

Table 2.11

Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

Question: "I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one--a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little: the criminal justice system?"

	Great deal/quite a lot	Some	Very little	None ^a
National	34%	42%	22%	1%
Sex				
Male	34	41	23	2
Female	34	42	22	1
Race				
White	36	41	21	1
Nonwhite	27	43	28	2
Black	25	40	32	3
Age				
18 to 29 years	41	32	26	1
30 to 49 years	33	45	20	2
50 to 64 years	32	45	21	1
50 years and older	32	44	22	1
65 years and older	32	43	23	1
Education				
College post graduate	39	45	13	2
College graduate	37	50	12	0
Some college	32	42	24	2
High school graduate or less	33	38	27	1
Income				
\$75,000 and over	35	45	17	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	39	46	14	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	32	43	24	1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	31	35	33	0
Under \$20,000	31	36	31	2
Community				
Urban area	33	41	25	1
Suburban area	35	42	21	1
Rural area	35	42	20	2
Region				
East	26	47	24	2
Midwest	40	37	22	1
South	36	40	23	(b)
West	36	43	19	2
Politics				
Republican	39	44	15	1
Democrat	34	42	22	1
Independent	30	38	29	2

Note: See Note, table 2.10. 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.

^aResponse volunteered.

^bLess than 0.5%.

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