

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Levy



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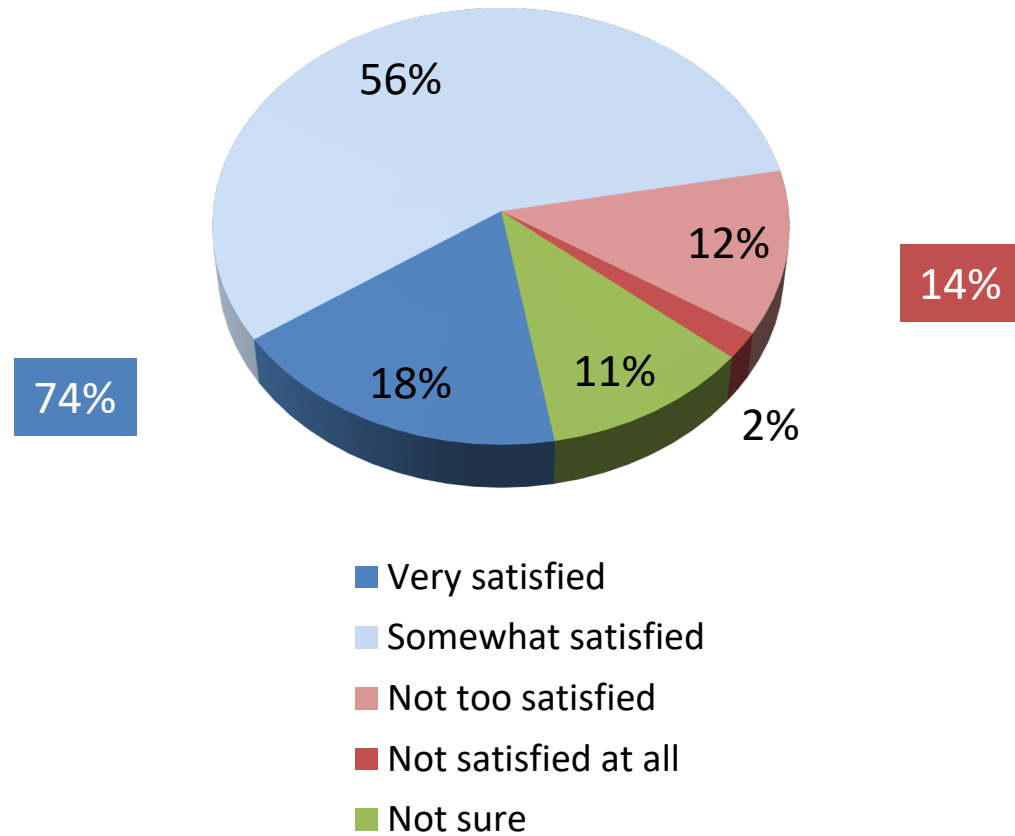


- **A survey of 400 likely voters in Clackamas County was conducted by telephone using professional interviewers.**
- **A voter file sample was used and the poll universe was diminished to reflect a May 2021 likely electorate.**
- **Interviews were conducted January 12th-15th, 2021.**
- **The margin of error for the sample as a whole is plus or minus 4.9 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.**
- **Throughout this report we refer to “younger” and “older” voters. Younger voters are under age 50 and older voters are age 50 and up.**
- **Regional definitions are as follows:**
 - Mt. Hood/South County: Brightwood, Government Camp, Rhododendron, Sandy, Welches, Aurora, Canby, Hubbard, Molalla
 - East Metro: Clackamas, Damascus, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Milwaukie, Oak Grove
 - West Metro: Lake Oswego, Marylhurst, West Linn, Wilsonville
 - Rural Central: Beaver Creek, Boring, Colton, Eagle Creek, Estacada, Mulino, Oregon City



