

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2009

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	28%	44%	25%	2%
Sex				
Male	32	41	25	2
Female	24	48	24	3
Race				
White	28	45	24	2
Nonwhite	26	42	28	3
Black	30	35	31	4
Age				
18 to 29 years	31	46	19	3
30 to 49 years	30	42	27	1
50 to 64 years	25	47	23	5
50 years and older	25	45	26	4
65 years and older	24	42	29	3
Education				
College post graduate	30	49	19	(b)
College graduate	25	53	20	2
Some college	28	44	24	3
High school graduate or less	27	39	31	3
Income				
\$75,000 and over	33	48	18	(b)
\$50,000 to \$74,999	27	45	24	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	31	36	31	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	26	47	22	4
Under \$20,000	21	44	29	6
Region				
East	25	45	27	(b)
Midwest	28	47	21	3
South	27	45	24	4
West	30	41	27	2
Politics				
Republican	29	46	23	2
Democrat	34	38	26	1
Independent	21	48	25	4
Ideology				
Conservative	25	46	27	3
Moderate	30	44	24	2
Liberal	32	41	23	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2009 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,011 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 14-17, 2009. 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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