

Who Feels Safe in Our Community?

An Analysis of the Community Health Assessment Survey

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This report explores what makes people **feel safe or unsafe in their communities**. The findings are based on a community health survey with responses from:

- **1,030** residents of **Prince William County**
- **499** residents of the **City of Manassas**
- **169** residents of the **City of Manassas Park**

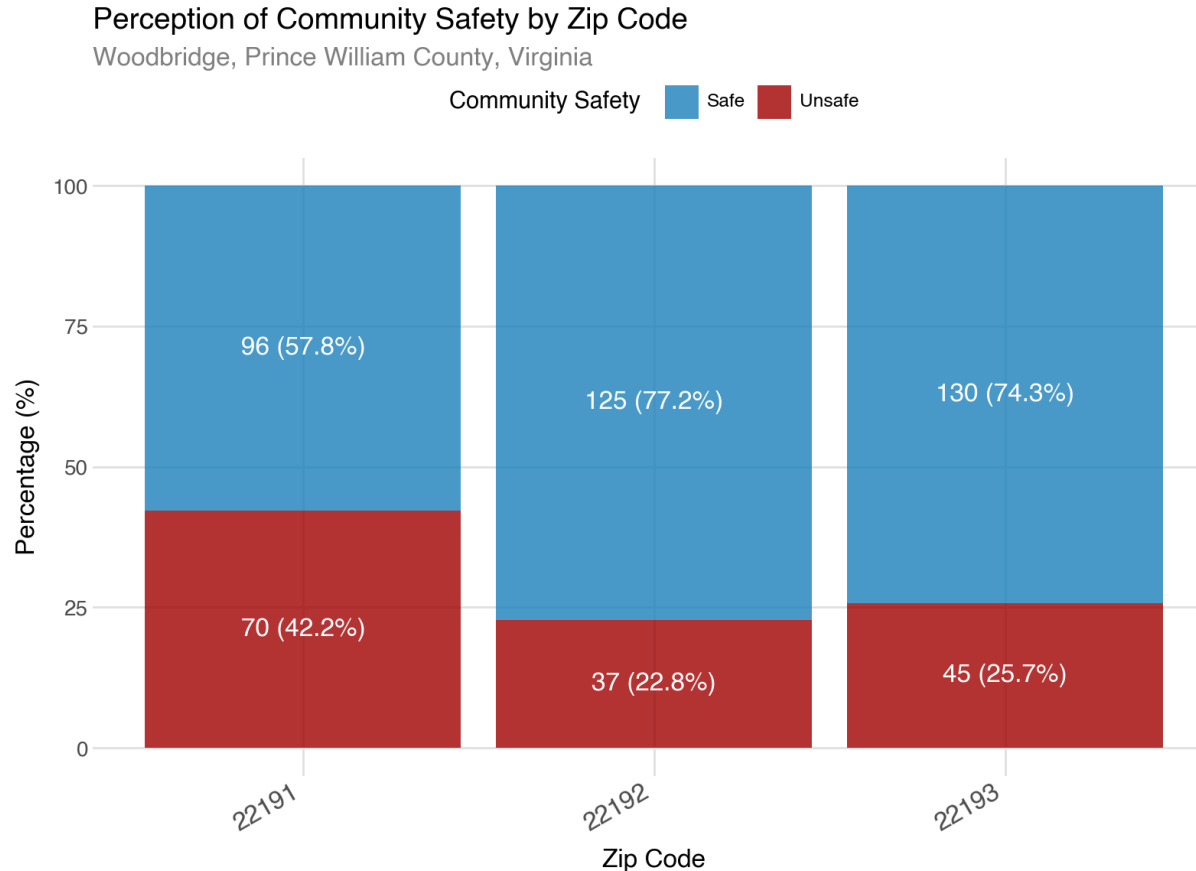
To better understand local experiences, we also focused on a subgroup of **503** residents in the **Woodbridge** area, identified by their ZIP codes (22191, 22192, and 22193).

Overall Perception of Safety

Across the region, about 27% of residents reported **feeling unsafe** in their community.

- City of Manassas Park: About 1 in 3 residents (**32.0%**) feel unsafe.
- Woodbridge: About 3 in 10 residents (**30.2%**) feel unsafe.
- Prince William County: 1 in 4 residents (**25.1%**) feel unsafe.
- City of Manassas: About 1 in 4 residents (**23.2%**) feel unsafe.

Geographic Findings (Woodbridge)

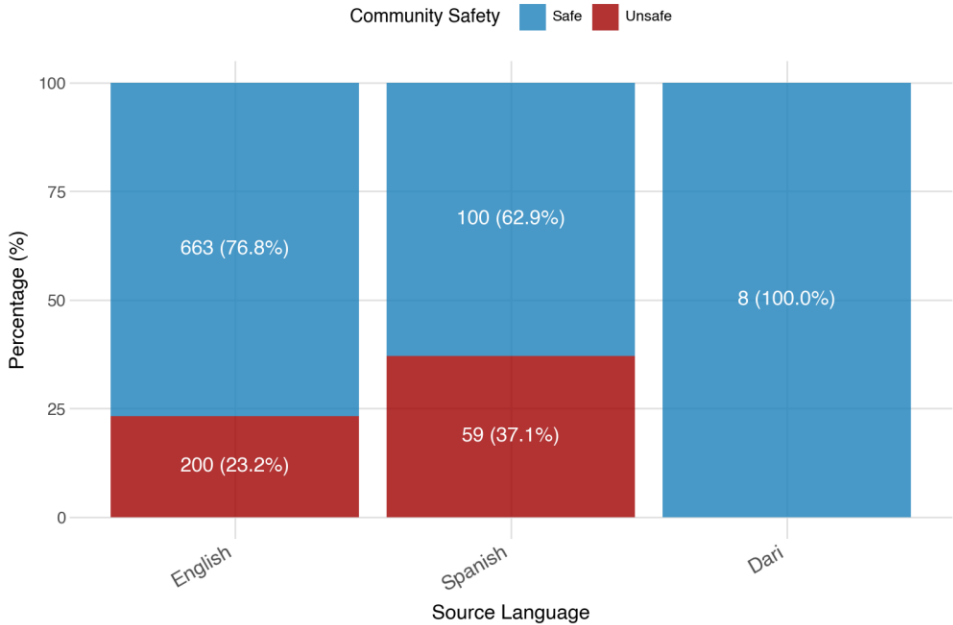


Source: 2025 Community Health Assessment, Virginia Department of Health

In Woodbridge, where you live matters. Feelings of safety are not the same across all of Woodbridge. Residents living in the **22191** ZIP code were significantly **more likely to report feeling unsafe (42.2%)** compared to those in 22192 (22.8%) and 22193 (25.7%).

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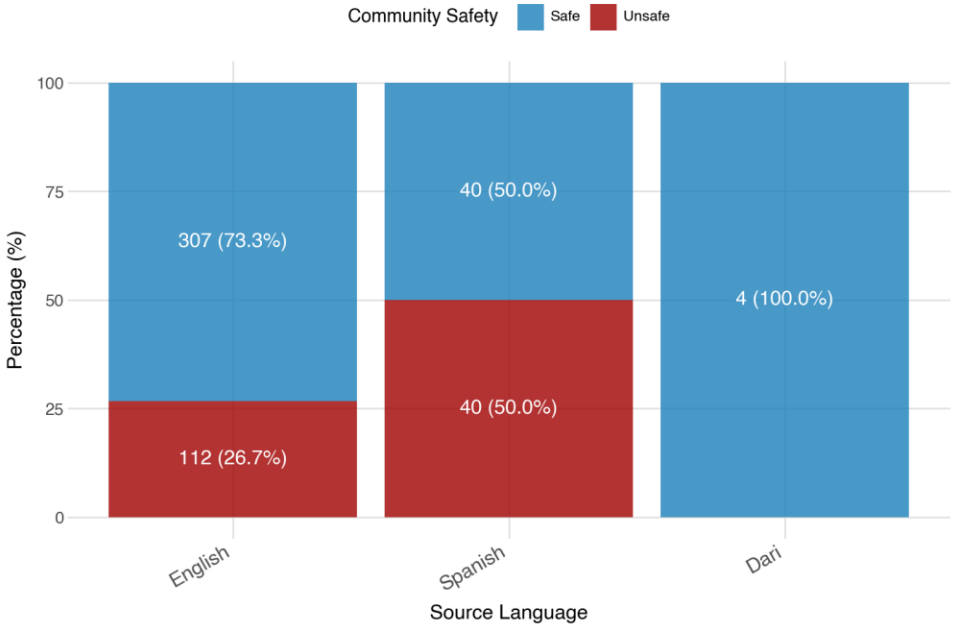
Perception of Community Safety by Source Language
Prince William County, Virginia



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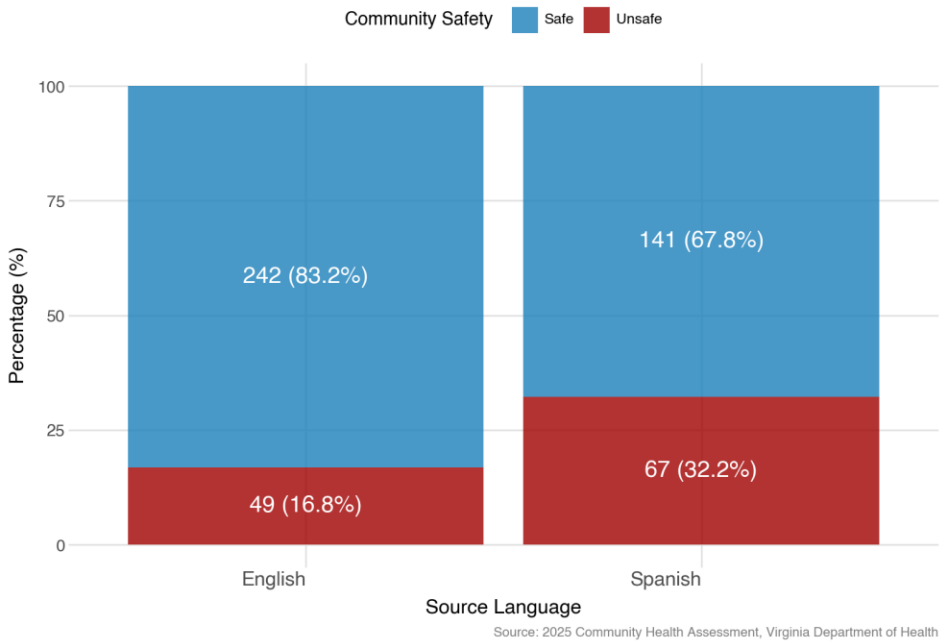
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Woodbridge, Prince William County, Virginia



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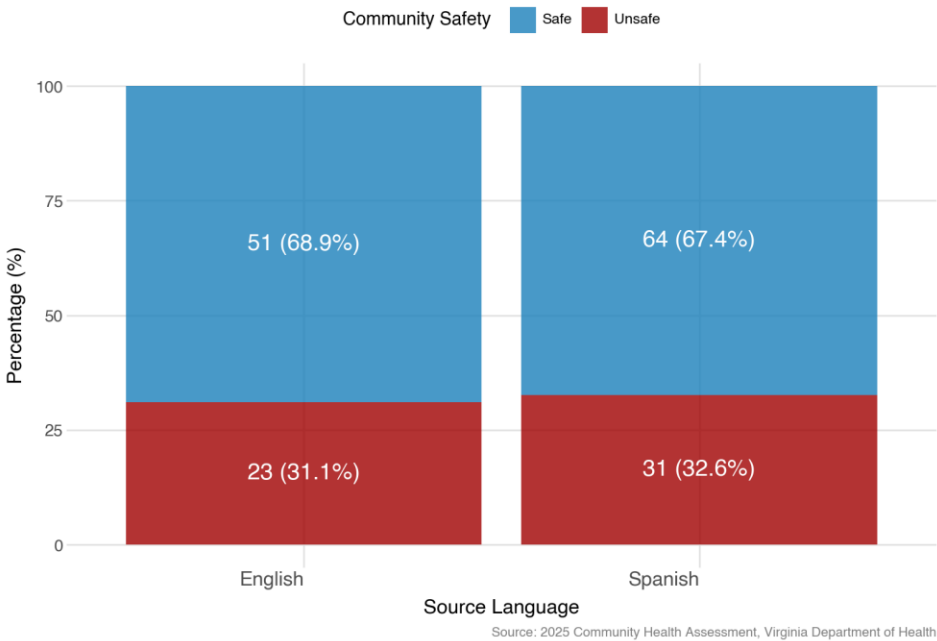
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City of Manassas Park

