

Table 2.55

**Attitudes toward appropriate sentence for repeat drunk drivers**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "In your opinion what is the most appropriate sentence for a person convicted more than once for drunk driving?"

	License revoked	\$1,000 fine	Community service	1 year in jail	More than 1 year in jail	Don't know
National	32.4%	5.8%	12.2%	20.3%	25.0%	4.1%
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	33.1	7.9	12.4	21.5	20.3	4.3
Female	31.8	3.8	12.1	19.2	29.3	3.8
<b>Race</b>						
White	32.5	5.9	12.1	21.6	23.5	4.2
Black	32.7	5.8	10.6	13.5	34.6	2.9
Hispanic	28.8	4.1	11.0	19.2	30.1	6.8
<b>Age</b>						
18 to 29 years	25.6	6.7	11.2	22.0	30.0	4.5
30 to 39 years	27.0	6.1	13.3	24.1	27.0	1.8
40 to 59 years	36.8	4.7	11.3	18.2	24.8	4.1
60 years and older	39.7	5.7	13.2	17.2	16.7	7.5
<b>Education</b>						
College graduate	37.8	4.3	13.3	21.2	20.5	2.9
Some college	30.0	5.3	13.8	23.0	23.3	4.6
High school graduate	29.4	6.7	10.7	17.2	31.3	4.0
Less than high school graduate	30.7	8.9	10.9	19.8	23.8	5.9
<b>Income</b>						
Over \$60,000	34.4	7.0	12.4	18.3	24.7	3.2
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	34.6	4.2	11.6	25.2	21.3	2.5
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	30.5	5.0	11.3	19.2	29.7	4.2
Less than \$15,000	26.9	7.6	12.6	19.3	27.7	5.9
<b>Community</b>						
Urban	35.7	4.5	8.9	21.7	24.2	5.1
Suburban	29.2	5.3	15.9	23.5	23.5	1.9
Small city	32.8	5.8	11.6	18.0	27.0	4.8
Rural/small town	33.0	6.8	11.5	18.3	25.9	4.5
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast	45.5	3.4	7.4	15.9	22.7	5.1
Midwest	30.4	5.9	18.1	19.8	23.6	1.3
South	33.6	7.1	10.0	18.5	25.1	5.7
West	22.7	5.4	13.6	26.4	28.1	3.7
<b>Politics</b>						
Republican	34.2	6.4	12.5	22.0	23.1	1.7
Democrat	33.0	3.2	12.5	20.8	28.7	1.8
Independent/other	29.8	5.6	12.5	19.7	25.5	6.4

Note: See Note, table 2.22. The "refused" category has 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.