

Table 2.54

**Attitudes toward how harshly criminal justice system treats drunk drivers**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "Thinking now about drunk drivers, does the criminal justice system deal too harshly, not harshly enough or about right with drunk drivers?"

	Too harshly	Not harshly enough	About right
National	4.4%	58.7%	33.2%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	6.0	49.9	40.6
Female	2.9	66.8	26.3
<b>Race</b>			
White	4.9	58.6	33.0
Black	1.0	62.9	33.3
Hispanic	2.7	62.2	28.4
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	3.2	61.7	32.4
30 to 39 years	3.6	58.8	34.1
40 to 59 years	6.0	58.0	33.8
60 years and older	4.0	56.3	31.6
<b>Education</b>			
College graduate	2.9	59.5	32.6
Some college	3.9	57.5	35.8
High school graduate	5.5	59.1	31.7
Less than high school graduate	5.9	56.9	34.3
<b>Income</b>			
Over \$60,000	4.8	59.1	32.3
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	3.0	56.5	38.8
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	5.9	64.4	25.9
Less than \$15,000	2.5	57.6	32.2
<b>Community</b>			
Urban	1.3	65.6	30.6
Suburban	4.5	57.2	33.0
Small city	4.8	55.3	36.7
Rural/small town	5.2	58.8	32.5
<b>Region</b>			
Northeast	4.0	58.2	35.0
Midwest	5.9	57.6	33.2
South	3.4	58.6	34.5
West	4.6	60.4	29.6
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	4.1	56.0	37.5
Democrat	1.4	68.6	27.1
Independent/other	5.6	55.2	34.0

Note: See Note, table 2.22. 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.