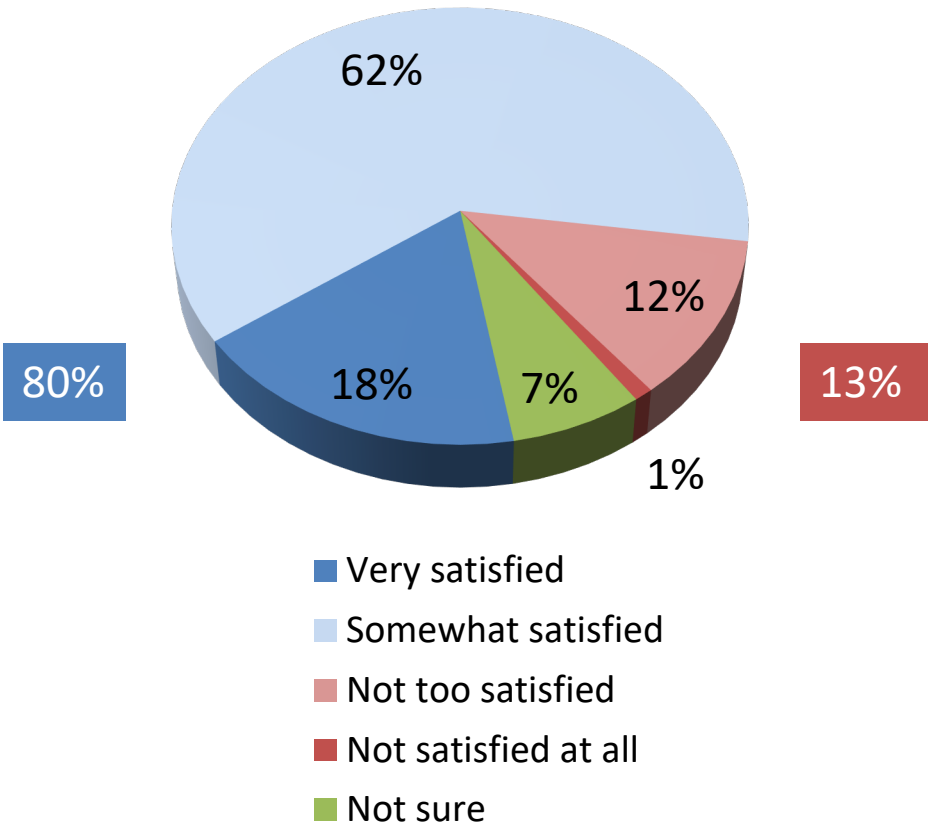
The Lay of the Land

Overall, Clackamas County voters are satisfied with how their tax dollars are being spent



How satisfied are you with how Clackamas County government spends the tax dollars it receives?

Eight-in-10 are satisfied with the quality of service provided by the Sheriff's Office

