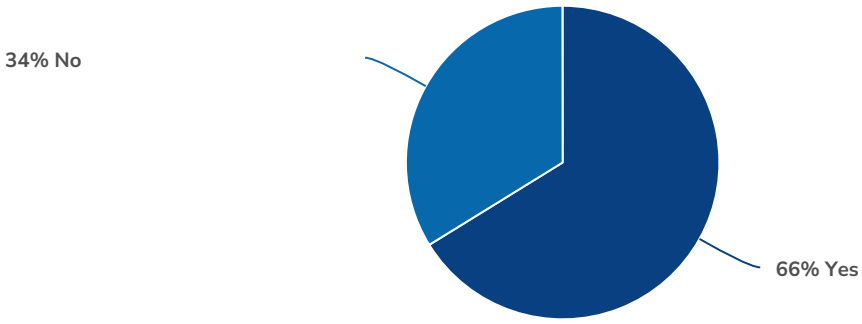
Report for Thames Valley OPCC survey on Police Force Mergers

Response Counts

Completion Rate:	**100%**	
	Complete	2,342

Totals: 2,342

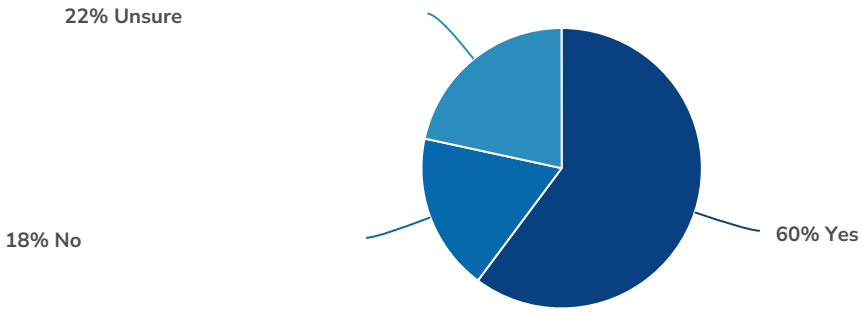
1. Before completing this survey, were you aware that the Government has proposed merging police forces across England and Wales?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	66.2%	1,551
No	33.8%	791

Totals: 2,342

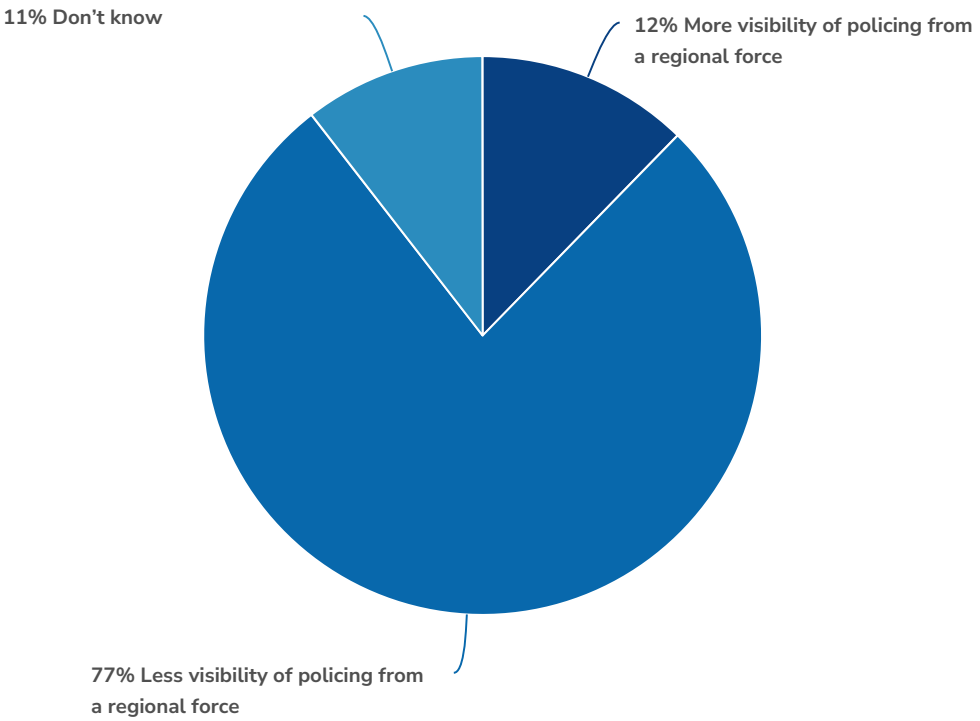
2. Do you understand why the Government is seeking to merge police forces?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	60.2%	1,409
No	18.2%	427
Unsure	21.6%	506

