

Northumbria Police Authority Building Communities, Beating Crime Area Command Report – Rural Northumberland

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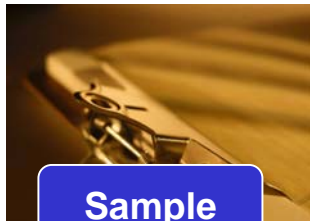
Methodology



Timeframe

Face to face survey

11th Oct '05 to 24th November '05



Sample

**Main sample
1,661**

Residents aged 18+

Split equally to ensure around 250 interviews were completed in each of the 5 Police Command Unit Area's

**Booster
259**

Guided by census information on ethnicity, 25 interviews were completed within each area except Newcastle Upon Tyne where 125 were completed which reflected census information



Questionnaire

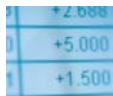
Residents were asked about the following areas:

Neighbourhood issues

Experience of crime

Police in the neighbourhood

Communication and information

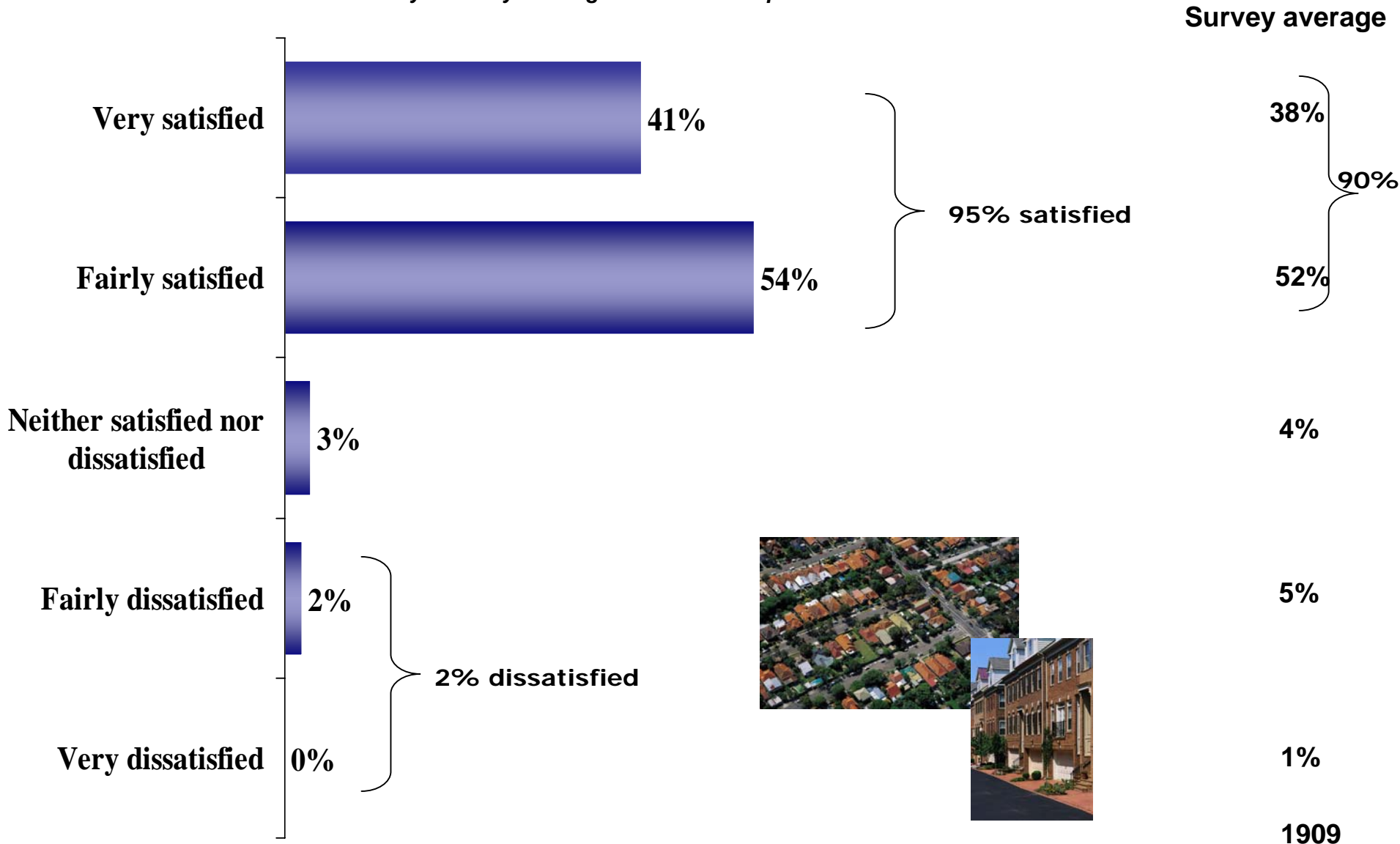


Data

Data was weighted for each ward by age, gender, economic status and ethnicity to accurately match known profile of each ward's population by these characteristics

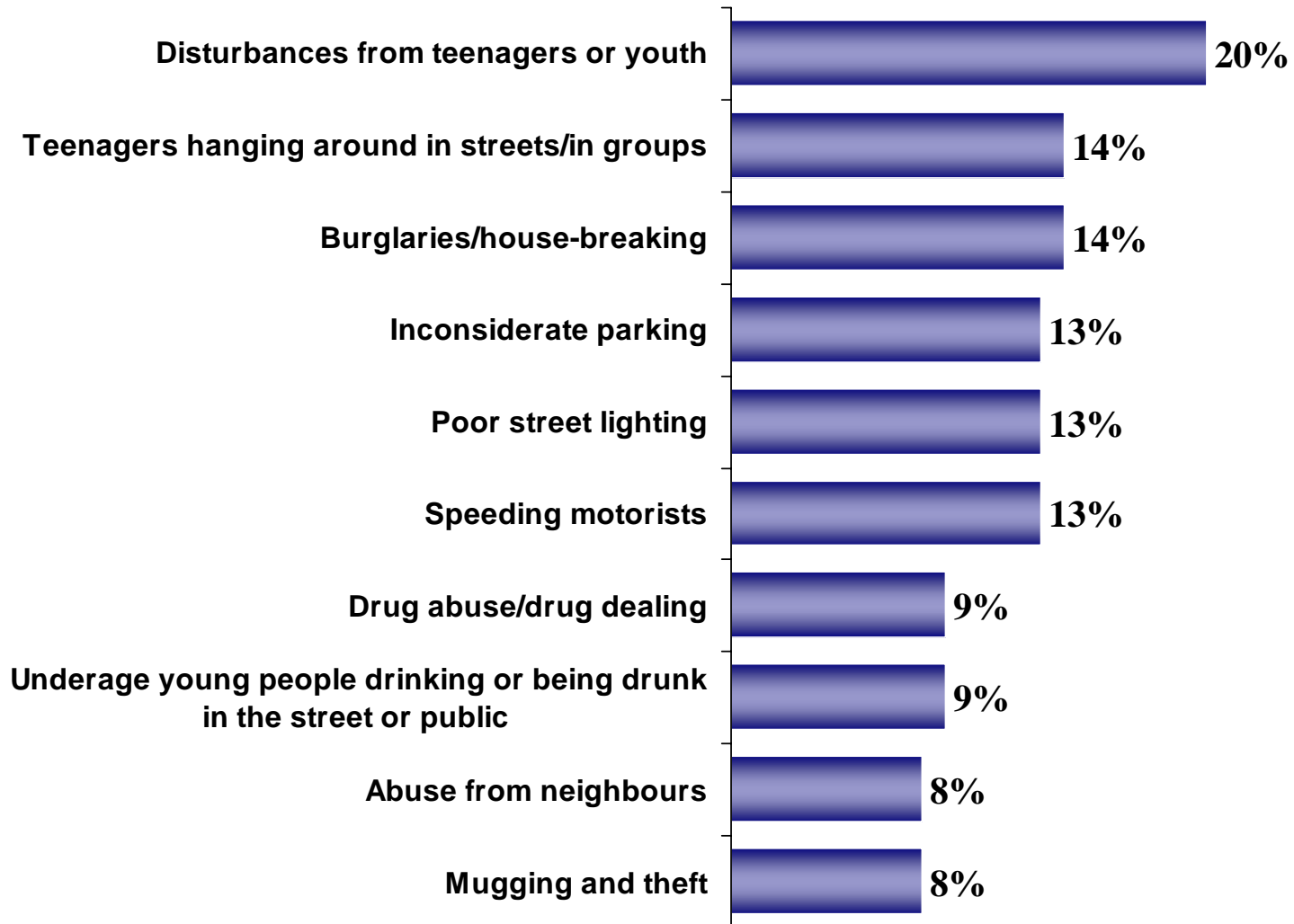
The majority of residents in Rural Northumberland are satisfied, and this is higher than the survey average

Q. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live?



