



Survey 19 Results Building Safer Communities

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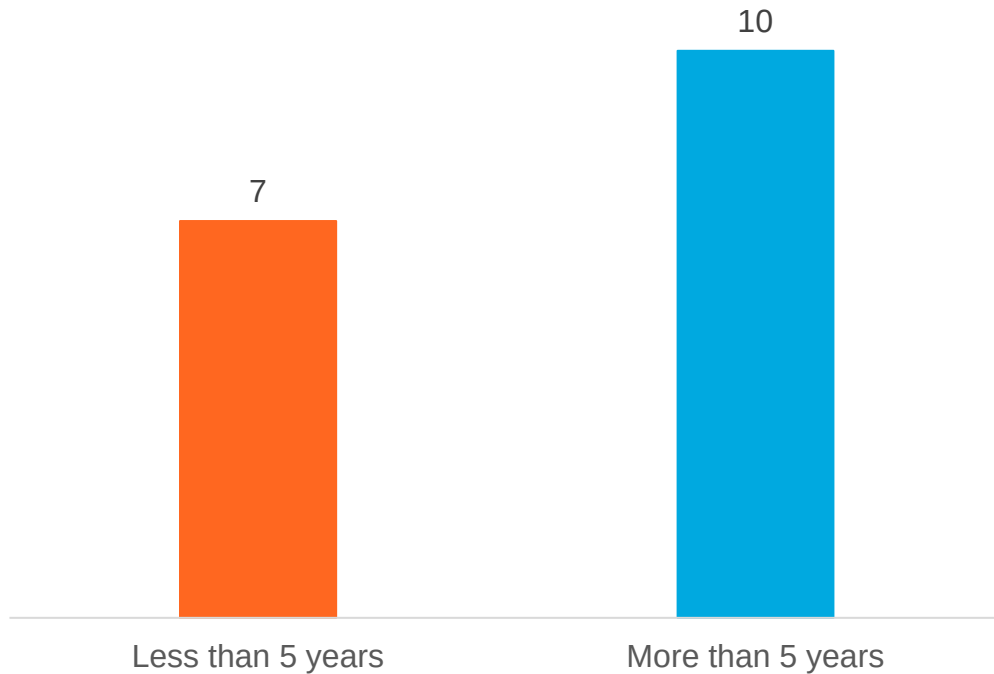


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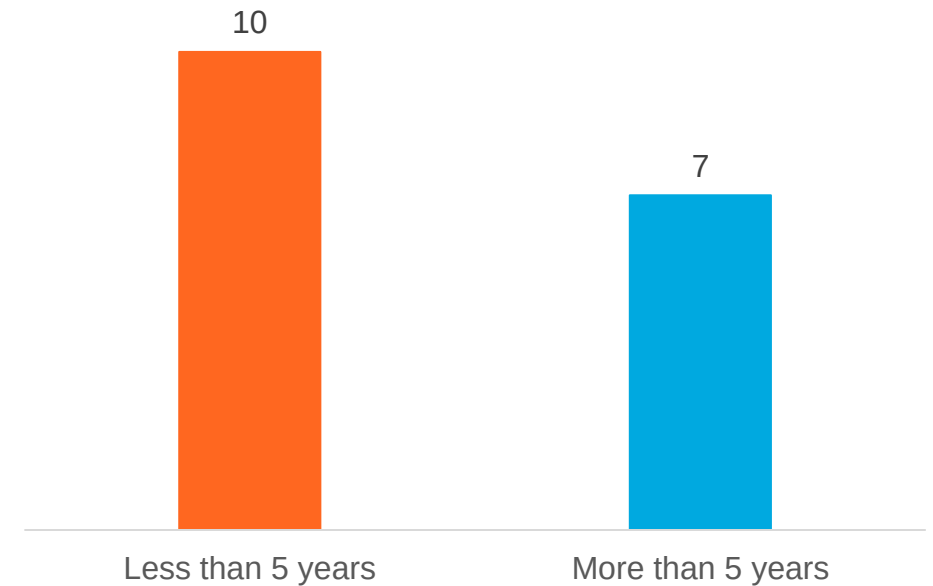
The City of St. John's is developing a violence and crime prevention strategy with community partners and stakeholders. The strategy will outline how the City of St. John's can work with the community and other levels of government. It will focus on the root causes of violence and crime, for children, youth, young adults, and their families, and create a safer city for everyone.

Results

How long have you lived in St. John's?