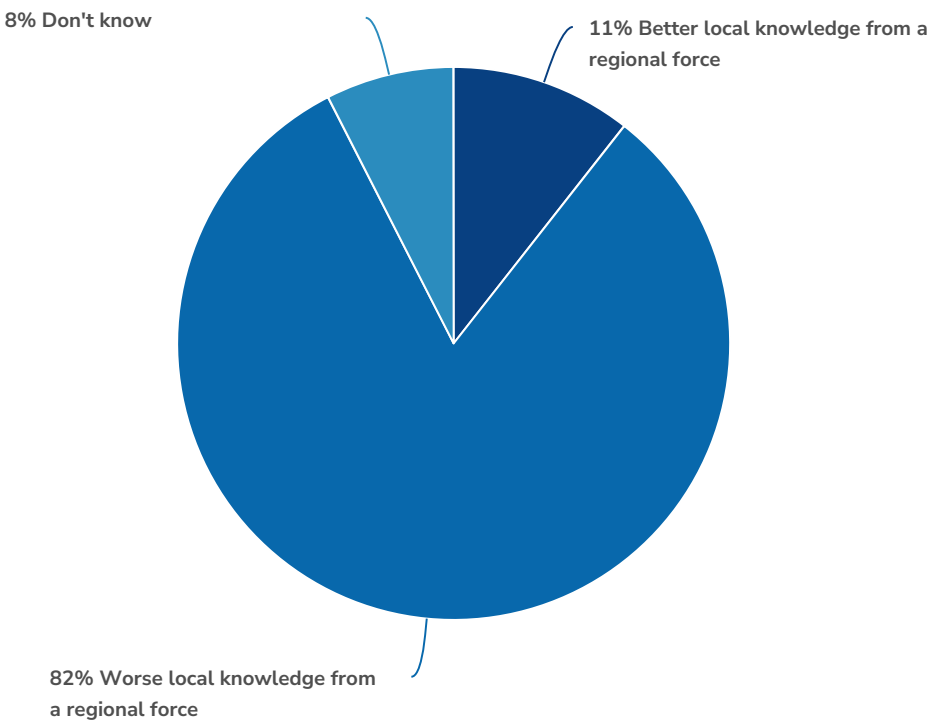
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3. Visibility of policing



Value	Percent	Responses
More visibility of policing from a regional force	12.3%	288
Less visibility of policing from a regional force	77.2%	1,807
Don't know	10.5%	247
		Totals: 2,342

