

Summary of Results (cont.)

Drug Use in the Community, In General

Tobacco

- 23.6% Not a problem
- 61.8% Somewhat of a problem
- 14.6% Severe problem

Alcohol

- 20.0% Not a problem
- 58.2% Somewhat of a problem
- 21.8% Severe problem

Ice (Crystal Methamphetamines)

- 13.0% Not a problem
- 33.3% Somewhat of a problem
- 53.7% Severe problem

Marijuana

- 14.8% Not a problem
- 64.8% Somewhat of a problem
- 20.4% Severe problem

Cocaine

- 20.4% Not a problem
- 33.3% Somewhat of a problem
- 46.3% Severe problem

Ecstasy

- 26.9% Not a problem
- 50.0% Somewhat of a problem
- 23.1% Severe problem

Summary

In general, the results of this study suggest that most individuals who responded to the survey feel safe in their community, although there may be some concern about drug use. Over the next few years, we will continue to survey different households regarding youth violence in the community.

Summary (cont.)

The survey will continue to explore assets and challenges faced by the community and the needs of community members. We will also seek out a larger proportion of Waimānalo households.

Again, thank you for your participation and help in making your community a better place.

Sincerely,

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Kailua-Waimānalo Safe Community Survey



Summary of Results 2006



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Aloha,
Several months ago, you were asked to take a survey that asked you about your community.

During that time, you also asked for a copy of our aggregate results of that survey. We would like to thank you for your participation in that survey.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study was to obtain the perceptions, attitudes, and beliefs about community safety and youth violence or delinquency in your community. Provided in this brochure is a brief summary of some of the responses provided by individuals who chose to participate in the survey.

Response Rates

Based on a random sample of households in the communities, we sent out 140 survey packets to residents in Kailua. Of those, 47 (33.6%) returned a survey, and 33 (23.6%) directly declined to participate in the survey.

We sent out 20 survey packets to residents in Waimānalo. Of those, 9 (45.0%) returned a survey, and 3 (15.0%) directly declined to participate in the survey.

In total, we received 56 (35.0%) surveys back from both communities.

Demographics

37 (80.4%) said they were the ones filling out the survey with the closest birthday in the household and 9 (19.6%) said they were not the one with the closest birthday.

26 (47.3%) males and 29 (52.7%) females participated.

The mean age of participants was 53.6 years old. The age of individuals who filled out the survey ranged from 22 to 77 years old.

The average household size was 3.1 people, ranging from 1 person to 8 people in the household.

The ethnic breakdown of participants were as follows:
27 (49.1%) Caucasian
3 (23.6%) Asian (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Filipino)
10 (18.2%) Hawaiian (indicating part-Hawaiian)
5 (9.1%) Mixed/Other ethnicities

Results

Perceptions about the Community

I feel safe in the community I live in.
88.9% either agree or strongly agree.
11.1% either disagree or strongly disagree.

I feel safe walking down the street in my community during the day.
92.7% either agree or strongly agree.
7.3% either disagree or strongly disagree.

I feel safe walking down the street in my community at night.
74.5% either agree or strongly agree.
25.5% either disagree or strongly disagree.

I think youth violence/delinquency is a problem in my area.
34.5% either agree or strongly agree.
63.5% either disagree or strongly disagree.

My neighborhood has a bad reputation.
10.9% either agree or strongly agree.
89.1% either disagree or strongly disagree.

If I could live somewhere else I would.
13.0% either agree or strongly agree.
87.0% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Perceptions of Problems in the Community Regarding YOUTH

Vandalism
56.4% either agree or strongly agree.
43.6% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Gangs
17.3% either agree or strongly agree.
80.7% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Gang violence
11.5% agree.
88.5% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Assault
30.2% either agree or strongly agree.
69.8% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Homicide
7.8% agree.
92.2% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Robbery
58.2% either agree or strongly agree.
41.8% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Burglary
78.2% either agree or strongly agree.
21.8% either disagree or strongly disagree.

Homelessness
48.1% either agree or strongly agree.
51.9% either disagree or strongly disagree.