

Rochester City Council Wants Input on Police Body Cameras

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Do you think police in Rochester should wear body cameras? City Council wants your input. Council has released an online survey asking for the public's opinion about the use of police body cameras. Some community activists have urged the city to buy body cameras for the RPD, to help increase transparency and resolve disputes. However, city council has not yet made a decision.

Many other local communities now use police body cameras, including Gates, Greece, and Fairport.

To participate in the survey, click here. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rochesterbodycameras>)

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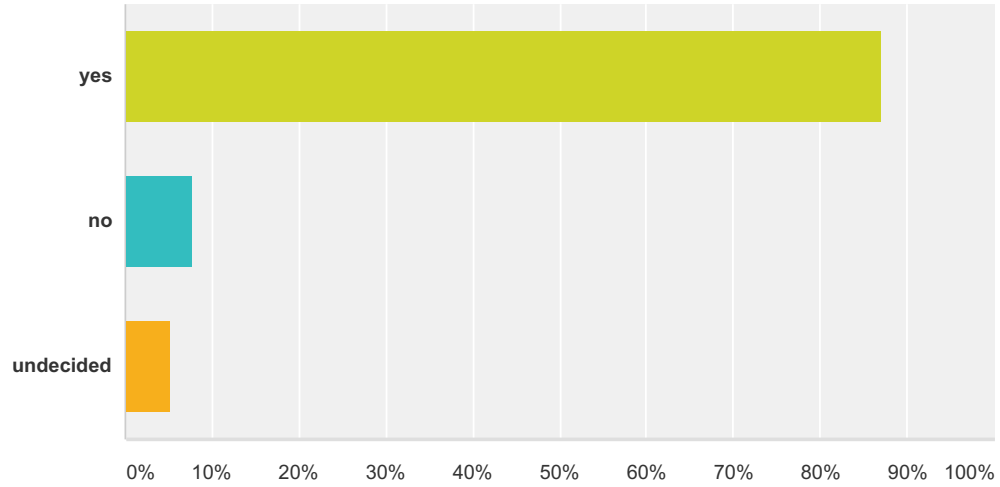
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Dear Rochester Resident, Below is a survey that the City Council is administering in an effort to obtain your opinion regarding RPD Officers being outfitted with body cameras. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Q1 Do you think Rochester Police Department (RPD) Officers should wear body cameras for the purpose of recording police and community interactions?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

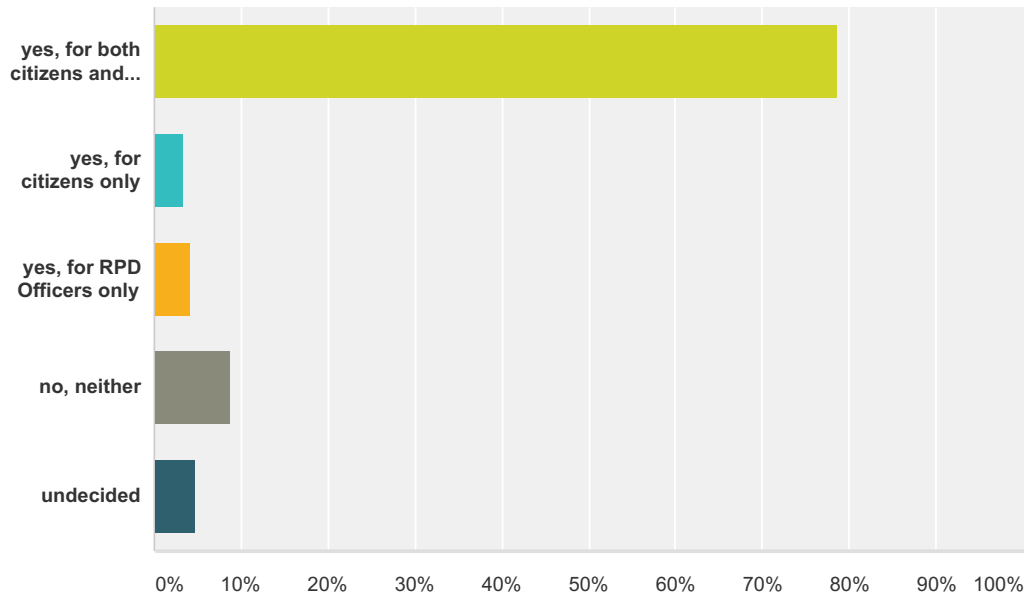


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	87.05% 1,580
no	7.71% 140
undecided	5.23% 95
Total	1,815

Dear Rochester Resident, Below is a survey that the City Council is administering in an effort to obtain your opinion regarding RPD Officers being outfitted with body cameras. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Q2 Do you think body cameras will improve safety for citizens and RPD Officers?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