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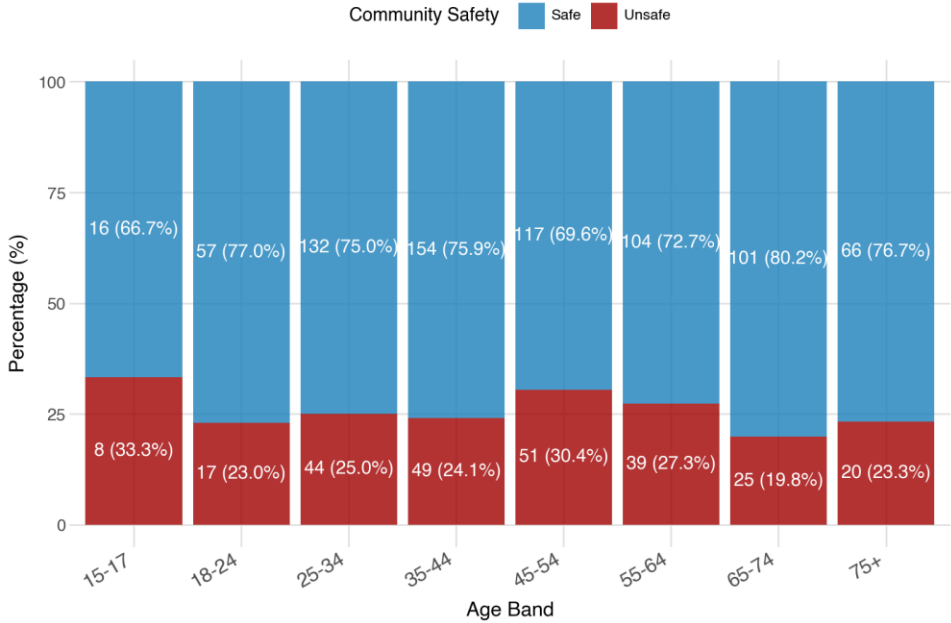
Language is a **Major Factor** in Feeling Safe

- **A Stark Divide:** Spanish-speaking residents were far more likely to report feeling unsafe than those who took the survey in English or Dari.
- **Woodbridge:** The difference was most dramatic in Woodbridge, where half of Spanish-speaking respondents reported feeling unsafe compared to English speakers (50.0% vs. 26.7%) .
- **City of Manassas:** Spanish speakers were also much more likely to feel unsafe compared to English speakers (32.2% vs. 16.8%).
- **City of Manassas Park:** The gap between Spanish and English speakers was very small.

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Perception of Community Safety by Age Band

Prince William County, Virginia

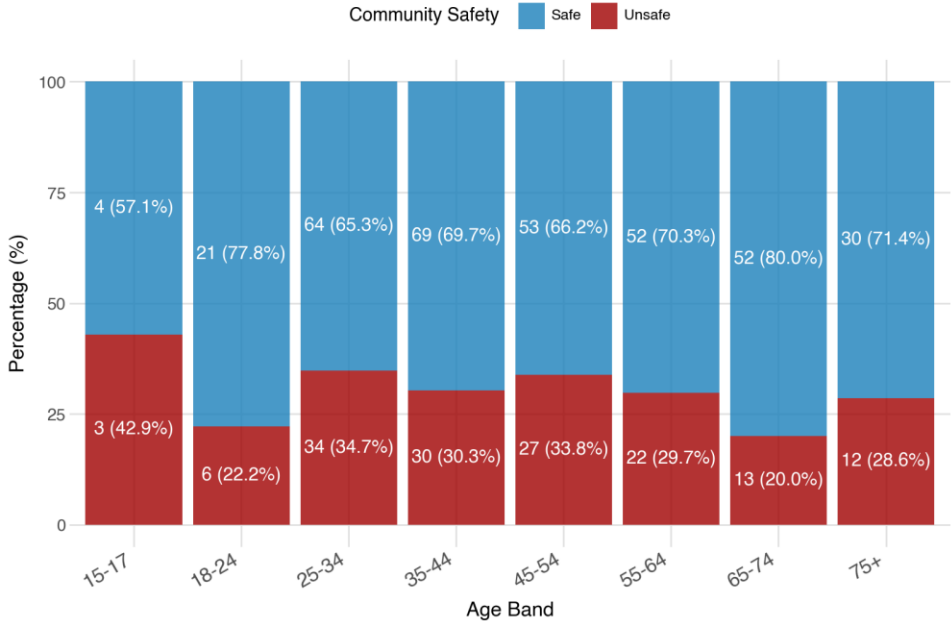


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Woodbridge, Prince William County, Virginia

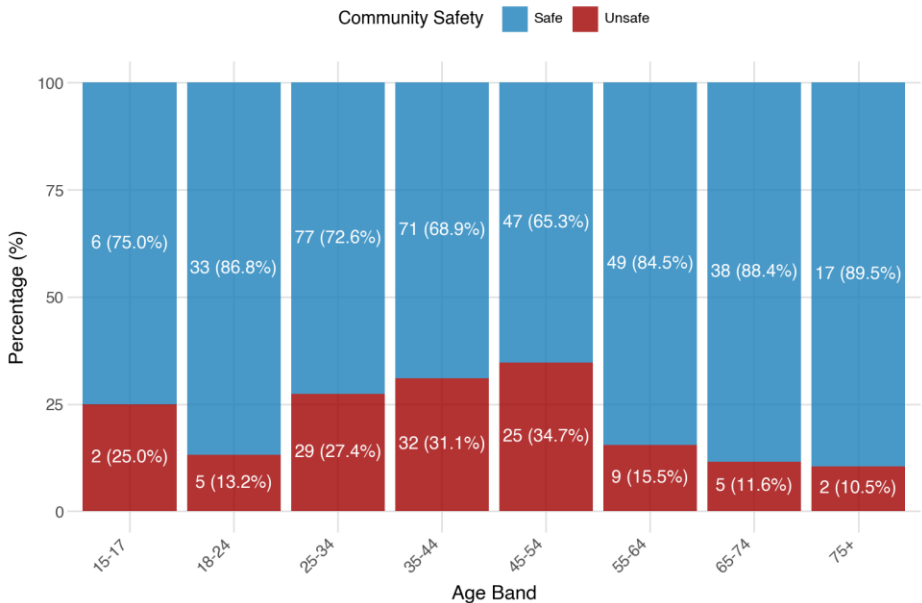


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City of Manassas

Perception of Community Safety by Age Band

City of Manassas, Virginia

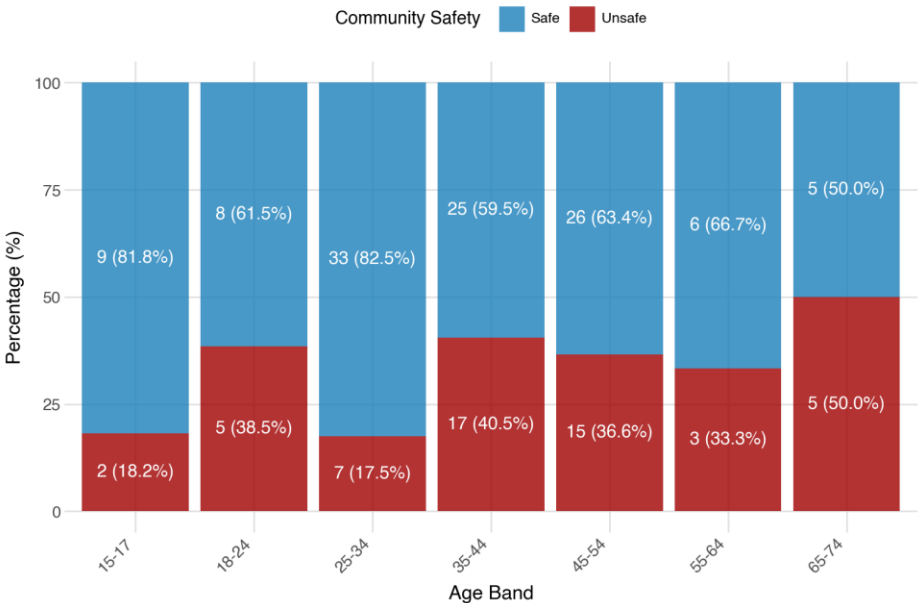


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City of Manassas Park

Perception of Community Safety by Age Band

City of Manassas Park, Virginia



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While feelings of safety were mostly similar across age groups, some patterns emerged.

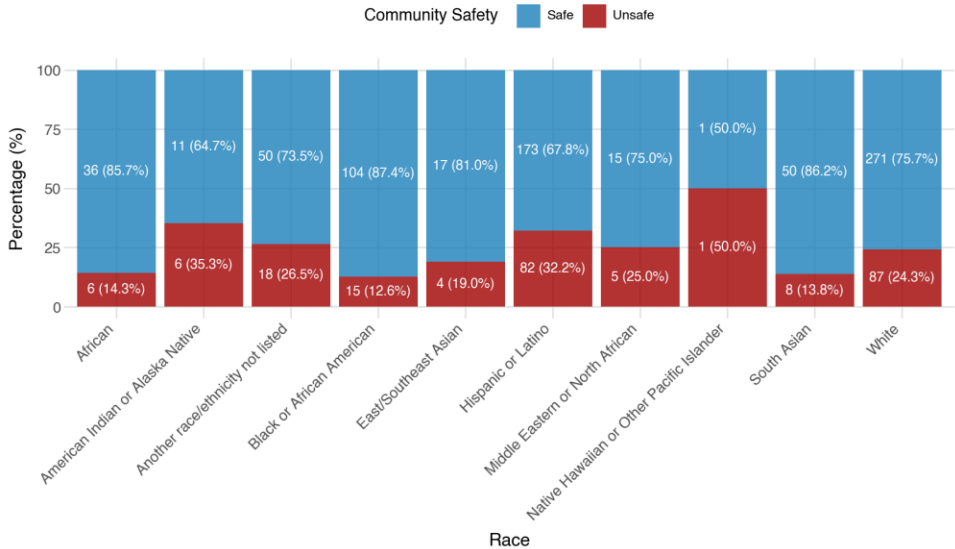
- In **Prince William County**, teenagers (**15-17**) and middle-aged adults (**45-54**) were slightly more likely to report feeling unsafe.
- In **Woodbridge**, teenagers (**15-17**) and prime working years (**25-54**) were slightly more likely to report feeling unsafe.
- In the **City of Manassas**, adults in their prime working years (**25-54**) reported feeling unsafe more often than younger and older residents.
- In the **City of Manassas Park**, adults aged **18-24**, **35-54** seemed more likely to feel unsafe, though the small number of participants requires caution when interpreting this finding.

Race & Ethnicity Findings

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Perception of Community Safety by Race

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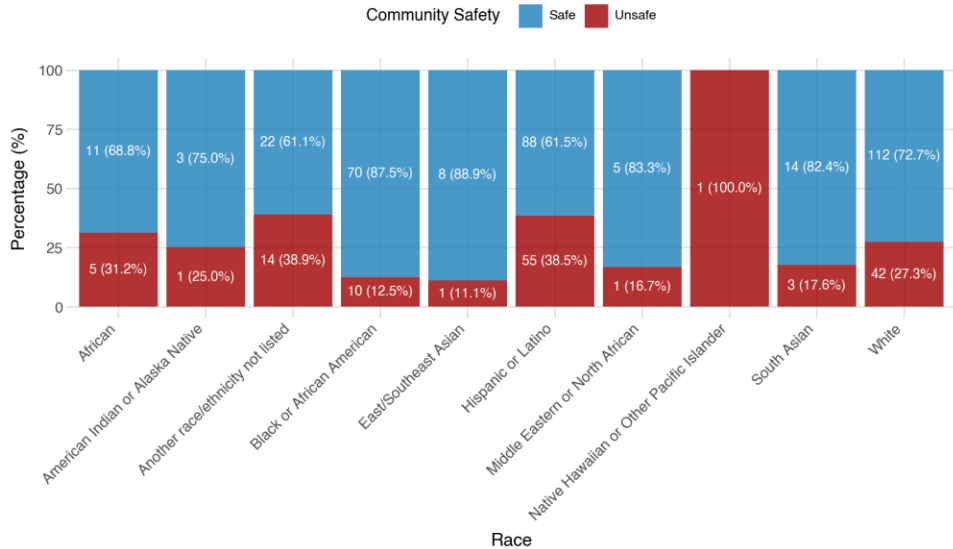


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Woodbridge, Prince William County, Virginia



