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Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	25%	43%	28%	3%
Sex				
Male	23	43	30	3
Female	26	42	26	3
Race				
White	25	43	28	3
Nonwhite	28	40	27	4
Black	24	43	27	6
Age				
18 to 29 years	39	42	16	3
30 to 49 years	25	45	25	4
50 to 64 years	20	42	32	3
50 years and older	22	39	35	2
65 years and older	22	36	38	1
Education				
College post graduate	33	46	20	(b)
College graduate	27	45	23	2
Some college	27	43	27	2
High school graduate or less	20	40	34	5
Income				
\$75,000 and over	29	46	24	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	28	41	29	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	25	41	29	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	24	41	28	6
Under \$20,000	16	42	35	6
Community				
Urban area	27	44	25	2
Suburban area	23	44	29	3
Rural area	29	36	30	4
Region				
East	28	47	22	3
Midwest	24	44	28	3
South	25	38	32	4
West	24	44	29	2
Politics				
Republican	27	47	24	2
Democrat	25	39	32	2
Independent	24	42	28	5
Ideology				
Conservative	25	40	30	4
Moderate	30	43	25	1
Liberal	20	50	27	2

Note: See Note, [table 2.10.2007](#). 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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