

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Table 2.11.2005

Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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	26%	45%	26%	2%
Sex				
Male	29	40	28	2
Female	23	50	24	2
Race				
White	25	48	24	2
Nonwhite	29	33	32	4
Black	24	35	40	0
Age				
18 to 29 years	34	36	26	4
30 to 49 years	29	46	24	1
50 to 64 years	19	50	28	1
50 years and older	20	48	28	2
65 years and older	21	45	29	2
Education				
College post graduate	33	50	17	(b)
College graduate	34	49	15	1
Some college	23	48	26	3
High school graduate or less	24	39	33	2
Income				
\$100,000 and over	32	49	19	(b)
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24	56	19	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	23	49	24	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	31	43	26	(b)
\$20,000 to \$29,999	20	38	39	2
Under \$20,000	15	41	37	6
Community				
Urban area	25	44	27	3
Suburban area	29	44	24	2
Rural area	22	49	27	1
Region				
East	31	42	22	4
Midwest	21	49	27	2
South	29	42	26	2
West	23	49	27	1
Politics				
Republican	31	49	17	2
Democrat	28	44	26	1
Independent	19	43	35	3

Note: See Note, table 2.10.2005. 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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