

Mesa Residents' Perceptions of the Mesa Police Department and Community Safety

Survey Conducted: Feb. 22, 2021, through March 8, 2021

Survey Type: Live Telephone Interview

Margin of Error: +/- 3.4 percentage points at 95% confidence level

Survey Size: N = 811

Weighting Applied: To closely mirror U.S. Census data for Mesa, the sample was mildly weighted on age; gender; Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin; and education level.

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To help the Mesa Police Department understand Mesa residents' current perceptions of policing in the community and attitudes toward potential reforms, a live telephone interview survey was conducted of Mesa residents. The top line results for all survey questions are presented in this report.

Screening Question

Q0. Do you currently live in the City of Mesa, Arizona?

	Count	Percent
Yes	811	100.0

Section A: Overall Quality of Life and Crime in Mesa

QA1. How would you rate the quality of life in Mesa?

Most respondents said they are satisfied with the quality of life in Mesa. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being high, 79.5% of respondents said 4 or 5.

QA1. How would you rate the quality of life in Mesa?

	Count	Percent	
1-Low	9	1.2	
2	16	2.0	
3	135	16.7	Total % 1-2 3.1
4	333	41.0	Total % 4-5 79.5
5-High	313	38.5	
Not Sure / Don't Know	5	0.7	
Total	811	100.0	

QA2. How concerned are you about the following subjects in Mesa?

- A. Crime
- B. School safety
- C. Human trafficking
- D. Homelessness
- E. Mental illness in the community
- F. Police use of force

Of the topics presented, the largest share of respondents stated concern about homelessness (56%) followed by human trafficking (49.4%) and mental illness in the community (46.6%).

QA2A. Crime

	Count	Percent	
1-Not concerned at all	74	9.1	
2	176	21.7	
3	223	27.5	Total % 1-2 30.8
4	134	16.5	Total % 4-5 40.9
5-Very concerned	198	24.4	
Not Sure / Don't Know	7	0.8	
Total	811	100.0	

QA2B. School safety

	Count	Percent
1-Not concerned at all	142	17.5
2	131	16.1
3	149	18.4
4	118	14.5
5-Very concerned	216	26.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	55	6.8
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 33.7
Total % 4-5 41.1

QA2C. Human trafficking

	Count	Percent
1-Not concerned at all	107	13.2
2	108	13.3
3	138	17.0
4	115	14.2
5-Very concerned	285	35.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	58	7.1
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 26.6
Total % 4-5 49.4

QA2D. Homelessness

	Count	Percent
1-Not concerned at all	64	7.9
2	93	11.5
3	190	23.4
4	192	23.7
5-Very concerned	262	32.3
Not Sure / Don't Know	10	1.2
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 19.4
Total % 4-5 56.0

QA2E. Mental illness in the community

	Count	Percent
1-Not concerned at all	91	11.2
2	113	13.9
3	197	24.3
4	162	20.0
5-Very concerned	216	26.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	32	3.9
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 25.2
Total % 4-5 46.6

QA2F. Police use of force

	Count	Percent		
1-Not concerned at all	238	29.3		
2	143	17.6		
3	146	18.0	Total % 1-2	46.9
4	82	10.1	Total % 4-5	31.9
5-Very concerned	176	21.8		
Not Sure / Don't Know	26	3.2		
Total	811	100.0		

Section B: Community Policing**QB1. To what extent does the Mesa Police Department make it easy for community members to provide input (e.g., comments, suggestions, and concerns)?**

About 40% of respondents said that the Mesa Police Department makes it easy for community members to provide input. However, 1 in 5 respondents were not sure or did not know, indicating a significant level of unfamiliarity with the department's community input processes.

QB1. To what extent does the Mesa Police Department make it easy for community members to provide input (e.g., comments, suggestions, and concerns)?