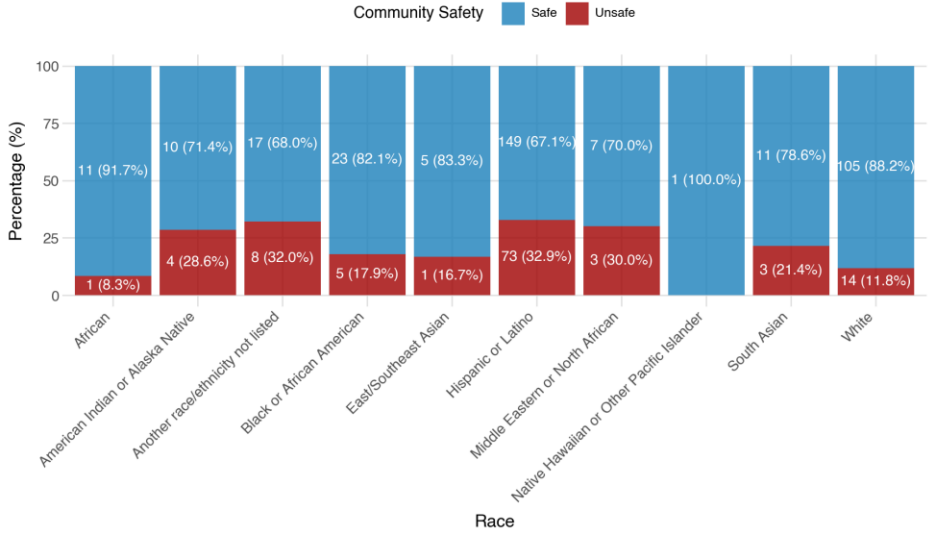
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Race & Ethnicity Findings

City of Manassas

Perception of Community Safety by Race

City of Manassas, Virginia

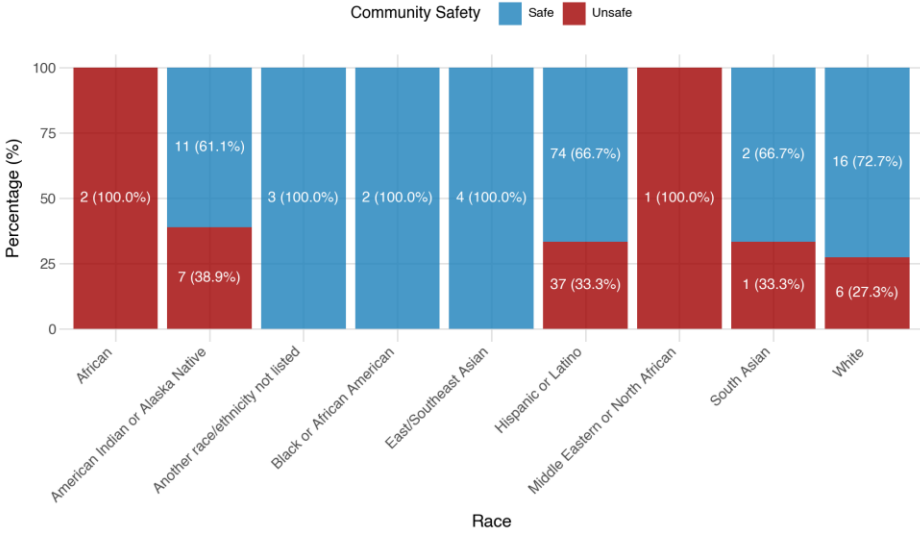


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City of Manassas Park

Perception of Community Safety by Race

City of Manassas Park, Virginia



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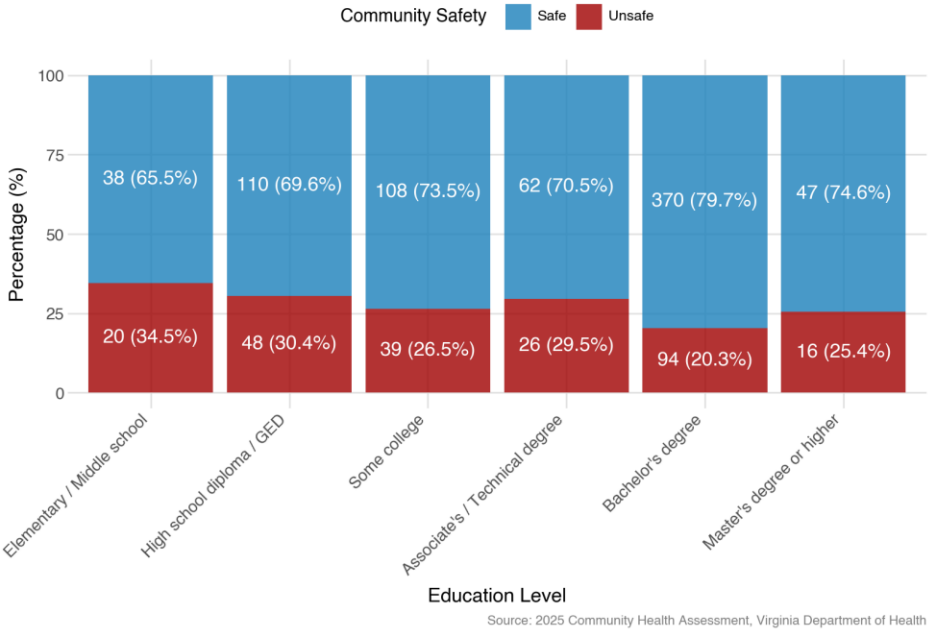
Perceptions of Safety **Vary** by Race and Ethnicity

- Across all surveyed areas, **Hispanic/Latino** residents were more likely to report feeling unsafe compared to White or Black/African American residents.
- This pattern was especially strong in the **City of Manassas**, where nearly one-third (**32.9%**) of **Hispanic/Latino** respondents felt unsafe, compared to just 11.8% of White respondents.
- In **Woodbridge**, **38.5%** of Hispanic or Latino respondents reported feeling unsafe.

Education Findings

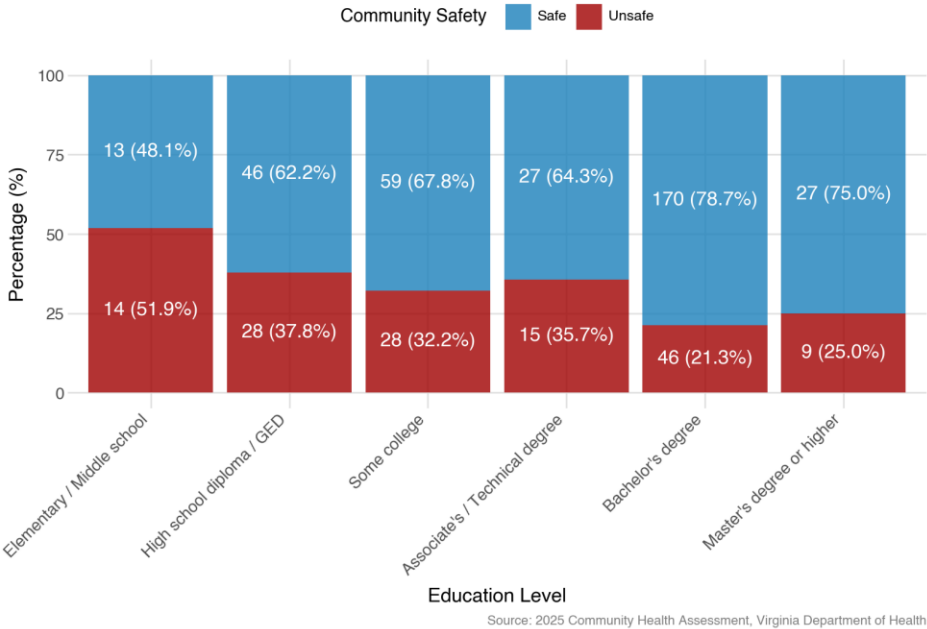
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Prince William County, Virginia



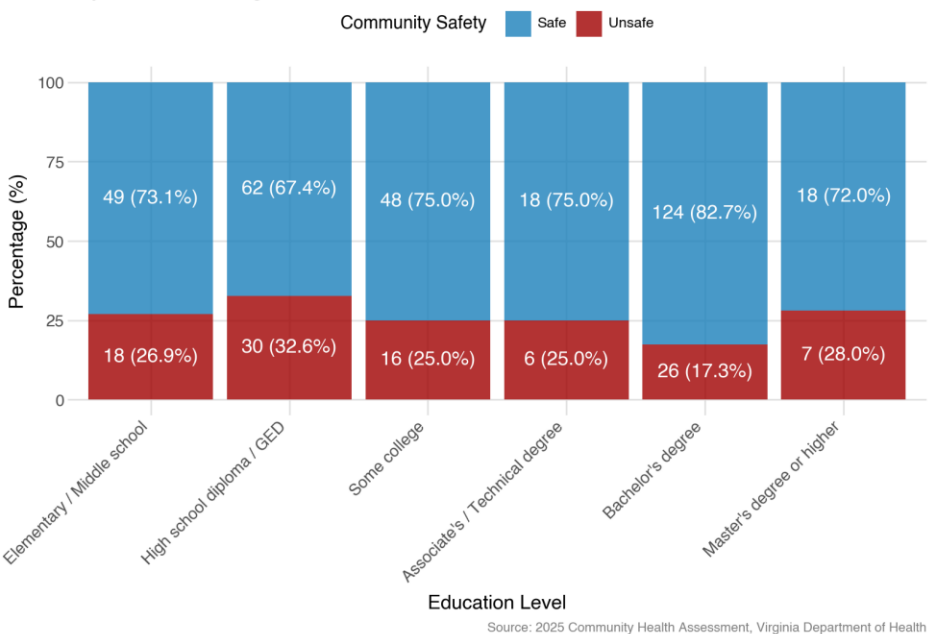
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Woodbridge, Prince William County, Virginia



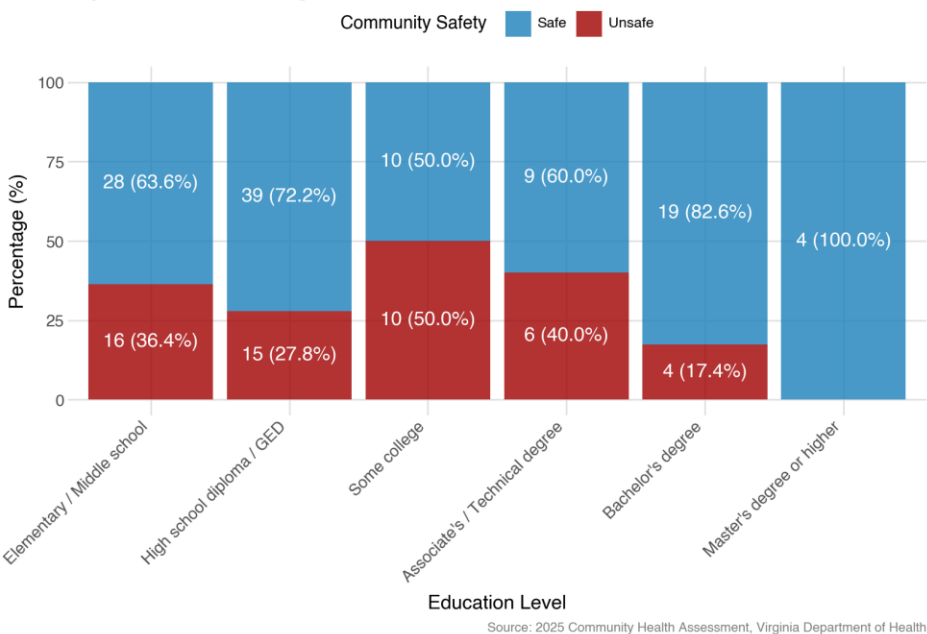
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City of Manassas Park

Perception of Community Safety by Education Level
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Education Level is **Linked** to Feeling Safe

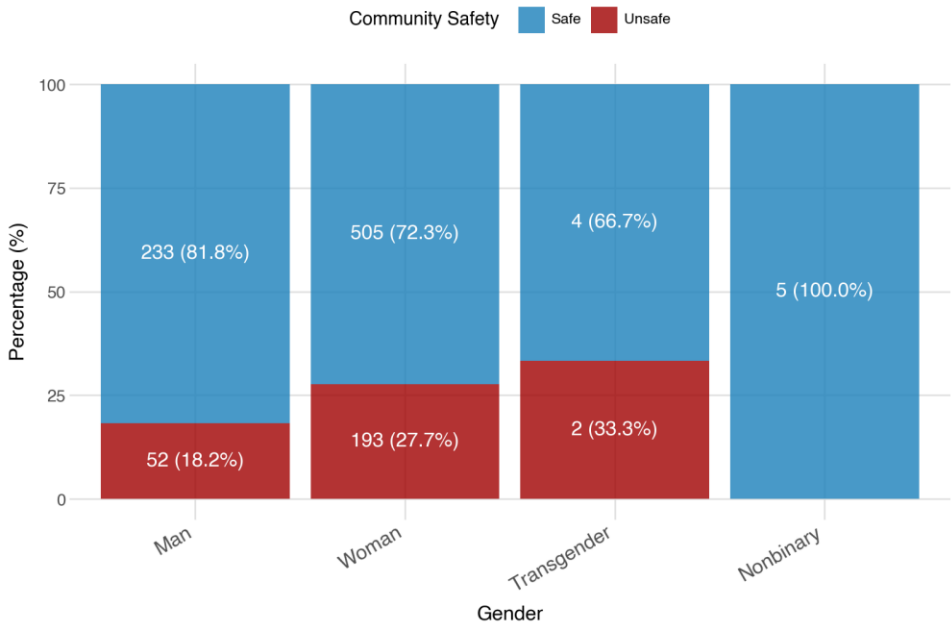
There is a clear connection between a person's level of education and their perception of safety.

