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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 7-10, 2010 with a random sample of -1,025— adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -511—national adults in Form A and -514—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

13. Is there more crime in your area than there was a year ago, or less?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Oct 7-10	49	30	16	5
2009 Oct 1-4	51	29	16	4
2008 Oct 3-5	44	31	19	5
2007 Oct 4-7	51	29	17	4
2006 Oct 9-12	51	30	15	4
2005 Oct 13-16	47	33	18	2
2004 Oct 11-14	37	37	22	4
2003 Oct 6-8	40	39	19	2
2002 Oct 14-17	37	34	24	5
2001 Oct 11-14	26	52	18	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	34	46	15	5
1998 Oct 23-25	31	48	16	5
1997 Aug 22-25	46	32	20	2
1996 Jul 25-28	46	24	25	5
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	54	19	23	4
1990 Sep 10-11	51	18	24	8
1989 Jun 8-11	53	18	22	7
1989 Jan 24-28	47	21	27	5
1983 Jan 28-31	37	17	36	10
1981 Jan 9-12	54	8	29	9
1977 Nov 18-21	43	17	32	8
1975 Jun 27-30	50	12	29	9
1972 Dec 8-11	51	10	27	12

14. Is there more crime in the U.S. than there was a year ago, or less?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Oct 7-10	66	17	8	9
2009 Oct 1-4	74	15	6	5
2008 Oct 3-5	67	15	9	9
2007 Oct 4-7	71	14	8	6
2006 Oct 9-12	68	16	8	8
2005 Oct 13-16	67	21	9	3
2004 Oct 11-14	53	28	14	5
2003 Oct 6-8	60	25	11	4
2002 Oct 14-17	62	21	11	6
2001 Oct 11-14	41	43	10	6
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	47	41	7	5
1998 Oct 23-25	52	35	8	5
1997 Aug 22-25	64	25	6	5
1996 Jul 25-28	71	15	8	6
1993 Oct 13-18	87	4	5	4
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	89	3	4	4
1990 Sep 10	84	3	7	6
1989 Jan 24-28	84	5	5	6

16. Overall, how would you describe the problem of crime [ROTATED: in the United States/in the area where you live] -- is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

A. In the United States

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Oct 7-10	21	39	35	3	1	2
2009 Oct 1-4	20	35	40	3	*	1
2008 Oct 3-5	16	35	43	5	*	1
2007 Oct 4-7	20	37	39	2	*	1
2006 Oct 9-12	17	39	41	2	*	1
2005 Oct 13-16	19	30	46	4	*	1
2004 Oct 11-14	13	29	52	5	*	1
2003 Oct 6-8	17	37	40	4	1	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	22	38	35	3	1	1

B. In the area where you live

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Oct 7-10	4	9	37	33	16	1
2009 Oct 1-4	4	8	36	35	16	*
2008 Oct 3-5	3	8	32	35	22	1
2007 Oct 4-7	5	10	34	34	17	1
2006 Oct 9-12	3	9	35	35	18	*
2005 Oct 13-16	5	7	30	39	19	*
2004 Oct 11-14	2	6	31	37	24	*
2003 Oct 6-8	4	7	33	35	21	*
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	3	9	35	35	18	*

27. Please tell me which, if any, of these incidents have happened to you or your household within the last twelve months?

2010 Oct 7-10
(sorted by "yes")

	Yes	No
Money or property stolen from you or another member of your household	16	84
A home, car, or property owned by you or another household member vandalized	14	86
You or another household member was victim of computer/Internet crime	11	89
You or another household member was the victim of identity theft	8	91
Your house or apartment broken into	4	96
A car owned by you or another household member stolen	2	98
You or another household member mugged or physically assaulted	2	98
Money or property taken by force, with gun, knife, weapon or physical attack	2	98
You or another household member sexually assaulted	1	99