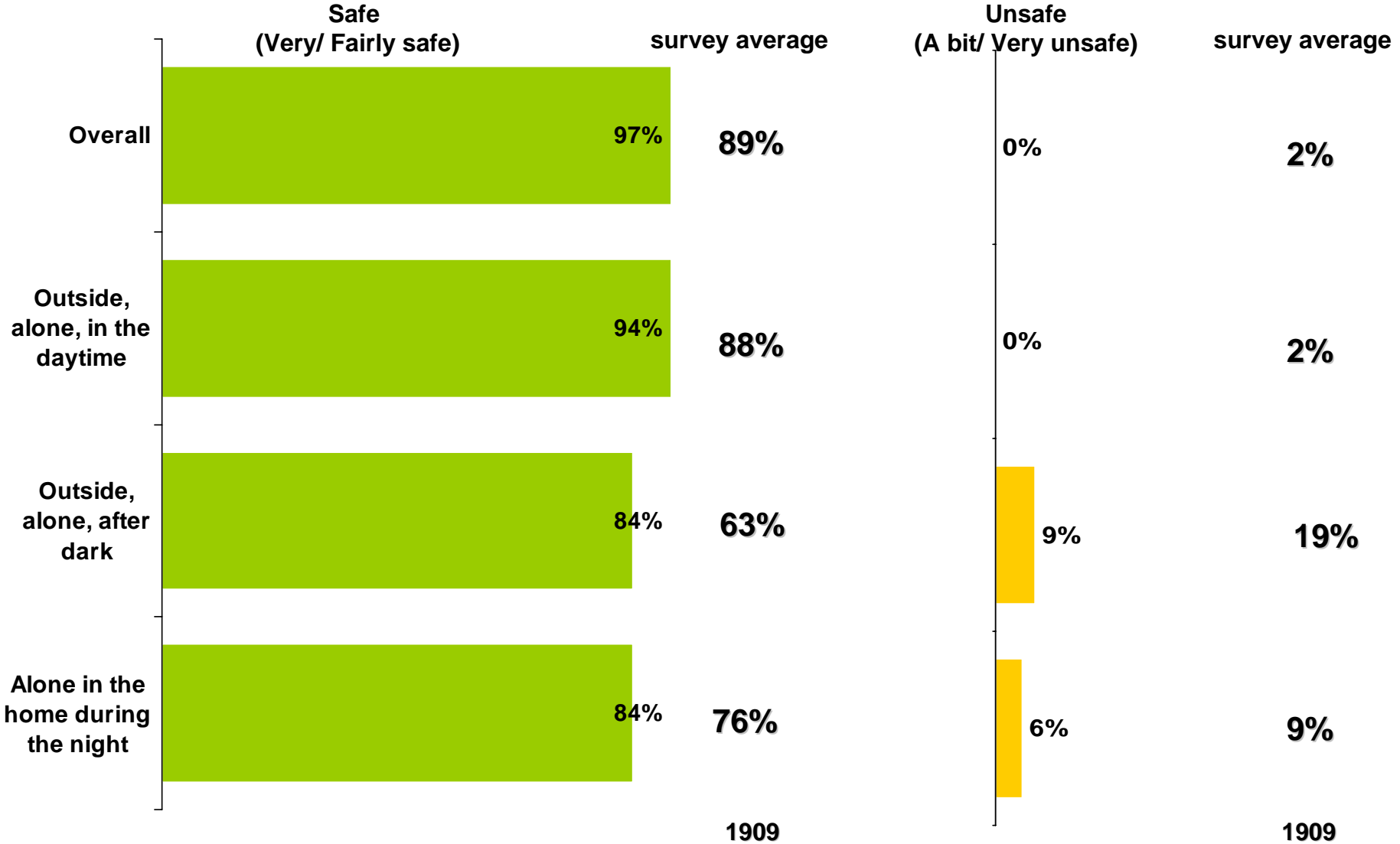
The top problems in Rural Northumberland relate to disturbances from teenagers and youths; teenagers hanging around in streets/in groups and burglaries/house-breaking