- Respondents with lower levels of formal education were consistently more likely to report feeling unsafe in their community. In **Woodbridge**, over half (**51.9%**) of residents with an elementary or middle school education felt unsafe.
- Conversely, those with a **bachelor's degree or higher** were the most likely to report feeling **safe**.

Gender Findings

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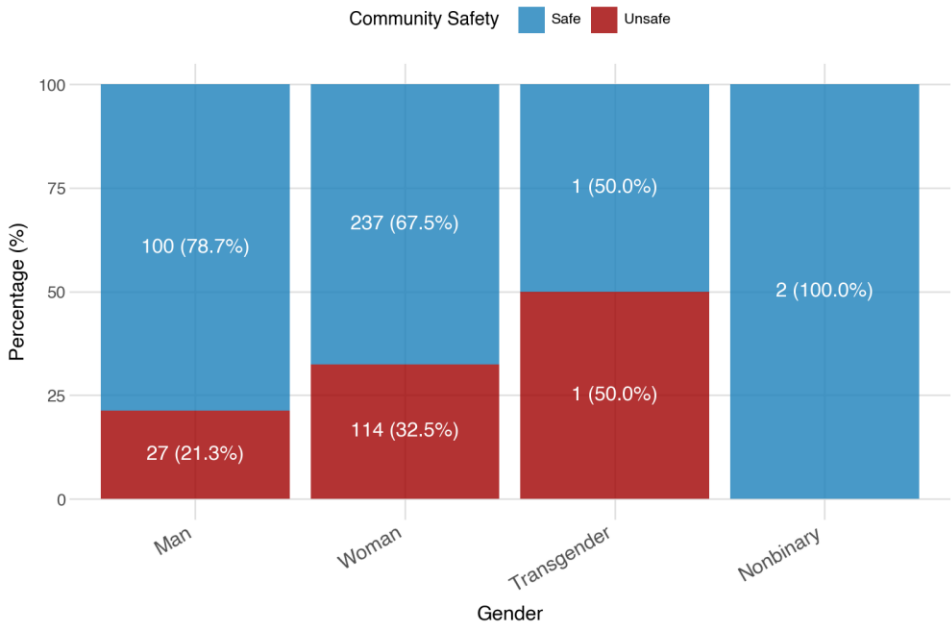
Perception of Community Safety by Gender
Prince William County, Virginia



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Woodbridge

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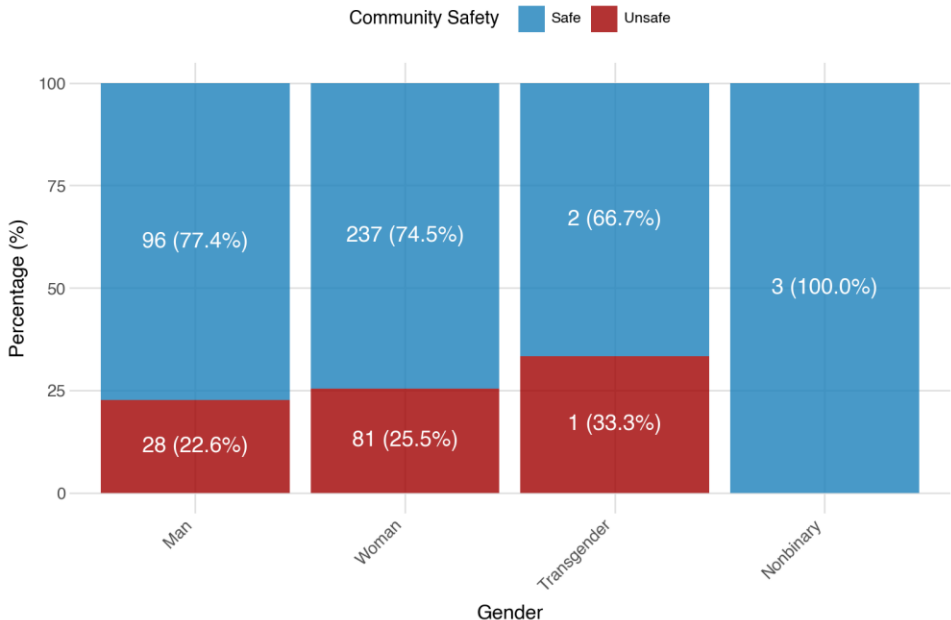


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Gender Findings

City of Manassas

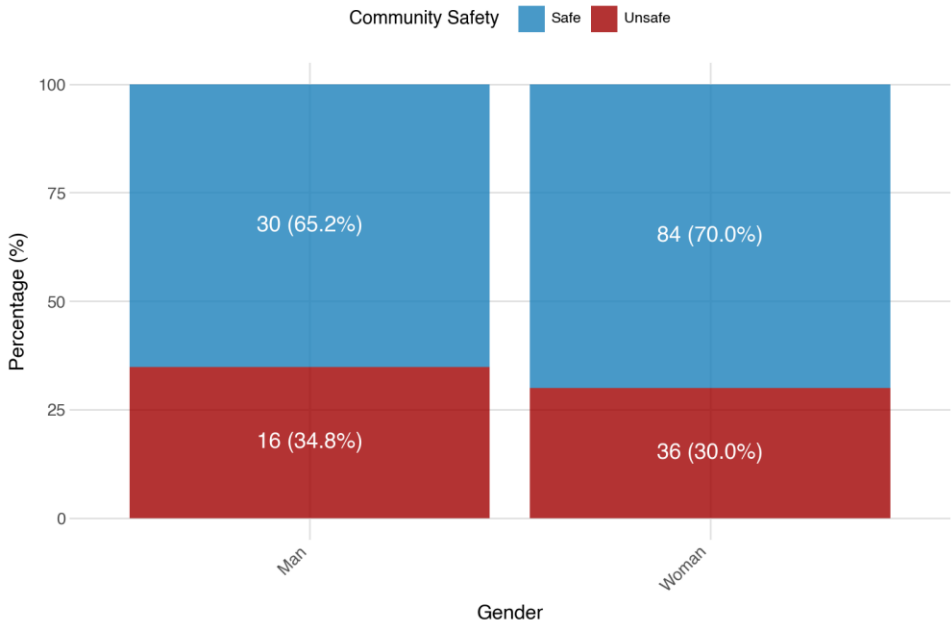
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City of Manassas Park

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Women Report Feeling **Less Safe** Than Men.

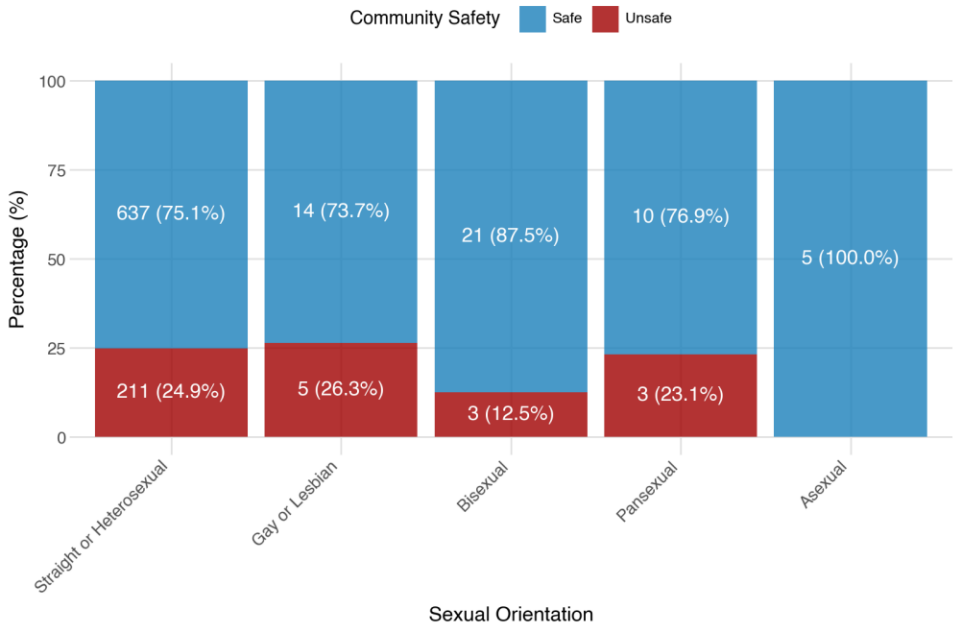
- In Prince William County, Woodbridge, and the City of Manassas, women were more likely than men to report feeling unsafe.
- This was particularly evident in **Woodbridge**, where nearly one-third of women (**32.5%**) reported feeling unsafe in their community.
- Interestingly, the trend was reversed in the City of Manassas Park, where men were slightly more likely than women to report feeling unsafe (34.8% vs. 30.0%).

(Note: The analysis focused on men and women due to small sample sizes for other gender identities)

Sexual Orientation Findings

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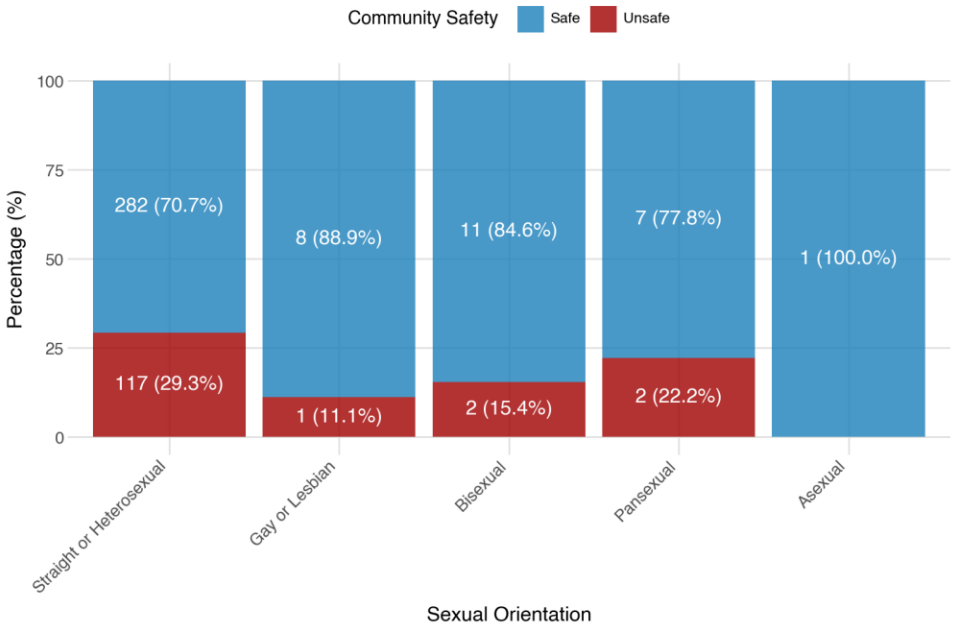
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Prince William County, Virginia



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Woodbridge, Prince William County, Virginia



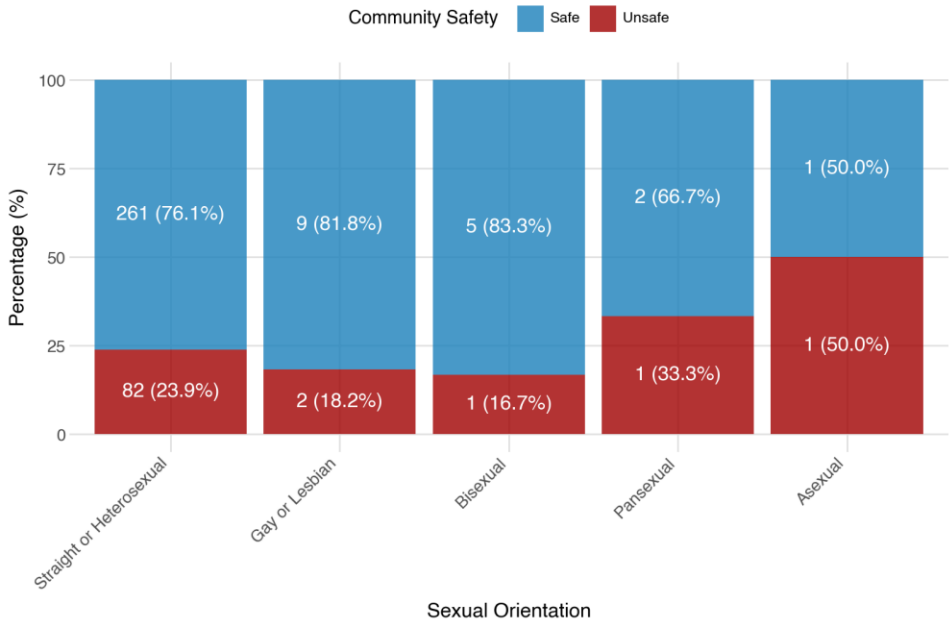
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Sexual Orientation Findings