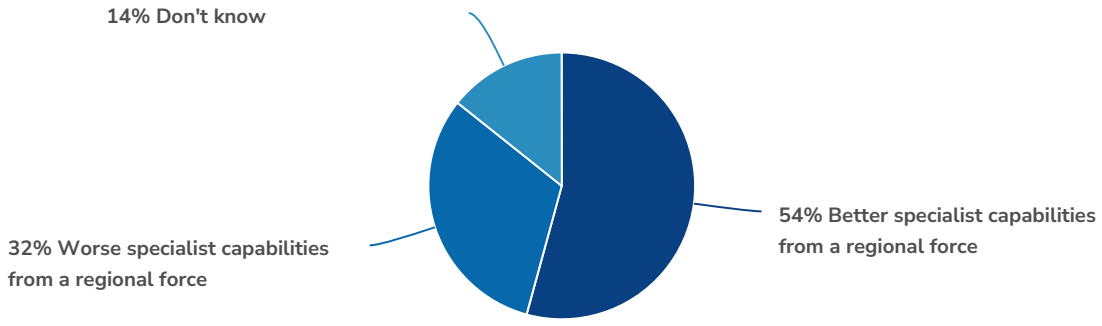
4. Policing knowledge of local area



Value	Percent	Responses
Better local knowledge from a regional force	10.6%	248
Worse local knowledge from a regional force	81.9%	1,919
Don't know	7.5%	175

Totals: 2,342

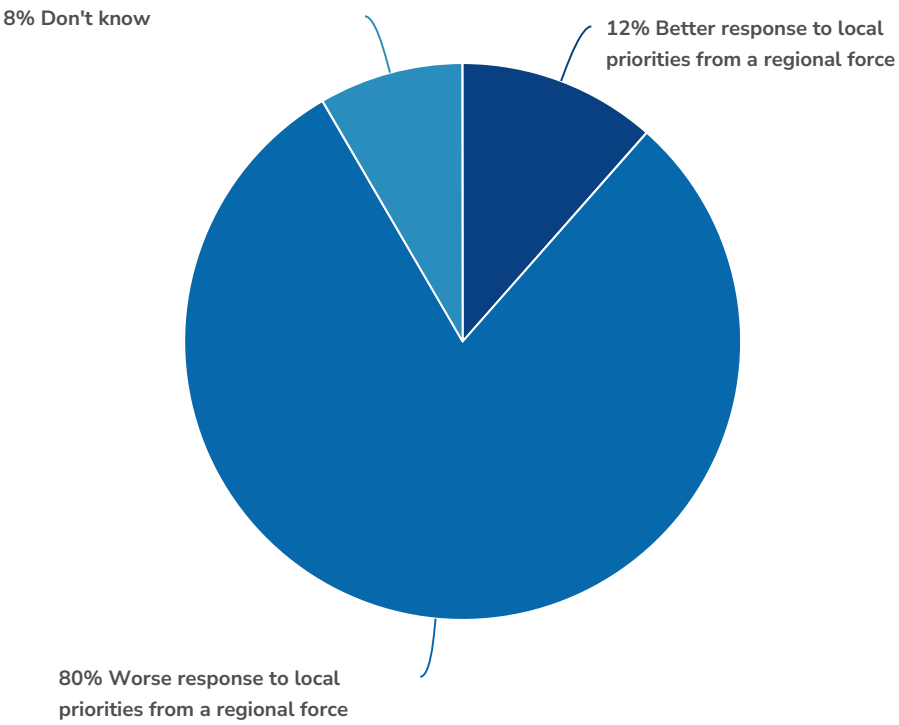
5. Specialist capabilities (such as cybercrime or firearms)



Value	Percent	Responses
Better specialist capabilities from a regional force	54.3%	1,271
Worse specialist capabilities from a regional force	31.5%	737
Don't know	14.3%	334

