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Table 2.19.2005

Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of lawyers

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

Question: "Please tell me how you would rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in these different fields--very high, high, average, low, or very low: Lawyers?"

	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
National	3%	15%	46%	25%	10%
Sex					
Male	3	14	42	26	14
Female	3	16	48	25	6
Race					
White	3	13	47	26	10
Nonwhite	5	21	39	23	10
Black	3	29	31	25	10
Age					
18 to 29 years	4	16	44	24	9
30 to 49 years	4	13	46	25	11
50 to 64 years	3	15	42	31	8
50 years and older	2	17	45	27	8
65 years and older	2	18	47	22	9
Education					
College post graduate	2	13	50	25	9
College graduate	0	12	53	30	5
Some college	3	12	46	28	10
High school graduate or less	5	19	41	21	12
Income					
\$100,000 and over	(a)	16	49	27	8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1	14	41	32	11
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2	9	50	29	9
\$30,000 to \$49,999	4	11	49	27	9
\$20,000 to \$29,999	7	19	44	20	8
Under \$20,000	3	28	39	14	13
Community					
Urban area	4	19	42	22	12
Suburban area	3	12	46	28	9
Rural area	2	17	49	23	9
Region					
East	2	14	48	27	7
Midwest	3	11	52	24	9
South	4	19	43	24	9
West	3	14	40	27	14
Politics					
Republican	3	12	45	30	9
Democrat	2	19	44	26	7
Independent	4	15	47	20	13

Note: See Note, [table 2.17.2005](#). 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](#).

^aLess than 0.5%.

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