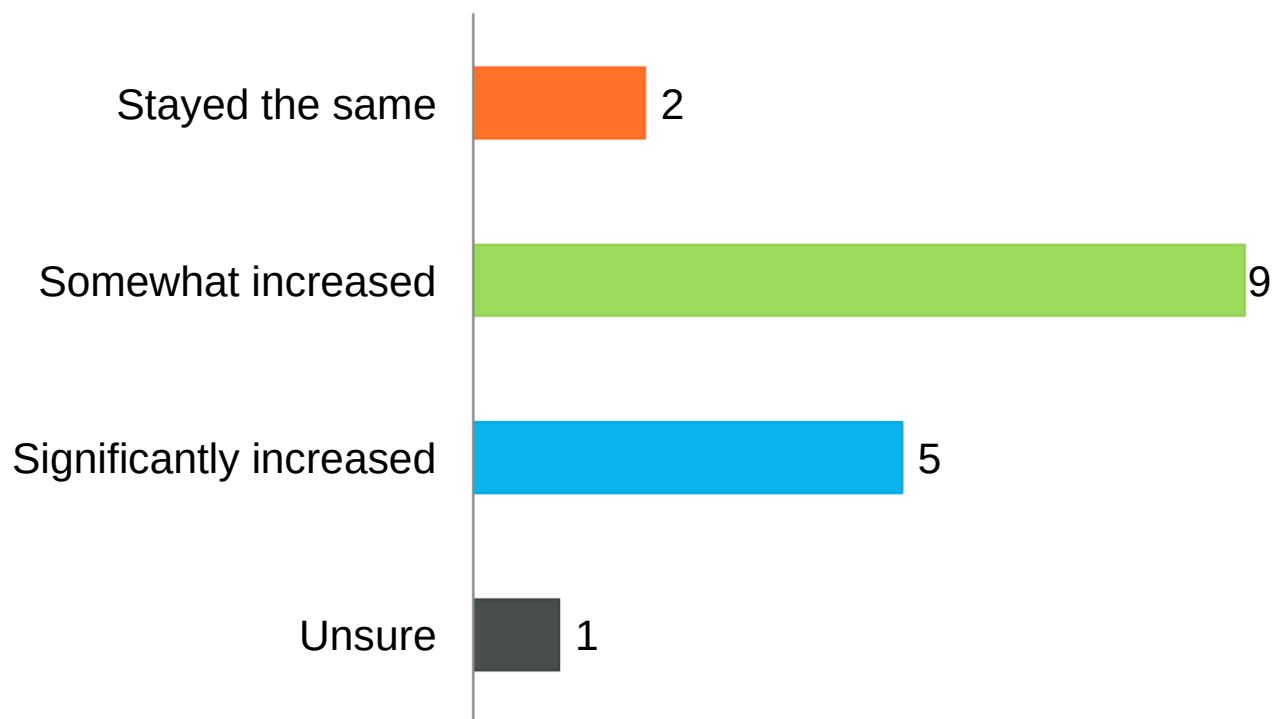


How long have you lived in your current neighbourhood?

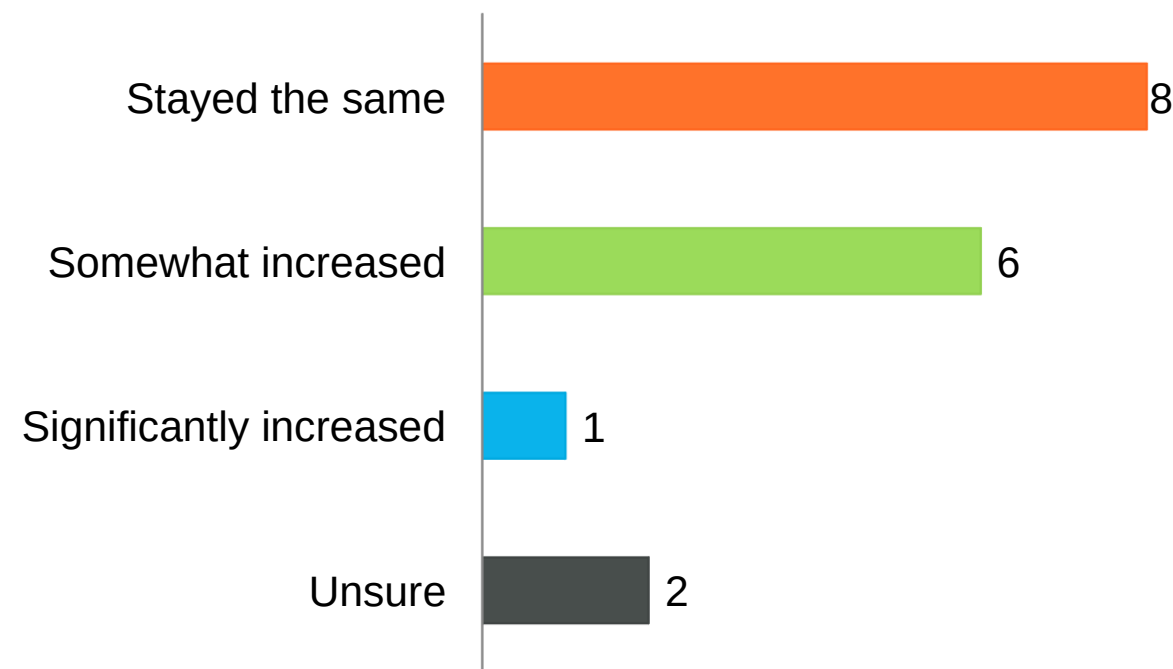


Results

Thinking about two years ago, or compared to your arrival in St. John's (if less than 2 years ago), do you feel that violence and/or crime has changed in the City of St. John's overall?



Thinking about two years ago, or compared to your arrival in St. John's (if less than 2 years ago), do you feel that violence and/or crime has changed in your neighbourhood?



