

Orchard Heights Crime

Awareness Survey

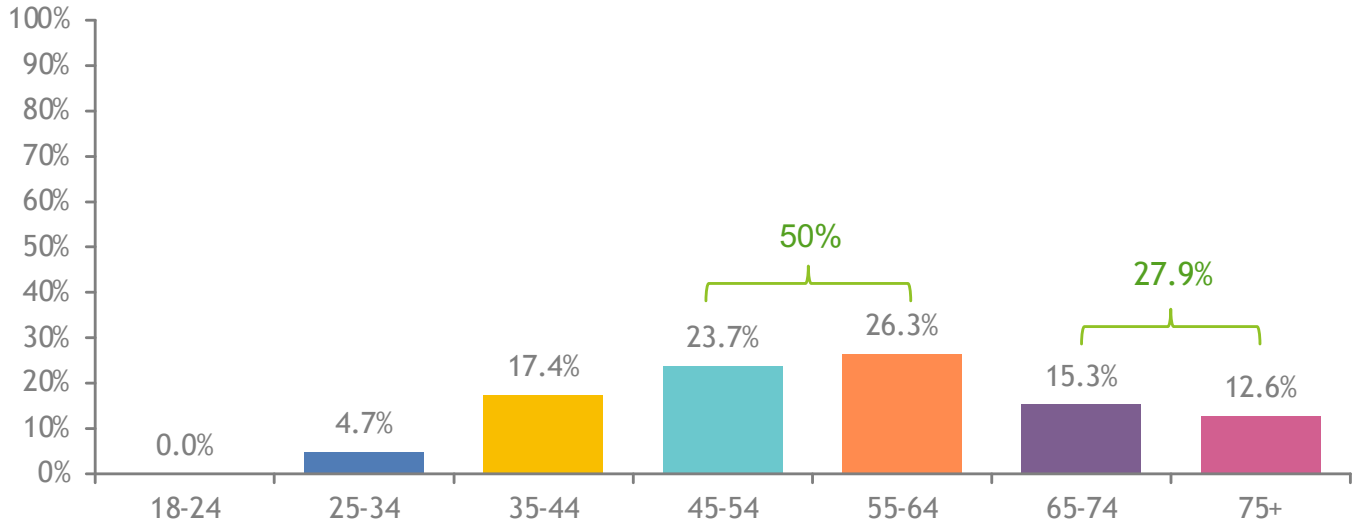
November 2023



190 respondents

>40% response rate



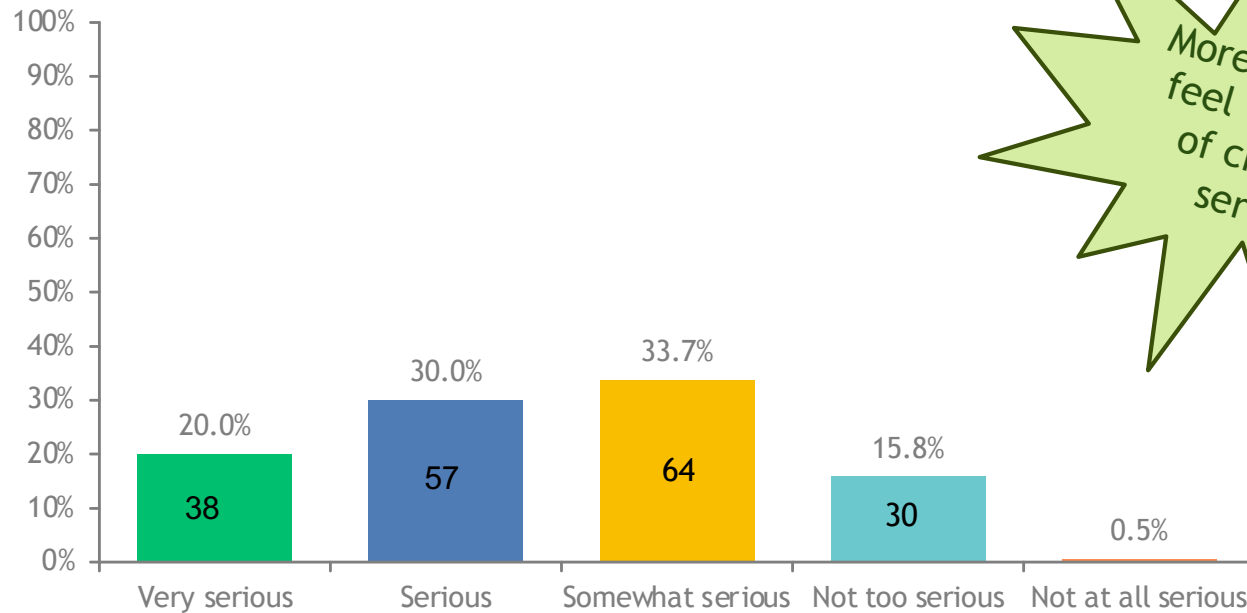


What is your age?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 0

Q1: Please rate how serious you feel the level of crime is in Orchard Heights?

