



# 2019 GED Community Survey

# GOOD NIGHT OUT

## ON GRANVILLE

OUR STREET TEAM IS HERE TO HELP.

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12 AM - 3 AM

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Since 2017, Good Night Out (GNO) has hosted a public survey asking respondents to share their experiences related to safety while out in the Granville Entertainment District (GED) and (if applicable) with the Good Night Out Street Team. It is our hope as an anti-violence organization that this survey is useful to both Good Night Out and other stakeholders in the GED in helping to assess public perceptions of the area, as well as the visibility of the team. 2019 represents the third year that Good Night Out has conducted this survey.

The annual survey is open for three weeks, from October 15 - November 6. The survey is advertised on Good Night Out Social Media for the full 3 weeks. 99 people completed the 2019 survey compared to 76 people completing the 2018 version and 100 people completing the 2017 survey

This report summarizes the findings of this year’s survey and offers comparison to the 2018 findings. It is hoped that this ongoing collection of data will help determine if the Good Night Out Granville Street Team is making a positive impact on people’s perceptions of safety in the Granville Entertainment District.

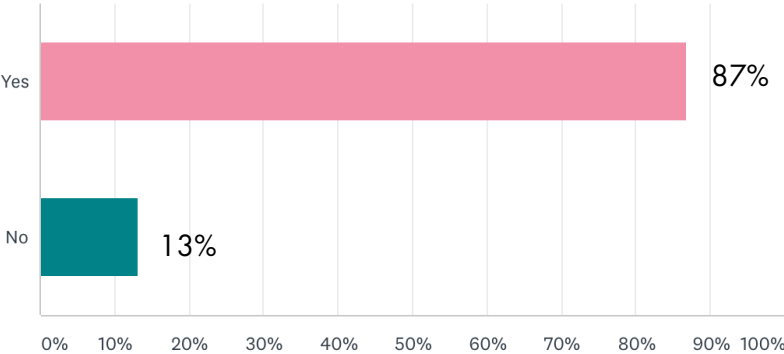
Good Night Out wishes to thank all of the community members who took the time to complete this survey and share their experiences, as well as our valued stakeholders including the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association and the City of Vancouver.

*Good Night Out acknowledges that our work takes place on the occupied and unceded ancestral territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm, Skwxwú7mesh and səɪ ilwətaʔ people. As a feminist organization addressing violence against marginalized genders, we are committed to making the links between colonization, settler-imposed power structures and sexual violence, while also doing the ongoing work of addressing when and how violence is enacted by our communities, our organizing, and by us as individuals. We recognize that talking about consent and violence is complex and layered in a country in which non-consensual resource extraction is currently taking place, and where not everyone is equally afforded bodily autonomy, as is the case with the ongoing and unsolved cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.*

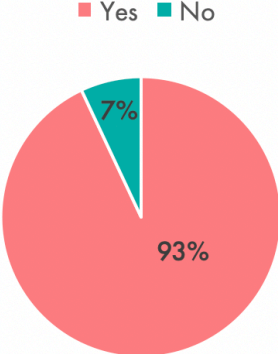
### Have you ever felt unsafe while out on Granville Street?

Less people reported feeling unsafe this while out on Granville Street this year in comparison to last year.

