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Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of lawyers

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008

Question: "Please tell me how you would rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in these different fields--very high, high, average, low, or very low: Lawyers?"

	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
National	3%	15%	45%	25%	12%
Sex					
Male	3	15	38	29	15
Female	3	15	51	21	9
Race					
White	1	14	46	25	12
Nonwhite	7	19	40	24	10
Black	8	31	36	21	4
Age					
18 to 29 years	7	19	46	22	4
30 to 49 years	2	13	46	24	14
50 to 64 years	1	16	46	26	12
50 years and older	1	16	43	27	12
65 years and older	2	15	40	28	12
Education					
College post graduate	3	16	49	20	11
College graduate	(a)	13	51	27	9
Some college	3	15	43	26	12
High school graduate or less	3	16	42	26	12
Income					
\$75,000 and over	1	11	46	29	13
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2	17	49	22	10
\$30,000 to \$49,999	2	14	45	28	11
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3	20	39	21	14
Under \$20,000	8	22	41	20	9
Region					
East	3	12	47	26	11
Midwest	2	17	49	21	9
South	3	20	40	24	13
West	2	8	47	29	13
Politics					
Republican	3	13	40	28	15
Democrat	3	20	48	20	8
Independent	3	12	46	26	12
Ideology					
Conservative	2	16	39	27	16
Moderate	4	13	46	27	10
Liberal	3	18	53	17	9

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,010 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 7-9, 2008. 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](#).

^aLess than 0.5%.

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