

Table 2.15

Reported confidence in the local court system

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence, you, yourself have in each one: a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little. . .your local court system?"

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
National	11.7%	22.3%	43.2%	22.8%
Sex				
Male	14.2	21.1	41.1	23.6
Female	9.4	23.5	45.2	21.9
Race, ethnicity				
White	12.1	23.4	43.0	21.5
Black	5.7	11.4	54.3	28.6
Hispanic	18.1	20.8	31.9	29.2
Age				
18 to 24 years	10.2	21.2	49.6	19.0
25 to 39 years	13.8	20.4	43.6	22.1
40 to 59 years	11.1	24.9	42.3	21.7
60 years and older	9.9	21.9	39.7	28.5
Education				
College graduate	14.5	27.3	43.3	14.9
Some college	10.3	19.9	52.7	17.0
High school graduate	10.5	19.8	40.2	29.4
Less than high school graduate	11.7	23.4	25.2	39.6
Income				
Over \$60,000	12.4	27.1	47.2	13.3
\$30,000 to \$60,000	12.4	20.6	47.6	19.4
\$15,000 to \$29,999	9.7	21.1	42.7	26.4
Less than \$15,000	11.8	22.8	32.3	33.1
Community				
Urban	6.3	19.4	47.5	26.9
Suburban	14.2	21.5	45.3	19.0
Small city	7.5	27.2	38.7	26.6
Rural/small town	13.6	22.1	41.9	22.4
Region				
Northeast	9.1	20.6	47.3	23.0
Midwest	15.1	26.0	41.1	17.7
South	10.5	22.3	43.8	23.4
West	12.1	18.6	41.6	27.7
Politics				
Republican	15.4	25.7	41.4	17.5
Democrat	11.7	24.6	43.4	20.3
Independent/other	7.2	18.5	43.4	30.9

Note: See Note, table 2.10. The "don't know" and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

Source: Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff from data provided by the Survey Research Program, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University.