



Proactive Law Enforcement

Objective:

Keep people safe in their homes and communities

Strategy:

Maintain a proactive law enforcement presence in unincorporated communities and cities with whom we contract

Why is this strategy important?

King County residents value law enforcement services and rate this as a high priority, according to the 2012 King County resident survey. We all want to feel safe in our homes and communities.

King County Sheriff Deputies are deployed to maximize the safety of residents and deputies. One important tool for maximizing safety is proactive law enforcement. Proactive calls are officer responses that result from something an officer sees while on patrol as opposed to a specific call for which an officer is dispatched. Proactive law enforcement is based on the premise of police and community partnerships. Police officers work collaboratively with local residents, businesses and other service providers to integrate into the community, share information and work together to prevent crime. Proactive policing aims to reduce crime, improve community life, reduce the fear of crime, and improve police-resident relations.

How is our performance?

Over 30 percent of the King County Sheriff's Office activity in unincorporated King County is driven by proactive law enforcement. Proactive calls for the unincorporated areas of King County have decreased since 2009. It is unclear why there has been a proportional drop in proactive calls. One explanation may be that there has been a decrease in service area, due to annexations of large portions of land in King County. Additional explanation for the decrease comes from budget reductions that have affected Sheriff's Office patrol staffing. One-third (33 percent) of King County residents reported satisfaction with the extent that police are proactively solving problems. An additional 52 percent of residents felt neutral on this issue, indicating that there is an opportunity for the Sheriff's Office to explain their role and to educate and engage communities in understanding their work.

How is our performance?

Ensuring the safety of King County's 1.9 million residents is the King County Sheriff's Office top priority. In working to be an effective organization, the Sheriff's Office has a five-year strategic business plan that sets goals and measures progress toward those goals. For example, one of the organization's strategies to reduce crime and the fear of crime is to focus staffing on patrol visibility and high impact offenders. In addition, KCSO will set specific measureable goals for crime reduction, based on geographic area in the coming year. The Sheriff's Office will conduct ongoing review and

monitoring of the entire plan, from assigning accountability for strategy implementation to establishing a forum for collaborative problem-solving to address issues with strategy implementation.

Related Links

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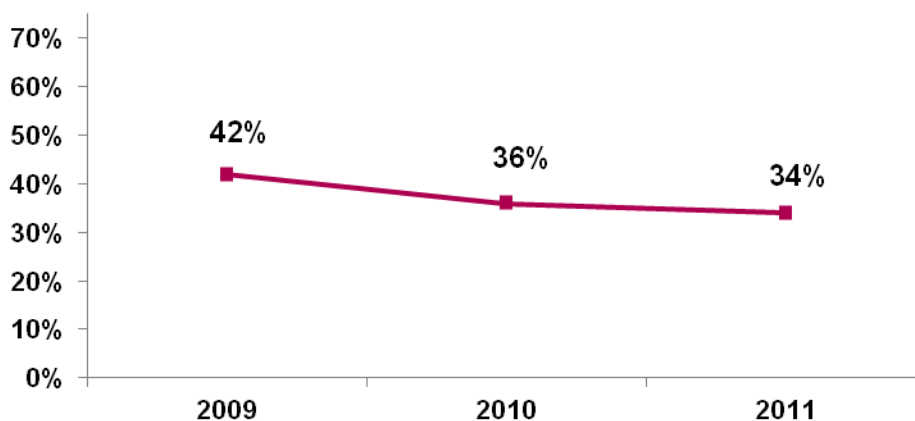
Technical Notes

The 2012 King County Resident Survey was conducted in April and May of 2012. Surveys were administered in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. Of the 3,000 households that were selected to receive the survey, 266 completed the survey by mail and 759 completed the survey by phone for a total of 1,025 completed surveys (King County's population is about 1.9 million people). There were at least 250 respondents from Seattle and 125 surveys from each of six other areas. The overall results of the survey were weighted to reflect the actual population of each of the seven geographic areas of the County. The overall results of the survey have a precision of at least +/-3.0% at the 95% level of confidence. The results for the City of Seattle have a precision of at least +/- 6.2% at the 95% level of confidence and the results for each of the other six areas have a precision of at least +/- 8.7% at the 95% level of confidence.

Proactive calls are called "On-views" and are officer responses that result from something an officer sees while on patrol as opposed to a specific call for which an officer is dispatched.