Q. Do you think that each of these is a serious, slight or not a problem in your neighbourhood?



The majority of people in Rural Northumberland do feel safe in their neighbourhood and this is above the survey average

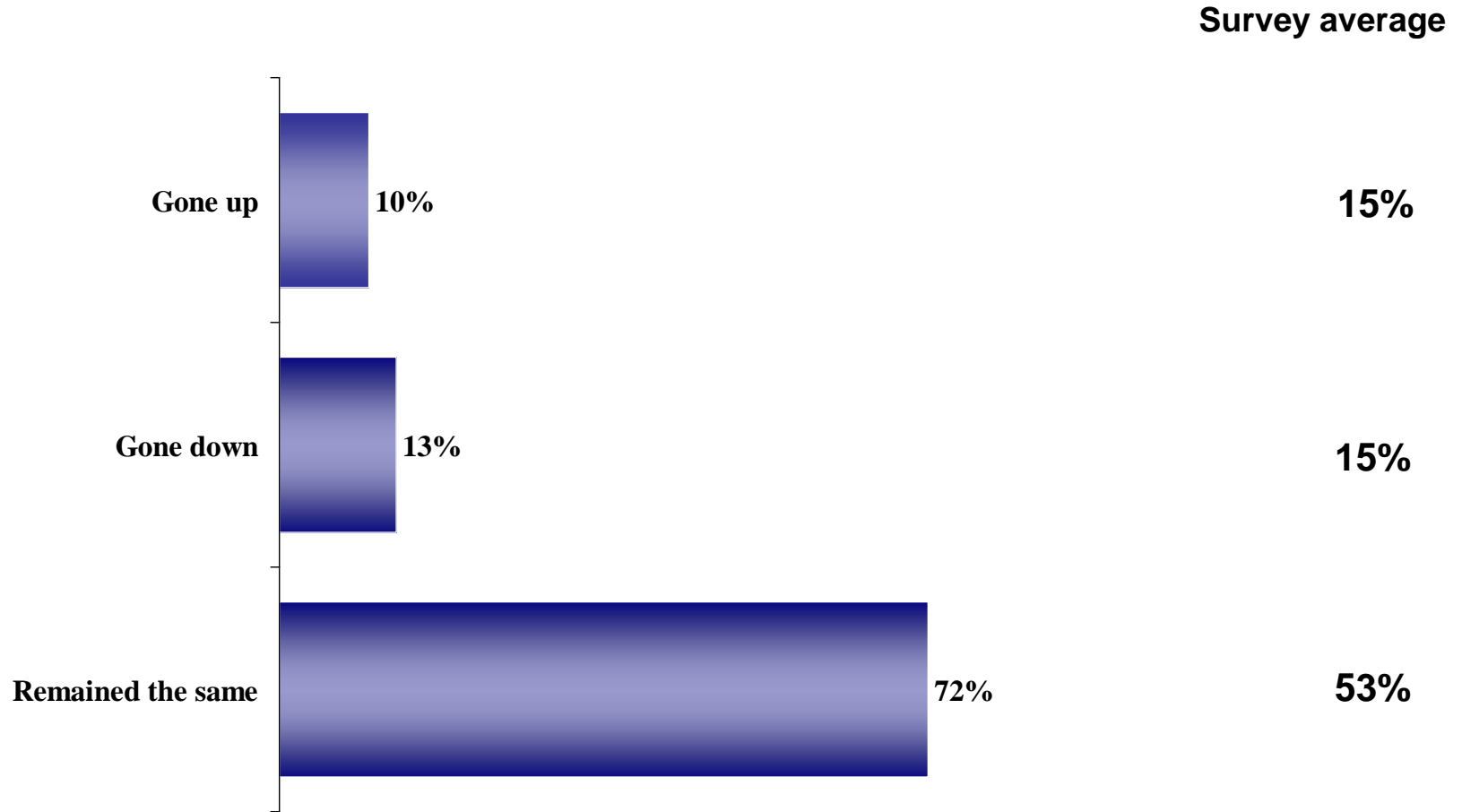
Q. How safe do you feel...in your neighbourhood?