	Count	Percent		
1-Not easy at all	67	8.3		
2	73	9.0		
3	174	21.4	Total % 1-2	17.3
4	137	16.8	Total % 4-5	39.8
5-Very easy	186	23.0		
Not Sure / Don't Know	175	21.6		
Total	811	100.0		

QB2. How effectively does the Mesa Police Department communicate with community members (e.g., through its website, emails, or public meetings)?

About 40% of respondents said that the Mesa Police Department communicates effectively with community members.

QB2. How effectively does the Mesa Police Department communicate with community members (e.g., through its website, emails, or public meetings)?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not effectively at all	86	10.7	
2	98	12.1	
3	200	24.7	Total % 1-2 22.8
4	149	18.4	Total % 4-5 39.6
5-Very effectively	173	21.3	
Not Sure / Don't Know	105	12.9	
Total	811	100.0	

QB3. Of the following communication methods, which would you prefer when the Mesa Police Department wants to share information about its activities and services:

- A. Email**
- B. Text message**
- C. Social media**
- D. Public meetings**
- E. Website**
- F. Mail**
- G. Automated phone call**

Email (51.1%), text message (47.5%) and social media (44.9%) are respondents' most-preferred communication methods for information from the Mesa Police Department. Automated phone calls (26.1%) are the least preferred.

QB3A. Email

	Count	Percent
Yes	414	51.1
No	397	48.9
Total	811	100.0

QB3B. Text message

	Count	Percent
Yes	386	47.5
No	426	52.5
Total	811	100.0

QB3C. Social media

	Count	Percent
Yes	364	44.9
No	447	55.1
Total	811	100.0

QB3D. Public meetings

	Count	Percent
Yes	255	31.5
No	556	68.5
Total	811	100.0

QB3E. Website

	Count	Percent
Yes	262	32.3
No	549	67.7
Total	811	100.0

QB3F. Mail

	Count	Percent
Yes	258	31.8
No	554	68.2
Total	811	100.0

QB3G. Automated phone call

	Count	Percent
Yes	211	26.1
No	600	73.9
Total	811	100.0

QB4. What is your level of interest in each of the following community policing programs?

- A. The Mesa Police Department's One-Day Community Engagement Academy**
- B. The Mesa Police Department's Transparency Initiatives on the department's website**
- C. The Mesa Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center**
- D. The Mesa Police Department's Community Forums, which focus on the interests of particular communities like business owners, people of color, youth, and people who identify as LGBTQ**
- E. The City of Mesa's strategies for reducing homelessness**

Of the topics presented, respondents were most interested in the City of Mesa's strategies for reducing homelessness (60.4%). It was the only topic that a majority of respondents showed interest in, although transparency initiatives, the Real-Time Crime Center, and the departments' Community Forums all had interest levels in the mid-40s.

QB4A. The Mesa Police Department's One-Day Community Engagement Academy

	Count	Percent	
1-Not interested at all	165	20.3	
2	123	15.2	
3	169	20.8	Total % 1-2 35.5
4	107	13.1	Total % 4-5 35.5
5-Very interested	182	22.4	
Not Sure / Don't Know	66	8.1	
Total	811	100.0	

QB4B. The Mesa Police Department's Transparency Initiatives on the department's website

	Count	Percent	
1-Not interested at all	96	11.8	
2	88	10.8	
3	182	22.5	Total % 1-2 22.7
4	137	16.9	Total % 4-5 47.6
5-Very interested	249	30.7	
Not Sure / Don't Know	59	7.3	
Total	811	100.0	

QB4C. The Mesa Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center

	Count	Percent
1-Not interested at all	61	7.5
2	89	11.0
3	190	23.4
4	143	17.6
5-Very interested	226	27.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	102	12.6
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 18.5

Total % 4-5 45.5

QB4D. The Mesa Police Department's Community Forums, which focus on the interests of particular communities like business owners, people of color, youth, and people who identify as LGBTQ

	Count	Percent
1-Not interested at all	119	14.7
2	96	11.8
3	195	24.0
4	135	16.6
5-Very interested	234	28.8
Not Sure / Don't Know	33	4.1
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 26.5

Total % 4-5 45.5

QB4E. The City of Mesa's strategies for reducing homelessness

	Count	Percent
1-Not interested at all	46	5.7
2	88	10.8
3	163	20.1
4	169	20.8
5-Very interested	321	39.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	24	3.0
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 16.6

Total % 4-5 60.4

Section C: Mental Health Response and Homelessness

QC1. How would you like the City of Mesa to address calls about mental health crises?

