

Table 2.59

Attitudes toward treating juveniles as adults if charged with serious property crime, selling drugs, or serious violent crime

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "Please tell me for each of the following statements whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree."

(Percent responding "strongly agree" or "agree")

	A juvenile charged with a serious property crime should be tried as an adult	A juvenile charged with selling illegal drugs should be tried as an adult	A juvenile charged with a serious violent crime should be tried as an adult
National	62.6%	69.1%	86.5%
Sex			
Male	68.3	69.6	87.8
Female	57.4	68.6	85.2
Race			
White	63.1	69.7	86.9
Black	57.7	65.4	81.7
Hispanic	66.2	66.7	86.3
Age			
18 to 29 years	60.2	68.0	86.1
30 to 39 years	60.4	67.5	86.0
40 to 59 years	64.0	68.8	87.7
60 years and older	68.2	74.0	86.6
Education			
College graduate	57.7	65.5	85.0
Some college	60.7	70.6	86.3
High school graduate	65.3	71.4	87.4
Less than high school graduate	71.6	67.3	85.1
Income			
Over \$60,000	64.0	71.5	86.1
Between \$30,000 and \$60,000	62.3	68.7	88.4
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	65.4	72.4	85.4
Less than \$15,000	60.2	64.2	82.2
Community			
Urban	60.5	67.1	85.4
Suburban	60.1	66.9	87.5
Small city	62.8	67.6	86.2
Rural/small town	64.7	72.0	85.9
Region			
Northeast	60.5	66.3	83.0
Midwest	60.8	68.5	86.1
South	67.8	71.6	88.3
West	58.9	68.0	86.7
Politics			
Republican	65.3	70.7	86.4
Democrat	57.9	65.0	86.7
Independent/other	62.9	70.0	85.4

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.