

Results from Hood River County's Survey on Public Safety Services.

November 22, 2019 - December 15, 2019

The Hood River County Commission identified public safety services as its highest priority among the many services the county provides. The Board of Commissioners expressed interest in assessing public sentiment about the value of a variety of public safety services in the form of an online community survey available in both English and Spanish. Commissioners hoped to gain insight on the most important public safety services as it considers referring a public safety local operating levy dedicated to law enforcement services to Hood River County voters in 2020.



Survey Summary

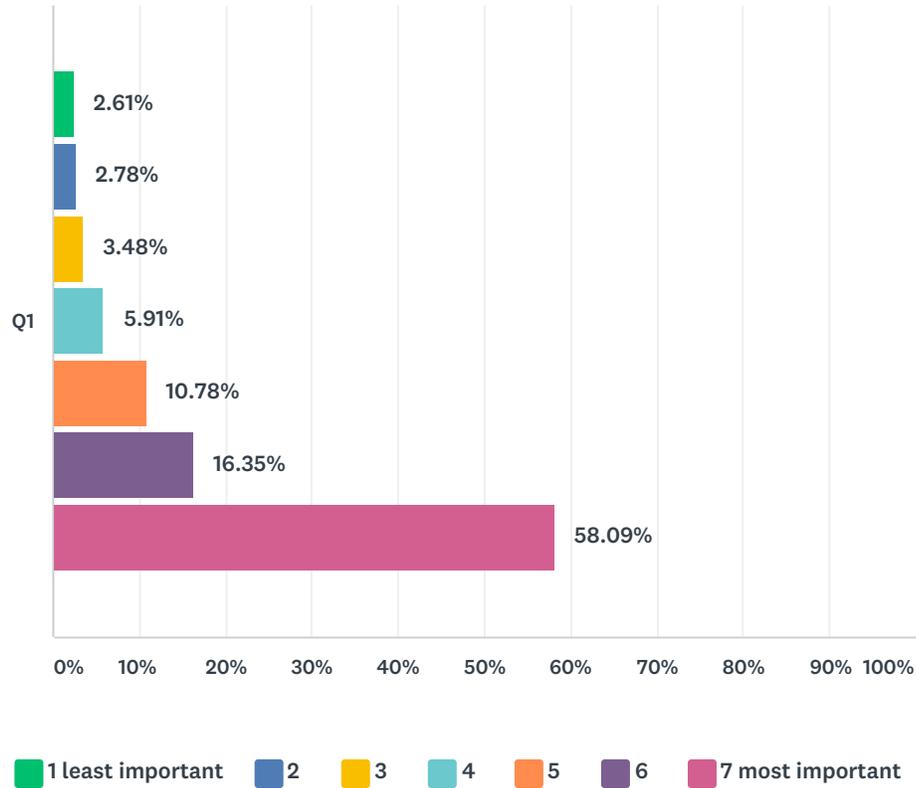
The Public Safety Services survey was a voluntary exercise by community members, rather than a random sampling that would provide more statistical significance. All members of the public had the opportunity to take the survey during the period from November 22 to December 15. The survey was promoted on the County website homepage, in the Hood River News (editorial and paid advertisement), a paid online ad on hoodrivernews.com, Gorge Broadcasters, Radio Tierra, via The Next Door, to the Chamber of Commerce membership, and shared on numerous blogs and Facebook pages. Much discussion and sharing took place on Hood River Weather Forum and a Facebook post on Temira’s Awesome Travel Advisory Service (including 20 shares). County departments were encouraged to share the survey with their networks. In total, 585 survey responses were received, with only two in Spanish.

Although the survey was promoted in Spanish, the small number of responses from Spanish speakers mean the sample of responses is anecdotal and not representative of the community make up. More analysis will continue; however, this report offers raw data for a preliminary review of aggregate responses for each survey question as well as open-ended comments.

Total Population	Survey Population
25,310	585 (2.3%)
Cascade Locks	
1,375 (5.4%)	36 (6.2%)
Hood River	
7,990 (31.6%)	326 (55.7%)
Unincorporated	
15,945 (63%)	223 (38.1%)

Q1 Rate the importance of: PATROL – To respond effectively to emergencies 24-hours per day, and provide proactive patrol in Hood River County’s unincorporated areas and Cascade Locks.

Answered: 575 Skipped: 8

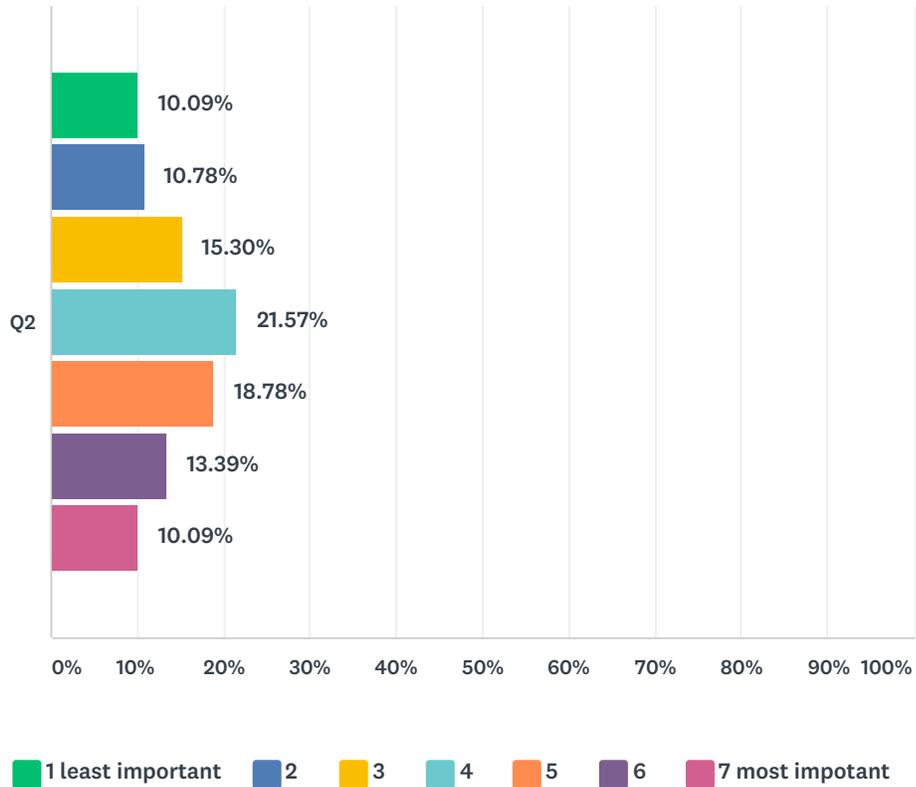


	1 LEAST IMPORTANT	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Q1	2.61%	2.78%	3.48%	5.91%	10.78%	16.35%	58.09%	575	6.01
	15	16	20	34	62	94	334		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	7.00	6.01
				Standard Deviation
				1.53

Q2 Rate the importance of: COURT SECURITY – To provide a secure environment in our public court facilities, for the public, staff and visitors.

Answered: 575 Skipped: 8

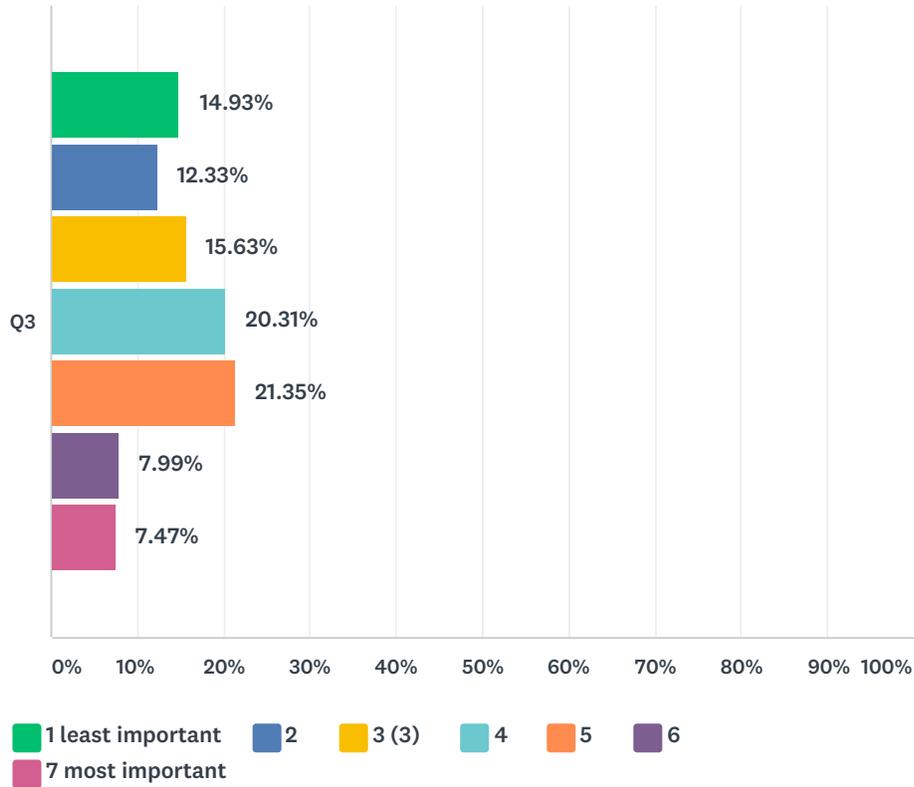


	1 LEAST IMPORTANT	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 MOST IMPOTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Q2	10.09% 58	10.78% 62	15.30% 88	21.57% 124	18.78% 108	13.39% 77	10.09% 58	575	4.09

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	4.00	4.09
				Standard Deviation
				1.77

Q3 Rate the importance of:ANIMAL CONTROL – To provide comprehensive animal control services, which include responding to incidents, investigating animal abuse, addressing nuisance issues and providing education to pet owners.

