

Table 2.67

**Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996<sup>a</sup>

Question: "Are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?"

	Yes	No	Don't know/ refused
National	73.4%	19.9%	6.7%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	81.7	13.7	4.6
Female	65.6	25.7	8.7
<b>Race, ethnicity</b>			
White	77.2	16.5	6.3
Black	58.6	32.4	9.0
Hispanic	61.0	33.8	5.2
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 24 years	70.4	26.8	2.8
25 to 39 years	70.6	23.4	6.0
40 to 59 years	77.0	14.1	8.9
60 years and older	73.0	20.2	6.7
<b>Education</b>			
College graduate	67.2	26.4	6.4
Some college	74.5	18.5	7.1
High school graduate	80.5	14.5	5.0
Less than high school graduate	67.2	21.3	11.5
<b>Income</b>			
Over \$60,000	74.1	19.7	6.1
\$30,000 to \$60,000	78.8	16.6	4.6
\$15,000 to \$29,999	71.0	20.7	8.3
Less than \$15,000	65.0	30.0	5.0
<b>Community</b>			
Urban	65.3	28.7	6.0
Suburban	76.7	15.3	8.0
Small city	71.8	21.0	7.2
Rural/small town	75.0	19.0	6.0
<b>Region</b>			
Northeast	67.6	26.7	5.7
Midwest	75.5	15.0	9.5
South	72.2	21.6	6.2
West	77.1	17.7	5.2
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	81.0	14.1	4.9
Democrat	68.0	26.4	5.6
Independent/other	72.8	18.5	8.7

Note: See Note, table 2.10.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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