Most respondents (69.9%) would like Mesa to address calls about mental health crises with teams of police officers and non-police alternatives.

QC1. How would you like the City of Mesa to address calls about mental health crises?

	Count	Percent
Only with Mesa police officers	90	11.1
With teams of Mesa police officers and non-police alternatives	568	69.9
Only with non-police alternatives	138	17.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	16	1.9
Total	811	100.0

QC2. How would you like the City of Mesa to address calls about substance abuse?

Most respondents (63.8%) would like Mesa to respond to calls about substance abuse with police officers and non-police alternatives.

QC2. How would you like the City of Mesa to address calls about substance abuse?

	Count	Percent
Only with Mesa police officers	165	20.3
With teams of Mesa police officers and non-police alternatives	518	63.8
Only with non-police alternatives	113	13.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	16	2.0
Total	811	100.0

QC3. How would you like the City of Mesa to address calls about people experiencing homelessness?

While most respondents (58.1%) would like Mesa to address calls about people experiencing homelessness with teams of with teams of police officers and non-police alternatives, a significant portion of respondents (30%) said they would like only non-police alternatives to respond to these calls.

QC3. How would you like the City of Mesa to address calls about people experiencing homelessness?

	Count	Percent
Only with Mesa police officers	78	9.6
With teams of Mesa police officers and non-police alternatives	472	58.1
Only with non-police alternatives	246	30.3
Not Sure / Don't Know	16	1.9
Total	811	100.0

QC4. How supportive are you of using public funds to hire mental health professionals to handle non-violent mental health crisis calls?

Nearly three-quarters of respondents (74.3%) are supportive of using public funds to hire mental health professionals to handle non-violent mental health crisis calls. More than half of respondents (55.9%) are very supportive of this idea.

QC4. How supportive are you of using public funds to hire mental health professionals to handle non-violent mental health crisis calls?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not supportive at all	53	6.6	
2	29	3.6	
3	111	13.6	Total % 1-2 10.2
4	149	18.3	Total % 4-5 74.3
5-Very supportive	454	55.9	
Not Sure / Don't Know	15	1.9	
Total	811	100.0	

QC5. How supportive are you of using public funds to hire substance abuse counselors to help respond to substance abuse calls?

Most respondents (71.4%) are supportive of using public funds to hire substance abuse counselors to help respond to substance abuse calls. More than half of respondents (52.4%) are very supportive of this idea.

QC5. How supportive are you of using public funds to hire substance abuse counselors to help respond to substance abuse calls?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not supportive at all	71	8.8	
2	39	4.8	
3	111	13.7	Total % 1-2 13.6
4	154	19.0	Total % 4-5 71.4
5-Very supportive	425	52.4	
Not Sure / Don't Know	11	1.3	
Total	811	100.0	

QC6. How concerned are you about homelessness in Mesa?

Over 60% of respondents said they are concerned about homelessness in Mesa. This echoes the high level of concern about homelessness expressed by respondents in question QA2D.

QC6. How concerned are you about homelessness in Mesa?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not concerned at all	51	6.2	
2	88	10.8	
3	179	22.0	Total % 1-2 17.1
4	219	27.0	Total % 4-5 60.5
5-Very concerned	272	33.5	
Not Sure / Don't Know	4	0.5	
Total	811	100.0	

QC7. How supportive are you of the City of Mesa using public funds to help people experiencing homelessness by providing....?

