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DC AREA SURVEY 2016 REPORT RELEASE

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SURVEY DESIGN

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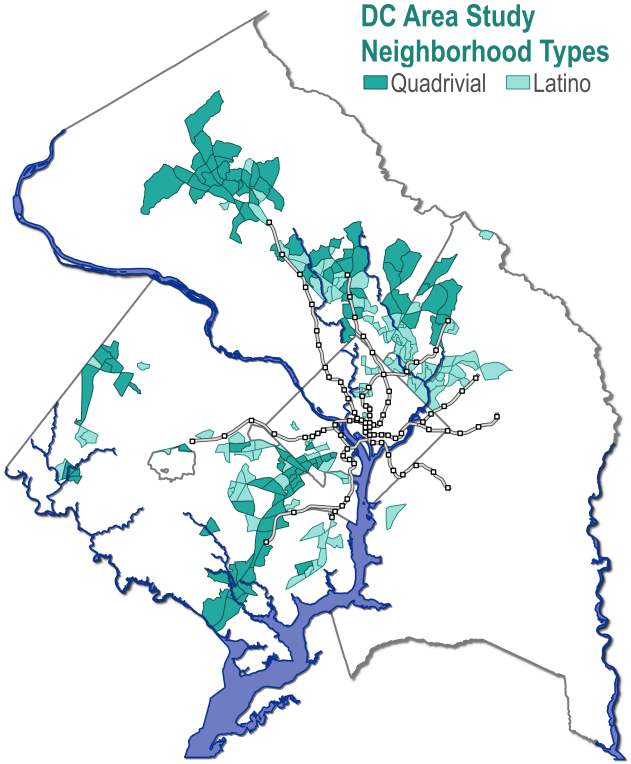

Quadrivial Neighborhoods

At least 10% white, black, Latino & Asian
and no group is a majority

Disproportionately Latino Neighborhoods

At least 25% Latino
and not a quadrivial neighborhood

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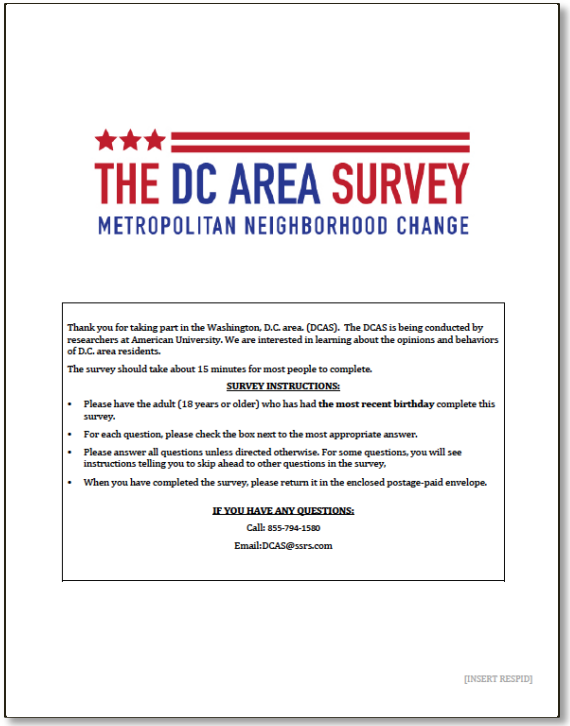

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Sent to 9,600 households using address-based sample

- Introductory letter in English & Spanish
- Survey instrument with return envelope
- $2 bill

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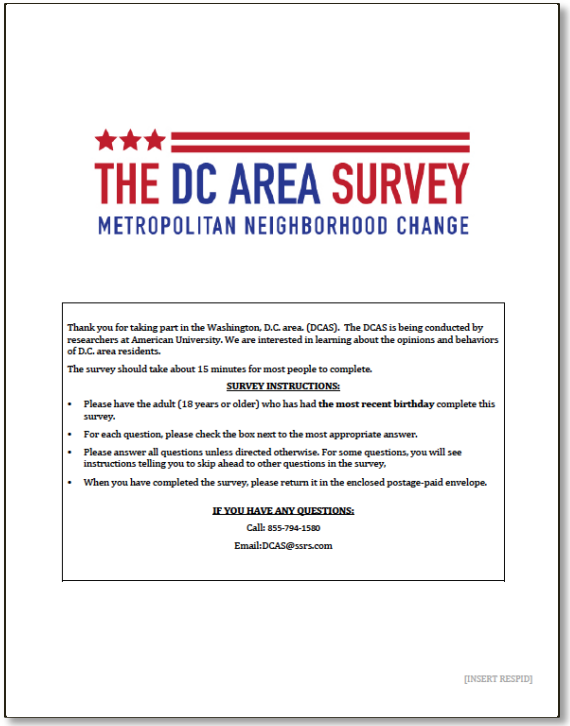

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Oversampled

- Households with Spanish surnames
- Households with Asian surnames
- Neighborhoods with more than 25% African American households

