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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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%	45%	33%	7%	3%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	14	44	32	8	2
Female	11	45	34	7	3
<b>Race</b>					
White	12	49	31	6	2
Nonwhite	13	34	37	11	5
Black	13	25	37	21	4
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	7	39	38	11	5
30 to 49 years	15	48	27	6	4
50 to 64 years	14	45	33	8	1
50 years and older	13	46	33	7	1
65 years and older	12	46	34	7	1
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	10	48	35	6	2
College graduate	7	55	32	5	1
Some college	14	46	29	7	3
High school graduate or less	15	39	33	9	3
<b>Income</b>					
\$75,000 and over	11	53	30	5	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	16	42	30	9	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	10	46	35	6	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	18	45	25	11	1
Under \$20,000	16	33	35	11	3
<b>Region</b>					
East	13	52	27	7	1
Midwest	10	47	35	6	1
South	14	40	34	9	4
West	12	41	34	8	4
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	15	50	29	4	1
Democrat	12	40	35	11	2
Independent	11	44	32	8	4
<b>Ideology</b>					
Conservative	14	50	27	6	3
Moderate	13	43	35	7	2
Liberal	10	39	39	11	1

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,037 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 19-21, 2010. 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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