

Table 2.34.2011

Attitudes toward level of crime in the United States

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011<sup>a</sup>

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

	More	Less	Same <sup>b</sup>	Don't know/ refused
National	68%	17%	8%	8%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	62	22	8	7
Female	73	11	8	8
<b>Race</b>				
White	68	15	8	8
Nonwhite	68	19	7	6
Black	70	16	5	8
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	62	22	8	9
30 to 49 years	69	14	9	8
50 to 64 years	64	21	8	7
65 years and older	69	16	8	6
75 years and older	77	10	7	6
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	50	27	14	8
College graduate	55	22	12	11
Some college	68	17	6	9
High school graduate or less	78	11	5	5
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	53	25	11	11
\$50,000 to \$74,999	70	14	6	10
\$30,000 to \$49,999	70	14	12	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	84	8	5	3
Under \$20,000	74	18	3	5
<b>Region</b>				
East	73	10	10	8
Midwest	72	16	5	7
South	75	13	6	6
West	48	28	13	11
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	75	11	7	6
Independent	66	17	8	9
Democrat	63	22	8	7
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	79	6	6	8
Moderate	63	21	10	6
Liberal	53	30	9	8

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,005 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 6-9, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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

<sup>b</sup>Response volunteered.

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