

Table 2.12.2007

Reported confidence in the police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

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	54%	33%	12%	1%
Sex				
Male	58	28	13	1
Female	51	38	11	1
Race				
White	60	30	9	(b)
Nonwhite	32	43	23	1
Black	22	43	34	1
Age				
18 to 29 years	55	23	22	0
30 to 49 years	56	35	9	(b)
50 to 64 years	50	38	11	1
50 years and older	52	36	10	1
65 years and older	56	33	8	1
Education				
College post graduate	59	34	7	1
College graduate	57	33	10	0
Some college	58	33	9	(b)
High school graduate or less	48	34	17	1
Income				
\$75,000 and over	59	32	7	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	51	41	7	(b)
\$30,000 to \$49,999	55	32	13	(b)
\$20,000 to \$29,999	44	36	20	1
Under \$20,000	51	28	18	1
Community				
Urban area	52	32	16	1
Suburban area	59	34	7	(b)
Rural area	47	33	18	1
Region				
East	52	33	14	(b)
Midwest	59	29	12	0
South	53	35	10	1
West	53	34	12	1
Politics				
Republican	70	25	5	(b)
Democrat	44	38	17	1
Independent	52	34	12	1
Ideology				
Conservative	63	30	7	(b)
Moderate	48	36	15	1
Liberal	49	34	16	1

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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