Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute
Apple Daily
Survey on Police Performance in Recent Anti-Extradition Bill Protests
8 August, 2019

Contact Information

Date of Survey: **Aug 1 - 6, 2019**
Sample Size: **1,015** (including 500 landline and 515 mobile numbers)
Survey Method: Random telephone survey conducted by real interviewers
Target population: Hong Kong residents aged 18 or above who speak Cantonese
Effective response rate: **62.8%**
Standard error: less than 1.6% (i.e. the maximum sampling error of all percentages should be no more than +/-3.1% at 95% confidence level)
Weighting adjustment: Raw figures have been rim-weighted according to figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department. The gender-age distribution of the Hong Kong population came from "Mid-year population for 2018", while the educational attainment (highest level attended) and economic activity status distributions came from "Women and Men in Hong Kong - Key Statistics (2018 Edition)".

Frequency Results

ADQ1 Please rate on a scale of 0-100 your level of satisfaction with the Hong Kong Police Force as a disciplinary force. 0 stands for very dissatisfied, 100 stands for very satisfied, 50 stands for half-half. How would you rate it?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
0	291	29%	**29%**
1-49	270	27%	27%
50	110	11%	11%
51-99	238	23%	23%
100	102	10%	10%
Don't know / Hard to say	2	0%	0%
Total	1,014	100%	100%
Refuse to answer	1	0%	
Total	1,015	100%	

ADQ1m Mean value

N		Mean	Sampling error (SEM*2)	Median
Valid	Missing			
1,012	3	**39.4**	+/-2.3	30.0

ADQ2 Recently there have been conflicts between protesters and the police in many areas in Hong Kong. Do you think the police have used excessive force, appropriate force or too little force in those occasions?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 Excessive	592	58%	**58%**
2 Appropriate	228	22%	23%
3 Too little	152	15%	15%
Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	40	4%	4%
Total	1,013	100%	100%
Refuse to answer	2	0%	
Total	1,015	100%	

ADQ3 Which of the following do you think bears the most responsibility for the continued conflicts between protesters and the police: (Read out first three options with order randomized, multiple answers allowed)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	1,014	100%	100%
Refuse to answer	1	0%	
Total	1,015	100%	

	Answer		
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
3 the Government	722	53%	**71%**
2 Protesters	351	26%	35%
1 Police	258	19%	25%
None	18	1%	2%
Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	20	1%	2%
Total	1,369	100%	

ADQ4 How much do you support or oppose the setting up of an independent investigation committee to look into the causes of the protests and whether or not there was police abuse of force? (Probe for intensity)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 Very much support	646	64%	**64%**
2 Quite support	126	12%	12%
3 Half-half	56	6%	6%
4 Quite oppose	43	4%	4%
5 Very much oppose	86	8%	9%

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Don't know / Hard to say / No opinions	51	5%	5%
Total	1,008	99%	100%
Refuse to answer	7	1%	
Total	1,015	100%	

ADQ4gp How much do you support or oppose the setting up of an independent investigation committee to look into the causes of the protests and whether or not there was police abuse of force? (Probe for intensity) [Aggregate data]

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 Support	771	76%	**77%**
3 Half-half	56	6%	6%
4 Oppose	129	13%	13%
Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	51	5%	5%
Total	1,008	99%	100%
Refuse to answer	7	1%	
Total	1,015	100%	

ADQ4m Mean Value

Frequency		Mean	Samling error (SEM*2)	Median
Valid	Missing			
957	58	**4.3**	+/-0.1	5.0

* Mean value is to convert all the response into 1,2,3,4,5 according to the intensity, then calculate the mean of samples.
The higher mean value is, the more supportive it is.

Demographic Profile of Respondents

Gender

	Raw Smaple			Weighted Sample		
	Frenquency	Percent	Valid Percent	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 Male	527	52%	52%	479	47%	47%
2 Female	488	48%	**48%**	536	53%	**53%**
Total	1,015	100%	100%	1,015	100%	100%

Age Group

	Raw Smaple			Weighted Sample		
	Frenquency	Percent	Valid Percent	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 18 - 29	219	22%	22%	166	16%	17%
2 30 - 49	348	34%	35%	338	33%	**34%**
3 50 - 64	272	27%	27%	295	29%	29%
4 65 or above	163	16%	16%	203	20%	20%
Total	1,002	99%	100%	1,002	99%	100%
Refuse to answer	13	1%		13	1%	
Total	1,015	100%		1,015	100%	

Educational attainment

	Raw Smaple			Weighted Sample		
	Frenquency	Percent	Valid Percent	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 Primary or below	86	8%	9%	194	19%	19%
2 Secondary	413	41%	41%	480	47%	**47%**
3 Post-secondary or above	512	50%	51%	337	33%	33%
Total	1,011	100%	100%	1,011	100%	100%
Refuse to answer	4	0%		4	0%	
Total	1,015	100%		1,015	100%	

Occupation

	Raw Smaple			Weighted Sample		
	Frenquency	Percent	Valid Percent	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
1 Executive and professional	271	27%	27%	202	20%	20%
2 Clerical and service worker	272	27%	27%	292	29%	**29%**
3 Production worker	105	10%	10%	130	13%	13%
4 Student	63	6%	6%	49	5%	5%
5 Homemaker	101	10%	10%	108	11%	11%
6 Others	189	19%	19%	219	22%	22%
Total	1,001	99%	100%	1,001	99%	100%
Refuse to answer	14	1%		14	1%	
Total	1,015	100%		1,015	100%	

