

COVID-19 POLL

Massive jump in trust in police forces across India

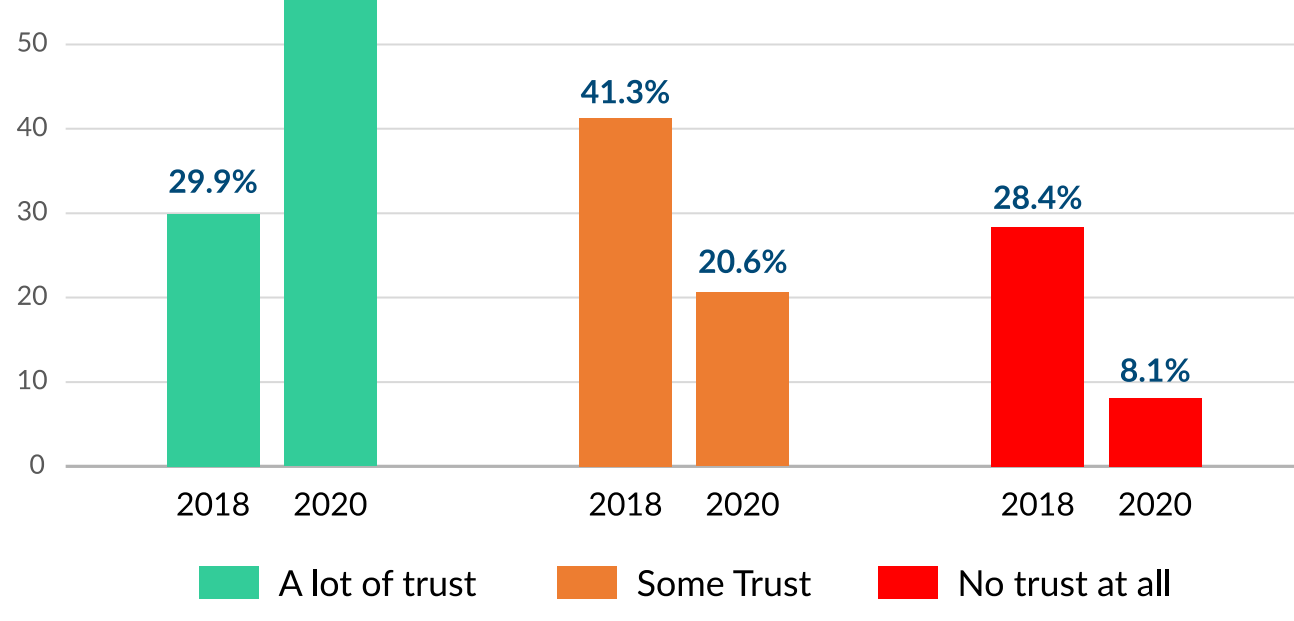
Amidst the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, Team CVoter conducted a series of surveys to find out the level of trust Indians placed in several institutions, including the Central/State government, police, army, hospitals and several others.

The trust in police has seen a dramatic increase in light of the ongoing nationwide lockdown to contain the spread of the Coronavirus.

Team Polstrat breaks down this dramatic change in trust across demographics in India.



Q How much do you trust the following institutions? Do you have; a lot of trust, some trust or no trust at all in **Police**?