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The majority of residents feel, that the overall amount of crime in the area has remained the same over the past 2 years

Q. From what you know or have heard, do you think the overall amount of crime in your neighbourhood has gone up, down or remained about the same over the past 2 years?

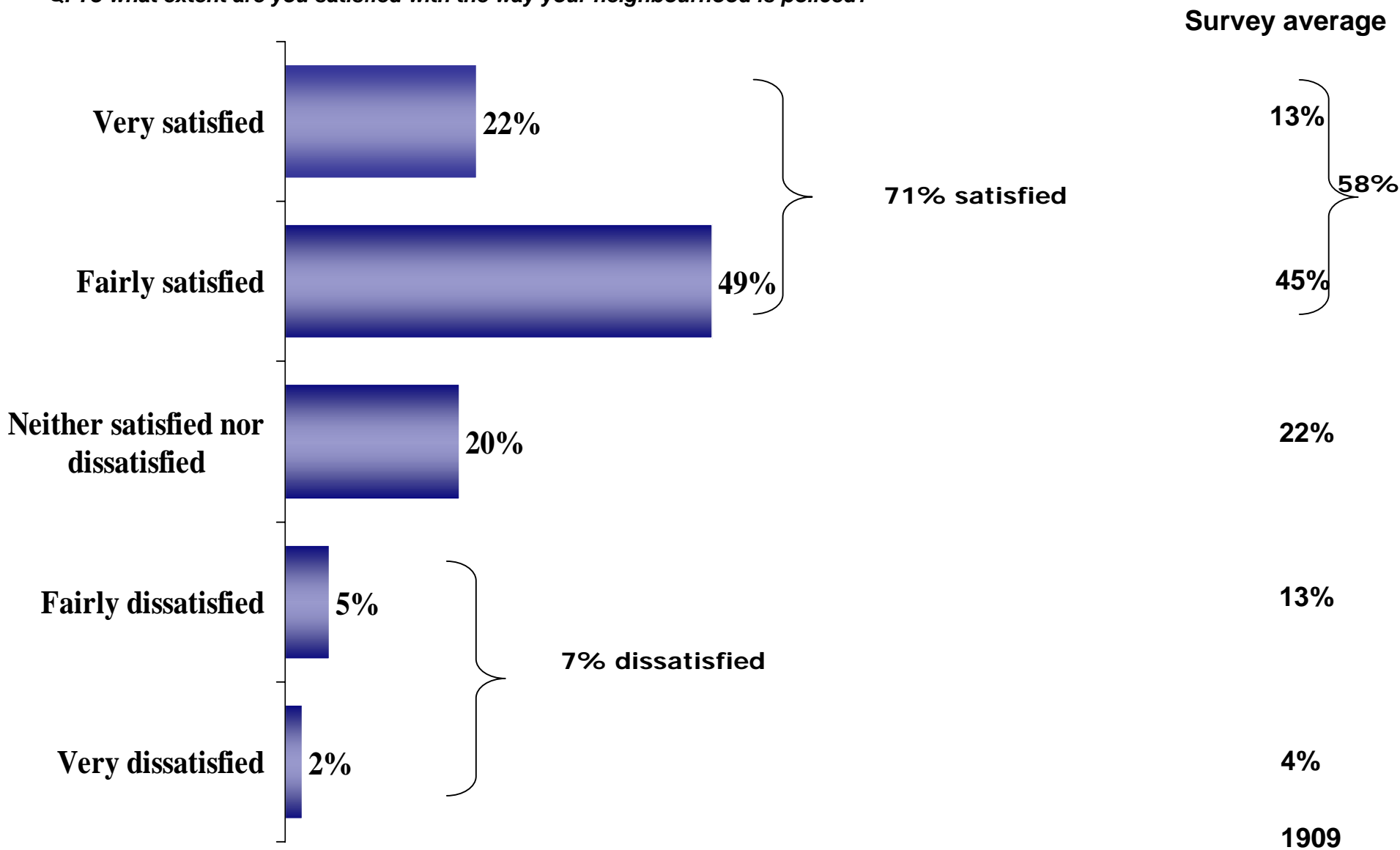


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Satisfaction with the way the neighbourhood is policed is higher amongst residents who live in Rural Northumberland than the survey average

