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**Respondents' confidence in ability of police to protect, solve crime, and prevent crime**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to **protect** you from crime? What about the ability of the police to **solve** crime? What about the ability of the police to **prevent** crime? Would you say: a great deal, some, little or none at all?"

	Protect from crime				Solve crime				Prevent crime			
	A great deal	Some	Little	None at all	A great deal	Some	Little	None at all	A great deal	Some	Little	None at all
National	30.2%	44.0%	16.1%	8.1%	25.4%	48.1%	14.8%	7.8%	16.7%	48.0%	21.1%	11.3%
<b>Sex</b>												
Male	30.8	41.9	16.3	9.1	29.0	43.7	17.0	7.7	17.6	45.6	22.0	12.9
Female	29.6	45.9	15.9	7.3	22.1	52.2	12.9	7.9	15.7	50.1	20.3	9.8
<b>Race</b>												
White	31.6	44.1	15.4	7.2	27.0	49.2	14.0	6.2	16.4	49.2	22.1	9.5
Black	18.1	41.9	24.8	15.2	15.2	44.8	20.0	18.1	15.4	40.4	17.3	26.9
Hispanic	33.8	48.6	12.2	5.4	21.6	45.9	14.9	9.5	18.9	48.6	16.2	9.5
<b>Age</b>												
18 to 29 years	25.7	41.9	17.1	13.5	23.0	41.9	18.5	13.5	15.4	42.1	24.4	16.3
30 to 39 years	24.8	50.0	16.9	7.2	21.7	56.0	14.1	5.1	13.7	54.5	19.9	9.4
40 to 59 years	32.2	44.2	14.2	8.2	25.5	50.0	14.2	7.5	15.5	48.4	22.5	12.0
60 years and older	43.4	35.8	15.0	2.9	36.2	38.5	13.2	4.0	25.4	44.5	16.8	5.8
<b>Education</b>												
College graduate	27.9	46.8	17.5	6.1	24.3	52.5	13.2	7.1	13.7	53.2	23.4	7.9
Some college	30.2	42.1	17.5	8.4	25.5	45.1	17.5	7.0	14.0	45.8	26.2	11.5
High school graduate	31.1	45.5	12.0	10.5	25.1	49.2	14.4	8.6	19.7	47.4	16.0	14.2
Less than high school graduate	35.3	36.3	18.6	6.9	30.0	40.0	14.0	8.0	23.8	41.6	14.9	11.9
<b>Income</b>												
Over \$60,000	28.5	44.6	19.4	7.0	25.3	54.3	13.4	5.9	12.3	46.0	26.2	14.4
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	28.3	47.6	16.9	6.1	24.3	51.7	15.7	5.8	16.0	53.6	18.5	9.7
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	28.9	43.1	15.9	8.8	25.9	40.2	18.8	9.6	18.4	47.3	23.8	8.4
Less than \$15,000	41.0	35.0	11.1	11.1	29.4	45.4	11.8	7.6	24.2	35.8	16.7	15.8
<b>Community</b>												
Urban	28.2	43.6	19.9	8.3	22.3	49.0	17.2	8.9	17.7	39.9	22.8	16.5
Suburban	31.3	45.7	15.5	4.9	28.8	49.2	12.9	4.9	14.9	51.5	21.8	9.5
Small city	30.9	47.9	10.1	10.1	22.3	53.2	9.0	11.2	16.5	51.6	18.1	11.7
Rural/small town	30.7	40.9	17.6	8.9	26.8	43.8	18.4	7.1	17.8	46.9	21.7	9.7
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast	29.0	42.6	20.5	6.8	24.4	46.0	17.6	6.8	18.2	48.9	19.9	10.2
Midwest	32.1	43.9	13.5	10.5	23.2	54.0	11.4	8.9	19.0	47.3	19.0	11.4
South	27.8	45.3	17.8	7.4	26.1	44.7	18.1	6.6	16.6	45.3	22.3	12.3
West	32.6	43.8	13.2	7.4	27.3	48.8	11.6	9.1	13.2	52.1	22.3	10.3
<b>Politics</b>												
Republican	30.0	46.4	14.3	7.8	27.9	48.3	14.6	5.1	12.9	55.4	18.0	11.6
Democrat	28.7	46.2	17.6	6.5	24.6	47.7	16.0	8.5	15.7	47.9	21.8	11.1
Independent/other	31.3	41.6	15.6	9.8	24.7	49.2	14.4	8.2	18.8	43.0	23.9	11.7

Note: The National Opinion Survey on Crime and Justice - 1995 was designed and commissioned by the College of Criminal Justice's Survey Research Program at Sam Houston State University. The data were collected by the Public Policy Research Institute of Texas A & M University through telephone interviews conducted from June 2 to June 26, 1995. A total of 1,005 interviews were conducted from a stratified random sample of all working telephone numbers in the United States. The data presented are weighted estimates adjusted according to U.S. Bureau of the Census racial/ethnic group and gender population figures for 1990. The "don't know" and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

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