

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008

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	20%	44%	32%	2%
Sex				
Male	24	40	33	2
Female	17	48	31	2
Race				
White	21	45	31	2
Nonwhite	17	42	34	3
Black	17	44	31	5
Age				
18 to 29 years	33	38	25	1
30 to 49 years	20	49	27	2
50 to 64 years	15	44	35	4
50 years and older	16	42	37	2
65 years and older	17	38	39	1
Education				
College post graduate	24	50	21	2
College graduate	19	54	25	1
Some college	23	46	28	2
High school graduate or less	17	35	42	2
Income				
\$75,000 and over	22	52	23	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	23	48	27	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	20	42	34	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	12	45	39	1
Under \$20,000	27	27	42	3
Region				
East	20	43	34	1
Midwest	22	44	30	1
South	18	45	32	4
West	23	43	31	2
Politics				
Republican	21	45	31	2
Democrat	23	42	31	2
Independent	17	45	33	2
Ideology				
Conservative	20	42	35	1
Moderate	24	47	26	1
Liberal	16	42	36	5

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 822 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 9-12, 2008. 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.

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