Answered: 576 Skipped: 7

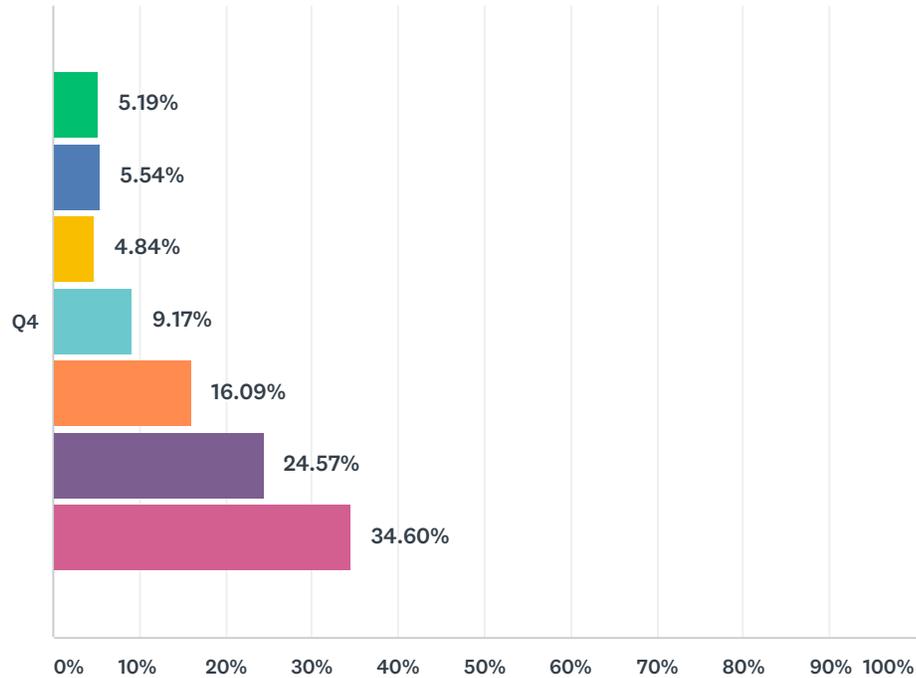


	1 LEAST IMPORTANT	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Q3	14.93% 86	12.33% 71	15.63% 90	20.31% 117	21.35% 123	7.99% 46	7.47% 43	576	3.75

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	7.00	4.00	3.75	1.77

Q4 Rate the importance of:EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – To ensure operative resources and incident management during major countywide emergencies and disasters, such as severe weather events, natural disasters or catastrophic fires.

Answered: 578 Skipped: 5



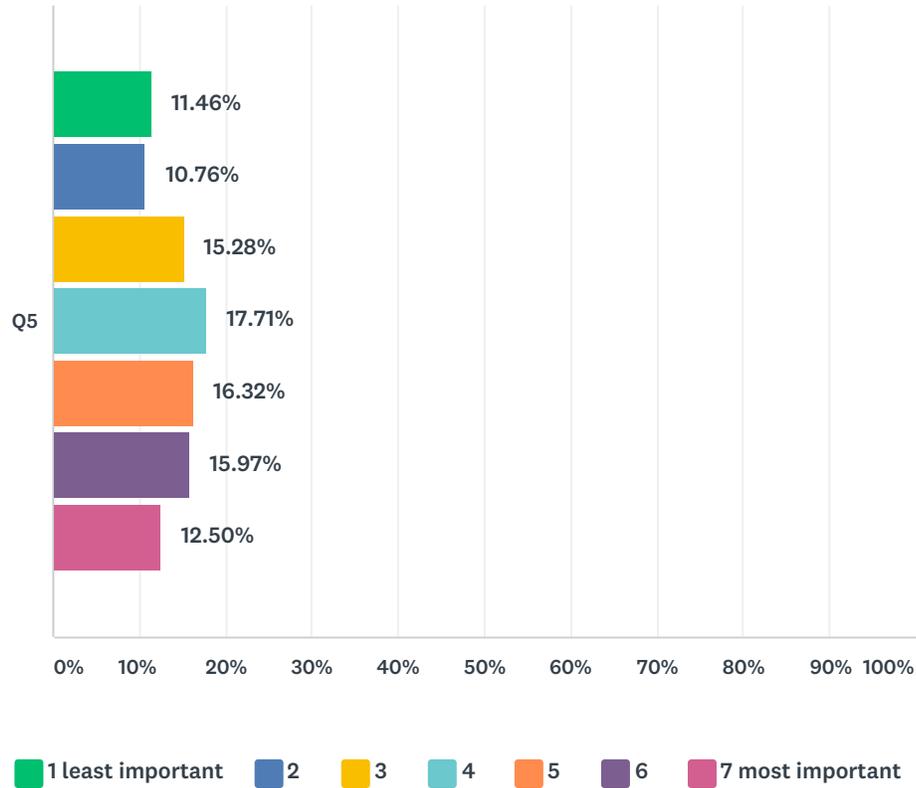
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Q4	5.19%	5.54%	4.84%	9.17%	16.09%	24.57%	34.60%	578	5.38
	30	32	28	53	93	142	200		

BASIC STATISTICS					
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00		7.00	6.00	5.38	1.76

Q5 Rate the importance of: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – To provide regular, targeted traffic enforcement in county neighborhoods, school zones and roadways.

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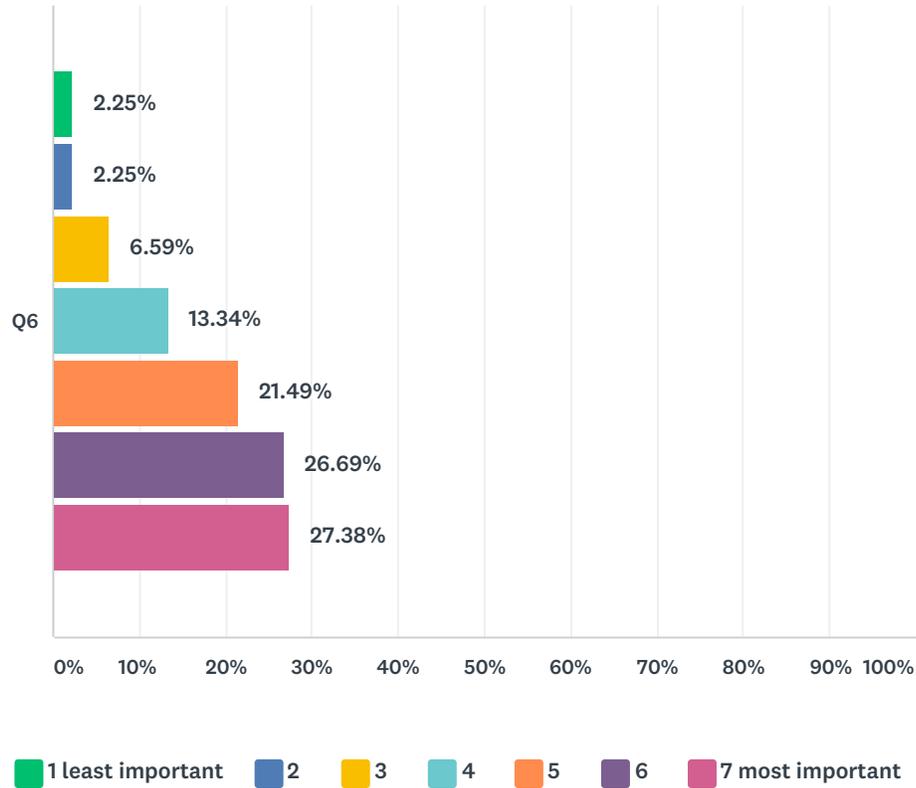


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Q5	11.46%	10.76%	15.28%	17.71%	16.32%	15.97%	12.50%	576	4.15
	66	62	88	102	94	92	72		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	4.00	4.15
				Standard Deviation
				1.88

Q6 Rate the importance of:PROSECUTION – To provide justice for crime victims and offender accountability through efficient prosecution of those who commit crimes.

Answered: 577 Skipped: 6

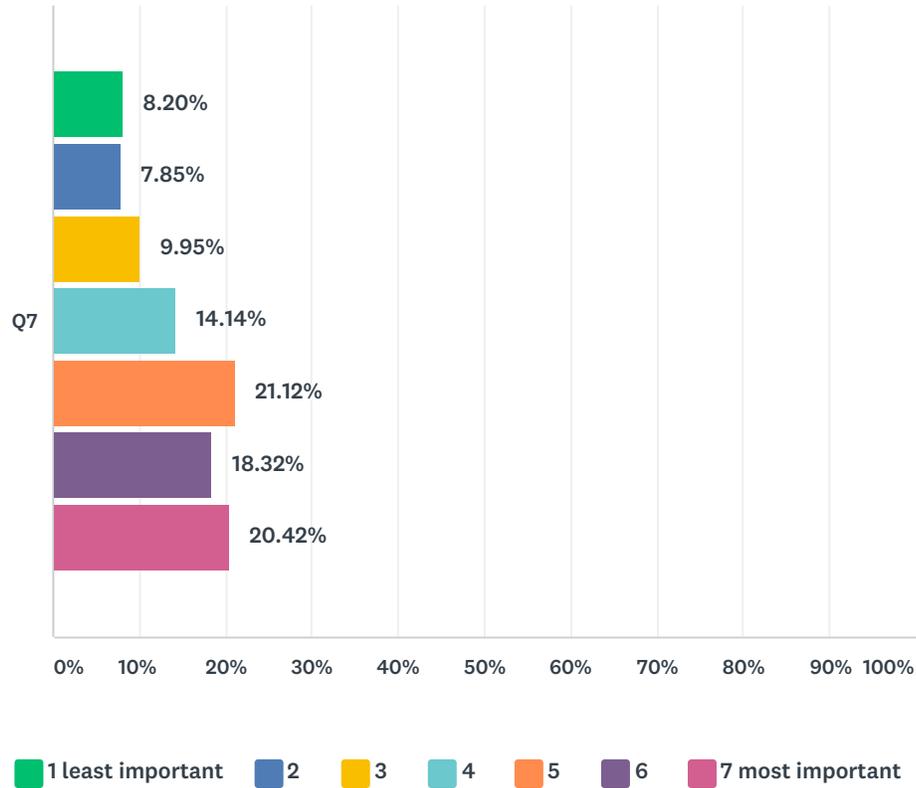


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Q6	2.25%	2.25%	6.59%	13.34%	21.49%	26.69%	27.38%	577	5.39
	13	13	38	77	124	154	158		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	6.00	5.39
				Standard Deviation
				1.47

Q7 Rate the importance of: DRUG ENFORCEMENT – To identify, investigate and arrest dealers offering illicit narcotics in our community, working in partnership with regional, state and federal agencies.