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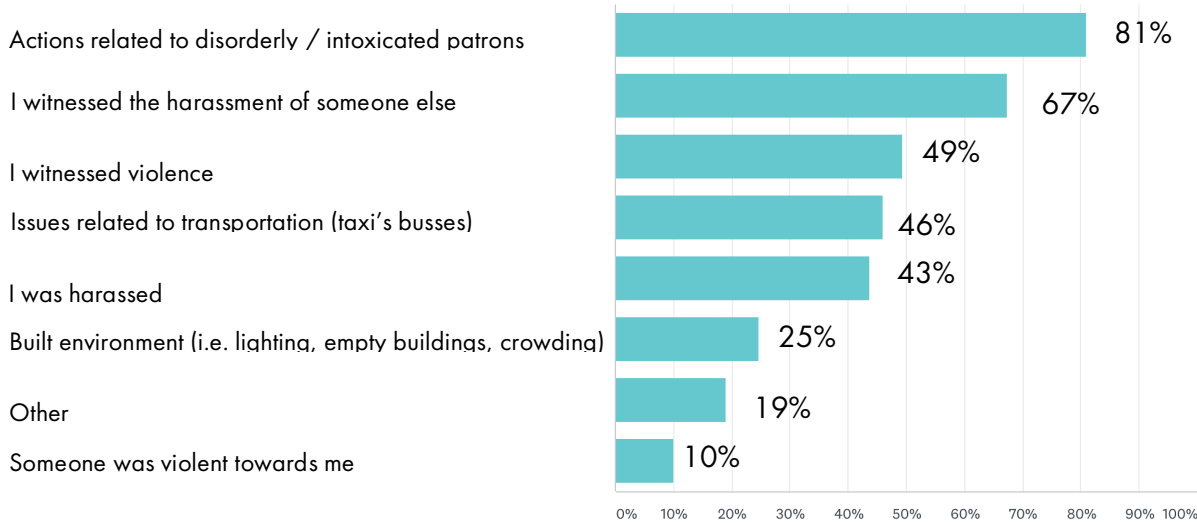
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**If yes – Why did you feel unsafe? (check all that apply)**

Overall, there was not a significant shift in the reasons why people reported feeling unsafe. Actions related to disorderly to intoxicated patrons, witnessing harassment and witnessing violence remain the top three reasons for people feeling unsafe.

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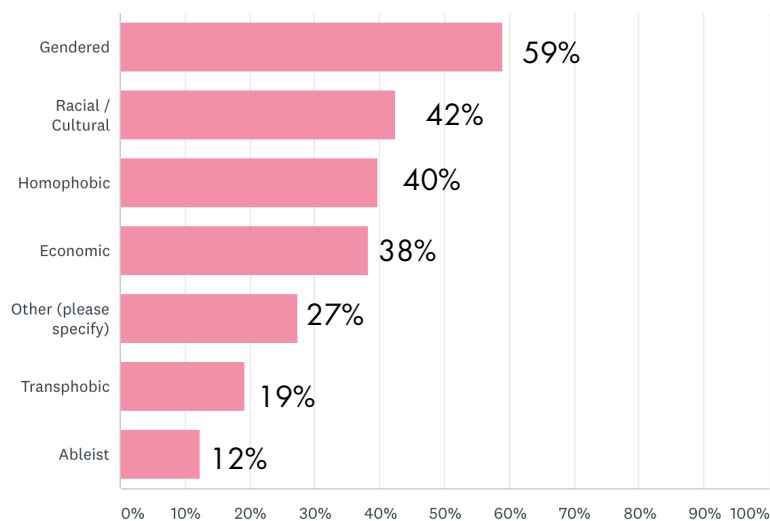


There were 17 responses providing more details as to why the respondent selected "Other."

- Homelessness and open drug abuse
- Lack of places for urination
- Police officers with automatic or semi-automatic weapons during events - those weapons are nothing but a danger in a crowded situation.
- Young men routinely touch my breasts and ass without consent
- not so much lately on the streets. except once 2 weeks ago a guy followed me on a Saturday night and insisted we should sleep together. But I have actually felt more unsafe inside the clubs. I have actually had to physically push men out of the way. I don't know where the staff are to help.
- Drunk guys can be pigs
- I was followed for several blocks, once I headed towards the cops, he went away.

