

Table 2.16

Reported confidence in the State prison 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 state prison system?"

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
National	7.9%	17.6%	42.2%	32.3%
<u>Sex</u>				
Male	10.6	19.0	37.8	32.7
Female	5.3	16.2	46.4	32.0
<u>Race, ethnicity</u>				
White	7.2	19.1	43.9	29.7
Black	9.0	6.0	42.0	43.0
Hispanic	17.6	20.6	26.5	35.3
<u>Age</u>				
18 to 24 years	14.4	20.9	38.1	26.6
25 to 39 years	8.3	17.5	43.6	30.7
40 to 59 years	6.5	16.5	43.5	33.5
60 years and older	4.2	17.4	39.6	38.9
<u>Education</u>				
College graduate	6.1	18.8	48.7	26.4
Some college	7.2	18.4	43.3	31.1
High school graduate	9.1	15.2	37.5	38.2
Less than high school graduate	12.6	17.5	35.0	35.0
<u>Income</u>				
Over \$60,000	5.4	15.3	50.5	28.8
\$30,000 to \$60,000	8.1	18.9	43.6	29.4
\$15,000 to \$29,999	10.4	16.1	37.0	36.5
Less than \$15,000	8.9	19.5	31.7	39.8
<u>Community</u>				
Urban	5.8	12.3	45.2	36.8
Suburban	7.2	13.6	47.5	31.7
Small city	10.5	24.1	35.2	30.2
Rural/small town	8.5	19.6	40.2	31.7
<u>Region</u>				
Northeast	4.9	15.9	41.5	37.8
Midwest	10.9	21.9	40.9	26.3
South	8.4	15.2	43.0	33.4
West	6.1	18.0	42.5	33.3
<u>Politics</u>				
Republican	9.8	20.4	40.9	29.0
Democrat	6.8	16.8	46.9	29.4
Independent/other	8.2	17.2	39.1	35.5

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.