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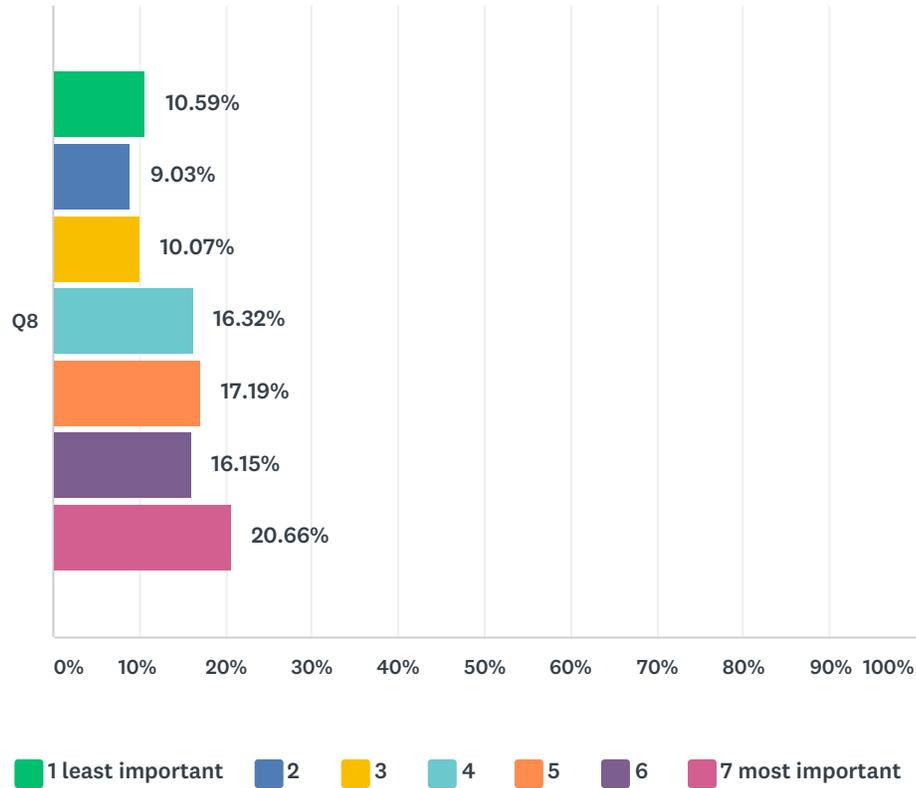


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Q7	8.20%	7.85%	9.95%	14.14%	21.12%	18.32%	20.42%	573	4.69
	47	45	57	81	121	105	117		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	5.00	4.69
				Standard Deviation
				1.86

Q8 Rate the importance of: SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES – To ensure the safety of our students through leadership, education and mentoring, in partnership with Hood River County School District.

Answered: 576 Skipped: 7

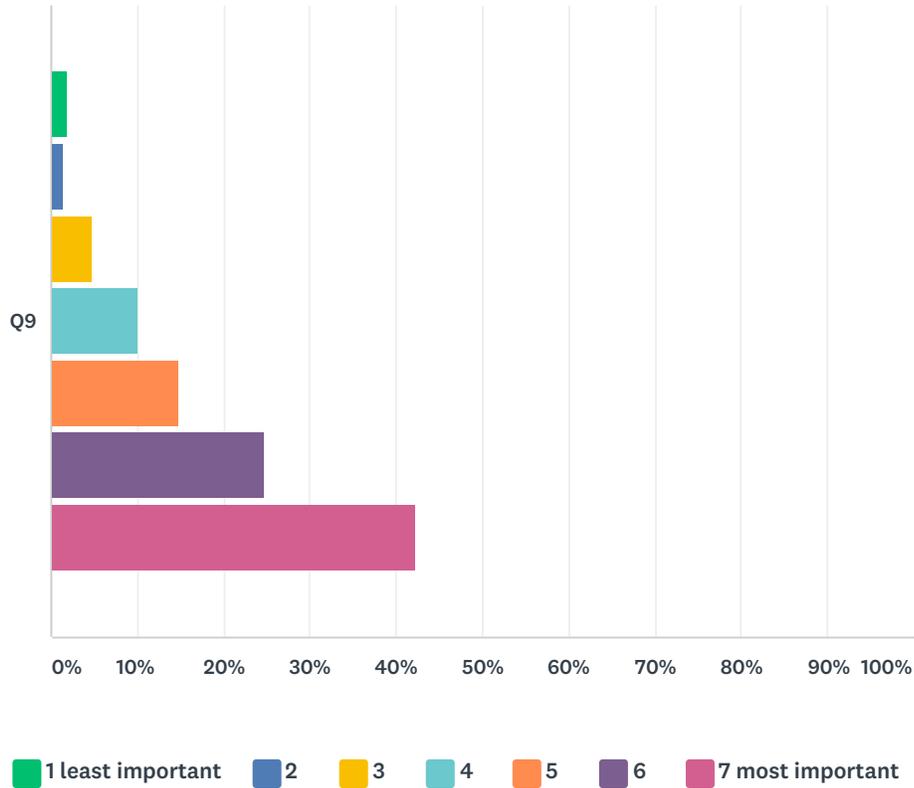


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Q8	10.59%	9.03%	10.07%	16.32%	17.19%	16.15%	20.66%	576	4.52
	61	52	58	94	99	93	119		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	5.00	4.52
				Standard Deviation
				1.96

Q9 Rate the importance of:CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION – To effectively identify victims of child abuse while working to hold those who prey on children accountable.

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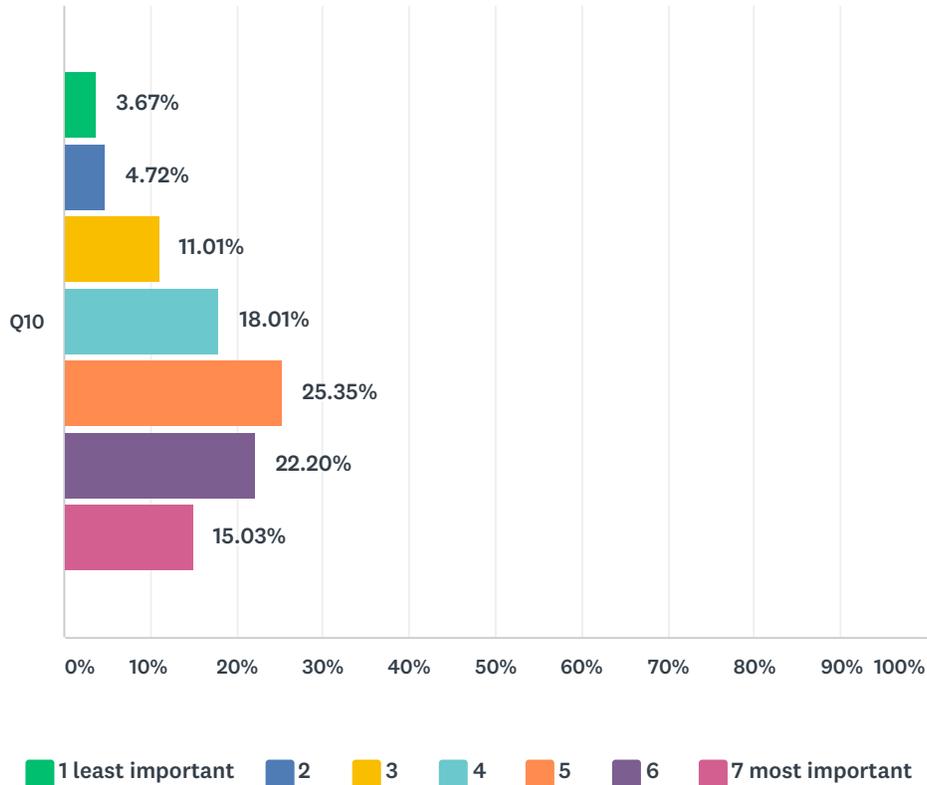


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Q9	1.91%	1.39%	4.85%	10.05%	14.90%	24.61%	42.29%	577	5.78
	11	8	28	58	86	142	244		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean
1.00		7.00	6.00	5.78
				Standard Deviation
				1.43

Q10 Rate the importance of: JUVENILE SERVICES – To provide accountability and rehabilitation services to youth who commit crime, while working to ensure community safety and rights of victims are protected.