- o Someone was having a really rough comedown off some heavier substances and was taking out the internal emotions on people passing by in a very irate and angry manner. When we stopped walking nearby he made a point to go off on us.
- o I used to work at the Granville St Fantasy Factory every Friday night alone from 8pm-8am. I've seen it all and heard it all, I feel safer walking down Hastings alone at night as a young woman. Drunk guys on Granville are predators and come to look for fights armed with knives. People are looking for trouble. It was always nice to have Good Night Out friends come check on me during my shifts though. And I made a lot of friends who lived on the streets who would check in on me too and make me feel safer.
- o Creepy dudes always linger after hours
- o I just don't feel comfortable walking alone to the sky train
- o Guy followed me to my bike and offered me \$500 to stay with him all night and do coke with him. He said he just didn't want to be alone so I offered to introduce him to my friend who is a bouncer who would be working all night but he wasn't interested. Obviously seemed like he was just trying to get my attention/energy/time/presence.
- o There is a lot of homeless trying to get money from the people enjoying the bars and clubs. Most are friendly and not dangerous however there are desperate homeless that have attacked people. Also, a lot of drug paraphernalia, especially needle's lying around.
- o People puking everywhere.
- o I have experienced and know individuals who have experienced non-consensual touching/sexual assault
- o I have never felt unsafe. But sometimes my friends (they're women) have felt unsafe when I was with them. This is due to men harassing them as they walk by
- o Crowds with aggravated persons were hard to navigate safely.

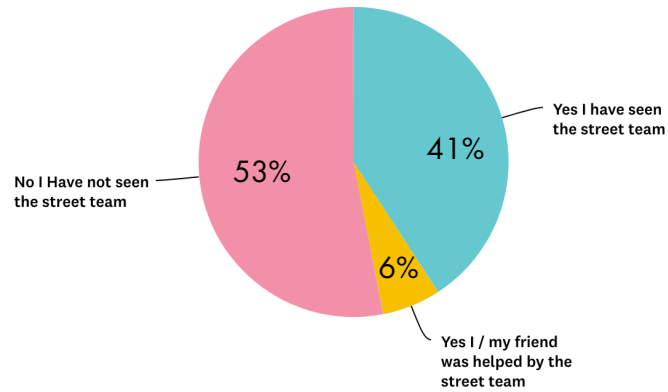
If you have witnessed or experienced violence in the GED, please tell us more about the nature of the harassment or violence. Was it (check as many as apply): \*\*New question not previously asked in other years.



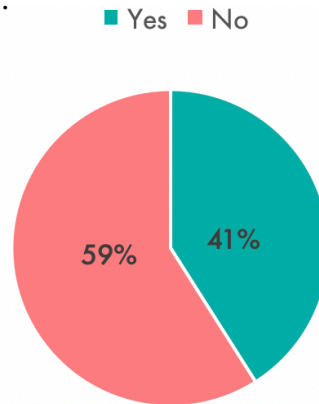
### Have you seen the Good Night Out Street Team out on Granville?

The amount of people who reported seeing the street team remained this same, with an additional 6% reporting that they were helped by the team.

