

Table 2.30

**Respondents' feelings of safety alone at night at home**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "How safe do you feel being alone at night in your home? Do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?"

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe
National	47%	36%	12%	5%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	56	31	9	4
Female	38	40	15	7
<b>Race</b>				
White	50	34	12	4
Black	31	50	8	11
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	42	34	15	9
30 to 44 years	52	34	10	4
45 to 64 years	45	38	11	6
65 years and older	46	39	12	3
<b>Education</b>				
College graduate	54	35	9	2
Some college	48	38	10	3
No college	44	34	14	8
<b>Income</b>				
More than \$60,000	60	29	10	1
\$40,000 to \$60,000	48	36	10	6
\$20,000 to \$39,999	44	35	15	5
Less than \$20,000	39	39	12	10
<b>Community</b>				
City	43	35	16	6
Suburb	46	37	11	6
Small town	42	39	11	8
Rural	57	30	10	2
<b>Region</b>				
East	47	40	6	7
Midwest	54	31	11	4
South	44	33	15	8
West	41	39	17	3
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	51	29	17	3
Democrat	44	41	9	6
Independent	46	37	10	7

Note: These data are from a nationwide telephone survey of 1,572 adults age 18 and older, including 1,290 registered voters, conducted by the Los Angeles Times Poll Aug. 3-6, 1996. Telephone numbers were generated from a computer list that includes all telephone exchanges in the Nation. Random-digit dialing techniques were used to ensure that both listed and unlisted residences had an opportunity to be contacted. Results were adjusted to conform with U.S. Bureau of the Census figures on characteristics such as sex, race, age, education, region, and political party identification. The "not sure" and "refused" categories have been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100.

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