

A SURVEY ABOUT THE POLICE

The ACLU of Wisconsin, a civil rights organization, is collecting information about police-civilian interactions. If you're willing to help us, please fill out this form. Your answers are confidential and individual answers will not be shared. Please only complete the survey once. **Thank you!**

1. Identifying Information

Your Zip Code _____

2. Attitudes about the Police

How would you describe your views of police?

Positive Mostly Positive Neutral Mostly Negative Negative N/A

How would you describe your encounters with the police?

Positive Mostly Positive Neutral Mostly Negative Negative N/A

Do Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) officers treat people in your neighborhood with respect?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

Do MPD officers in your neighborhood make you feel safe?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

Do MPD officers abuse their authority?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

3. Experience/Encounters with the Police:

How often do you see MPD officers in your neighborhood?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

Have you ever been stopped or questioned by the police? **(If no, please skip to section 4.)**

Yes No Unsure

If yes, how many times have you been stopped or questioned by police in your lifetime? _____

If yes, where were you stopped or questioned? (check all that apply)

Street Apartment building or house Bus stop Car Other _____

Of all of the times you have been stopped in your lifetime, what do you believe was the most common reason for the stops? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was in a "bad" neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> My sex/gender expression (how I express my gender identity/sexual orientation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was suspected of criminal activity | <input type="checkbox"/> My age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My race | <input type="checkbox"/> My clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying an object | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My religion | |

Have you been patted down/frisked (has a police officer ever touched your outer clothing)?

Yes No Unsure

If yes, how many times have you been patted down by MPD officers in your lifetime? _____

Have you ever been searched by a MPD officer? In other words, has a police officer ever gone through your pockets or bag?

Yes No Unsure

Have you been asked by the MPD officer to consent to being searched? Yes No Unsure

Has a police officer ever searched your cellphone messages or history? Yes No Unsure

How recently have you been stopped, questioned, frisked or searched by police officers? _____

Were you ever, in your opinion, treated inappropriately (physically or verbally) by a police officer? (This includes being threatened or called out of name.)

Yes No Unsure

If yes, in what way was the treatment inappropriate?

- ____ Inappropriate use of force (push, shove, or hit)
- ____ Verbal abuse (yell, curse or insult)
- ____ Illegal stop or search (no reason to stop or search)
- ____ Inappropriate sexual comments or contact
- ____ Other _____

How many times did these incidents occur? _____

4. School Safety

Do you/did you attend a Milwaukee public school in the past 15 years? Yes No (Skip to section 5.)

What school do you/did you attend? _____

Were there police/school safety officers in your school? Yes No Unsure

If yes, were you ever patted down or had your person searched by police/school safety in your school?

Yes No Unsure

Have you ever been handcuffed or arrested by the police/school safety?

Yes No Unsure

How many times have you witnessed someone being handcuffed or arrested in school? _____

Do you think that the police in your school treat you respectfully?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

5. Willingness to Engage with Police

Do you feel comfortable talking with the police?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

Explain why/why not: _____

Would you voluntarily help with a police investigation?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

Explain why/why not: _____

Would you call the police if you needed help?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

Explain why/why not: _____

Do you believe calling the police will make a situation better?

Always Almost Always Sometimes Almost Never Never N/A

How many times have you witnessed someone being handcuffed or arrested? _____

Have you ever witnessed a crime and reported it? Yes No Unsure

Have you ever witnessed a crime and did not report it? Yes No Unsure

If yes, why didn't you report the crime? _____

6. Knowledge of Police and Oversight

Have you ever filed a complaint against the police? Yes No Unsure

If yes, why, and what was the outcome? _____

Do you think filing a complaint against the police is effective? Yes No Unsure

Have you had other encounters with the police that you would like to share?

If you had the ability to change the way the MPD operated, what changes would you make?

7. Additional Information

In what year were you born? _____

Race:

____ Black or African American ____ White ____ Latino/Latina or Hispanic
____ Afro Caribbean ____ Middle Eastern ____ Asian, South Asian or Pacific Islander
____ Native American or American Indian, Alaskan Native ____ Other _____

Gender:

____ Male ____ Female ____ ()

Sexual Orientation:

____ Gay ____ Lesbian ____ Straight
____ Bisexual ____ Unsure ____ Other _____

Were you born in this country? Yes No Prefer not to answer

You do not have to provide your name or any contact information, but we'd like to be able to contact you with questions. If you would like to file a request for legal assistance please fill out our online form at www.ACLU-WI.org or call (414) 272-4032 x214. **Please complete this survey only once.**

Name _____

Contact information _____

Please return this survey to: ACLU of Wisconsin, 207 E. Buffalo St. Suite 325, Milwaukee WI 53202
Or complete online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MilwaukeePolice>