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**Reported confidence in the police**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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 <sup>a</sup>
National	63%	29%	7%	1%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	65	27	7	1
Female	61	31	7	1
<b>Race</b>				
White	66	28	5	1
Nonwhite	53	31	14	2
Black	49	37	14	0
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	52	31	14	3
30 to 49 years	66	29	4	1
50 to 64 years	63	29	8	0
50 years and older	64	29	7	(b)
65 years and older	66	28	5	1
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	72	25	3	(b)
College graduate	70	28	2	0
Some college	61	34	4	1
High school graduate or less	59	27	12	2
<b>Income</b>				
\$100,000 and over	74	23	3	0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	72	26	2	0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	63	31	4	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	64	31	4	1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	48	34	17	1
Under \$20,000	53	34	10	3
<b>Community</b>				
Urban area	61	30	8	1
Suburban area	66	28	5	1
Rural area	61	29	9	1
<b>Region</b>				
East	61	31	6	2
Midwest	64	26	9	1
South	65	28	6	1
West	62	31	7	0
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	78	19	3	0
Democrat	60	32	7	1
Independent	52	36	11	1

Note: See Note, table 2.10.2005. 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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