

Table 2.57

Attitudes toward whether violent criminals can be rehabilitated

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "Thinking of criminals who commit violent crimes do you think most, some, only a few, or none of them can be rehabilitated given early intervention with the right program?"

	Most	Some	Only a few	None
National	14.4%	44.8%	28.7%	9.1%
Sex				
Male	12.2	42.7	30.9	10.7
Female	16.5	46.7	26.6	7.7
Race				
White	13.0	44.3	30.2	9.9
Black	25.0	46.2	22.1	3.8
Hispanic	14.9	41.9	28.4	6.8
Age				
18 to 29 years	20.3	45.0	25.2	8.1
30 to 39 years	13.3	49.5	26.9	9.0
40 to 59 years	12.9	47.0	29.3	7.3
60 years and older	11.6	35.3	34.7	12.7
Education				
College graduate	13.3	49.6	28.1	6.8
Some college	17.1	45.8	26.6	7.3
High school graduate	12.6	42.9	29.1	12.0
Less than high school graduate	16.7	41.2	30.4	8.8
Income				
Over \$60,000	11.3	51.6	26.9	8.1
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	15.5	46.3	28.5	7.8
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	12.9	43.6	30.7	9.5
Less than \$15,000	15.0	44.2	25.0	9.2
Community				
Urban	22.9	33.8	33.1	5.7
Suburban	10.6	50.8	27.3	9.5
Small city	11.1	54.0	25.9	6.3
Rural/small town	15.5	41.5	28.6	11.5
Region				
Northeast	11.9	42.6	32.4	8.0
Midwest	13.9	45.8	27.7	8.0
South	13.2	45.3	29.2	11.7
West	18.2	44.6	26.4	7.9
Politics				
Republican	11.9	46.9	31.3	7.8
Democrat	16.4	47.5	26.1	7.9
Independent/other	16.4	43.1	26.2	10.3

Note: See Note, table 2.22. 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.