City of Manassas

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City of Manassas, Virginia

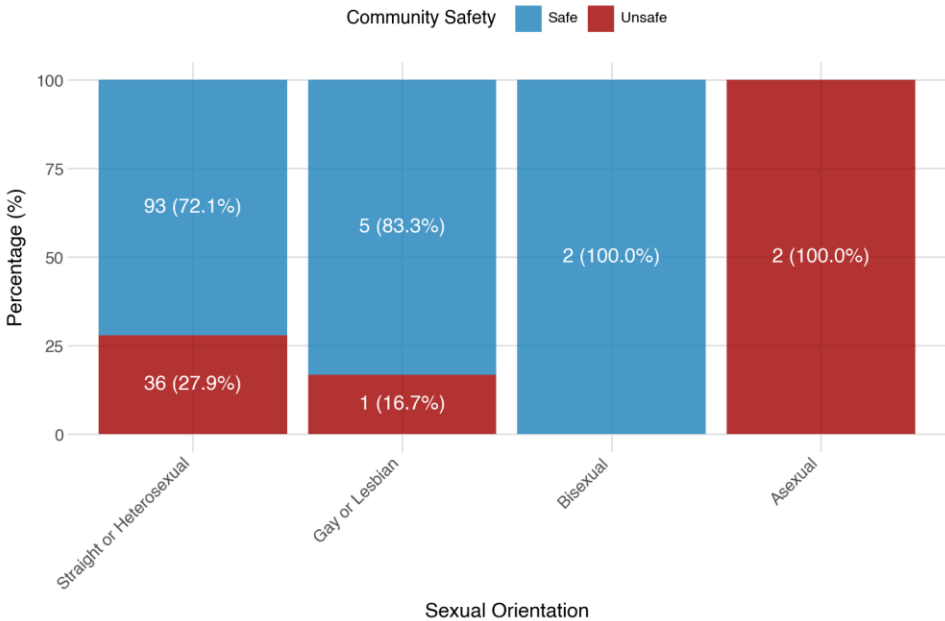


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City of Manassas Park

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City of Manassas Park, Virginia



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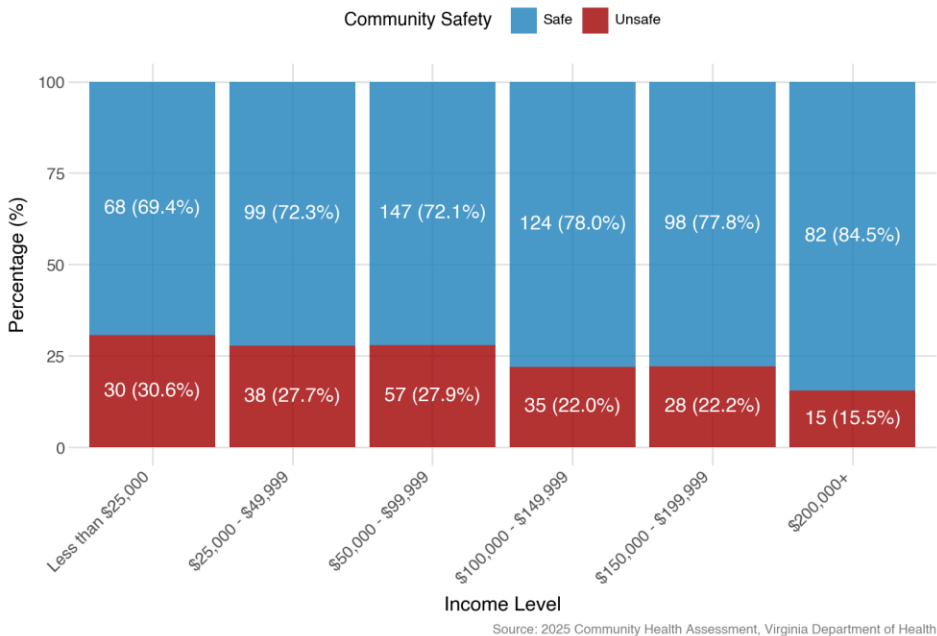
The survey also asked about sexual orientation, but the small number of responses from non-heterosexual residents makes it difficult to draw firm conclusions about their specific experiences. However, the data for heterosexual respondents revealed a geographic pattern:

- **Heterosexual** residents living in Woodbridge and the City of Manassas Park were more likely to report feeling **unsafe** compared to heterosexual respondents in the Prince William County and the City of Manassas.

Income Findings

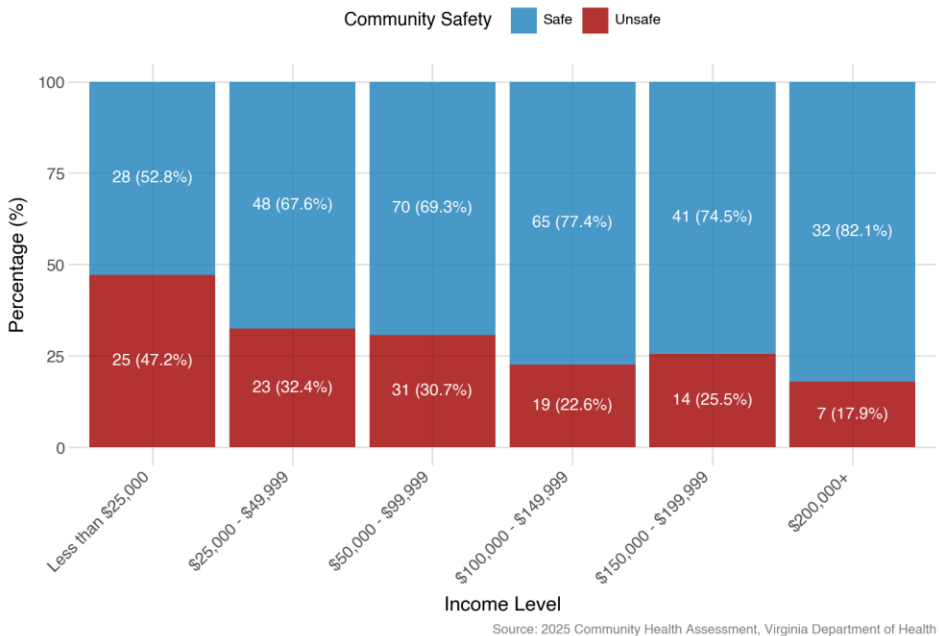
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Perception of Community Safety by Income Level
Prince William County, Virginia



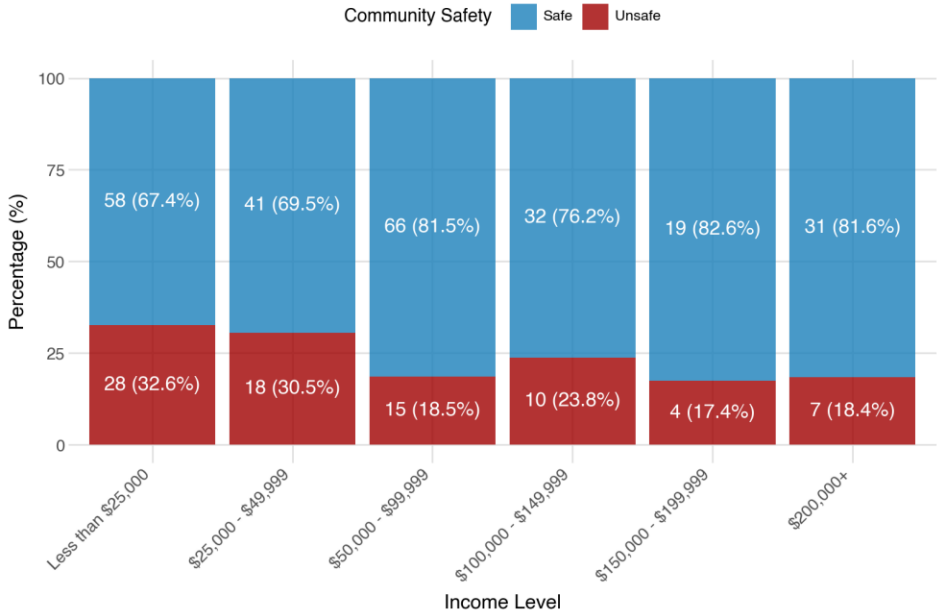
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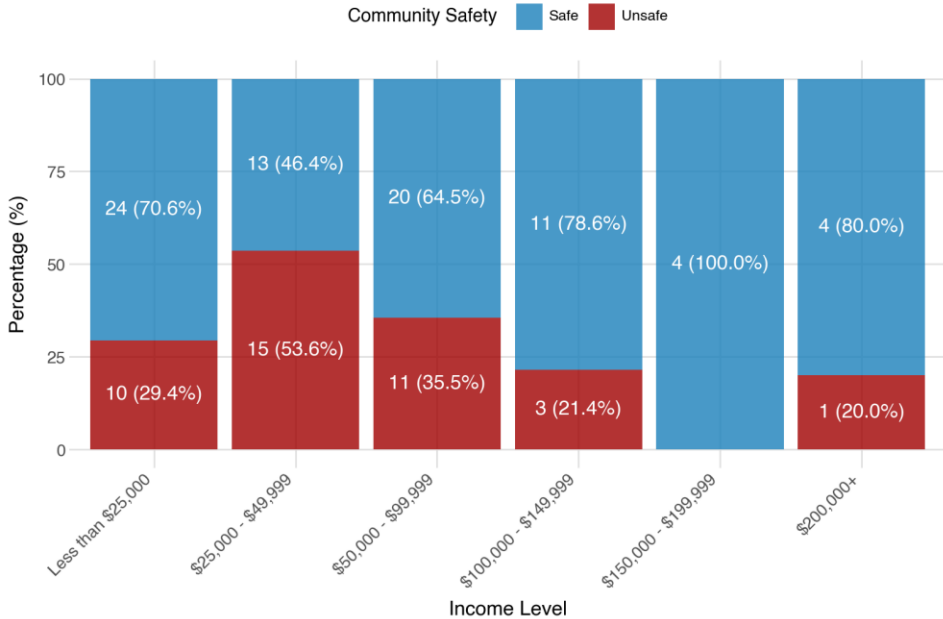
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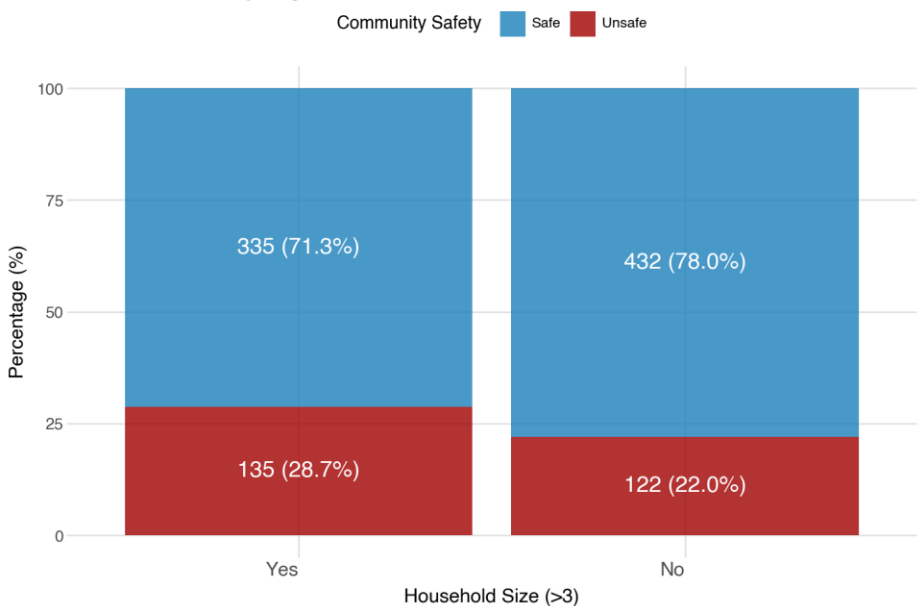
Income level appears **strongly linked** to perceptions of community safety.

- Across all areas, residents with **lower household incomes** were much more likely to report **feeling unsafe**.
- The connection was sharpest in **Woodbridge**, where nearly half (47.2%) of those earning less than 25K per year reported feeling unsafe.
- A similar trend was seen in the **City of Manassas**, where about **one-third** of residents in the lowest income brackets felt unsafe.

