

Table 2.23

Reported confidence in ability of police to protect from violent crime

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to protect you from violent crime?"

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Not very much	None at all
National	20%	30%	39%	9%
Sex				
Male	18	29	39	12
Female	22	32	38	7
Race				
White	21	31	38	9
Nonwhite ^a	15	25	45	13
Black	16	22	46	14
Age				
18 to 29 years	21	33	31	15
30 to 49 years	13	31	47	8
50 to 64 years	26	24	38	9
65 years and older	32	32	27	6
Education				
College post graduate	16	33	43	7
College graduate	14	35	44	6
Some college	21	32	37	10
No college	23	27	37	11
Income				
\$75,000 and over	13	31	46	9
\$50,000 and over ^b	14	34	41	10
\$30,000 to \$49,999	16	32	43	9
\$20,000 to \$29,999	21	30	40	9
Under \$20,000	28	25	36	8
Community				
Urban area	19	29	40	11
Suburban area	18	33	39	8
Rural area	25	28	36	10
Region				
East	21	29	38	10
Midwest	24	32	35	9
South	20	31	38	9
West	16	28	46	9
Politics				
Republican	24	35	33	7
Democrat	21	29	40	8
Independent	17	28	41	12

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

^aIncludes black respondents.

^bIncludes \$75,000 and over category.

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