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Attitudes toward level of crime in the United States

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2009^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	74%	15%	6%	5%
Sex				
Male	71	17	7	5
Female	78	12	5	5
Race				
White	73	16	6	6
Nonwhite	79	13	6	2
Black	79	16	5	(c)
Age				
18 to 29 years	70	21	7	2
30 to 49 years	76	13	3	8
50 to 64 years	77	13	6	3
65 years and older	76	14	7	3
65 years and older	75	14	8	4
Education				
College post graduate	58	22	13	8
College graduate	73	17	5	4
Some college	74	15	6	5
High school graduate or less	83	11	2	4
Income				
\$75,000 and over	71	18	7	4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	72	16	7	5
\$30,000 to \$49,999	73	14	6	7
\$20,000 to \$29,999	75	14	7	4
Under \$20,000	83	13	2	2
Region				
East	69	16	9	6
Midwest	72	19	4	5
South	82	11	5	3
West	71	16	6	7
Politics				
Republican	79	13	3	5
Democrat	72	17	8	4
Independent	73	15	6	6
Ideology				
Conservative	79	11	4	6
Moderate	75	16	6	3
Liberal	65	21	10	4

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,013 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 1-4, 2009. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^a Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^b Response volunteered.

^c Less than 0.5%.

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