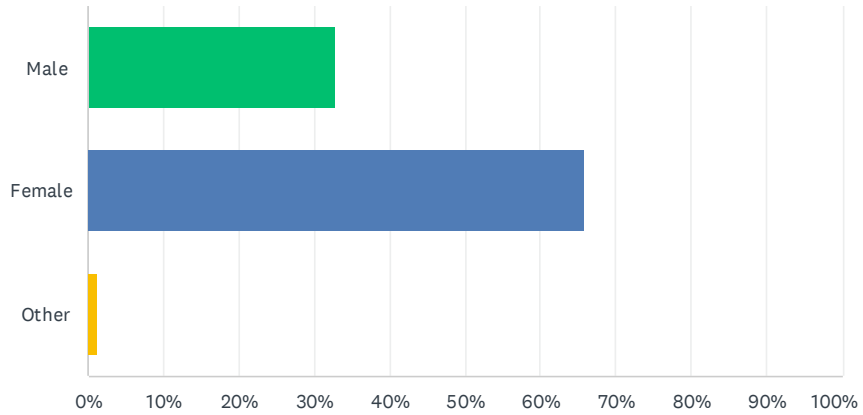
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a high school degree	5.20%	21
High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)	13.86%	56
Some college but no degree	21.29%	86
Associate degree	12.62%	51
Bachelor's degree	22.77%	92
Graduate degree	24.26%	98
TOTAL		404

Q17 What is your gender?

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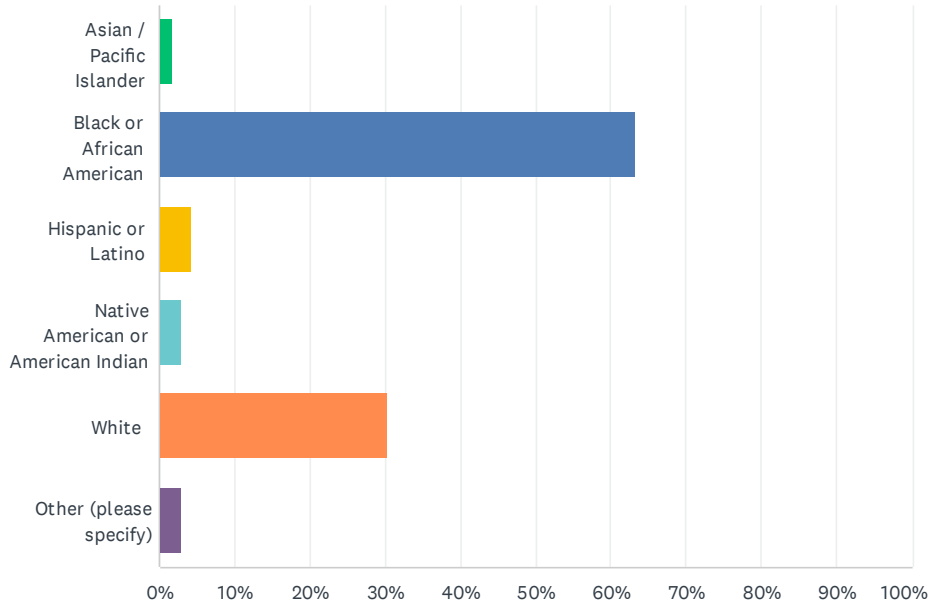


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	32.92%	133
Female	65.84%	266
Other	1.24%	5
TOTAL		404

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Q18 What is your race? Please check all that apply.

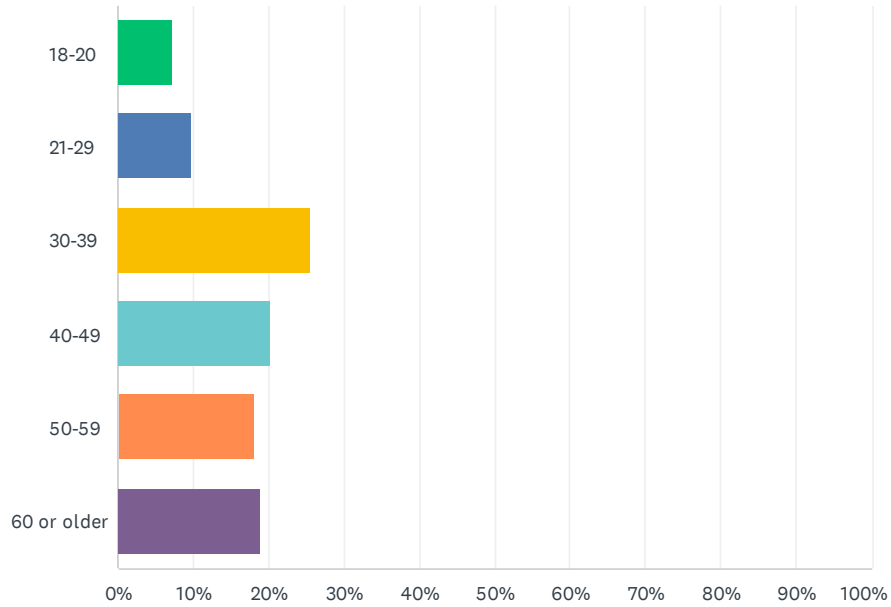
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asian / Pacific Islander	1.73%	7
Black or African American	63.37%	256
Hispanic or Latino	4.21%	17
Native American or American Indian	2.97%	12
White	30.20%	122
Other (please specify)	2.97%	12
Total Respondents: 404		

Q19 What is your age?

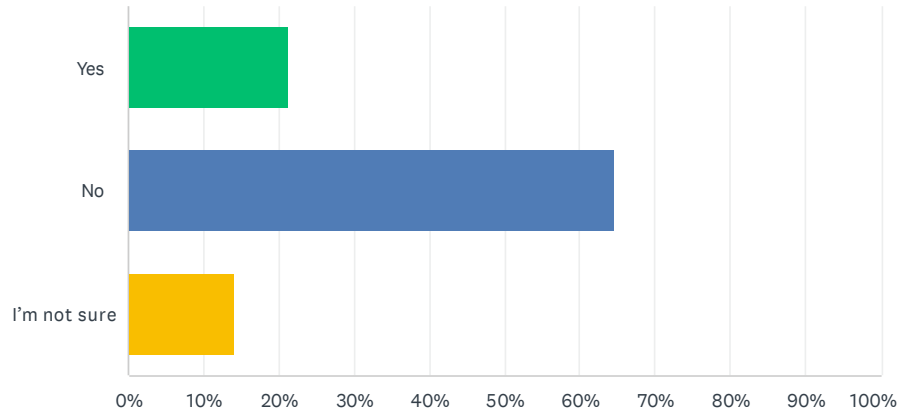
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-20	7.18%	29
21-29	9.90%	40
30-39	25.50%	103
40-49	20.30%	82
50-59	18.07%	73
60 or older	19.06%	77
TOTAL		404

Q20 In 2023, the Council on the Status of Men and Boys conducted an online community survey on gun violence. Did you participate in this survey?

Answered: 404 Skipped: 38



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21.29%	86
No	64.60%	261
I'm not sure	14.11%	57
TOTAL		404

Q21 If you would like the opportunity to potentially receive a special thank you for participating, please provide your email address.

Answered: 211 Skipped: 231

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