

Table 2.21.2004

Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

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	17%	43%	31%	7%	2%
Sex					
Male	18	45	27	7	2
Female	16	40	36	6	2
Race					
White	17	47	30	5	1
Nonwhite	18	28	34	15	4
Black	20	20	31	20	6
Age					
18 to 29 years	23	31	28	12	4
30 to 49 years	19	44	29	6	2
50 to 64 years	12	44	37	5	2
50 years and older	12	47	35	5	1
65 years and older	10	51	33	5	1
Education					
College post graduate	17	51	30	2	0
College graduate	12	47	34	6	1
Some college	15	43	32	7	3
High school graduate or less	20	37	31	9	2
Income					
\$75,000 and over	17	49	28	5	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14	49	33	3	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	15	45	27	9	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	19	31	36	10	4
Under \$20,000	20	34	35	10	1
Community					
Urban area	17	36	34	11	1
Suburban area	17	47	30	5	1
Rural area	16	43	31	6	4
Region					
East	17	41	35	5	2
Midwest	18	44	28	7	3
South	20	42	28	7	2
West	12	44	35	8	1
Politics					
Republican	20	51	25	3	1
Democrat	14	40	37	8	1
Independent	15	38	33	10	3

Note: See Note, table 2.17.2004. 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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