Household Size Findings

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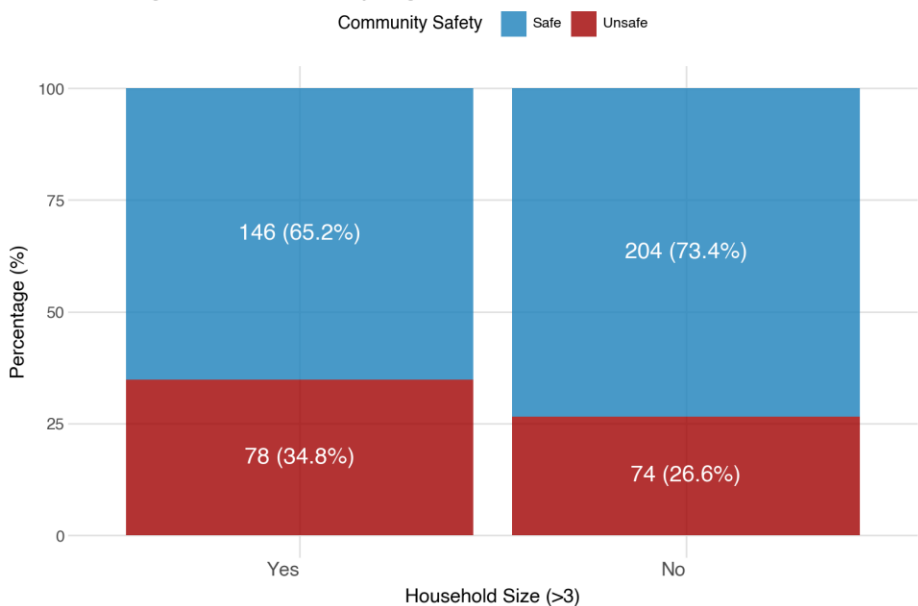
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Prince William County, Virginia



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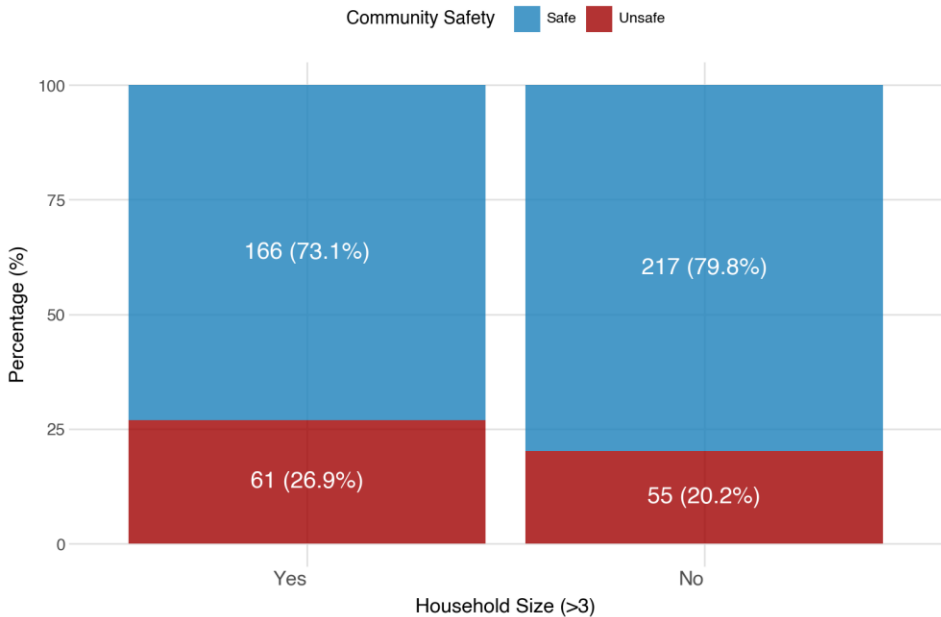


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Household Size Findings

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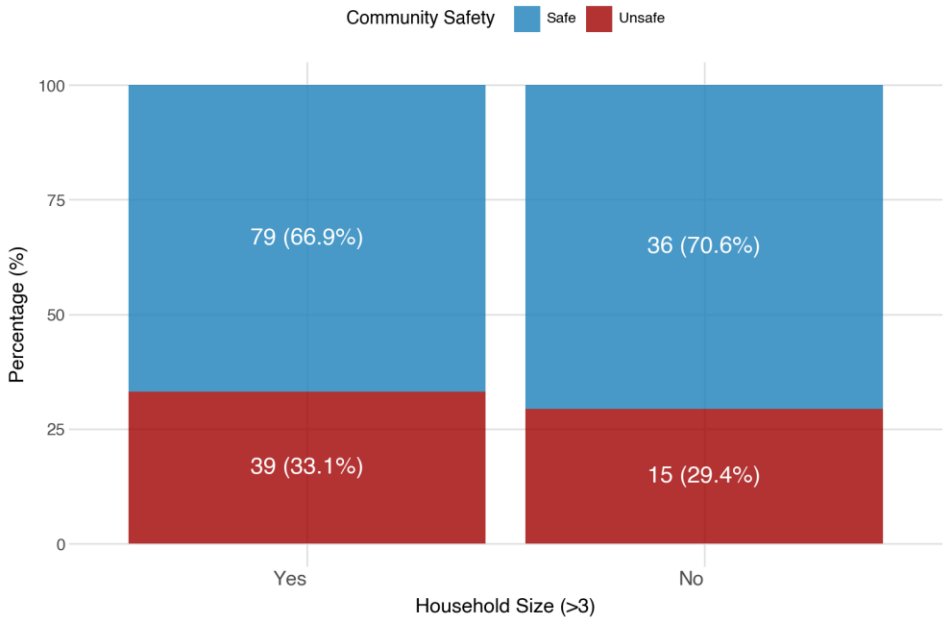
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City of Manassas Park

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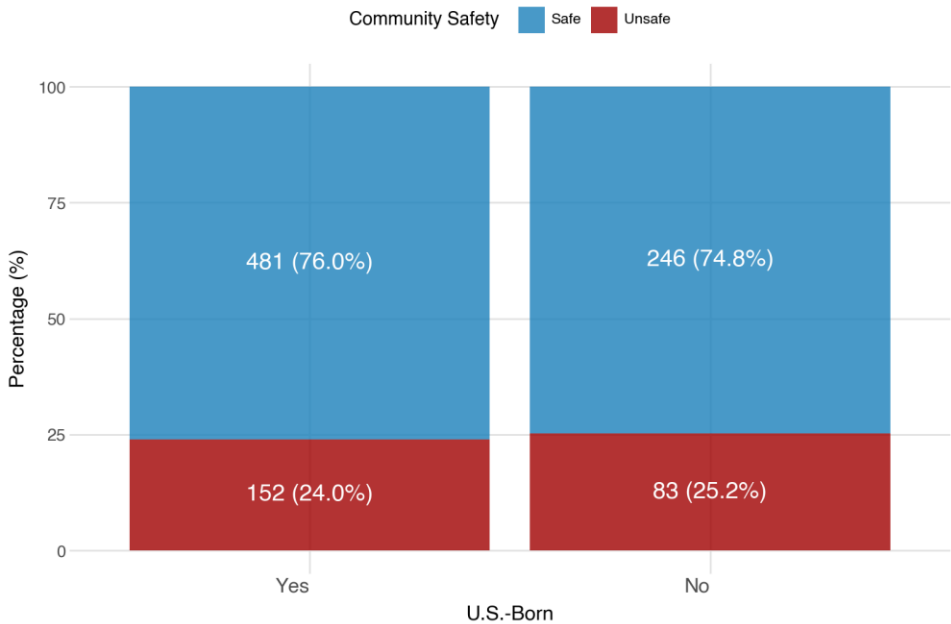
Larger Households Report Feeling Less Safe

- Respondents from larger households (**more than 3 members**) were generally more likely to report feeling unsafe.
- This pattern was most pronounced in **Woodbridge**, where 34.8% of residents from large households felt unsafe compared to 26.6% from smaller households.

Nativity & Residency Findings (U.S.-Born vs. Foreign-Born)

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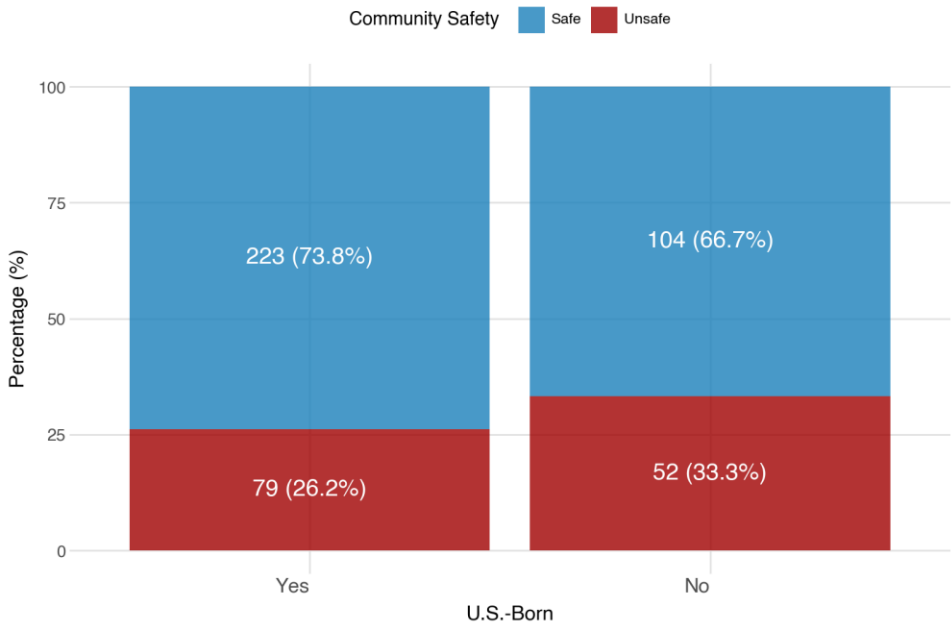
Perceptions of Community Safety by U.S.-Born vs. Foreign-Born Status
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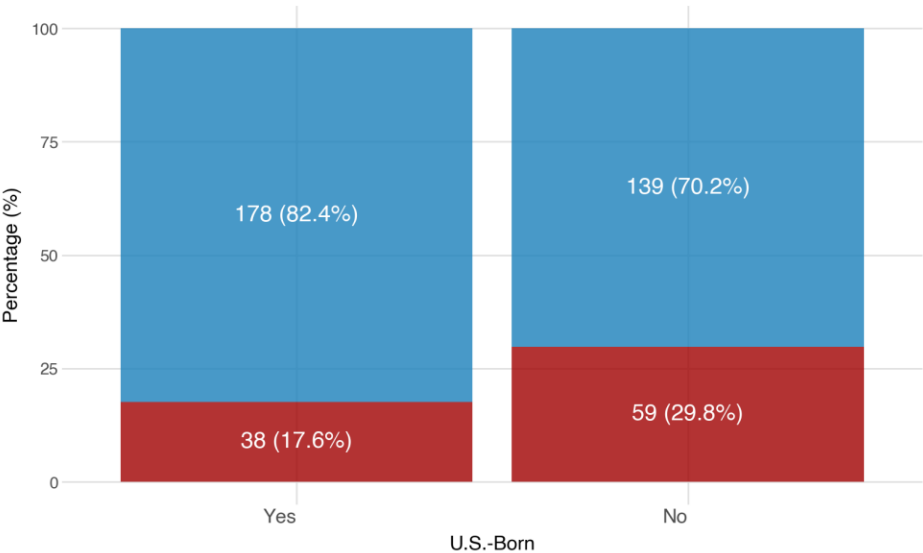
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Nativity & Residency Findings (U.S.-Born vs. Foreign-Born)

City of Manassas

Perceptions of Community Safety by U.S.-Born vs. Foreign-Born Status
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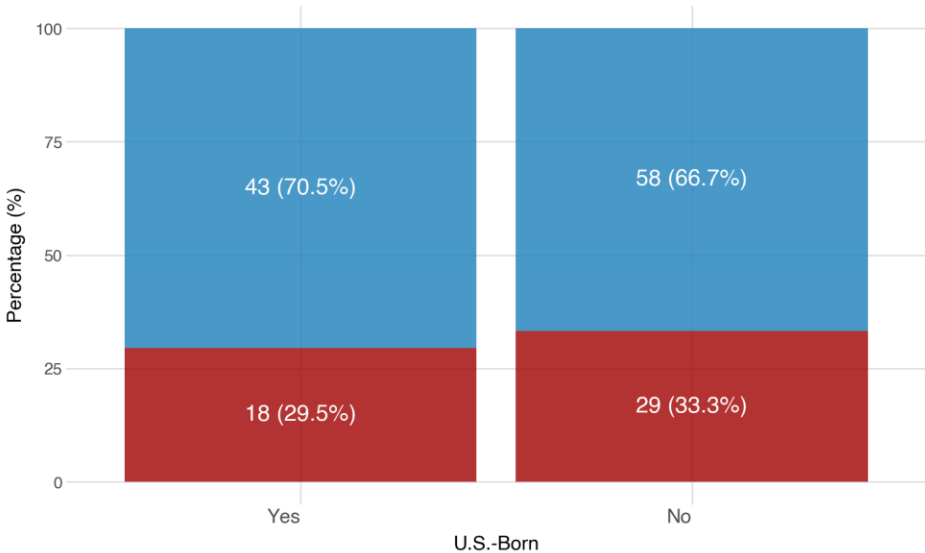