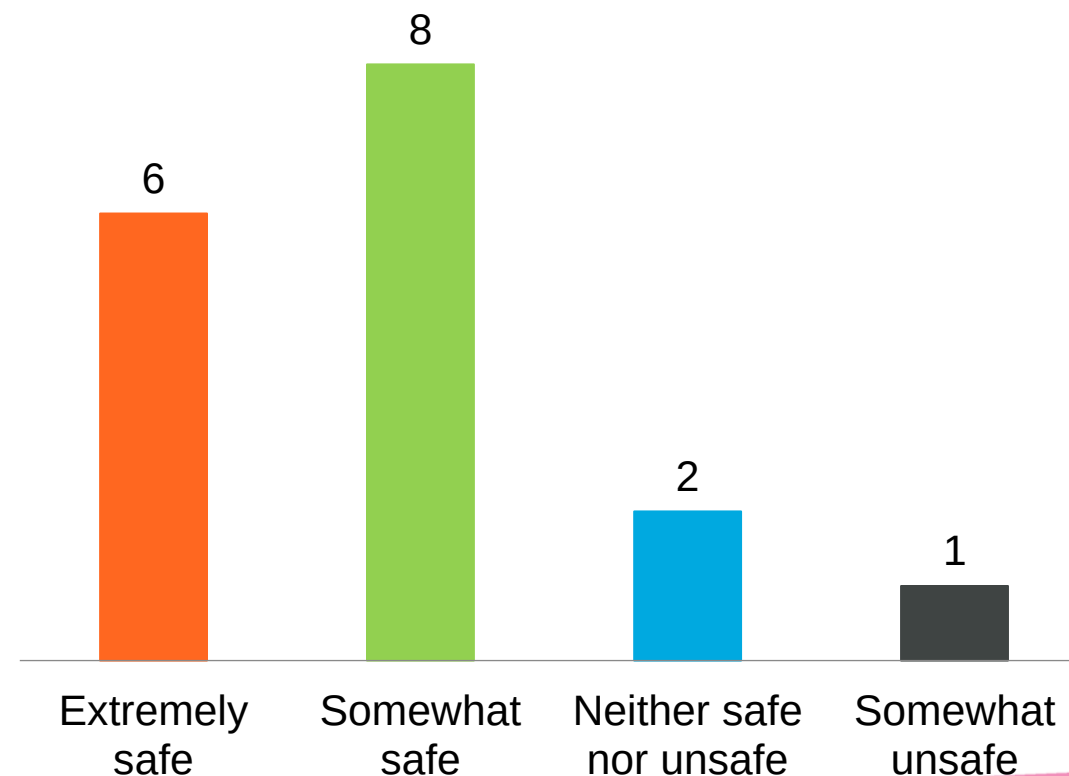
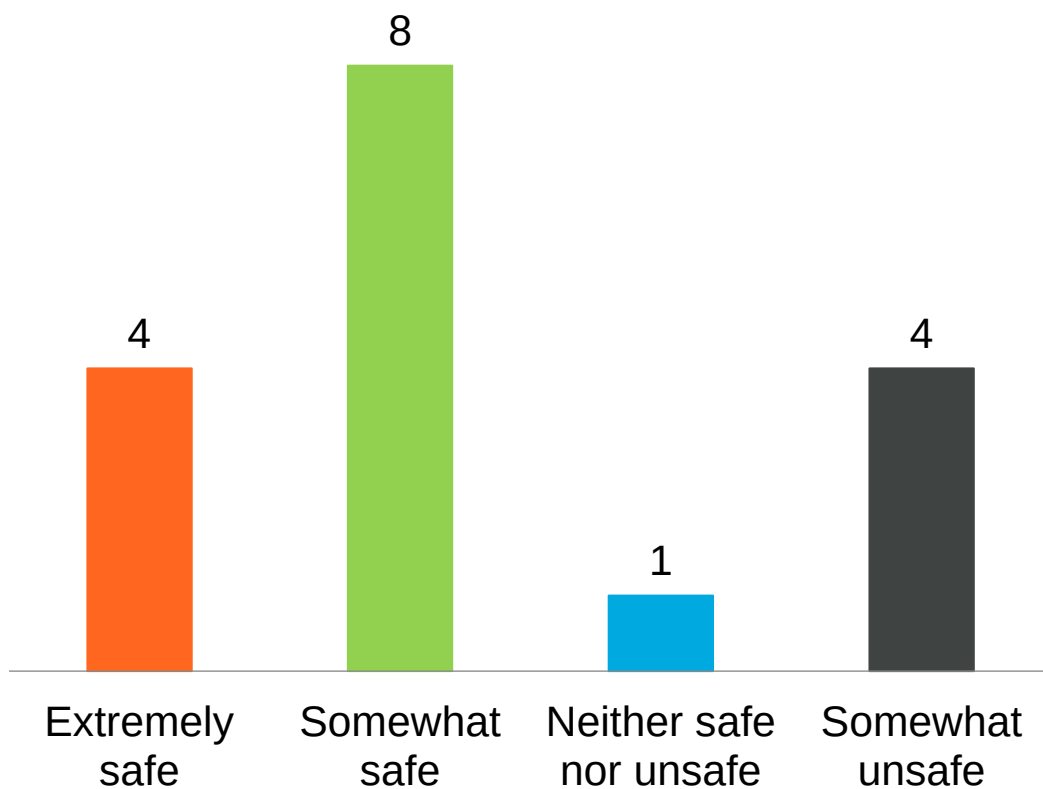
Results

- 20% of residents who have lived in their neighbourhood for 5 years or less reported feeling that violence and/or crime in their neighbourhood has increased over the past two years, compared to 71% of individuals who have lived in their neighbourhood for more than 5 years
- 71% of respondents who have lived in St. John's for 5 years or less reported feeling that violence and/or crime in the city has increased over the past two years, compared to 90% of respondents who have lived in the city for more than 5 years.

Results

How safe do you currently feel in your City?

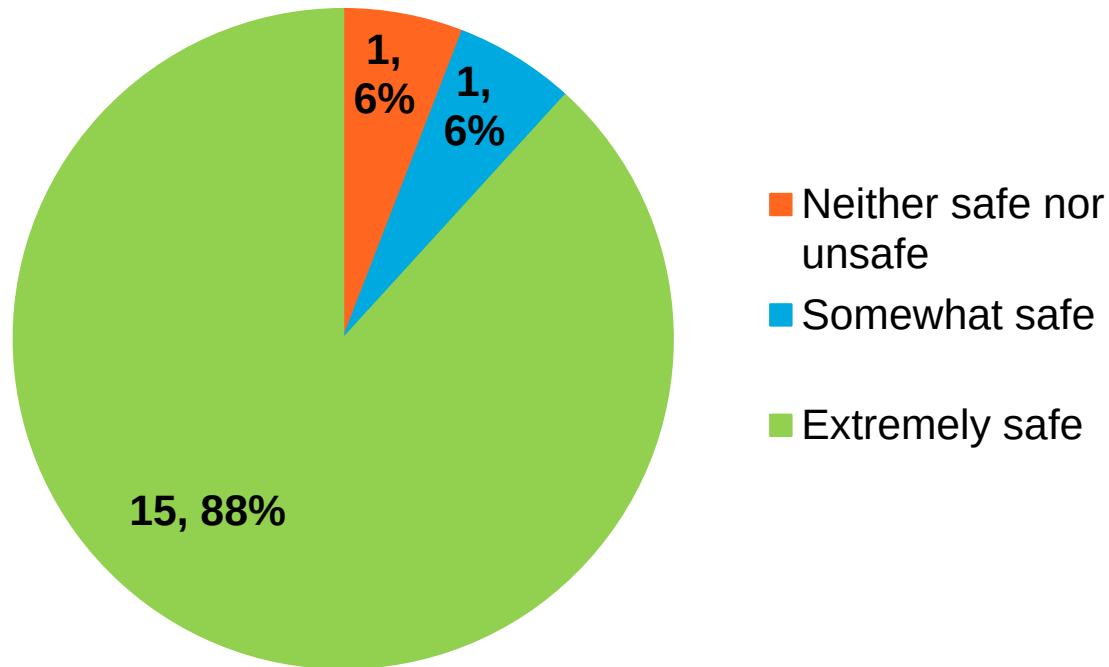
How safe do you currently feel in your neighbourhood?



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How safe do you currently feel in your home during the day?

