

Table 2.11.2007

Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

Question: "I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one--a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little: the criminal justice system?"

	Great deal/quite a lot	Some	Very little	None ^a
National	19%	44%	33%	2%
Sex				
Male	21	41	35	2
Female	16	48	32	2
Race				
White	20	46	30	2
Nonwhite	13	37	44	5
Black	13	32	51	3
Age				
18 to 29 years	24	43	33	0
30 to 49 years	20	47	30	2
50 to 64 years	17	44	34	3
50 years and older	16	43	35	3
65 years and older	15	42	37	2
Education				
College post graduate	24	51	23	1
College graduate	18	52	29	0
Some college	17	48	32	2
High school graduate or less	17	36	41	4
Income				
\$75,000 and over	24	43	31	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21	48	30	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	17	51	30	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16	47	34	2
Under \$20,000	15	31	48	3
Community				
Urban area	18	47	29	4
Suburban area	20	44	33	1
Rural area	17	41	39	3
Region				
East	19	42	33	3
Midwest	19	51	28	1
South	18	42	37	2
West	20	44	34	2
Politics				
Republican	29	44	26	1
Democrat	17	44	37	2
Independent	15	46	36	4
Ideology				
Conservative	23	40	34	2
Moderate	17	46	33	3
Liberal	15	50	32	3

Note: See Note, table 2.10.2007. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

^aResponse volunteered.

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