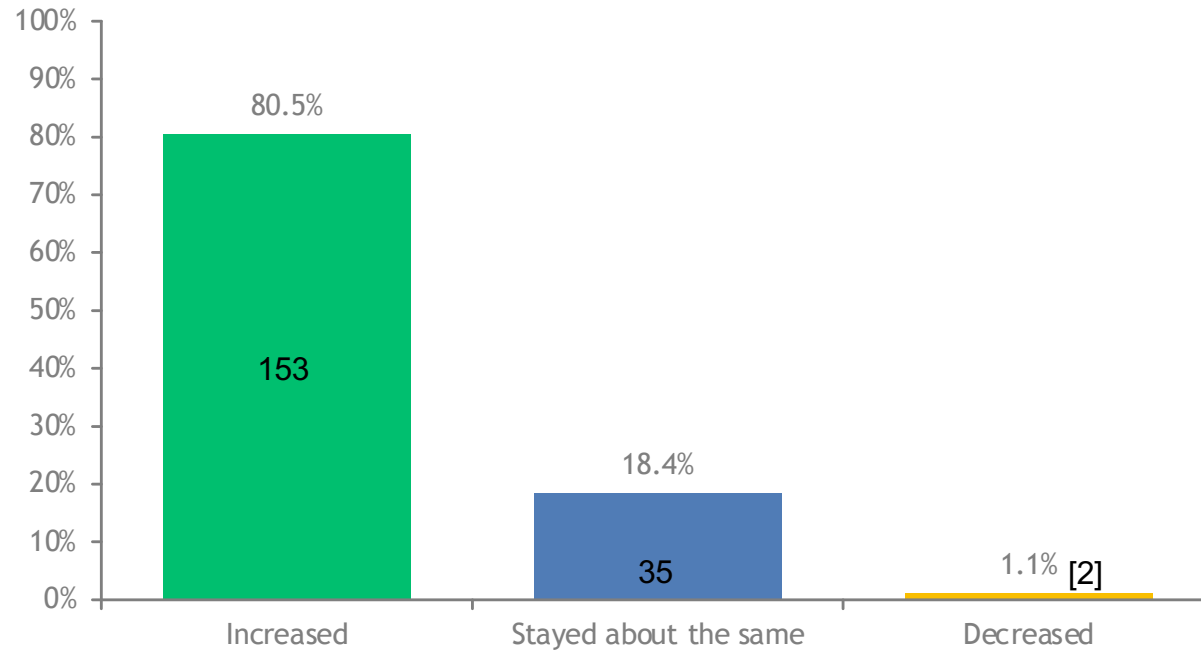
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More residents feel the level of crime is serious

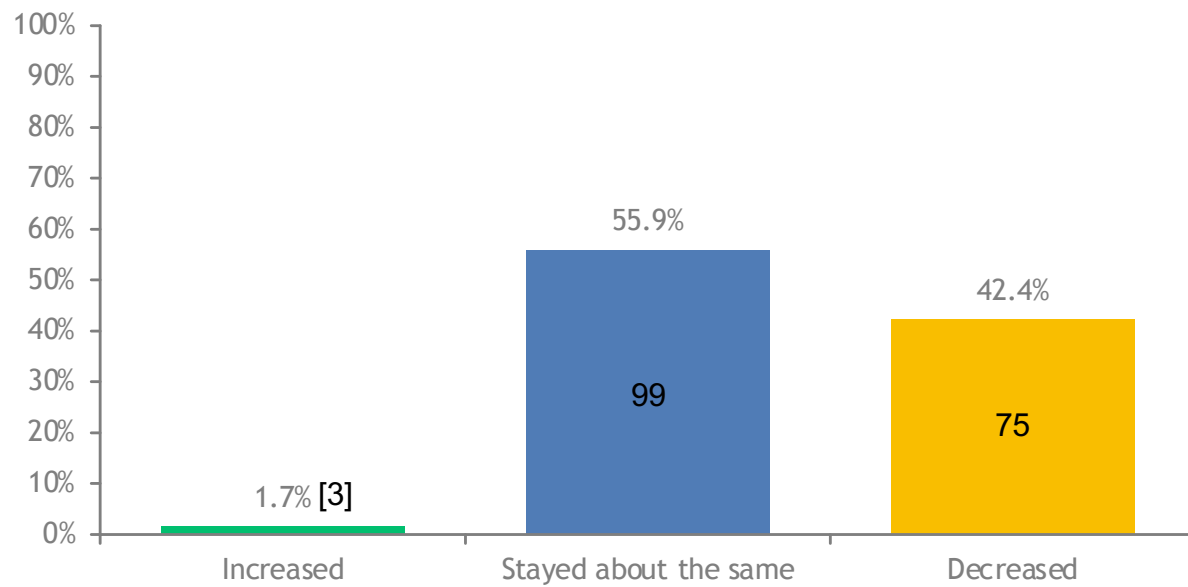
Q2: In the past three years would you say the level of crime in Orchard Heights has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased?