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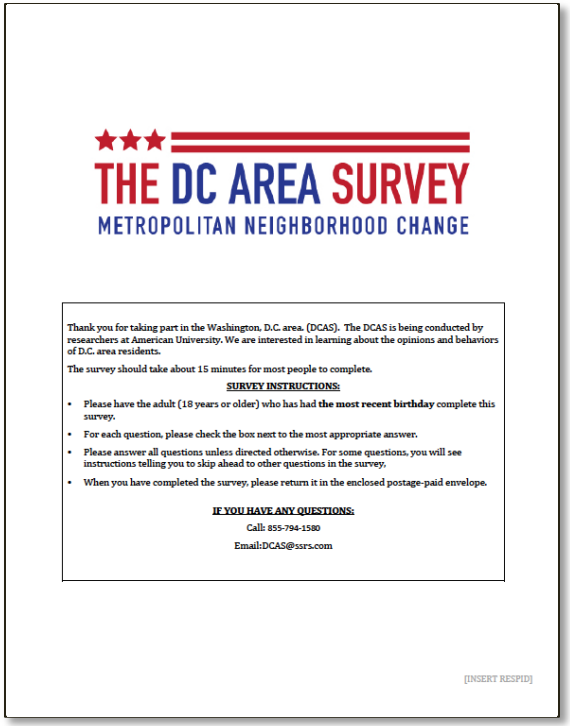

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Responses from 1,222 households

674 in quadrivial neighborhoods

548 in disproportionately Latino neighborhoods

COMPARED TO THE DC AREA OVERALL

Quadrivial Neighborhoods…

…are more diverse

…are more highly educated

…have a similar income distribution

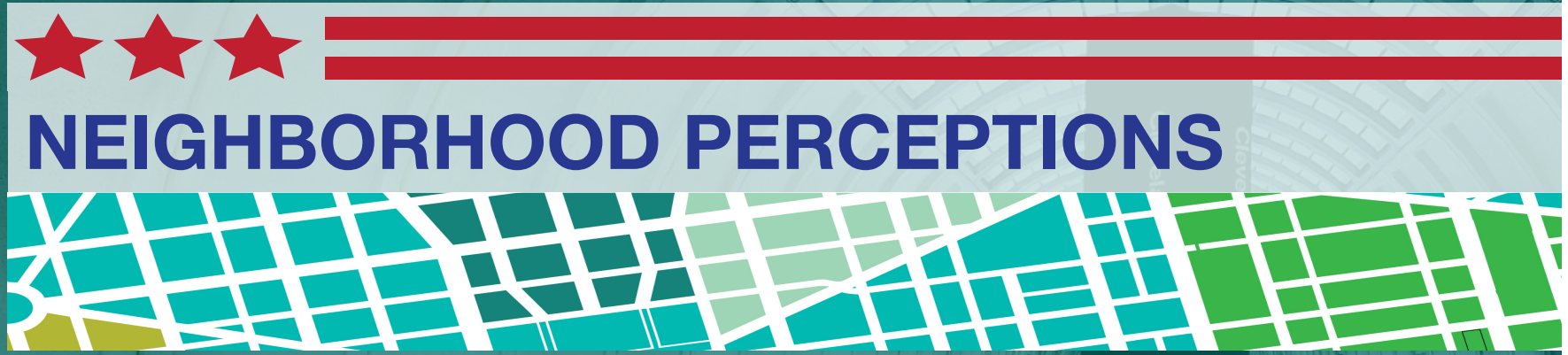
Latino Neighborhoods…

…have more Latinos

…slightly fewer college educated residents

…had more residents in middle-income groups

NEIGHBORHOOD PERCEPTIONS



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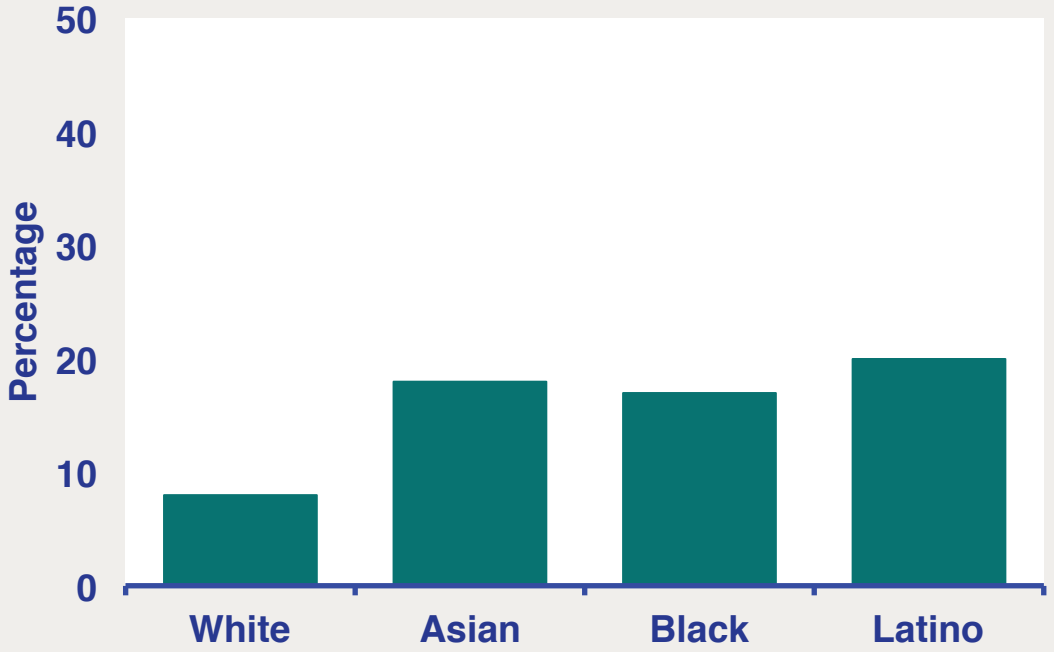
NEIGHBORHOOD SATISFACTION