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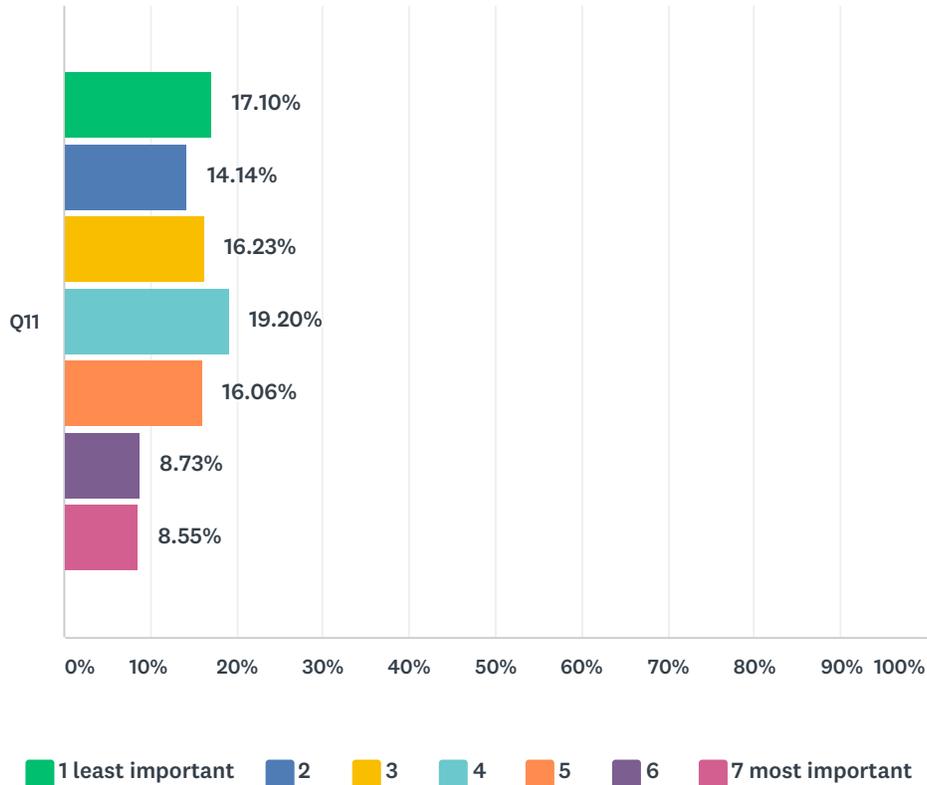


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Q10	3.67%	4.72%	11.01%	18.01%	25.35%	22.20%	15.03%	572	4.83
	21	27	63	103	145	127	86		

BASIC STATISTICS					
Minimum		Maximum		Median	
1.00		7.00		5.00	
				Mean	Standard Deviation
				4.83	1.56

Q11 Rate the importance of:QUALITY OF LIFE SERVICES – To work with residents to address issues that affect the livability of our county neighborhoods, such as disputes, barking dogs, fireworks and disruptive behavior.

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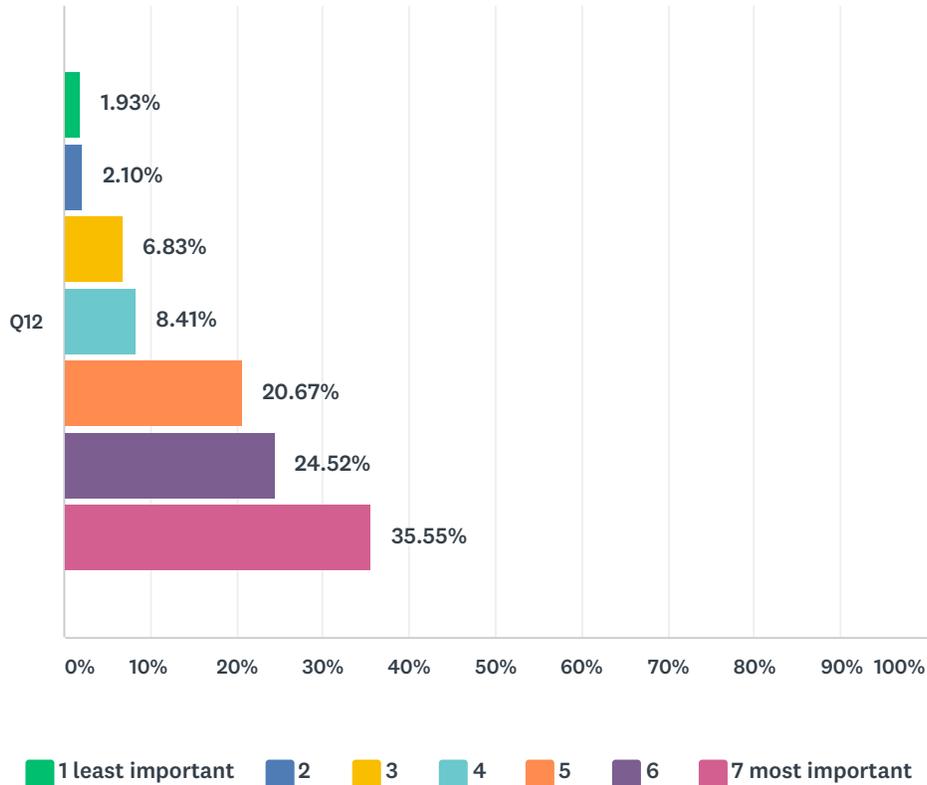


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Q11	17.10%	14.14%	16.23%	19.20%	16.06%	8.73%	8.55%	573	3.63
	98	81	93	110	92	50	49		

BASIC STATISTICS					
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00		7.00	4.00	3.63	1.85

Q12 Rate the importance of: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION – To deliver services to ensure domestic violence offenders are held accountable, and provide resources for victims and children that can keep them safe.

Answered: 571 Skipped: 12



	1 LEAST IMPORTANT	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	7 MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Q12	1.93%	2.10%	6.83%	8.41%	20.67%	24.52%	35.55%	571	5.60
	11	12	39	48	118	140	203		

BASIC STATISTICS					
Minimum		Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00		7.00	6.00	5.60	1.47

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Q13 In your own words, please take a moment to offer your opinions about Hood River County’s public safety services or other services. What is or is not important to you? (400 words max)If you have more extensive comments, please email Hood River County administration office at: administration@co.hood-river.or.us

Answered: 139 Skipped: 444

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It is very important to maintain emergency services and safety programs as top priorities. Is it possible to ask for individual or corporate donations to fund lower priority programs? I am still in favor of raising taxes to fund programs.	12/15/2019 11:59 PM
2	inform the sheriff and his deputies that the residents of this county are not the enemy when visiting the court house for legal or official business. I was subject to abuse while at the court house(verbal) for no reason at all last year ,	12/15/2019 8:28 PM
3	no comment	12/15/2019 1:31 AM
4	Emergency responsiveness and to know there is a law enforcement presence in the county at all times. Also, with a growing population and a future of likely climate change-caused emergencies, emergency management is needed.	12/14/2019 9:14 PM
5	I do believe they are all important. However if the county needs money for these services than I would deeply suggest that the patrol officers start in forcing the cell phone laws. it does no good to make laws and not in force them. I'm sure a great deal of money for these services could be made by just in forcing this law.	12/14/2019 6:37 PM
6	We are losing the character of a small community. Please - stop trying to be a "Portland!" We aren't. We can't be all things to all people. Please prioritize who lives here and focus efforts to make what little we have left be special. Let's be real. If a natural disaster occurred, there's little to nothing that the county can do to help during that emergency. People will be on their own at the onset. Those who want to be prepared will. Those who don't, won't. Trying to force that doesn't work. And truly, in the event of a catastrophe, what can the county do for me, really? Regional and national resources would be brought in. Instead, take care of things that do affect me such as nuisance dogs that bother people on the daily! There's a lesson to be learned from the Morrison park vote. Please think local. Keep things small. Don't try to be another Multnomah co.	12/14/2019 4:55 PM
7	It's shame things have gotten this bad, and it really shows the shortsightedness of prior fiscal planning and policies. We need long term funding solutions for both the Sheriff's Office and the county in general. It would be an even greater shame if a public safety levy passes and the county cuts the Sheriff's Office out of the general fund, and would show that we haven't learned our lessons from previous budgeting missteps.	12/14/2019 3:34 PM
8	I think it is less important to have traffic police and more important to have police patrolling neighborhoods for general public safety. Getting rid of any meth dealers should be very important. Also helping people with mental health problems is very difficult but Something good to focus on	12/13/2019 2:28 AM
9	Priorities should be lives and welfare of citizens, and especially vulnerable populations. Traffic citations, etc. are far less important in an arena of limited resources.	12/13/2019 1:26 AM
10	I feel very strong that as many services within the Public Safety Office remain in the County. Your work is important. Thank you.	12/12/2019 9:17 PM
11	I would like more presence of the public safety employees so they feel more familiar and become more approachable. Many communities have "coffee with a cop" and I have yet to see anything of the like for Hood River County.	12/12/2019 5:44 PM
12	Search and rescue is the least important and marine patrol is low on the priority.	12/12/2019 4:51 AM

