

# Prevalence of Community-Oriented Policing Strategies Across a Nationally-Representative Sample

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## Problem

The tension between police and communities of color continues to rise. Community policing strategies can be a way to ease the tension.

## ANALYSIS

Descriptive analysis was used to examine percentages of community policing strategies across these agencies.

## MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION

What community policing strategies are being used by police agencies?

## RESULTS

Findings show that 44% of police agencies did not employ community-oriented policing and only 14% used at least one type of community-oriented policing component.

## DISCUSSION

These findings suggest that there is a lack of community policing strategies in the country being used that could possibly benefit the tension between police and communities of color. It is important to see a lack of community policing strategies in this data to show why there may be tension with communities of color.

## Current Study

The study aimed to explore the community-based strategies police agencies are using to address tensions between them and communities of color.

## Data

Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) in 2016. The cross-sectional survey data which is used among a nationally representative sample of police agencies to find the data.

Variables	n	%	M	SD	Min	Max
Community-based Problem Strategies	2712	56%	9.75	75.908	0	2566
Agency addresses	2748	42%	2.47	.974	1	5
Task: Community Policing						
Gender: Male	2661	83%	137.19	713.083	0	29859
Gender: Female	2619	17%	21.86	151.763	0	6191