More than two-thirds of respondents were
very or extremely satisfied with their neighborhoods

95 percent of DCAS respondents thought that
their neighborhood was at least somewhat better
than most other neighborhoods in the D.C. area.

NEIGHBORHOOD PERCEPTIONS

Whites were **slightly less likely** to think neighborhoods **became "much better"** in the past five years



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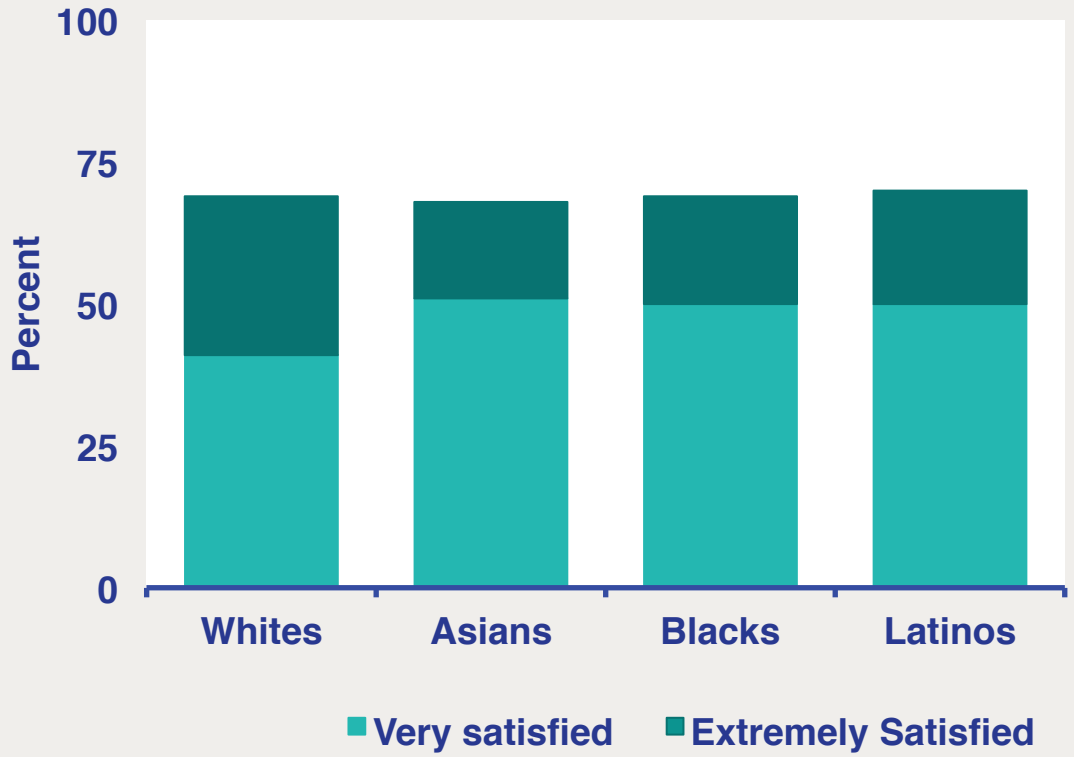
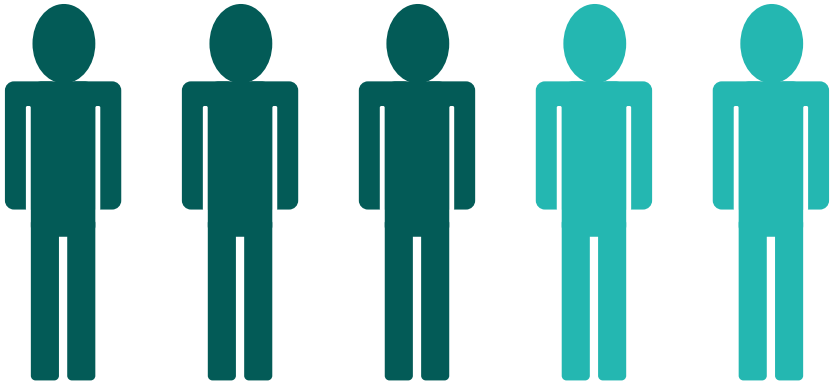