- A. Temporary shelter**
- B. Permanent housing**
- C. Drug treatment**
- D. Mental health care**

Three-quarters of respondents are supportive of using public funds to help people experiencing homelessness by providing temporary shelter. There are also majority levels of support for providing mental health care (70.5%) and drug treatment (62.5%). About half of respondents expressed support for using public funds to help people experiencing homelessness by providing permanent housing.

QC7A. Temporary shelter

	Count	Percent		
1-Not supportive at all	44	5.4		
2	43	5.2		
3	106	13.1	Total % 1-2	10.7
4	183	22.5	Total % 4-5	75.8
5-Very supportive	432	53.3		
Not Sure / Don't Know	3	0.4		
Total	811	100.0		

QC7B. Permanent housing

	Count	Percent		
1-Not supportive at all	154	19.0		
2	78	9.7		
3	158	19.5	Total % 1-2	28.7
4	120	14.8	Total % 4-5	50.1
5-Very supportive	287	35.3		
Not Sure / Don't Know	14	1.7		
Total	811	100.0		

QC7C. Drug treatment

	Count	Percent		
1-Not supportive at all	75	9.3		
2	70	8.6		
3	153	18.8	Total % 1-2	17.9
4	159	19.6	Total % 4-5	62.5
5-Very supportive	348	42.9		
Not Sure / Don't Know	6	0.8		
Total	811	100.0		

QC7D. Mental health care

	Count	Percent	
1-Not supportive at all	38	4.7	
2	61	7.5	
3	137	16.9	Total % 1-2 12.2
4	166	20.4	Total % 4-5 70.5
5-Very supportive	406	50.1	
Not Sure / Don't Know	3	0.3	
Total	811	100.0	

QC8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Arresting people experiencing homelessness for minor criminal offenses is an effective public safety strategy.

Most respondents (64.3%) do not think that arresting people experiencing homelessness for minor criminal offenses is an effective public safety strategy.

QC8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Arresting people experiencing homelessness for minor criminal offenses is an effective public safety strategy.

	Count	Percent
Agree	243	30.0
Disagree	522	64.3
Not Sure / Don't Know	46	5.7
Total	811	100.0

Section D: Policing Technology and Traffic Enforcement

QD1. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your own position – even if neither is exactly right?

Most respondents (68.1%) said that it would help keep the community safe if when crime is suspected the police had real-time access to video feeds from businesses.

QD1. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your own position – even if neither is exactly right?

	Count	Percent
It would help keep the community safe if when crime is suspected the police had real-time access to video feeds from businesses.	553	68.1
It would be a privacy concern if when crime is suspected the police had real-time access to video feeds from businesses.	211	26.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	47	5.8
Total	811	100.0

QD2. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your own position – even if neither is exactly right?

Most respondents (80.4%) said that it would help keep the community safe if when crime is suspected the police had real-time access to video feeds from schools.

QD2. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your own position – even if neither is exactly right?

	Count	Percent
It would help keep the community safe if when crime is suspected the police had real-time access to video feeds from schools.	652	80.4
It would be a privacy concern if when crime is suspected the police had real-time access to video feeds from schools.	138	17.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	21	2.6
Total	811	100.0

QD3. Yes or no, do you think the Mesa Police Department should purchase on-body cameras for every police officer?

Nearly all respondents (93.8%) said the Mesa Police Department should purchase on-body cameras for every police officer.

QD3. Yes or no, do you think the Mesa Police Department should purchase on-body cameras for every police officer?

	Count	Percent
Yes	761	93.8
No	43	5.3
Not Sure / Don't Know	8	0.9
Total	811	100.0

QD4. How supportive are you of using public funds for purchasing on-body cameras for every police officer?

About two-thirds of respondents (67.5%) are very supportive of using public funds for purchasing on-body cameras for every police officer. The share of respondents who indicated clear support (a 4 or 5) was 81.3%.

