

# Minneapolis

## 2015 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA IS ONE OF SIX PILOT SITES FOR THE NATIONAL Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice**, a project to improve relationships and increase trust between communities and the criminal justice system and advance the public and scholarly understandings of the issues contributing to those relationships. In collaboration with the **U.S. Department of Justice**, the National Initiative is coordinated by the **National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College of Criminal Justice**, with partnership from the **Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School**, the **Center for Policing Equity at John Jay College and UCLA**, and the **Urban Institute**.

The National Initiative's work involves trust-building interventions with police departments and communities based on three pillars:

- Enhancing **procedural justice**: the way police interact with the public, and how those interactions shape the public's views of the police and their engagement in co-producing public safety.
- Reducing the impact of **implicit bias**: the automatic associations individuals make between groups of people and stereotypes about those groups, and the influence it has in policing.
- Fostering **reconciliation**: frank engagements between minority communities and law enforcement to address historical tensions, misconceptions, and mutual mistrust.

### Creating a Baseline for Evaluation

As part of the National Initiative's commitment to evaluating the effectiveness of its interventions, the Urban Institute surveyed residents from Minneapolis's highest-crime neighborhoods regarding their perceptions of and attitudes toward criminal activity and the police department. The surveys were conducted through face-to-face interviews in October 2015.

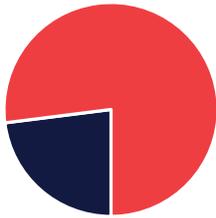
The following are highlights from the survey that show the distrust of law enforcement held by these communities, but also the potential for improved relationships given community residents'

willingness to work with police to improve public safety. They also provide a baseline from which the National Initiative will build new, or further tailor existing, interventions in Minneapolis, and ultimately measure the impact of those interventions.

If you are interested in getting involved, or have suggestions, questions, or comments about the National Initiative, please reach out to us at [info@trustandjustice.org](mailto:info@trustandjustice.org) or contact the National Initiative's Minneapolis Multi-Strategy Project Site Coordinator Glenn Burt at [Glenn.Burt@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Glenn.Burt@minneapolismn.gov). We look forward to hearing from you.

# DISTRUST AND DISTANCE

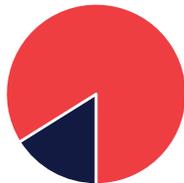
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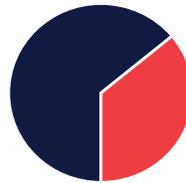
Only **23%** of community members from Minneapolis' highest-crime neighborhoods support how the police act in the community



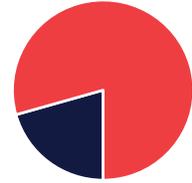
**34%**  
feel safe  
around police



**16%**  
believe police officers are  
held accountable for wrong  
or inappropriate conduct



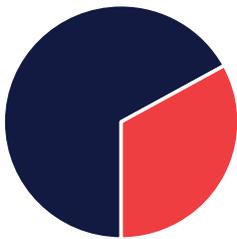
**64%**  
feel that police  
officers will treat you  
differently because of  
your race/ethnicity.



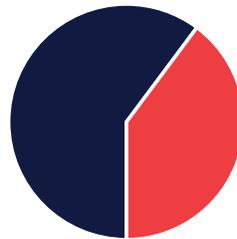
**21%**  
believe that police officers  
almost always behave  
according to the law when  
dealing with people

# COMMON GROUND AND POTENTIAL FOR PARTNERSHIP

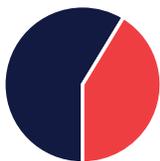
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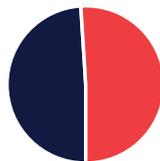
**67%** believe all  
laws should be  
strictly followed



**60%** think that obeying  
the law ultimately benefits  
**everyone** in the community



**59%**  
would call the police  
to report a crime



**49%**  
would provide  
information to the police  
to help find a suspect



**42%**  
would volunteer time to  
help the police solve a  
crime or find a suspect



**47%**  
would attend a community  
meeting with the police  
to discuss crime in the  
neighborhood

Survey items were based on a 5-point scale, and the percentages shown are of residents who answered 4 or 5, with 5 being either Strongly Agree (Distrust and Distance, But Common Ground) or Very Likely (And Potential for Partnership).