

Table 2.34

Attitudes toward level of crime in the United States

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

Question: "Is there more crime in the U.S. than there was a year ago, or less?"

	More	Less	Same ^a	Don't know/ refused
National	60%	25%	11%	4%
Sex				
Male	52	32	12	4
Female	66	19	10	5
Race				
White	57	26	12	5
Nonwhite	70	21	6	3
Black	84	11	4	1
Age				
18 to 29 years	59	32	7	2
30 to 49 years	61	24	11	4
50 to 64 years	56	29	12	3
50 years and older	59	23	12	6
65 years and older	63	15	13	9
Education				
College post graduate	41	39	16	4
College graduate	52	31	13	4
Some college	55	27	13	5
High school graduate or less	73	17	6	4
Income				
\$75,000 and over	43	39	13	5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	50	33	14	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	67	22	7	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	72	15	8	5
Under \$20,000	69	13	13	5
Community				
Urban area	61	25	10	4
Suburban area	58	26	11	5
Rural area	61	24	12	3
Region				
East	62	23	11	4
Midwest	57	28	11	4
South	60	28	9	3
West	58	21	14	7
Politics				
Republican	47	35	12	6
Democrat	69	17	10	4
Independent	62	24	10	4

Note: See Note, [table 2.13](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aResponse volunteered.

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