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Attitudes toward level of crime in the United States

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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

	More	Less	Same ^a	Don't know/ refused
National	68%	16%	8%	8%
Sex				
Male	60	21	9	10
Female	76	11	7	6
Race				
White	68	16	8	8
Nonwhite	71	17	6	6
Black	79	12	7	2
Age				
18 to 29 years	67	23	3	7
30 to 49 years	66	17	10	7
50 to 64 years	71	15	8	6
50 years and older	72	13	8	7
65 years and older	72	11	8	9
Education				
College post graduate	59	16	12	13
College graduate	59	21	9	11
Some college	69	17	7	7
High school graduate or less	77	13	6	4
Income				
\$75,000 and over	59	20	12	9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	67	18	10	5
\$30,000 to \$49,999	70	18	4	8
\$20,000 to \$29,999	75	14	5	6
Under \$20,000	86	5	6	3
Community				
Urban area	67	16	7	10
Suburban area	67	17	8	8
Rural area	73	14	9	4
Region				
East	65	18	9	8
Midwest	65	18	9	8
South	72	15	7	6
West	71	13	7	9
Politics				
Republican	56	23	12	9
Democrat	81	9	4	6
Independent	67	18	9	6
Ideology				
Conservative	67	18	9	6
Moderate	70	15	8	7
Liberal	70	15	3	12

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2006](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aResponse volunteered.

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