

Table 2.21

Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

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: Policemen?"

	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
National	14%	45%	35%	4%	2%
Sex					
Male	18	38	38	4	2
Female	11	51	33	4	1
Race					
White	15	47	33	4	1
Nonwhite	9	34	46	7	3
Black	6	26	52	12	3
Age					
18 to 29 years	18	34	36	9	3
30 to 49 years	15	46	34	3	2
50 to 64 years	10	46	39	4	1
50 years and older	11	48	37	3	1
65 years and older	14	50	34	2	(a)
Education					
College post graduate	13	48	34	3	2
College graduate	11	50	32	5	2
Some college	16	44	36	3	1
High school graduate or less	15	41	37	5	2
Income					
\$75,000 and over	13	49	34	2	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14	45	36	3	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	16	39	39	4	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16	38	34	11	1
Under \$20,000	13	50	32	4	1
Community					
Urban area	9	48	33	7	3
Suburban area	15	43	38	3	1
Rural area	19	42	33	4	2
Region					
East	15	46	34	4	1
Midwest	16	48	29	6	1
South	13	41	41	3	2
West	13	45	36	3	3
Politics					
Republican	18	50	29	2	1
Democrat	12	43	37	7	1
Independent	13	41	39	4	3

Note: See Note, table 2.17. 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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