

# 2019 Portland Community Policing Survey

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# About DHM Research

- Independent and nonpartisan public opinion research firm
- Based in Portland
- Research community issues for four decades
- Conducted the 2015 and 2016 police surveys

# Today's objectives

- High-level review of the preliminary findings from the 2019 Portland police survey
  - Performance evaluation
  - Mental health
  - Police/community interactions
  - Use of force
  
- Listen to your questions and concerns

# Survey methodology

- Benchmark community survey of community perceptions of the Portland Police
- Survey invitations sent to 6,500 randomly selected households
  - Resident with the closest birthday asked to participate
- Four mailed invitations
  - Two letters with paper survey, two reminder postcards
  - Each participant had a unique identification number to ensure only one response per household
- Option to complete the survey online or return paper survey in postage-paid envelope

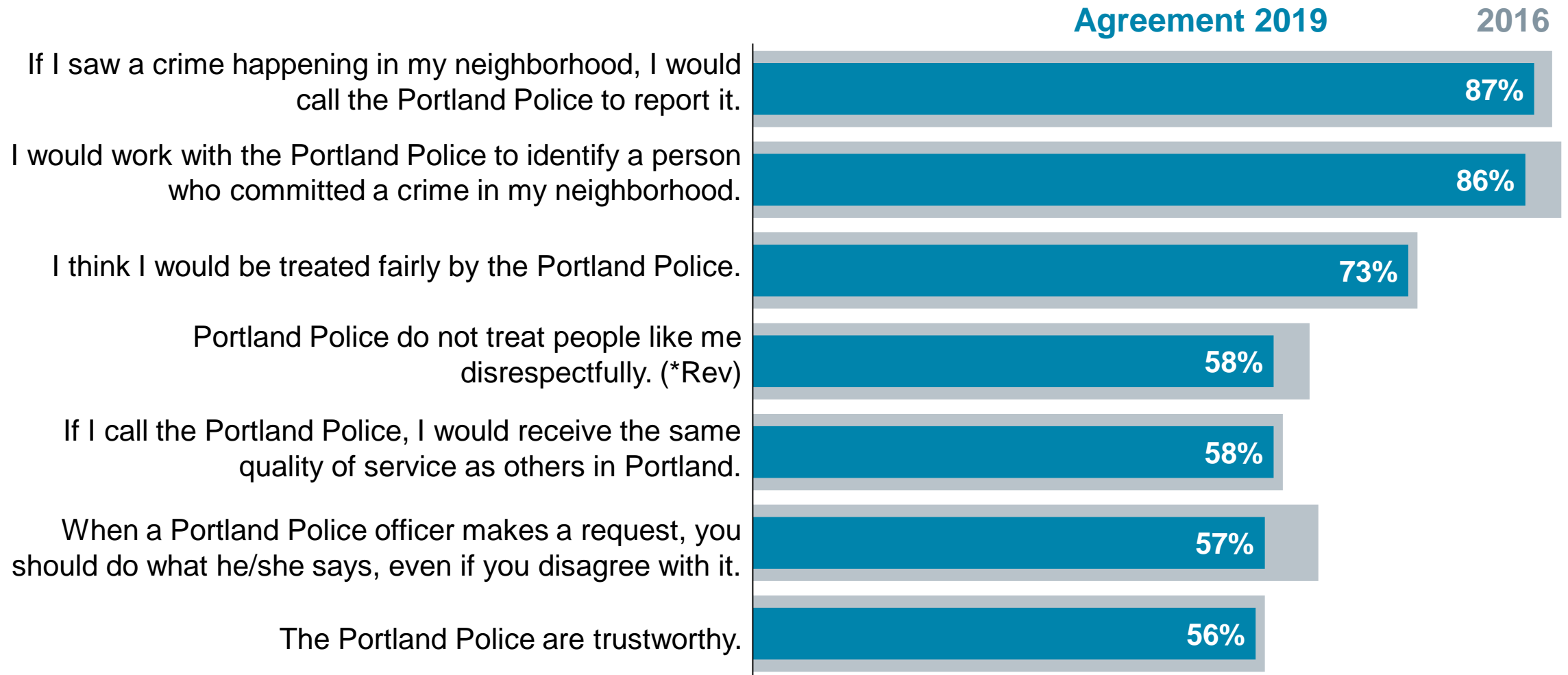
# Survey methodology

- 1,380 returned surveys
  - 21% response rate
- Results statistically weighted by gender, age, race and area of the city to match the demographic profile of Portland
  - Final report includes both weighted and unweighted results
- $\pm 2.6\%$  margin of error

