

Public Survey Results September 2022

Policing legitimacy

Source: Curia Market Research Police Poll September 2022
Sample: Random selection from 10,000 nationwide phone numbers. 860 adult respondents; phone (500) or via Internet panel (360). 200 Māori respondents (boosted). Results weighted to reflect adult population (age, gender, ethnicity, area). Maximum sampling error +/- 3.3% at 95% confidence level.

DIRECTION

Overall, do you think New Zealand Police as an organisation is heading in the right direction?



55% (-3% from Mar) of respondents said the Police are heading in the right direction and 19% (-2%) disagreed for a net positive direction of +36% (-1%).

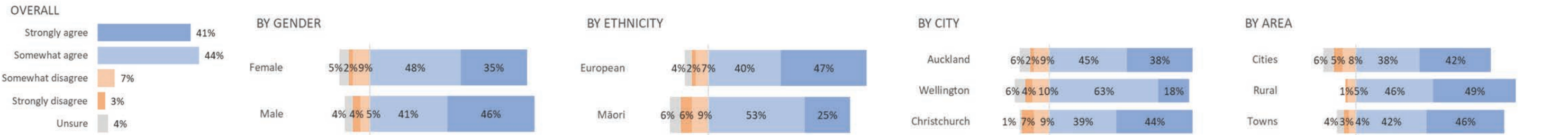
FEEL SAFE

How do you currently feel in terms of being safe from crime or victimisation, compared to recent years?



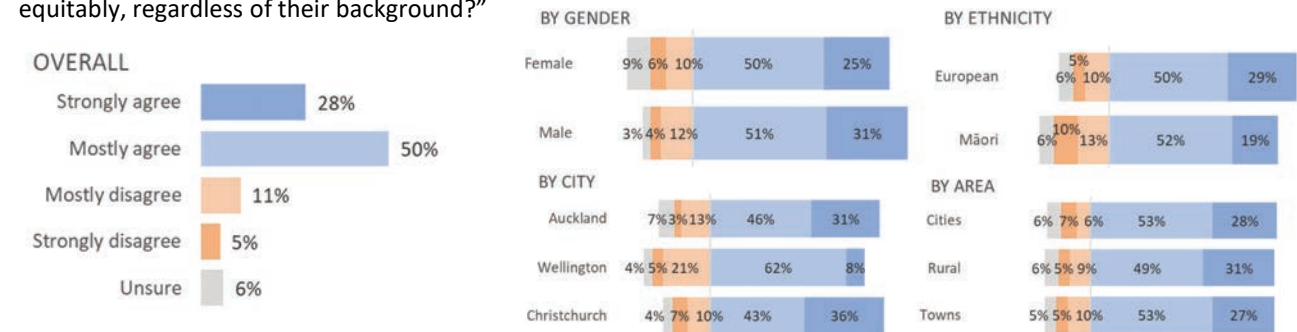
RESPECT & EMPATHY

Which of the following best describes your level of agreement with the statement, “In general, NZ police officers are respectful and empathetic in dealing with the public”?



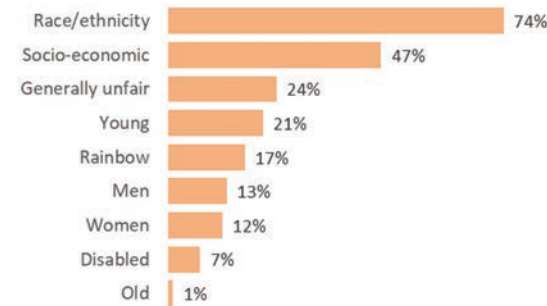
FAIR & EQUITABLE

Which of the following best describes your level of agreement with the statement, “In general, NZ Police treat people fairly and equitably, regardless of their background?”



Of the 16% who ‘mostly’ or ‘strongly’ disagreed:

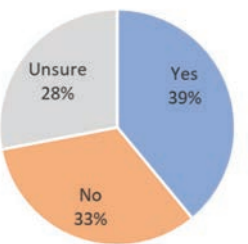
Most commonly mentioned



Does your response stem from personal experience, experiences of others you know or from things you have observed?



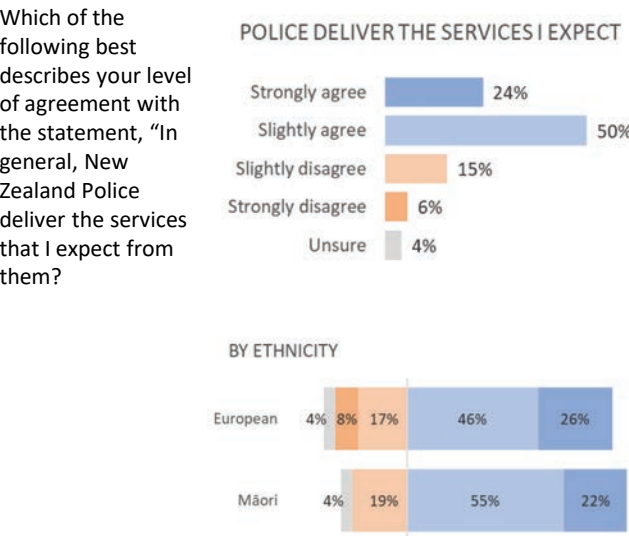
Do you believe Police, as an organisation, are genuinely striving to ensure the delivery of fair and equitable services to all?