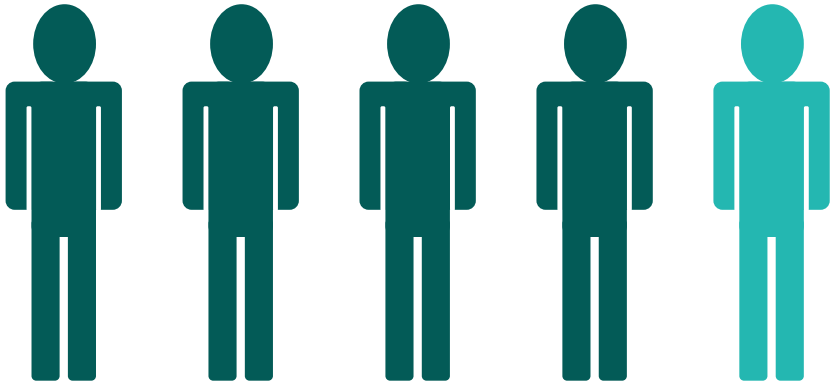
Few racial differences in neighborhood satisfaction

RACIAL & ETHNIC RELATIONS



Four in five reported interacting with people who speak little to no English in the **course of their daily lives**

Three in five reported talking to people not born in the U.S. or whose parents were not born in the U.S. at least **once a week**



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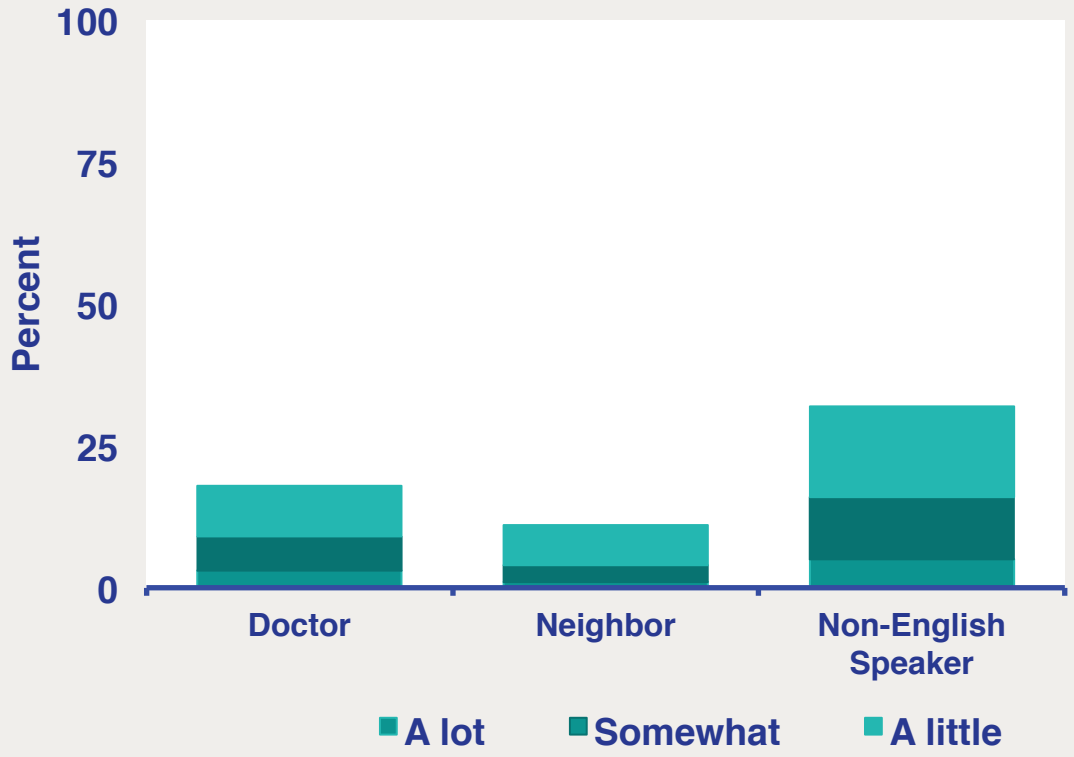

Fewer than one in five people were bothered by **doctors or neighbors of different ethnicities**…

…but **one in three** were at least a little **bothered by non-English speakers**

RACIAL & ETHNIC RELATIONS

Blacks were **about half as likely** as whites, Asians and Latinos to say that **racial groups agree** on important issues

