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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	12%	42%	34%	9%	2%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	12	43	33	9	3
Female	12	41	36	9	2
<b>Race</b>					
White	13	45	33	7	1
Nonwhite	8	29	41	15	6
Black	5	18	49	18	9
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	14	36	18	23	8
30 to 49 years	11	38	43	5	2
50 to 64 years	12	47	34	7	1
50 years and older	13	47	32	7	1
65 years and older	14	48	29	8	0
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	12	48	36	3	(a)
College graduate	12	50	28	7	2
Some college	11	42	36	9	3
High school graduate or less	13	36	34	12	3
<b>Income</b>					
\$75,000 and over	12	45	37	4	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17	48	29	5	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	12	39	35	13	1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	13	35	30	14	8
Under \$20,000	9	34	38	17	2
<b>Community</b>					
Urban area	9	41	32	15	3
Suburban area	13	43	36	6	1
Rural area	14	40	34	8	4
<b>Region</b>					
East	11	43	34	11	1
Midwest	11	41	38	5	4
South	14	42	32	9	2
West	11	41	35	11	2
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	13	54	29	3	1
Democrat	13	41	36	8	3
Independent	11	35	36	15	3
<b>Ideology</b>					
Conservative	14	51	29	4	1
Moderate	12	40	37	9	2
Liberal	8	33	41	14	4

Note: See Note, [table 2.17.2006](#). The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percentages 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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