

Table 2.97

High school seniors reporting positive attitudes toward the performance of the courts and the justice system in general

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

Question: "Now we'd like you to make some ratings of how good or bad a job you feel each of the following organizations is doing for the country as a whole. . . . How good or bad a job is being done for the country as a whole by . . . all the courts and the justice system in general?"

(Percent responding "good" or "very good")

	Class of 1984 (N=3,287)	Class of 1985 (N=3,294)	Class of 1986 (N=3,159)	Class of 1987 (N=3,357)	Class of 1988 (N=3,378)	Class of 1989 (N=2,852)	Class of 1990 (N=2,600)	Class of 1991 (N=2,582)	Class of 1992 (N=2,684)	Class of 1993 (N=2,773)	Class of 1994 (N=2,642)	Class of 1995 (N=2,658)	Class of 1996 (N=2,455)
Total	28.7%	28.7%	34.4%	33.7%	31.6%	31.7%	27.8%	31.2%	23.4%	21.1%	19.3%	20.6%	21.2%
Sex													
Male	29.4	30.0	33.0	36.1	31.7	33.2	30.9	33.8	25.3	24.0	20.5	22.3	25.7
Female	28.2	27.2	35.2	31.3	32.1	30.1	24.9	28.8	21.5	18.7	18.2	18.6	16.8
Race													
White	29.0	28.8	34.7	33.8	34.0	32.2	27.3	32.5	24.6	22.4	20.5	21.4	21.5
Black	26.4	28.9	35.4	30.9	21.6	26.8	26.4	23.5	18.6	13.6	12.0	17.3	20.8
Region													
Northeast	28.6	29.2	29.2	32.3	31.2	27.2	22.8	31.0	18.1	19.7	18.5	17.6	20.4
North Central	27.6	28.3	34.8	33.3	31.7	33.7	27.2	34.4	24.5	22.6	19.0	23.2	19.5
South	26.6	27.2	36.8	34.4	34.1	33.4	31.1	28.0	24.5	20.8	19.5	20.0	25.2
West	35.0	31.2	36.3	34.6	27.4	29.9	28.8	32.7	24.8	20.6	20.4	20.6	16.3
College plans													
Yes	29.8	28.9	34.2	34.7	32.7	32.3	27.6	32.7	24.0	21.8	20.6	20.4	20.6
No	27.2	27.7	34.6	31.8	30.2	31.2	27.8	27.6	22.8	17.6	16.4	21.0	23.2
Lifetime illicit drug use													
None	29.3	28.6	33.9	35.0	32.7	31.6	29.9	34.3	25.8	23.0	21.0	20.9	19.4
Marijuana only	29.8	31.4	36.4	33.8	31.5	33.2	25.7	29.3	22.0	19.6	18.3	19.5	23.4
Few pills	28.5	27.7	36.1	35.8	30.8	28.2	25.4	27.0	15.4	18.5	16.8	25.2	29.1
More pills	26.6	26.4	33.1	28.9	29.2	33.6	24.2	25.2	19.6	16.9	17.9	18.4	19.7

Note: See Notes, tables 2.92 and 2.93. Response categories were "very poor," "poor," "fair," "good," "very good," and "no opinion." 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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