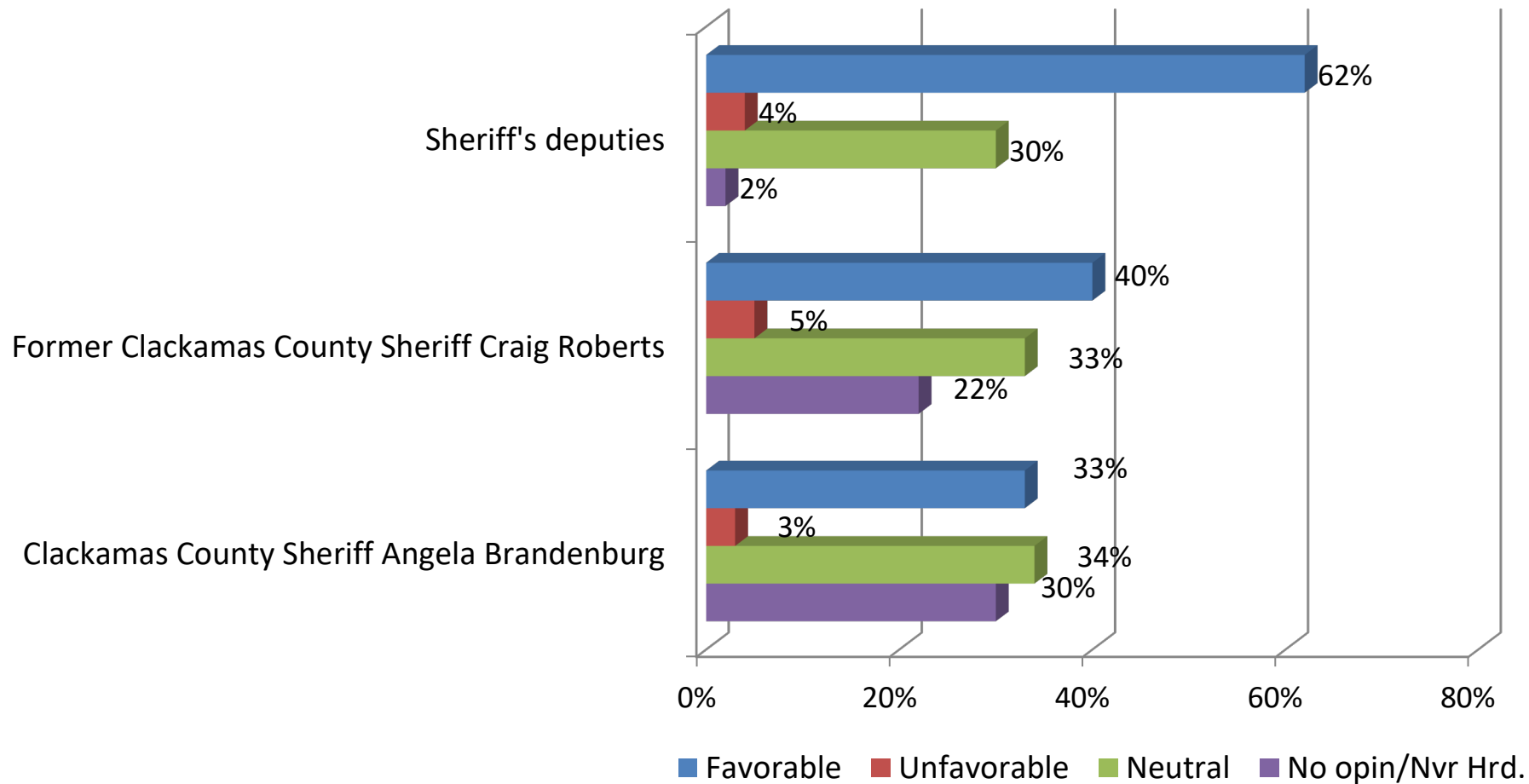


How satisfied are you with the quality of service provided by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office?

Sheriff's deputies are *extremely popular*



Both Sheriff Brandenburg and former Sheriff Roberts are also viewed favorably in the community.



