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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2009<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%	16%	4%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	46	31	19	4
Female	55	28	14	3
<b>Race</b>				
White	50	29	17	5
Nonwhite	53	30	15	2
Black	48	40	11	1
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	41	45	11	3
30 to 49 years	56	24	16	5
50 to 64 years	53	29	16	2
50 years and older	52	27	18	3
65 years and older	51	25	20	4
<b>Education</b>				
College post graduate	43	32	22	3
College graduate	50	27	20	2
Some college	48	30	16	6
High school graduate or less	57	29	12	3
<b>Income</b>				
\$75,000 and over	46	32	20	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	52	28	14	5
\$30,000 to \$49,999	50	29	18	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	58	24	14	3
Under \$20,000	51	36	7	6
<b>Region</b>				
East	46	30	19	5
Midwest	50	28	16	7
South	59	26	14	1
West	45	35	16	4
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	53	31	11	5
Democrat	47	35	17	2
Independent	51	25	19	5
<b>Ideology</b>				
Conservative	53	26	16	4
Moderate	51	32	15	2
Liberal	45	36	15	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](#).

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

<sup>b</sup> Response volunteered.

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