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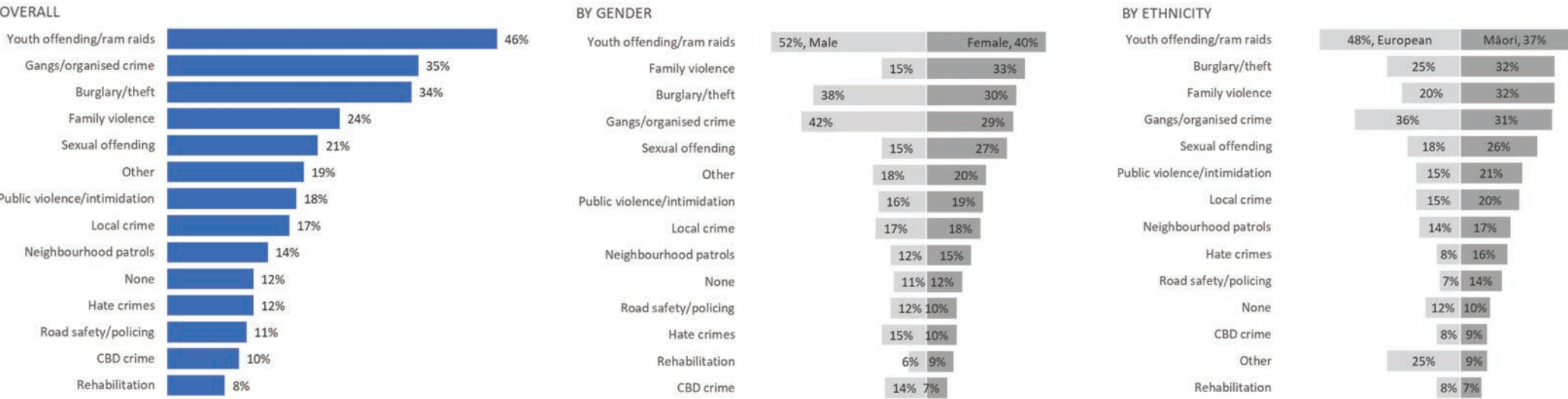


SERVICE EXPECTATION



MORE FOCUS

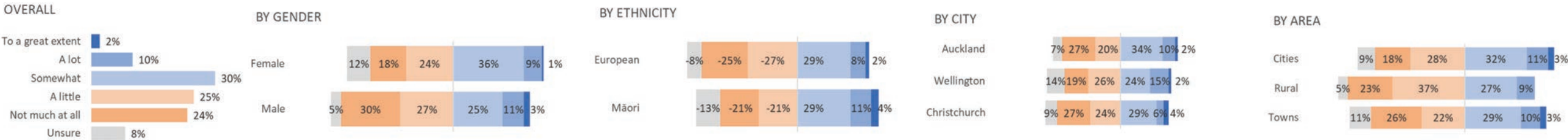
Are there any particular areas you would like the Police to have more of a focus on? (tick up to three)



CRIME

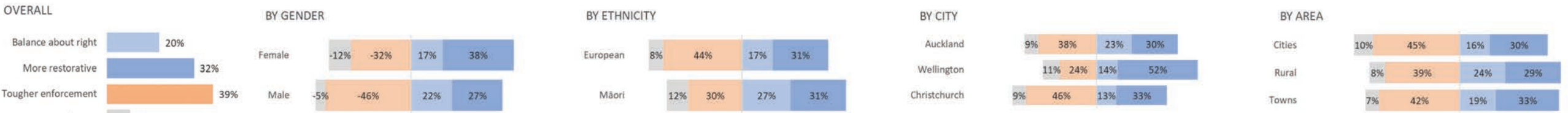
GANG ISSUES

To what extent do you feel Police are currently making a difference with its efforts to target and reduce gang violence?



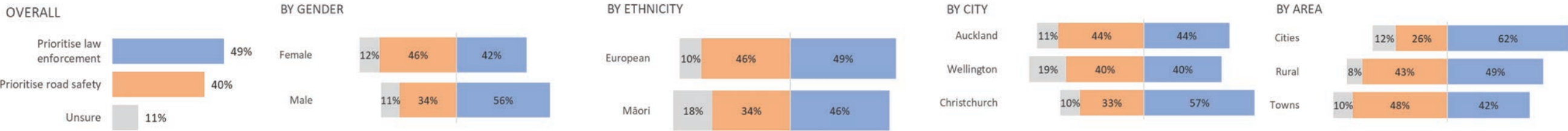
LOW LEVEL OFFENDING

Do you consider that in dealing with lower level offenders, NZ Police generally should take a more restorative, prevention-focused approach, or should take a tougher enforcement approach, or has the balance about right?



FLEEING DRIVERS

In deciding whether to pursue a fleeing driver, there are significant risks and trade-offs: a pursuit is more likely to result in an apprehension, but also heightens the risk of serious injury to those in the vehicle, or other motorists on the road. These risks cannot always be known in advance. Do you think when a signalled driver flees from Police, officers should generally:



Prioritise law enforcement, and pursue the vehicle unless it is deemed particularly high risk
Prioritise road safety, and only enter a pursuit in exceptional circumstances