

Table 2.32

Respondents reporting whether they fear walking alone at night near their home

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "Is there any area within a mile of your home where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?"

	Yes	No
National	39.4%	59.8%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	30.3	69.1
Female	47.9	51.1
<u>Race</u>		
White	38.1	61.1
Black	50.1	49.9
Nonwhite ^a	47.1	52.6
<u>Age</u>		
18 to 29 years	39.1	60.4
30 to 49 years	34.8	64.9
50 to 64 years	42.8	56.0
65 years and older	47.9	49.7
<u>Education</u>		
College graduate	35.0	64.4
Some college	39.8	60.0
High school graduate	36.4	62.2
Less than high school graduate	51.4	47.7
<u>Family income</u>		
\$75,000 and over	38.7	61.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	25.2	73.7
\$30,000 to \$49,999	38.2	61.4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	40.9	57.9
Under \$20,000	44.5	54.3
<u>Community</u>		
Urban area	52.0	47.2
Suburban area	36.1	63.1
Rural area	30.6	68.3
<u>Region</u>		
Northeast	38.8	60.8
Midwest	33.6	64.5
South	41.9	57.3
West	42.8	57.2

Note: These data are derived from telephone interviews of a nationwide sample of 1,204 adults, 18 years of age and older. The interviews were conducted Nov. 22-Dec. 1, 1996 by Princeton Survey Research Associates for The Pew Research Center for The People & The Press. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

^aIncludes black respondents.

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