

Table 2.11.2010

Reported confidence in the criminal justice system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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	27%	44%	24%	3%
Sex				
Male	30	43	23	3
Female	26	44	25	3
Race				
White	27	48	22	2
Nonwhite	31	32	30	4
Black	26	33	35	6
Age				
18 to 29 years	46	28	25	1
30 to 49 years	28	51	19	2
50 to 64 years	20	48	27	3
50 years and older	20	44	29	4
65 years and older	22	39	31	5
Education				
College post graduate	32	47	18	2
College graduate	30	50	20	1
Some college	28	45	25	2
High school graduate or less	25	39	29	5
Income				
\$75,000 and over	36	44	18	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	26	52	20	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	27	38	29	5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	13	51	33	3
Under \$20,000	30	31	30	6
Region				
East	27	45	25	1
Midwest	27	43	25	3
South	29	42	23	4
West	25	46	25	3
Politics				
Republican	30	48	19	3
Democrat	28	41	28	2
Independent	26	43	25	4
Ideology				
Conservative	27	43	26	4
Moderate	31	42	23	2
Liberal	25	49	24	2

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2010 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,020 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted July 8-11, 2010. 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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