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13	Based on my responses above, you can see I feel strongly that we need the Sheriffs force to be strong and available 24 hours a day. No community can be safe without a stable and strong law enforcement force. Trying to bandaid the budget problems are short sighted and dangerous for the community in large. The guys in the road department are critical too.	12/12/2019 3:05 AM
14	Having a fully staffed department that can respond to emergency calls 24/7 hours a day is most important . It endangers our community if the department is under staffed to safely respond to any call for what ever the reason.	12/11/2019 3:21 PM
15	According to past commissioners the county never had money when it came time for union negotiations. The employees got minimum raise increases but the county always came up with money for other projects. Why should we believe the commissioners now. Several times in the past the county did not have 24 hour law enforcement services. I live in the city so I get city officers to respond if I need law enforcement. Most people who live in the county own firearms and can take care of any problems. Cut services but pay employees a Portland wage.	12/11/2019 3:20 AM
16	I just jumped back from the pervious survey page. You force me to pick my top six out of the two groups to complete the survey! this is very unfair to the person taking the survey. My opinion doesn't count unless a pick three from each group.	12/10/2019 5:22 AM
17	I've only needed help once. You guys were amazing! Very thankful. Sorry this is the financial situation. Ever thought of a county gas tax?	12/9/2019 10:21 PM
18	We need to improve our compensation package in order to attract and keep qualified employees. Public service is too important to scrimp. Too much time and money are spent on tourists with no common sense.	12/9/2019 7:03 PM
19	Really, I feel it's ALL important. They ALL effect one another. To be a healthy Co we have to be willing to support it. Bring a good measure before us again...I think people are listening.	12/7/2019 1:17 AM
20	I think most of these services are important and need to continue. I support a tax increase to continue them.	12/5/2019 12:42 AM
21	I would like for the county cooperate with other counties to work at the state level to repeal the changes made by Sizemore that have resulted in restricted income from property taxes, specifically those laws that grandfathered in the assessed value of only certain residences in existence at the time, and require other residents to pay a disproportionate share. Also, the county should lobby at the state level to fix PERS....the proportion of the budget spent on retirement benefits for public employees is deplorable.	12/4/2019 2:37 AM
22	I cant help but wonder why we don't look at why we have so many snowmobiles and nobody that can run them? I think that the toys "and that is what they are if we cant use them for their original purpose " that our Sheriff has purchased are a huge part of the problem, that coupled with the fact that PURS is out of control has to be a huge part of our budget problem. a Sheriff is nothing more than a manager and while Matt may be a nice guy and even a great Officer he is clearly not a Good Manager.	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
23	I just don't understand why we are not utilizing citizens such as myself who offer to volunteer thru the reserve program, and get no response from our current sheriff simply because he doesn't care for that person. that sound like dictatorship not a democracy to me.	12/3/2019 10:50 PM
24	Adequate staffing for all Sheriffs functions.	12/2/2019 7:10 PM
25	It is important that there be 24 hour patrol coverage for the county so that help can be rendered when needed and to keep this county safe.	12/2/2019 6:42 PM
26	I believe the most important service is emergency response.	12/2/2019 3:15 AM
27	24 hour services are most important. Have to be proactive and stop crime before it starts.	12/2/2019 2:08 AM
28	Having a law enforcement presence 24/7 not only provides quicker response times but would also deter more criminal activity that happens in off hours.	11/30/2019 6:42 PM
29	This is very difficult to rate because all of these services are so important, which is, I guess, the point. I am sad that initiatives set before the community to fund these services did not pass on the last ballot. We need to do our part!	11/30/2019 2:21 AM
30	It's very difficult to rate these as they are all important. I realize they cannot all be given the same weight, both in terms of manpower and funding, but if all could be funded that would be my wish. My ratings reflect my relative desires.	11/30/2019 1:43 AM

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31	What happened to the HEALTHY part...? WHY IS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOT BEING ASKED ABOUT?	11/28/2019 11:43 PM
32	I think a 24 hr patrol presence is not as important as some other county issues. Though in CL it would be good to have more presence.	11/27/2019 9:47 PM
33	As a Heights resident who is also a frequent Heights walker monitoring speeders on 12th & 13th streets is important to me. At least once a month, often times more, I have to jump back to the curb because the driver in one lane doesn't see that the other has stopped for a pedestrian. Talking on cell phones, speeding through the 5 or 6 business district's blocks, pulling into the far lane from a side street rather than easing into traffic in the closest lane - all due to distracted and uninformed drivers. It is a fatal accident in waiting...	11/27/2019 8:47 PM
34	Most of the functions which reference in this survey I would assume are the regular functions of a Patrol Deputy?! Are you saying if the funding you are requesting is tied to investigations and law enforcements responses? Just a thought you should not request funding for positions which are not beneficial for County residents. Our County is not Multnomah and/or Deschutes, request funding for things which matter to our County period would be best approach.	11/27/2019 7:31 PM
35	I am very worried about the reduction in patrols. Could the county have a separate ballot measure to raise funds specifically for public safety?	11/27/2019 6:52 PM
36	We need full time services. All of these items are important. It's difficult to rate one higher than another	11/27/2019 6:21 PM
37	All of the above services are very important to me! I believe they are all critical to a safe and orderly community. In addition I would love to see further training for public safety personnel in trauma-informed practice, so they are equipped to handle stressful situations in a kind, respectful way.	11/27/2019 6:15 PM
38	It was my understanding that most of these functions are a daily responsibility of Patrol. Why would they be broken down in a survey. The cost isn't the daily duties, its the cost of an employee. The School Resource Officer isn't paid by general fund, I read the school district pays this with other supplemental funding. If the School wants them, the school should pay for them.	11/27/2019 5:12 PM
39	I voted for the tax increase. I disagree with the prosecution of young people barely over the age of majority for so called sex offenses. It ruins lives and twists ideas of youthful sexuality from normal immature and basic biological imperative to something ugly. This is sick.	11/27/2019 4:09 PM
40	If the quality of staff (police officers) in your department were more respected by the community it would be a lot easier to gain the support of the community on these matters.	11/27/2019 3:12 PM
41	The need in our community is not based on criminal enforcement. It is more shifted towards mental health. Mental health is a leading cause to many criminal events.	11/27/2019 8:49 AM
42	I feel that there is much too great an emphasis on general traffic patrol- before moving here no one in our family had ever been pulled over. In Hood River being pulled over is a regular occurrence. It is bizarre and actually feels really hostile. We have never been cited but are constantly being pulled over for the most minor issues. It is a ridiculous misuse of resources. The police should be employed to respond to actual dangers and real issues, not harassing residents.	11/27/2019 6:47 AM
43	I think I all of these things are very important. I also think the city needs to find a better way to find funding. Taxing certain groups (small businesses, restaurants, etc) only works if you tax everyone equally. Consider doing something similar to the Art Tax in PDX. Consistent funding.	11/27/2019 6:02 AM
44	The most important aspect of the HRC SO is the law enforcement function of uniformed deputies in patrol. When I call 911, I want a response.	11/27/2019 3:12 AM
45	I see regular patrols of our neighborhood off of Eliot Drive. It seems like a larger presence than is really needed. Maybe they encounter more than I realize, but it always strikes me as a resource that could be better utilized.	11/27/2019 1:37 AM
46	Police and Firemen should be #1	11/27/2019 12:41 AM
47	Safety services are critical to community safety for residents and tourists.	11/26/2019 10:53 PM
48	The health department is not important to me. You can give that department to the State of Oregon to administer.	11/26/2019 10:47 PM
49	There needs to be a way for seasonal recreationlists to contibute to services they receive.	11/26/2019 10:10 PM

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50	24 hour emergency services are vital for the safety of the community. Between potential delays in EMS response during off hours to nobody to respond to potential drunk drivers as well as thefts, I feel that the community is safer with 24 hour coverage. Prevention is more important than trying to play catch up after crime has been committed.	11/26/2019 9:39 PM
51	After taking the survey I realize that Quality of Life Services would not have previously been my highest priority. However, the occasional high-profile incident that does not go the way I want isn't the most important; it is the everyday small things that I want addressed.	11/26/2019 8:51 PM
52	All of the above services are important to public safety and ensuring the Hood River County ensuring quality of living in our community. It is difficult to try to rank them in importance as they are all vital to the community. As a parent, health care worker, and community member, I feel that it is vital to at least maintain if not increase the level of services offered. There needs to be a way to collect some type of revenue from tourists/visitors to help pay for the services they are using.	11/26/2019 7:05 PM
53	Public safety is critical to keeping Hood River County a good place to live and raise my family. It also critical to my financial security, like my home value.	11/26/2019 6:08 PM
54	Fund the Sheriff's Office outside of general fund. It is the only sustainable answer.	11/26/2019 5:40 PM
55	It really comes down to the cost to provide each service and how efficient and effective it is.	11/26/2019 5:18 PM
56	I would like to see more incorporated services with Hood River police department. I feel there could be economies of scale that are currently not pursued in our local law enforcement.	11/26/2019 5:03 PM
57	I hope the county will attempt another food & beverage tax, as well as a property tax directed towards public safety- I was so disheartened that they failed last year.	11/26/2019 6:25 AM
58	We need round the clock coverage for ALL safety concerns	11/26/2019 6:16 AM
59	24 hour patrol should be a must and when called a deputy should respond in person. Deputies should be seen out and about in all areas of the community. What happened to the sheriff's river patrol? Bring back the reserves program.	11/26/2019 4:37 AM
60	24 hour coverage should be non negotiable, we as taxpayers deserve to see a deputy when we call, no matter time of day or night.	11/26/2019 4:30 AM
61	Not thanked enough!	11/26/2019 3:28 AM
62	I highly value public safety as much as anyone, but it is evident that we are paying public servants more than the private sector these days. Public servants across the board need to take a cut in wages and benefits to level the field. PERS must be rewritten before changes in public safety can improve.	11/26/2019 1:57 AM
63	These things are all important. Figure out the budget issue. We shouldn't have to pick between responding to emergencies, properly handling abuse, or putting a resource officer in the school. This is insane to have to pick.	11/26/2019 1:52 AM
64	Lots of petty crime has been happening more & more. Hood River is feeling less safe.	11/25/2019 11:33 PM
65	I appreciate the services our Deputies, Dispatch, and other First Responders provide to our community. It takes a lot of people working together like a well oiled machine to keep this community safe. I think people take you all for granted and don't understand what it truly takes. Thank you for your service.	11/25/2019 8:10 PM
66	THE ABOVE QUESTIONS (ALL) PERTAIN TO DUTIES OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE ONLY. NOT COUNTY WIDE. SHERIFF OFFICE NEEDS TO MAKE CHANGES. CHILD ABUSE WILL STILL GET INVESTIGATED SO WILL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES. COURT SECURITY, STATE NEEDS TO PAY FOR ALL OF THAT NOT COUNTY TAXPAYERS. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, STATE AND FEDERAL NEED TO PAY FOR THAT, VERY VERY VERY FEW INCIDENTS OCCUR. I BELIEVE MOST OF THESE QUESTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN OFF AND MORE TARGETED AND TO THE POINT QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ASKED AND NOT AN OPEN ENDED QUESTION.	11/25/2019 7:31 PM
67	I think it's sad that we can't afford to pay our deputies a livable wage so that they will stay and work here.	11/25/2019 6:40 PM
68	Keeping the public safe and secure is of the utmost importance. We are not in a position to lose public safety resources. As a community we should do all we can to continue and contribute to these institutions.	11/25/2019 5:28 PM

