State-by-State Reports

Virginia

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The State of Safety in Virginia

Concern about safety rose 43% year over year in Virginia, with **package theft** causing the most concern.

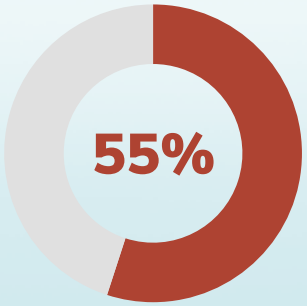
"I worry that my apartment isn't as safe as I can make it. I am always concerned if I have the bar in the track of the sliding glass door."

53% **of Virginians feel safe**

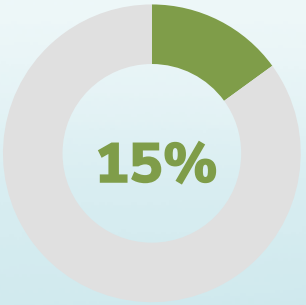
Daily concern about safety issues

Safety issue	% highly concerned	US average
General safety/security	57%	47%
Gun violence	57%	53%
Police violence	37%	40%
COVID-19 pandemic	69%	62%

think that crime **is increasing**



think that crime **is decreasing**



B1. For the remainder of the study, we want to focus our discussion on safety and security concerns that you may personally face, or your community is facing today. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all concerned and '7' is very concerned, overall, how concerned are you about your safety and/or security on a day to day basis? / B3. In general, do you think crime is increasing or decreasing? / B4. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all safe and '7' is very safe, overall, how safe do you think your state is? / B5. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all concerned and '7' is very concerned, overall, how concerned are you about the following on a day to day basis? Gun violence/ Police violence / B8. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all concerned and '7' is very concerned, overall, how concerned are you about the COVID-19 pandemic on a day to day basis?

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Concern and crime experience

Crime issue	% worried it will happen	% experienced in the past 12 months	Crime rate per 1,000 people
Violent crime	46%	7%	2.1 ↓
Property crime	46%	16%	16.4 ↓
Package theft	51%	19%	N/A
Gun violence	49%	9%	N/A

↑ ↓ indicates higher or lower than national average.

COVID-19 pandemic

Concern	% agree	US average
Worried daily	69%	62%
Affected my personal safety	50%	44%
Affected the security of my property	37%	29%

