

**Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online**

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**Reported confidence in the criminal justice system**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2012

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	29%	41%	26%	3%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	34	35	25	4
Female	24	46	26	2
<b>Race</b>				
White	26	44	27	3
Nonwhite	39	32	23	4
Black	24	36	28	8
Hispanic	51	29	21	0
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	37	40	19	1
30 to 49 years	27	44	25	5
50 to 64 years	29	39	29	2
65 years and older	27	37	31	2
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	28	52	18	1
College graduate	29	46	21	3
Some college	27	37	31	3
High school graduate or less	31	36	28	4
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	34	44	19	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	30	45	23	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	29	38	30	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	24	33	41	3
Under \$20,000	32	32	25	8
<b>Region</b>				
East	32	42	23	1
Midwest	30	42	24	3
South	23	44	27	5
West	34	33	28	3
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	36	43	21	1
Democrat	34	40	22	2
Independent	23	39	32	5
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	30	40	27	3
Moderate	30	44	20	3
Liberal	27	38	31	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,004 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 7-10, 2012. 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.

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