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Attitudes toward level of crime in the United States

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008^a

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

	More	Less	Same ^b	Don't know/ refused
National	67%	15%	9%	9%
Sex				
Male	61	19	10	10
Female	73	11	8	8
Race				
White	66	15	9	10
Nonwhite	70	15	8	7
Black	81	10	5	4
Age				
18 to 29 years	74	15	4	6
30 to 49 years	66	15	9	10
50 to 64 years	65	13	13	8
50 years and older	66	14	11	9
65 years and older	68	16	7	10
Education				
College post graduate	51	23	11	15
College graduate	55	21	12	13
Some college	72	13	7	7
High school graduate or less	75	10	8	7
Income				
\$75,000 and over	61	19	10	10
\$50,000 to \$74,999	63	16	11	10
\$30,000 to \$49,999	71	12	7	10
\$20,000 to \$29,999	64	18	6	12
Under \$20,000	86	7	6	1
Region				
East	66	17	8	9
Midwest	67	13	14	6
South	73	13	7	8
West	61	18	8	14
Politics				
Republican	63	17	9	10
Democrat	72	12	8	9
Independent	67	16	9	8
Ideology				
Conservative	65	17	8	9
Moderate	71	14	8	7
Liberal	65	14	8	13

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2008 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,011 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 3-5, 2008. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^bResponse volunteered.

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