

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Attitudes toward level of crime in own area

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008^a

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

	More	Less	Same ^b	Don't know/ refused
National	44%	31%	19%	5%
Sex				
Male	41	33	20	5
Female	47	29	18	5
Race				
White	43	29	22	5
Nonwhite	46	37	12	5
Black	53	38	6	3
Age				
18 to 29 years	35	39	18	7
30 to 49 years	49	30	15	5
50 to 64 years	41	29	27	3
65 years and older	44	29	23	4
65 years and older	48	30	17	6
Education				
College post graduate	36	32	26	7
College graduate	36	35	21	8
Some college	47	34	16	2
High school graduate or less	49	28	18	5
Income				
\$75,000 and over	39	36	21	4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	45	31	20	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	44	29	20	7
\$20,000 to \$29,999	40	31	23	6
Under \$20,000	58	26	12	5
Region				
East	43	38	17	3
Midwest	41	26	28	4
South	51	29	13	7
West	38	34	22	6
Politics				
Republican	40	37	19	4
Democrat	48	30	17	5
Independent	45	29	22	5
Ideology				
Conservative	43	33	19	5
Moderate	44	32	20	3
Liberal	46	29	18	7

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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