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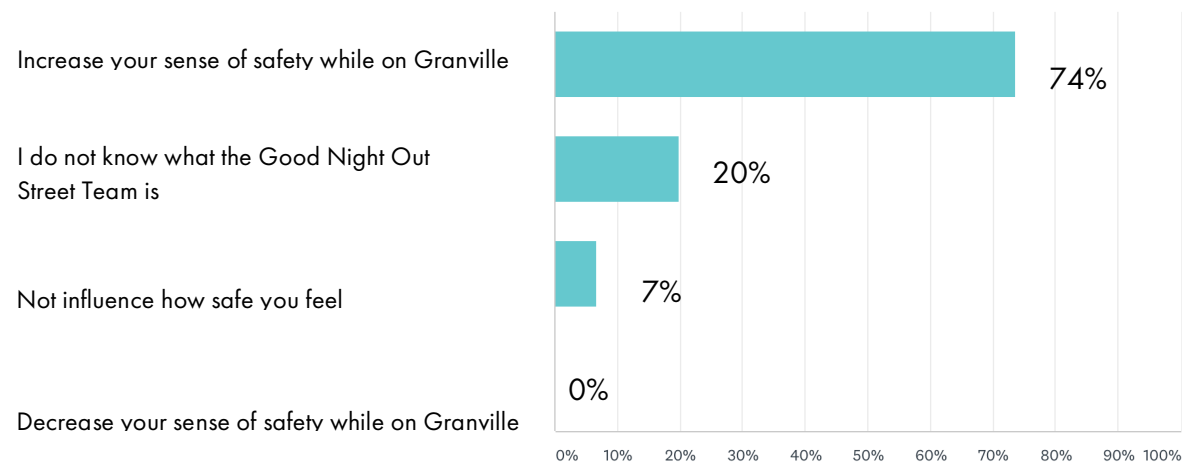
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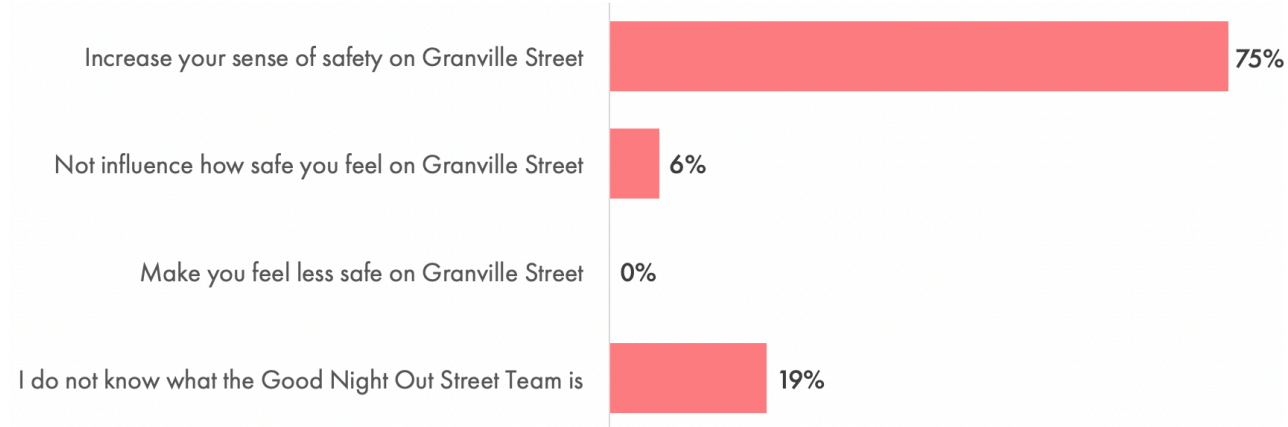
### If (or when) you saw the Good Night Out Street Team in the GED on the weekends, their presence would (or did):

The responses to this question did not change significantly in comparison to last year.

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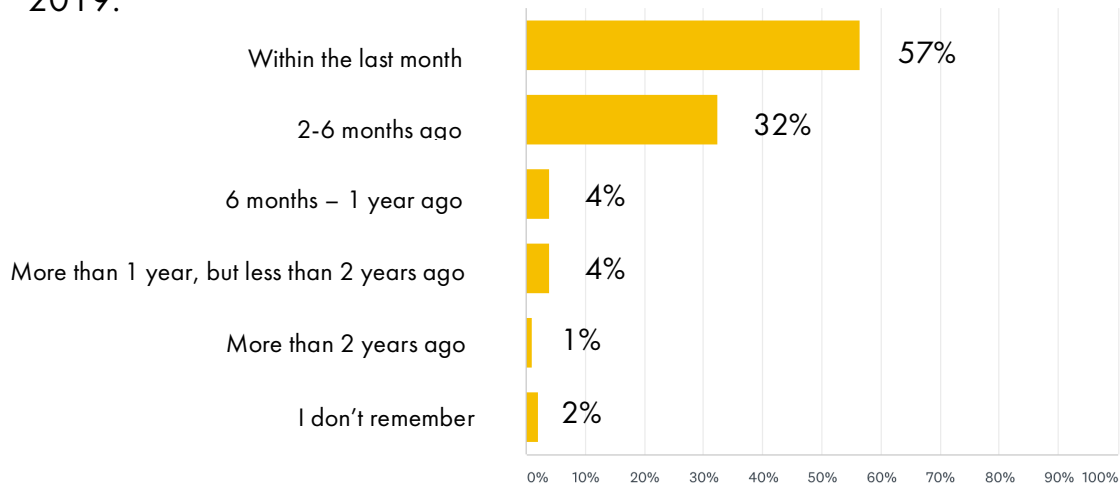


