



Quantitative Research

Public Perceptions of The Bermuda Regiment



December 2014

Survey Overview

Sample/Methodology

Global Research utilised Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) to interview 400 Bermuda residents aged 18 years and older.

Weighting

The results were weighted to be representative of Bermuda's population on the following factors: gender, age, and education.

Margin of Error

The margin of error for the study is +/- 5% at the 95% confidence level.

Analysis Notes

Some chart percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple mentions (i.e., question items that allow respondents to select more than one response).

The results are compared to those collected in September 2014.

Support Need For The Bermuda Regiment

Over three-quarters (76%) said they support the need for The Bermuda Regiment, a four point increase over the September 2014 results.

Residents aged 65 years and over were more likely to support it.

Residents aged 18-34 years were less likely to support it.

	Sept. 2014	DEC. 2014	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Yes	72%	76%	72%	79%	69%	83%	60%	81%	88%
No	23%	17%	19%	15%	21%	14%	30%	6%	7%
Volunteered: Don't Know	5%	8%	9%	6%	10%	3%	9%	13%	4%

Importance Of Having A Regiment

Three-quarters (75%) said that it is important for Bermuda to have a regiment, a 2 point increase over the September 2014 results.

Residents aged 65 years and over were more likely to believe it to be important.

Residents aged 18-34 years were less likely to believe it to be important.

	Sept. 2014	DEC. 2014	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
TOP 2	73%	75%	75%	76%	66%	81%	63%	83%	87%
Very important	36%	42%	40%	44%	30%	44%	27%	52%	64%
Somewhat important	37%	33%	35%	31%	36%	37%	36%	30%	22%
Somewhat unimportant	7%	9%	8%	9%	16%	3%	16%	3%	6%
Not at all important	12%	8%	5%	10%	8%	9%	13%	3%	1%
Don't Know	7%	8%	12%	5%	10%	7%	8%	11%	6%

Reasons Bermuda Regiment Is Important/Unimportant

The top two reasons for believing that the regiment is important were that it provides assistance during hurricanes/emergencies (37%) and teaches discipline (30%).

Reasons Important		
	# of mentions	Percent
Provides assistance during hurricanes/ emergencies	(126)	37%
Teaches discipline	(103)	30%
Needed for security and protection	(71)	21%
Regiment does a good job	(24)	7%
Provides support/assists police	(14)	4%
Provides Employment	(3)	1%

Reasons Unimportant		
	# of mentions	Percent
Provides no benefits/there is no need for it	(44)	76%
Do not like that it is mandatory/Should be voluntary	(10)	17%
It promotes violence	(4)	7%

Support Current Manning Of The Bermuda Regiment Via Conscription

Fifty-five percent support the current manning of The Bermuda Regiment through conscription, a 5 point increase over the September 2014 results.

Residents aged 65 years and over were more likely to support conscription.

Residents aged 18-34 years were less likely to support it.

	Sept. 2014	DEC. 2014	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Support	50%	55%	51%	58%	44%	50%	56%	59%	81%
Oppose	38%	35%	40%	31%	43%	38%	38%	27%	16%
Don't Know	12%	11%	10%	11%	13%	12%	6%	14%	3%