# Performance evaluations

- Top marks for *fighting crime*
- Ratings less positive in 2019

# Portland Police rated highest on fighting crime

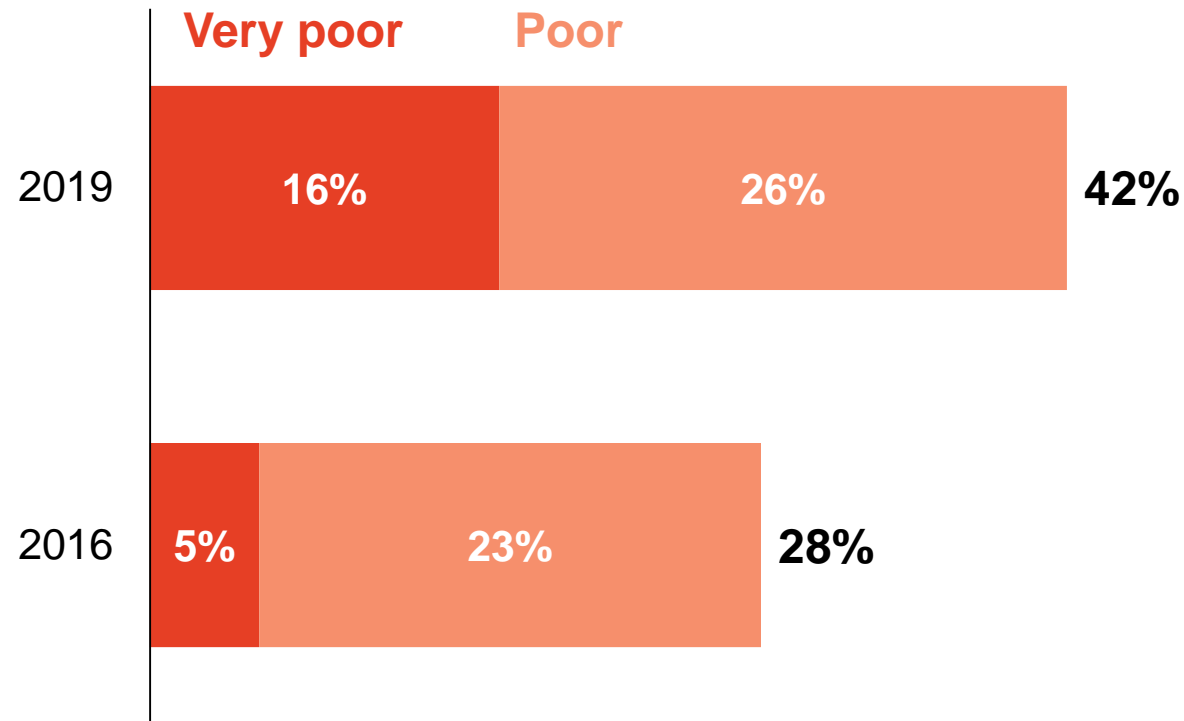


# Mental health

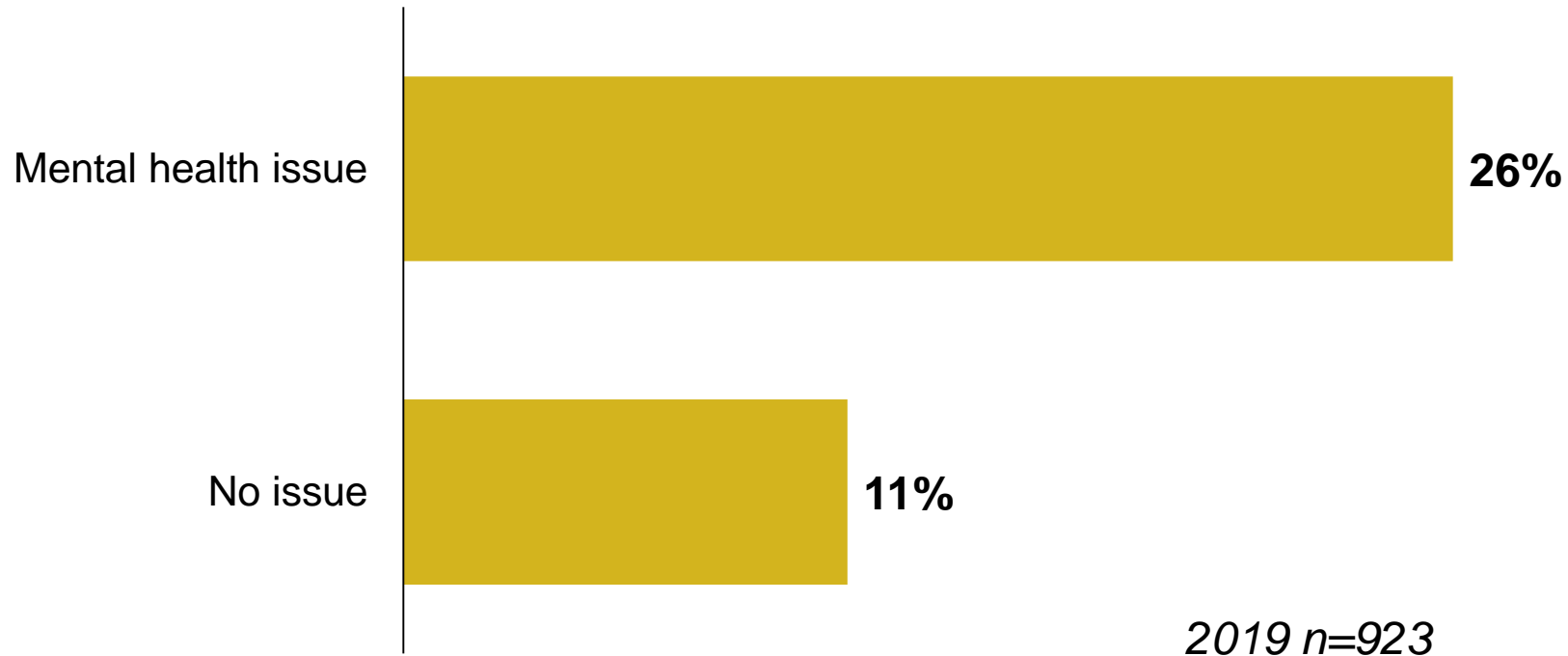
- Residents have concerns about how the police treat those with mental health conditions