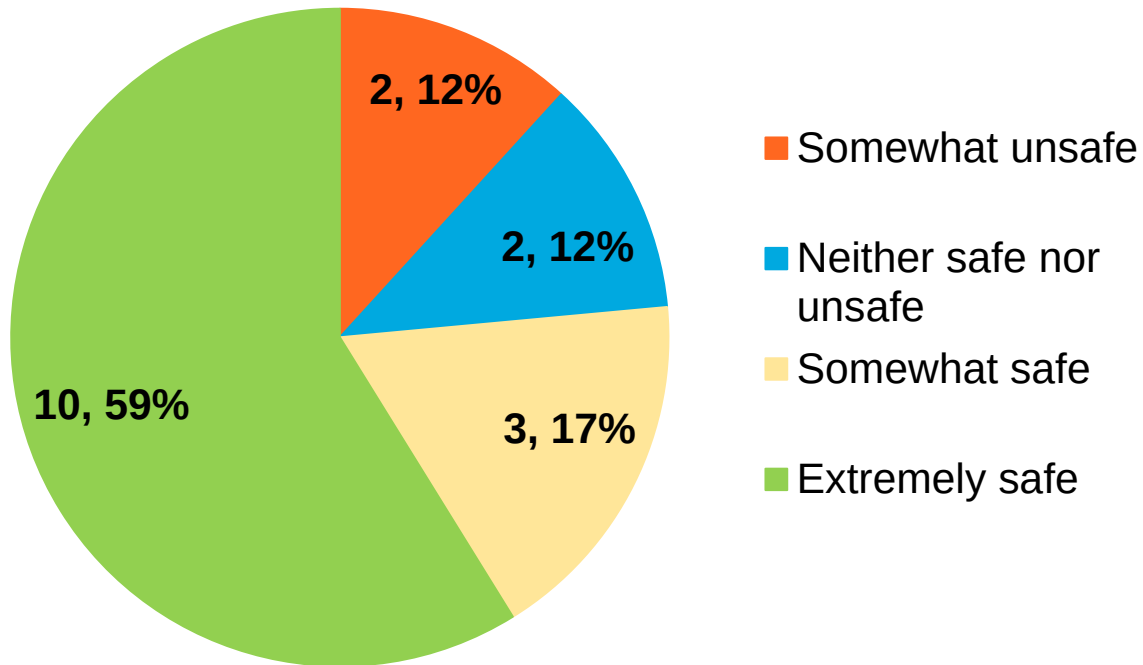


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How safe do you currently feel in your home during the night?