Q. To what extent are you satisfied with the way your neighbourhood is policed?



Survey average

Very satisfied

22%

13%

58%

71% satisfied

Fairly satisfied

49%

45%

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

20%

22%

Fairly dissatisfied

5%

13%

7% dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

2%

4%

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Approximately a third of residents know a local police officer working in their neighbourhood by name or face

Q. Do you know a local police officer working in your neighbourhood by name or face?

Survey average



14%



85%

Don't know 1%



1%

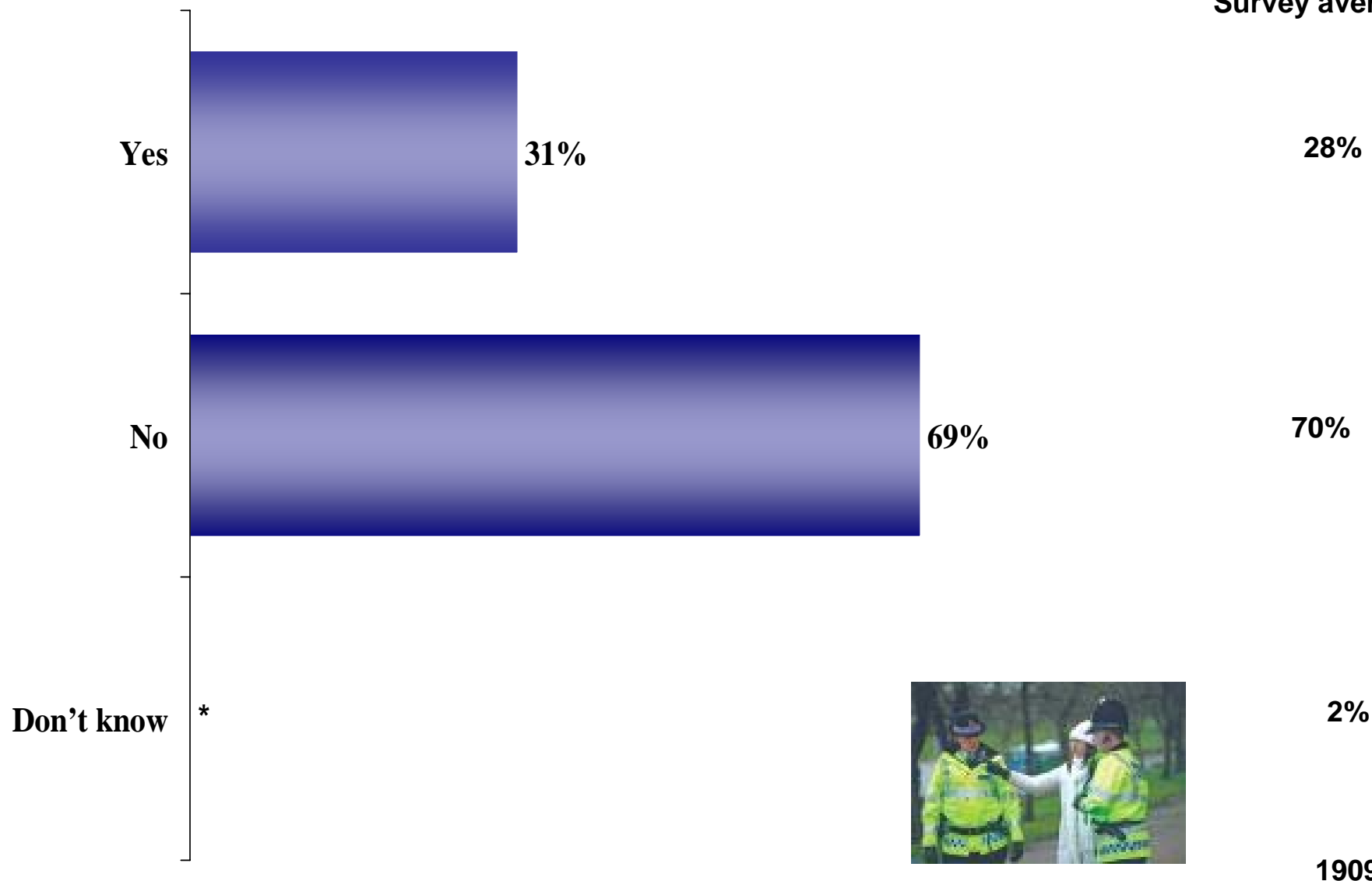


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Approximately a third of residents in Rural Northumberland have seen a Police and Community Support Officer in their neighbourhood