Favorability ratings

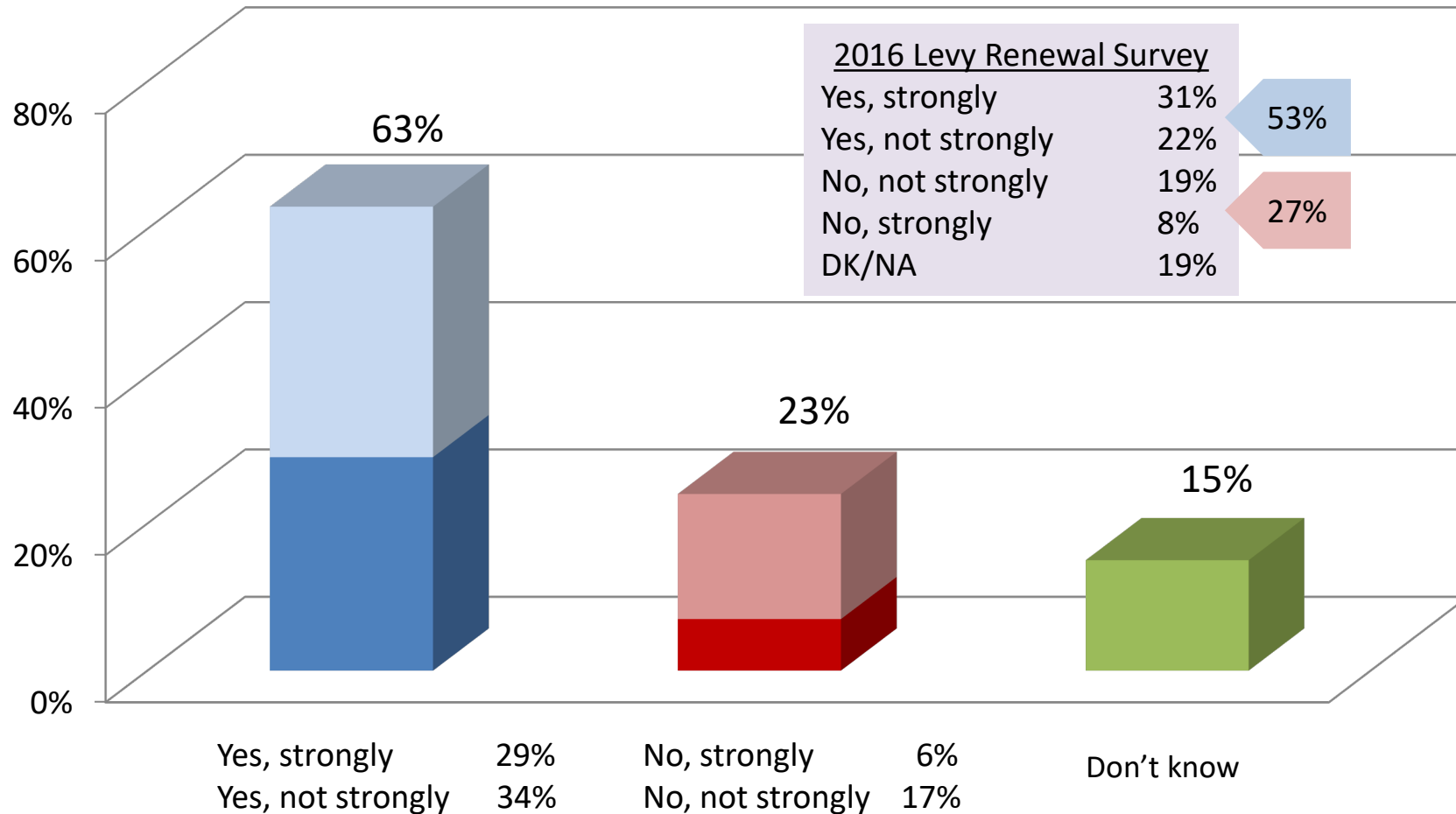


Building a Popular Levy

Ballot language for a \$0.12 levy increase garners support from six-in-10



While there's work to be done consolidating strong support the levy increase starts out in a better position than the renewal did in June of 2016. Opposition to the levy is muted.



The Clackamas County Commission is considering placing a five-year levy for public safety services on the ballot this May. The measure would read:

“Clackamas County Sheriff’s Levy for Deputies and Public Safety. Shall County fund safety programs, deputies, jail beds; levy 37 cents per one thousand dollars assessed value for five years beginning 2022 to 2027?”

If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this public safety levy?

Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Levy options tested:



\$0.12 Increase

- The levy we just discussed that would increase the existing Clackamas County public safety levy by 12 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value. It would protect current services, add 36 full time positions including sheriff's deputies and detectives, and fund the implementation and ongoing operation of a body camera program to increase officer accountability and safety. It would also pay to open an additional 26 mental health beds in the county jail. This levy will cost the average homeowner an additional two dollars and 29 cents per month

\$0.10 Increase

- A levy that would increase the existing Clackamas County public safety levy by 10 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value. It would protect current services, add 30 full time positions including sheriff's deputies and detectives, and fund the implementation and ongoing operation of a body camera program to increase officer accountability and safety. It would also pay to open an additional 26 mental health beds in the county jail. This levy will cost the average homeowner an additional two dollars and eight cents per month

\$0.08 Increase

- A levy that would increase the existing Clackamas County public safety levy by 8 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value. It would protect current services, add 22 full time positions including sheriff's deputies and detectives, and fund the implementation and ongoing operation of a body camera program to increase officer accountability and safety. It would also pay to open an additional 26 mental health beds in the county jail. This levy will cost the average homeowner an additional one dollar and 16 cents per month