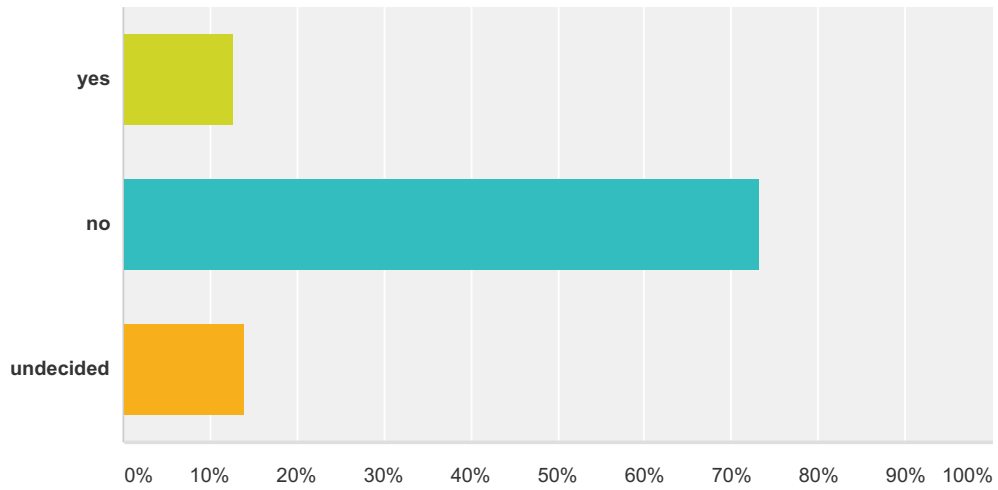


Answer Choices	Responses
yes, for both citizens and RPD Officers	78.73% 1,429
yes, for citizens only	3.42% 62
yes, for RPD Officers only	4.19% 76
no, neither	8.87% 161
undecided	4.79% 87
Total	1,815

Dear Rochester Resident, Below is a survey that the City Council is administering in an effort to obtain your opinion regarding RPD Officers being outfitted with body cameras. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Q3 Do you think body cameras worn by RPD Officers infringe on privacy rights?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

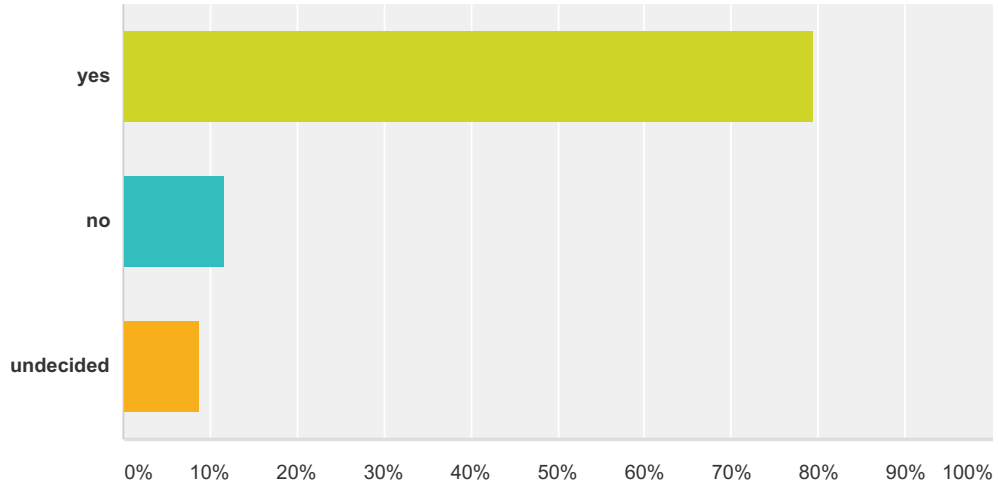


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	12.78% 232
no	73.22% 1,329
undecided	13.99% 254
Total	1,815

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Q4 Do you think body cameras worn by RPD Officers will improve transparency between the community and the Rochester Police Department?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

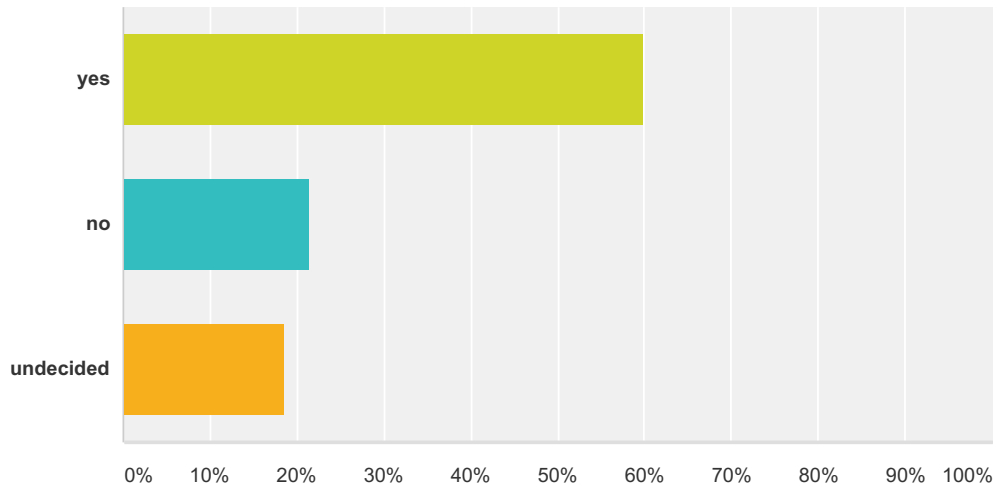


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	79.50% 1,443
no	11.63% 211
undecided	8.87% 161
Total	1,815

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Q5 Do you think body cameras worn by RPD Officers will help solve crimes?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