Main Takeaways



60.3% increase in trust in the police

From 2010 to 2020

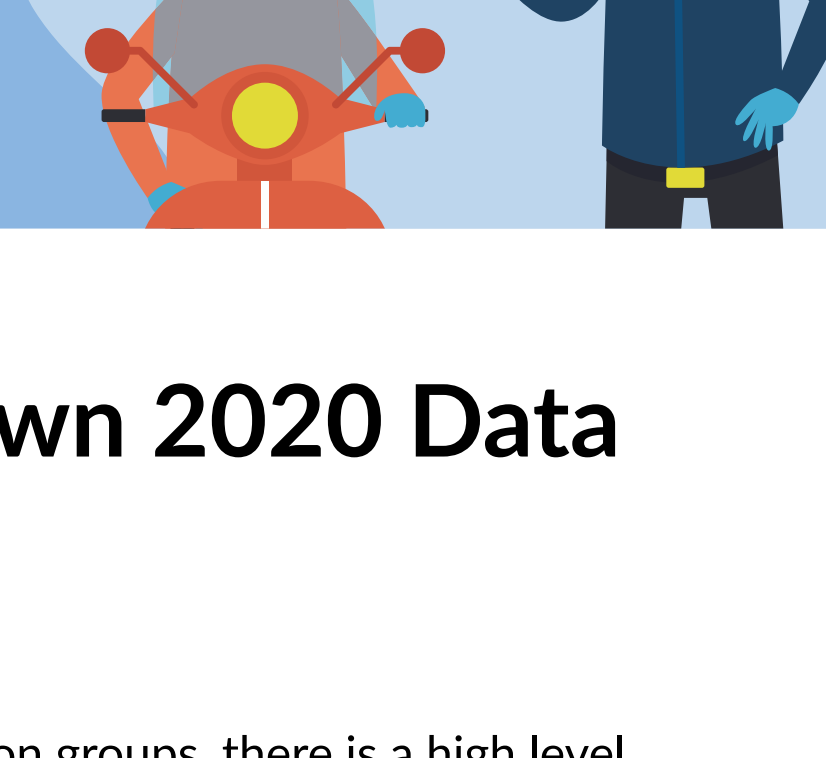
Rank of Police amongst all 18 institutions asked in the survey



Out of all 18 institutions ranked in the survey, in 2010, respondents gave police the **lowest rank (18)**, while this has dramatically increased to **4** in 2020.

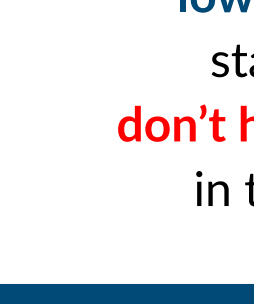
On March 25th, the Indian government announced a nation-wide lockdown, forcing 1.2 billion people to stay at home to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The lockdown was announced with stringent police action against violators, including hefty fines and prison time. The police handling of the lockdown has revived the image of the police amongst Indians, with levels of trust in the institution at an all-time high of **90%**.

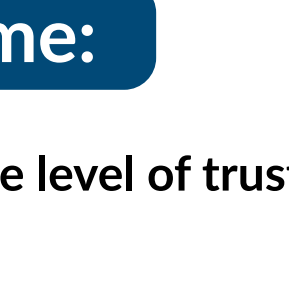


Breaking Down 2020 Data

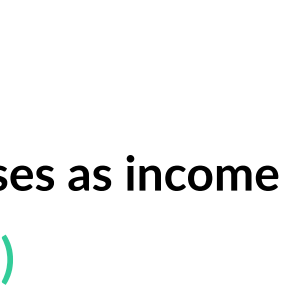
Education:



Across education groups, there is a high level of trust for the police, with around **70%** of respondents with low, medium and high education placing **"a lot of trust"** in the police.



of respondents with **low education** stated they **don't have any trust** in the police.



of respondents with **higher education** stating they **don't have any trust** in the police.

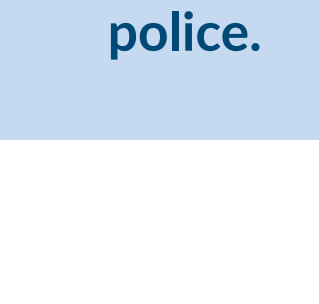
Income:

The level of trust in the police rises as income rises

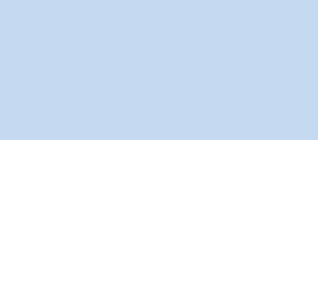
(A lot of trust)



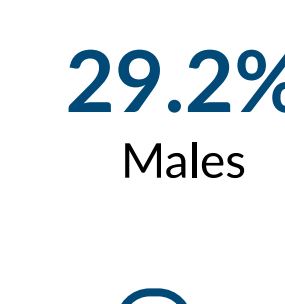
Low Income



Middle Income



High Income

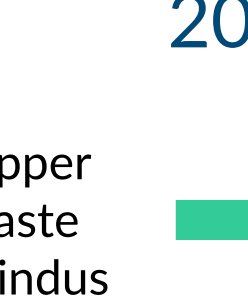


Out of those with **higher income**, only **2.8%** said they **don't have any trust** in the police.