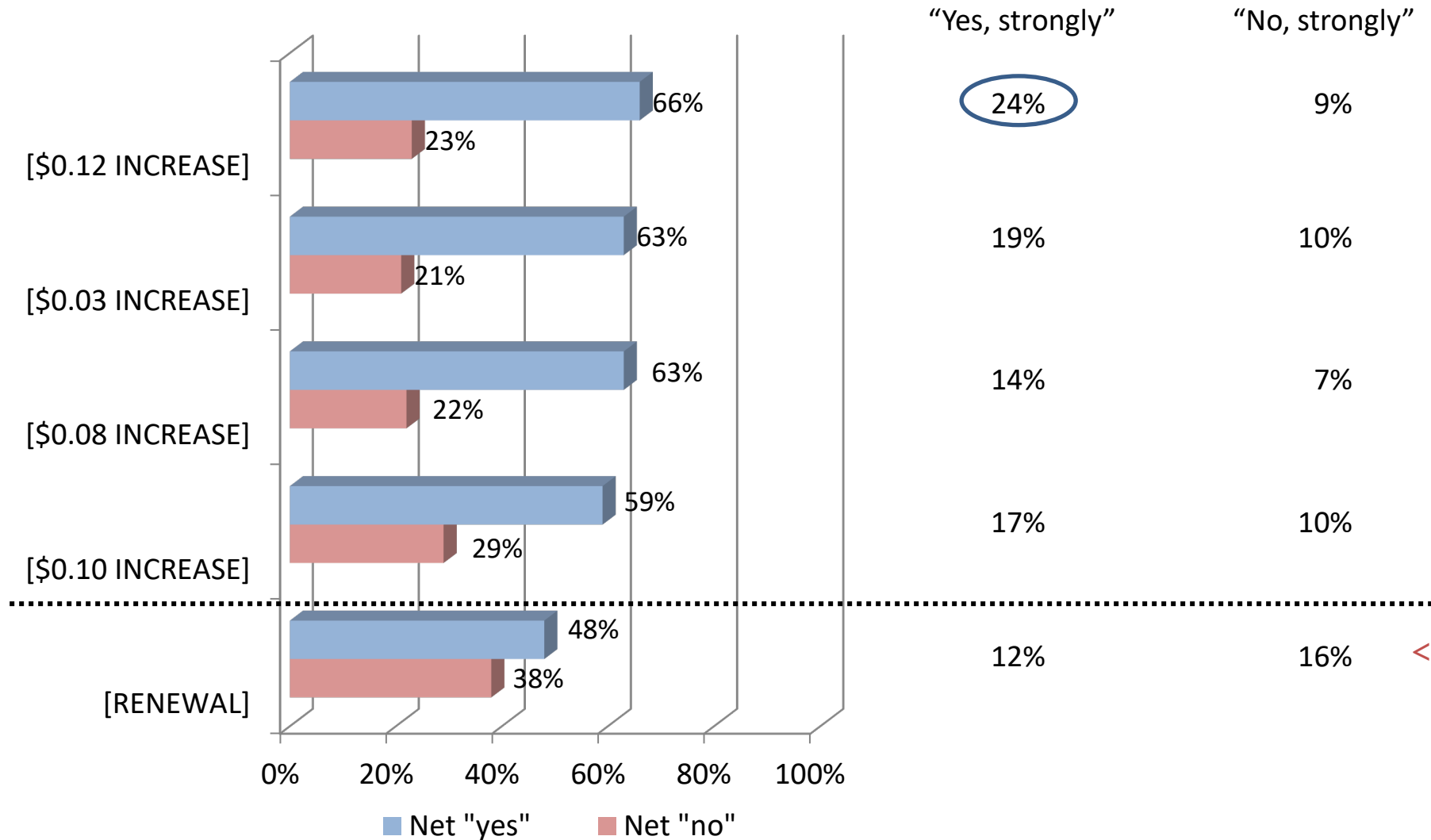
\$0.03 Increase

- A levy that would increase the existing Clackamas County public safety levy by 3 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value and would pay to maintain Clackamas County Sheriff Public safety services at their current level. This levy will cost the average homeowner an additional 62 cents per month

