

# World Justice Project Police Performance Variable Map 2022

Variables used in infographic on perceptions of police performance

This table lists the individual variables from the General Population Poll used to construct the chart “Perceptions of the Police.”

The table consists of four columns:

1. **Column one** lists the variable’s identification number within the 2022 General Population Poll conducted in South America
2. **Column two** lists the indicator being measured as it is described in the infographic
3. **Column three** lists the answer options from each variable shown in each chart
4. **Column four** includes the survey text for the variable

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Variable Number	Label	Answer Options Shown	Full Question Text
<b>Perceptions of the Police</b>			
<b>Effectiveness</b>			
<b>Crime Control and Safety</b>			
q45e_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police respond to crime reports	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], when a victim reports a crime to the police, the police do everything possible to assist the victim and hold the perpetrator accountable
q43a_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police resolve security problems in the community	Very well; Fairly well	Keeping in mind your own experience or what you have heard, how well or how badly do you think the police in [CITY] fulfill the following functions? Resolving security problems in your community
q43b_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police perform effective and lawful investigations	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: Police investigators in [COUNTRY] perform serious and law-abiding investigations to find the perpetrators of a crime
q43b_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police help them feel safe	Very well; Fairly well	Keeping in mind your own experience or what you have heard, how well or how badly do you think the police in [CITY] fulfill the following functions? Helping you and your family to feel safe within and outside of your house
<b>Serve the Public</b>			
q43c_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police are available to help when needed	Very well; Fairly well	Keeping in mind your own experience or what you have heard, how well or how badly do you think the police in [CITY] fulfill the following functions? Being available to help when you need it
q43i_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police serve the interests of the community	Strongly agree; Agree	Based on your experience or on what you have heard, would you say that: The police in [COUNTRY] serve the interests of your community.

q43h_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police serve the interests of regular citizens	Strongly agree; Agree	Based on your experience or on what you have heard, would you say that: The police in [COUNTRY] serve the interests of people like you.
Legitimacy			
Due process			
q43a_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police act lawfully	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: The police in [COUNTRY] act according to the law
q43e_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not use excessive force	Rarely; Never	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], members of the police employ excessive use of force.
q43c_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police respect the rights of suspects	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], the basic rights of suspects are respected by the police.
q43d_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police treat all people with respect	Very well; Fairly well	Keeping in mind your own experience or what you have heard, how well or how badly do you think the police in [CITY] fulfill the following functions? Treating all people with kindness and respect
Corruption			
q5g	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police are not involved in corrupt practices	Some of them; None	How many of the following people in [COUNTRY] do you think are involved in corrupt practices? Police officers
q43e_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police investigate crimes in an independent manner	Strongly agree; Agree	Based on your experience or on what you have heard, would you say that: Police investigators in [COUNTRY] investigate crimes in an independent manner and are not subject to any sort of pressure.
q43k_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not serve the interests of gangs	Disagree; Strongly disagree	Based on your experience or on what you have heard, would you say that: The police in [COUNTRY] serve the interests of gangs and organized criminal groups.
q43j_G2	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not serve the interests of politicians	Disagree; Strongly disagree	Based on your experience or on what you have heard, would you say that: The police in [COUNTRY] serve the interests of politicians.
Discrimination			
q13j	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not discriminate against suspects based on age	No	Imagine that the local police detain two persons equally suspected of committing a crime. In your opinion, would the following characteristics place one of them at a disadvantage? A young person
q13i	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not discriminate against suspects based on tattoos	No	Imagine that the local police detain two persons equally suspected of committing a crime. In your opinion, would the following characteristics place one of them at a disadvantage? A person with tattoos

q13h	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not discriminate against suspects based on Indigenous identity	No	Imagine that the local police detain two persons equally suspected of committing a crime. In your opinion, would the following characteristics place one of them at a disadvantage? An Indigenous person
q13g	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not discriminate against suspects based on skin color	No	Imagine that the local police detain two persons equally suspected of committing a crime. In your opinion, would the following characteristics place one of them at a disadvantage? A person with dark skin
q13b	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not discriminate against suspects based on gender	No	Imagine that the local police detain two persons equally suspected of committing a crime. In your opinion, would the following characteristics place one of them at a disadvantage? A female
<b>Accountability</b>			
q43d_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police are held accountable for violating laws	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], if members of the police violate the law, they are punished for these violations
q43f_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police are held accountable for seeking bribes	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], if members of the police request bribes, they will be held accountable
q43g_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police are held accountable for accepting bribes	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], if members of the police accept bribes from gangs or criminal organizations, they will be held accountable
q43h_G1	Percentage of respondents who believe that the police are investigated for misconduct	Always; Often	Please tell me how often you would say that: In [COUNTRY], if someone makes a complaint against a member of the police, the accusation will be investigated
<b>Trust and Crime Reporting</b>			
q1d	Percentage of respondents who trust the police	A lot; Some	Please tell me, how much TRUST do you have in each of the following categories? The police
q11d	Percentage of respondents who report a crime when they are a victim*	Yes	Thinking about the most recent incident, did you report the crime to the police or any other authority?
q12	Percentage of respondents who feel safe in their neighborhoods	Very safe; Safe	How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?

\*Note: This percentage includes respondents who reported a crime to the police or other authority – including a public prosecutor, lawyer, human right agency, military officer, or court.