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In-depth analysis
Note:
Figures shaded in yellow represent that there are significant differences at p=0.01 level
Figures shaded in pink represent that there are significant differences at p=0.05 level

		Overall sample	Age Group				Educational Attainment			Gender		Occupation					
			18 - 29	30 - 49	50 - 64	65or above	Primary or below	Secondary	Post-secondary or above	Male	Female	Executive and professional	Clerical and service worker	Production worker	Student	Homemaker	Retired
Q1 Please rate on a scale of 0-100 your level of satisfaction with the Hong Kong Police Force as a disciplinary force. 0 stands for very dissatisfied, 100 stands for very satisfied, 50 stands for half-half. How would you rate it?	Raw valid N	1,012	218	348	273	160	85	413	510	526	486	271	272	105	62	101	162
	Mean	39.4	16.6	34.3	43.6	59.8	58.8	39.4	28.1	39.3	39.6	32.1	33.4	43.9	16.0	40.4	56.9
	Std. error	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.7	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.5	2.0	3.3	3.5	3.4	2.7
	Median	30.0	5.0	20.0	50.0	70.0	80.0	40.0	10.0	30.0	35.0	20.0	24.0	50.0	8.9	50.0	55.0
Q2 Recently there have been conflicts between protesters and the police in many areas in Hong Kong. Do you think the police have used excessive force, appropriate force or too little force in those occasions?	1 Excessive	58%	87%	64%	53%	34%	30%	58%	75%	57%	60%	70%	66%	50%	87%	52%	39%
	2 Appropriate	23%	6%	19%	26%	36%	40%	23%	12%	20%	24%	11%	20%	25%	4%	32%	34%
	3 Too little	15%	5%	15%	17%	22%	21%	15%	11%	19%	11%	18%	12%	21%	5%	12%	18%
	Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	4%	3%	3%	3%	8%	9%	4%	2%	3%	5%	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%	9%
	Raw valid N	1,014	219	348	272	162	85	413	512	527	487	271	272	105	63	100	164
Q3 Which of the following do you think bears the most responsibility for the continued conflicts between protesters and the police: (Read out first three options with order randomized, multiple answers allowed)	3 the Government	71%	92%	81%	65%	49%	44%	73%	85%	69%	73%	81%	80%	63%	91%	71%	50%
	2 Protestors	35%	14%	34%	35%	51%	53%	34%	24%	34%	35%	29%	30%	37%	13%	39%	47%
	1 Police	25%	40%	29%	22%	13%	11%	24%	35%	23%	27%	31%	29%	17%	44%	27%	15%
	None	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	0%	0%	3%
	Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	2%	0%	0%	4%	3%	5%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	4%	0%	5%	3%
	Raw valid N	1,014	219	348	272	162	86	413	511	527	487	271	272	105	63	101	163
Q4 How much do you support or oppose the setting up of an independent investigation committee to look into the causes of the protests and whether or not there was police abuse of force? (Probe for intensity)	1 Very much support	64%	85%	69%	57%	51%	43%	64%	77%	62%	66%	72%	70%	59%	83%	55%	52%
	2 Quite support	12%	11%	12%	15%	11%	12%	15%	9%	10%	14%	11%	11%	13%	14%	23%	10%
	3 Half-half	6%	1%	4%	7%	9%	13%	4%	3%	5%	6%	5%	5%	7%		5%	8%
	4 Quite oppose	4%	0%	5%	7%	3%	6%	5%	3%	6%	3%	2%	4%	6%		5%	6%
	5 Very much oppose	9%	3%	6%	10%	15%	13%	8%	6%	12%	6%	7%	7%	8%	3%	4%	14%
	Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	5%		4%	5%	11%	14%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%		8%	10%
	Raw valid N	1,008	219	345	271	160	86	408	510	522	486	269	270	103	63	101	163
Q4gp How much do you support or oppose the setting up of an independent investigation	1 Support	77%	96%	81%	71%	62%	55%	79%	86%	73%	80%	83%	82%	73%	97%	78%	62%
	3 Half-half	6%	1%	4%	7%	9%	13%	4%	3%	5%	6%	5%	5%	7%		5%	8%
setting up of an independent investigation	4 Oppose	13%	3%	11%	17%	18%	19%	13%	8%	17%	9%	9%	11%	14%	3%	9%	19%

		Total														
committee to look into the causes of the protests and whether or not there was police abuse of force? (Probe for intensity)	Don't know / Hard to say / No opinion	5%		4%	5%	11%	14%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%		8%	10%
	Raw valid N	1,008	219	345	271	160	86	408	510	522	486	269	270	103	63	101	163
Q4m How much do you support or oppose the setting up of an independent investigation committee to look into the causes of the protests and whether or not there was police abuse of force? (Probe for intensity)	Raw valid N	968	219	331	260	146	74	394	496	502	466	260	263	98	63	94	151
	Mean value	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.3	3.9
	Std. error	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Median	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0