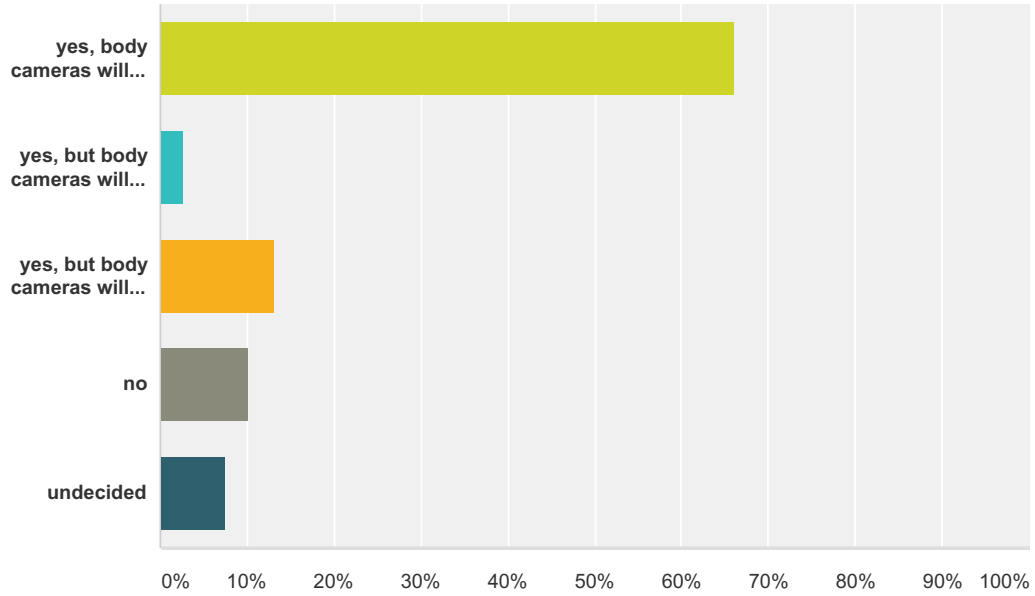


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	59.89% 1,087
no	21.54% 391
undecided	18.57% 337
Total	1,815

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Q6 Do you think body cameras worn by RPD Officers will positively impact the behavior of the community and RPD Officers?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

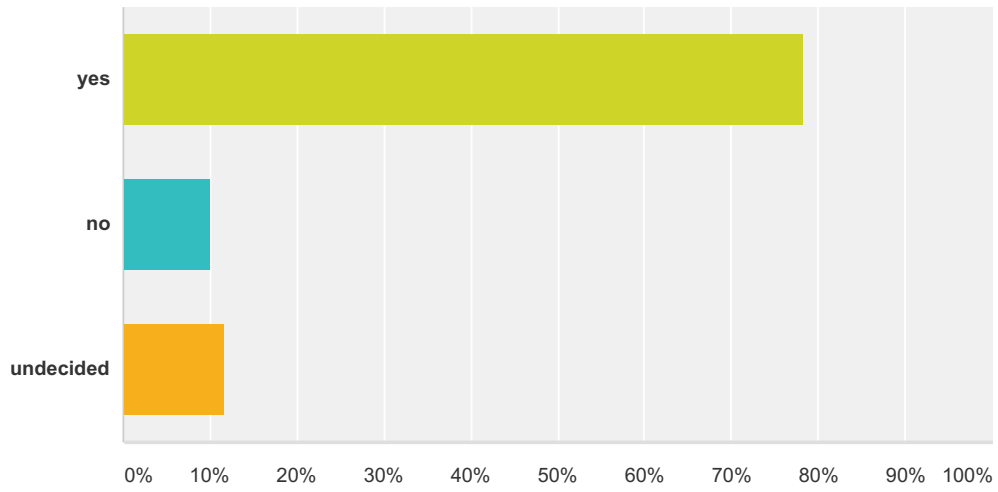


Answer Choices	Responses	
yes, body cameras will positively impact the behavior of both community and RPD Officers	66.28%	1,203
yes, but body cameras will positively impact the behavior of the community only	2.75%	50
yes, but body cameras will positively impact the behavior of the RPD Officers only	13.11%	238
no	10.30%	187
undecided	7.55%	137
Total		1,815

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Q7 Do you think that cameras worn by RPD Officers will help with RPD training?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

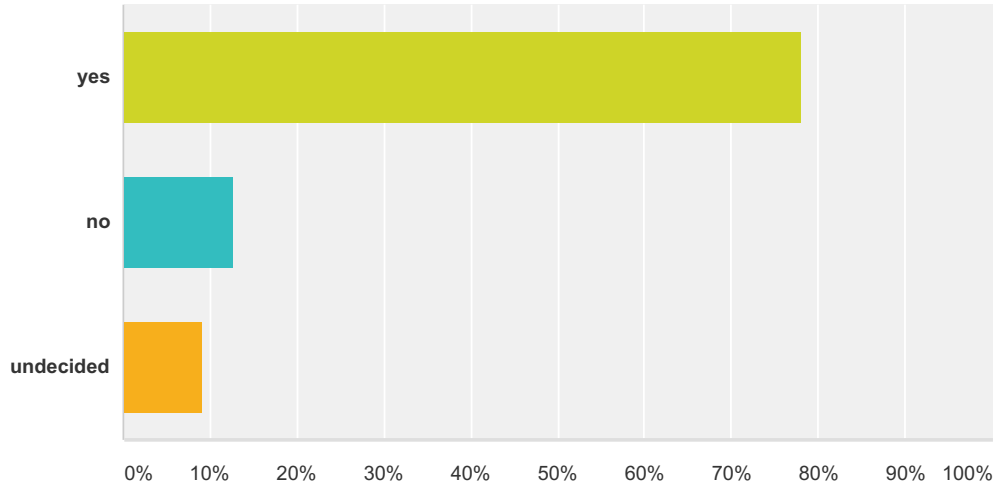


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	78.24% 1,420
no	9.97% 181
undecided	11.79% 214
Total	1,815