Charts and Maps

Proportion of Proactive Sheriff's Office Activity in Unincorporated King County



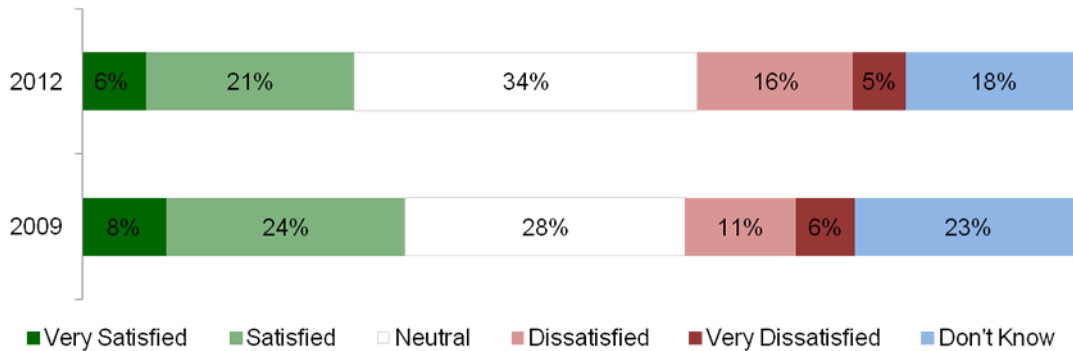
Data Source: King County Sheriff's Office

King County Sheriff's Office Calls for Service

| | Proportion of Proactive Sheriff's Office calls in Unincorporated King County | Total Calls | Proactive Calls |
|------|--|-------------|-----------------|
| 2011 | 34% | 59,209 | 20,279 |
| 2010 | 36% | 70,500 | 25,575 |
| 2009 | 42% | 87,060 | 36,778 |

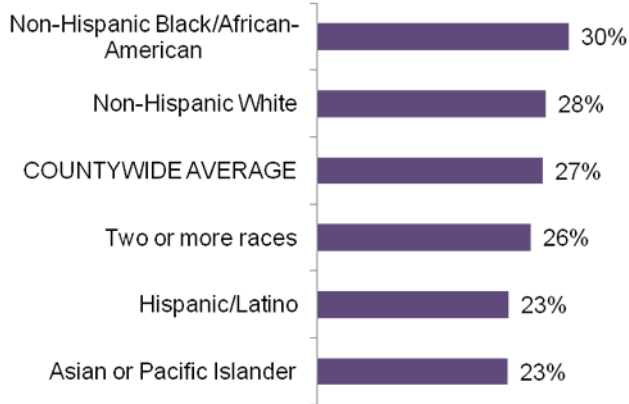
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Resident Satisfaction with Proactive Law Enforcement

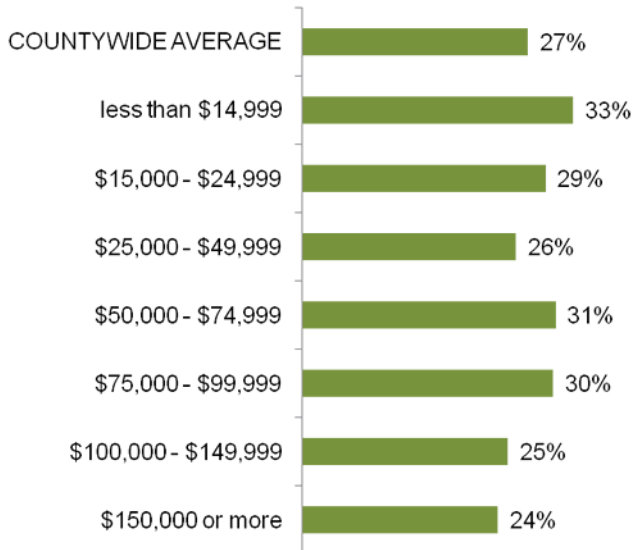


Data Source: 2012 and 2009 King County Resident Survey

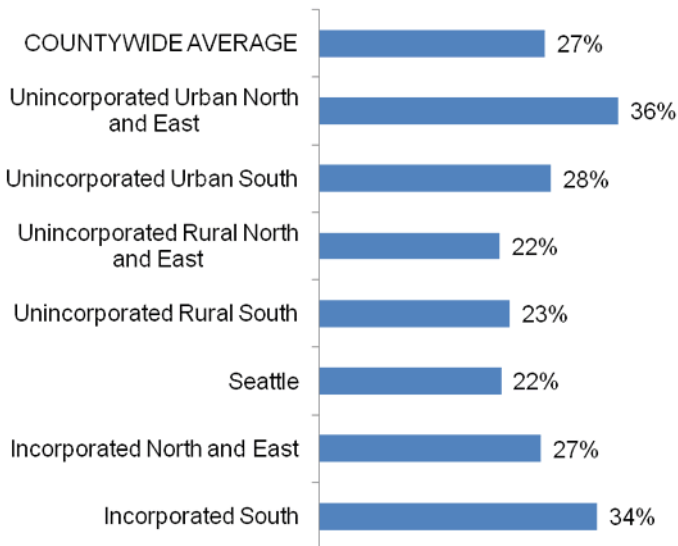
**Satisfaction with Proactive Law Enforcement
(percent of respondents satisfied or very satisfied, by ethnicity)**



