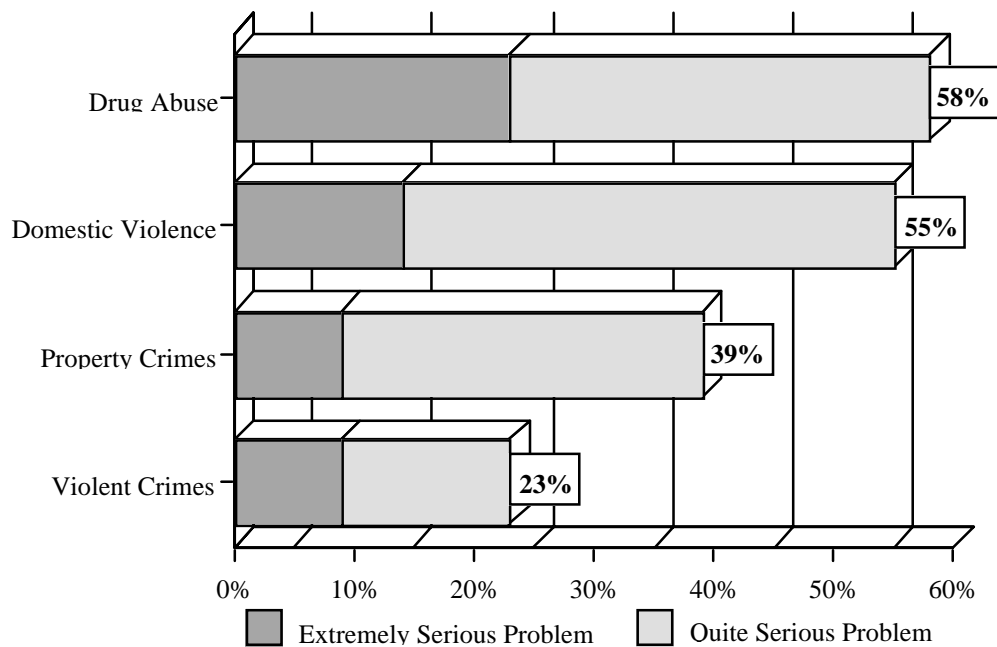


## ***Police Chiefs Cite Drug Abuse as Most Serious Problem Facing Their Community-- Ahead of Violent and Property Crimes***

According to the results of a recent national survey, the majority of police chiefs across the nation (58%) consider drug abuse to be a more serious problem in their communities than domestic violence, property crimes, or violent crimes. Further, 82% of police chiefs in large cities (with a population in excess of 100,000) cited drug abuse as an extremely or quite serious problem. The telephone survey, commissioned by the Police Foundation and Drug Strategies, was conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates in February and March 1996. To obtain a copy of the survey results, "Drugs and Crime Across America: Police Chiefs Speak Out", please fax a request, along with your name and address, to Drug Strategies at 202-663-6110.

**Percentage of U.S. Police Chiefs Who Believe the Problem Is  
Extremely or Quite Serious for Their Community**  
(N=318)



NOTE: This national poll was conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates on behalf of the Police Foundation and Drug Strategies. Telephone interviews were conducted with 318 chiefs of police from the end of February through the first week of March 1996.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Drug Strategies and the Police Foundation, *Drugs and Crime Across America: Police Chiefs Speak Out*, April 1996.

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