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Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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: Police officers?"

	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
National	12%	42%	35%	8%	3%
Sex					
Male	13	41	36	8	2
Female	11	43	34	8	3
Race					
White	13	46	32	7	3
Nonwhite	9	34	43	11	4
Black	5	34	42	13	7
Age					
18 to 29 years	13	32	41	11	3
30 to 49 years	12	44	33	10	1
50 to 64 years	12	42	37	5	4
50 years and older	11	45	35	5	4
65 years and older	10	50	32	4	3
Education					
College post graduate	9	51	31	7	2
College graduate	16	55	27	2	0
Some college	14	41	38	5	3
High school graduate or less	10	36	38	12	4
Income					
\$75,000 and over	14	50	31	3	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	9	51	30	7	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	12	38	38	11	1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	15	31	38	11	5
Under \$20,000	7	30	40	14	10
Region					
East	8	47	35	6	4
Midwest	16	40	33	10	1
South	13	42	36	5	3
West	9	39	37	12	2
Politics					
Republican	16	51	27	4	2
Independent	11	37	39	10	4
Democrat	9	42	38	8	3
Ideology					
Conservative	14	45	32	5	4
Moderate	12	45	34	6	2
Liberal	9	34	41	15	2

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,012 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2011. 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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