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Q8 Do you think purchasing body cameras for RPD Officers to wear is a good use of tax dollars?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

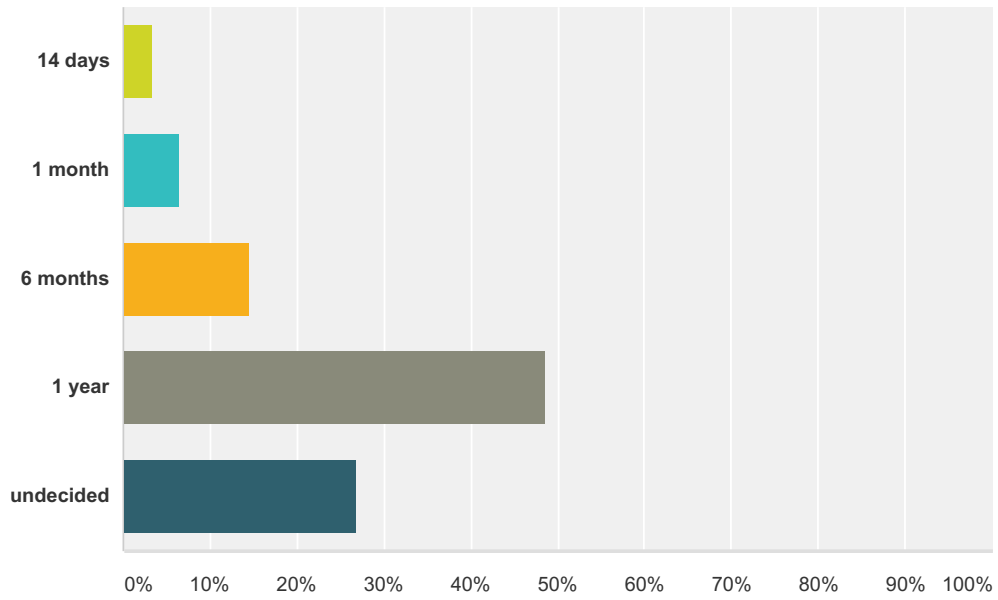


Answer Choices	Responses	
yes	78.18%	1,419
no	12.73%	231
undecided	9.09%	165
Total		1,815

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Q9 How long should the data collected on the cameras be stored?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

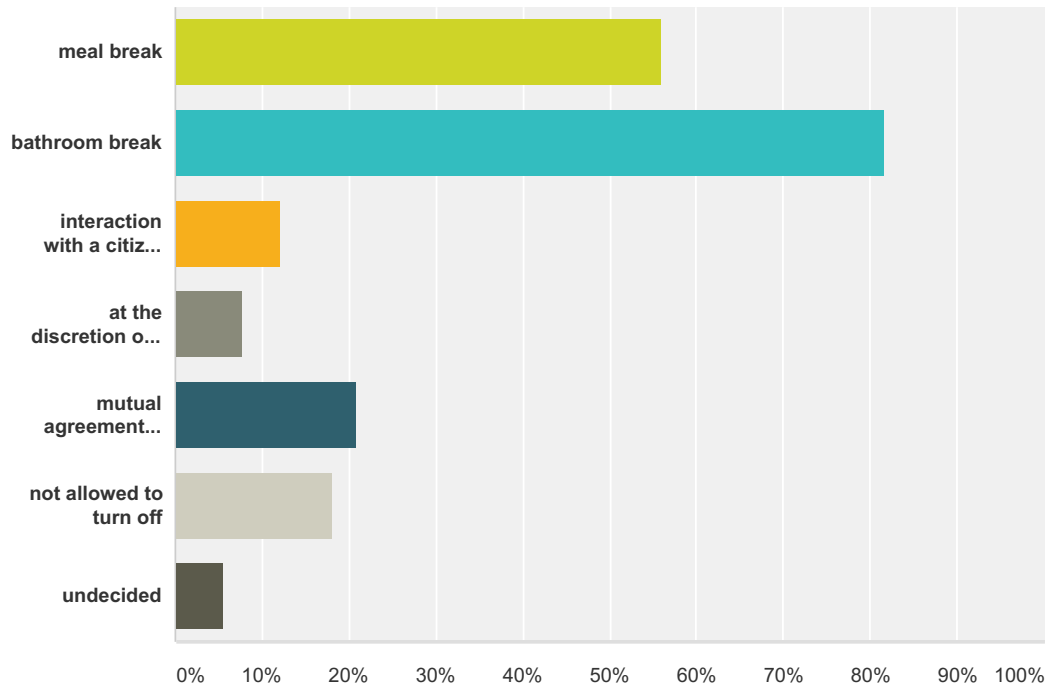


Answer Choices	Responses
14 days	3.36% 61
1 month	6.45% 117
6 months	14.66% 266
1 year	48.65% 883
undecided	26.89% 488
Total	1,815

Dear Rochester Resident, Below is a survey that the City Council is administering in an effort to obtain your opinion regarding RPD Officers being outfitted with body cameras. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Q10 For what reason(s) should a body camera be turned off? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