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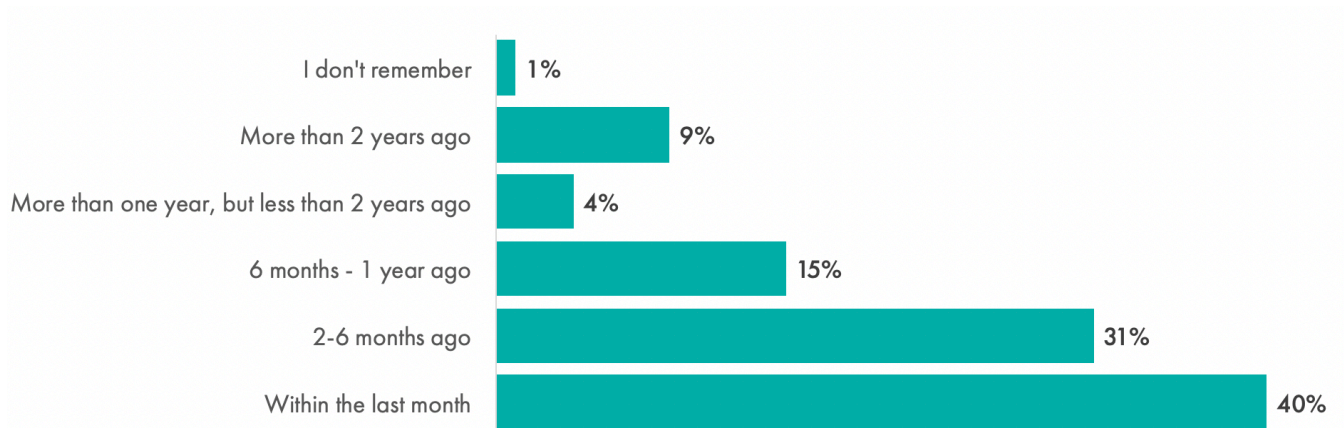


When was the last time you were in the Granville Entertainment District after 9pm on a weekend?

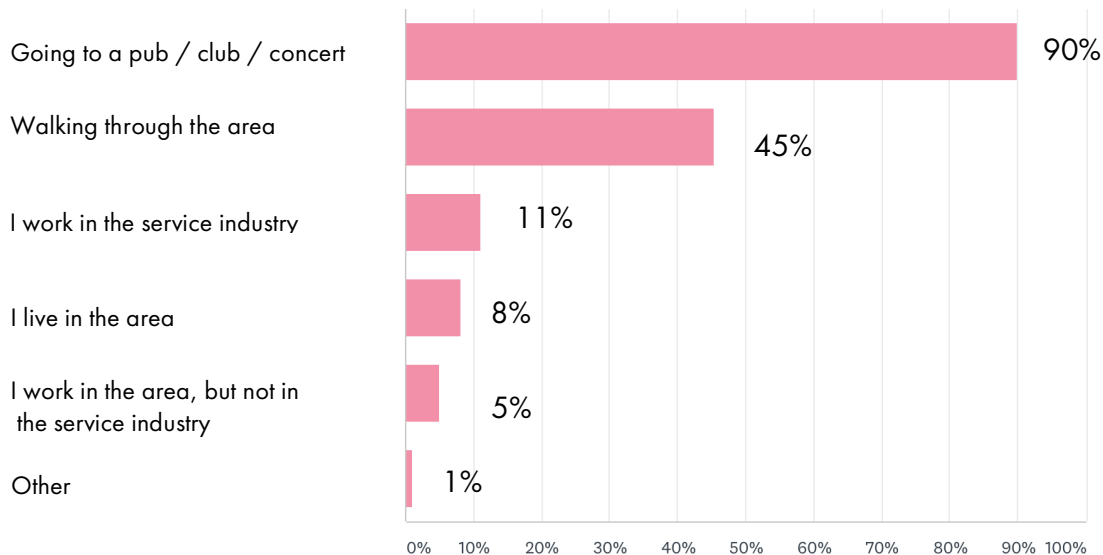
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What is / was your reason for being in the Granville Entertainment District during the weekend evenings (check all that apply) \*\*New question not previously asked in other years.



