

# Community Perceptions about the MGM National Harbor Casino in Prince George's County

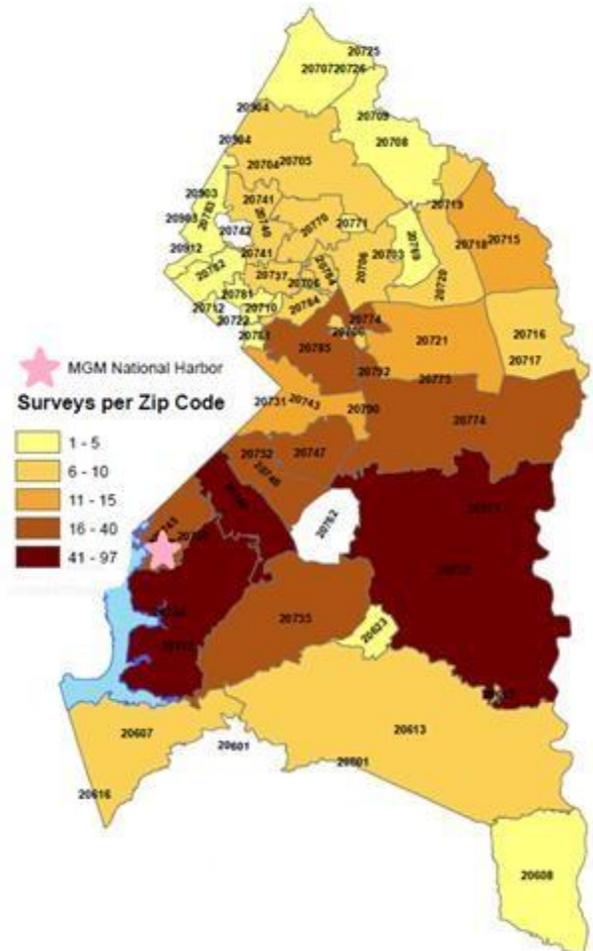
A research study conducted by the University of Maryland School of Medicine

## Background

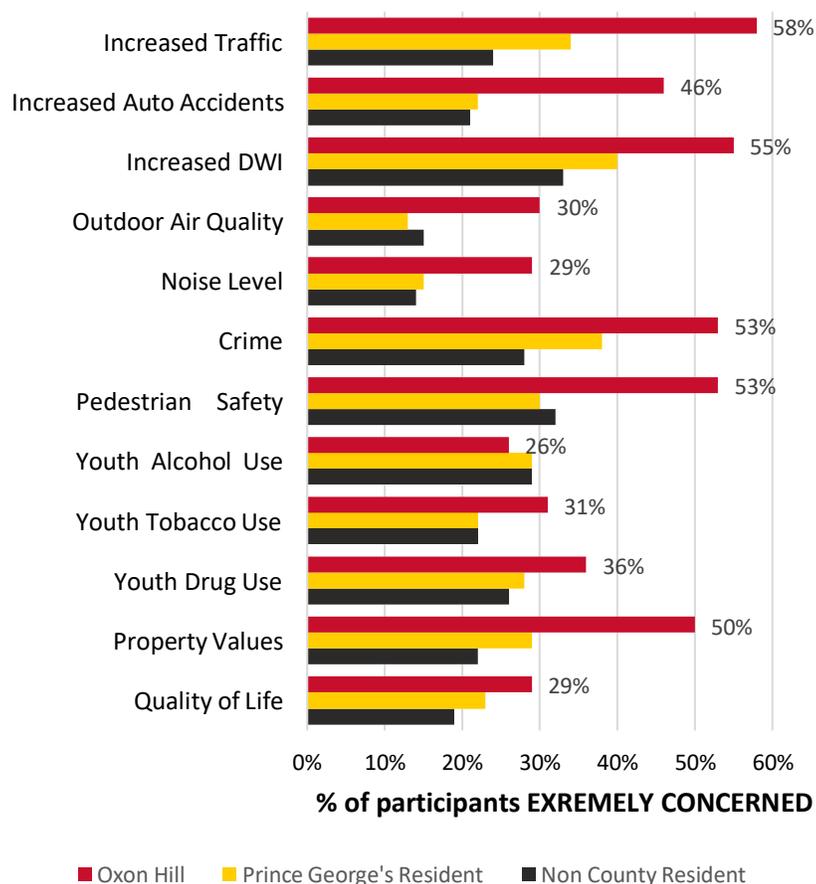
The MGM National Harbor Casino in Prince George's County opened in December 2016. In the 12 weeks before the casino opened, researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine conducted a survey asking people living throughout Prince George's County whether they had concerns about the casino, and if so, how much concern they felt. The survey also asked about gambling behavior of the respondents and the zip code of their residence.

University researchers studied community concerns about the casino, and found that those living in closest proximity to the casino expressed the greatest level of concern. The survey is anonymous, but we would like to share the overall results of those expressing extreme concern.

## Survey responses by zip code



## Community concerns about the incoming casino, by proximity



**Number of participants:** 724  
**Sex:** 74% Female; 26% Male  
**Race:** 76% African American; 15% White; 9% Other or Did Not Answer  
**Prevalence of gambling behavior:**

- No disordered gambling tendencies- 77%
- Disordered gambling tendencies- 19%
- Did not respond- 4%

(South Oaks Gambling Screen)

**Participants' proximity to incoming casino:**

- Oxon Hill residents- 5%
- Prince George's County Residents- 71%
- Non County Resident- 18%
- No zip code provided- 6%