

Table 2.44.2009

Respondents' perceptions of the Nation's progress in coping with illegal drugs

United States, selected years 1972-2009^a

Question: "Now, how much progress do you feel the nation has made over the last year or two in coping with the problem of illegal drugs--has it made much progress, made some progress, stood still, lost some ground, or lost much ground?"

	Made much progress	Made some progress	Stood still	Lost some ground	Lost much ground	Don't know/refused
1972	3%	32%	20%	21%	20%	5%
1974	4	36	21	19	16	5
1976	2	25	29	25	15	4
1995	2	36	30	19	11	2
1996	3	28	22	24	22	1
1999	4	42	27	14	12	1
2000	6	41	23	17	12	1
2003	3	35	32	17	11	2
2005	2	31	30	23	13	1
2007	3	31	31	19	13	3
2009	3	30	31	19	13	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2009 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,013 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 1-4, 2009. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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