POLICING & CRIME

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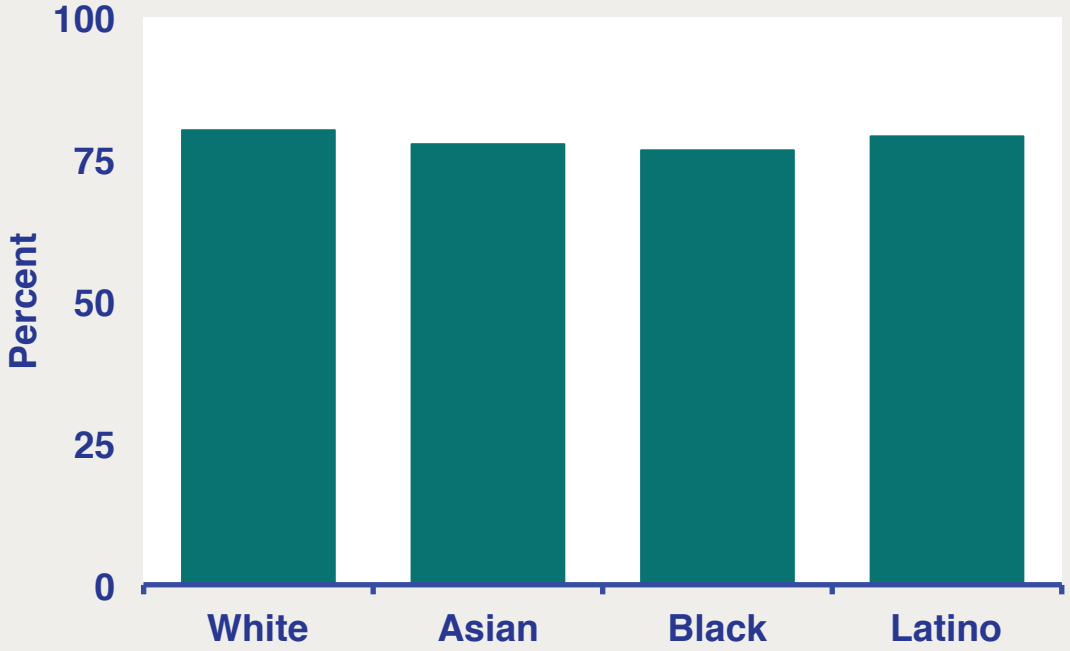
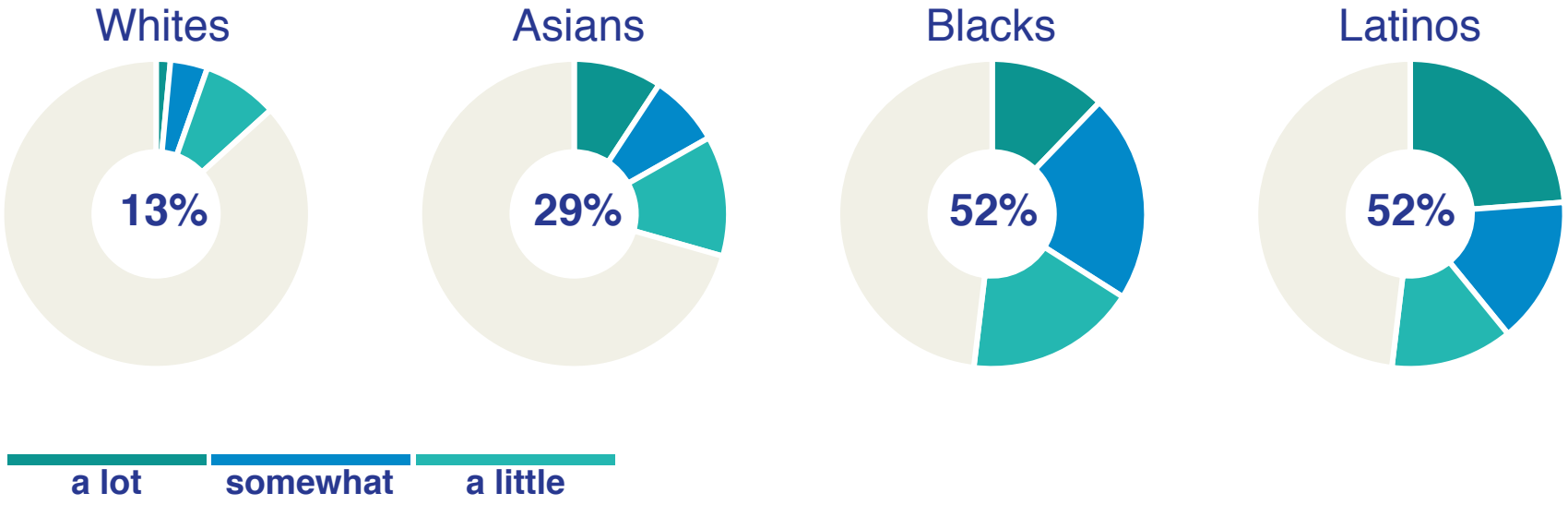
CONFIDENCE IN POLICE PROTECTION

Three out of four respondents agree that police are doing a **good job protecting** them in their neighborhoods



FEAR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

How much does the **fear of police questioning or arrest** of you or your loved ones affect your daily lives?