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69	I don't get it. Many of these questions are ALL part of an Officers job. Survey makes it sound like these are separate division. Are there cops specifically assigned to only handle domestics or specifically traffic or patrol? If so I understand why you have budget issues.	11/25/2019 3:10 PM
70	I appreciate all that our Public safety officers do for our county. I am concerned that we are losing fine officers and therefore support for the safety of our community, especially with all of the growth we have had. Visitors to our area bring in more people for our officers to aid and protect. I am also concerned about the strains our lack of funding put on other services that our County needs to offer to the community.	11/25/2019 5:35 AM
71	Public safety services are all important and necessary to provide a safe, liveable, prosperous, and healthy community.	11/25/2019 5:09 AM
72	Make Washington residents pay taxes on everything like we have to if we eat shop ect over there. Everyone must show ID and if they have a Washington ID they have to pay a small tax ect. That would help a huge amount especially for all the tourists that come to HR	11/25/2019 4:59 AM
73	Provide patrol and emergency management. Then start adding things as you can in the budget. Sucks to have to cut back, but many times you find the fat and can make things more efficient. The County should look at all services, not just the SO. Cutting admin is and needs to be a priority. All admin positions should be looked at seriously, edited LE positions are jeopardized.	11/25/2019 4:21 AM
74	The hood river county court offices and service such as probation and community service do nothing but try to make more money for the county. They do not help with rehabilitation or fixing problems, they just want people to pay more and more to complete programs. Eliminate this and focus on helping people not charging people for services which do no impact long term.	11/25/2019 3:09 AM
75	Most all of these functions fall under a rural Deputy's daily responsibility. If we were Clackamas, Washington County or other bigger departments, I could see how this survey would be valuable. Bigger agencies would have divisions you could pull resources from the less valued areas and enhance other areas the community sees as a valued function.	11/25/2019 2:50 AM
76	Ironically, numerous things in this survey are all a part of "patrols" responsibility ? So I guess I'm confused at what this survey is designed to do. Traffic enforcement, drug enforcement, domestic abuse, child investigations are all the primary functions of an "every day" patrol officer. So this begs the question....WHY is it being broken down I to so many survey questions and what's the purpose ! Waste of time and money spent....if this is costing \$\$\$	11/25/2019 2:42 AM
77	While I don't live in hood river county a great amount of my work week is spent there.	11/25/2019 2:16 AM
78	Wow - not easy to prioritize all of these - I don't envy you a bit! I'm surprised that (it appears) that all of these services are paid for from the same pot? We moved to Hood River just over a year ago. One of the things that drew us here was the calm, relatively 'crimeless' city! We feel very safe here. Keep up the good work!	11/25/2019 1:08 AM
79	Don't buy new. Fix old!	11/25/2019 1:07 AM
80	Presence on the roads, in the high school, keeping it safe for our growing yet transient town. All this brings lore crime and drugs. Thank you for all you do. Wish people would realize the importance and vote for a tax.	11/25/2019 12:42 AM
81	I would be in favor of having visitors help shoulder some of the public safety cost.	11/25/2019 12:10 AM
82	Eliminate the following departments unless funded totally by user fees: Energy, Forestry, Health, Parks, Veteran, Surveyor, and cut funding in others to fully fund the SO and DA's office as Public Safety is the number one priority of a county government.	11/25/2019 12:06 AM
83	All of these things are important to our community. They help to make our community function and be a safe place for our kids.	11/24/2019 9:38 PM
84	Keeping Hood River safe is a top priority.	11/24/2019 8:37 PM
85	Drug enforcement is an incredibly costly and mostly useless effort. Consider how much money was wasted fighting marijuana which is now legal.	11/24/2019 8:10 PM
86	I appreciate the fact many people use bicycles for reduced pollution and saving fuel and expense of vehicles. However, they are using roadways that automobiles pay for. Why can't they contribute by a license fee as well as be ticketed for disobeying rules of the road? Also, why can't there be some sort of contribution arrangement for volunteer and anonymous donations? People are more willing to support voluntarily than be forced to.	11/24/2019 6:37 PM

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87	Clearly, all areas are important! Perhaps an exercise for the future would be to have HRC residents rank the services, as in, hypothetically HRC has to cut 4 of the 12 services, put them in order of priority. As most of us don't want to cut ANY services, it might clearly outline to residents the need for more county income and next time a tax might pass a vote.	11/24/2019 5:35 PM
88	I think the most critical need is for services to respond to crime, accidents and other emergencies in rural areas of the county.	11/24/2019 5:20 PM
89	I am a property owner in Hood River. I am very concerned about the safety.of our community. Limited coverage is upsetting and scary. All seasons of the year we deserve to feel safe.	11/24/2019 5:08 PM
90	Telling the world we are lacking services seems ill advised. Of course these things are all very important. We need to work together for a solution. Had you pitched the 2% sales tax with the same outreach effort as the food and beverage tax the acceptance would have been much better.	11/24/2019 4:10 PM
91	The property tax code and PERS is the root of the funding problem. Asking for additional taxpayer money (while property values, sources and development are increasing, is a mistake and enables continued lack of fiscal accountability, starting at the state level.	11/24/2019 2:54 PM
92	Most of these services are required by state law. I read the sheriff's press release regarding funding and services. We are unable to keep employees due to sub standard pay and work environment.	11/24/2019 2:32 PM
93	For me, it's not a question of how important or not important services are; they're all important. My main concern is that I don't think the county has not been fiscally responsible for more than a decade. More transparency for how county resources are being allocated would be a very effective way to gain trust and then we could have all of these important services. Thank you for the chance to have input.	11/24/2019 2:09 PM
94	Public safety should never be something that is cut. Just since they have gone to 12 hour shifts, there has been an increase in crime. People know when they are not on duty. Look at the times these crimes are taking place. Our deputies, p&p and dispatchers are some of the lowest paid in the state. It's no wonder they are all seeking employment elsewhere. We can't afford to continue to treat them this poorly.	11/24/2019 1:07 PM
95	Most important is that every Hood River County resident should know that when they need the police, they can access quick help with a single call. Criminals should be prosecuted quickly and to the full extent of the law. Neighbors should be encouraged to work out their conflicts with one another. Nonprofits can be an effective community resource for dealing with domestic violence. In a situation with limited resources, animal control issues and quality of life issues have to take a back seat to public safety and response to dangerous criminal activity.	11/24/2019 6:09 AM
96	I see too many law enforcement officers clustered together. If there is a shortage, as stated, resources need to be better managed and allocated to more areas.	11/24/2019 5:27 AM
97	Speeding on Wasco Street: important Drunk driving: important	11/24/2019 5:26 AM
98	Cascade locks needs to be under a different ticket.	11/24/2019 4:40 AM
99	County Sheriffs need to patrol county areas and not incorporated city zones. They should not constantly be in my Heights neighborhood, leaving county zoned areas lacking. Hood River city police should be patrolling these areas, not Sheriff's Dept. Allocate properly. Do not leave County residents lacking support services from these deputies when the city has a dedicated police department.	11/24/2019 4:39 AM
100	Public safety services are vital. It is unfortunate that county residents are so slow to approve funding. It's difficult to not give priority to any of the services mentioned in this survey. Thanks for all you do!	11/24/2019 4:32 AM
101	I have already done the survey but there is something I need to add. When you live in a small community the last thing you need is that your town has no officer coverage being blasted all over the tv , radio and and the internet . It's an open invitation to those who would come to our town to steal and do harm to the citizens who live here not to mention the squatters who would move in .I under stand the police are under staffed , but did you have to tell the whole world?	11/24/2019 4:09 AM
102	Cascade locks needs better patrol during planned BPA power outages and they need to crack down on thieves and drug addicts.	11/24/2019 4:07 AM
103	It's a real shame we couldn't approve a tax to cover these expenses. That said, I think we should put resources towards emergencies that impact people and especially kids first.	11/24/2019 4:00 AM

