

Table 2.45

Respondents reporting whether they think the criminal justice system is fair in its treatment of people accused of committing crime

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

Question: "In general, do you think the criminal justice system is very fair, somewhat fair, somewhat unfair, or very unfair in its treatment of people accused of committing crime?"^a

	Very fair	Somewhat fair	Somewhat unfair	Very unfair	Don't know/refused
National	18%	48%	22%	10%	2%
Sex					
Male	20	48	18	12	2
Female	15	49	25	9	2
Race					
White	18	50	21	9	2
Nonwhite	17	43	24	15	1
Black	13	40	27	19	1
Age					
18 to 29 years	24	44	23	8	1
30 to 49 years	15	53	21	10	1
50 to 64 years	16	45	24	12	3
50 years and older	16	46	23	12	3
65 years and older	17	48	20	12	3
Education					
College post graduate	15	52	24	7	2
College graduate	21	53	20	6	(a)
Some college	16	50	23	10	1
High school graduate or less	18	45	21	13	3
Income					
\$75,000 and over	19	51	23	6	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22	44	25	7	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	15	49	24	11	1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	17	49	20	13	1
Under \$20,000	15	53	14	17	1
Community					
Urban area	16	50	22	10	2
Suburban area	19	47	23	9	2
Rural area	18	49	19	13	1
Region					
East	22	49	23	5	1
Midwest	14	51	22	12	1
South	18	46	21	13	2
West	17	49	19	10	5
Politics					
Republican	21	55	16	6	2
Democrat	17	43	28	10	2
Independent	15	49	21	13	2

Note: See Note, [table 2.13](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).^aLess than 0.5%.

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