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Q3: Would you say the level of police protection in Orchard Heights has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased over the past three years?

► Answered: 177 Skipped: 13

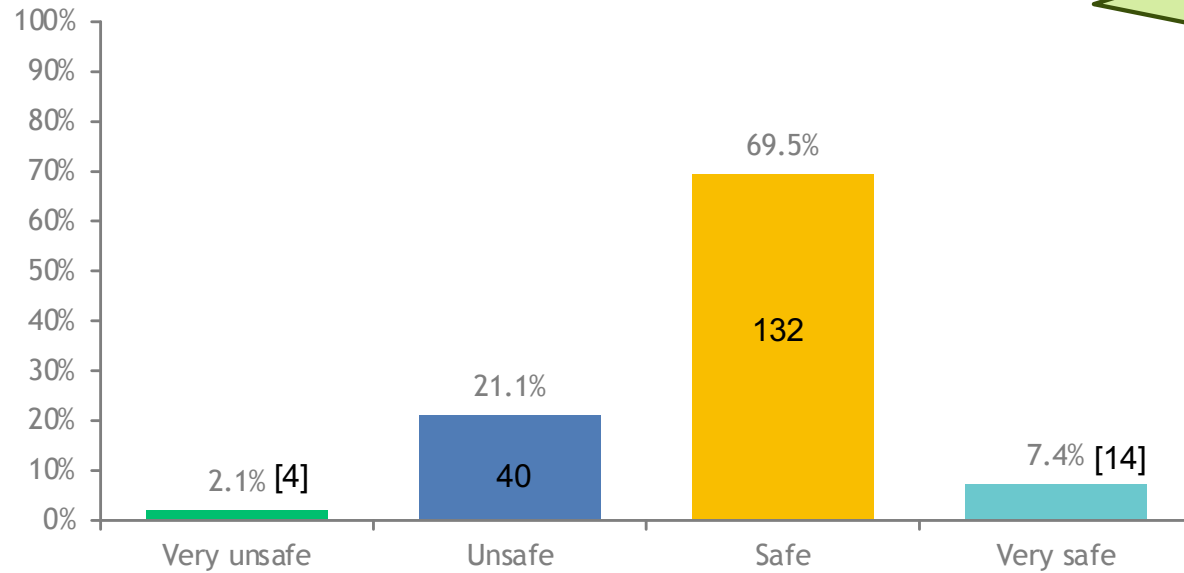


Q.3 Comments (77 in total)

- Don't see police patrolling OH (56)
- Not sure (10)
- Police response time has increased (8)
- Police should patrol neighbourhood (5)
- Need active Neighbourhood Watch (1)
- Speeding cars in OH (1)

Q4: How safe do you feel in Orchard Heights?