QD4. How supportive are you of using public funds for purchasing on-body cameras for every police officer?

	Count	Percent
1-Not supportive at all	54	6.6
2	12	1.4
3	81	10.0
4	112	13.8
5-Very supportive	548	67.5
Not Sure / Don't Know	5	0.7
Total	811	100.0

Total % 1-2 8.1
Total % 4-5 81.3

QD5. Yes or no, do you support the use of drones by law enforcement...

- A. as an alternative to police helicopters?**
- B. for search and rescue operations?**
- C. in searches for felony suspects?**
- D. to photograph crime scenes?**
- E. to document evidence in fatal traffic investigations?**

Nearly all respondents (93.6%) expressed support for using drones for search and rescue operations. There were high levels of support (above 80%) for using drones for photographing crime scenes, documenting evidence in fatal traffic investigations, and searching for felony suspects. There was majority support (66.4%) for using drones as an alternative to police helicopters.

QD5A. Yes or no, do you support the use of drones by law enforcement as an alternative to police helicopters?

	Count	Percent
Yes	539	66.4
No	197	24.3
Not Sure / Don't Know	76	9.3
Total	811	100.0

QD5B. Yes or no, do you support the use of drones by law enforcement for search and rescue operations?

	Count	Percent
Yes	759	93.6
No	42	5.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	10	1.2
Total	811	100.0

QD5C. Yes or no, do you support the use of drones by law enforcement in searches for felony suspects?

	Count	Percent
Yes	661	81.4
No	122	15.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	28	3.5
Total	811	100.0

QD5D. Yes or no, do you support the use of drones by law enforcement to photograph crime scenes?

	Count	Percent
Yes	697	85.9
No	98	12.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	17	2.0
Total	811	100.0

QD5E. Yes or no, do you support the use of drones by law enforcement to document evidence in fatal traffic investigations?

	Count	Percent
Yes	682	84.1
No	97	12.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	32	3.9
Total	811	100.0

QD6. Yes or no, do you support the use of red-light cameras to reduce accidents at major intersections in Mesa?

Slightly more than half of respondents (54.2%) said they support using red-light cameras to reduce accidents at major intersections in Mesa.

QD6. Yes or no, do you support the use of red-light cameras to reduce accidents at major intersections in Mesa?

	Count	Percent
Yes	440	54.2
No	344	42.4
Not Sure / Don't Know	28	3.4
Total	811	100.0

QD7. Yes or no, do you support the use of speed cameras in school zones?

Three-quarters of respondents (76.1%) said they support the use of speed cameras in school zones.

QD7. Yes or no, do you support the use of speed cameras in school zones?

	Count	Percent
Yes	617	76.1
No	183	22.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	11	1.3
Total	811	100.0

Section E: Police Contact and Professionalism

QE1. Have you been a victim of crime in Mesa?

Just over one-quarter of respondents (27.9%) reported being a victim of crime in Mesa.

QE1. Have you been a victim of crime in Mesa?

	Count	Percent
Yes	226	27.9
No	583	71.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	2	0.2
Total	811	100.0

QE2. Did you report the crime to the police?

Of the respondents who reported being a victim of crime in Mesa, nearly all (89.5%) reported the crime to the police.

QE2. Did you report the crime to the police?

	Count	Percent
Yes	203	89.5
No	22	9.6
Not Sure / Don't Know	2	0.8
Total	226	100.0
Question not asked	585	
Total	811	

QE3. How would you describe your experiences with Mesa Police Department officers?

Most respondents (64.6%) said that their experiences with Mesa Police Department officers were “mostly positive.” About 10% said their experiences were “mostly negative.” Almost one-quarter of respondents (22.4%) said they have not had any experiences with Mesa Police Department officers.

QE3. How would you describe your experiences with Mesa Police Department officers?