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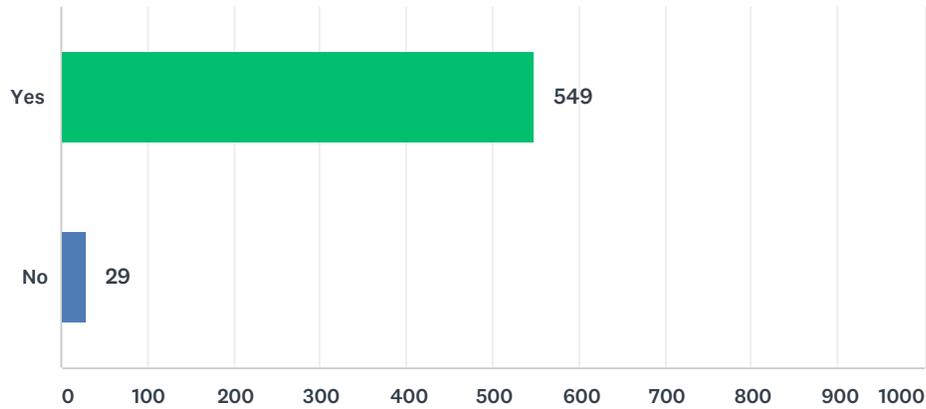
104	Hood river is a large county to be county to be covered by only a few officers I understand .I know of a few people , at least here in cascade locks who always have a eye out for unwanted things going on in our town .If the other communities in the county would step up and when they do find a issue they monitor and call for a officer to respond it could save time and millage when there is nothings going on in town .Thanks so much for all the officers do.	11/24/2019 3:47 AM
105	I find it super frustrating that we seem to blow our budget with rescues, often of tourists. I know that we are required to provide these services, and I think they are super important, local or not, but I think the state should be helping with this. To pass local levys to make up for budget shortfalls when we are spending so much on these services is super frustrating. In order to pass a local levy, you'll need to make sure you answer this concern from locals. Thanks	11/24/2019 3:21 AM
106	Most important is having current business practice audited. How efficiently the bare bones are being ran. Paying crazy office equipment prices, how much are the brass being paid, versus the "little people." I truly can't make a decision about services, without knowing what you're putting out, without them. What about Grant writing? Get rid of inefficient supervisors whom don't disperse loyalty in subordinates. Stop lumping stuff into these ballot measures. I'd rather see 6-7 measures, and choose which deserves my vote, based on how well that department is ran. If I ran a business as poorly as government runs agencies, I'd be out of business. Because you don't buy things you can't afford. You make due on certain items, because you've triaged their need. I refuse to agree with any measure that has a bunch of stuff lumped in, because theirs always a weasel in the wood pile. Stop hiding crap from voters, and maybe we'll okay a measure!	11/24/2019 3:13 AM
107	Start charging for rescue operations	11/24/2019 3:02 AM
108	Law enforcement should never be in a general fund. This has proven time and time again to be a political pawn by threatening the reduction of services if funding is not approved for other useless , non-related projects. I fully support law enforcement having its own , separate, tax so long as the current funding is pulled from the general fund.	11/24/2019 2:39 AM
109	Do not advertise to everyone about planned power outages at night due to break ins. Provide Cascade Locks with sheriff reports. Provide Cascade Locks when sheriff is in town so we know if we dial 911 he is close by.	11/24/2019 2:32 AM
110	As a citizen of cascade locks I would appreciate a more flexible coverage to accommodate the times we have power outages and we would also appreciate it if you didn't advertise it all over social and news media.	11/24/2019 2:16 AM
111	Emergencies, and crimes are at the top. Services related to those are next.	11/24/2019 2:02 AM
112	Cascade Locks needs a full time deputy and more patrols, more often. Cascade Locks really does feel like unmanaged and dangerous area. I rarely see police here, and when I have they are issuing traffic tickets - the least of worries. Drug use and theft are big here! I'd like to feel safe where I live and believe we as a tax paying community deserve to.	11/24/2019 1:50 AM
113	Please return to 24 hour coverage! In the event of an emergency, you are risking lives to save money.	11/24/2019 1:35 AM
114	I am very sorry the community has not supported the county, I hope people turn around after seeing the loss of services.	11/24/2019 1:21 AM
115	you need to learn to live within your budget. Hood river has grown and so has your revenue....we dont need planes and we need to post trails no services available. Maybe the fire dept should do search and rescue some our tax rate is the same as paid dept counties.	11/24/2019 1:19 AM
116	I'm glad to see that this survey is underway to address this issue. I work in Hood River and have family here with earliest ancestors arriving to the valley in 1881.	11/24/2019 1:19 AM
117	24 hour patrol is vital!	11/24/2019 1:18 AM
118	I know it isn't the HRCS's fault that we don't have normal presence here, but more and more people aren't feeling safe here.	11/24/2019 1:17 AM
119	Protecting the most vulnerable of our community will have to be the greatest priority. Children, the elderly and the abused need the greatest help. Neighbors need to band together to provide property watch and assistance. If folks aren't willing to pay for service then they need to provide their own.	11/24/2019 1:15 AM
120	Patrol and the ability to respond to emergency calls is most important. safety, which is part of many of the 12 choices is also very important	11/24/2019 1:10 AM

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121	I just wonder if it wouldn't save us all money to combine Sheriff and city police. I also think that you should make the port pay for rescue services you provide an port properties and on the water. They are charging for parking building more tourist facilities, yet do they help pay when those tourists get in trouble?	11/24/2019 1:03 AM
122	I'm just curious as to why taxing tourists ONLY was not a viable solution as much of our resources go to tourists. Animal control necessary for abuse, but training could be done through community partners.	11/24/2019 1:03 AM
123	It is very important to me to have patrol services 24 hours a day not 12.	11/24/2019 12:59 AM
124	I have supported the last ballot measures to increase taxes so that the excellent employees I've encountered in my 30+ years in HR County can continue to provide such excellent service. Thankful for all they have done and will do. Wish more people agreed with me.	11/24/2019 12:53 AM
125	Please stop advertising through news reports that Cascade Locks has only 27 hours of paid for coverage(through double taxation I might add) when you do that you are put our community in jeopardy by advertising to the crooks	11/24/2019 12:52 AM
126	Domestic abuse, protecting children, HR is a beautiful place but it's horrific for singles Families, family life is damn near idyllic.	11/24/2019 12:27 AM
127	Emergency services should be top priority. Wish we could offset the cost of rescuing those pursuing high risk sports activities.	11/24/2019 12:25 AM
128	Public Safety is critical...I always vote yes on increasing taxes for P.S.	11/24/2019 12:24 AM
129	Not an effective survey, because it's too easy to say everything is important. Instead, you must force people to choose. For example, "Which would you rather have: Panorama Park re-opened, or school resource deputies. Etc.	11/23/2019 9:11 PM
130	We NEED 24 hour services and the county should find the resources for that. The deputies need to be paid more in accordance to the state. We are losing good people.	11/23/2019 7:56 PM
131	All these service are "most important" and functions the County should provide. We supported the ballet measures and would do so again. Servicing our county parks should have been on the list too.	11/23/2019 7:50 PM
132	Most of my answers to the survey fall in the middle of the importance ranking. That's because ALL of these services are important to a well-managed county. We need to fund them, and taxing to do so is required. Selecting what to de-fund is like choosing a voluntary amputation.	11/23/2019 7:33 PM
133	It's shameful the current administration chooses to promote scare tactics by cutting patrols to 12 hours a day.	11/23/2019 7:31 PM
134	My primary concerns are related to school safety and youth. I want to strongly advocate for increased prevention/ proactive outreach, and for the Department to build strong relationships in schools. We also need strong emergency response capabilities for issues in schools and other emergencies that affect our community. Living out in the County, I am deeply concerned about maintaining patrols and emergency response. More resources for youth will pay dividends for the long term health and stability of HR County.	11/23/2019 6:56 PM
135	Every service that law enforce provides to us is of the highest importance to its citizens . Taken individually , if the situation involves you or your friends and family it's a #1 priority. Thank you for your service to our community.	11/23/2019 5:37 PM
136	Manage the budget better. You don't need new equipment, fix the equipment you have. Fire, police, etc.	11/23/2019 5:28 PM
137	Just wondering if the county could of hired another officer for the cost of this survey?	11/23/2019 5:05 PM
138	This wouldn't be necessary if you had come up with better a explanation and promotion of the last funding proposal.	11/23/2019 4:43 PM
139	Safety issues including patrolling, emergency management, rescue, and investigation of issues related to violence are most important. Dealings related to MINT, drugs, immigration, court safety are all least important. All other issues are important, but less so under the current budget constraints.	11/23/2019 3:19 PM

Q14 Do you reside in Hood River County?

Answered: 578 Skipped: 5

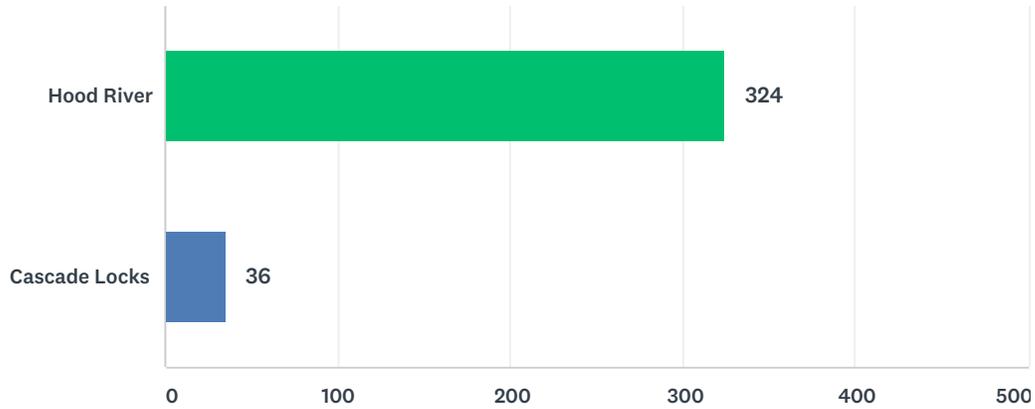


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes (1)	94.98% 549
No (2)	5.02% 29
Total Respondents: 578	

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.05	0.22

Q15 Do you reside in an incorporated City in Hood River County (Hood River or Cascade Locks)?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 225

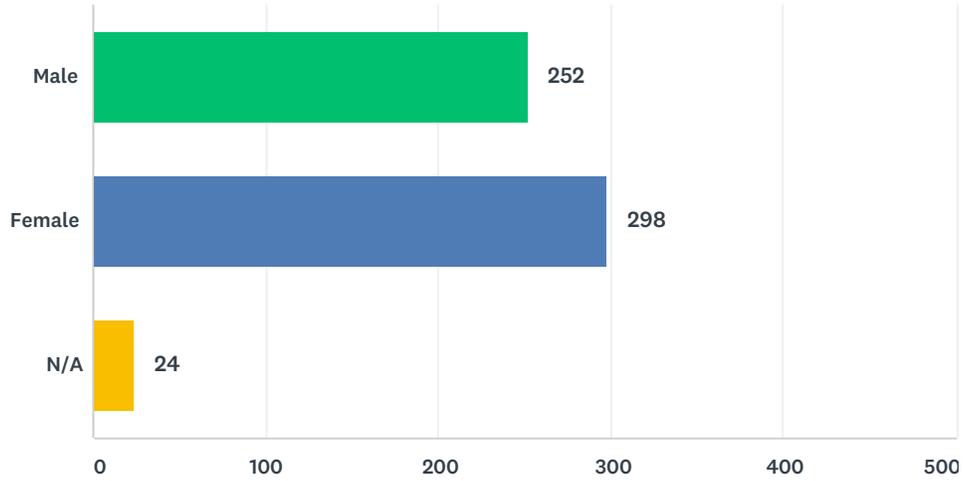


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Hood River (1)	90.50% 324
Cascade Locks (2)	10.06% 36
Total Respondents: 358	

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.10	0.30

Q16 What is your gender?