Full Trends: Crime Victimization

A. Your house or apartment broken into

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	4	96	--
2009 Oct 1-4	5	95	*
2008 Oct 3-5	5	95	--
2007 Oct 4-7	4	96	*
2006 Oct 9-12	4	96	*
2005 Oct 13-16	4	96	*
2004 Oct 11-14	3	97	--
2003 Oct 6-8	5	95	--
2002 Oct 14-17	5	95	*
2001 Oct 11-14	3	97	*
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	4	96	--

B. Money or property stolen from you or another member of your household

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	16	84	*
2009 Oct 1-4	16	84	*
2008 Oct 3-5	14	86	--
2007 Oct 4-7	15	85	--
2006 Oct 9-12	13	87	*
2005 Oct 13-16	16	84	--
2004 Oct 11-14	14	86	*
2003 Oct 6-8	14	86	*
2002 Oct 14-17	12	88	*
2001 Oct 11-14	11	89	*
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	14	86	--

Q.27 (HOUSEHOLD CRIME VICTIMIZATION) CONTINUED

C. A car owned by you or another household member stolen

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	2	98	*
2009 Oct 1-4	3	97	*
2008 Oct 3-5	3	97	--
2007 Oct 4-7	4	96	--
2006 Oct 9-12	3	97	*
2005 Oct 13-16	2	98	*
2004 Oct 11-14	4	96	*
2003 Oct 6-8	3	97	--
2002 Oct 14-17	4	96	*
2001 Oct 11-14	3	97	--
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	4	96	--

D. A home, car, or property owned by you or another household member vandalized

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	14	86	*
2009 Oct 1-4	14	86	*
2008 Oct 3-5	13	87	--
2007 Oct 4-7	14	86	*
2006 Oct 9-12	14	86	*
2005 Oct 13-16	15	85	*
2004 Oct 11-14	15	85	*
2003 Oct 6-8	15	85	*
2002 Oct 14-17	15	84	1
2001 Oct 11-14	11	89	--
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	12	88	--

E. Money or property taken from you or another household member by force, with gun, knife, weapon or physical attack, or by threat of force

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	2	98	--
2009 Oct 1-4	1	99	--
2008 Oct 3-5	2	98	--
2007 Oct 4-7	2	98	--
2006 Oct 9-12	1	99	*
2005 Oct 13-16	2	98	*
2004 Oct 11-14	1	99	--
2003 Oct 6-8	2	98	*
2002 Oct 14-17	1	99	*
2001 Oct 11-14	1	99	--
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	2	98	--

Q.27 (HOUSEHOLD CRIME VICTIMIZATION) CONTINUED

F. You or another household member mugged or physically assaulted

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	2	98	*
2009 Oct 1-4	2	98	*
2008 Oct 3-5	3	97	--
2007 Oct 4-7	3	97	--
2006 Oct 9-12	3	97	*
2005 Oct 13-16	4	96	*
2004 Oct 11-14	3	97	*
2003 Oct 6-8	2	98	*
2002 Oct 14-17	3	97	*
2001 Oct 11-14	3	97	--
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	3	97	--

G. You or another household member sexually assaulted

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	1	99	--
2009 Oct 1-4	1	98	*
2008 Oct 3-5	1	98	*
2007 Oct 4-7	1	98	*
2006 Oct 9-12	2	98	*
2005 Oct 13-16	1	99	*
2004 Oct 11-14	*	100	--
2003 Oct 6-8	1	99	*
2002 Oct 14-17	2	98	*
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	1	99	--

H. You or another household member was the victim of a computer or Internet-based crime, such as fraud or computer hacking, while using your home computer

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	11	89	1
2009 Oct 1-4	7	92	1
2008 Oct 3-5	8	91	1
2007 Oct 4-7	8	92	1
2006 Oct 9-12	8	92	*
2005 Oct 13-16	8	92	--
2004 Oct 11-14	8	91	1
2003 Oct 6-8	6	93	1

