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Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of lawyers

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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	4%	13%	47%	24%	11%
Sex					
Male	3	12	40	27	16
Female	4	13	54	22	7
Race					
White	2	12	47	27	11
Nonwhite	7	14	47	18	11
Black	12	14	45	20	8
Age					
18 to 29 years	5	25	49	19	3
30 to 49 years	4	12	48	22	13
50 to 64 years	4	10	46	25	14
50 years and older	3	10	47	27	13
65 years and older	2	9	47	29	11
Education					
College post graduate	3	8	55	22	11
College graduate	2	13	52	24	9
Some college	1	11	50	24	13
High school graduate or less	7	16	39	24	11
Income					
\$75,000 and over	2	11	51	21	15
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1	12	50	24	12
\$30,000 to \$49,999	3	12	45	31	9
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4	12	54	16	9
Under \$20,000	6	20	41	21	11
Region					
East	6	10	43	26	12
Midwest	4	12	52	23	9
South	3	12	46	26	12
West	2	17	47	20	11
Politics					
Republican	4	13	43	27	13
Democrat	3	11	57	22	6
Independent	3	14	43	23	14
Ideology					
Conservative	3	11	43	26	15
Moderate	4	14	52	25	6
Liberal	4	13	48	19	14

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,037 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 19-21, 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](#).

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