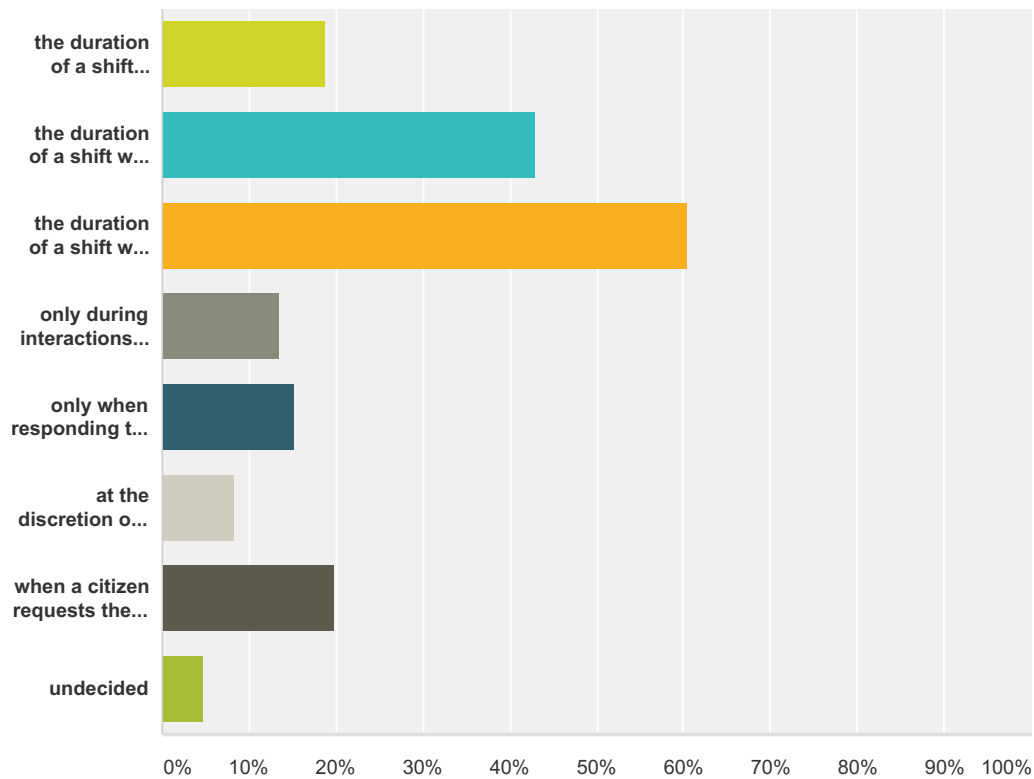


Answer Choices	Responses
meal break	56.03% 1,017
bathroom break	81.71% 1,483
interaction with a citizen for a non-criminal offense	12.07% 219
at the discretion of the RPD Officer	7.82% 142
mutual agreement between the citizen(s) interacting with the RPD Officer and the RPD Officer	20.88% 379
not allowed to turn off	18.24% 331
undecided	5.56% 101
Total Respondents: 1,815	

Dear Rochester Resident, Below is a survey that the City Council is administering in an effort to obtain your opinion regarding RPD Officers being outfitted with body cameras. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Q11 When should a body camera be turned on? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