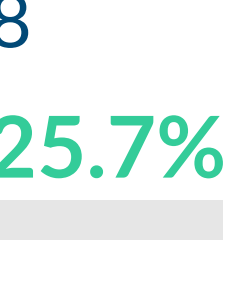
More educated, higher-income earning respondents are more likely to have a **higher level of trust** in the police.

Gender:

2018

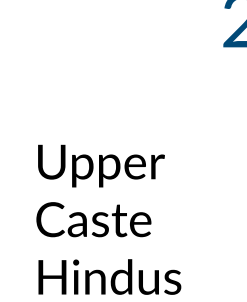


Males

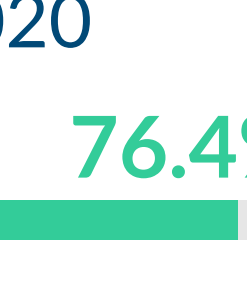


Females

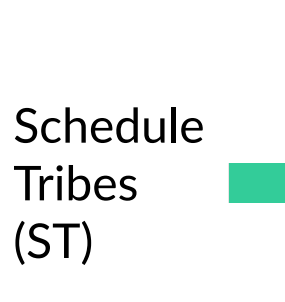
2020



Males



Females



In 2018, there was a **significant difference** in trust males and females had in the police. This divide has **significantly reduced** in 2020

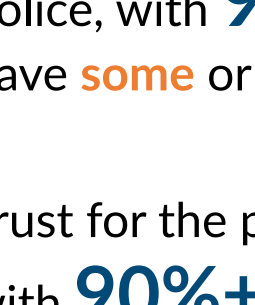
Social Groups

Out of all social groups, Upper Caste Hindus and Muslims place the **highest level of trust** in the police

2018

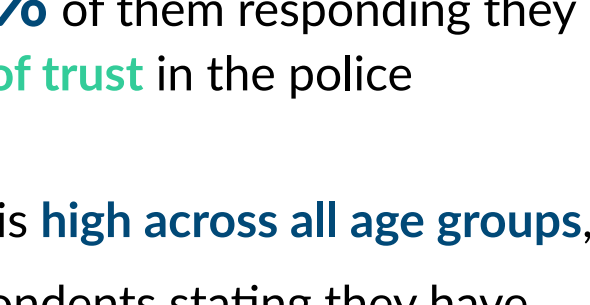


Upper Caste Hindus

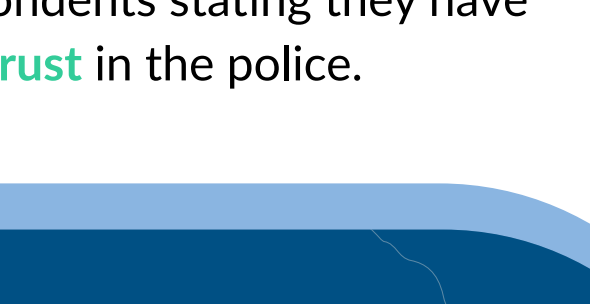


Muslims

2020



Upper Caste Hindus



Muslims



Schedule Tribes (ST)



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Schedule Caste (SC)



