

Table 2.36

Attitudes toward level of crime in own area

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

Question: "Is there more crime in your area than there was a year ago, or less?"

	More	Less	Same ^a	Don't know/ refused
National	40%	39%	19%	2%
Sex				
Male	34	44	20	2
Female	46	34	19	1
Race				
White	40	38	20	2
Nonwhite	42	41	15	2
Black	47	43	10	0
Age				
18 to 29 years	43	45	11	1
30 to 49 years	37	41	19	3
50 to 64 years	43	36	19	2
50 years and older	42	33	23	2
65 years and older	42	28	29	1
Education				
College post graduate	26	43	28	3
College graduate	32	42	25	1
Some college	39	39	19	3
High school graduate or less	49	35	15	1
Income				
\$75,000 and over	25	48	24	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	38	42	20	(b)
\$30,000 to \$49,999	44	39	15	2
\$20,000 to \$29,999	43	37	19	1
Under \$20,000	52	26	21	1
Community				
Urban area	41	36	20	3
Suburban area	39	41	18	2
Rural area	42	37	21	(b)
Region				
East	44	33	21	2
Midwest	35	43	21	1
South	41	41	16	2
West	41	36	20	3
Politics				
Republican	33	45	20	2
Democrat	45	34	19	2
Independent	42	38	19	1

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

^aResponse volunteered.

^bLess than 0.5%.

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