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Reported confidence in the police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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	59%	27%	12%	1%
Sex				
Male	59	26	14	1
Female	61	27	10	1
Race				
White	62	27	10	1
Nonwhite	52	26	17	2
Black	35	33	25	4
Age				
18 to 29 years	52	28	19	1
30 to 49 years	58	28	13	1
50 to 64 years	65	26	8	2
50 years and older	64	25	8	1
65 years and older	64	24	9	(b)
Education				
College post graduate	66	22	10	0
College graduate	74	21	6	0
Some college	60	30	9	1
High school graduate or less	52	28	18	2
Income				
\$75,000 and over	66	23	10	0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	67	25	8	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	55	30	14	0
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	26	13	3
Under \$20,000	49	29	17	3
Region				
East	61	23	14	2
Midwest	60	27	11	1
South	56	29	12	1
West	64	25	10	(b)
Politics				
Republican	69	23	7	1
Democrat	54	29	14	2
Independent	58	28	13	(b)
Ideology				
Conservative	63	25	10	1
Moderate	63	24	12	1
Liberal	49	34	14	1

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2010 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,020 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted July 8-11, 2010. 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](#).

^a Response volunteered.

^b Less than 0.5%.

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