

Table 2.75

High school seniors reporting positive attitudes toward the performance of the courts and the justice system in general

By sex, race, region, college plans, and illicit drug use, United States, 1991-2003

Question: "Now we'd like you to make some ratings of how good or bad a job you feel each of the following organizations is doing for the country as a whole. . . . How good or bad a job is being done for the country as a whole by. . . all the courts and the justice system in general?"

(Percent responding "good" or "very good")

	Class of 1991 (N=2,582)	Class of 1992 (N=2,684)	Class of 1993 (N=2,773)	Class of 1994 (N=2,642)	Class of 1995 (N=2,658)	Class of 1996 (N=2,455)	Class of 1997 (N=2,648)	Class of 1998 (N=2,608)	Class of 1999 (N=2,357)	Class of 2000 (N=2,216)	Class of 2001 (N=2,201)	Class of 2002 (N=2,250)	Class of 2003 (N=2,523)
Total	31.2%	23.4%	21.1%	19.3%	20.6%	21.2%	22.4%	25.7%	29.4%	28.9%	30.7%	32.9%	31.7%
Sex													
Male	33.8	25.3	24.0	20.5	22.3	25.7	23.9	27.0	32.1	32.4	31.5	34.4	32.6
Female	28.8	21.5	18.7	18.2	18.6	16.8	20.9	24.4	27.2	26.3	30.4	32.1	31.2
Race													
White	32.5	24.6	22.4	20.5	21.4	21.5	23.5	26.1	29.7	29.5	33.1	34.8	35.5
Black	23.5	18.6	13.6	12.0	17.3	20.8	17.6	23.5	25.5	22.9	22.3	26.6	19.3
Region													
Northeast	31.0	18.1	19.7	18.5	17.6	20.4	23.5	23.3	30.5	29.3	31.1	34.1	29.9
North Central	34.4	24.5	22.6	19.0	23.2	19.5	21.5	26.3	32.3	26.7	32.7	31.2	36.9
South	28.0	24.5	20.8	19.5	20.0	25.2	23.5	26.5	27.3	29.4	30.6	36.6	32.6
West	32.7	24.8	20.6	20.4	20.6	16.3	20.0	26.1	28.0	30.3	28.0	27.9	26.1
College plans													
Yes	32.7	24.0	21.8	20.6	20.4	20.6	22.8	26.1	30.3	30.4	32.4	34.5	31.0
No	27.6	22.8	17.6	16.4	21.0	23.2	21.6	22.9	28.8	25.2	26.2	27.7	35.5
Lifetime illicit drug use													
None	34.3	25.8	23.0	21.0	20.9	19.4	24.1	28.5	31.0	31.6	31.5	33.2	33.9
Marijuana only	29.3	22.0	19.6	18.3	19.5	23.4	21.8	25.0	32.4	28.2	29.6	33.8	30.0
Few pills	27.0	15.4	18.5	16.8	25.2	29.1	19.7	21.0	33.7	32.1	33.9	36.7	31.8
More pills	25.2	19.6	16.9	17.9	18.4	19.7	20.7	25.8	20.4	24.7	29.1	29.1	29.4

Note: See Notes, [tables 2.70](#) and [2.71](#). Response categories were "very poor," "poor," "fair," "good," "very good," and "no opinion." Readers interested in responses to this question for 1975 through 1990 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 6](#).

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