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Reported confidence in the police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	58%	29%	10%	2%
Sex				
Male	58	30	9	2
Female	58	29	11	1
Race				
White	63	27	8	1
Nonwhite	40	38	19	3
Black	28	38	29	4
Age				
18 to 29 years	55	30	13	3
30 to 49 years	60	27	12	1
50 to 64 years	57	35	6	1
50 years and older	59	31	7	2
65 years and older	62	26	8	2
Education				
College post graduate	65	30	4	1
College graduate	64	32	4	0
Some college	59	27	12	1
High school graduate or less	53	30	13	3
Income				
\$75,000 and over	65	30	5	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	69	21	10	0
\$30,000 to \$49,999	58	33	9	(b)
\$20,000 to \$29,999	45	32	17	5
Under \$20,000	47	31	17	5
Community				
Urban area	55	31	12	2
Suburban area	62	28	8	2
Rural area	56	31	12	(b)
Region				
East	62	32	5	1
Midwest	58	28	12	1
South	58	26	13	2
West	56	33	9	2
Politics				
Republican	68	26	5	1
Democrat	54	32	13	2
Independent	55	31	11	2
Ideology				
Conservative	63	26	8	1
Moderate	58	31	10	1
Liberal	51	33	14	2

Note: See Note, [table 2.10.2007](#). 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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