

Table 2.21

Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

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: Policemen?"

| | Very high | High | Average | Low | Very low |
|------------------------------|-----------|------|---------|-----|----------|
| National | 14% | 45% | 35% | 4% | 2% |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Male | 18 | 38 | 38 | 4 | 2 |
| Female | 11 | 51 | 33 | 4 | 1 |
| Race | | | | | |
| White | 15 | 47 | 33 | 4 | 1 |
| Nonwhite | 9 | 34 | 46 | 7 | 3 |
| Black | 6 | 26 | 52 | 12 | 3 |
| Age | | | | | |
| 18 to 29 years | 18 | 34 | 36 | 9 | 3 |
| 30 to 49 years | 15 | 46 | 34 | 3 | 2 |
| 50 to 64 years | 10 | 46 | 39 | 4 | 1 |
| 50 years and older | 11 | 48 | 37 | 3 | 1 |
| 65 years and older | 14 | 50 | 34 | 2 | (a) |
| Education | | | | | |
| College post graduate | 13 | 48 | 34 | 3 | 2 |
| College graduate | 11 | 50 | 32 | 5 | 2 |
| Some college | 16 | 44 | 36 | 3 | 1 |
| High school graduate or less | 15 | 41 | 37 | 5 | 2 |
| Income | | | | | |
| \$75,000 and over | 13 | 49 | 34 | 2 | 2 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 14 | 45 | 36 | 3 | 2 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 16 | 39 | 39 | 4 | 2 |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 16 | 38 | 34 | 11 | 1 |
| Under \$20,000 | 13 | 50 | 32 | 4 | 1 |
| Community | | | | | |
| Urban area | 9 | 48 | 33 | 7 | 3 |
| Suburban area | 15 | 43 | 38 | 3 | 1 |
| Rural area | 19 | 42 | 33 | 4 | 2 |
| Region | | | | | |
| East | 15 | 46 | 34 | 4 | 1 |
| Midwest | 16 | 48 | 29 | 6 | 1 |
| South | 13 | 41 | 41 | 3 | 2 |
| West | 13 | 45 | 36 | 3 | 3 |
| Politics | | | | | |
| Republican | 18 | 50 | 29 | 2 | 1 |
| Democrat | 12 | 43 | 37 | 7 | 1 |
| Independent | 13 | 41 | 39 | 4 | 3 |

Note: See Note, table 2.17. 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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