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City of Manassas Park

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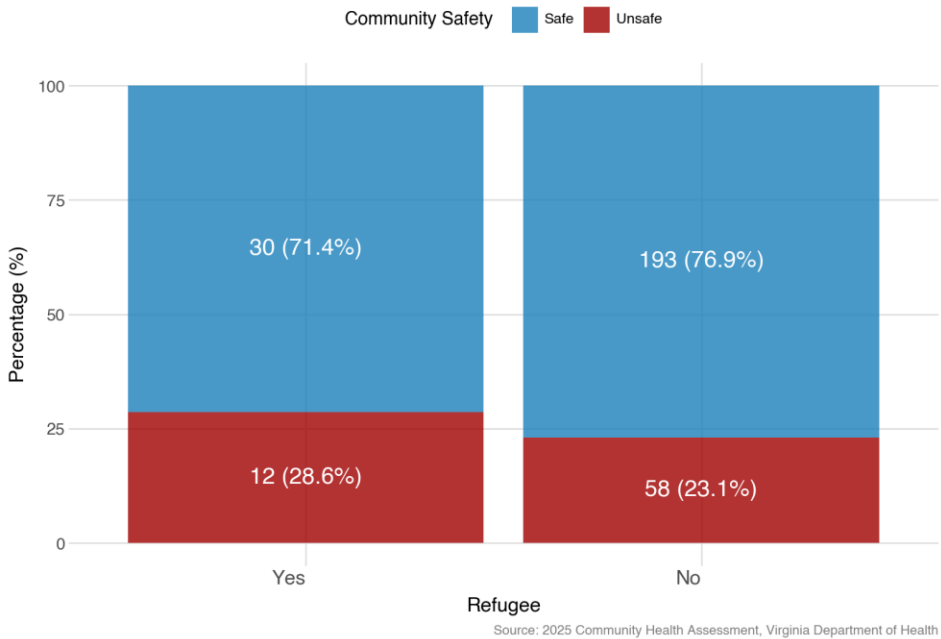


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Nativity & Residency Findings (Refugee vs. non-refugee)

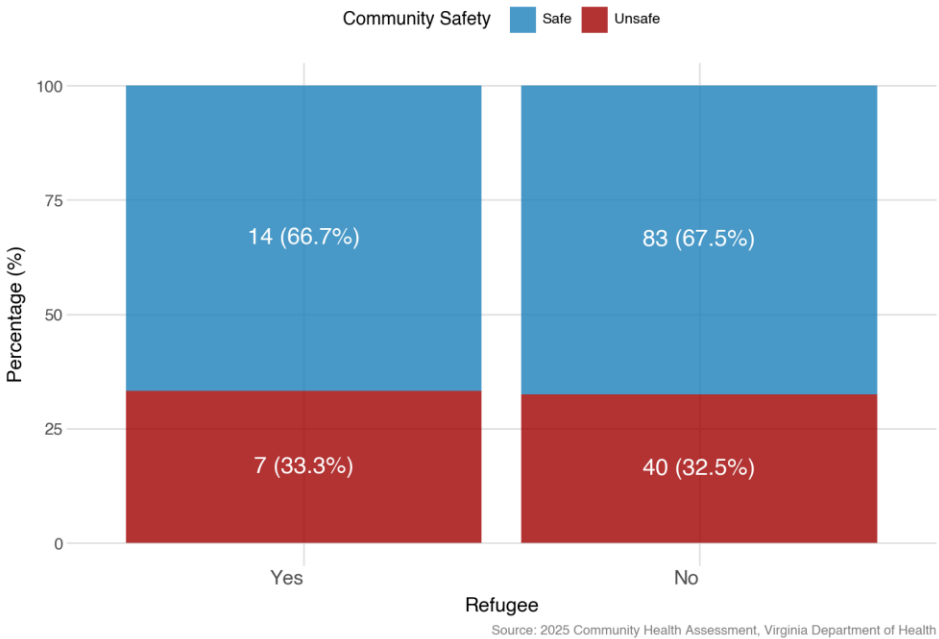
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Perceptions of Community Safety by Refugee Status (Foreign-Born Participants)
Prince William County, Virginia



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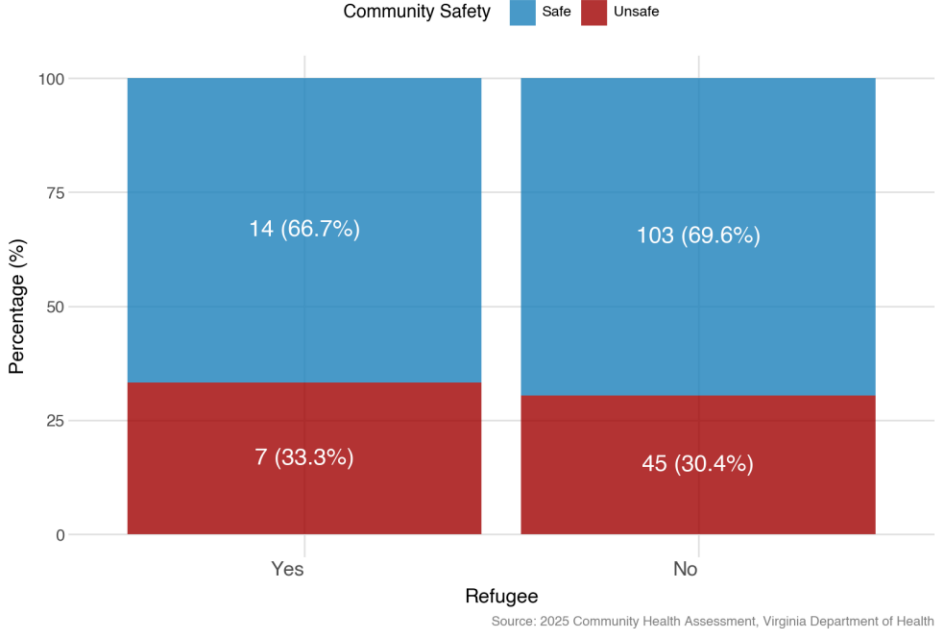
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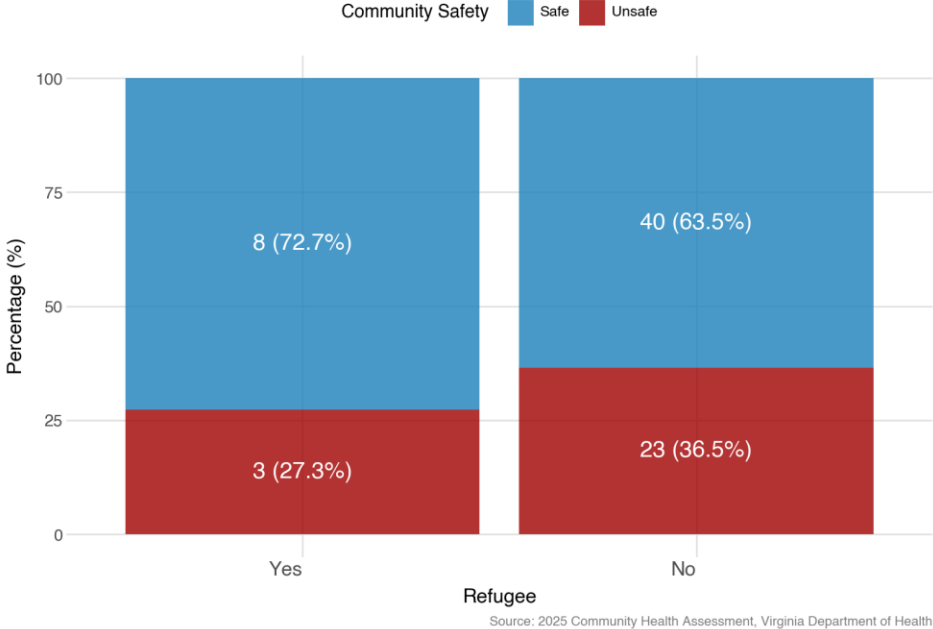
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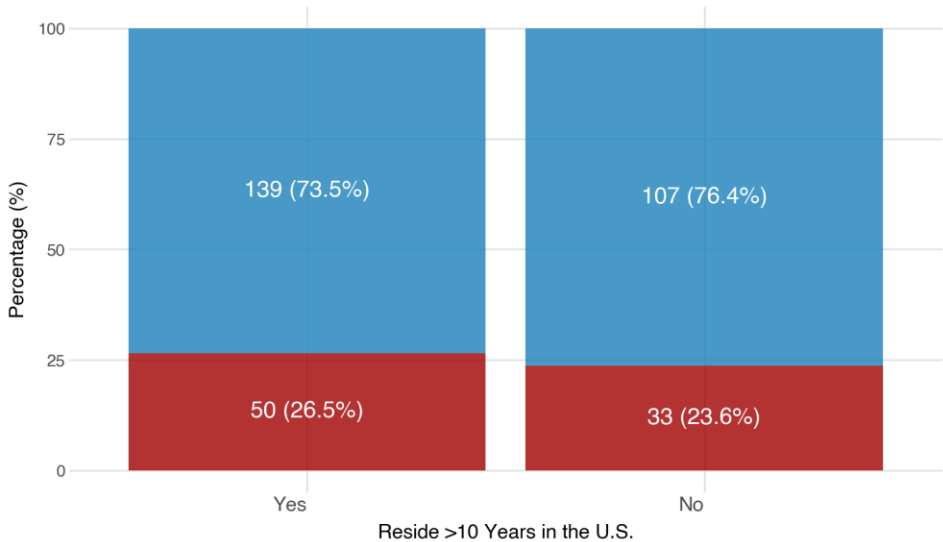


Nativity & Residency Findings (> 10 Years Residence in the U.S. vs. <= 10 Years)

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Perceptions of Community Safety by Long-Term Residence in the U.S.
(>10 Years, Foreign-Born)
Prince William County, Virginia

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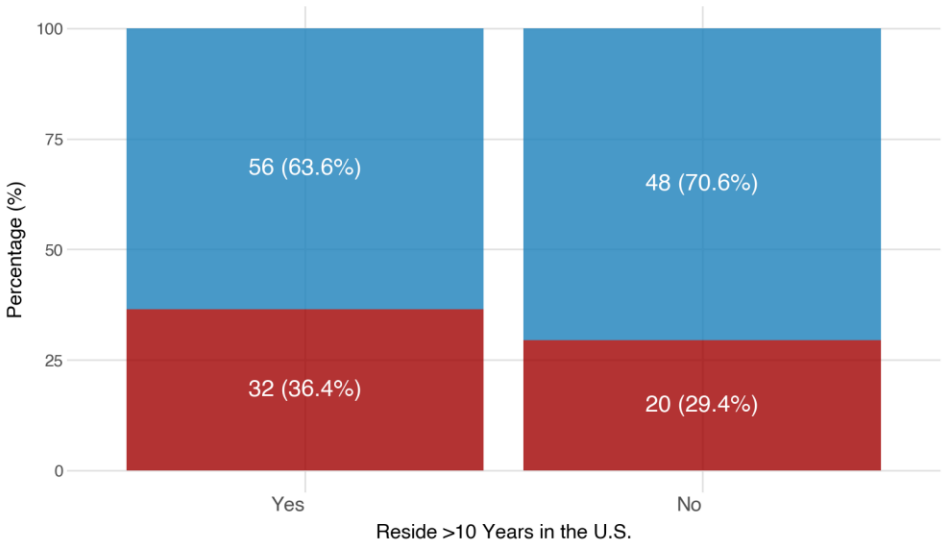


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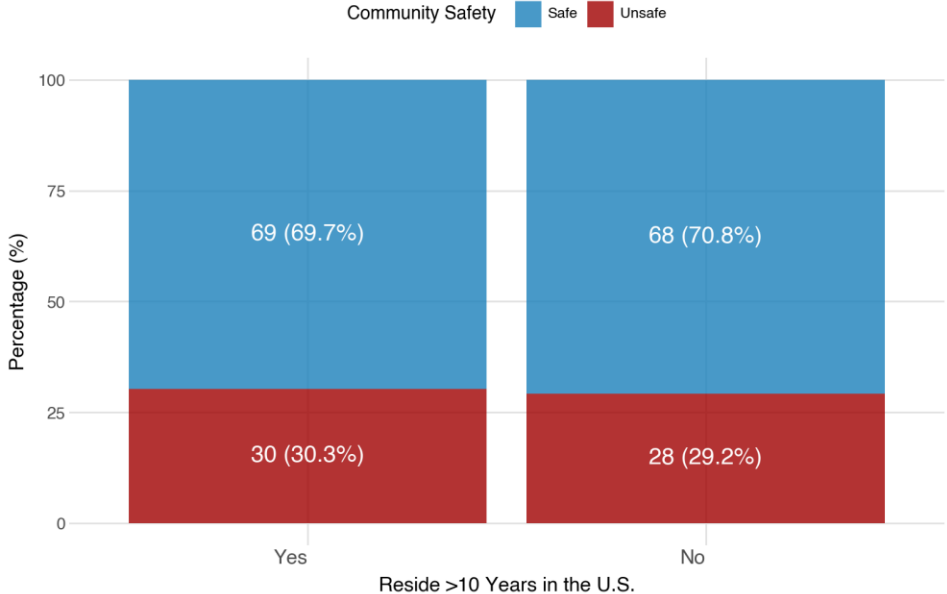