Renewal

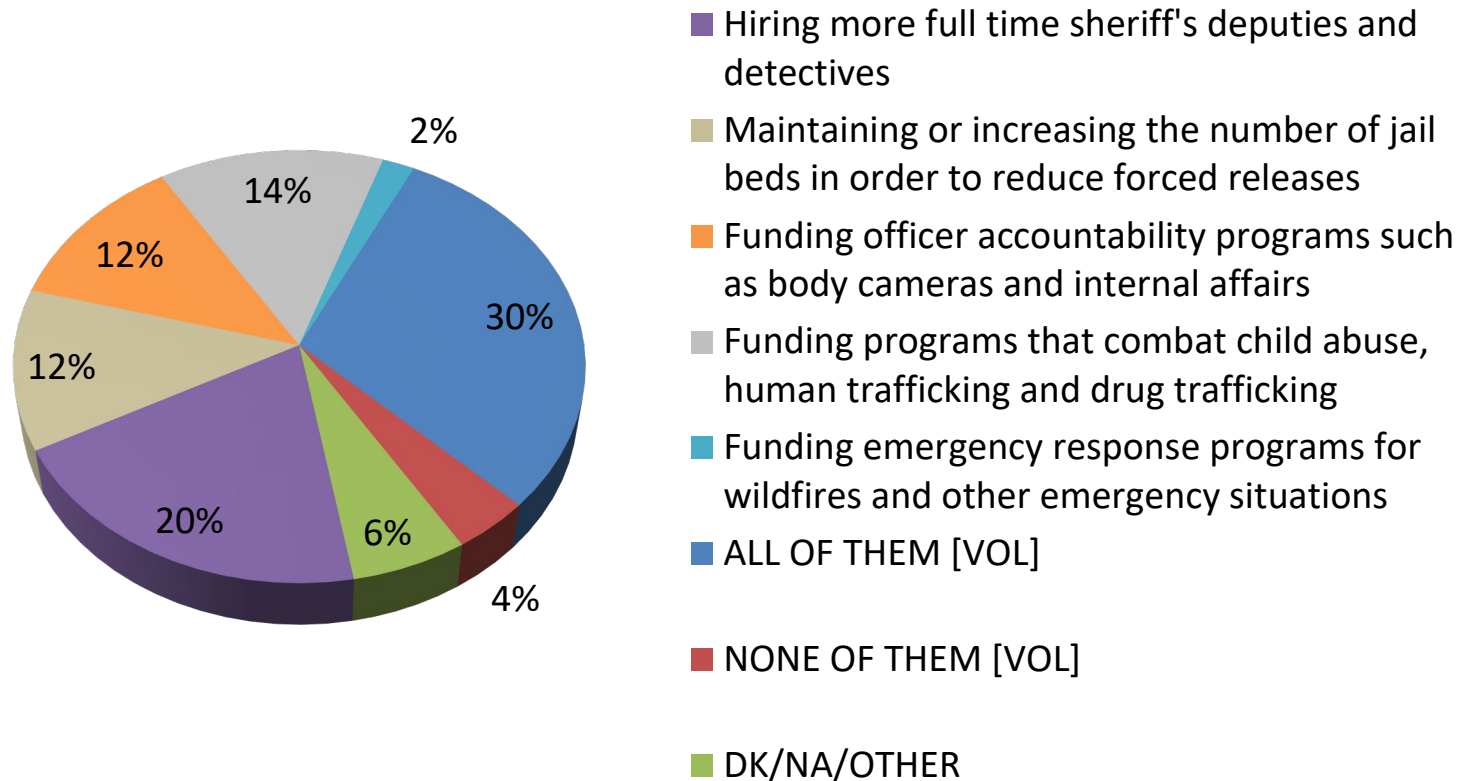
- A levy that would maintain the current property tax rate but would decrease existing public safety services. The Clackamas County Sheriff's office would need to eliminate 12 full time positions including sheriff's deputies and detectives and would need to close 146 existing jail beds. This levy would not increase property tax rates for the average homeowner

The \$0.12 increase receives the highest levels of support



< The pure renewal (and corresponding cuts to services) is the lowest testing option and the only one that drops below the 50+1 mark.

