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Table 2.36.2007

**Attitudes toward level of crime in own area**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007<sup>a</sup>

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

	More	Less	Same <sup>b</sup>	Don't know/ refused
National	51%	29%	17%	4%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	49	29	20	3
Female	53	28	14	4
<b>Race</b>				
White	48	28	19	4
Nonwhite	59	30	9	2
Black	50	41	8	1
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	53	33	11	4
30 to 49 years	48	29	18	5
50 to 64 years	51	28	19	2
50 years and older	52	28	18	2
65 years and older	53	27	17	3
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	52	27	16	5
College graduate	47	33	18	2
Some college	47	27	20	6
High school graduate or less	54	29	15	2
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	47	30	20	4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	54	32	12	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	51	23	22	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	30	9	3
Under \$20,000	55	29	12	4
<b>Community</b>				
Urban area	53	27	15	4
Suburban area	50	31	16	3
Rural area	49	24	23	4
<b>Region</b>				
East	52	28	20	1
Midwest	45	28	23	3
South	53	29	14	4
West	51	30	12	7
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	46	31	18	5
Democrat	53	28	16	2
Independent	52	27	18	4
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	52	29	17	2
Moderate	44	32	17	6
Liberal	54	24	19	3

Note: See Note, [table 2.33.2007](#). 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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