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**Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of lawyers**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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%	16%	43%	27%	10%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	3	14	42	29	12
Female	2	18	45	25	8
<b>Race</b>					
White	2	14	46	28	9
Nonwhite	4	23	35	26	12
Black	4	23	31	30	12
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	5	21	39	29	6
30 to 49 years	2	16	40	28	13
50 to 64 years	2	14	47	25	12
50 years and older	2	13	49	26	10
65 years and older	2	13	51	27	7
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	1	14	48	27	9
College graduate	1	15	51	23	10
Some college	2	14	44	28	11
High school graduate or less	4	18	39	28	10
<b>Income</b>					
\$75,000 and over	2	15	48	24	11
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1	16	45	26	11
\$30,000 to \$49,999	2	16	37	33	10
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4	21	43	25	6
Under \$20,000	4	17	40	24	14
<b>Region</b>					
East	2	19	41	28	8
Midwest	2	17	48	22	11
South	3	16	43	27	11
West	3	13	42	32	10
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	2	15	49	28	5
Independent	3	14	40	29	13
Democrat	3	21	43	23	10
<b>Ideology</b>					
Conservative	2	14	45	28	11
Moderate	3	22	41	26	7
Liberal	2	11	46	27	14

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,012 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 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](#).

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