

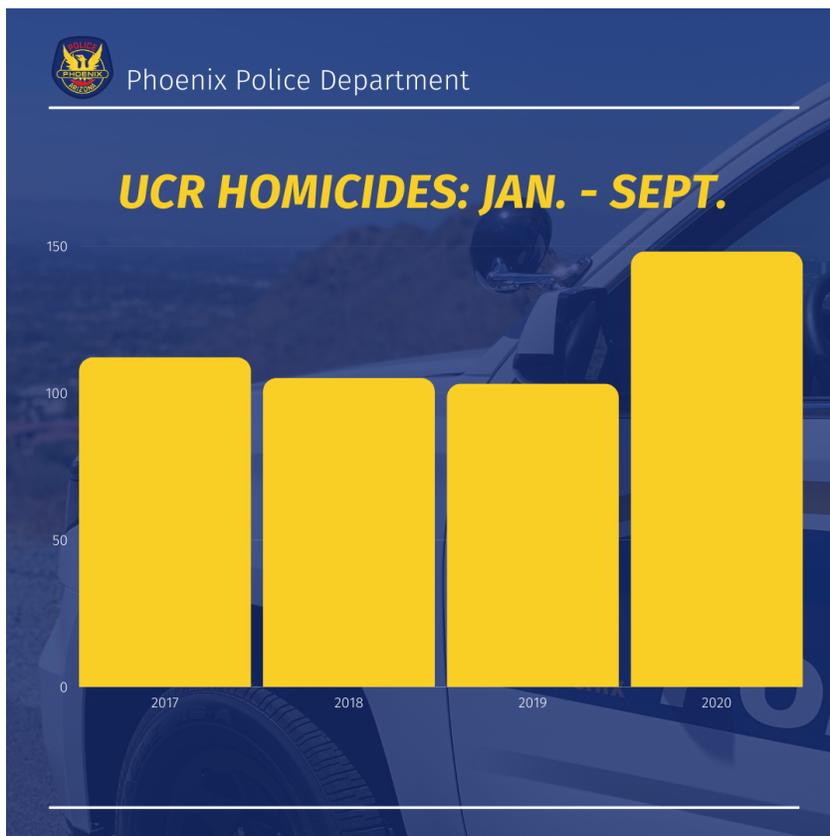


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### As Crime Rates Increase in Phoenix, Residents Want More Funding for Police

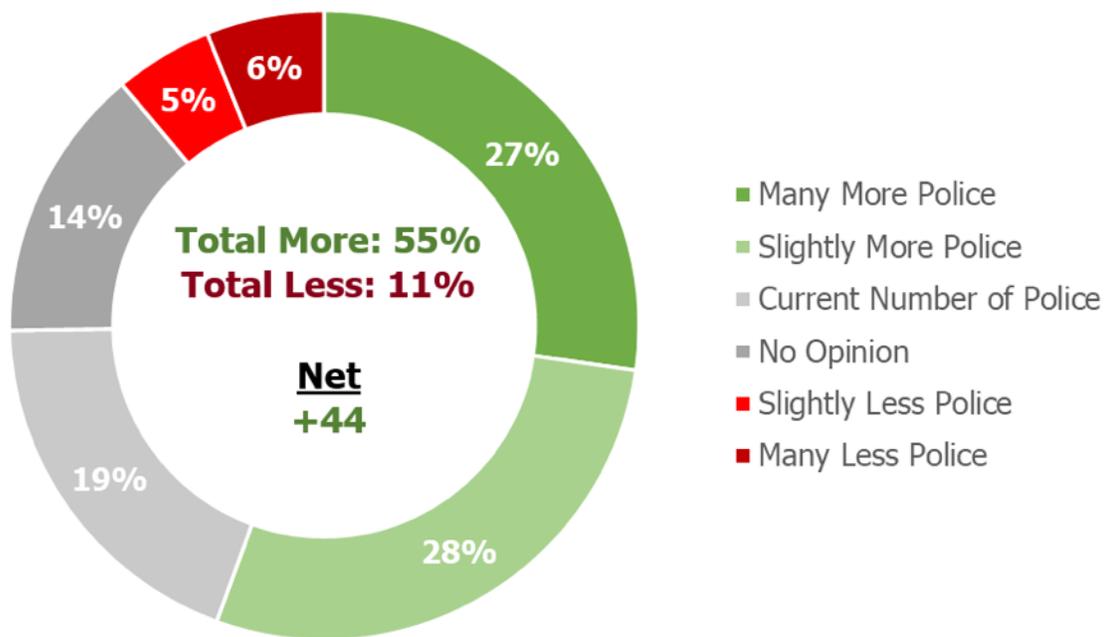
**Phoenix, AZ--** Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) numbers released by the Phoenix Police Department for January through September show more than a 40% increase in homicides compared to the same time last year. The summer months (July-Sept) have been particularly dangerous, with the number of homicides more than doubling from the same three months last year. This new data comes after two officer-involved shootings this week in the Phoenix area.



The Phoenix Police Department is responding to this trend of deadly acts of gun violence, gang activity and domestic violence and Phoenix residents are noticing the increase in crime.

A recent poll by OH Predictive Insights revealed that despite recent calls for “Defunding Police,” Phoenix voters actually want more funding for local police. Respondents indicated that Phoenix would be “safer” with more police officers.

### Phoenix Would Be Safer With...



City of Phoenix Registered Voters  
Survey Conducted Sept 17 to Oct 2, 2020  
n = 900 with a MoE +/- 3.27%  
Survey Conducted via an Online Opt-in Panel  
\*Totals may not add up to 100%, due to rounding

“Over the past year, we have seen a steady increase in assaults and homicides across the city,” said Michael “Britt” London, President of PLEA. “When you couple the increased crime with the fact that our police force has remained stagnant during unprecedented growth in Phoenix, we simply do not have the manpower and resources needed for a city of this size. Our elected leaders need to listen to the voters and invest in the Phoenix Police Department.”

According to the OHPI survey, 59% of voters say the department deserves an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ and nearly six in ten (58%) registered voters living in Phoenix had a favorable opinion of the Phoenix PD.

**Methodology:** [This poll](#) was conducted as an online opt-in panel survey. The survey was completed by OH Predictive Insights from September 17th to October 2nd, 2020, from a City of Phoenix Registered Voter sample. The sample demographics were weighted to accurately reflect gender, age, region, party affiliation, and ethnicity. The sample size was 900 completed surveys, with an MoE of  $\pm 3.3\%$ . Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding. All non-released questions prior to the questions released would not reasonably be expected to influence responses to all released questions. The questions on the poll report contain the exact questions from the survey using the verbiage presented to the respondents.

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*The Mission of PLEA is to promote the positive role of the police profession. To protect and secure members' rights and benefits through effective representation and professional relationships with the community and local, state, and national governments.*