	Count	Percent
Mostly positive	524	64.6
Mostly negative	79	9.8
I haven't had any	182	22.4
Not Sure / Don't Know	26	3.2
Total	811	100.0

QE4. Did the Mesa Police Department initiate any contact with you during the past year, such as a traffic stop?

Of the people who said in QE3 that they had experience with Mesa Police Department officers, 16.3% said that they had an experience that was initiated by the Mesa Police Department.

QE4. Did the Mesa Police Department initiate any contact with you during the past year, such as a traffic stop?

	Count	Percent
Yes	98	16.3
No	504	83.4
Not Sure / Don't Know	2	0.3
Total	604	100.0
Question not asked	208	
Total	811	

QE5. During your contact with the Mesa Police Department during the past year, did the officer sufficiently explain his or her actions?

Of the respondents who said in QE4 that the Mesa Police Department initiated contact with them in the past year, nearly all (95.1%) said that the officer sufficiently explained their actions.

QE5. During your contact with the Mesa Police Department during the past year, did the officer sufficiently explain his or her actions?

	Count	Percent
Yes	93	95.1
No	5	4.9
Total	98	100.0
Question not asked	713	
Total	811	

Section F: Use of Force

QF1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Mesa police officers only use the amount of force necessary to accomplish their tasks.

About half of respondents (51.1%) said Mesa police officers only use the amount of force necessary to accomplish their tasks. About one in 10 respondents (10.8%) said they were not sure or didn't know. About one in five (19.9%) disagree.

QF1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Mesa police officers only use the amount of force necessary to accomplish their tasks.

	Count	Percent	
1-Strongly disagree	100	12.4	
2	61	7.5	
3	148	18.2	Total % 1-2 19.9
4	149	18.3	Total % 4-5 51.1
5-Strongly agree	265	32.7	
Not Sure / Don't Know	87	10.8	
Total	811	100.0	

QF2. How supportive are you of using public funds for de-escalation training where officers would learn strategies to reduce the likelihood of injury or death?

Most respondents (83%) said they are supportive of using public funds for de-escalation training. The intensity of support for de-escalation training was high, with 70.9% saying they were very supportive of the idea.

QF2. How supportive are you of using public funds for de-escalation training where officers would learn strategies to reduce the likelihood of injury or death?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not supportive at all	36	4.5	
2	22	2.7	
3	74	9.2	Total % 1-2 7.2
4	98	12.1	Total % 4-5 83.0
5-Very supportive	576	70.9	
Not Sure / Don't Know	5	0.6	
Total	811	100.0	

Section G: Overall Satisfaction and Priorities

QG1. How satisfied are you with the performance of the Mesa Police Department?

Satisfaction with the Mesa Police Department is high (68.6% said 4 or 5). The share of respondents who said they were not satisfied was under 10%.

QG1. How satisfied are you with the performance of the Mesa Police Department?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not satisfied at all	31	3.8	
2	45	5.5	
3	149	18.4	Total % 1-2 9.3
4	232	28.6	Total % 4-5 68.6
5-Very satisfied	324	40.0	
Not Sure / Don't Know	30	3.7	
Total	811	100.0	

QG2. How satisfied are you with public safety in Mesa?

Satisfaction with public safety in Mesa is high (68.3% said 4 or 5). A small share (6.2%) said they were not satisfied.

QG2. How satisfied are you with public safety in Mesa?

	Count	Percent	
1-Not satisfied at all	15	1.8	
2	36	4.4	
3	197	24.3	Total % 1-2 6.2
4	291	35.9	Total % 4-5 68.3
5-Very satisfied	263	32.4	
Not Sure / Don't Know	11	1.3	
Total	811	100.0	

QG3. Of the following list, which item would you like the City of Mesa to prioritize in the coming year?

Three priorities for the City of Mesa to pursue in the coming year rose to the top: equipping all police officers with on-body cameras, hiring more mental health professionals to respond to crisis calls, and training police officers in de-escalation strategies.

