

Table 2.101.2005

Attitudes toward the legality of abortion

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

Question: "Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?"

	Always legal	Legal under certain circumstances	Never legal
National	23%	53%	22%
Sex			
Male	23	55	19
Female	23	51	24
Race			
White	23	55	20
Nonwhite	25	45	27
Black	28	38	30
Age			
18 to 29 years	16	52	29
30 to 49 years	29	51	18
50 to 64 years	24	53	21
50 years and older	21	55	22
65 years and older	17	57	23
Education			
College post graduate	32	56	10
College graduate	29	59	10
Some college	24	54	21
High school graduate or less	17	49	30
Income			
\$75,000 and over	28	61	9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	23	54	22
\$30,000 to \$49,999	23	51	25
\$20,000 to \$29,999	25	46	24
Under \$20,000	18	44	33
Community			
Urban area	33	49	16
Suburban area	21	54	22
Rural area	15	55	29
Region			
East	33	45	20
Midwest	19	57	21
South	15	56	27
West	30	52	15
Politics			
Republican	12	55	31
Democrat	32	52	13
Independent	26	51	20

Note: See Note, [table 2.100.2005](#). The "no opinion" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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