

Table 2.21

**Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of police**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "Please tell me how you would rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in these different fields--very high, high, average, low, or very low: Police?"

	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low
National	10%	39%	38%	8%	3%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	9	39	38	9	4
Female	10	39	39	7	2
<b>Race</b>					
White	10	41	39	6	2
Black	5	27	36	17	14
Nonwhite <sup>a</sup>	5	27	36	19	10
<b>Age</b>					
18 to 29 years	10	45	27	10	7
30 to 49 years	11	39	37	8	3
50 to 64 years	8	36	45	7	2
65 years and older	6	36	46	5	3
<b>Education</b>					
College post graduate	10	35	44	10	1
College graduate	10	39	42	7	2
Some college	10	41	40	5	2
No college	9	38	35	9	6
<b>Income</b>					
\$75,000 and over	6	45	43	5	1
\$50,000 and over <sup>b</sup>	6	39	48	5	1
\$30,000 to \$49,999	11	44	35	7	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	7	38	33	17	4
Under \$20,000	13	37	34	5	7
<b>Community</b>					
Urban area	7	40	37	11	3
Suburban area	10	40	39	6	3
Rural area	11	37	39	6	5
<b>Region</b>					
East	9	38	40	7	4
Midwest	8	41	36	11	2
South	8	38	42	7	4
West	14	40	33	6	4
<b>Politics</b>					
Republican	10	41	39	7	2
Democrat	9	40	36	8	5
Independent	10	38	39	7	3

Note: The "refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

<sup>a</sup>Includes black respondents.

<sup>b</sup>Includes \$75,000 and over category.

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