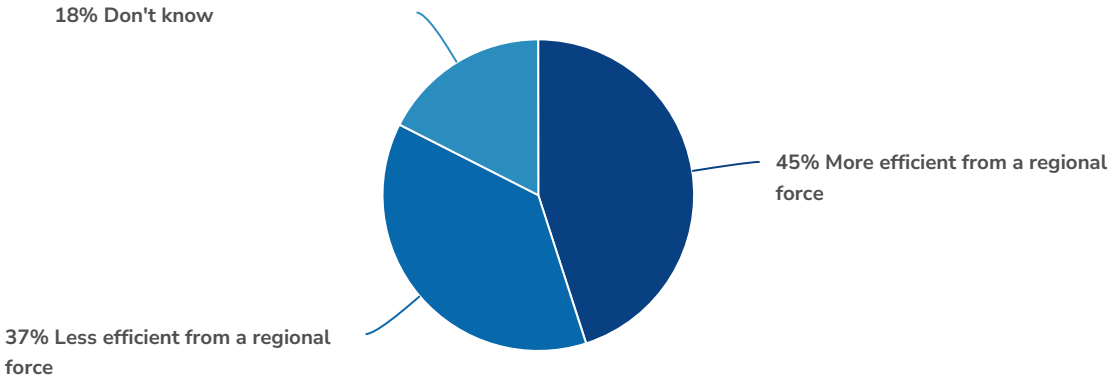
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6. Responding to local policing priorities



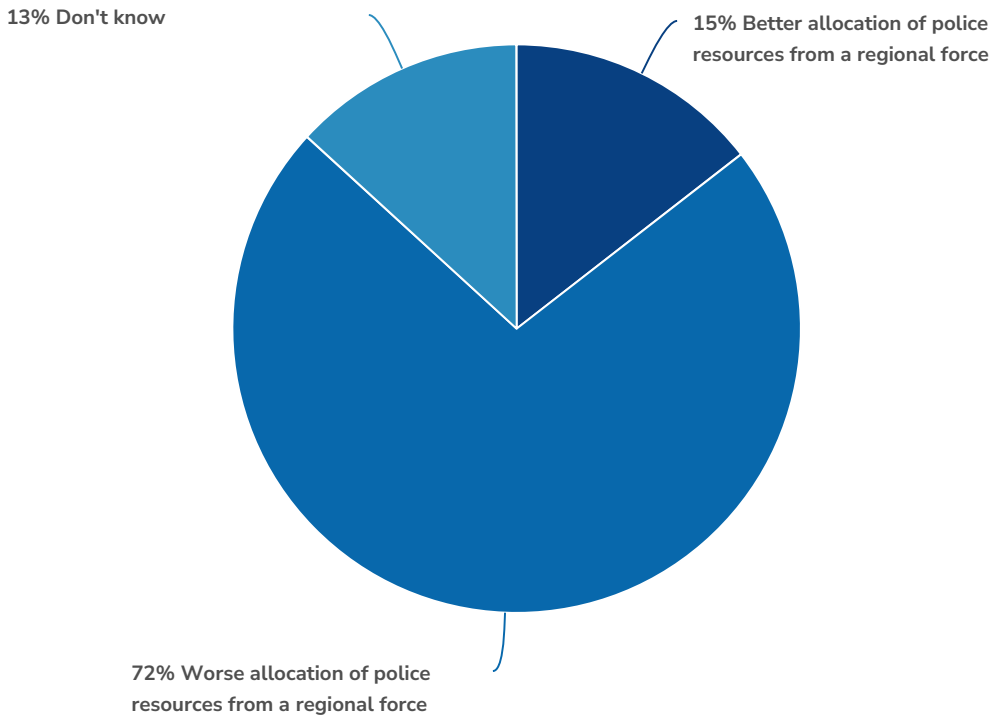
Value	Percent	Responses
Better response to local priorities from a regional force	11.5%	269
Worse response to local priorities from a regional force	80.1%	1,876
Don't know	8.4%	197
		Totals: 2,342

