

Table 2.12

Reported confidence in local police

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence, you, yourself have in each one: a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little. . .your local police?"

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
National	25.6%	34.3%	27.8%	12.3%
<u>Sex</u>				
Male	26.2	33.8	26.3	13.7
Female	25.1	34.7	29.2	11.0
<u>Race, ethnicity</u>				
White	24.5	38.5	26.0	11.0
Black	26.1	18.0	35.1	20.7
Hispanic	31.2	22.1	35.1	11.7
<u>Age</u>				
18 to 24 years	22.7	31.2	29.8	16.3
25 to 39 years	25.5	33.9	27.6	12.9
40 to 59 years	25.9	34.9	28.0	11.1
60 years and older	28.2	36.2	26.4	9.2
<u>Education</u>				
College graduate	30.2	38.8	24.7	6.2
Some college	27.6	32.5	26.6	13.3
High school graduate	20.8	34.7	30.3	14.2
Less than high school graduate	23.6	28.5	30.9	17.1
<u>Income</u>				
Over \$60,000	26.4	41.4	27.8	4.4
\$30,000 to \$60,000	24.0	33.6	28.4	13.9
\$15,000 to \$29,999	22.1	34.6	29.2	14.2
Less than \$15,000	30.4	28.3	24.6	16.7
<u>Community</u>				
Urban	27.1	24.7	34.9	13.3
Suburban	27.5	36.6	25.4	10.6
Small city	25.1	39.7	26.3	8.9
Rural/small town	24.0	34.3	27.1	14.6
<u>Region</u>				
Northeast	18.7	30.4	33.3	17.5
Midwest	25.8	38.4	22.9	12.9
South	25.6	36.0	28.5	9.9
West	30.5	29.7	28.5	11.2
<u>Politics</u>				
Republican	29.2	35.8	26.3	8.7
Democrat	24.9	35.3	29.1	10.7
Independent/other	22.5	35.5	26.4	15.6

Note: See Note, table 2.10. The "don't know" and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

Source: Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff from data provided by the Survey Research Program, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University.