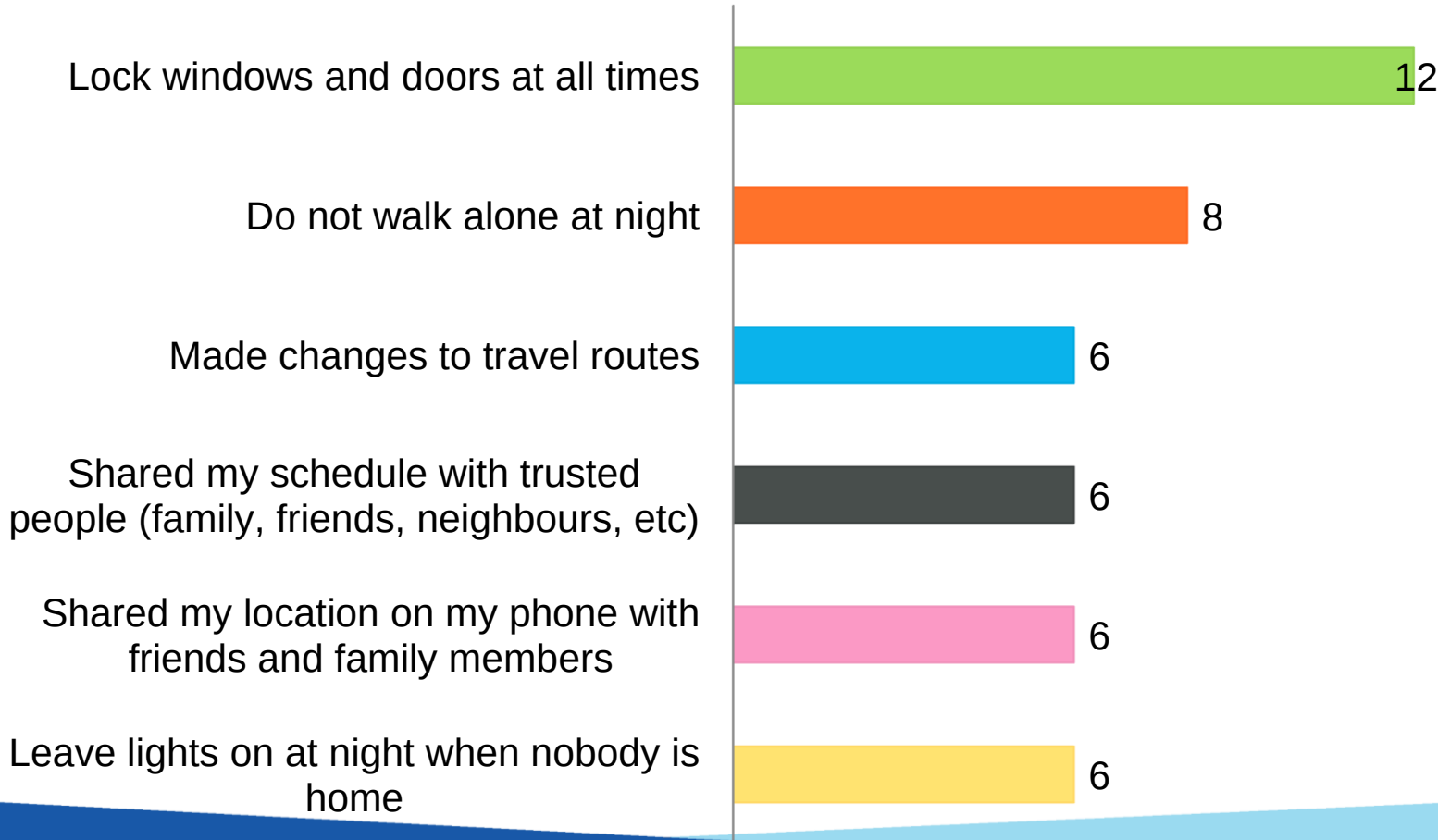


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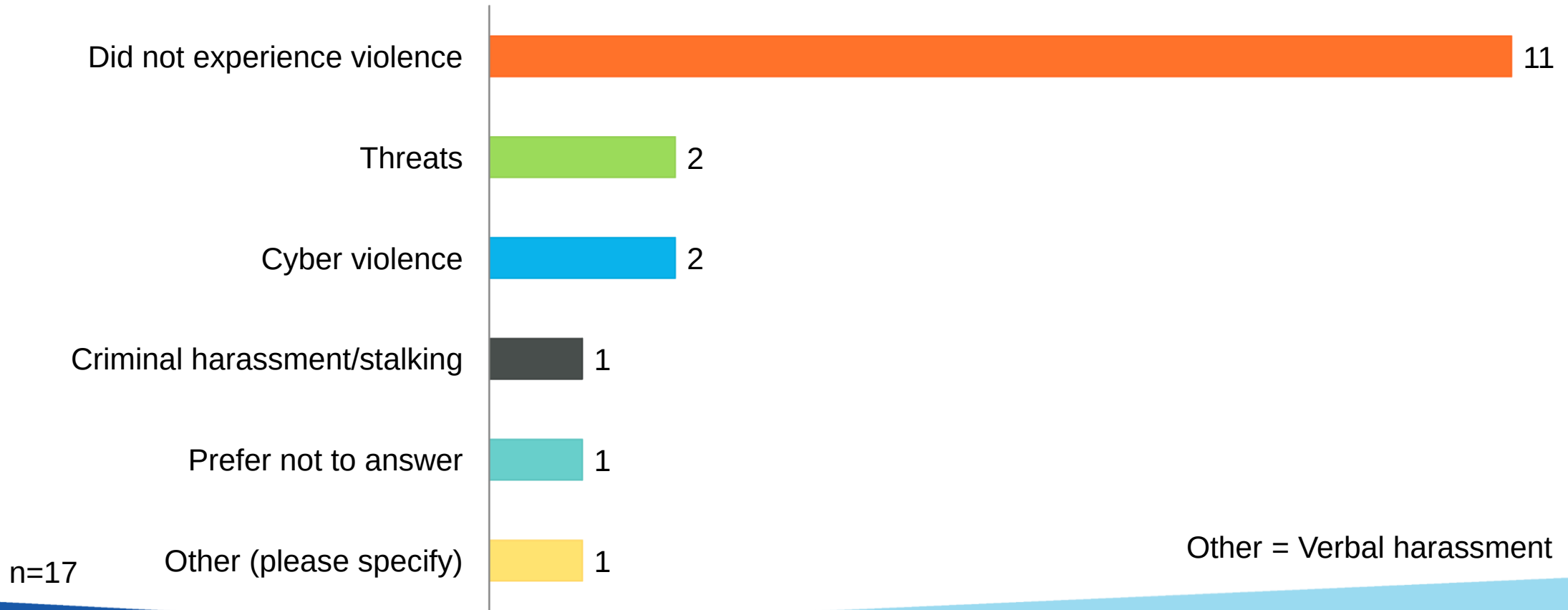
Have you made any of the following changes due to fear of violence and/or crime in the past two years? Check all of the changes you've made to your daily routine.



- Less than 5 respondents reported making no changes.
- Smaller numbers of respondents also reported making changes such as:
 - do not participate in evening events
 - learned self defense
 - do not carry cash/wear valuable items
 - Carry a personal item or whistle
 - Use safety apps

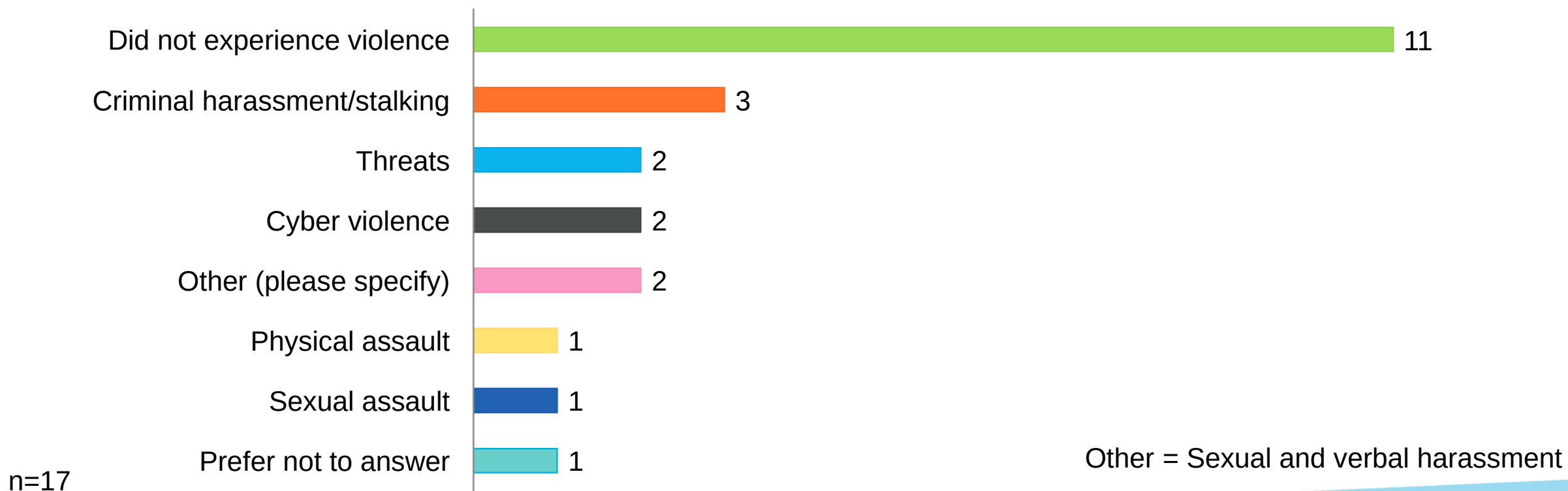
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Have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following acts of violence in your current neighbourhood in the past two years? Check all that apply