**Satisfaction with Proactive Law Enforcement
(percent of respondents satisfied or very satisfied, by household income)**

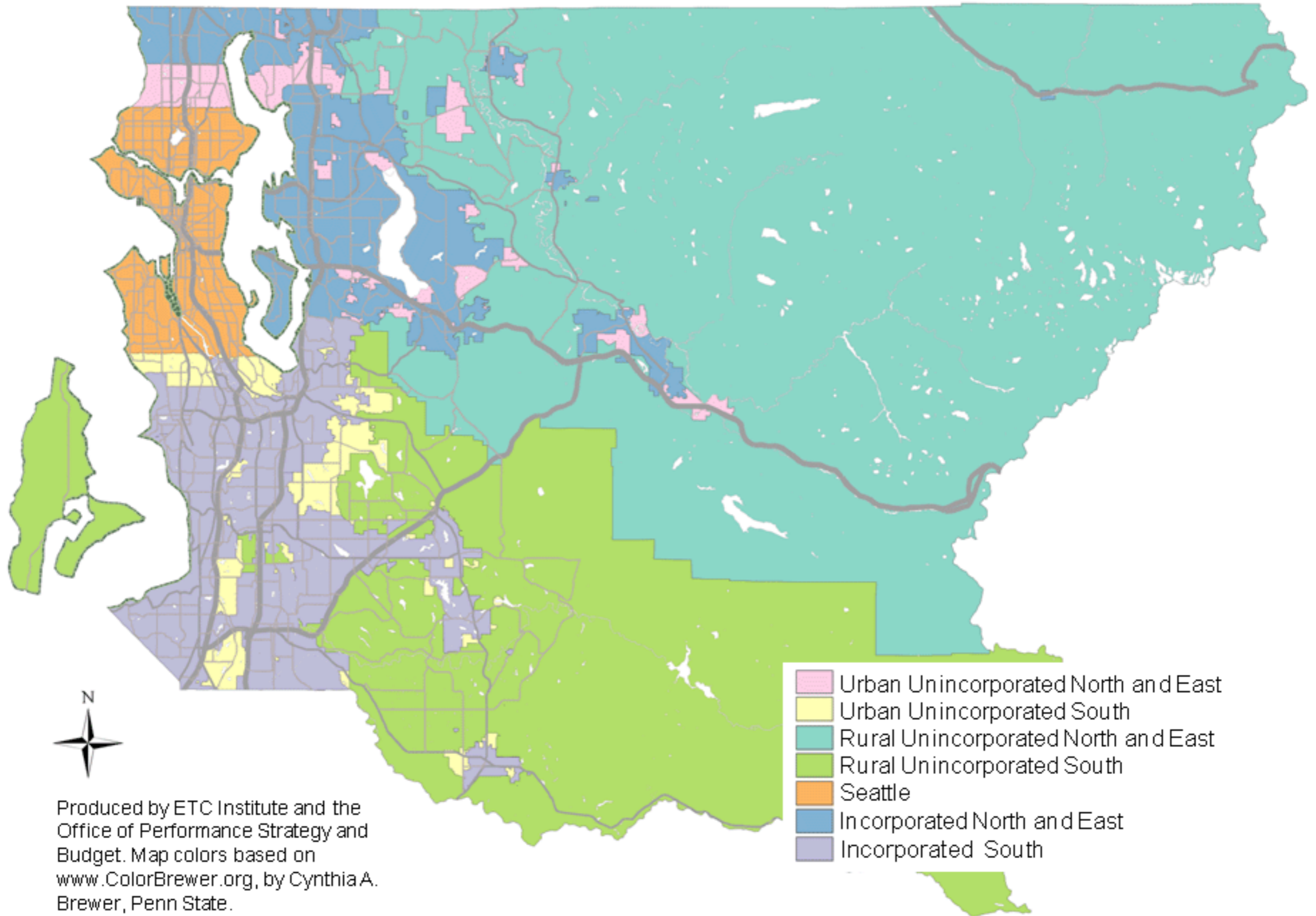


**Satisfaction with Proactive Law Enforcement
(percent of respondents satisfied or very satisfied, by geography)**



Data Source: King County Resident Survey, 2012

2012 King County Resident Survey Regions



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