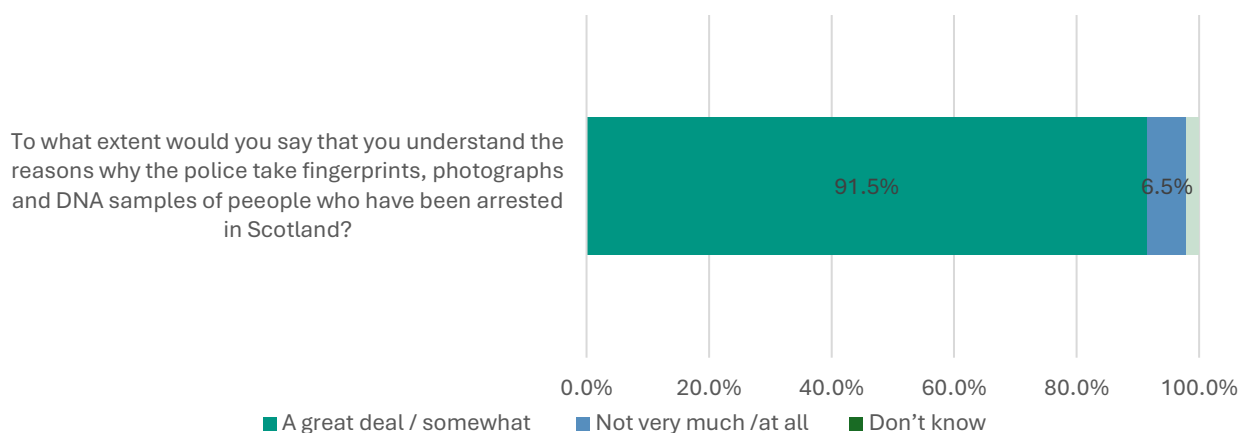
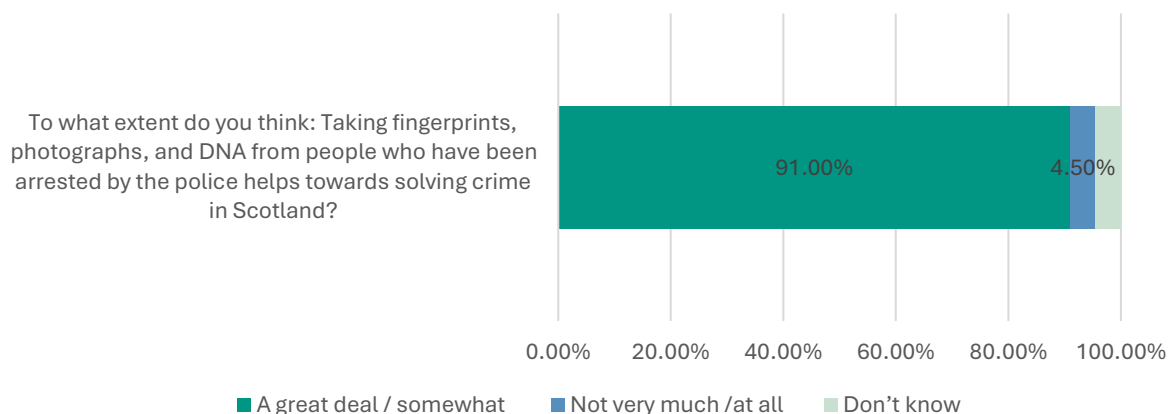