### Do you have any suggestions for improving safety in the Granville Entertainment District?

37 Respondents provided suggestions to improve their sense of safety in the GED in the 2019 survey. The answers are below.

- o Better crowd control (like when a show lets out). The sea of people is overwhelming especially when they mingle in front of clubs in large gatherings.
- o None that will be done
- o I avoid it if I can. We tried to go for poutine after a movie on Burrard St. but the drunk crowd was so sprawled out and dense, with police everywhere, that we turned around hastily and went straight home instead.
- o Keep up the good work!
- o There is a massive shortage of public restrooms on the Granville strip and neighboring area. I have often seen people peeing on the side streets and lanes, and have often had to go to the bathroom and have to walk out of the district and there are times where I've had to leave the establishment I was at as the restroom is 'out of order'.
- o Expand to Gastown etc.
- o More pockets of police, with random Gang squad checks.
- o I think this is a great idea. keep promoting it. I am 35 and still enjoy going out once and awhile. I have 2 kids and once regular babysitting is no longer an issue I would love to volunteer for your team.
- o Maybe more volunteers to cover more ground ??
- o Not at this time
- o Spread the nightclubs out, encourage a diversity of night activities all across Vancouver rather than ghettoizing clubbers.
- o Continue having GNO!
- o Services and housing to help with the issues of poverty/homelessness. They need help.

- o More awareness of your team's existence. Having your team and other trained individuals / support services available; extending the hours in which you are on Granville street when the most intoxicated / most vulnerable people are trying to get home safely and may be unable to do
- o Something like safe walk where I could call someone to walk with me. Maybe meet at a public landmark and do group walks to the skytrain every x amount of minutes
- o More eyes on the street presence after hours, better transit options (not relying on taxis that are full), more diversity of types of venues with different crowds of people who subscribe to different perspectives, values and cultures. The type of establishments in GED is very geared towards one type of audience and causes volumes of certain types of personalities and a mob mentality.
- o There is a huge police presence which is great but as soon as you are on the other side of the road closures, the risk rises significantly. It's a great area to go out in and although I have never seen this specific team, I'm sure you guys are doing a great job. At the end of the day it is each adult's responsibility to take care of themselves. Thank you for all you do
- o Keep funding projects like Good Night Out that actually make a difference! The Granville strip is a nightmare most weekend nights and it's disgraceful that the CoV and VPD don't do anything about it.
- o Nothing feasible, perhaps smart serve techniques tested to reduce the amount of violently intoxicated patrons in the area.
- o Harm reduction training within staff of the different clubs along GED, more funding to Good Night Out Vancouver to help provide these much needed services and surveillance!!
- o Keep the street team!
- o (these are more suggestions for the city) -extended skytrain hours on weekends -hurry up Uber! -more music venues outside of downtown
- o Increase late night transportation options and expand the street team.
- o Venues open later past last call so people aren't flooding the streets still piss drunk.
- o Proper transit that runs late and frequently.
- o Have more consent materials in clubs. Have bouncers better trained to not tolerate misogynistic behaviour. Get those bridge and tunnel gangs of shit men out of the clubs. Have me sign an agreement not to harass women when they enter a club. Have women only non cis gender men areas in clubs where people can go to get away from the male pigs.
- o More taxis!!!!
- o longer transit hours. Makes it easier to get home and would reduce drunk driving
- o Close more streets Having cops take harassment seriously
- o To take drug addicts and homeless off the street and get them help.
- o Keep up the good work, Good Night Out!
- o Push the last call to 4 for bars at least, Vancouver is sooooo much better than Toronto but that's the only thing I still miss about the 6ix, late night drinks at pubs or bars
- o Keep the good night out team, they are visible, positive and promote safety for all. I would recommend expanding the team:)
- o Keep The Good Night Out Street Team In the GED
- o More street teams like good night out, better harm reduction training for bar security/bouncers
- o Patios
- o More sheltered bus stop benches for people to rest out of the rain. Clubs/bars can be super loud and crowded (overwhelming). It shouldn't be so hard to take a smoke break/breather and not have it ruin my makeup, force me to pay coat check again for my jacket, or not grant me a place to sit when I just want to relax for a few minutes.