

Table 2.37.2008

Respondents reporting fear of walking alone at night

United States, selected years 1965-2008

Question: "Is there any area near where you live--that is, within a mile--where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?"

	Yes, afraid	No, not afraid
1965	34%	66%
1967	31	67
1968	35	62
1972	42	57
1975	45	55
1977	45	55
1979	42	58
1981	45	55
1982	48	52
1983	45	55
1989	43	57
1990	40	59
1992	44	56
1993	43	56
1994	39	60
1996	39	60
1997	38	61
2000	34	66
2001	30	69
2002	35	64
2003	36	64
2004	32	67
2005	38	62
2006	37	63
2007	37	62
2008	37	63

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. 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](#).

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