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Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008

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	13%	43%	35%	7%	2%
Sex					
Male	11	46	32	8	3
Female	14	39	38	7	1
Race					
White	12	43	36	7	1
Nonwhite	13	41	33	9	4
Black	11	35	38	12	4
Age					
18 to 29 years	12	43	30	11	4
30 to 49 years	12	43	36	7	2
50 to 64 years	15	43	32	9	2
50 years and older	13	43	36	7	1
65 years and older	12	42	41	4	1
Education					
College post graduate	10	44	36	7	3
College graduate	12	51	33	5	1
Some college	12	46	34	6	1
High school graduate or less	14	36	37	10	3
Income					
\$75,000 and over	13	43	34	8	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	11	43	38	7	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	11	46	35	5	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16	38	38	7	2
Under \$20,000	15	37	33	11	4
Region					
East	15	40	34	8	2
Midwest	12	46	33	8	1
South	11	43	36	7	2
West	13	41	37	6	3
Politics					
Republican	18	49	25	7	2
Democrat	11	39	40	8	2
Independent	11	42	38	7	3
Ideology					
Conservative	14	50	32	4	(a)
Moderate	14	40	35	8	3
Liberal	9	35	40	13	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,010 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 7-9, 2008. 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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