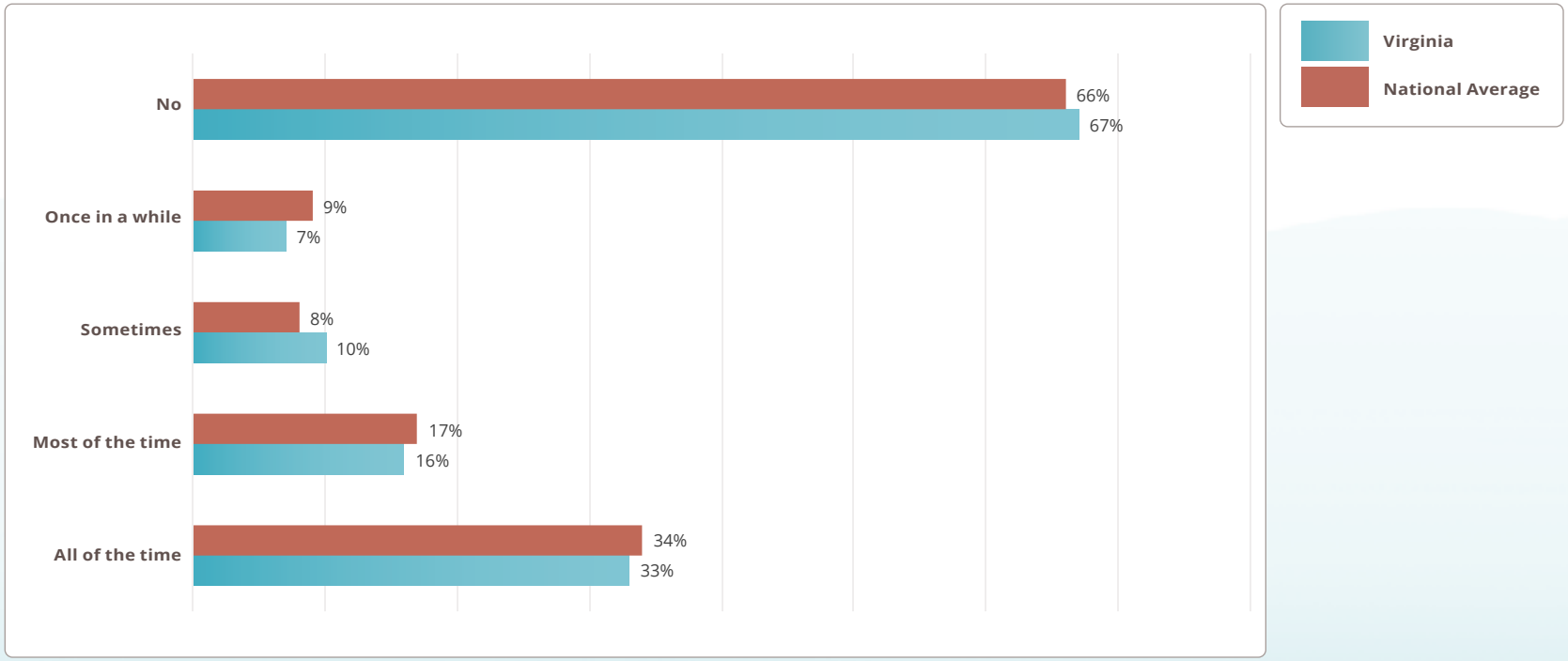
Law enforcement

Concern	% agree	US average
Worried daily	37%	40%
Confident in approach to crime prevention	58%	56%
Likely to call someone other than police in a non-emergency	36%	35%

B5. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all concerned and '7' is very concerned, overall, how concerned are you about the following on a day to day basis? Gun violence/Police violence / B6. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all confident and '7' is very confident, overall, how confident are you in law enforcement's approach to crime prevention? / B7. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all likely and '7' is very likely, how likely would you be to call an organization other than the police if it was not an emergency? / C1. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all concerned and '7' is very concerned, how concerned are you about the following happening to you? / C2. Have you, or anyone you know, experienced the following in the last 12 months?/ B8. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all concerned and '7' is very concerned, overall, how concerned are you about the COVID-19 pandemic on a day to day basis? / B9. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is not at all affected and '7' is very affected, overall, how much do you think the following has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Safety and security measures

Do you carry or use a method of personal protection/safety?



D4. Do you carry or use a method of personal protection/safety?

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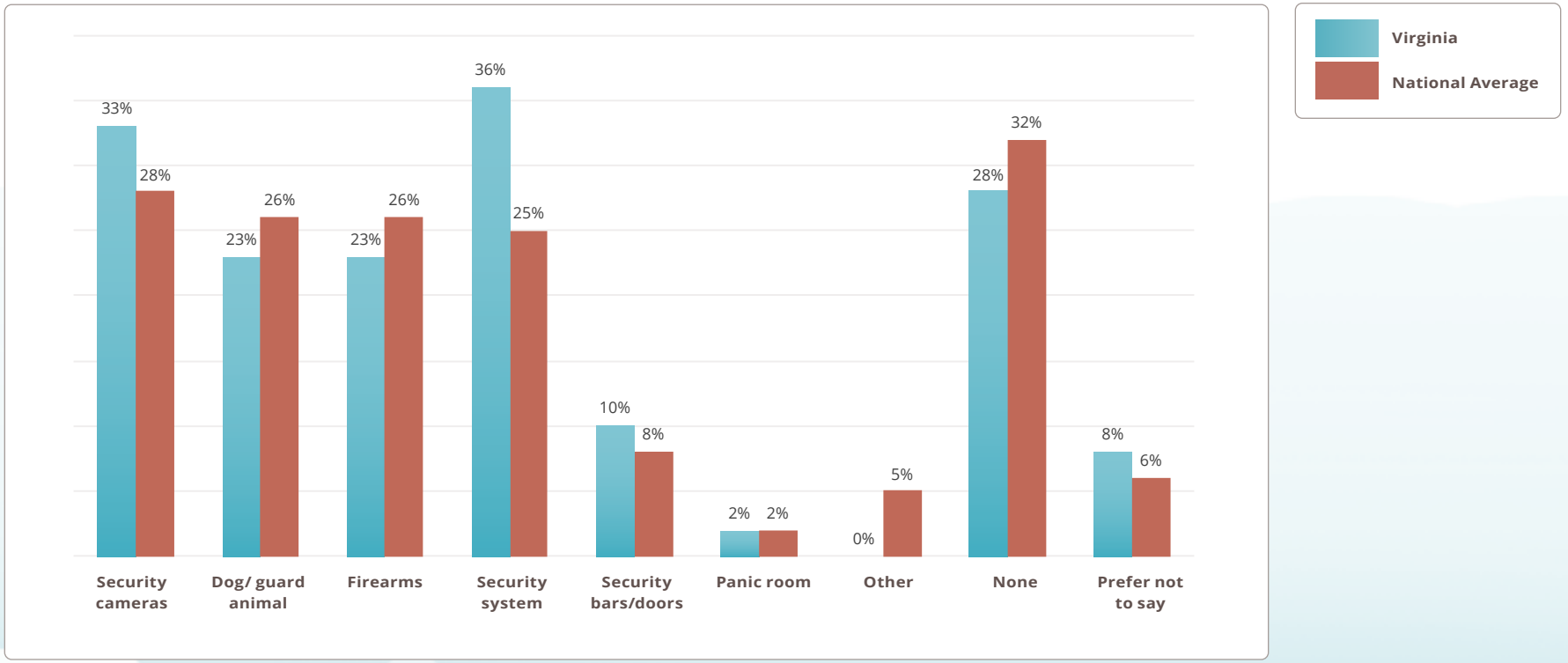
Do you currently use any of the following to protect your property?



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