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Attitudes toward level of crime in the United States

United States, selected years 1989-2008^a

Question: "Is there more crime in the U.S. than there was a year ago, or less?"

	More	Less	Same ^b	Don't know/ refused
1989	84%	5%	5%	6%
1990	84	3	7	6
1992	89	3	4	4
1993	87	4	5	4
1996	71	15	8	6
1997	64	25	6	5
1998	52	35	8	5
2000	47	41	7	5
2001	41	43	10	6
2002	62	21	11	6
2003	60	25	11	4
2004	53	28	14	5
2005	67	21	9	3
2006	68	16	8	8
2007	71	14	8	6
2008	67	15	9	9

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,011 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 3-5, 2008. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^bResponse volunteered.

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