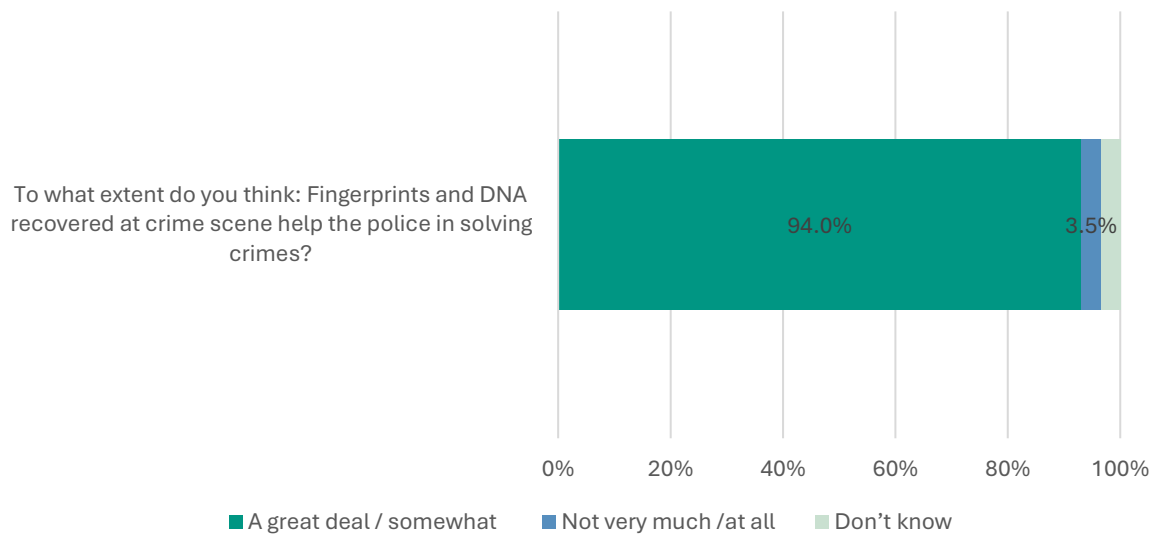
Biometric questions from SPA's public survey February 2026