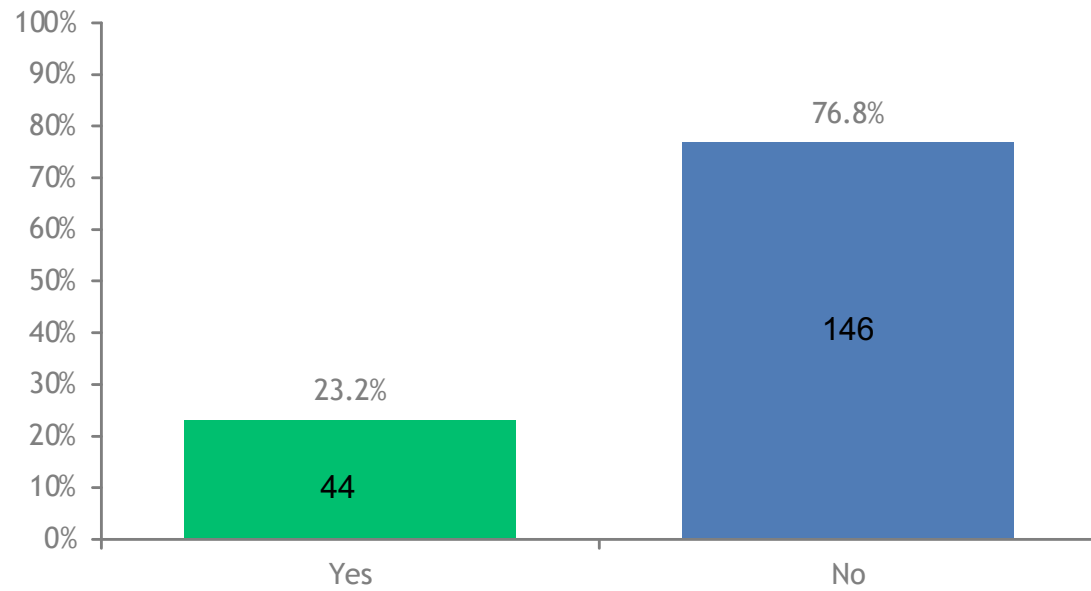
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More residents feel SAFE

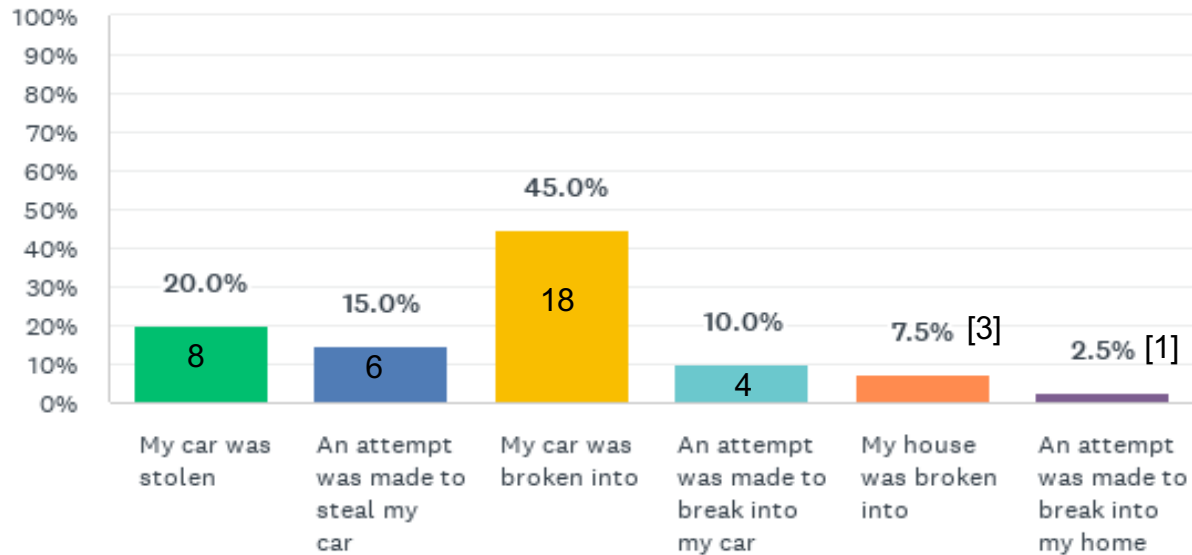
Q5: In the past three years, have you been a victim of crime in Orchard Heights?

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Q6: If you answered YES to Q.5, please specify what type of crime.

