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**Attitudes toward level of crime in own area**

United States, selected years 1972-2008<sup>a</sup>

Question: "Is there more crime in your area than there was a year ago, or less?"

	More	Less	Same <sup>b</sup>	Don't know/ refused
1972	51%	10%	27%	12%
1975	50	12	29	9
1977	43	17	32	8
1981	54	8	29	9
1983	37	17	36	10
January 1989	47	21	27	5
June 1989	53	18	22	7
1990	51	18	24	8
1992	54	19	23	4
1996	46	24	25	5
1997	46	32	20	2
1998	31	48	16	5
2000	34	46	15	5
2001	26	52	18	4
2002	37	34	24	5
2003	40	39	19	2
2004	37	37	22	4
2005	47	33	18	2
2006	51	30	15	4
2007	51	29	17	4
2008	44	31	19	5

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](#).

<sup>a</sup> Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup> Response volunteered.

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