

## Greater Grand Rapids Crime and Public Safety Community Survey - March 2022

### Key Findings:

1. Fighting crime, improving public education, and reducing homelessness are seen as the most pressing priorities by a strong majority of residents in Grand Rapids and the Greater Grand Rapids area.
2. A majority are concerned about crime in their community. These concerns are primarily driven by violent crime, though rising homelessness is a significant concern.
3. A majority of voters across the region are opposed to police budget cuts, this includes every ward of the city.
4. There is strong support for increased police funding to combat crime and a desire to address the root causes of crime, as well as increase and improve community engagement.

### Results (% of respondents):

#### **Grand Rapids (GR) & Greater Grand Rapids (GrGR) Priorities:**

	Top Priority		Important		Lower Priority		Not a Priority at All		DK/Refused	
	GR	GrGR	GR	GrGR	GR	GrGR	GR	GrGR	GR	GrGR
Reducing Homelessness	60	74	31	19	4	4	4	2	0	1
Improving public education and repairing damage from school closure	72	72	19	21	7	5	2	2	1	1
Fighting crime, reducing violent crime rates, keeping neighborhoods safe	69	52	22	36	8	5	1	5	0	2
Making housing costs more affordable	64	53	24	29	6	6	5	5	0	1
Restoring the rapids and creating more outdoor recreational activities	24	20	41	39	23	23	10	10	3	3
Attracting restaurants, night clubs, music and performance venues	15	10	32	31	35	35	16	16	2	2

<b>Do you believe the crime rate in GR is:</b>	<b>Decreasing</b>	<b>The Same</b>	<b>Increasing</b>	<b>Unsure/refused</b>
Grand Rapids	8	47	44	1
Greater Grand Rapids	6	44	49	2

<b>In regards to public safety in Grand Rapids, what are you most concerned with:</b>	<b>Rising Homelessness</b>	<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>Other</b>
Grand Rapids	25	53	12	8
Greater Grand Rapids	23	55	14	3

<b>Do you support or oppose the cuts to the Grand Rapids police budget and the turn down by the Grand Rapids City Commission in federal relief dollars for the Grand Rapids Police Department</b>	<b>Strongly Support</b>	<b>Somewhat Support</b>	<b>Somewhat Oppose</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>Unsure/Don't Know</b>
Grand Rapids	13	24	18	40	6
Greater Grand Rapids	6	16	15	56	7