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Respondent is at risk or knows loved one **at risk of deportation**

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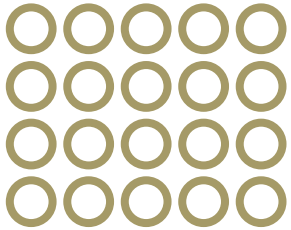

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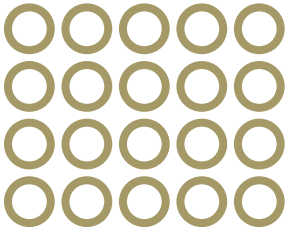
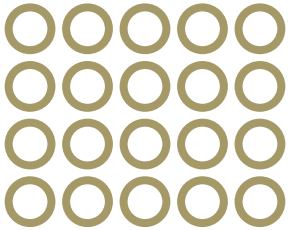
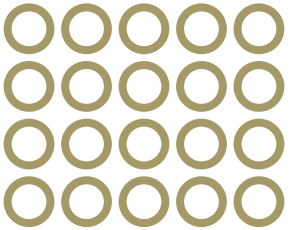


Blacks



Latinos



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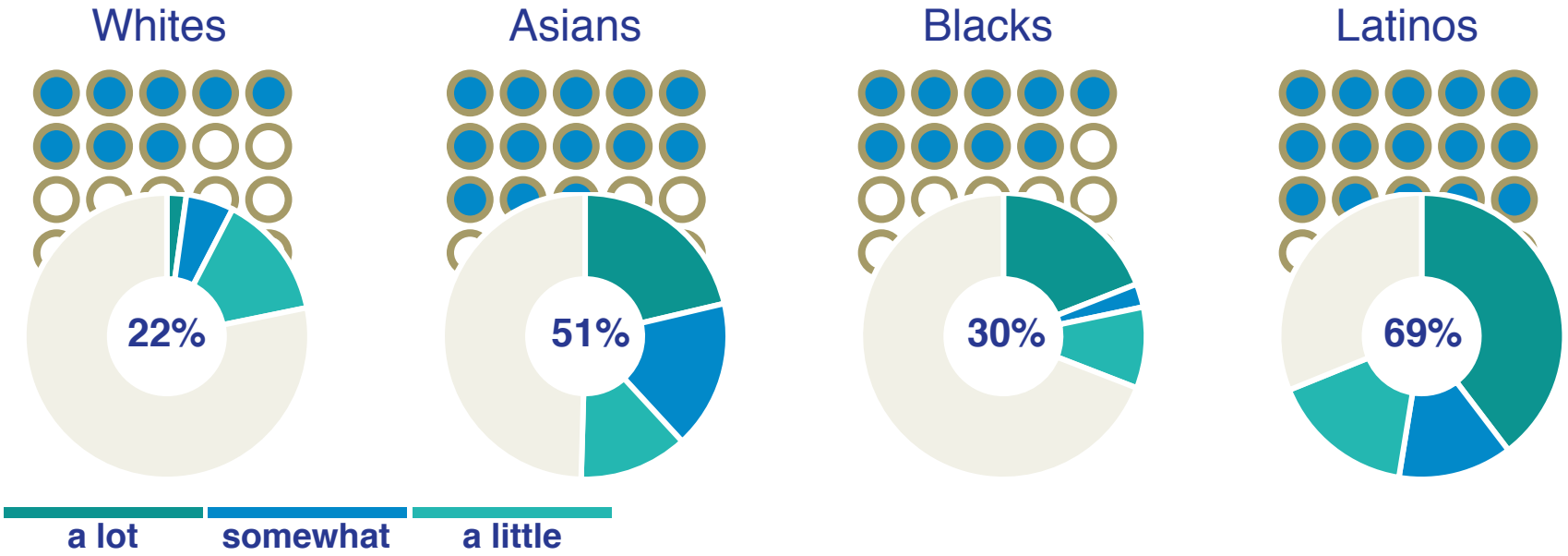

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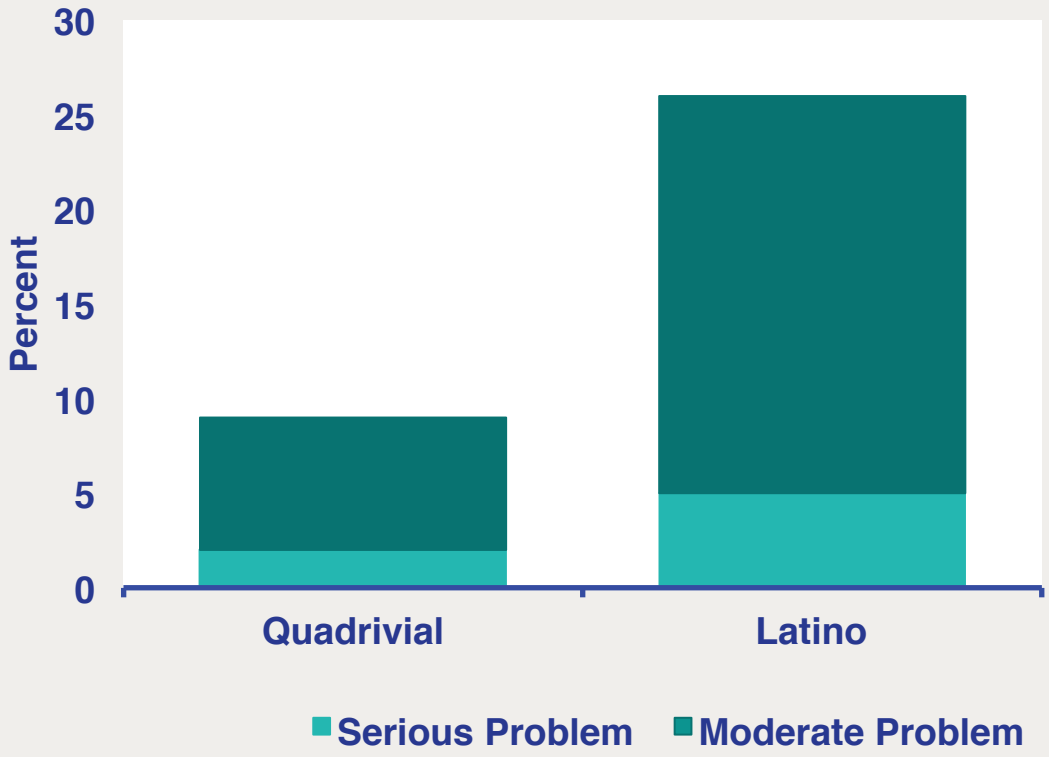