Q.27 (HOUSEHOLD CRIME VICTIMIZATION) CONTINUED

I. You or another household member was the victim of identity theft

	Yes	No	No opinion
2010 Oct 7-10	8	91	1
2009 Oct 1-4	10	89	*

SUMMARY: HOUSEHOLD CRIME VICTIMIZATION

Household Victimized by Crime in the Past Year (Q.27A-H)

	Yes	No
2010 Oct 7-10	33	67
2009 Oct 1-4	31	69
2008 Oct 3-5	30	70
2007 Oct 4-7	29	71
2006 Oct 9-12	28	72
2005 Oct 13-16	32	68
2004 Oct 11-14	30	70
2003 Oct 6-8	30	70

Long-Term Trend: Household Victimized by Crime in the Past Year--Excluding Internet Crime (Q.27A-G)

	Yes	No
2010 Oct 7-10	26	74
2009 Oct 1-4	26	74
2008 Oct 3-5	25	75
2007 Oct 4-7	24	76
2006 Oct 9-12	24	76
2005 Oct 13-16	27	73
2004 Oct 11-14	25	75
2003 Oct 6-8	26	74
2002 Oct 14-17	25	75
2001 Oct 11-14	22	78
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	24	76

Number of Times Household Victimized by Crime in the Past Year (Q.27A-H)

	None	Once	Twice or more
2010 Oct 7-10	67	20	13
2009 Oct 1-4	69	18	13
2008 Oct 3-5	70	18	12
2007 Oct 4-7	71	15	14
2006 Oct 9-12	72	16	12
2005 Oct 13-16	68	18	14
2004 Oct 11-14	70	18	12
2003 Oct 6-8	70	17	13

SUMMARY: HOUSEHOLD CRIME VICTIMIZATION (CONTINUED)

Long-Term Trend: Number of Times Household Victimized by Crime in the Past Year--Excluding Internet Crime (Q.27A-G)

	None	Once	Twice or more
2010 Oct 7-10	74	16	10
2009 Oct 1-4	74	14	12
2008 Oct 3-5	75	14	11
2007 Oct 4-7	76	12	13
2006 Oct 9-12	76	14	10
2005 Oct 13-16	73	15	12
2004 Oct 11-14	75	14	11
2003 Oct 6-8	74	14	12
2002 Oct 14-17	75	16	9
2001 Oct 11-14	78	15	7
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	76	14	10

Household Victimized by Violent Crime in the Past Year (Q.27E-G)

	Yes	No
2010 Oct 7-10	4	96
2009 Oct 1-4	4	96
2008 Oct 3-5	5	95
2007 Oct 4-7	5	95
2006 Oct 9-12	4	96
2005 Oct 13-16	5	95
2004 Oct 11-14	4	96
2003 Oct 6-8	5	95
2002 Oct 14-17	4	96
2001 Oct 11-14	4	96
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	3	97

28. (Asked of those who were victims of the crimes listed below) As far as you know, was that incident reported to the police, or not?
- A. Your house or apartment broken into
 - B. Money or property stolen from you or another member of your household
 - C. A car owned by you or another household member stolen
 - D. A home, car, or property owned by you or another household member vandalized
 - E. Money or property taken from you or another household member by force, with gun, knife, weapon or physical attack, or by threat of force
 - F. You or another household member mugged or physically assaulted
 - G. You or other household member sexually assaulted
 - H. You or another household member was the victim of a computer or Internet-based crime, such as fraud or computer hacking, while using your home computer
 - I. You or another household member was the victim of identity theft

ITEMS A-I NOT REPORTED DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZES

SUMMARY: CRIME REPORTING

Crime against Household Reported to Police in the Past Year (Q.28A-H)

	Crime reported	Crime not reported
2010 Oct 7-10	59	41
2009 Oct 1-4	63	37
2008 Oct 3-5	64	36
2007 Oct 4-7	69	31
2006 Oct 9-12	62	38
2005 Oct 13-16	61	39
2004 Oct 11-14	56	44
2003 Oct 6-8	65	35