Answered: 574 Skipped: 9

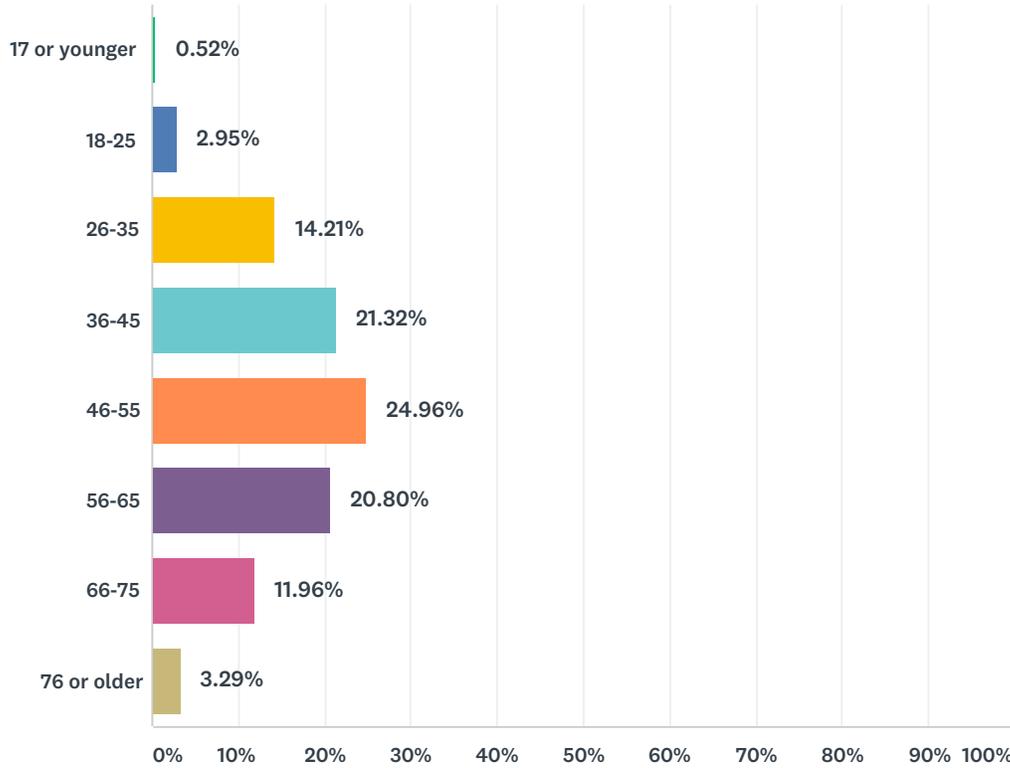


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male (1)	43.90% 252
Female (2)	51.92% 298
N/A (3)	4.18% 24
Total Respondents: 574	

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	3.00	2.00	1.60	0.57

Q17 What category describes your age range?

Answered: 577 Skipped: 6



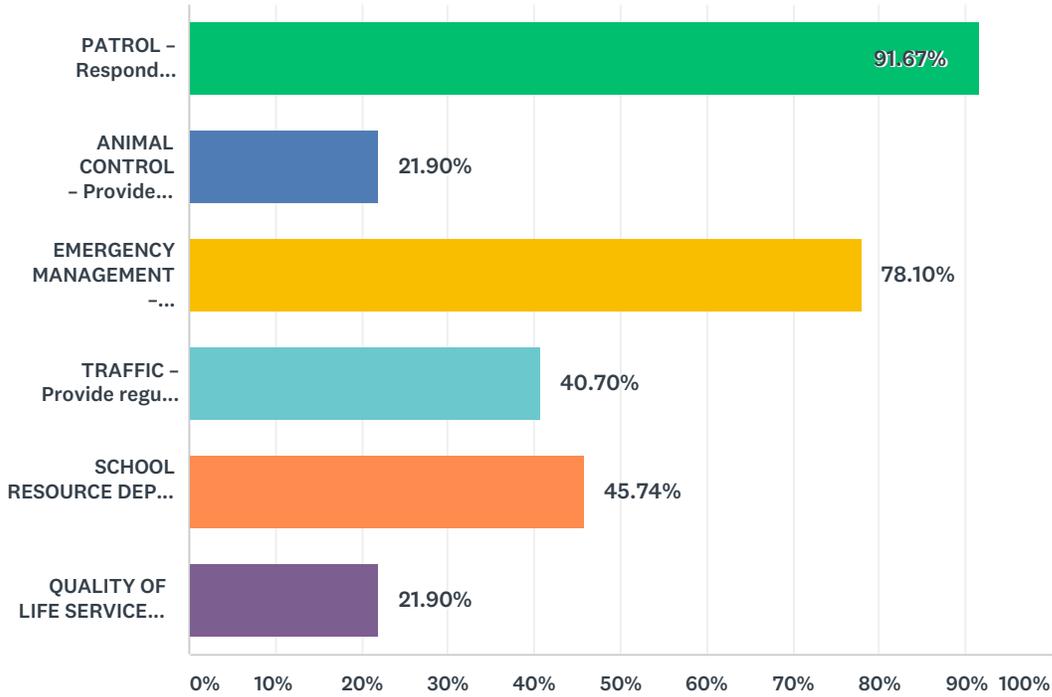
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
17 or younger (1)	0.52% 3
18-25 (2)	2.95% 17
26-35 (3)	14.21% 82
36-45 (4)	21.32% 123
46-55 (5)	24.96% 144
56-65 (6)	20.80% 120
66-75 (7)	11.96% 69
76 or older (8)	3.29% 19
TOTAL	577

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	8.00	5.00	4.94	1.45

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Q18 Group 1

Answered: 516 Skipped: 67



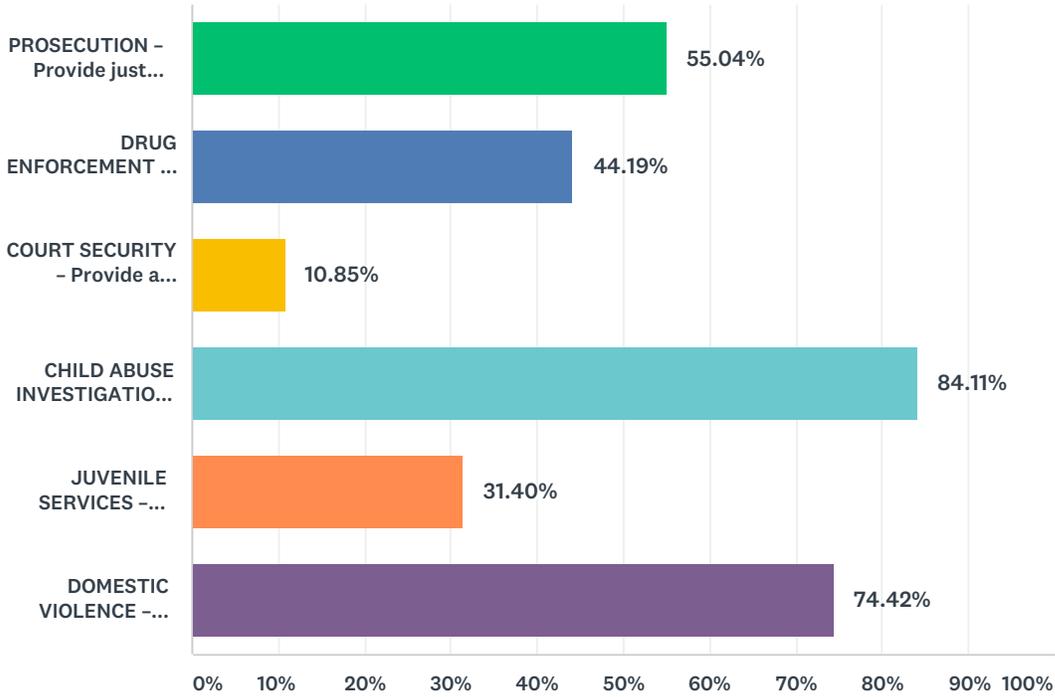
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
PATROL – Respond effectively to emergencies 24-hours per day, and provide proactive patrol in Hood River County's unincorporated areas and Cascade Locks. (1)	91.67%	473
ANIMAL CONTROL – Provide comprehensive animal control services, which include responding to incidents, investigating animal abuse, addressing nuisance issues and providing education to pet owners. (2)	21.90%	113
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Ensure operative resources and incident management during major countywide emergencies and disasters, such as severe weather events, natural disasters or catastrophic fires. (3)	78.10%	403
TRAFFIC – Provide regular targeted traffic enforcement in county neighborhoods, school zones and roadways. (4)	40.70%	210
SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY – Ensure the safety of our students through leadership, education and mentoring, in partnership with Hood River County School District. (5)	45.74%	236
QUALITY OF LIFE SERVICES – Work with residents to address issues that affect the livability of our county neighborhoods, such as disputes, barking dogs, fireworks and disruptive behavior. (6)	21.90%	113
Total Respondents: 516		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	3.00	2.98	1.64

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Q19 Group 2

Answered: 516 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
PROSECUTION – Provide justice for crime victims and offender accountability, through efficient prosecution of those who commit crimes. (1)	55.04%	284
DRUG ENFORCEMENT – Identify, investigate and arrest dealers offering illicit narcotics in our community, working in partnership with regional, state and federal agencies. (2)	44.19%	228
COURT SECURITY – Provide a secure environment in our public court facilities for the public, staff and visitors. (3)	10.85%	56
CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION – Effectively identify victims of child abuse while working to hold those who prey on children accountable. (4)	84.11%	434
JUVENILE SERVICES – Provide accountability and rehabilitation services to youth who commit crime, while working to ensure community safety and the rights of victims are protected. (5)	31.40%	162
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Deliver investigative services to ensure domestic violence offenders are held accountable, and provide resources for victims and children that can keep them safe. (6)	74.42%	384
Total Respondents: 516		

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	6.00	4.00	3.72	1.82