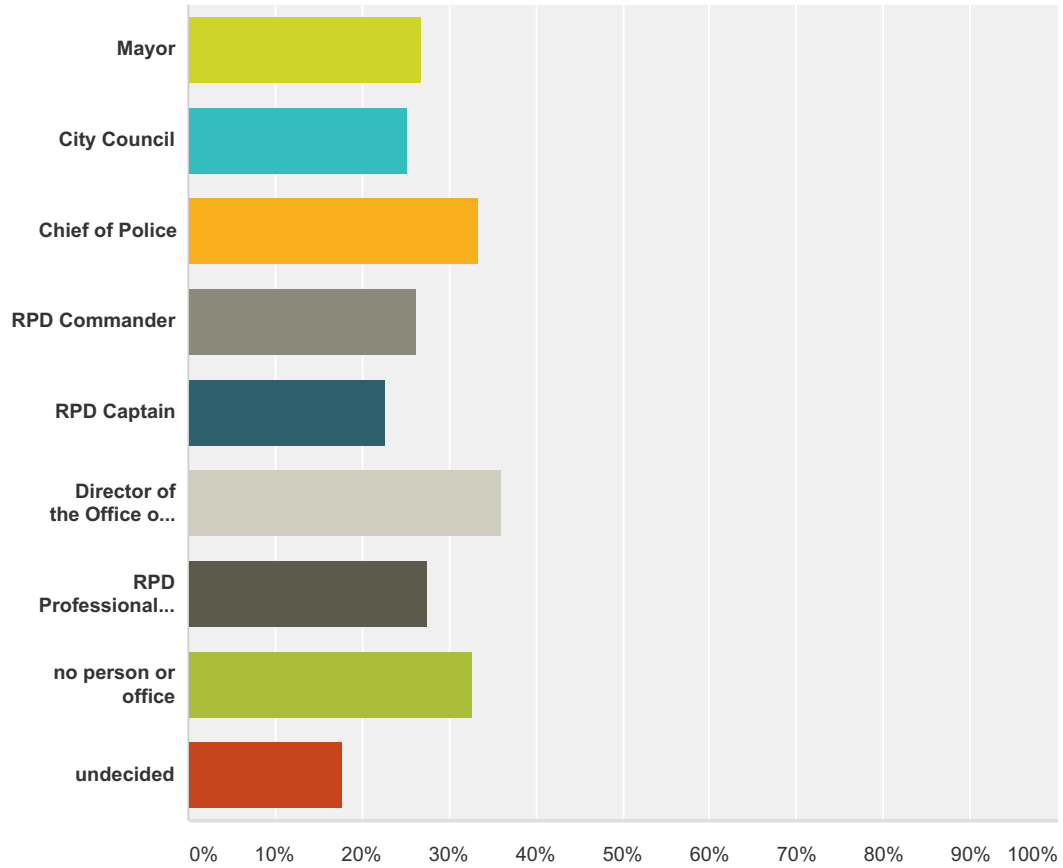


Answer Choices	Responses
the duration of a shift without interruption	18.84% 342
the duration of a shift with the exception of break times	42.92% 779
the duration of a shift with the exception of bathroom breaks	60.55% 1,099
only during interactions with the community	13.66% 248
only when responding to a call	15.32% 278
at the discretion of the RPD Officer	8.32% 151
when a citizen requests the camera to be on	19.78% 359
undecided	4.85% 88
Total Respondents: 1,815	

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Q12 Who should have access to body camera data and have the ability to delete and/or edit files? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

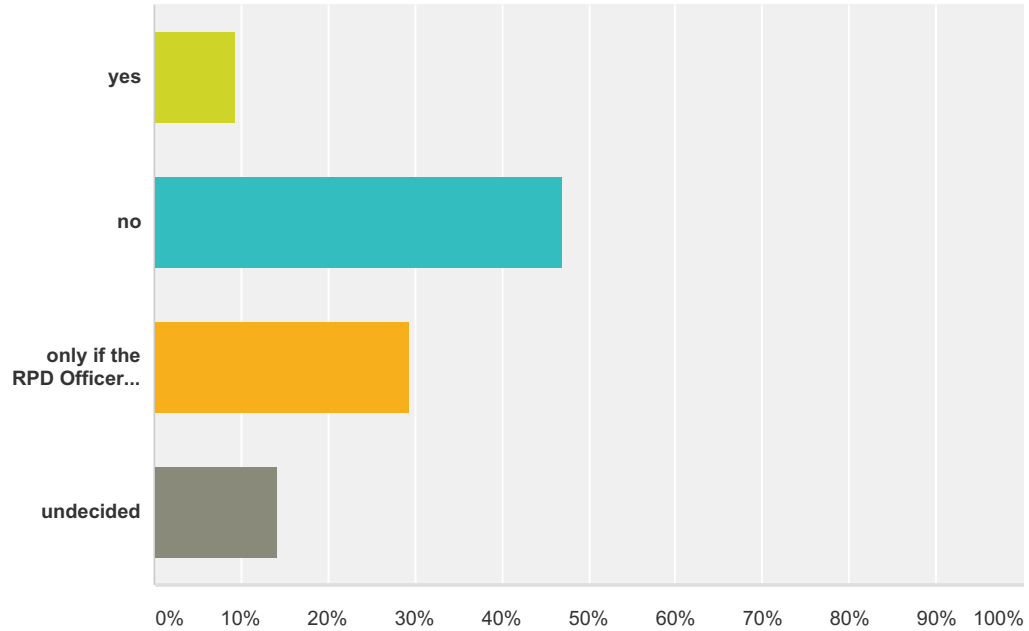


Answer Choices	Responses
Mayor	26.89% 488
City Council	25.29% 459
Chief of Police	33.44% 607
RPD Commander	26.34% 478
RPD Captain	22.81% 414
Director of the Office of Public Integrity	36.09% 655
RPD Professional Standards Section	27.60% 501
no person or office	32.78% 595
undecided	17.80% 323
Total Respondents: 1,815	

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Q13 If a citizen requests that a body camera be turned off, should that request be honored?

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

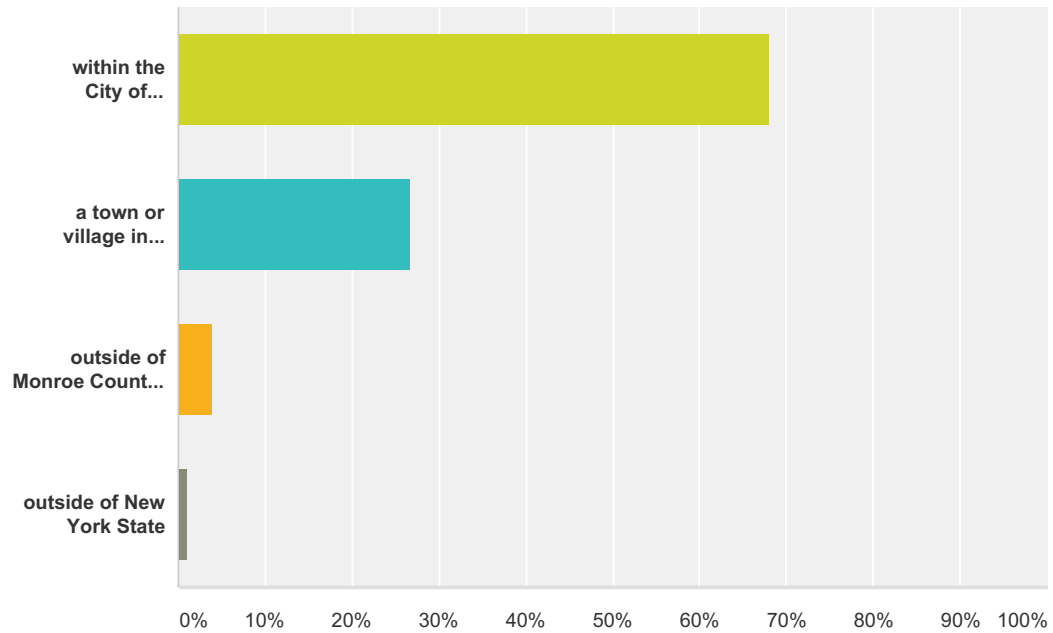


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	9.42% 171
no	46.89% 851
only if the RPD Officer agrees	29.53% 536
undecided	14.16% 257
Total	1,815