To that end, a plurality believe the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office should work to fund all services tested

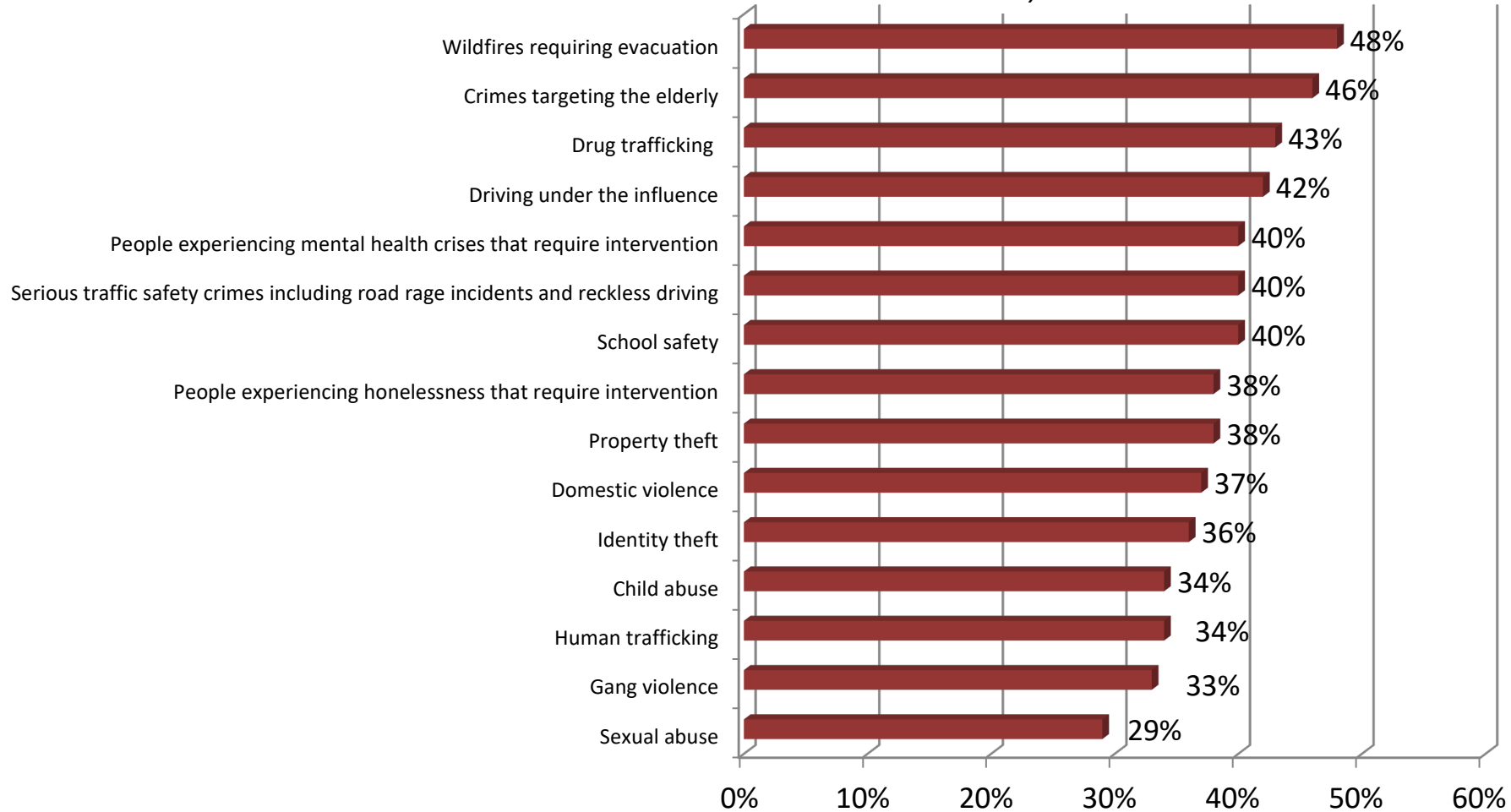


If it were up to you, which of the following items is the most important for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to focus on through this public safety local option levy?

Wildfires, crimes against seniors, drug trafficking, DUI/traffic safety, and mental health crises are crimes and public safety concerns that Clackamas County voters are most worried about



“Very worried”



I'm going to read you some types of crime and public safety issues people have said they are worried about in Clackamas County. After each, please tell me whether you are very worried about that type of crime or public safety issue, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all.