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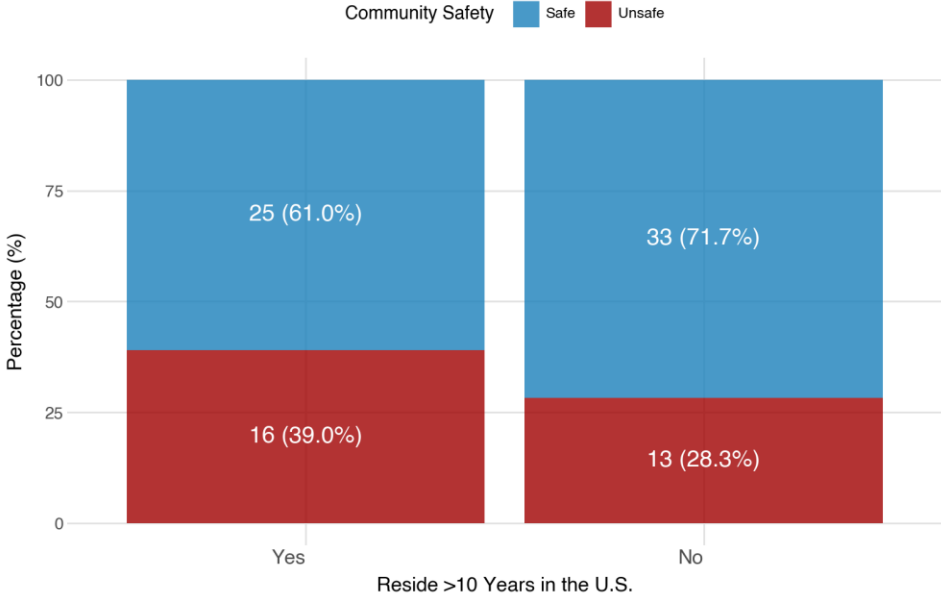
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City of Manassas, Virginia



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City of Manassas Park

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(>10 Years, Foreign-Born)
City of Manassas Park, Virginia



Source: 2025 Community Health Assessment, Virginia Department of Health

Nativity & Residency Findings

The data shows a complex relationship between being born outside the U.S. and feeling safe.

Place of Birth:

- In **Woodbridge**, **foreign-born residents** were more likely to feel unsafe than U.S.-born residents (33.3% vs 26.2%).
- In the **City of Manassas**, the **opposite** was true: U.S.-born residents were more likely to feel unsafe.
- Across **Prince William County** as a whole, there was almost **no difference**.

Length of Residence:

- Among foreign-born residents, those who have lived in the U.S. for over 10 years were slightly more likely to report **feeling unsafe** than more recent arrivals.

Refugee Status:

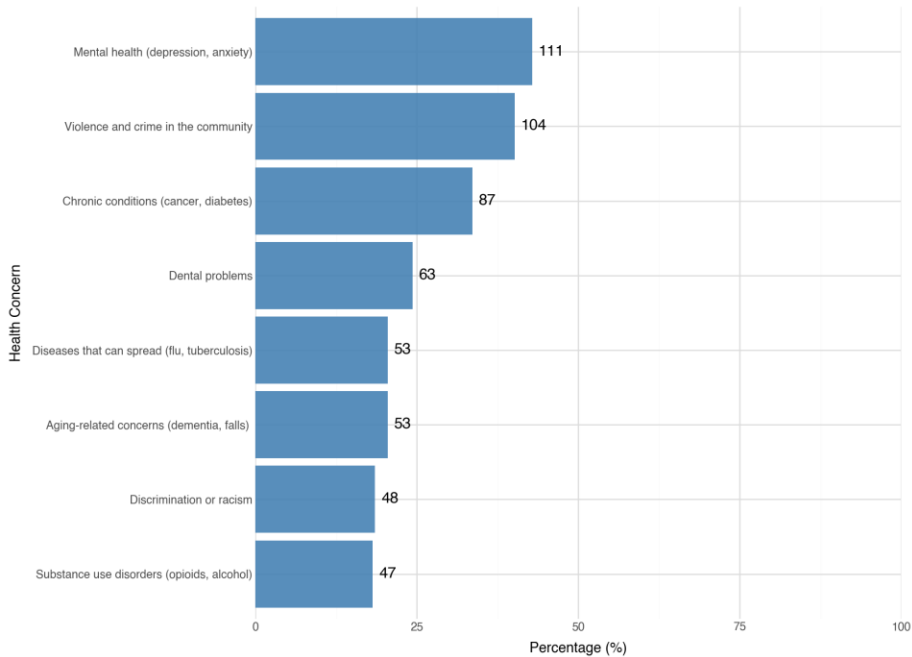
- Refugee status did not appear to be a significant factor in perceptions of safety.

Health Concerns Findings

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Top 8 Health Concerns in the Community of Prince William County

Ranked by proportion of respondents reporting each issue

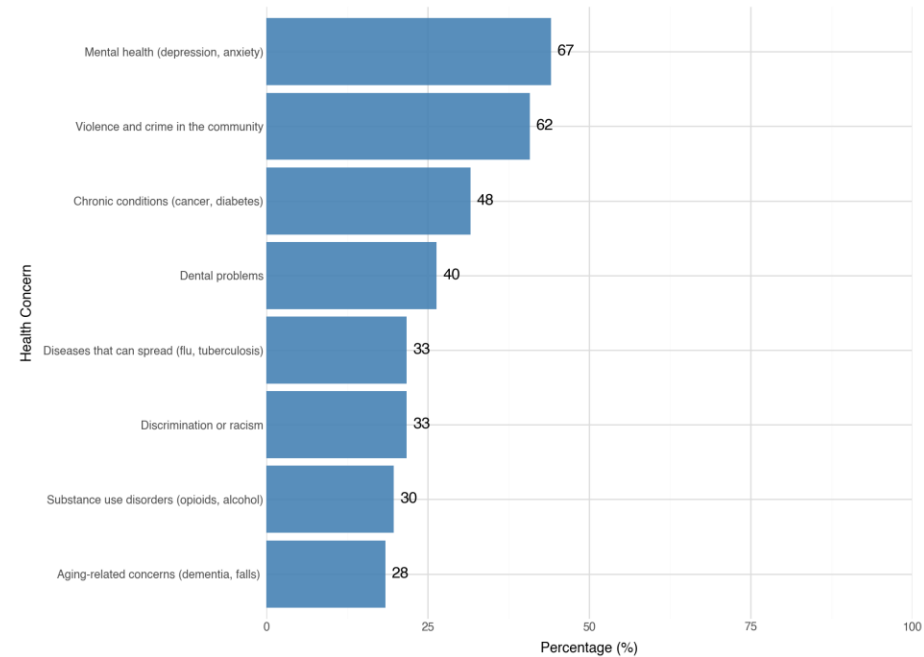


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Top 8 Health Concerns in the Community of Woodbridge, Prince William County

Ranked by proportion of respondents reporting each issue



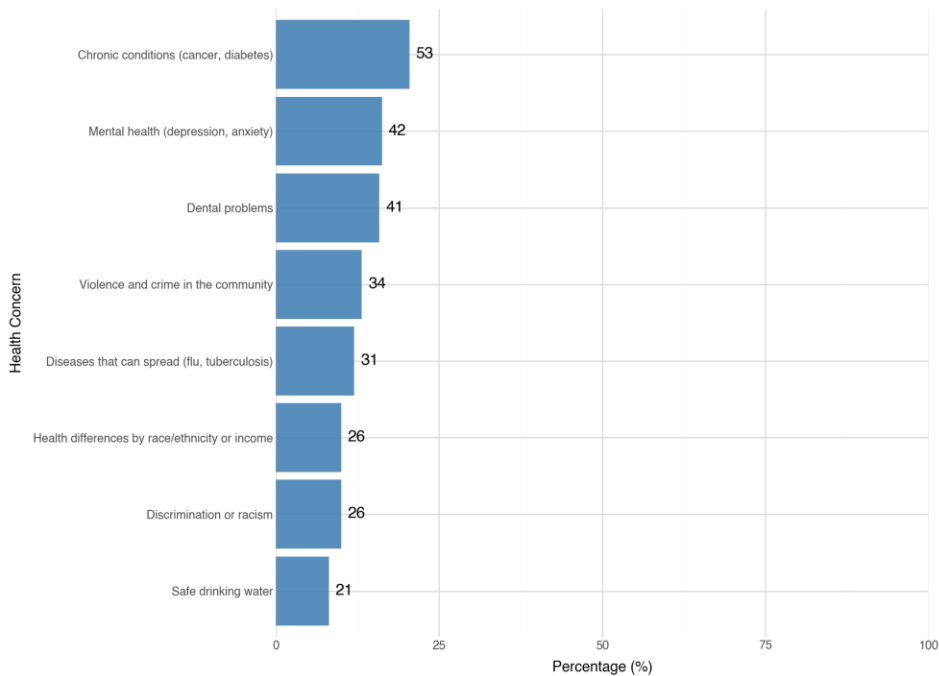
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Health Concerns Findings

City of Manassas

Top 8 Health Concerns in the City of Manassas

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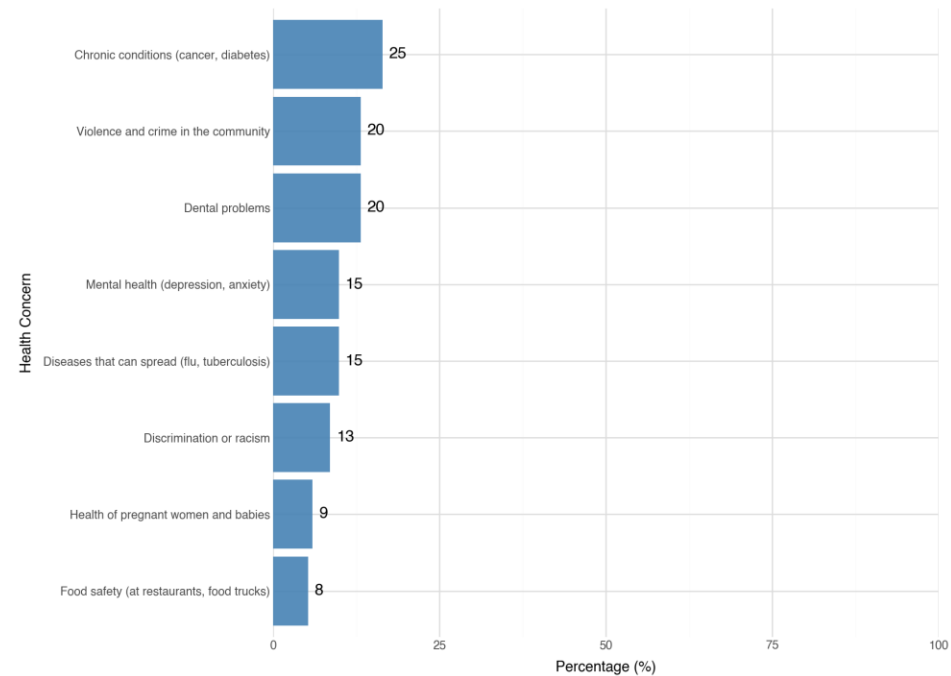


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City of Manassas Park

Top 8 Health Concerns in the City of Manassas Park

Ranked by proportion of respondents reporting each issue



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When residents who feel unsafe were asked about their top health concerns, their answers varied by location:

- In Prince William County and Woodbridge, the top two concerns were **Violence and Crime** and **Mental Health (depression, anxiety)**.
- In the City of Manassas and City of Manassas Park, the leading concern was **Chronic Conditions (cancer, diabetes)**, followed by violence and crime, dental problems, and mental health

Summary & Key Takeaways

Feelings of safety are not shared equally across our communities. This analysis reveals that who you are and where you live are deeply **connected** to whether you feel secure.

- **Geography is Key:** Woodbridge, particularly the 22191 ZIP code, stands out as a "hotspot" where many residents report feeling unsafe.
- **Socioeconomics are Powerful Predictors:** Low income and lower levels of education are two of the strongest and most consistent factors linked to feeling unsafe.
- **Language is a Major Barrier:** Spanish-speaking residents, especially in Woodbridge and Manassas, feel significantly less safe than their English-speaking neighbors.
- **Demographics Matter:** Women, Hispanic/Latino residents, teenagers, and middle-aged adults are all more likely to report feeling unsafe.
- **Underlying Issues:** The drivers of feeling unsafe, language barriers, economic insecurity, and geographic disparities point to deeper structural inequities that impact community well-being.

Next Steps:

1. OCS is investing in targeted programming and initiatives
2. The county's 4-year strategic plan is to prioritize data and coordinate response
3. Continue partnerships and inter-agency coordination for neighborhood resilience

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