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**Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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	13%	48%	31%	5%	3%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	13	50	27	5	5
Female	14	45	34	6	1
<b>Race</b>					
White	13	52	30	3	2
Nonwhite	13	32	35	12	8
Black	7	33	38	14	8
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	15	41	29	10	5
30 to 49 years	14	48	30	4	4
50 to 64 years	14	48	30	6	1
50 years and older	12	50	32	5	1
65 years and older	9	51	33	5	2
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	14	53	30	2	1
College graduate	15	53	29	2	1
Some college	14	51	28	5	2
High school graduate or less	12	40	34	8	5
<b>Income</b>					
\$100,000 and over	13	54	30	3	(a)
\$75,000 to \$99,999	17	57	19	6	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	11	48	37	2	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	11	44	34	8	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	19	40	31	6	4
Under \$20,000	14	42	31	6	5
<b>Community</b>					
Urban area	13	45	32	6	4
Suburban area	14	49	29	4	3
Rural area	10	47	33	7	3
<b>Region</b>					
East	8	48	37	7	0
Midwest	12	55	26	2	5
South	17	42	31	7	3
West	13	49	30	5	3
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	15	52	27	5	1
Democrat	14	47	31	6	2
Independent	10	45	34	5	5

Note: See Note, [table 2.17.2005](#). 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](#).

<sup>a</sup>Less than 0.5%.

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