Bermuda Omnībus Survey

A Syndicated Quarterly Survey of the Bermuda Community

Results for

Department of National Drug Control

Field Dates:	June 15 th – June 28 th , 2016
Population:	Bermuda Residents (18+)
Sample:	400
Sampling Error	+/-4 9% (19 in 20 Samples)

All results are expressed as a percentage

The Bermuda Omnibus Survey© Second Quarter 2016

Summary Report for Department of National Drug Control (DNDC)

The following are commissioned results for the DNDC's commissioned questions from the latest Bermuda Omnibus Survey© a syndicated quarterly survey of Bermuda residents. The survey consisted of telephone interviews with a representative sample of 400 Bermuda residents conducted between June 15th and June 28th, 2016. A sample of this size drawn from the population provides results accurate to within plus or minus 4.9 percent in 19 out of 20 samples.

Safety in Neighbourhood

The bulk of residents continue to feel safe in their neighbourhoods.

Little change is observed in residents' feelings of personal safety over the past year, with the vast majority feeling either **extremely** (35% compared with 36% in June 2015) or **mostly** (61% compared with 62%) safe in their own neighbourhood. Meanwhile, only a few residents report feeling **unsafe** to any degree (3%, up from 1%), consistent with past results.

Looking at results from an annual perspective, it warrants mention that the degree to which residents feel safe has steadily increased since 2012. (Table DN1)



Feeling of Safety in Neighbourhood

Q.DN1: How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Do you feel extremely safe, mostly safe, mostly unsafe or extremely unsafe? (n=400) *Due to rounding.

Differences are noted across the population, with women and higher income earners being less likely to report feeling *extremely safe* in their neighbourhood. Meanwhile, those in Warwick/Paget are more likely than those living elsewhere on the Island to report feeling *extremely safe*.

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Despite widespread feelings of safety, there is a small but growing portion who report feelign less safe compared with six months ago.

When asked to compare their feelings of safety to those of six months ago, three quarters state that they now feel **as safe** as they did (75%, down 6 points from 2015), and one in ten now feel **safer** (9%; down 1 point). At the same time, nearly two in ten now feel **less safe** than they did six months ago, marking a notable increase from past results (15%; up 8 points). In light of this increase, the portion of residents noting worsened conditions is larger than the portion noting improvement for the first time in four years. This shift is in contrast to the upward trend observed each year in the degree to which residents feel safe in their neighbourhoods. (Table DN2)



Safety in Your Neighbourhood Compared to Six Months Ago

Q.DN2: Compared to six months ago, do you now personally feel safer, as safe, or less safe in your own neighbourhood? (n=400)

Interestingly, lower income earners are more likely to describe a shift in their feelings of safety. Indeed, greater portions of those with lower incomes state both increased and decreased feelings of safety in their own neighbourhoods compared to their counterparts. Meanwhile, older residents are more likely to indicate that they feel safer, and younger residents more commonly report feeling less safe. It also warrants mention that differences are noted across parishes, with Sandys/Southampton residents more often stating that they feel less safe, and those in Hamilton/Smiths/St. George's being more likely to feel safer.

Crimes Committed in Neighbourhood

Residents' awareness of crimes having occurred in their neighbourhood is decreasing, with marked declines in drug trafficking and crimes committed with guns observed this year.

Only a minority of residents know of any types of crime having occurred in their neighbourhood in the past twelve months. As with previous findings, *theft* is most often reported (37%, down 2 points), closely followed by *breaking and entering to steal personal property* (35%, down 1 point). Meanwhile, only a small number of residents know of *people openly selling or using drugs* (13%, down 8 points) or of *crimes committed with guns* (13%, down 5 points), both having declined notably since last year. Lastly, fewer than one in ten report *assaults* (8%, no change) or *murder* (6%, down 2 points). It warrants mention that each of the types of crimes are currently sitting at a five-year low. (Table DN3a-f)

Types of Crime Known	to Have Past 12 % Sayin	Months	d in Nei	ghbourh	ood in
	Jun '12	Jun '13	Jun '14	Jun '15	Jun '16
A theft (auto or personal property) having occurred	56%	42%	45%	39%	37%
Breaking and entering to steal property	54%	42%	44%	36%	35%
People openly selling or using drugs	21%	20%	19%	21%	13%
Crimes committed with guns	18%	18%	14%	18%	13%
An assault (violent physical attacks or sexual assault/rape)	13%	10%	8%	8%	8%
Murder	9%	10%	6%	8%	6%

Q.DN3a-f: Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of: (n=400)

Those in Sandys/Southampton more often report *people openly selling or using drugs, crimes committed with guns*, and *murder* compared to their counterparts. Meanwhile, women, higher earners, younger residents, and white residents are more aware of *theft* having occurred in their neighbourhood by comparison. Awareness of crimes also differs across racial backgrounds, with black residents more often reporting *crimes committed with guns* and *murder*, while white residents more often report *theft* or *breaking and entering to steal personal property*.

Just under half of residents are not aware of <u>any</u> type of crime having occured in their neighbourhood in the past year.

This year, additional analysis was conducted to better understand the prevalence of crime as reported by residents over the past twelve months. Results show that more than four in ten residents are not aware of <u>any types</u> of crime having occurred in their neighbourhood. The bulk of the remaining portion are aware of one or two types of crime, while knowledge of three or more types is less common.



Count of Types of Crime in Neighbourhood in Past 12 Months

Q.DN3a-f: Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of: (n=400)

Middle income earners are more likely than their counterparts to indicate that they are not aware of any types of crimes in their neighbourhood, as are older residents compared to those under the age of 55. In addition, black residents are less likely than white residents to be aware of any types of crime having occurred in their community.

Perception of Overall Health

Residents continue to rate their physical and mental well-being positively.

