

Table 2.34

**Attitudes toward crime rate in own neighborhood in past year**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "In the past year do you feel that the crime rate in your neighborhood has increased, decreased or stayed the same?"

	Increased	Stayed the same	Decreased	Don't know
National	21.6%	62.2%	11.7%	4.4%
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	19.4	63.8	12.4	4.3
Female	23.6	60.7	11.1	4.4
<b>Race</b>				
White	21.6	64.6	9.2	4.5
Black	21.0	49.5	27.6	1.9
Hispanic	23.0	51.4	17.6	8.1
<b>Age</b>				
18 to 29 years	17.6	59.9	17.1	5.4
30 to 39 years	23.4	64.0	9.4	3.2
40 to 59 years	22.1	61.5	12.0	4.4
60 years and older	22.4	64.4	7.5	5.2
<b>Education</b>				
College graduate	20.1	68.5	7.9	3.2
Some college	21.0	61.5	12.6	4.9
High school graduate	23.0	60.4	12.6	4.0
Less than high school graduate	19.6	56.9	17.6	5.9
<b>Income</b>				
Over \$60,000	16.1	71.0	8.6	4.3
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	20.3	68.3	10.0	1.4
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	26.4	54.4	13.4	5.4
Less than \$15,000	23.7	50.8	16.1	9.3
<b>Community</b>				
Urban	22.3	55.4	16.6	5.1
Suburban	18.3	64.6	11.8	5.3
Small city	28.0	59.3	10.6	2.1
Rural/small town	20.4	65.4	9.7	4.5
<b>Region</b>				
Northeast	19.2	67.8	8.5	4.5
Midwest	18.1	62.9	13.5	5.5
South	21.8	62.2	11.5	4.6
West	26.1	57.7	12.9	2.9
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	19.0	63.7	11.2	5.8
Democrat	22.9	61.8	13.9	1.4
Independent/other	23.6	60.5	10.9	5.0

Note: See Note, table 2.22.

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