Latino neighborhood residents were more likely to view **violent crime as a problem** in their neighborhoods

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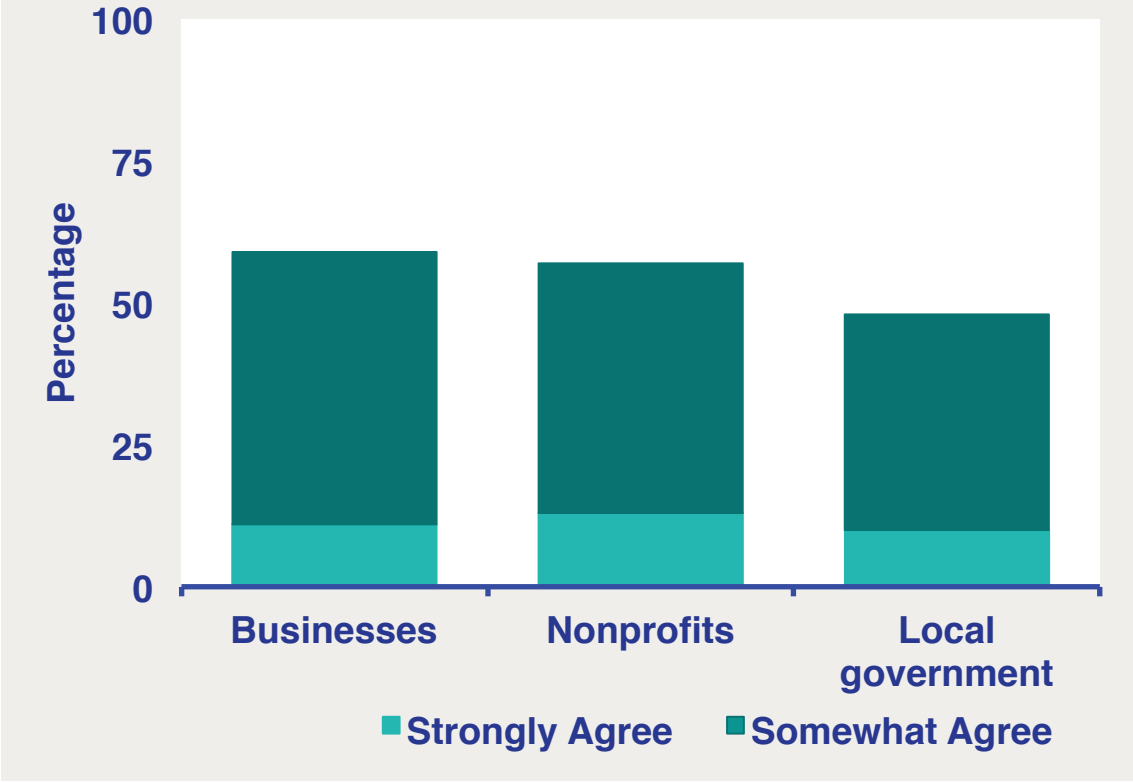
TRUST IN CIVIL SOCIETY

Respondents **less likely to trust local governments** to do what is right than businesses or nonprofits