- Residents with mental health conditions have heightened concerns about potential stereotyping



# 42% believe the Portland Police Bureau does a poor or very poor job responding to mental health issues; concerns have risen since 2016



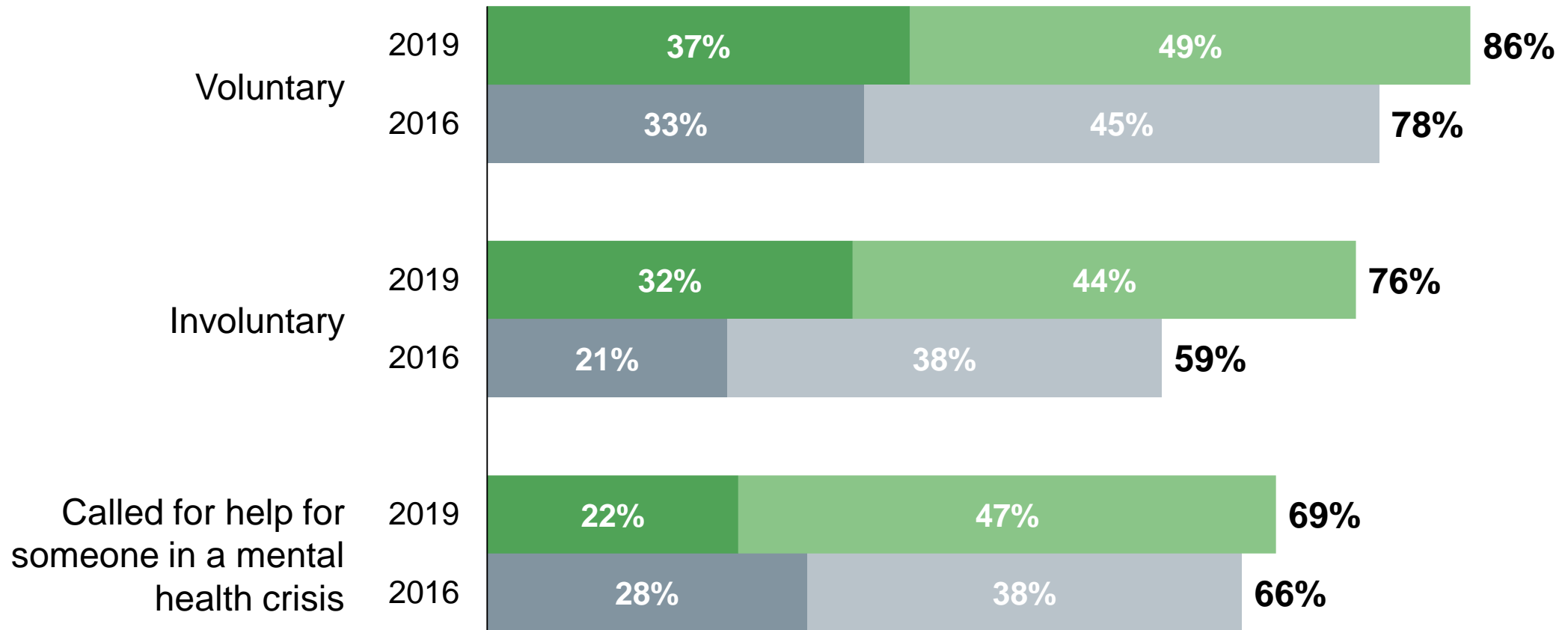
# One in four residents with a mental health condition worry that Portland Police may stereotype them because of their condition