7. More efficient “back-office” functions (e.g. Finance, HR etc.)



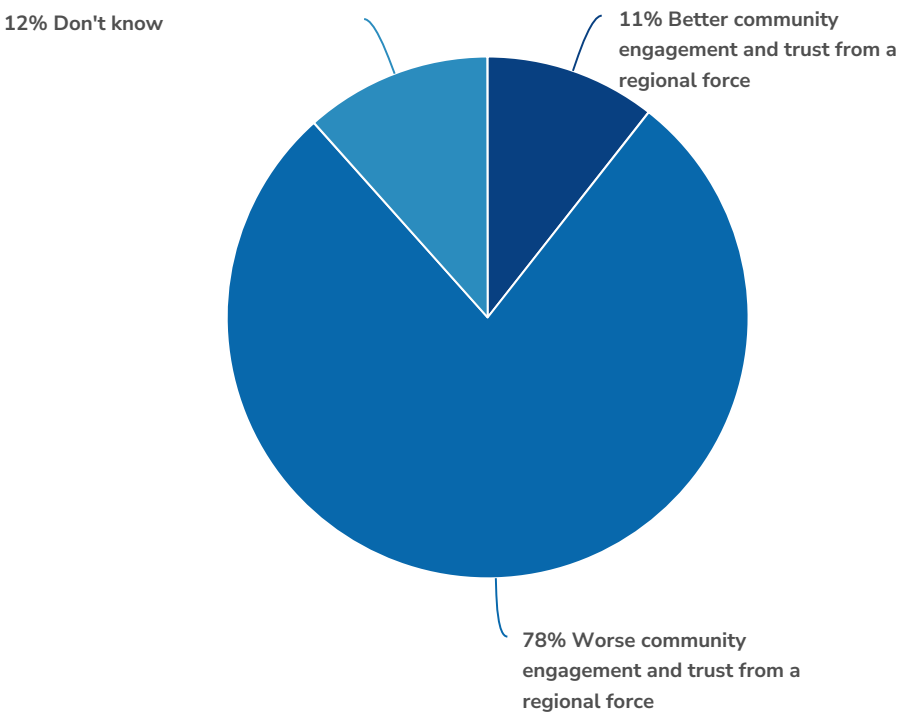
Value	Percent	Responses
More efficient from a regional force	45.0%	1,055
Less efficient from a regional force	37.4%	876
Don't know	17.5%	411
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8. Allocation of police resources for my local area



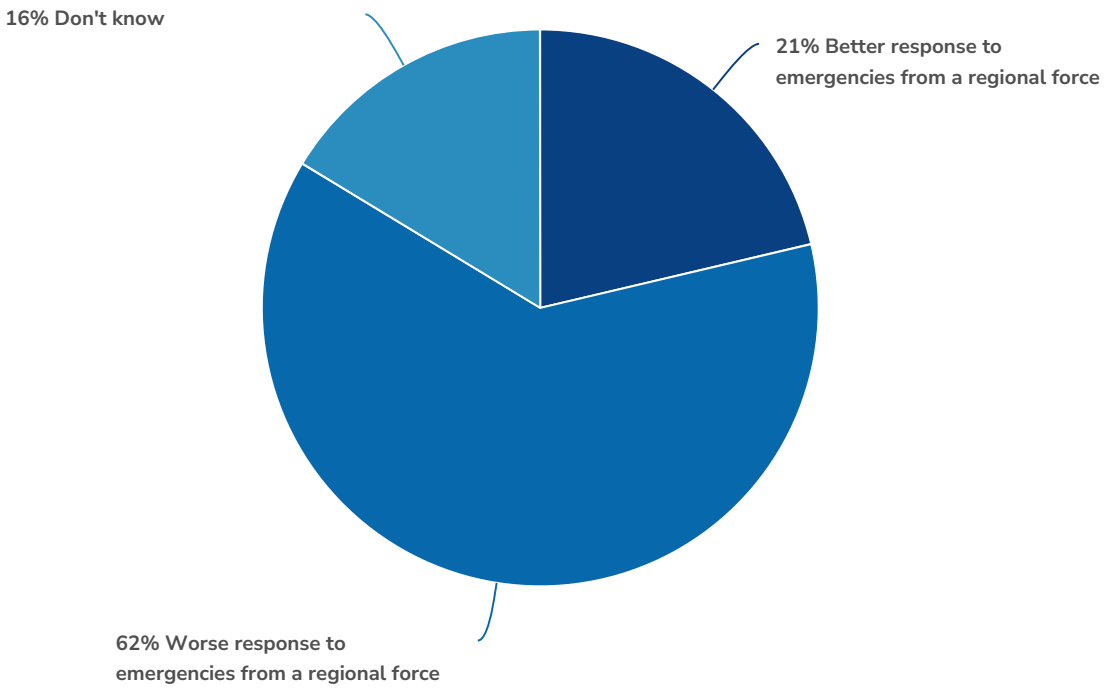
Value	Percent	Responses
Better allocation of police resources from a regional force	14.5%	340
Worse allocation of police resources from a regional force	72.3%	1,694
Don't know	13.2%	308
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9. Community engagement and trust