QG3. Of the following list, which item would you like the City of Mesa to prioritize in the coming year?

	Count	Percent
Hire more mental health professionals to respond to crisis calls	190	23.4
Equip all police officers with on-body cameras	191	23.5
Train police officers in de-escalation strategies	185	22.9
Hire more police officers	130	16.0
Provide more support for people experiencing homelessness	82	10.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	33	4.1
Total	811	100.0

Section H: Demographic Questions

QH1. What is your home ZIP code?

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	Count	Percent
85201	86	10.5
85202	62	7.6
85203	70	8.7
85204	95	11.8
85205	78	9.7
85206	73	9.0
85207	51	6.2
85208	30	3.7
85209	63	7.7
85210	51	6.3
85212	64	7.9
85213	53	6.6
85215	24	2.9
85051	2	0.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	9	1.1
Total	811	100.0

QH2. How old are you?

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	Count	Percent
18-24 years	80	9.9
25-34 years	125	15.4
35-44 years	170	20.9
45-54 years	135	16.6
55-64 years	126	15.5
65-74 years	108	13.3
75 years or older	55	6.8
Not Sure / Don't Know	13	1.6
Total	811	100.0

QH3. How many years have you lived in Mesa?**QH3. How many years have you lived in Mesa?**

	Count	Percent
Less than 2 years	36	4.5
2-5 years	138	17.0
6-10 years	138	17.0
11-20 years	191	23.5
More than 20 years	301	37.1
Not Sure / Don't Know	7	0.8
Total	811	100.0

QH4. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?**QH4. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?**

	Count	Percent
Yes, I am of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin	216	26.6
No, I am not of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin.	536	66.0
Not Sure / Don't Know	60	7.4
Total	811	100.0

QH5. What is your race?

- A. American Indian or Alaska Native**
- B. Asian, Asian Indian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander**
- C. Black or African American**
- D. White**
- E. Another race not listed**
- F. Not sure / Don't know**

QH5A. American Indian or Alaska Native

	Count	Percent
Yes	18	2.2
No	794	97.8
Total	811	100.0

QH5B. Asian, Asian Indian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

	Count	Percent
Yes	19	2.3
No	793	97.7
Total	811	100.0

QH5C. Black or African American

	Count	Percent
Yes	34	4.2
No	777	95.8
Total	811	100.0

QH5D. White

	Count	Percent
Yes	550	67.7
No	262	32.3
Total	811	100.0

QH5E. Another race not listed

	Count	Percent
Yes	142	17.5
No	669	82.5
Total	811	100.0

QH5F. Not sure / Don't know

	Count	Percent
Yes	71	8.7
No	740	91.3
Total	811	100.0

QH6. What is your gender?**QH6. What is your gender?**

	Count	Percent
Female	403	49.7
Male	406	50.0
Not Sure / Don't Know / Other	3	0.3
Total	811	100.0

QH7. Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ community?**QH7. Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ community?**

	Count	Percent
Yes	58	7.2
No	724	89.2
Not Sure / Don't Know	29	3.6
Total	811	100.0

QH8. What is your total annual household income before taxes?**QH8. What is your total annual household income before taxes?**

	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	63	7.8
\$25,000- \$50,000	162	20.0
\$50,001 - \$75,000	134	16.5
\$75,001 - \$100,000	113	13.9
\$100,001 – \$150,000	81	10.0
Greater than \$150,000	65	8.0
Prefer not to answer	194	23.9
Total	811	100.0

QH9. What is the highest level of schooling you have had the chance to complete?**QH9. What is the highest level of schooling you have had the chance to complete?**

	Count	Percent
Have not graduated high school	14	1.8
High school or GED	245	30.2
Community College Degree (AA) or technical college graduate	272	33.5
Four-year college or university graduate	146	18.0
Master's degree or higher	97	11.9
Not Sure / Don't Know	37	4.6
Total	811	100.0

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