# Police/community interactions

- Satisfaction with police interaction has risen

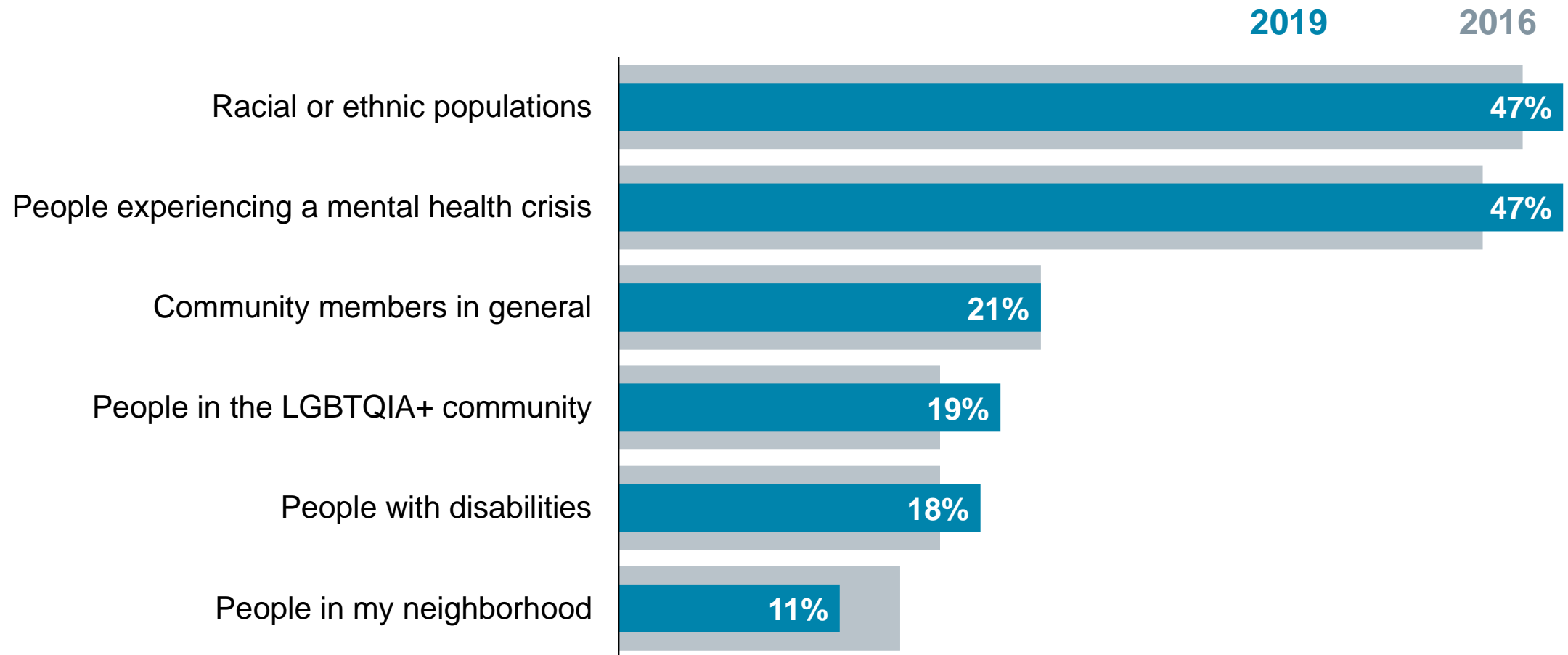
# Satisfaction with police interaction has gone up



# Use of force

- Concerns exist that excessive force is used against people experiencing mental health crises and minority populations
- Level of concern similar to 2016

# Residents are most concerned about the level of force used when dealing with those experiencing a mental health crisis or people of color





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