

**Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online**

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**Reported confidence in the criminal justice system**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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 <sup>a</sup>
National	28%	42%	27%	2%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	30	40	28	2
Female	26	44	26	3
<b>Race</b>				
White	28	44	24	3
Nonwhite	28	38	32	(b)
Black	27	36	37	0
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	41	36	21	1
30 to 49 years	24	45	28	2
50 to 64 years	19	47	29	3
65 years and older	29	37	30	3
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	34	43	22	(b)
College graduate	24	53	22	1
Some college	26	41	29	4
High school graduate or less	28	39	29	2
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	28	47	24	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20	52	25	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	28	38	28	5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	31	36	31	2
Under \$20,000	27	32	38	1
<b>Region</b>				
East	26	47	24	3
Midwest	35	38	23	1
South	24	37	35	2
West	27	47	22	3
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	32	45	20	2
Democrat	33	40	25	2
Independent	21	43	31	3
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	27	43	27	2
Moderate	28	43	27	2
Liberal	27	41	26	4

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,020 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 9-12, 2011. 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](#).

<sup>a</sup>Response volunteered.

<sup>b</sup>Less than 0.5%.

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