Police Interactions with Youth: A Polling for Justice Data Postcard

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Who We Are

Data by Borough

Looking Closer at The Bronx

Looking Closer at Brooklyn

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Multiple Incidences

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Who Have We Sampled?

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Interpreting the Data (Above and Below)

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Police Interactions by Specific Questions

Police Interactions by Broad Categories

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