# Public Opinion on Non-Police Alternative Emergency Responses in Los Angeles

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## Background

Through the murders of numerous Blac people over countless years, we have that all too often, when people call th police, these police calls end in unnecessary Black death and are ultimately a catalyst for modern day slavery through the carceral state.

## **Research Question**

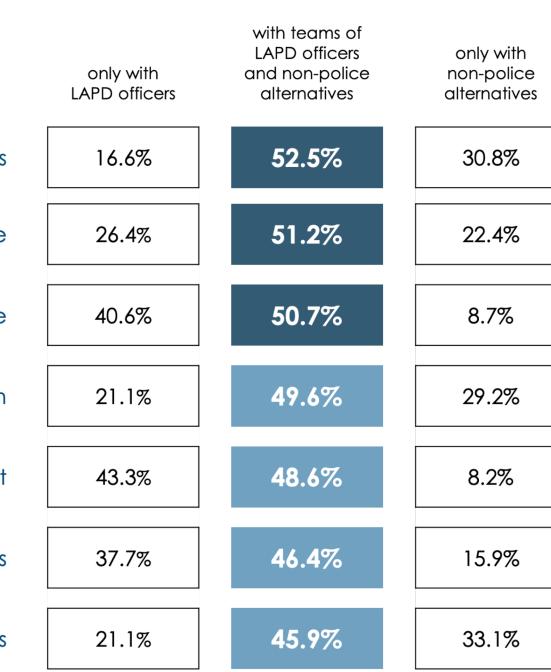
Are Angelenos who have had person experiences with the police more likel support alternative emergency respon than those who have not? Does this d by race and gender?

## Methodology

The data used is from the Study of Los Angeles (Study LA) 2020 Police and Community Relations Survey. 1,753 ac Angelenos were surveyed through mix mode public opinion (phone, online, face-to-face interviews) survey resear from October to November 2020. The was to see Angelenos' opinions of the police and their role in the community Angelenos of different backgrounds v represented in the survey. The margin error for this survey is ±2.5% and a test significance was performed. The data were analyzed by race and gender. my specific research question I utilized survey questions 10 and 14 and analy responses by race and gender.

en	How would you like the city to address the following of emergency calls?					
				only with LAPD officers	with teams of LAPD officers and non-police alternatives	
		Calls about r	mental health crises	16.6%	52.5%	
		Calls abou	ut substance abuse	26.4%	51.2%	
		Calls about	t domestic violence	40.6%	50.7%	
		Calls about	t suicide prevention	21.1%	49.6%	
		Calls c	about sexual assault	43.3%	48.6%	
		Calls abou	ut neighbor disputes	37.7%	46.4%	
	Calls about	people experier	ncing homelessness	21.1%	45.9%	
l to ses fer		Calls regarding domestic violence				
			MALE RESPONDENT		-Emale Pondents	
		y with officers	39.7%		41.6%	
	LAPD and po	eams of officers d non- olice natives	<b>51.2%</b>		50.2%	
_ _	non-	y with -police natives	9.1%		8.2%	
1 N		Calls regarding sexual assault				
		• • •	MALE RESPONDENT		female Pondents	
Ð	-	v with officers	44.1%		42.6%	
	LAPD and po	eams of officers non- olice natives	<b>47.9%</b>		<b>49.4%</b>	
	non-j	v with police natives	8%		8%	

## g types





MOSTLY POSITIVE 46.5%

## Results

Black and Latino/a Angelenos are less likely than their white & Asian counterparts to elect teams of only LAPD officers to respond to emergency calls. Second-most preferred option for emergency calls pertaining to mental health crises, homelessness, and suicide prevention was **non-police alternative responses**. When asked about how emergency calls regarding homelessness should be addressed, **Black** residents mostly preferred only non-police alternatives. Men and women held similar attitudes

towards calls regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

## Conclusion

likely to support alternative more Ultimately, these responses. go back to the idea of

Yes, Angelenos with personal experiences are emergency responses reimagining public safety.

### References

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How would you describe your experiences with LAPD officers?

> MOSTLY NEGATIVE

I HAVEN'T HAD ANY

### 19.8% 33.8%