

Table 2.12

Reported confidence in the police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

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 police?"

	Great deal/quite a lot	Some	Very little	None ^a
National	64%	26%	10%	(b)
Sex				
Male	64	25	10	1%
Female	64	26	10	(b)
Race				
White	70	22	8	(b)
Nonwhite	43	39	17	1
Black	41	46	13	0
Age				
18 to 29 years	61	19	19	1
30 to 49 years	62	27	10	1
50 to 64 years	65	30	5	0
50 years and older	68	27	5	0
65 years and older	71	24	5	0
Education				
College post graduate	66	30	4	(b)
College graduate	72	22	5	0
Some college	61	28	11	(b)
High school graduate or less	64	23	12	1
Income				
\$75,000 and over	69	25	5	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	70	21	9	0
\$30,000 to \$49,999	60	30	9	1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	31	12	0
Under \$20,000	60	19	21	0
Community				
Urban area	60	28	11	1
Suburban area	64	25	10	1
Rural area	69	24	7	0
Region				
East	62	24	14	(b)
Midwest	68	25	6	1
South	63	28	9	0
West	65	25	10	(b)
Politics				
Republican	79	17	4	0
Democrat	59	30	11	(b)
Independent	55	30	14	1

Note: See Note, [table 2.10](#). 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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