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Reported confidence in the police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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 police?"

	Great deal/quite a lot	Some	Very little	None ^a
National	56%	30%	11%	2%
Sex				
Male	55	29	13	2
Female	58	31	9	1
Race				
White	61	31	6	2
Nonwhite	45	28	26	2
Black	43	31	24	2
Age				
18 to 29 years	55	31	12	3
30 to 49 years	52	31	14	3
50 to 64 years	61	30	8	(b)
65 years and older	64	23	12	0
Education				
College post graduate	65	30	5	0
College graduate	61	34	4	(b)
Some college	56	27	13	4
High school graduate or less	53	31	15	1
Income				
\$75,000 and over	59	33	7	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	62	31	7	0
\$30,000 to \$49,999	51	33	11	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	65	19	14	2
Under \$20,000	43	25	30	2
Region				
East	64	25	8	3
Midwest	64	27	7	1
South	52	31	15	2
West	49	37	14	1
Politics				
Republican	69	26	4	1
Democrat	57	27	14	1
Independent	48	35	13	3
Ideology				
Conservative	59	29	9	2
Moderate	56	32	11	1
Liberal	53	28	15	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,020 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 9-12, 2011. 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](#).

^a Response volunteered.

^b Less than 0.5%.

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