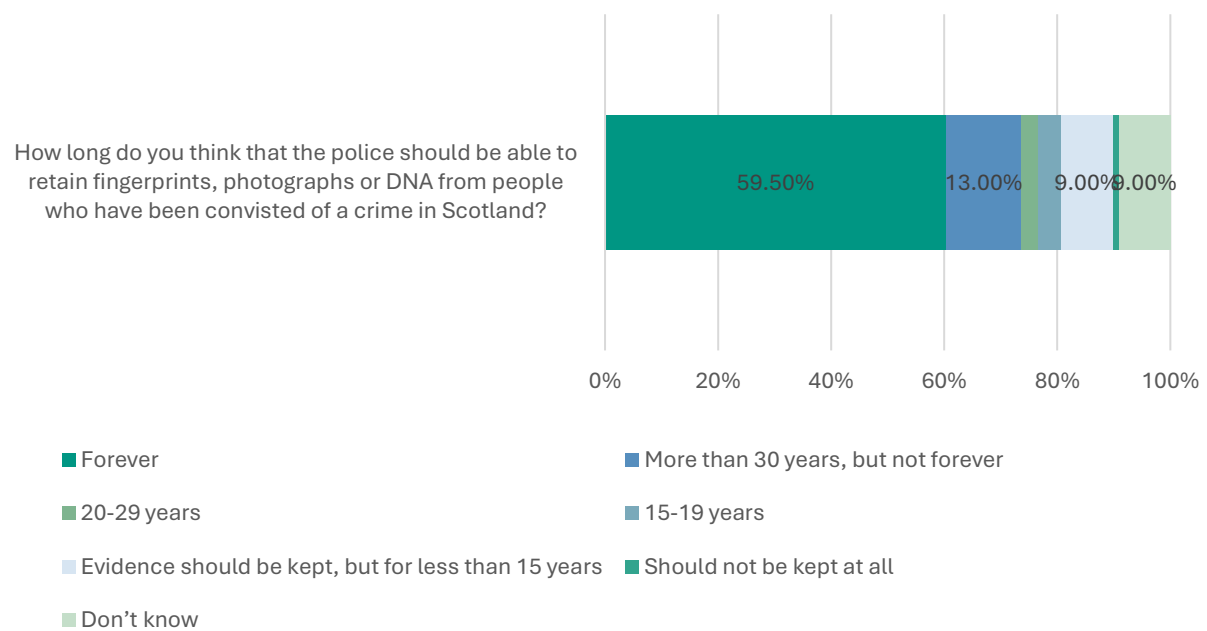
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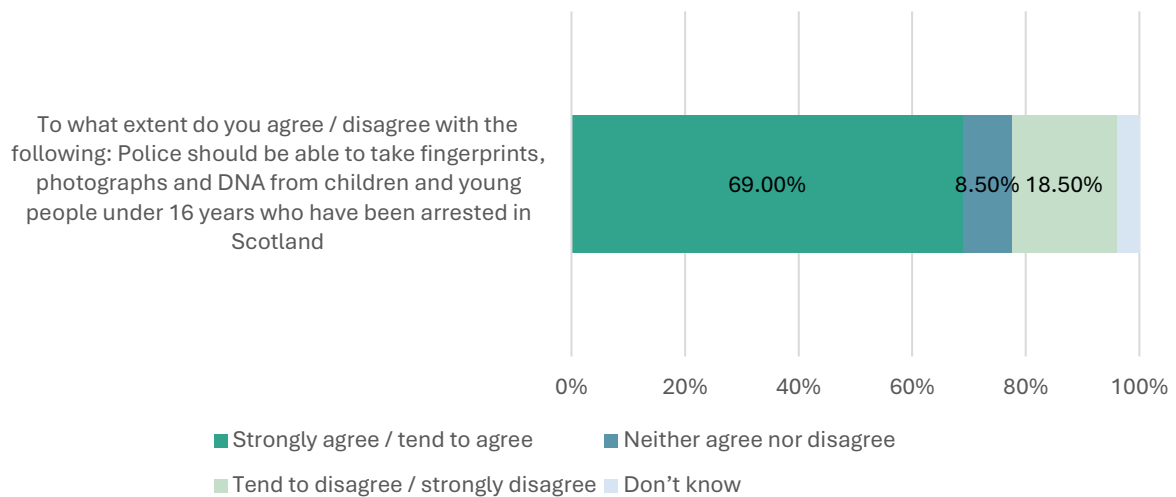
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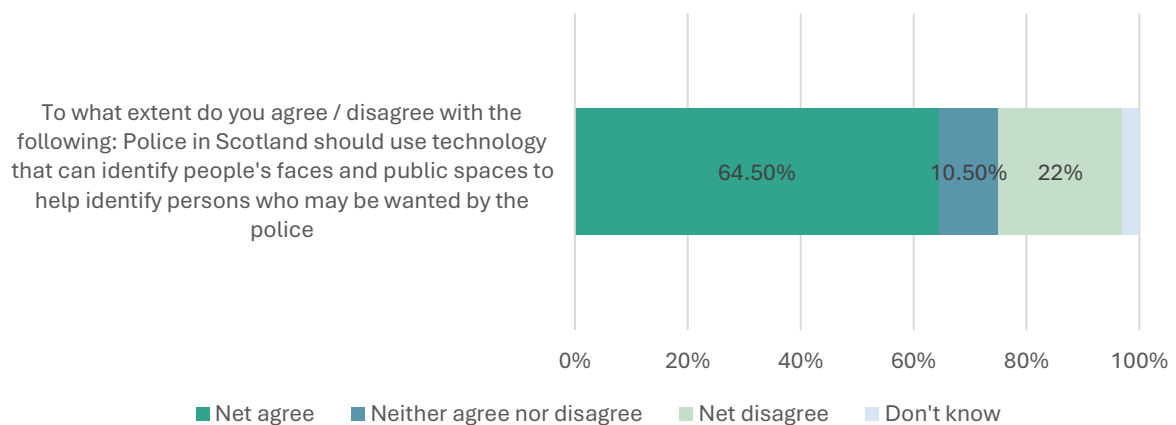
The survey found 94% of respondents agreed a great deal / somewhat that fingerprints and DNA recovered at crime scenes help the police in solving crimes.



The survey found that 59.5% of respondents think that the police should be able to retain fingerprints, photographs or DNA from people who have been convicted of a crime in Scotland forever. With 13% thinking that the police should only hold it for more than 30 years but not forever.



The survey found that 69% of respondents strongly agree / tend to agree that police should be able to take fingerprints, photographs and DNA from children and young people under 16 years who have been arrested in Scotland. 18.5 % tend to disagree / strongly disagree.



The survey found 64.5% of respondents net agree police in Scotland should use technology that can identify people's faces in public spaces to help identify persons who may be wanted by the police. With 10.5 % neither agreeing or disagreeing and 22% net disagreeing.