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Table 2.21.2007

Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

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%	41%	38%	7%	2%
Sex					
Male	13	41	37	7	3
Female	12	41	38	6	2
Race					
White	13	43	36	5	3
Nonwhite	9	33	44	13	1
Black	6	34	50	8	1
Age					
18 to 29 years	15	34	31	14	7
30 to 49 years	13	41	40	5	1
50 to 64 years	12	43	37	6	1
50 years and older	11	44	37	5	2
65 years and older	9	46	38	4	2
Education					
College post graduate	12	45	37	5	1
College graduate	11	45	35	8	1
Some college	12	40	36	9	3
High school graduate or less	13	38	40	5	3
Income					
\$75,000 and over	16	42	35	5	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14	43	37	4	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	8	43	41	5	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	12	45	30	11	2
Under \$20,000	12	38	39	7	4
Community					
Urban area	10	38	41	8	2
Suburban area	15	43	35	5	1
Rural area	8	39	39	8	5
Region					
East	12	38	39	7	3
Midwest	13	46	33	5	3
South	9	40	42	7	2
West	17	40	34	7	2
Politics					
Republican	17	50	29	3	(a)
Democrat	11	40	38	8	2
Independent	10	35	42	8	4
Ideology					
Conservative	15	49	31	4	1
Moderate	12	34	42	8	4
Liberal	9	38	41	9	3

Note: See Note, table 2.17.2007. 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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