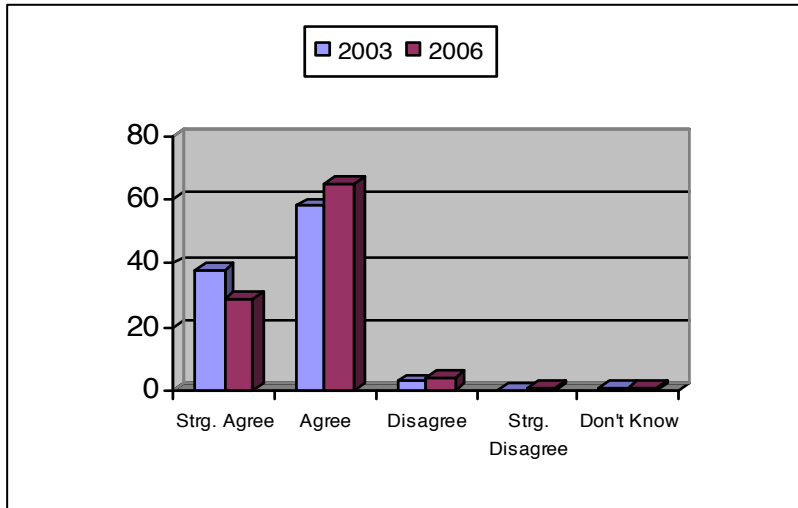


Residents Report They Feel Safe or Very Safe in Wood County



Key Facts

The *2006 Life Community Survey* results indicate:

- Those employed full-time are more likely to feel safe than those unemployed or working part-time.
- 94% of respondents “strongly agree” or “agree” that they feel safe in Wood County.

Why is this Information Important?

Feeling safe in your community is important to maintaining quality of life. Many larger communities lose residents because of increasing crime rates, which leads to the public no longer feeling safe.

Perception of Public Safety

Feeling safe in Wood County is the most strongly held opinion within the *2006 Life Community Survey*.

The enjoyment of activities such as walking the dog in the evening, jogging in a local park and strolling down the pedestrian mall at lunchtime is jeopardized when one does not have a sense of personal safety.

How safe we feel depends on a number of factors. Crime rates and media coverage of the crime that takes place in our neighborhoods are two important factors. Being the victim of a crime or knowing someone who is a victim also influences how safe we feel.

Source: 2006 Wood County LIFE Community Survey