

Table 2.52

Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

Question: "Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?"

	Yes, in favor	No, not in favor	Don't know/ refused
National	64%	32%	4%
Sex			
Male	70	26	4
Female	58	37	5
Race			
White	67	29	4
Nonwhite	52	42	6
Black	39	54	7
Age			
18 to 29 years	65	34	1
30 to 49 years	65	33	2
50 to 64 years	65	31	4
50 years and older	62	31	7
65 years and older	58	29	13
Education			
College post graduate	47	50	3
College graduate	65	33	2
Some college	68	28	4
High school graduate or less	67	28	5
Income			
\$75,000 and over	64	36	0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	65	31	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	72	25	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	62	33	5
Under \$20,000	52	39	9
Community			
Urban area	60	35	5
Suburban area	67	30	3
Rural area	64	31	5
Region			
East	53	44	3
Midwest	61	36	3
South	71	24	5
West	69	26	5
Politics			
Republican	84	14	2
Democrat	51	42	7
Independent	58	39	3

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

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