

Table 2.22

**Respondents' ratings of performance of police in own community**

United States, 2000 and 2002<sup>a</sup>

Question: "How would you rate the police in your community on the following--excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?"

	Excellent	Pretty good	Only fair	Poor	Not sure/ refused
<u>Responding quickly to calls for help and assistance</u>					
2000	31%	38%	17%	8%	6%
2002	30	38	18	10	5
<u>Not using excessive force</u>					
2000	33	39	14	7	8
2002	29	38	17	7	9
<u>Being helpful and friendly</u>					
2000	37	37	16	8	2
2002	35	38	16	8	3
<u>Treating people fairly</u>					
2000	24	43	19	10	4
2002	26	40	20	10	4
<u>Preventing crime</u>					
2000	21	48	20	9	1
2002	20	45	21	10	3
<u>Solving crime</u>					
2000	16	47	23	7	6
2002	16	45	24	9	6

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2002 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,021 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Feb. 13-19, 2002. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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