

Table 2.93

High school seniors reporting that they worry about crime and violence

By sex, race, region, college plans, and illicit drug use, United States, 1984-96

Question: "Of all the problems facing the nation today, how often do you worry about... crime and violence?"

(Percent responding "often" or "sometimes")

	Class of 1984 (N=3,294)	Class of 1985 (N=3,286)	Class of 1986 (N=3,073)	Class of 1987 (N=3,370)	Class of 1988 (N=3,326)	Class of 1989 (N=2,849)	Class of 1990 (N=2,595)	Class of 1991 (N=2,595)	Class of 1992 (N=2,736)	Class of 1993 (N=2,807)	Class of 1994 (N=2,664)	Class of 1995 (N=2,646)	Class of 1996 (N=2,502)
Total	83.9%	82.3%	79.4%	81.9%	83.9%	86.3%	88.8%	88.1%	91.6%	90.8%	92.7%	90.2%	90.1%
<b>Sex</b>													
Male	77.5	76.6	70.8	73.7	76.0	80.9	84.8	82.6	87.6	85.7	88.4	85.8	84.8
Female	90.4	88.0	87.4	90.3	91.8	92.2	93.4	93.6	95.7	95.6	96.5	95.1	95.4
<b>Race</b>													
White	83.3	80.9	78.4	80.8	82.8	84.6	88.1	86.6	90.5	89.4	92.9	90.0	89.5
Black	90.4	88.9	81.9	94.2	88.2	91.8	92.7	94.5	96.9	95.1	90.7	93.0	92.9
<b>Region</b>													
Northeast	82.7	80.0	77.0	77.9	81.9	83.0	87.7	86.0	92.0	90.6	91.0	91.7	89.4
North Central	83.6	81.7	78.9	81.6	81.7	83.0	87.0	88.8	87.6	90.2	93.2	86.7	87.4
South	86.0	83.6	82.3	85.3	86.1	89.4	90.4	88.4	93.8	91.2	93.3	91.3	91.1
West	81.9	84.0	78.4	81.3	85.4	88.2	89.4	89.0	93.0	91.4	92.4	92.2	93.4
<b>College plans</b>													
Yes	85.6	83.3	80.9	82.8	85.4	88.0	89.8	89.9	93.1	92.4	94.1	92.6	91.6
No	82.0	81.4	77.2	79.4	80.8	82.8	88.0	83.9	87.7	85.8	89.4	84.0	86.2
<b>Lifetime illicit drug use</b>													
None	87.5	84.5	80.3	83.2	85.8	88.8	90.6	90.7	92.9	91.9	94.1	91.8	90.5
Marijuana only	84.0	80.5	79.2	81.7	83.9	86.6	87.1	85.4	89.6	91.1	91.5	90.9	91.9
Few pills	86.6	81.9	80.0	80.8	83.7	85.2	87.6	86.6	89.4	90.7	95.6	92.6	91.0
More pills	78.4	81.6	77.8	81.2	81.2	81.7	85.7	84.8	90.6	87.4	89.5	84.1	87.4

Note: See Note, table 2.92. Data are given for those who identify themselves as white or Caucasian and those who identify themselves as black or African-American because these are the two largest racial/ethnic subgroups in the population. Data are not given for the other ethnic categories because each of these groups comprises a small portion of the sample in any given year (Source, 1992, p. 9). "College plans" distinguishes those seniors who expect to graduate from a 4-year college from those who expect to receive some college training or none. The four drug use categories are based on an index of seriousness of involvement. The "pills" category indicates use of any of a number of drugs including some that usually are not taken in pill form. Respondents indicating the use of one or more of a number of illicit drugs but who had not used any one class of them on three or more occasions and did not use heroin at all fall into the "few pills" category. Respondents indicating such use on three or more occasions and who did not use heroin at all fall into the "more pills" category. Respondents reporting heroin use were included in a separate category that is not presented here due to the small number of respondents indicating such use. (Source, 1995, pp. 8, 9, 14.)

Response categories were "never," "seldom," "sometimes," and "often." Readers interested in responses to this question for 1975 through 1983 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

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