► Answered: 123 Skipped: 67

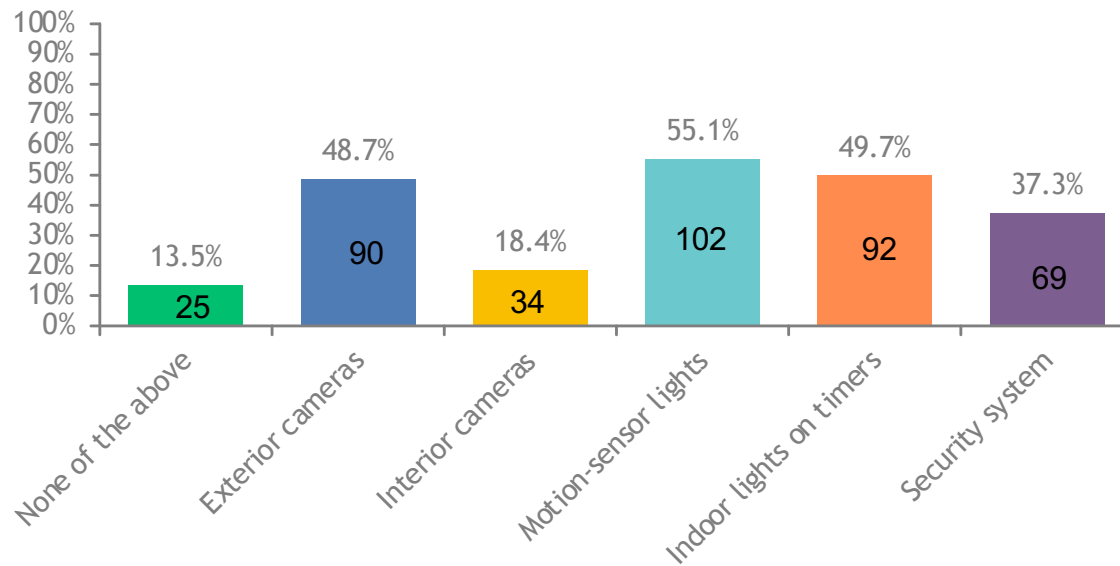


Q.6 Comments (37 in total)

- Experienced a crime on multiple occasions (7)
- Car left unlocked, items taken (5)
- Petty theft from car (4)
- Strangers wandering on property (4)
- Packages stolen from porch (2)
- Attempt to steal personal belongings from car (1)
- Car vandalized (1)
- House being watched (1)
- Vandalism of property (1)
- Other (14) [n/a, neighbours car stolen, car broken into > 3 years ago]

Q7: What types of crime-reducing measures do you have in place?

► Answered: 185 Skipped: 5



Q.7 Comments (31 in total)

- Outdoor lights (9)
- Own a dog (7)
- Plan to install cameras / CCTV (4)
- Improve Neighbourhood Watch (2)
- Vary schedule (2)
- Faraday Box (1)
- Steering wheel lock (1)
- Watch activity on the streets (1)
- Other (8) (prefer not to answer, cameras do not work, old car behind new one, trying it all, security system not active)

Additional Comments (113 in total)

- Too much non-resident traffic (25)
- Need more police in the area (12)
- Non-resident traffic due to easy access to QEW(8)
- Orchard Heights Park concerns (8)
- Enhance Neighbourhood Watch (7)
- Lots of construction = lots of non-residents in OH (5)
- Cars speeding in OH (5)
- Feel safe (4)

Additional Comments (113 in total)

- Ensure outside lights are on (3)
- Crime is on the rise everywhere (3)
- Comments on FB are causing fear (2)
- Experienced crime > 3 years ago (2)
- Would like a gated community (2)
- Crime is NOT on the rise (2)
- People casing homes in OH(2)
- Minimal police response (2)

Additional Comments (113 in total)

- Other
 - Forum to post suspicious photos
 - No concerns being home alone or walking in OH
 - Make a list of homes with cameras
- Need for good lighting throughout
- Interested in all measures to improve safety
- Need more speed bumps
- Would like a crime breakdown for the area
- Crime is more brazen
- Dog attacks
- Need to be extra aware
- Pedestrians need to walk on the correct side

Summary

- ▶ 81% of respondents feel the level of crime in OH has increased over the past 3 years
- ▶ 42% of respondents feel the level of police protection has decreased over the past 3 years
 - ▶ 56% feel it has stayed the same
 - ▶ 56 comments about limited police patrol in OH
- ▶ 77% of respondents feel SAFE in OH
 - ▶ Distinction between '*concerns about crime*' and '*feeling safe in OH*'
- ▶ 23% of respondents stated they have been a victim of crime in the past 3 years
- ▶ Car break-ins were the most common crime (n=18)

Summary

- ▶ Respondents are concerned with:
 - ▶ Non-resident traffic in OH
 - ▶ Lack of police in the area
 - ▶ Ease of non-residents passing through OH to get to QEW
 - ▶ Orchard Heights Park - access if bridge is constructed; would like to close gate to vehicles
 - ▶ Increased construction leading to an increase in non-residents
 - ▶ Speeding cars in OH

Suggestions to Improve Safety

- ▶ Enhance Neighbourhood Watch
- ▶ Improve lighting throughout OH
- ▶ Forum to post suspicious photos
- ▶ List of neighbours with cameras
- ▶ Install more speed bumps
- ▶ Close on ramp to QEW at Park Royale
- ▶ Street surveillance cameras