Q. Have you seen any Police and Community Support Officers in your neighbourhood?

Survey average

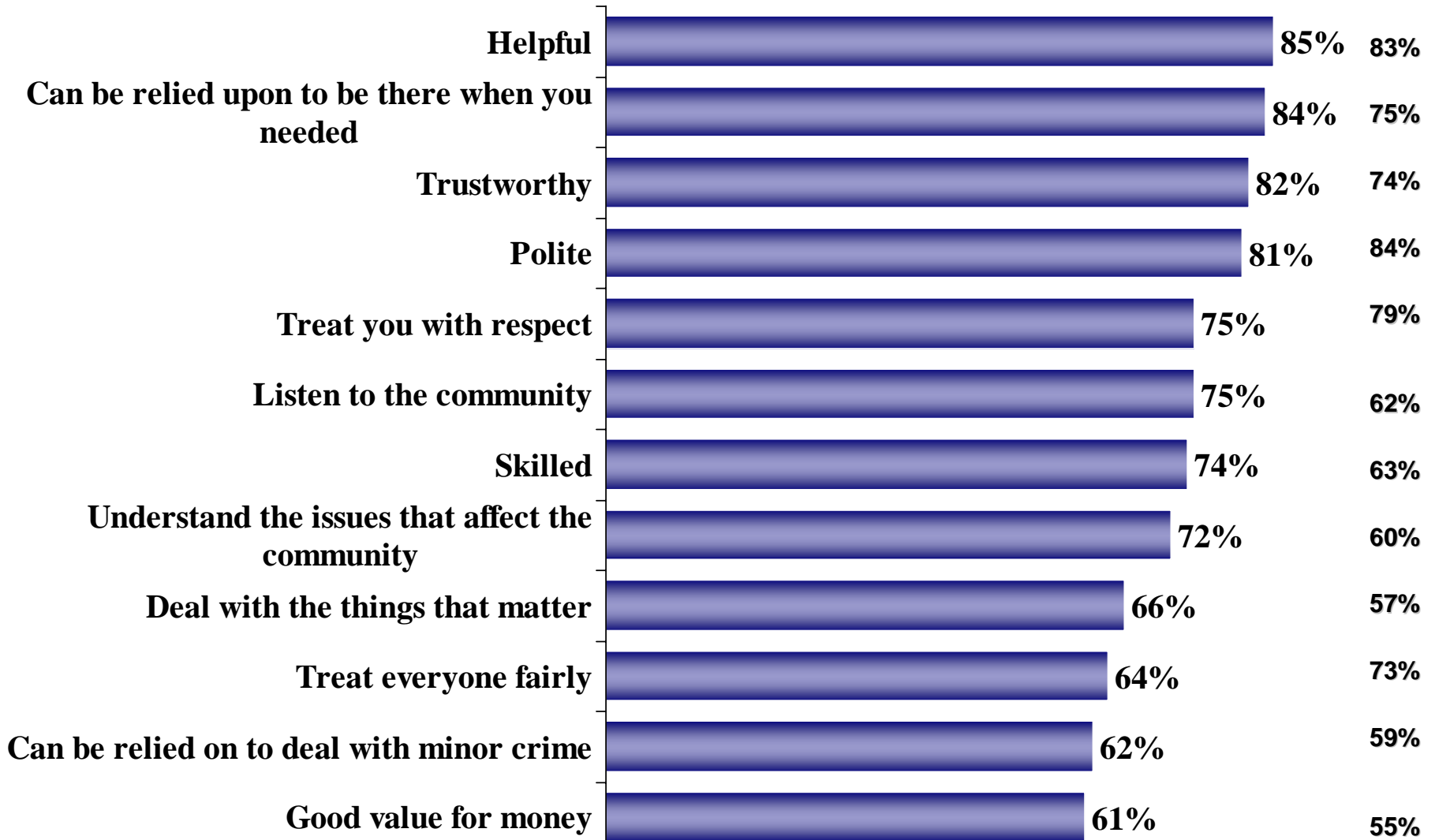


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Overall, perceptions of the police are strong

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the police in your neighbourhood?