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Q14 Please indicate which best describes where you live.

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

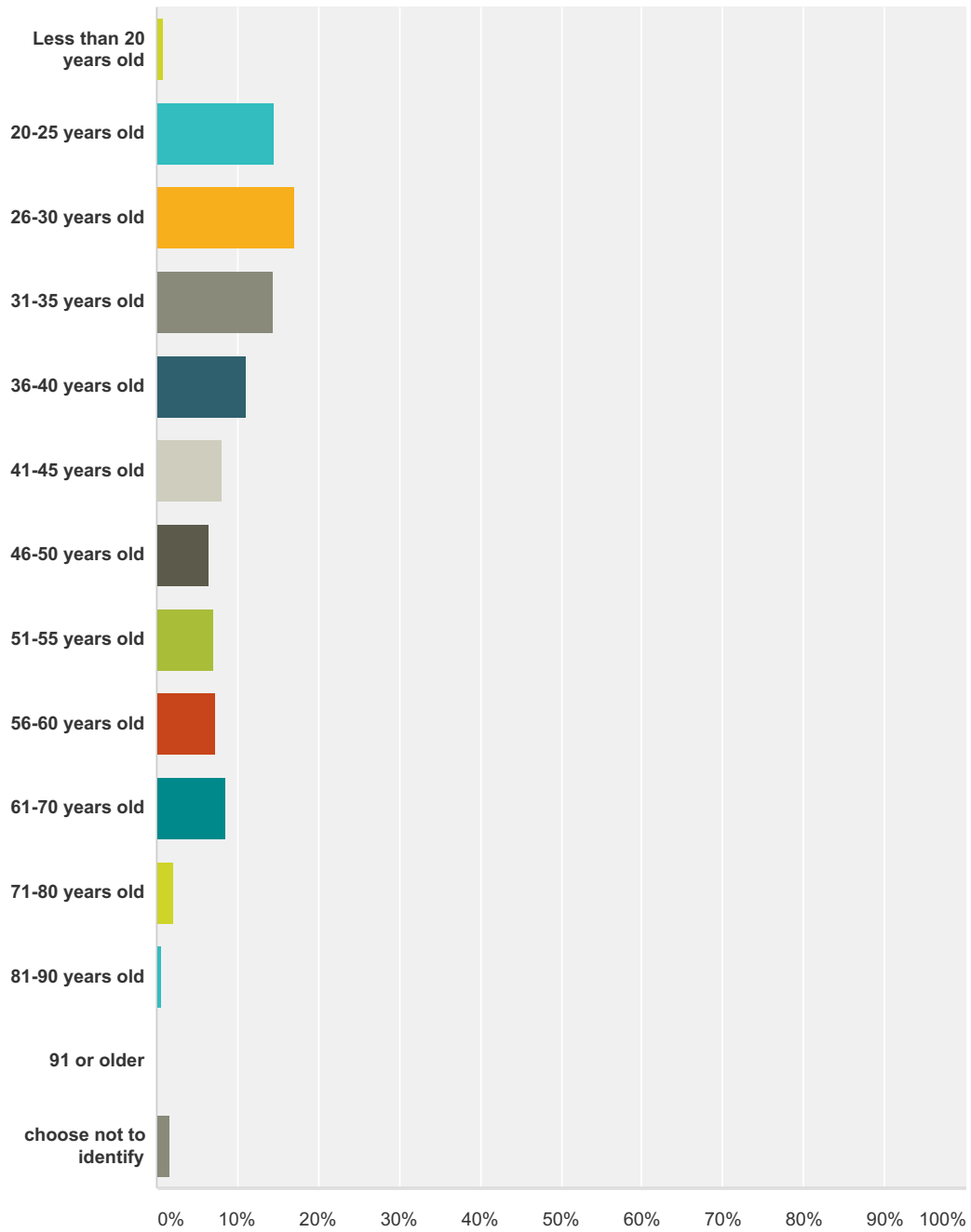


Answer Choices	Responses
within the City of Rochester	68.15% 1,237
a town or village in Monroe County	26.78% 486
outside of Monroe County but within New York State	4.02% 73
outside of New York State	1.05% 19
Total	1,815

Dear Rochester Resident, Below is a survey that the City Council is administering in an effort to obtain your opinion regarding RPD Officers being outfitted with body cameras. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

Q15 Please indicate your age.