Long-Term Trend: Crime against Household Reported to Police in the Past Year--Excluding Internet Crime (Q.28A-G)

	Crime reported	Crime not reported
2010 Oct 7-10	65	35
2009 Oct 1-4	68	32
2008 Oct 3-5	67	33
2007 Oct 4-7	74	26
2006 Oct 9-12	66	34
2005 Oct 13-16	67	33
2004 Oct 11-14	62	38
2003 Oct 6-8	68	32
2002 Oct 14-17	71	29
2001 Oct 11-14	67	33
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	71	29

29. (Asked of those who were victims of the crimes listed below) And did this incident happen to you, personally, or was it to another member of your household?

- A. NOT ASKED
- B. Money or property stolen from you or another member of your household
- C. A car owned by you or another household member stolen
- D. A home, car, or property owned by you or another household member vandalized
- E. Money or property taken from you or another household member by force, with gun, knife, weapon or physical attack, or by threat of force
- F. You or another household member mugged or physically assaulted
- G. You or other household member sexually assaulted
- H. You or another household member was the victim of a computer or Internet-based crime, such as fraud or computer hacking, while using your home computer
- I. You or another household member was the victim of identity theft

ITEMS B-I NOT REPORTED DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZES

SUMMARY: INDIVIDUAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION

Individual Victimized by Crime in the Past Year (Q.27A, Q.29B-H)

	Yes	No
2010 Oct 7-10	21	79
2009 Oct 1-4	20	80
2008 Oct 3-5	19	81
2007 Oct 4-7	20	80
2006 Oct 9-12	18	82
2005 Oct 13-16	21	79
2004 Oct 11-14	22	78
2003 Oct 6-8	22	78

Long-Term Trend: Individual Victimized by Crime in the Past Year--Excluding Internet Crime (Q.27A, Q.29B-G)

	Yes	No
2010 Oct 7-10	17	83
2009 Oct 1-4	17	83
2008 Oct 3-5	17	83
2007 Oct 4-7	17	83
2006 Oct 9-12	14	86
2005 Oct 13-16	16	84
2004 Oct 11-14	18	82
2003 Oct 6-8	18	82
2002 Oct 14-17	15	85
2001 Oct 11-14	15	85
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	16	84

SUMMARY: INDIVIDUAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION (CONTINUED)

Number of Times Individual Victimized by Crime in the Past Year (Q.27A, Q.29B-H)

	None	Once	Twice or more
2010 Oct 7-10	79	14	7
2009 Oct 1-4	80	13	7
2008 Oct 3-5	81	13	6
2007 Oct 4-7	80	12	8
2006 Oct 9-12	82	12	6
2005 Oct 13-16	79	14	7
2004 Oct 11-14	78	15	7
2003 Oct 6-8	78	15	7

Long-Term Trend: Number of Times Individual Victimized by Crime in the Past Year--Excluding Internet Crime (Q.27A, Q.29B-G)

	None	Once	Twice or more
2010 Oct 7-10	83	11	6
2009 Oct 1-4	83	11	6
2008 Oct 3-5	83	11	6
2007 Oct 4-7	83	9	8
2006 Oct 9-12	86	9	6
2005 Oct 13-16	84	10	6
2004 Oct 11-14	82	11	7
2003 Oct 6-8	82	12	6
2002 Oct 14-17	85	9	6
2001 Oct 11-14	85	11	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	84	9	7

Individual Victimized by Violent Crime in the Past Year (Q.29E-G)

	Yes	No
2010 Oct 7-10	2	98
2009 Oct 1-4	2	98
2008 Oct 3-5	3	97
2007 Oct 4-7	2	98
2006 Oct 9-12	2	98
2005 Oct 13-16	3	97
2004 Oct 11-14	2	98
2003 Oct 6-8	2	98
2002 Oct 14-17	3	97
2001 Oct 11-14	2	98
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	2	98