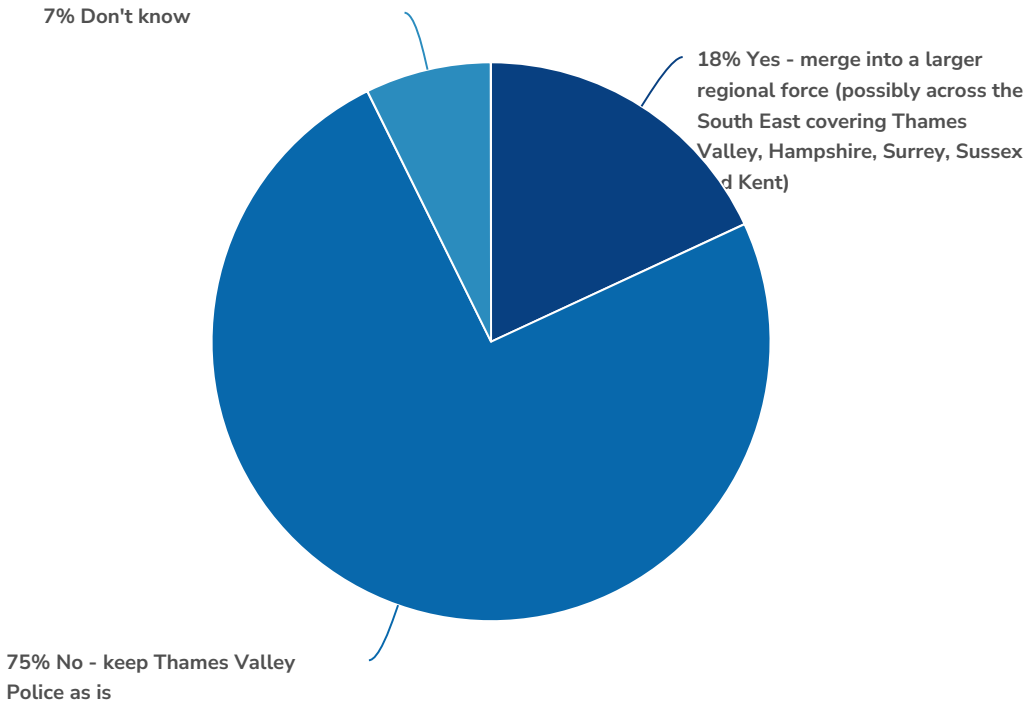
Value	Percent	Responses
Better community engagement and trust from a regional force	10.6%	248
Worse community engagement and trust from a regional force	77.8%	1,823
Don't know	11.6%	271
		Totals: 2,342

10. Responding to emergencies



Value	Percent	Responses
Better response to emergencies from a regional force	21.3%	500
Worse response to emergencies from a regional force	62.3%	1,460
Don't know	16.3%	382
		Totals: 2,342

11. Do you think that Thames Valley Police should be merged with other forces to create a larger force? (please note, Thames Valley Police already share some services)



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes - merge into a larger regional force (possibly across the South East covering Thames Valley, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Kent)	18.1%	424
No - keep Thames Valley Police as is	74.6%	1,748
Don't know	7.3%	170

Totals: 2,342