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 20 years old	0.94% 17
20-25 years old	14.55% 264
26-30 years old	17.02% 309
31-35 years old	14.49% 263

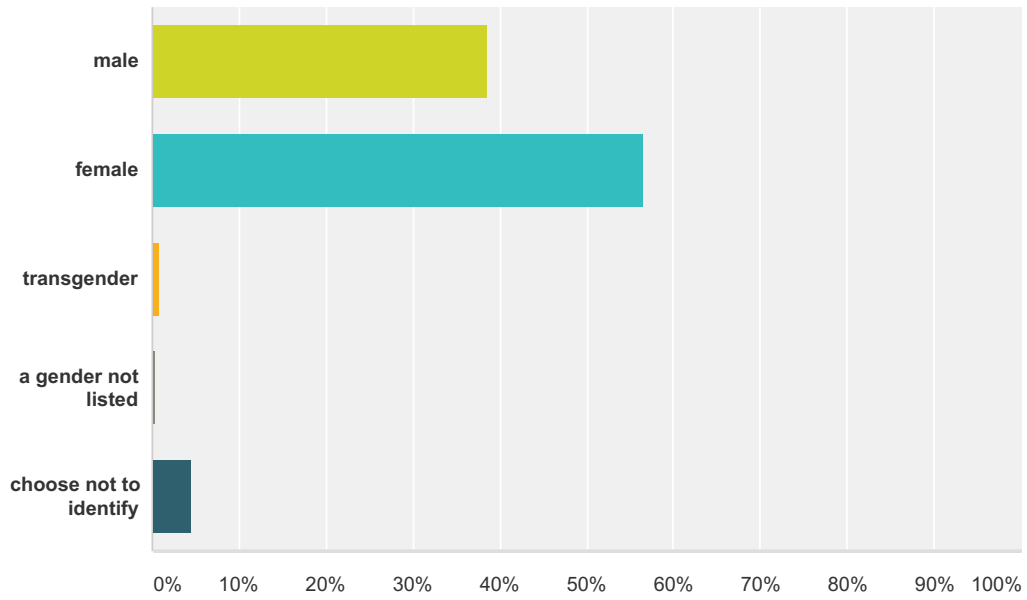
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36-40 years old	11.13%	202
41-45 years old	8.04%	146
46-50 years old	6.50%	118
51-55 years old	7.11%	129
56-60 years old	7.22%	131
61-70 years old	8.48%	154
71-80 years old	2.15%	39
81-90 years old	0.61%	11
91 or older	0.17%	3
choose not to identify	1.60%	29
Total		1,815

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Q16 Please indicate your gender. (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,815 Skipped: 0

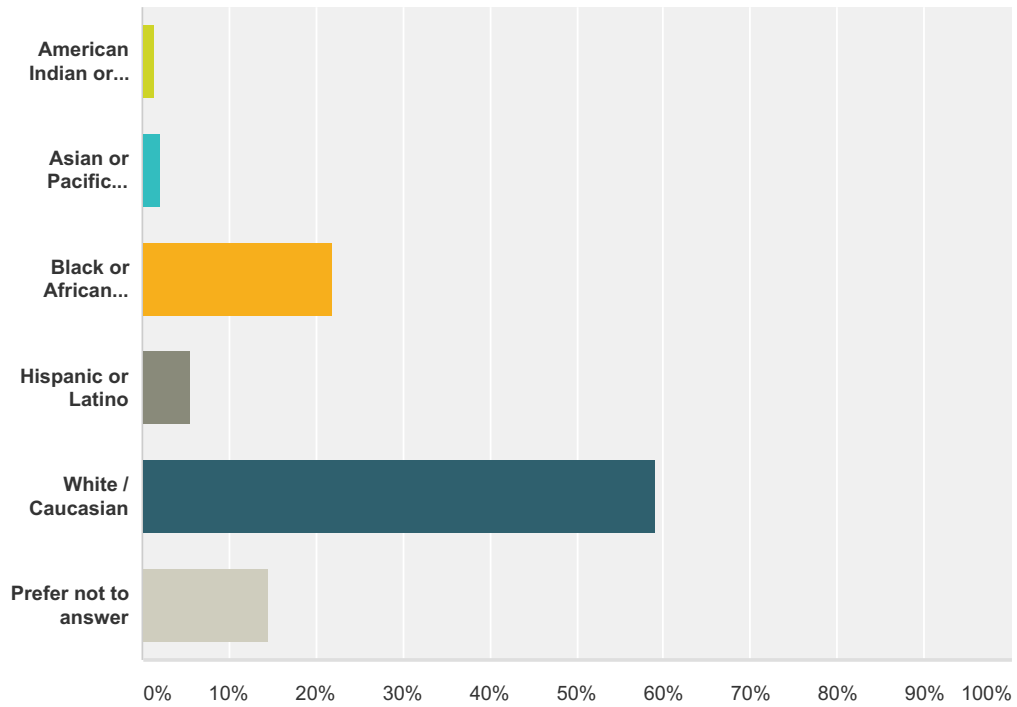


Answer Choices	Responses
male	38.68% 702
female	56.58% 1,027
transgender	0.94% 17
a gender not listed	0.39% 7
choose not to identify	4.63% 84
Total Respondents: 1,815	

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Q17 What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply.)

Answered: 1,790 Skipped: 25



Answer Choices	Responses
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.45% 26
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.01% 36
Black or African American	22.01% 394
Hispanic or Latino	5.70% 102
White / Caucasian	59.11% 1,058
Prefer not to answer	14.58% 261
Total Respondents: 1,790	

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Q18 Provide additional comments regarding RPD Officers wearing body cameras. (not required)

Answered: 482 Skipped: 1,333