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Age Groups

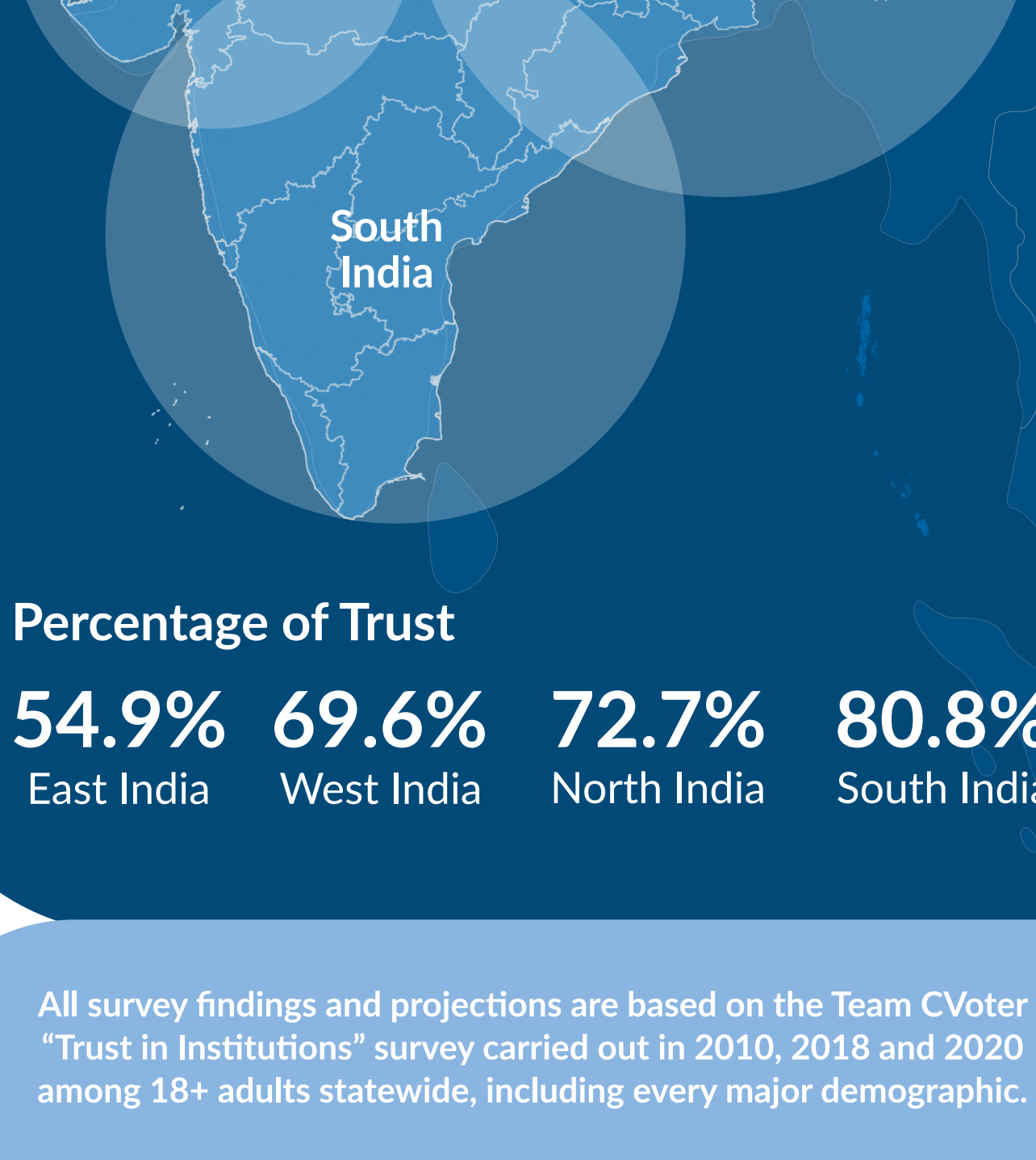


Old people have the **highest level of trust** in the police, with **98.4%** of them responding they have **some** or **a lot of trust** in the police



Trust for the police is **high across all age groups**, with **90%+** respondents stating they have **some** or **complete trust** in the police.

Geographical Location



All survey findings and projections are based on the Team CVoter "Trust in Institutions" survey carried out in 2010, 2018 and 2020 among 18+ adults statewide, including every major demographic.

The data is weighted to the known demographic profile of every state, including age group, social group, income, region, gender and education levels.

	2018	2020	Total
SAMPLE SIZE:	2,709	1,347	4,056