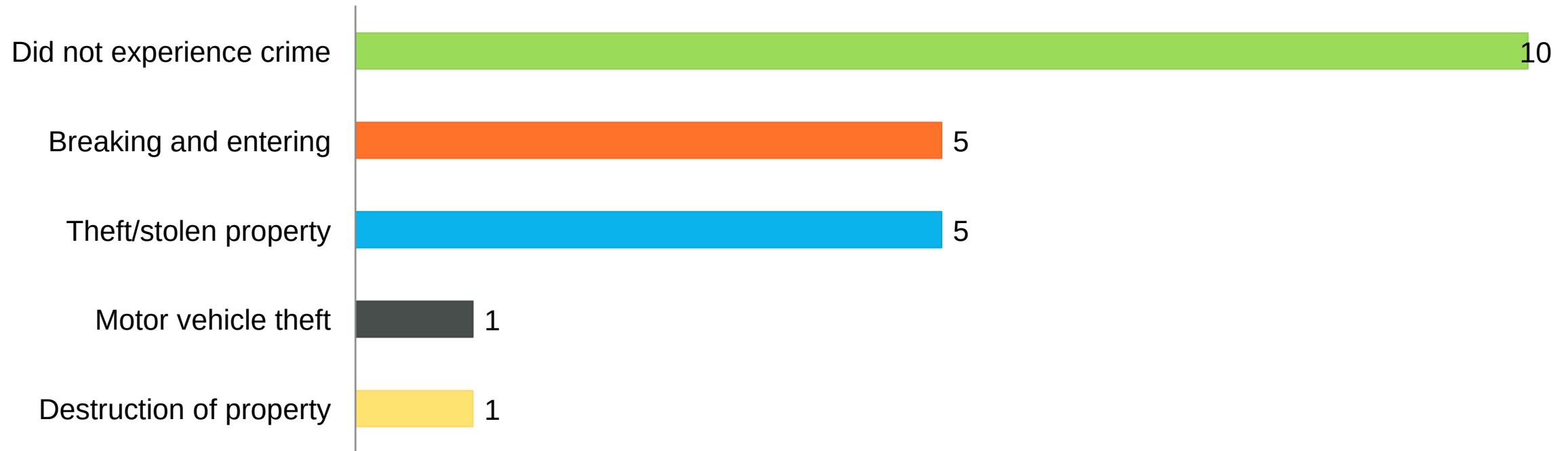
Results

Have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following acts of violence elsewhere in the City of St. John's but outside of your current neighbourhood in the past two years? Check all that apply



Results

Have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following crimes committed against you in your current neighbourhood in the past two years? Check all that apply

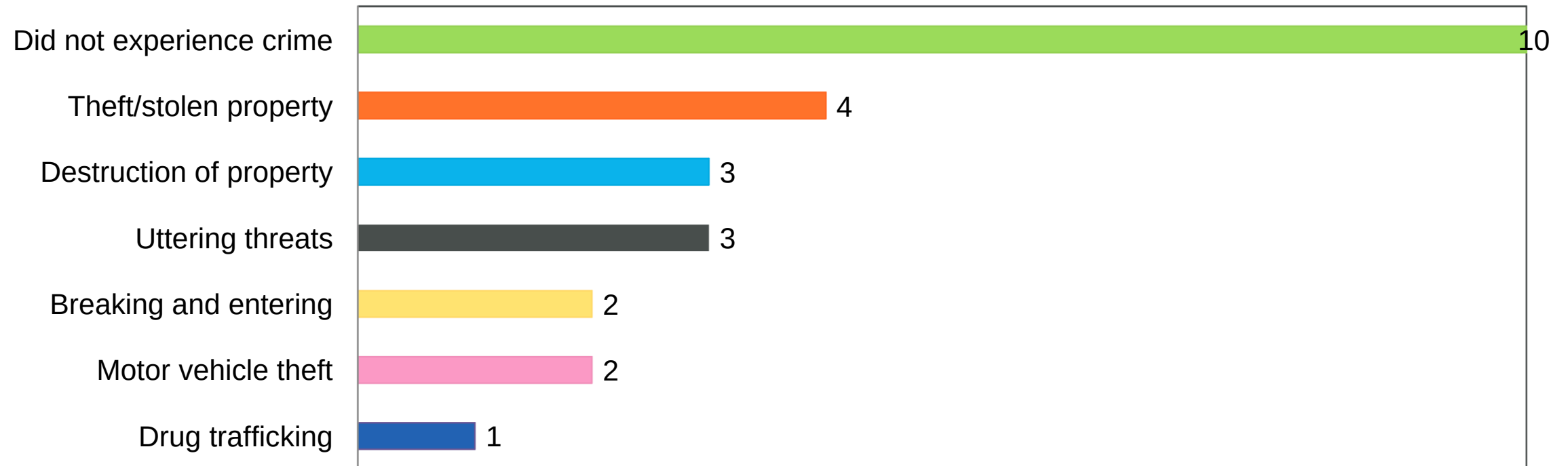


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Have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following crimes committed against you in the City of St. John's but outside of your current neighbourhood in the past two years?

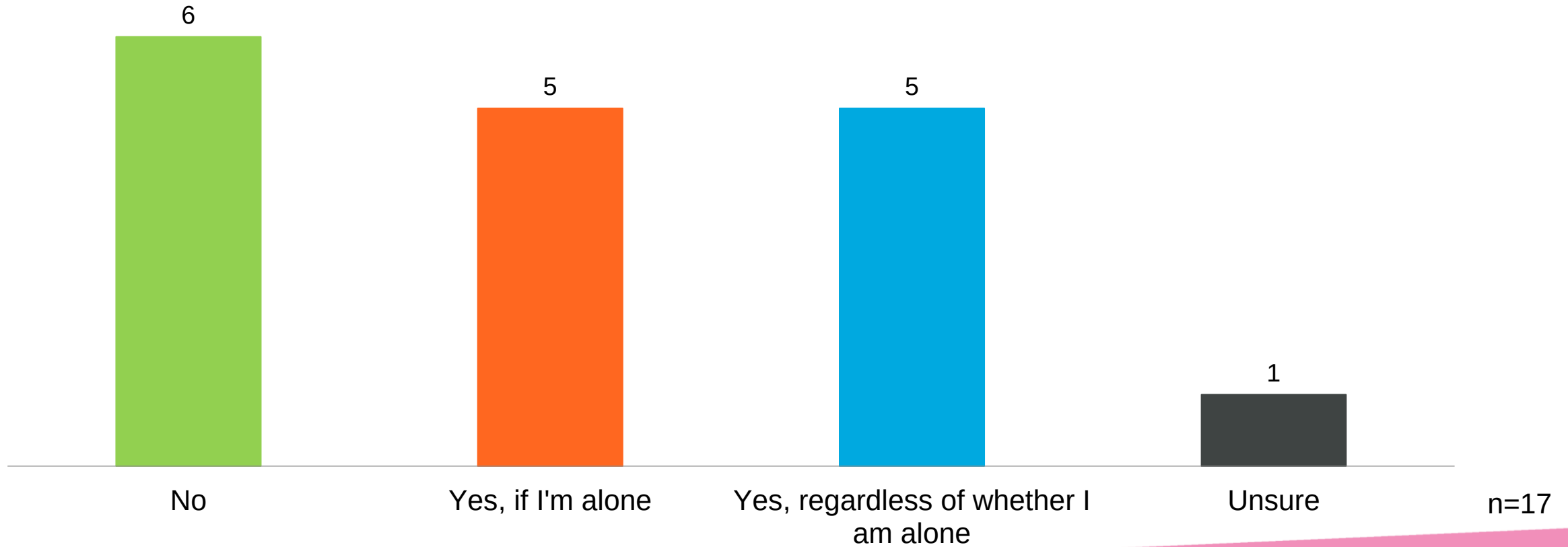
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Are there any areas of the city that you currently avoid due to fear of violence and/or crime?



