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**Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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%	30%	6%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	70	24	6
Female	59	34	7
<b>Race</b>			
White	69	26	5
Nonwhite	49	41	10
Black	35	56	9
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	60	36	4
30 to 49 years	64	29	7
50 to 64 years	69	25	6
50 years and older	66	27	7
65 years and older	61	31	8
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	54	41	5
College graduate	62	34	4
Some college	69	24	7
High school graduate or less	66	27	7
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	64	29	7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	68	26	6
\$30,000 to \$49,999	68	29	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	67	26	7
Under \$20,000	57	33	10
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	59	33	8
Suburban area	66	29	5
Rural area	67	25	8
<b>Region</b>			
East	59	35	6
Midwest	64	30	6
South	68	25	7
West	65	29	6
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	77	18	5
Democrat	56	37	7
Independent	63	31	6

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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