Residents continue to positively evaluate their overall health in terms of their physical and mental well-being (96%, down 1 point). Indeed, one-half indicate their health is **good** (49%, down 1 point from 2015), while slightly fewer describe their health as being **very good** (46%, up 2 points). On the other hand, only a small proportion rate their well-being **poorly** (5% stating poor/very poor; no change), consistent with previous findings. (Table DN4)



Rating of Own Health in Terms of Physical and Mental Well-Being

Q.DN4: Overall, how would you rate your own health in terms of physical and mental well-being? Would you say you are in very good, good, poor, or very poor health? (n=400) *Due to rounding.

Across the population, residents positively evaluate their own well-being to varying degrees. In particular, those with lower household incomes are less likely than higher earners to feel they are in *very good* health. Meanwhile, those under the age of 35 years are more likely than their older counterparts to rate their status of health as *very good*.

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TABLE DN1:

How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood? Do you feel extremely safe, mostly safe, mostly unsafe, or extremely unsafe?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	ISHLD. INCC	ME		AGE		RA	CE		RMU - AN?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Extremely safe	35	38	42	31	33	41	30	40	36	29	41	34	34	37	39	35	39
Mostly safe	61	59	53	65	66	56	66	56	60	69	56	63	62	60	58	62	55
Mostly unsafe	2	2	4	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	0	2	3	3	1	1	6
Extremely unsafe	1	1	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	0
Don't know/No answer	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40
% EXTREMELY/MOSTLY SAFE	97	97	94	96	99	97	96	96	96	97	97	97	96	97	96	97	94
% MOSTLY/EXTREMELY UNSAFE	3	3	4	4	1	3	3	4	2	3	3	2	4	3	4	2	6

TABLE DN2:

Compared to six months ago, do you now personally feel safer, as safe, or less safe in your own neighbourhood?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	ISHLD. INCC	ME		AGE		RA	CE		AN?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Safer	9	4	6	10	14	11	7	15	7	4	3	8	15	11	7	9	12
As safe	75	76	80	76	70	77	73	65	81	83	74	79	68	73	80	76	69
Less safe	15	19	13	14	14	11	19	20	10	14	23	12	16	16	13	15	15
Don't know	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

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TABLE DN3a:

Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of:

People openly selling or using drugs?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	SHLD. INCC	ME		AGE		RA	CE		MU - AN?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Yes	13	28	11	11	7	12	14	15	15	12	13	15	10	14	12	15	4
No	85	69	88	87	91	88	83	84	83	88	87	83	87	84	86	83	95
Don't know	2	3	1	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	2	3	2	2	2	1
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

TABLE DN3b:

Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of:

A theft (auto or personal property) having occurred?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	SHLD. INCO	ME		AGE		RA	CE		MU - N?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Yes	37	38	36	36	40	33	41	38	35	48	44	38	33	33	48	37	42
No	60	60	61	62	58	64	57	59	64	52	53	61	63	65	47	60	58
Don't know	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	4	1	1	3	1	5	2	5	3	0
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

TABLE DN3c:

Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of:

Breaking and entering to steal personal property?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	SHLD. INCC	ME		AGE		RA	CE		MU - AN?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Yes	35	38	34	33	37	35	35	36	37	38	38	37	31	32	47	34	42
No	64	60	66	66	62	64	64	64	62	62	62	63	67	67	52	65	58
Don't know	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

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TABLE DN3d:

Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of:

An assault (violent physical attacks or sexual assault/rape)?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	IDER	н	SHLD. INCC	ME		AGE		RA	CE		RMU - AN?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Yes	8	16	7	9	1	8	8	8	8	10	10	8	5	10	7	8	8
No	91	83	92	89	98	92	90	91	92	90	90	90	93	89	91	91	92
Don't know	1	2	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	0
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

TABLE DN3e:

Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of:

Crimes committed with guns?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	SHLD. INCO	ME		AGE		RA	CE		MU - AN?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Yes	13	22	7	17	10	13	13	20	11	9	9	17	11	17	9	14	11
No	86	78	92	82	90	87	86	80	89	91	91	83	89	83	90	86	89
Don't know	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

TABLE DN3f:

Which of the following types of crimes do you know to have occurred in your neighbourhood in the past 12 months? Do you know of:

Murder?

	BERMUDA		PA	RISH		GEN	DER	н	SHLD. INCC	ME		AGE		RA	CE		MU - N?
	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Yes	6	15	4	8	2	6	7	8	7	3	0	8	7	10	1	6	11
No	93	84	95	92	97	93	93	90	92	97	100	91	91	89	98	94	88
Don't know	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1
WEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	76	107	103	109	190	210	152	110	105	79	190	131	215	127	347	53
UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40

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TABLE DN4:

Overall, how would you rate your own health in terms of physical and mental well-being? Would you say you are in very good, good, good, or very poor health?

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	OVERALL %	Sndy/ Sthp	War/ Paget	Pem/ Devon	Ham/ Sm/SG	-M-	-F-	L.T. \$75K	\$75 - L.T. \$150K	\$150K plus	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Black	White	Yes	No
Very good	46	48	44	45	47	44	49	43	52	50	57	44	44	46	44	47	46
Good	49	45	51	50	51	53	46	51	47	48	37	52	52	48	53	49	51
Poor	4	5	5	3	2	3	4	6	0	2	6	3	3	4	4	4	0
Very poor	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
Don't know/No answer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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UNWEIGHTED SAMPLE SIZE (#)	400	66	106	111	112	141	259	150	105	98	32	124	244	166	170	360	40
% VERY GOOD/GOOD	96	94	95	96	98	97	95	94	99	98	94	96	96	95	96	95	98
% POOR/VERY POOR	4	6	5	4	2	3	5	6	1	2	6	4	4	5	4	5	2