Results

We recognize that people may have many identities such as race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic status. How do you think that overlapping identities affect the likelihood of someone experiencing violence and/or crime? (1/2)

- If you do not look/act like a cis, straight, able-bodied white man, then you are at higher risk of experiencing individual/systemic violence.
- Heightens the chance of a crime so much. Just being a woman makes it harder to go about your day then also being queer and fearing showing your orientation.
- It could increase the possibility of discrimination.
- People are more likely to harass and catcall people who look different, stand out, or look queer in any way.

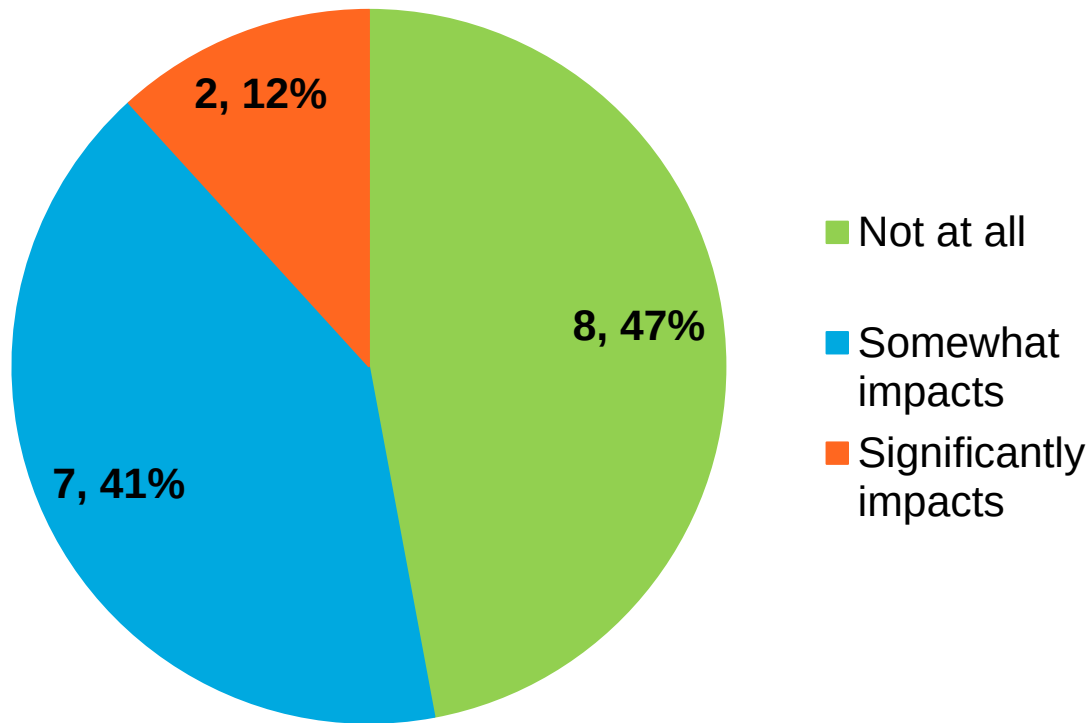
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We recognize that people may have many identities such as race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic status. How do you think that overlapping identities affect the likelihood of someone experiencing violence and/or crime? (2/2)

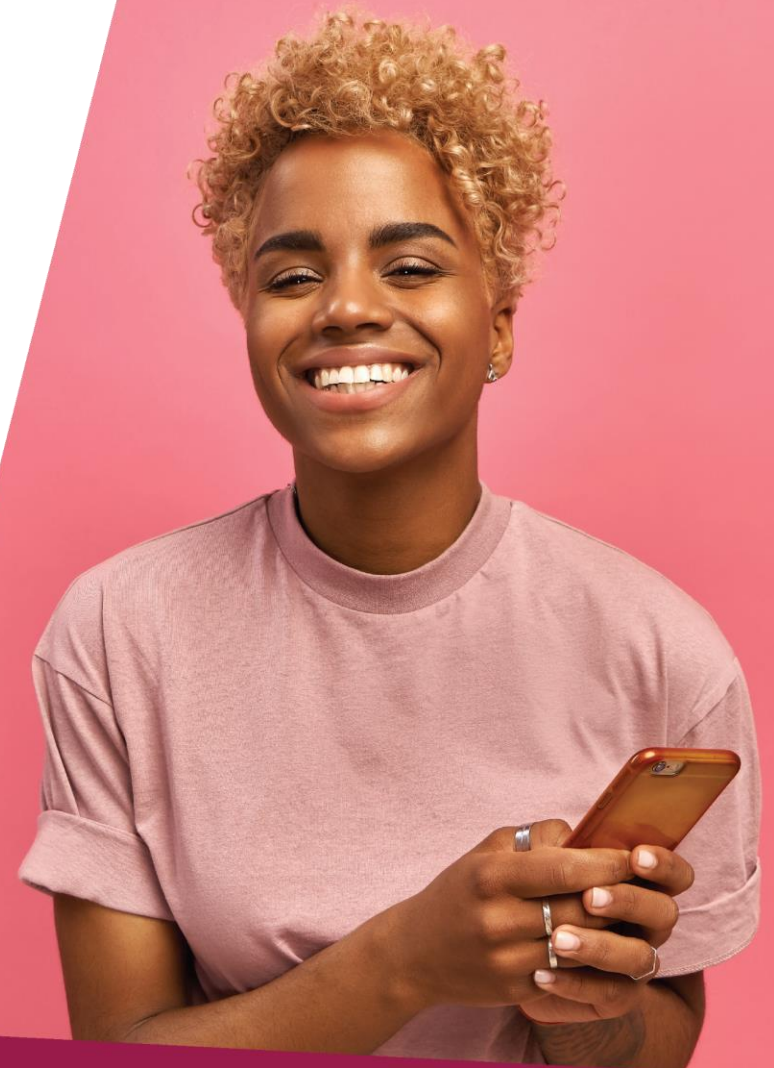
- Overlapping marginalized identities make someone much more likely to experience crime and violence. The discrepancies between supports available for individuals who do not experience marginalization and those who do are vast - the more someone is marginalized in their life, the more likely they are to face violence and crime.
- I'm sure it has some intersectional impact that I'm not qualified to speak on, but anything that makes you stand out could be used as an object of ridicule or a way to justify some form of violence, sometimes that's under individual control and other things you're born with.
- No affect (2)