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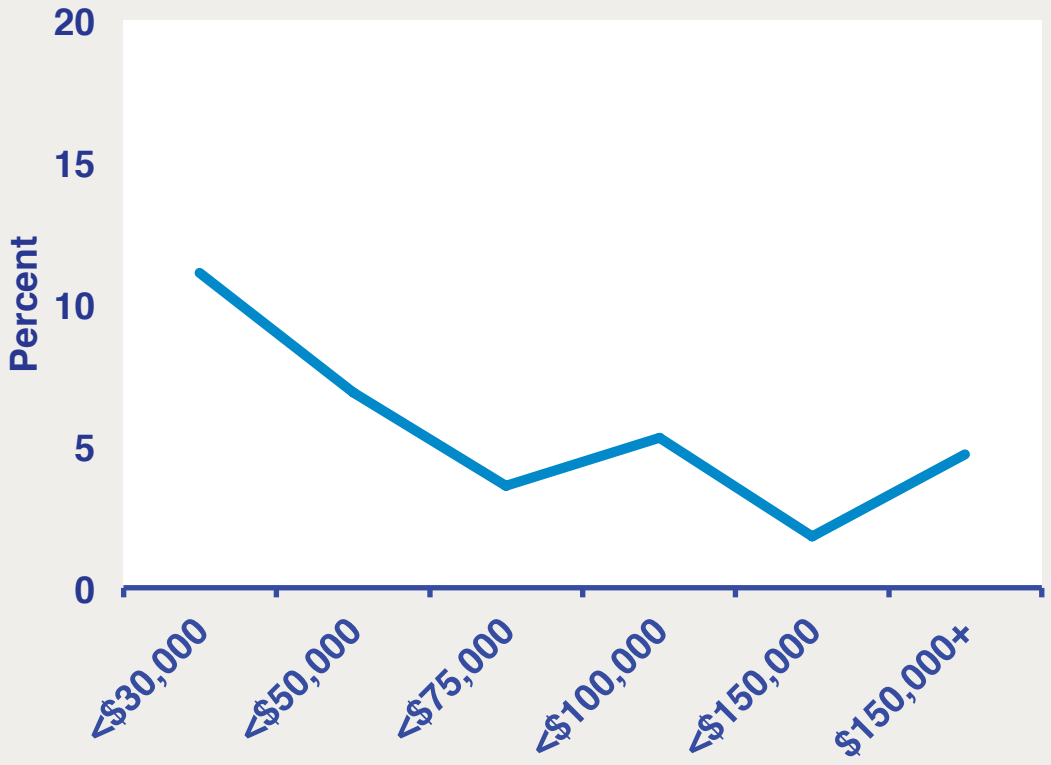

Low-income respondents **less likely** to feel that **nonprofits served** them and their families

NONPROFIT SERVICES TO POOR FAMILIES

One in ten poor families with children reported having **no nonprofit to serve them**

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One in ten poor families with children reported using nonprofit services **less than once a month**

There are no nonprofit to serve them

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

Nine out of ten respondents reported being in **at least "good" health**

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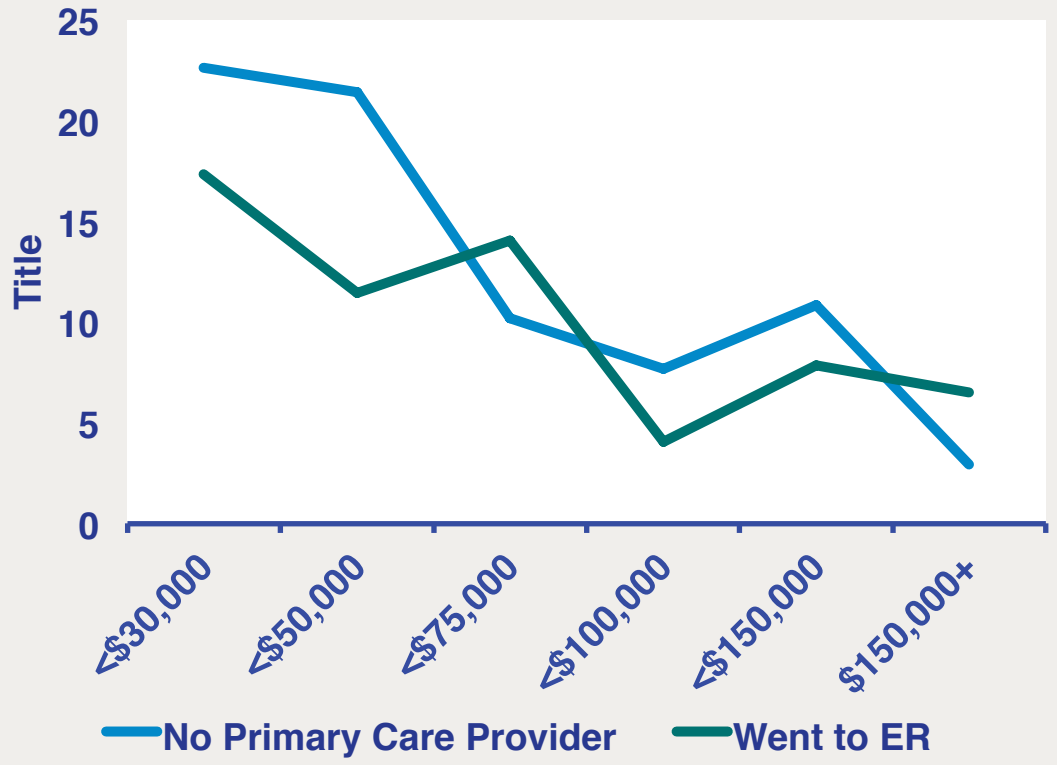

Almost a quarter of respondents making less than $50,000 **did not have a primary care provider**

Less wealthy respondents were **more likely** to have visited the **ER in the past six months**

MAJOR FINDINGS & NEXT STEPS

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MAJOR FINDINGS

Strength in DC area's multiethnic neighborhoods

Address racially disparate fear of law enforcement agencies

Civil society should focus on low-income residents

NEXT STEPS

1

Disseminate
findings to help create positive change in DC area

2

Publish
findings in academic and policy outlets

3

Partner
with other agencies to learn more about DC area

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