Survey average

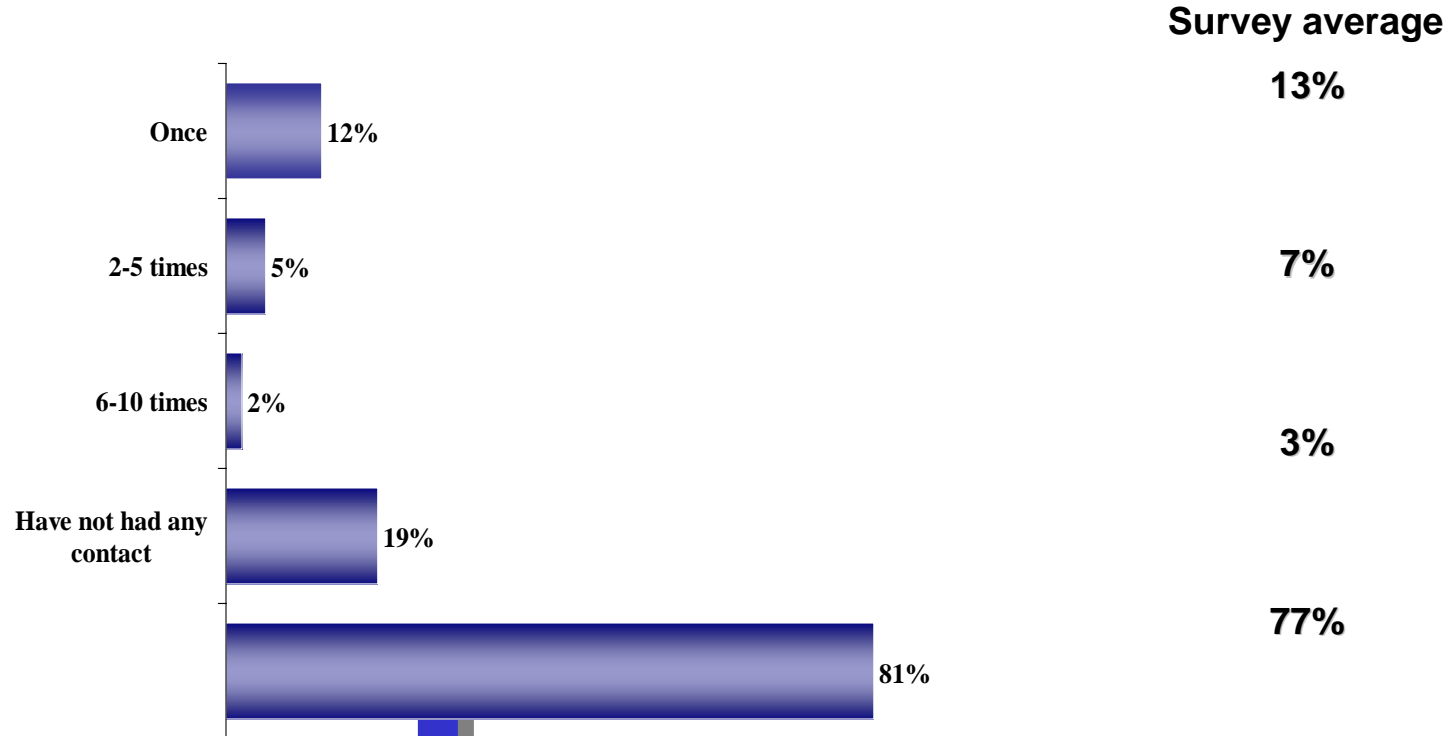


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One in five residents in Rural Northumberland have contacted the police in the past 12 months

Q. How many times have you had contact with the police in the past 12 months, whether initiated by you or the police?



Key channels
Amongst those who have contacted

33%
Visit in Person

65%
Telephone

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(439 contacted)