Results

How much does the feeling of safety impact your decision to live in St. John's?

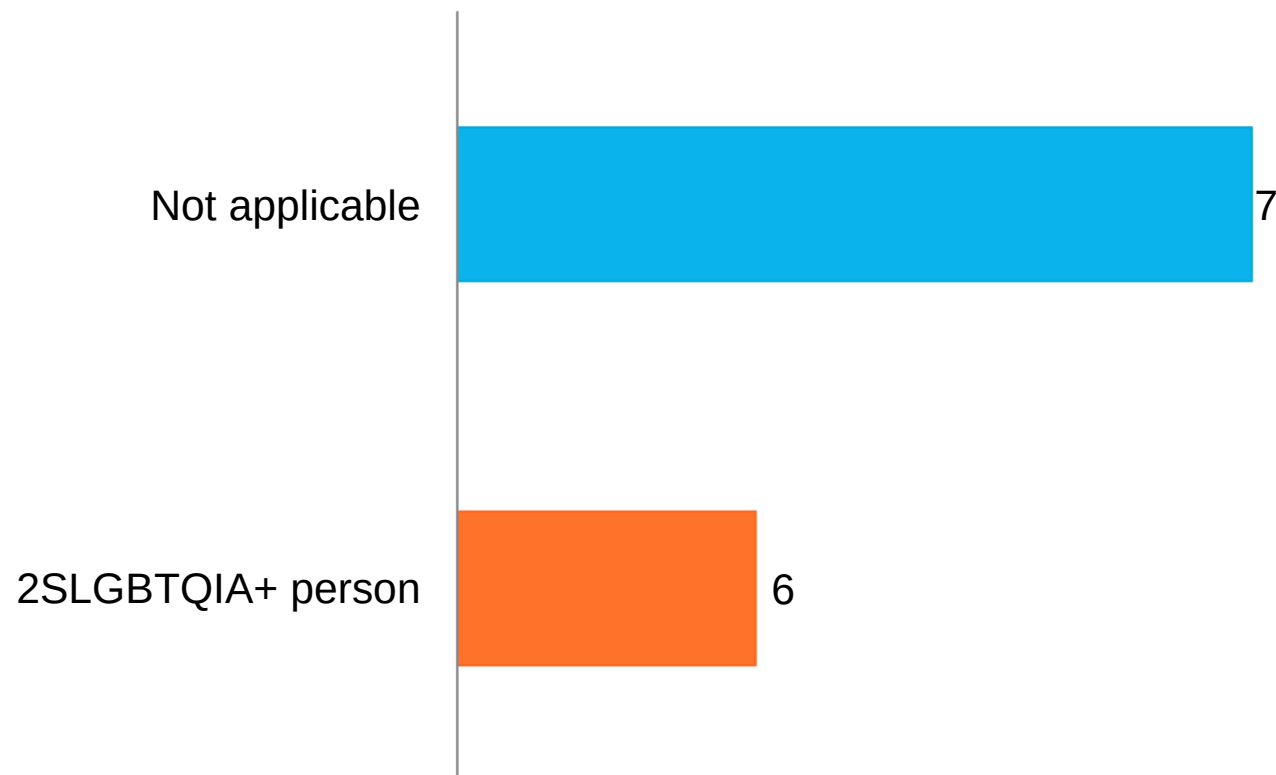


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Do you identify as any of the following? Check all that apply



- Smaller number of respondents identified as person with disability(ies), newcomer to Canada, person living in poverty or low income, and person of color/visible minority

- Respondents who identified as one or more from the list on the left reported experiencing more violence and crime in both their neighbourhood and in other parts of the City.

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Is there anything else you want to tell us about this topic? (1/2)

- The root cause is basic needs being unmet, such as access to food and housing, and systemic prejudice including racism and homophobia.
- There has been an increase of drug use in the downtown area.
- I wish there weren't as many homeless and intoxicated people downtown.
- The city is walkable and I have to change my routes to avoid crime.
- Lack of police presence/response. (2)
- Poorly lit roads makes it harder to walk at night.
- Crime has increased in St. John's and the surrounding areas. I believe a lot of it has to do with poverty and drugs, so if there's ways to help mitigate these issues, I believe things would improve.

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Is there anything else you want to tell us about this topic? (2/2)

- Defund law enforcement agencies, stop creating task forces, and stop hiring consultants! We need immediate solutions to address the housing crisis, and to implement harm reduction strategies for those who use drugs - both of which make individuals more likely to become involved with or impacted by violence or crime. City funding should be spent on immediate action that will drive real change, not on theoretical models or on discussion forums where folks other than those who are being marginalized are driving the conversation.
- Individuals need to rehabilitate and reintegrate as non-harmful members of society. I don't believe that vulnerable sections of the population need to live in fear because we keep releasing reoffenders

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More information

- Full survey results and all comments have been shared with the project team.
- To learn more about the Building Safer Communities project and review the What We Heard from all public engagement activities when released, visit the [project page](#).

